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	56/03013	1856 04 01	Hon C S	T DeLacy Moffatt Returning Officer for United Pastoral Districts of Clarence & Darling Downs Drayton Darling Downs	1856 03 17 1856 04 01~ 1856 04 01~	Letter acknowledging receipt of Circular letter of 1 st re Writ of Election for Electoral District United Pastoral Districts Clarence & Darling Downs to return member to serve in Legislative Assembly. Draw attention to circumstance that date Writ is returnable, viz 30 th April, does not allow sufficient time for transmission to me by Deputy Returning Officers for distant polling places of Returns of state of Polls at such places & by me to Governor General, there being only 15 days allowed. Respectfully suggest date Writ is returnable be extended to 14 th day of May. In case Governor General not deem it advisable to make this alteration I would be pleased to receive instructions re what course to pursue, whether return Writ by prescribed time notwithstanding not having Returns from distant polling places, or retain it until I had received them? & Notes in margin He should send in Writ as soon as practicable. Delay in receipt of voting papers & Return of Writ by himself can be cured ?? hereafter under 53 Clause of Electoral Act Inform him accordingly Immediate Mr Moffatt	A2.36	001 - 002
	56/03055	1856 04 01	Hon C S	William Colburn Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 03 29	Letter in reply to letter of 26 th No 56/104 re recent outrages committed by Aborigines in Port Curtis District requesting me to state what augmentation of Native Police I would suggest & report funds available for purpose. Not aware of funds being available for augmentation of Native Police Corps in 1856. If such be decided on provision to extent determined will have to be submitted to Legislature in Supplementary Estimate. 2 Resolution to limit strength & cost of Corps was examined in last Session of late Council that I entertain a conviction that any proposal for its augmentation will meet strong opposition in next Legislature & under this impression concurring in the view naturally expressed in Council that service of Corps should be restricted to outer limits of pastoral location in Northern district & having opinion that present establishment is very nearly indeed sufficient for its proper duties, I do not feel justified in recommending any addition to its strength beyond 12 Troopers; 4 to each of larger & 2 to each of smaller divisions (noted in margin) [Port Curtis & Leichhardt – 4, Wide Bay & Burnett – 4, Condamine & Maranoa - 2, Clarence & McLeay – 2] to supply casualties resulting from injuries or sickness so as to have always total present strength effective. I enclose estimate of cost of such augmentation from 1 June to 31 December in current year former being earliest date at which can be made. 3 With reference to reports of & alarm said to exist from outrages by	A2.36	003 – 008 [Page 8 follows on from page 6]

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				Michael Fitzpatrick		<p>Aborigines in Northern Districts I enclose extract from Sydney Morning Herald for 25th instant. [Extract attached to margin refers to stations of Mr Piggott & Mr Archer in Wide Bay District] [No 56/104]</p> <p>& Notes in Margin Executive Council 2 April 1856 Executive 56/208 – 3 April 1856 Under this report Executive Council do not recommend augmentation of Native Police Force should take place.</p> <p>Probable expense of 12 Native Troopers from 11 June to 31 December 1856. Salaries 12 Native Troopers at 5s per diem £53.10.0 Allowances In lieu of provisions for 12 men at 1/6 each per diem £192.12.0 Contingencies Medical attendance & medicine £20.0.0 Incidental Expenses £25.0.0 Clothing £60.0.0 £105.0.0 £351.2.0</p>		
	56/02128			Michael Fitzpatrick Clerk Legislative Council	1856 03 19	<p>Note At top 56/2128 Seems that from Lieut Murray's statement Force under his contract not adequate for protection of life and property, Council advise Inspector General be invited to say what augmentation of Force he would suggest , reporting at same time what funds are available for purpose</p> <p>Note re above Approved Copy to General of Police See also 56/2868 herewith</p>	A2.36	009 - 010
	56/02128	1856 02 29	Hon C S	William Colburn Mayne Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 02 27	<p>Letter Submitting for information of Governor General. Enclosed communications from Officer of Native Police in charge Port Curtis & Leichardt Division of Corps. Regret to say reporting of murders & serious outrages by Aborigines in that quarter. I do myself honour to establishment of Corps for which provision has been made, distribution and requirements of other Districts placed out of my power to reinforce, as under circumstances, I would much rather wish to do Division under Lt Murray. Should have indulged hope that prompt punishment that appears to have fallen on guilty parties as reported in paragraph 2 of Officer's letter 18 February would serve a warning & lesson sufficient to deter Aborigines from further outrage and aggression. Such would appear, from subsequent attach in Mr Elliott's Station not case & will require still further punishment & example to convince tribes that they must abstain from attacks on lives & properties of Settlers in those Districts.</p> <p>2 I have pleasure in bringing under His Excellency's favourable notice proper precautions, promptitude and energy which seem to have been taken & displayed by Lt Murray on this occasion & skill of troopers in following & then resolution in engaging Aborigines who had committed murders at Mr Young's, It affords a startling proof of what the exercise of those qualities by an Officer, properly directing exertions of smallest body of men can effect against the</p>	A2.36	011 - 017

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				W D W E	1856 02 29 1856 03 08 1856 03 08 1856 03 11	blacks, even on ground most favourable to them. Lt Murray's party on this occasion consisted only of District Constable Horrigan & 5 Troopers of Native Police. Result appears to me conclusive of efficiency of Detachments of Corps which its present establishment & organisation admit of. 3 Instructing Lt Murray to purchase 10 horses to supply those wanting in his Division & inform him upon several points which he has referred to me. 4 As this Division of Corps is engaged in severe and trying duty of expression of His Excellency's confidence in zeal & exertions of Officers & his approbation of Lt Murray's conduct on this occasion cannot fail to have good & encouraging effect on them as well as authorising Gratuities say of one month's pay amounting to 7/6 each, to Troopers with Lt Murray in pursuit of murderers of Mr Young 's servants with intimation of His Excellency's approval of courage & conduct on the occasion. Beg to recommend that course for His Excellency's favourable consideration. To District Constable Horrigan also I recommend that Gratuity of £5 from Police Reward Fund be granted for his participation in the Service. [Also at top - No 56/47] & Notes in Margin WD in agreement with actions of Lt Murray and Troopers. Capt Mayne to communicate with them re approval of their conduct and advise of distribution of reward as suggested by Inspector of Police. Desirable to ??? Troopers in this district. Let question come from Executive Council. Inspector General Copy to Clerk of Executive Council See also 56/3055 herewith Executive Council 11 March 56/158		
	56/02128		Inspector General of Police Sydney	Lt John Murray Police Barracks Port Curtis	1856 02 06	At top 56/1036 Immediate Lieut Murray Outrage at Mr Young's Station Letter re attack by Aborigines and wounding of residents at Mr Elliot.. About 10 days ago station of Messrs Elliot, near the Fitzroy attacked by large number of blacks. One man killed, Mr William Elliot severely wounded. Appears blacks came in force about 10:00pm, surrounding huts. White men succeeded in driving them off after severe struggle upwards of 2 hours. 2 Mr William Elliott arrived here last night to receive medical advice. Has 4 spear wounds in body & severe cut on face. Second Lt Walters at station when he left, with all force he could muster. 3 Will send requisition for reinforcement from Traylan, doubtful it will be sent. Only 2 men in Barracks after post men leave, Capt O'Connell's Station on Boyne twice attempted, another attack upon Young's - force at my disposal too small - men & officers soon unable to perform ordinary duty from fatigue & hardship. In meantime exertion on my part shall be wanting. Await your instructions with greatest anxiety. & Notes in Margin I do not suppose that it ??? having reference to recent events at ??? Other Notes in Margin referring to Lieut Murray too faint to read.	A2.36	018 - 019
	56/02128		Inspector General of Police Sydney	Lt John Murray Police Barracks Port Curtis	1856 01 18	At top 56/1035 Lt Murray Outrage at Mt Young's Station	A2.36	020 - 026

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						<p>Letter re attack by Aborigines at Mr Young's station. On 26 December last intelligence received from Mr Young. One white man on his station murdered by native blacks. I started same evening with 5 Troopers accompanied by Mr Young. Arrived at station morning of 27th & found bodies of 3 white men, 1 white woman & 1 black boy, names noted in margin [George Smelt, John Foran, Margaret Foran, Peter "Black boy"] who had evidently been attacked & murdered on morning of 26th. Number of sheep driven off, store broken open & quantity of clothing, flour, sugar etc carried away. Bodies of all fearfully mutilated, covered with spear & nulla nulla wounds. Messrs Clarke & Bell arriving in afternoon, bodies as decently interred as circumstances would admit of great numbers of weapons strewed about & tracks of blacks in all directions. Mr Young absent at neighbouring station when affair happened from evidence of one of his black boys, the only one who escaped. Would seem 3 or 4 blacks came up in morning unarmed. Pretended to be friendly towards white men. Must have had friends in ambush close by.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin [Ordinary prudence dictates that when outrages are being committed in District by Aborigines none but blacks actually constantly resident on & employed at that station be allowed to approach huts, certainly no more than one at a time.] Black was in act of driving his sheep from yard when he heard noise. Looked around, saw 1 white man on ground, 3 blacks beating him with nulla nullas. He ran away bringing news to Mr Young. This being only evidence that can be collected on subject. White men were well provided with firearms. 3 double barrellled guns, 2 carbines near where they were killed, all loaded & cap'd. Near body of man Foran were double barrellled gun & carbine both evidently broken in struggle, but not discharged. Rifle left in one hut by Mr Young has since been found from number of tracks & other circumstances. I believe that about 50 blacks were concerned in outrage.</p> <p>2 On following day having dispatched messenger to Gladstone for as much assistance as could be procured I went on trail of blacks & saw where they had driven large number of sheep. Returning to station myself that evening, a sufficient number of people having arrived to guard against further attempts on the part of the blacks, I started to recover sheep on 30th. I came upon party of blacks in dense scrub about 15 miles from Mr Young's & succeeded in retaking 300 sheep together with large quantity of blankets, clothing etc. Having delivered sheep to Mr Young & taken few hours rest I again started with 5 troopers & District Constable Horrigan in direction I knew blacks had taken. I came up with them twice, first time about 30 miles from station & second time beyond Fitzroy River Mr Carcher having kindly placed his boat at my disposal. 11 of actual murderers shot by police & 3 severely if not mortally wounded. Part of clothing, books, pipes etc stolen from store, also portions of women's dresses, handkerchiefs & other property were found in camps & on trail of blacks. I returned here today having been absent 22 days.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin Prompt punishment thus falling on guilty few this will I have no doubt deter the Aborigines from a repetition of those outrages.</p> <p>3 I have honour to inform you that every precaution was used by me for safety of Mr Young's station. 2 Troopers were there up to morning of 24th when no attack being apprehended they were relieved & arrived here same evening, Mr</p>		

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						<p>Young himself requesting them to be withdrawn as he had no further fear of the blacks. Is my opinion that depredators in this affair belong to Curtis Island & Fitzroy tribes & had been premeditated for some time.</p> <p>4 Country over which I have been in pursuit of the murderers is almost everywhere intersected by salt water creeks making it easy for blacks to baffle horsemen sent in pursuit. Good strong 5 ton decked boat of light draught would be great service & at same time means of saving considerable number of horses.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin How to be ??? .56/2128</p> <p>5 I have honour to point out to you that having due regard to safety of this place & vicinity, I could take no more than 5 Troopers on expedition, a party altogether too small for service required. Scarcely necessary to add that before I could send for & obtain reinforcement from any other section of the Corps, too much time would have elapsed. I would recommend that no fewer than 18 Troopers should be stationed here, 12 at "Rannes" & 6 on Fitzroy River. [In margin 18 troopers, 12 troopers, 6 troopers = 36 troopers] I also call your attention to fact that at present only 30 horses in division.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin The present distribution of the Corps being absorbed its whole strength & requirements of other districts ??? it impossible to withdraw from them any caution of the Divisions allotted to them it is impossible at present to reinforce Port Curtis Division as I should under existing circumstances be very happy to have it in my power to do. I cannot however see why greater strength should be recommended for vicinity of Gladstone where there are police & where population most concentrated.</p> <p>6 Conduct of Station Troopers throughout whole difficult & arduous duties connected with this affair I cannot sufficiently praise. Their skill in tracking murderers & cool determined courage on coming up with them admirable.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Lt Murray's report of the horses of his division only ??? me with this letter ??? Lt Murray's promptitude of bringing & skill of resolution of Native Troopers deserves commendation.</p> <p>7 I have honour to enclose marriage lines of James & Margaret Foran found by me in bush who I believe have children in Sydney or elsewhere – he had been instructed to purchase as early as possible 2 horses. [Notes in Margin. This shall if possible be ascertained by Sydney Police.] I have in my possession gold watch with gold chain & two keys attached picked up by one Trooper & supposed to belong to one of deceased about which I have to request your instructions. As soon as I can obtain depositions of Messrs Young & Clarke they will be forwarded.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin These should be handed over to Government Resident with view to there being at disposal of curator of Intestate Estates. Mr Young I presume will be able to state to which of men they belonged.</p> <p>8 This atrocious outrage has caused great sensation but I trust that punishment blacks have already received & reinforcements being soon</p>		

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						obtained will restore confidence & secure safety of inhabitants of district at large. 9 In conclusion I do myself honour to state that "wear & tear" to clothing & accoutrements in this Division much greater than in any other & trust that a little discretion will be allowed me in issue of any articles required from stores in my charge. N.B. Notes in margin very faint.		
	56/02868	1856 03 25	Hon C S	William Colburn Mayne Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 03 22 1856 03 26~ 1856 03 22~	Letter returning report on outrages in Port Curtis District. In returning enclosed report from Govt Resident at Port Curtis relative to outrages committed by Aborigines in District & applying for an increase to strength of Native Police forwarded me under His Excellency Governor General's minute 19 th . I do myself state for His Excellency's information that outrages by Aborigines referred to by Capt'n O'Connell are those which my letters 27 February last 58/47 & 10 th March last 58/56 brought under His Excellency's Notice. 2 I have reason to believe that reference to me expressly as to expediency of augmenting present strength of Native Police Corps is now in course of transmission. I defer 'till I have received it entering into discussion. At top – 58/67 & Notes in Margin Bring forward with further report. See 56/2128 56/2128 Recd. Approve Ex Council 56/2472 with 56/2890	A2.36	027 - 029
	56/02684	1856 03 18	Hon C S	Maurice Charles O'Connell Government Resident	1856 02 19	At top of letter 56/1463 Letter reporting outrages in that District & applying for increase in strength of Native Police. Much regret to report for information of His Excellency, Governor General, that on my return to Gladstone on 9th I found this place at which hitherto since our arrival most friendly relations had subsisted with Aborigines in much disquiet from several daring & murderous attacks made by blacks on settlers & stations in neighbourhood. 2 On 27 th December establishment of Mr Young who has located himself about 14 miles from house in straight line, although 25 miles distant by road, was attacked & every soul on place brutally murdered. 3 There happened on this day to be on this station only 3 white men, a white woman & black boy, all of whom were killed & I am informed by Mr Murray, Officer of Native Police who first proceeded out there that woman's body presented every appearance of having been violated, even after life had left it. 4 On 22 nd , January last, Messrs Elliot, who are located on Fitzroy River were attacked, between 10 and 11 o'clock at night with a boldness & systematic arrangement of place which would have insured a successful completion to enterprise, but that fortunately one of these gentlemen had not yet retired to rest when attack took place & being well armed & number of white men amounting to 20, blacks were repulsed but not until they had succeeded in killing 1 man & severely wounding Mr W Elliot whom I found here on my arrival under medical treatment for his wounds. 5 On Sunday week last, Mr Charles Archer came in from Fitzroy seeking assistance. He represented the blacks as having assembled in great numbers on opposite side of river & openly stating their determination to attack &	A2.36	030 - 036

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				W D W V	1856 03 19~	<p>destroy all whites who might attempt location of country in that direction & in consequence of this application of Mr Archer's, after sending patrol to examine into an alleged assemblage of blacks on Boyne about 20 miles from hence, I approved of Lt Murray's proceeding with what available force he had, only 4 men however, to Mr Archer's station on Fitzroy & he left this on Thursday last for this purpose.</p> <p>6 Boldness & unity displayed by Aborigines in these attacks, unusual circumstances with those of a night attack & brutality shown in treatment of poor woman at Mr Young's render me extremely anxious for safety of this settlement where there are so many women & children to defend, & I would earnestly represent to His Excellency, Governor General, policy of placing at my disposal a significant force of Native Police to enable me to pursue some system likely to be effectual in preservation of order & in giving security to occupation.</p> <p>7 At present Lt Murray informs me his force consists of 9 men, 4 of whom are gone with him to Fitzroy, 3 are stationed with different settlers on the Calliope from 12 to 20 miles away from Gladstone & 2 returned this morning from Traylan as I am informed without reinforcements they had been sent to seek.</p> <p>8 It is quite evident that so small a number as 9 men is utterly inadequate to protect a country 100 miles square; that country being in process of occupation as is now case here & I would propose a force of 1 Officer, 3 Sergeants & 18 Troopers as smallest number required to perform duty with any hope of success.</p> <p>9 I trust His Excellency will see necessity of increasing detachment of Native Police stationed here to this strength & I beg to recommend this measure to his favourable consideration.</p> <p>& Notes in Margin 56/2128 Insp General. Outrages by blacks Port Curtis. Ex Council 18 March. See par. 6 & 8 other paper on this subject with Executive Council 10 March. Refer to Inspect. General of Police Blank Cover 20th March 1856 56/2868</p>		
	56/03131	1856 04 03	Hon C S	Campbell Drummond Riddell Revenue Branch Colonial Treasury Sydney M F W E George Barney	1856 03 31 1856 04 11	<p>Letter respecting certain Lots of Land withdrawn from sale, proclaimed to be held at Ipswich on 27th March 1856 At top 56/2972 – 8 April 1856 I do myself honour to enclose for information of His Excellency, Governor General, copies of letters received from Commissioner of Crown Lands, relative to certain Town Lands, being Lots from 1-22 inclusive proclaimed to be sold on 27th March 1856 at Ipswich which were withdrawn from sale by Commissioner of District on account of a Statement made by Mr Henry Sanderson, Government Engineer, that land in question would be required by Government for railway purposes.</p> <p>2 I have to request that you will have goodness to furnish me with directions for my future guidance in this matter. [Also at top – No 213] & Notes in Margin The Surveyor General is requested to report. Blank Cover 7th April 1856 Confirmed</p>	A2.36	037 – 038

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	56/03131		Colonial Treasurer	Commissioner Crown Lands W D Charles George Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1856 04 15 1856 03 13	Under report of Assistant Railway Surveyor Sanderson, it is considered expedient that lots referred to should be withdrawn from sale. Ent 56/67 Approved Copy At Top - Enclose in Colonial Treasurer's Letter to Colonial Secretary letter 31 st March 1856. No 213 Also at top - Ref No56/19 & No 9 Letter relative to withdrawal of certain Town Lots by Government Engineer. Enclosed I have honour of stating to you that in consequence of a conversation I had with Mr Sanderson, Engineer, on line of projected Railway which he stated to me was intended to pass this town, I communicated to him that a sale of Town Lots was advertised to take place here on 27 th March 1856. 2 In reply, I received a letter - copy enclosed - requiring me to withdraw whole Section No 32 from above mentioned sale. 3 Should I not therefore have honour of hearing otherwise from you, I shall reserve Section 32 until I shall receive a communication from you on subject.		039 - 040
	56/03131		Colonial Treasurer	Henry Sanderson Government Engineer Gremer's Hotel South Brisbane	1856 03 11	Copy At Top - Enclose in Colonial Treasurer's Letter to Colonial Secretary letter 31 st March 1856. No 213 Also at top - No 2 - In Ref No 56/1217 I have honour of receiving your communication 8 th March 1856 & in reply to same, I beg to inform you that all lots in 32 Section, numbering from 1-22 will be required by Government for Railway purposes as line proposed by Railway Commissioners enhances that particular section of land. You will therefore have goodness to cause on day of sale this particular section to be held in reserve. With reference to any further sections for sale in the town of Ipswich, I do not at present think they will interfere with intentions of Government, but with reference to sales in country, I will obtain knowledge of their locality & if I find it necessary to see you, I will do so this week. A true copy - Sig. Fred. C Deveney		041 - 042
			William Elyard Jnr Chief Clerk Colonial Secretary's Office Sydney	Alfred P Lutwyche Solicitor General 1 King Street East	1856 10 03	In reference to Moreton Bay papers I beg to inform you that I spoke to Captn Towns, Chairman of Committee to whom they have been referred & he told me that there were among them some papers for which he did not ask & which consequently are not regularly before Committee & can be withdrawn. If you would be so good as to specify what papers you require, I will make a point of attending next meeting of Committee of which I am a member & will get them for you if possible. I return herewith summaries etc which may of use in meantime. & Notes See note to Mr Lutwyche - Put buy for present.		043 [p43 shown twice]
	56/03153				1856 09 24~	Memo re Buoys at Moreton Bay Enclosed memorandum has reference to delay in replacing buoys at Moreton Bay which had been carried away. Been reported by Harbour Master at Brisbane that pending casting of new iron buoy A - its position has been marked by one next, lent for purpose by Captain Towns & moored by chains & anchors lent by Steam Company.	A2.36	044 - 045

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				Alexander Dawson Colonial Architect	1856 08 12	Contract for new buoy (A) has been made with Mr Dawson of Sydney & reported that it will be ready for shipment by next steamer for Moreton Bay. & Note in Margin In June last. Re Light House, Newcastle Sum of £2500 has been placed upon estimates for erecting tower & keepers dwellings & fixing lantern which is in Melbourne. Amount previously voted has been expended in purchase of lantern & clearing off the top of Nobby Island to prepare a site for buildings.		046
					1856 09 24~	Re Light House, Cape Moreton In 1852 sum of £300 was voted towards erecting lighthouse at Cape Moreton. It was afterwards considered that to erect permanent lighthouse, much larger sum would be required & in following year £3300 was voted for same service. In November 1853 lantern light ordered from England. In February 1854, Clerk of Works was appointed to proceed to Brisbane for purpose of making surveys & sections of site & reporting on means of carrying on the work. Colonial Architect reported that lamp which had arrived was a fixed light & although an excellent apparatus & would not answer for Moreton Bay a revolving light being indispensable. In August 1854 light of that description was ordered from England through Colonial Agent & having arrived has been forwarded to Brisbane. Accompanying memo explains state of tower erecting for light.		047 - 050
					1856 09 24~	Re Light House, Moreton Bay A Tender of Hely, Drake & Harper was accepted on 28 th July last for providing materials & performing Shipwright's work required for Light Ship intended for Moreton Bay & is understood that they have nearly completed work. & Notes in Margin Light House Cape Moreton 12 feet from foundation ?.		051
	56/03153				1856 04 04	Re Application for Buoys, Brisbane River On 27 th November 1855, enquiry was made of Port Master whether any application had been made for buoys for Brisbane River. He replied that application had been made from Harbour Master for 4 buoys – procuring these, some delay took place, sum voted £16 being quite insufficient to purchase them when it was proposed by Port Masters to obtain from Commissariat [Note – On 15 April] some small iron oil cans which would answer the purpose. On 31 st December, Government Resident bought matter under notice & represented that too much time had been lost in replacing buoys. On this, Port Master reported that in absence of Capt. Fremantle & without his sanction he could not obtain iron oil cans from Commissariat. Capt. Fremantle soon after returned to port. He was written to & on 23 rd January Port Master has authorised to obtain & forward them to Moreton Bay without delay. This now represented that Buoy A one of greatest importance & which is particularly alluded to in Capt. Wickham's letter has not yet been replaced, although it is stated by Mr I Douglass that means for laying down fresh buoys are not wanting. Also stated that period of 18 months has elapsed since Buoy A either sank or was washed away. &	A2.36	052 – 054

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				W D Alexander Dawson Colonial Architect	1856 04 05 1856 08 12	<p>Notes in Margin There is some probable negligence with reference to this – it must it appears to me rest between Port Master & some of his subordinates. Let an enquiry be made into all the circumstances that he may know upon where the blame is to rest. It appears to me to be very ridiculous to send to Sydney for buoys for Moreton Bay. Surely would be better that authorities at this Port should provide as far as they can for their own wants. They being responsible for expenditure of sum granted & rendering of course, detailed accounts. What is use of a Resident unless this power is vested in him?</p> <p>Lighthouse Cape Moreton Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay reported on 28th instant that basement of tower nearly completed, walls being 10 feet above ground. Walls of principal Light Keeper's house were carried up to within 2 feet of top & foundations of one of Assistant Keeper's houses was complete. It was reported that building would be completed in about 3 months. Lantern & apparatus was shipped for Moreton Bay yesterday & a Fitting Smith has been send down for purpose of putting lantern together when required & Clerk of Works has been instructed to make arrangements necessary for removal & reception of packages. Not probable that lantern could be fitted up temporarily as proposed by Capt'n Towns & brought into operation within a month from this time. When tower is finished, pulling down lantern & refixing it into permanent position will occupy about 3 weeks, during which time there will be no light exhibited. Temporary light would consequently be in operation for a period of about 2 ½ months only. & Notes in Margin At top – Lantern & Apparatus shipped in July 1855 Lantern & Apparatus received in December 1855 Tender for light house, Keeper's & Assistant's quarters accepted April 1856. Bond notified as completed 16th April 1856. Capt'n Wickham in his report on site, 8th September 1852, says that landing can generally be effected without difficulty during winter months. If at any section of year while winds are between S.E. & west, via south, further states a revolving light to be necessary to distinguish it from fires of the Aborigines. The apparatus in store (intended for King's Island) a 1st class fixed light & therefore not suitable. & Also Notes in Margin Authority has been given for hiring of one of one of river steamers to ??? packages.</p>		055 - 056
	56/03166	1856 04 04	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 04 03	<p>Letter accompanying Report received from Moreton Bay showing number of immigrants remaining Depot there disengaged. In accordance with request & contained in your letter of 26th Instant, No. 129, I do myself the honour to forward to you herewith copy of last Report which I have received from Assistant Immigration Agent at Moreton Bay, showing number of immigrants remaining in Depot, there disengaged.</p>	A2.36	057 – 059
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						<p>At top Enclosure referred in Immigrants Agent's letter to CS of the 3rd April 1856 No 56/164 "Copy" No 116 Immigration Moreton Bay Depot <u>Return for week ended 22nd March 1856</u> Report Henry Yeatman & John May have been allowed to remain with their families in depot without rations whilst employed in building Cottage in Botanical Gardens, Committee having engaged them with that understanding & by my sanction. Signed – A.C. Kemball <u>List of Immigrants who left Depot at Moreton Bay</u> Name/Ship/By whom Engaged/Terms of Engagement: In what capacity/Wages/Rations/Period/Date Leaving Depot/Remarks [Wages & Rations are recorded, but not included here] Devan, John/"James Fernie"/James Feeney, Cowpers Plains/General Servant/12 months/17 March 1856 Courtney, Henry/"Sabrina"/James Feeney, Cowpers Plains/General Servant/12 months/18th March 1856. Irvine, William/"Fortune"/G Wagner, Gen.Station/ General Servant/3 months/18th March 1856/ Gone to Sydney £25 having been forwarded to him. Yateman, Henry/"Sabrina"/Government Gardens/Carpenter/-/19th March 1856/Employee in Government Gardens May, John/"James Fernie"/Government Gardens/Bricklayer/-/19th March 1856/Employee in Government Gardens Story, William/"James Fernie"/Mr Jones, Ipswich/Labourer/6 months/19th March/ Beston, John/"Fortune"/Mr Jones, Ipswich/Labourer/6 months/22nd March 1856 Buglar, Jeremiah/"Ramillies"/Mr Jones, Ipswich/Labourer/6 months/22nd March 1856/No agreement McGee, John/"Sabrina"/Mr McDougall, Swan River/Labourer/12 months/22nd March 1856/No agreement Collins, Frederick/"James Fernie"/-/-/17th March 1856/No agreement Chard, Edwin/"Fortune"/Mr O'Connor, Ipswich/General Servant/12 months/19th March 1856/No agreement Moriarty, Mary/"James Fernie"/Miss Douglas, Kangaroo Point/Domestic Servant/6 months/19th March 1856/No agreement. <u>Daily State of Immigrant Depot at Moreton Bay, during week ended Saturday 22nd March 1856.</u> [Numbers varying day to day are recorded, but not included here] Number Received into Depot – Nil Number Discharged from Depot – Married - Males 9, Females 10/Unmarried Adults 14yrs & upwards - Males 2, Females 1/ Children 10-14 years Males 4, Females 6/1-10 years – Nil/ Under 1 year – Nil. Number Remaining in Depot – Married – Males 59, Females 59/Unmarried Adults 14yrs & upwards – Males, Nil, Females 9/Children 10-14 years Males 39, Females 44/ 1-10 years Nil/Under 1 year Males 6, Females 10.</p>		Pages not numbered] [No Page 63 recorded]
	56/03221	1856 04 05	Hon C S	Campbell Drummond Riddell Revenue Branch	1856 04 02	Letter respecting Sale of Land, Gladstone proclaimed to be held in Sydney on 2 nd instant.	A2.36	064 – 065

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				Colonial Treasury Sydney		At top – No 216 I have honour to report for information of His Excellence, Governor General, that lands situated at Gladstone Port Curtis, proclaimed to be sold in Sydney on this date were not offered for. & Notes in Margin For information. I am not surprised.		
	56/03268	1856 04 07	Hon C S	Returning Officer Moreton Bay, Wide Bay & Maranoa.	???	Returning Writ & also noted Member's name Gordon Sandeman & Return only & Notes in Margin Identified in usual way? Yes Notified in Gazette 8 th April 1856. Mr F – Are the writs with you? Yes & Also in Margin 2 postmarks (difficult to read) – Ipswich 29 th March 1856 & Sydney 7 th April 1856	A2.36	067 [No page 066 recorded]
	56/03282	1856 04 07	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands Sydney	1856 04 02	Letter Respecting Head Quarters of Commissioner of Crown Lands in District of Darling Downs. & Also at top 56-2232 I do myself honour to submit enclosed Report of Mr Commissioner Manning dated 22 nd February last, representing Head Quarters of Commissioner at Cambooya in District of Darling Downs as being quite uninhabitable. 2. Mr Manning reports that entire place is a mere wreck & requests authority to incur an expense not exceeding £80 for repairs of main building & offices & for fencing of necessary paddocks. 3. Under circumstances stated, I beg to recommend that a sum of £80 may be allowed to Mr Manning for purpose above mentioned – chargeable to sum of £1000 passed in Estimates for year 1856 as a contingency to meet expense of building & repairs for Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond Settled Districts. & Notes in Margin No 56.115 Approved Auditor General Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands.	A2.36	068
	56/03282		George Barney Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands Sydney	Arthur Manning Commissioner of Crown Lands Drayton, Darling Downs GB March 15	1856 02 22	Report from Lands Office, Drayton, Darling Downs on state of Head Quarters at Cambooya (No 56/8) & Also at top 56/2232 – 15 th March 1856		069 - 070

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						<p>& CL56/5 I do myself honour to report that I have visited Cambooya, Head Quarters of Commissioner for this District & find buildings so completely out of repair as to be quite uninhabitable. During last 2 years Cambooya has occasionally been occupied by different persons but at present is unattended. House itself is unsafe. Timber has rotted in ground & slabs in consequence are falling out. Most of outbuildings have been quite destroyed, scarcely a slab remaining, while frames themselves are falling from rottenness. Fences have been pulled down & even posts burnt. In fact, entire place is a mere wreck, which from length of time it has been standing is I think beyond substantial repair. I would however, request authority to incur an expense not exceeding £80 for repair of main building & offices & for fencing of necessary paddocks.</p> <p>& Notes in Margin How is this to be provided for? GB Any funds available? There has not been any provision made in last year's Estimates to meet this expense. In contingencies there was a sum of £25. In this year's Estimate a sum of £1000 appears under Head of Building & repairs for several Districts. Recommend chargeable to £1000. GB Colonial Secretary April 2/56</p>		
	56/03294	1856 04 07	Hon C S	Hutchinson H Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 04 05	<p>Letter submitting for approval Account for medical treatment of immigrants in Brisbane Hospital.</p> <p>& Also at top No56/169 I do myself honour to submit herewith for approval of His Excellency Governor General, accompanying account, forwarded to me by Assistant Immigration Agent at Moreton Bay. 2 As it appears that it was requisite that patients should be admitted into local hospital, orders for admission being signed by Government Resident at Moreton Bay, I beg to recommend that I may be authorised to pay amount & charge same in my Public Account.</p> <p>& Notes in Margin Auditor General B.C. To be returned Official Stamp – Audit Office 10thApril 1856</p>	A2.36	070 [again] -071
				Frances M Mereweather	1856 04 15 1856 04 18~ 1856 04 18~ 1856 04 18 1856 04 24	<p>Enclosed Account has been examined & is considered correct. 15th April 1856 Returned CSO For approval. Approved. Immigration Agent.</p>		

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	56/03300	1856 04 07	Hon C S	John C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 03 31	Letter with copies of depositions in case of Mary Pritchard, prisoner in Brisbane Gaol. & Also at top 56/145 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter 12 th March 1856, No56/2428, respecting petitions on behalf of Mary Pritchard, prisoner in Brisbane gaol & in compliance with instructions contained therein I have now honour to forward to you copies of depositions in case, together with report of convicting Justices. & Note in margin See inside	A2.36	072-084 [Pages 77 & 78 duplicated]
	56/03300		Government Resident Brisbane	William A Duncan J.P. On behalf of the Government Residents for The Bench Police Office Brisbane	1856 03 28	Enclosure No 1 & Also at top 56/145 & 56/57 We have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter or 24 th March 1856, requesting to be furnished with a copy of Magisterial proceedings against Mary Pritchard for stealing together with a report from convicting Justices relative thereto. 2 We accordingly enclose a copy of depositions & conviction & report with regret that there is not any one mitigating circumstance in case which we can point out for His Excellency's consideration. 3 If, however, woman's health be suffering severely from her confinement in gaol, that is no doubt a ground for exercising prerogative of mercy, apart from merits of case itself, which certainly afford none. & Notes in Margin Refused Richard Pritchard, Government Resident See report with 56/2428		
	56/03300			W D	1856 04 11~ 1856 04 22~			
					1855 12 12	Enclosure No 2 & Also at top 56/145 New South Wales Brisbane To wit Mary Pritchard was apprehended on suspicion of having stolen ducks in her possession, by order of W.A. Duncan J.P.		
					1855 12 12	Enclosure No 3 & Also at top 56/145 New South Wales		

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						<p>Brisbane To wit Hobbs v Pritchard – Stealing Ducks This deponent, William Hobbs on oath saith as follows, “Yesterday morning between 6 & 7 o’clock I sent my servant Catherine Spence to my late residence in Eagle Street for some ducks & goslings that had gone there. After searching every nook & corner she returned & said she couldn’t find them. About 2 o’clock yesterday afternoon I went with Constable Orr to Mrs Pritchard’s house to search for honey that had been stolen. On looking into her fowl house, I saw 2 ducks enclosed therein. I recognised them to be my property. I asked the defendant if those ducks were hers. She said ‘Yes, I hatched them myself.’ I repeated question & asked her if she was certain & told her to come & look. She then said she had never seen them before. There were 14 or 15 ducks outside, but these were fastened in by themselves. She then said they came up with her ducks last night & slept in a little dog kennel. I then sent home & brought my servant Catherine Spence to identify them. She said ‘They were mine & took them home.’ They are worth 5 shillings.”</p> <p>Cross-examined “I was standing at pen with my back to other ducks running about. The door of pen was closed where 2 ducks were.”</p> <p>Signatures W Hobbs WA Duncan J.P John Brewster J.P. Henry Buckley J.P.</p> <p>And this deponent, Robert Orr, Constable, on oath saith as follows: “I was employed at defendant’s house yesterday, searching for honey. Dr Hobbs asked defendant how she came by 2 ducks which were shut up in a pen. She said she didn’t know how they came there or that they came last night. There was a board across door of pen.</p> <p>Cross-examined “I can say whether there was any place in pen for ducks to get out.”</p> <p>Signatures Robert Orr WA Duncan J.P John Brewster J.P. Henry Buckley J.P</p> <p>This deponent, Catherine Spence on oath saith as follows: “I was sent for yesterday to identify some ducks, to defendant’s house, Mary Pritchard. I found 2 ducks there that were Dr Hobbs’ property. I knew them. I took them away. Mary Pritchard was there & said they came home with hers night before. They were at Dr Hobbs at 9 o’clock night before & were not in habit of straying. I had missed them before * was sent for. I am a servant of Dr Hobbs.”</p> <p>Signatures Catherine C Spence WA Duncan J.P. John Brewster J.P. Henry Buckley J.P.</p> <p>Foregoing depositions were sworn before us 12th day of December A.D. 1855 Signatures</p>		

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						<p>WA Duncan J.P John Brewster J.P. Sentence: Six months imprisonment in Brisbane Gaol. Signatures: WA Duncan J.P John Brewster J.P. Henry Buckley J.P</p> <p>[PRINTED FORM] 56/145 Enclosure No 4 Conviction when the Punishment is by Imprisonment, & c. New South Wales Brisbane To wit Be it remembered, That on 12th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1855 in said Colony at Brisbane, Mary Pritchard of or near Brisbane in said Colony, is convicted before undersigned 3 of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said Colony, for that she, said Mary Pritchard on 11th day of December A.D. 1855, at Brisbane in the Colony of New South Wales, 2 ducks of value of 5 shillings of goods & chattels of one William Hobbs feloniously did steal, take & carry away against form of Act of Council in such case made & provided & we adjudge the said Mary Pritchard for her said offence to be imprisoned in the Gaol at Brisbane in said Colony, for space of 6 months. Given under our hands & seals, day & year first above mentioned at Brisbane in Colony aforesaid. Signatures: WA Duncan J.P John Brewster J.P. Henry Buckley J.P *Or, where issuing of a distress warrant would be ruinous to defendant or his family, or it appears that he has no goods whereon to levy a distress, then, instead of words between the asterisks** say "inasmuch as it hath now been made to appear tome [that issuing of a warrant of distress in this behalf would be ruinous to the said & his family," or, "that the said.....hath no goods or chattels whereon to levy said sum for costs,by distress], I adjudge," &c.</p> <p>Hobbs V Pritchard – Larceny Copy Depositions</p>		
	56/02428	1856 03 10	Hon C S	John C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 03 05	<p>Letter with Petition from Richard Pritchard & Letter from Surgeon to Gaol. & At top For Mitigation of Sentence of Mary Pritchard I have honour to enclose to you a petition which has been placed in my hands for transmission to His Excellency, Governor General & in forwarding same, I do myself honour to observe that although signed by many respectable tradesmen & storekeepers of town, I should not recommend it to favourable consideration of His Excellency upon any other pleas than that of declining health as stated in letter from Surgeon to gaol, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. & Notes in Margin</p>	A2.36	085-091

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					1856 03 12	56/111 Petition purports to be accompanied by copy of Magisterial proceedings in case, but no such copy appears to have been sent with it. It will be necessary therefore to refer for report of convicting Justices. Government Resident End of April 56/3300		
				Dr Kearsey Cannan Visiting Surgeon Brisbane Gaol	1856 02 27	& At top 56/2420 Enclosure no 1 "Copy" Letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay to Hon Cs, respecting Mary Pritchard. I have honour to inform you that health of prisoner named in margin (Mary Pritchard), has failed much since her confinement in gaol. 2 My reason for making this report is that friends of said prisoner, through their solicitor, Mr Little, have applied to me for a certificate as to her state of health. Petition from Richard Pritchard To His Excellency Sir William Denison, Governor General of all the Australian Colonies & Captain General & Governor in Chief of Territory of New South Wales Humble Petition of Richard Pritchard of Moreton Bay in Colony of New South Wales, Labourer, humbly sheweth that your petitioner is a labouring man having a family of 6 children dependent upon him for support, younger child being only 13 months old. That your petitioner arrived at Moreton Bay per emigrant ship "Agricola" & has since resided there. That in month of December last, a charge was made by one, Dr Hobbs of this place against wife of your petitioner for stealing 2 ducks. That wife of your petitioner was for such alleged offence sentenced by Bench at Brisbane to 6 months imprisonment in Brisbane Gaol & will appear by copy of proceedings herewith forwarded for your Excellency's perusal. That in consequence your petitioner's family are left during the day (your petitioner being out at work) wholly unprotected. That your petitioner believes his wife's health is suffering from confinement. That neither your petitioner nor any of his family were ever previously guilty of or been suspected of any crime to the knowledge of your petitioner. And your petitioner humbly prays your Excellency to exercise your Royal prerogative of mercy & remit remainder of sentence or so much thereof as to your Excellency may deign just ?? & your petitioner, a son duty bound, will ever pray. Signed Richard Pritchard We the undersigned of Brisbane hereby certify we have known the petitioner for some time & have always esteemed him as an honest,hard working man & would earnestly recommend him to your Excellency for ?? he seeks for himself & family. Signatures: Rich. P Coley, John Markwell, AS Warry, James Morton, TS Warry, Thomas Clark, Thomas Lade, Henry Bulgin, Robt Davidson, William Mason, Benjamin Cribb, George Byrne, AJ Hockings, Patrick Mayne, W Cairncross, H Rosetta, Charles Trundle, James Collins, William Watson, Reuben Oliver, John Hill, Michael McCormack, J Jeays, James Robertson, EB		

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						Southerden, William Southerden, George Adkin, James Phillips, Jeremiah Scanlan, John Westaway, J Petrie, A Petrie, Edwin Mott		
	56/03304	1856 04 07	Hon C S	John C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 04 02 1856 05 09	Letter enclosing Bond of Mr Scott, Contractor I do myself honour to return bond of Mr Scott (Contractor) and his sureties duly executed according to instructions conveyed in your letter of 22 nd ult. & Notes in Margin 56/150 Bond to Auditor General	A2.36	092
	56//03306	1856 04 07	Hon C S	John C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay M F	1856 04 02 1856 04 07~ 1856 04 09~ 1856 04 11 1856 04 19	Letter of Table of Rates for impoundment of cattle. I have honour to enclose to you, Table of Rates to be charged for trespass of cattle impounded in Police district of Ipswich for approval of His Excellency, Governor General. & Notes in Margin 56/151 For approval Approved Published in Gazette Government Resident	A2.36	093
	56/03312	1856 04 07	Hon C S	William Colburn Mayne Inspector General of Police Sydney W D	1856 04 05 1856 04 09~ 1856 04 09 1856 04 11	Letter relative to payment of Special Constables at Newcastle & At top 56/81 I do myself honour to entrust enclosed letter from Police Magistrate at Newcastle, requesting an authority from His Excellency, Governor General for payment of 23 Special Constables engaged by him during recent contested election for North Eastern Boroughs, for 2 days (27 th & 29 th ult) at same rate of pay as now allowed to ordinary Constables, 5/6 per diem & I beg to recommend that necessary sanction be placed accordingly, chargeable to amount noted to meet contingencies of Police Service during present year. & Notes in Margin This may, it is concluded, be approved. Approved. Inspector General. Auditor General.	A2.36	094-095
	56/03412	1856 04 09	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney M F	1856 04 05 1856 04 09~ 1856 04 11~	Letter respecting preemptive rights, Mr G.F. Leslie & At Top 123 With reference to your letter of 12 th Ult, No 84, respecting Mr G F Leslie's preemptive right at Warwick, I do myself honour to state that nothing further can be reported on this case at present. It will be duly disposed of whenever a measurement can be made. & Notes in Margin 56/2320 This may now I conclude be left unconditionally in hands of Surveyor General. Yes	A2.36	096
	56/00576	1856 01 19	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown	1856 01 16	Letter respecting preemptive rights, Mr Leslie In reply to your letter of 18 th ult, No 548, I do myself honour to inform you that	A2.36	097

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				Lands Sydney M F	1856 02 27~ 1856 02 28~	matter of Mr G.F. Leslie's preemptive right awaits measurement of suburban allotment at Warwick containing these improvements. Every necessary step has been taken for disposal of matter. & Notes in Margin 55/5286 55/1918 W Fanning Resp.the above Still with CCC Lands End of February Resubmit 3 rd March To be reminded. Yes 7 th March In a month 56/3412		
	56/03419	1856 04 10	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney W V	1856 04 08 1856 04 11~	Letter respecting Account Sales of Mr Bagot's equipment. With reference to your letter of 15 th Ult, No 56/177, wherein you forwarded to me copy of report made by Auditor General, respecting Account Sales of equipment of Mr Assistant Surveyor Bagot, I have honour to acquaint you that attested copies of Account Sales & vouchers received from Bench at Drayton have now been forwarded to that Officer. & Notes in Margin No 56/225 56/2274 55/5442 56/578 Papers with Mr V. Nothing further seems to be required.	A2.36	098-099
	56/00578	1856 01 19	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney W E	1856 01 16 1856 01 11~ 1856 01 14~ 1856 03 19 1856 03 25 1856 03 28	Letter respecting purchase of horses & harness by Commissioner Wiseman. I do myself honour to request favour of a reply to my communication of 25 th April last, submitting letter from Mr Commissioner Wiseman & recommending that purchase of 3 horses by that officer from Surveyor General's Department together with harness for use of Crown Lands Department in Leichhardt District may under circumstances be approved of. & Notes in Margin 55/1964 No 56.28 55/5442 Papers with Surveyor General. Report payment of proceeds of Surveyor Bagot into Treasury. To Auditor Auditor's Office official stamp – No 109. Jan 23 rd BC See report on 55/5442 herewith. BC Letter of 21 st Ult1856 has not been returned & report does not seem to refer to it. Herewith 29 See report on 55/5442 returned on 7 th March 1856. & Notes re above	A2.36	100-101

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				W D		authorised in consequence of Surveyor General having been unable to replace Mr Bagot. See 54/9530 Read 14 May 1855~ 55/5442		
	54/09530	1854 11 02	Hon C S	Thomas Livingstone Mitchell Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1854 10 30	Letter respecting equipment of Mr Bagot, left at Darling Downs. & At Top No54/705 I have honour to state that on Mr Bagot resigning his appointment of Assistant Surveyor in charge of Darling Downs District, I desired him to leave his equipment & means of transport in custody of Clerk of the Bench at Drayton, (who was so obliging as to undertake charge), trusting that I should be able to replace Mr Bagot by some efficient surveyor to whom the equipment could be transferred. As however no surveyor qualified for such a charge has presented himself & I have not considered it advisable to remove a surveyor from any other district to Darling Downs, I have honour to request that I may be forced, with authority of His Excellency, Governor General to cause horses, oxen & equipment to be disposed of by public auction & proceeds of sale to be paid into Colonial Treasury. & Notes in Margin There seems to be no objection to proposed sale. Surveyor General Auditor General 55/4392	A2.36	108-109
				W D	1854 11 03~ 1854 11 11~			
	55/03917	1855 04 27	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney	1855 04 25	Letter respecting purchase of three horses for Crown Commissioner's Department, Leichhardt District. I do myself honour to submit enclosed letter from Mr Commissioner Wiseman, reporting that in consequence of very high price of bullock, he had purchased for use of his Department in Leichhardt District, 3 draft horses belonging to Surveyor General's Department, together with harness which were for sale for sum of £80, it not appearing that there was any probability of his being able to purchase as yet either draft horses or bullock in his District. 2 It appears that £130 has been authorised for purchase of a team of bullocks & dray for use of above named department of which sum, £50 has been expended in purchase of dray, leaving, as stated an unexpended balance of £80. 3 Under circumstances as reported by Mr Wiseman, I beg to recommend that purchase of horses & harness in question may be approved of. & Notes in Margin No 55/147 55/1242 Dated 17 th March 1855 It was not long since Surveyor General sent in requisition from Mr McCabe for draft horses for use of his party. Approved Why were 3 sold? To be answered by Surveyor General. Noted Surveyor General 4 th May 1855	A2.36	110
				C D R W D W D C D R	1855 04 27			

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	55/03917		George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney	Mr W H Wiseman Commissioner of Crown Lands Leichhardt District Cambooya, Darling Downs	1855 03 17	<p>55/4392 On 16th May 1855</p> <p>Letter from Mr WH Wiseman reporting purchase of 3 draft horses in lieu of team of bullocks. & At Top 55/1242 3rd April 1855 Owing to scarcity of teams of bullocks for sale & to very high price, they average viz from £160 to £200, I do myself honour to report for your information that I have adopted following course. Three draft horses & harness belonging to Surveyor General's Department being for sale, I had them valued & then purchases them on account of Government. I have given vouchers for them to amount of £80, which sum was placed at disposal of Commissioner of Crown Lands for purchase of a bullock team. It seems to me absolutely necessary that I should possess some necessary transport were it only for carrying wood & water for use of station and & as I was aware from undoubted authority that there is no probability of my being able to purchase as yet either draft bullocks or draft horses in Leichhardt District, I determined to take these. I do myself honour to request that you will do me the favour to facilitate payment of vouchers. £130 has been authorised for purchasing a dray & bullocks of which £50 has been expended on a dray, leaving an unexpended balance of £80, as stated. Did not Mr ???? purchase some bullocks? No account has been furnished for bullocks by Mr Wiseman Purchase of horses may now be recommended for approval explaining circumstances fully. & Notes in Margin No 3/55 Papers urgent 3rd April Is there any authority for purchase of bullocks? If so, what sum? £130 allowed for purchase of a dray & team of bullocks. Papers with 55/1059 Completed 13th March 1855 Respecting £50 allowed for purchase of dray for Leichhardt District with Mr Wiseman</p>		111-113
	56/03464	1856 04 09	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 04 09	<p>Letter respecting ship "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" chartered for Moreton Bay with Emigrants. I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th April 1856, No 138, enclosing a communication from Government Resident at Moreton Bay, bringing under notice desirability of allowing ship "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" to proceed to that Port & discharge her immigrants there with which His Excellency, has complied & requesting my report on suggestion in 8th paragraph of Captain Wickham's letter respecting disposal of married immigrants. 2 The suggestion made by Captain Wickham is "that single males & females & families suited to wants of district should be received there & remainder forwarded to Sydney together with families already in that Depot who are not calculated to be hired there". I am however inclined to think that better course would be to have all single males & females by the "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" landed at</p>	A2.36	114-118

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				W D		<p>Brisbane with such of families as may be desirous to remain in that District & that remainder should be transhipped from vessel to steamer & forwarded to Sydney.</p> <p>3 In r/109, I do myself honour to respect to those immigrants by former vessels, at present in Depot at Brisbane, it appears to me to be undesirable that they should be moved & I am unable therefore to recommend the adoption of such a step.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin 56/3170 No 56/175 Immediate See suggestions in 2nd & 3rd paragraphs. Suggestion approved Government Resident Agent for Immigration 9th April 1856 Herewith returned.</p>		
	56/03416	1856 04 09	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 04 08	<p>Letter forwarding duplicate copies of correspondence relative to certain immigrants remaining in Depot at Moreton Bay, complaining of their inability to procure employment.</p> <p>In accordance with request contained in your letter of 18th ult. No 56/109, I do myself honour to forward to you herewith duplicate copies of correspondence which has taken place in respect to a Petition from certain immigrants remaining in Depot at Moreton Bay, complaining of their inability to procure employment, for transmission to Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin No 56/171 ????? Other papers with 56/3464</p>	A2.36	119-120
	56/03260	1856 04 07	Hon C S	John Clements Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 04 01	<p>Letter respecting Immigrant Ship "Phoebe Dunbar"</p> <p>With reference to your letter of 18th Inst 56/2405, conveying to me instructions to send Immigrant Ship "Phoebe Dunbar" to Sydney with immigrants in event of her arriving at this Port, I do myself honour respectfully to observe that such a step may involve responsibilities & expenses to Government far greater than providing for immigrants for longest probable period of their detention in this Depot.</p> <p>2 "Phoebe Dunbar" is chartered for Moreton Bay & I have been informed has a large quantity of goods on board for different merchants & storekeepers in district. Messrs Harrison to whom she is consigned have 300 tons on their own account, which alone can scarcely be landed under 14 days & an equally long period may be required for landing consignments to other persons.</p> <p>Therefore, ship would come on dumurage many days before she could leave this port & I do not see how she could be compelled to put to sea again with her cargo on board without consent of consignees who on contrary will most probably protest against their goods being detained by their transition back.</p> <p>3 Moreover I presume that a new charter party must be entered into as it is not likely that Master of ship will take upon himself to proceed to Sydney, even with immigrants alone, unless under a special agreement dictated by his Agent on</p>	A2.36	121-125 131 (Page 131 duplicated)

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						<p>part of owners.</p> <p>4 Were a favourable agreement entered into for immigrants to be conveyed to Sydney, I think it would be very objectionable to keep them on board during time occupied in landing cargo, as much difficulty would arise in keeping up necessary discipline in a ship crowded with passengers & of course, accessible to all persons interested in her cargo, added to which obstacles would be created, which would render it almost impossible for Immigration Commissioners to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion in event of having to investigate complaints on account of irregularities or misconduct.</p> <p>5 If "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" could be detained at Sydney & immigrants landed there, obstacles I have alluded to would be overcome, as such a step would manifestly be favourable to interest of owners, in getting rid of immigrants several days before they could possibly do so if brought on to Moreton Bay & few days detention of cargo would be more than ubicated by being able to commence discharging on arrival at this Port, instead of waiting until immigrants were landed.</p> <p>6 I beg to direct your attention to enclosed copy of a report which has been furnished to me by Immigration Agent at this Port, by which you will see that notwithstanding immense influx of immigrants during last six months, there remain but 172 persons including children & of these there are but 4 single females. There appear to be no single men remaining, whilst there is a demand for that class of persons & upon whole, I would beg to remark that fact of there being still this amount of persons remaining in depot may be rather attributed to an insidious selection of them in England, than to demand for labour having ceased in this district.</p> <p>7 Should any of above considerations weigh with His Excellency, Governor General, so far as to induce him to rescind constrictions conveyed to me by your letter, or to modify them, there may yet be time enough to communicate such intention to me before arrival of "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>". In absence however of any fresh instructions upon subject, I shall of course proceed as directed although I foresee great difficulty on account of cargo & I feel that I have no power to compel obedience on part of Master, should he refuse to comply on grounds of having fulfilled his charter party.</p> <p>8 Should His Excellency be pleased to make any modification of instructions already issued to me, I would venture to suggest that single males & females & families suited to wants of district should be received here & remainder forwarded to Sydney together with families already in this Depot who are not calculated to be hired here.</p> <p>9 With reference to supposed probability of families remaining in Depot, meeting with employment if removed to remote districts, it appears to me, that as there are no public buildings for their reception, or contractors to furnish them with supplies, added to necessity which would exist for providing special means of conveyance for them, I cannot but think that such a course would be impracticable in absence of such provision & of some superintending authority, an exception however might be made with respect to Wide Bay & I should think that Police Magistrate there might make some arrangement for their reception & maintenance & that an agreement might be made with Australasian Steam Navigation Company at Sydney to cause their steamer for Wide ay to call at this Port & receive at a reasonable rate such immigrants for conveyance thither.</p> <p>&</p>		
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					1856 04 08	Notes in Margin See 56/3170 not yet actioned. 56/141 Immediate 56/3170 Under circumstances herein stated, "Phoebe Dunbar" may proceed to her original destination & discharge her immigrants at Moreton Bay. It may be a matter for consideration hereafter whether suggestion as to married immigrants shall be adopted. Port Master ,Government Resident, Memorialists, Immigration Agent At bottom 56/3464, Immigration-56/1666		
	56/03260		Government Resident	A W Kemball [A C Kemball] Assistant Immigrant Agent Moreton Bay	1856 03 31	Enclosure No 1 Enclosure in Letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay, No 56/141, respecting Immigrant ship " <i>Phoebe Dunbar</i> " I have honour to acknowledge your letter of 27 th Inst informing me that you had received instructions to forward ship " <i>Phoebe Dunbar</i> " on her arrival with immigrants to Sydney & requiring that I should inform you of number of immigrants now in Depot & probable balance that may be expected to be on hand about middle of next month, when that vessel is expected to reach this Port & further that I should state what class of immigrant is now most in demand in this district. In answer to your first enquiry, I beg to observe that if a conclusion can be arrived at by reference to discharges (including those expelled) from the Depot during present month, there would remain about 20 families on 15 th April as you will perceive by summary return herewith enclosed. I beg to direct your attention to fact of there being only 4 English families among the 49 remaining & although proportion of children in relation to whole may not be considered excessive, there are some families having 4 children exclusive of infants. It is observed that a large portion of immigrants remaining are of an objectionable kind to most employers & that present demand for labour in this district in consequence I presume of late superintendent supply does not warrant a fair expectation of their being engaged within a reasonable period & I may be permitted to remark that on my entering office, there was a similar class in Depot who had been its occupants longer than any now remaining in it. These consist chiefly of men with young children, others advanced in life & few of them bearing stamp of agricultural labourers, only fit for shepherds & for such I am satisfied there is a demand in remoter districts could these people with their families be removed there. Further, there is a prejudice generally against Irish, especially with drawbacks alluded to, in several cases pregnancy of women has been an obstacle to engagements of husbands & I am satisfied that in some, employment has been evaded, especially when at a great distance, with object of remaining in Depot till after their confinement, There have been 7 births during last month. You are, as a member of Immigration Board, of course aware that a body of immigrants have on 2 occasions lately petitioned Immigration Agent to assist them in procuring work & that I have been required to report thereon, some of these men were impostors, 2 of them have since refused liberal wages & were expelled from Depot accordingly. Two others have received ample funds from Sydney to forward them there, which appears to me to have been main object of all petitioners & to accomplish which one of them has appeared to have feigned imperfect sight.	A2.36	126-129

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	56/03260					<p>There are 2 men afflicted with deafness to a serious extent. Under all above circumstances, I am of opinion that actual numbers of immigrants on hand is not to be taken as a fair criterion of present demand for labour in this district.</p> <p>I am able to give a more direct & satisfactory reply to your second query as to what class of immigrant is now most in demand. Several applications have been made to me for married couples without children, especially if calculated for domestic servants & such a supply by next vessel is anticipated. There will also I believe be a y demand for single men, if the expected supply does not exceed usual proportion. There is also a call for a limited number of female domestic servants.</p> <p>Mechanics, gardeners or tradesmen of any kind are not in request.</p> <p>In conclusion, I feel called upon to state that expectations of immigrants generally, with regard to wages must be lowered, to meet wants of district.</p> <p>& At Top 56/141 No 2 & 56/90 Also at top No 1 <u>Summary Return of Immigrants in Brisbane Depot 29th March 1856 "No 1"</u> Ship/Married Males/Married Females/Children(Exclusive of Infants)/Remarks "Conrad"/10/11/16/One English family. Rest Irish "Fortune"/6/6/9/All Irish "Sabrina"/12/12/15/One Scotch, remainder Irish "James Fernie"/19/20/32/Three English, remainder Irish Total: 49/49/72 Single Women "Fortune"/1 "Cressy"/1 "James Fernie"/1 "Sabrina"/1 Total 4 – All from Sydney Single men – none (Signed) A.W Kembal [AC Kembal]</p> <p>Also at top No 2 <u>Summary Return of Immigrants Discharged from Depot from 3rd March to 30th March 1856</u> Date/Married Men/Single Men/Single Women Mar 3/2/1/- Mar 5/3/-/- Mar 6/5/-/2 Mar 7/2/-/- Mar 8/1/-/- Mar10/-/-/2 Mar 12/3/-/- Mar 13/2/-/- Mar 14/2/-/- Mar 17/1/1/- Mar 18/2/2/-</p>		130-131 (Page 131 duplicated)

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						<p>Mar 19/3/1/1 Mar 22/3/-/- Mar 24/2/-/1 Mar 25/5/-/1 Mar 26/2/-/- Mar 28/2/-/- Total 40/5/7 (Signed) A.W Kembal [AC Kembal]</p>		
	56/03170	1856 04 04	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 04 03	<p>Letter relative to ship "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" chartered for Moreton Bay with Immigrants. I do myself honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, No 130, informing me in reply to my letter of 25th ultimo, No 157, that Governor General approves of my entering into a communication with Messrs Smith, Campbell & Co, agents of ship "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" with a view of ascertaining what additional amount they will require in case that vessel should be despatched to Sydney after her arrival at Moreton Bay. 2 Having communicated on subject with Mr Buchanan, a member of firm of Smith, Campbell & Co, I find from his reply, copy of which I append, that he is not in a position to enter into any arrangement with Government as to alteration of destination of vessel & it occurs to me therefore that it might be advisable to instruct Government Resident at Moreton Bay to act in matter according to his own discretion should it be found impracticable to alter his course prior to her arrival at that port. 3 In reference to last paragraph of your communication above referred to, I beg to state that I entirely coincide in His Excellency's opinion that it would be far better that some expense should be undergone in stopping vessel on her way up, but as only chance of intercepting her can be effected through activity of Signal Master at South Head, that officer might be instructed through Port Master to communicate intelligence of "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" being in sight of port & I might be authorised in such case to proceed to her in event of Master not obeying signal that will be made to bring her into Sydney. 4 Should His Excellency concur in views taken by me in this matter, I would also invite Masters of Moreton Bay Steamers to communicate with "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" should they fall in with her on coast. & Notes in Margin No 56/166 See 56/3260 56/2803 With Immigration Agent These suggestions maybe acted upon. Commands to Resident at Moreton Bay must be couched in strong language as he will naturally be unwilling to take responsibility of sending away labourers for district. I am not certain that we had not better in such a case send for them down here per steamer. See 56/3260 & Letter written on Minute thereon which supposedly</p>	A2.36	131-137 (Page 131 Duplicated)
				W D	1856 04 04	<p>Benjamin Buchanan Smith Campbell & Co</p>		138-139
					1856 03 26	<p>Enclosure referred to in Immigration Agent's Letter to Hon CS 3rd April 1856. No 56/166. Mr Dunbar has not yet mentioned in any of his letters "<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>" & I am ignorant as to his wishes for her further procedure. At this season of year you are aware that if she had to load at an Indian Port,</p>		

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					1856 03 18 1856 03 13~	Notes in Margin Immigration Agent Government Resident Moreton Bay Port Master (Page 0145 appears to be only part of a letter) & At Top On 1 st April ...objectionable that they should come to Sydney. Perhaps some arrangement might be made for their being sent to Maitland or any other eligible district. With respect to "Phoebe Dunbar", expected next month, I conclude under circumstances that as recommended by Mr Browne, steps should be taken for bringing her to Sydney. It seems desirable also that a copy of correspondence should be transmitted to Commissioners for their information.		145-146 (Page 146 duplicate page 144)
	56/02406	1856 03 11	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 03 08	Letter Transmitting Petition from Immigrants in Depot at Moreton Bay, bringing under notice their inability to procure employment & praying for redress. & At Top No56/129 I do myself honour to transmit to you herewith for consideration of His Excellency, Governor General, enclosed Petition which I have received from certain immigrants per ships " <i>Sabrina</i> ", " <i>Fortune</i> ", " <i>Ramillies</i> ", " <i>Conrad</i> " & " <i>James Fernie</i> ", at present in Depot at Moreton Bay, bringing under my notice their present distressed position & requesting my interference with a view to procure them employment. 2 On receipt of this Petition, I immediately communicated with Assistant Immigration Agent at Moreton Bay on subject & herewith enclosed is a copy of that Officer's reply, which may be considered as that of Local Board. 3 From a perusal of Dr Kemball's letter, it appears to me that there is not at present a sufficient demand amongst settlers in Moreton Bay to employ married immigrants who have lately been landed there in such unusual numbers & although it may be advisable to remove some of them if possible to some other part of country, it will be a source of much discontent, not only with those who may be allowed to remain behind, but also to any new arrivals if they are removed to neighbourhood of Sydney. 4 It therefore becomes a difficult question how to dispose of this super abundance of labour, more particularly as gentlemen who waited on me other day from Wide Bay, appear to be disinclined to take any, except single men. 5 It is on other hand undesirable that so large a number of persons should be allowed to remain in idleness at Government's expense for to long a time & I would suggest therefore that Government Resident should be instructed to employ these immigrants on roads or other public works in neighbourhood of Brisbane or Ipswich, at such a rate of daily wages as will compensate Government for cost of support of themselves & their families & that in event of their refusal to be so employed, they should be struck off rations & turned out of Depot. This course will induce many to take lower wages than which they now hold out for & will thus lessen expense now incurred for their maintenance. 6 It would also be advisable that steps should be taken, if possible, to bring next immigrant ship, "Phoebe Dunbar", which may be expected next month at	A2.36	147-158

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						<p>Moreton Bay, to Sydney & thus relieve labour market of that district now already so heavily burthened.</p> <p>7 The super abundance of labour now collected on that district is to be attributed principally to arrangements of Commissioners in despatching vessels intended for that Colony with too great rapidity.</p> <p>8 It will be seen from Return hereto appended, that between 25th July & 23rd October, a period of not more than 3 months, no less than 5 vessels have been despatched for Moreton Bay, conveying upwards of 1500 souls & that they all arrived between 15th November & 24th January.</p> <p>9 Despatch of this large number of persons is more extraordinary since Commissioners report great difficulty they meet with in obtaining immigrants at all, & yet, during same period, only a similar number of ships have been despatched to Sydney direct, bringing out 1700 persons, being only in excess of number sent to Moreton Bay by 200 & being also far less than can be speedily provided for in middle district of this Colony.</p> <p>10 Some years since, I had occasion to draw attention of Government to a similar state of inconvenience which existed in Brisbane from like causes & I now beg to suggest that it may be as well again to point out to Commissioners what must be result of a too speedy influx of immigrants to a district which is purely of a squatting character & therefore not capable of offering much employment for married families.</p> <p>Petition from Immigrants per "<i>Sabina</i>", "<i>Fortune</i>", "<i>Ramillies</i>", "<i>Conrad</i>", & "<i>James Fernie</i>", Praying for Employment & At Top Immigration 56/913 18th February 1856 To Immigration Commissioners of Sydney Gentlemen, We your most humble petitioners & emigrants per ships "<i>Sabrina</i>", "<i>Fortune</i>", "<i>Ramillies</i>", "<i>Conrad</i>" & "<i>James Fernie</i>" beg leave to call your attention to perusal of this petition informing you of distressed position in which we lay here.</p> <p>The emigrants of the ship "<i>Sabrina</i>" after a voyage of 109 days on sea arrived in Bay on 27th November & were sent for 46 days to quarantine & were for several days on half allowance, their beds & bedding were burned on the islands and no compensation since given for them, so those who were employed had to leave depot bed less.</p> <p>Emigrants belonging to 5 ships are lying here still, chief cause of their not being employed is because they are married & for that reason they do not want them. Considering them when here as ineligible & yet when at home they are eligible, they were brought here for employing them, but they find their mistake let it not be said that they intend to be an incumbrance on the Government for all they want is work or employment. Some of them have walked miles through country midst hunger & thirst, sleeping out in open air by night for 6 or 7 days together in quest of employment but failed in getting it, then returned scarce able to come back with weariness & uneasiness.</p> <p>Gentlemen, when an employer comes we are always ready in offering ourselves, but constantly refused & when we saw the employers objecting to us as being married, we offered ourselves as single men & to support our wives & families with our earning, but still they have nothing to do with us. If an investigation be held on this to shew that what it contains is truth we'll prove it</p>		159-161

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						<p>on solemn oath. So hoping that your most human honour will take matter into consideration & see some work or employment carried on that will take us from here. We your most humble servants & petitioners as in duty bound will for ever pray. Brisbane Depot February 12th 1856 We are all willing to bind ourselves to pay our expenses if we were taken to any part of Colony where there is employment. The adults of each ship lying here at present are as follows: "Conrad" 38, "Ramillies" 9,(name obscured) 3, "Sabrina"(page torn), "James Fernie" 225 = Total in all 395 & besides all these are the Germans also. Signatures with notes – 1 Thomas O'Callaghan, 1 Infant – Left Depot with bed & blanket. 2 Patrick Cahill, 2 Children – Refuses to go any place but to Sydney. 3 James Dempsey, No Children – 4 Charles Chaney, 2 Children – Left Depot . Employ ???? 5 William Walsh, No Children – A bad character- cook's assistant - ????? 6 Henry Courtney, 5 Children – 7 Robert Thompson, No Children – Left Depot.</p> <p>To The Immigration Commissioners, Sydney Enclosure No 2 in Immigration Agent's letter to Colonial Secretary of 8th March 1856 No 56/129 Immigration Moreton Bay Depot Return for week ended February 23rd 1856 Report. (Any remarks which the Officer Superintending Depot may have to offer relating to Immigrants under his care to description of labour most in request, or to any other matter connected with business of the Department, should be hereunder concisely made.) <u>List of Immigrants who left Depot at Moreton Bay during week ended Saturday February 22nd 1856</u> Name/ By What Ship/By Whom Engaged/In What Capacity/Wages/Rations/For What Period (Months)/Date of Leaving Depot/Remarks McClancy, Charles/"Fortune"/Fouris & Co, Brisbane/Carpenter/25/-per week/Double Rations/3/February 18th. Grace, Daniel/ "James Fernie"/W Grimes, Brisbane/General Servant/£45 per annum/Board & Lodgings/-/February 18th. Birch, Benjamin/ "James Fernie"/-/General Servant/-/-/February 18th/Without Agreement Hosier, Richard/ "James Fernie"/-/General Servant/-/-/February 18th/Without Agreement Rooney, James/"James Fernie"/T Walker, Warwick/General Servant/£40 per annum/Double Rations/12/February 18th Weedon, Samuel/"James Fernie"/-/General Servant/-/-/February 18th/Without Agreement Rice, John/ "James Fernie"/W Blocksedge, Brisbane/ Foreman/£28 per annum/Board & Lodging/6/February 18th- O'Callaghan Thomas/"Sabrina"/-//-/-/February 18th/Without Agreement</p>		162-166 (Pages 164-166 not numbered)

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						<p>Chard, George/<i>Fortune</i>/1 Anderton, Fortitude Valley/General Servant/£40 per annum/Double Rations/6/February 18th-</p> <p>O'Connor Michael/ <i>James Fernie</i>/H Maxwell, Ipswich/-/-/-/February 19th/Without Agreement</p> <p>Gardner John/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 19th/Without Agreement</p> <p>Organ William/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 19th/Without Agreement</p> <p>Young James/<i>James Fernie</i>/S Windmill, Fortitude Valley/General Servant/£30 per annum/Board & Lodgings/6/February 19th-</p> <p>McKee James/<i>James Fernie</i>/C Pitt, Coopers Plains/General Servant/£30 per annum/Double Rations/12/February 20th-</p> <p>Morgan Castles/<i>James Fernie</i>/James Foote, Redbank/Shepherd/£28 per annum/Usual Rations/12/February 20th-</p> <p>Dixon James/<i>James Fernie</i>/James Foote, Redbank/Shepherd/£28 per annum/Usual Rations/12/February 20th-</p> <p>Coleman Daniel/<i>James Fernie</i>/James Foote, Redbank/Shepherd/£28 per annum/Usual Rations/12/February 20th-</p> <p>Flynn William/<i>James Fernie</i>/James Foote, Redbank/Shepherd/£28 per annum/Usual Rations/12/February 20th-</p> <p>Hayward Henry/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 20th/Without Agreement</p> <p>Grindley John/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 20th/Without Agreement</p> <p>Manning Julia/<i>Sabrina</i>/-/-/-/-/February 22nd/Left without leave</p> <p>Homer Jane/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 22nd/To join husband</p> <p>Wade Mary/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 22nd/To join husband</p> <p>French Margaret/<i>Sabrina</i>/-/-/-/-/February 22nd/Died of Pulmonary Congestion</p> <p>Single Man</p> <p>Mclvor Donald/<i>Sabrina</i>/A Slaughter, Bulimba/General Servant/£12 per annum/Board & Lodgings/12/February 18th-</p> <p>Single Women</p> <p>McKasker Sarah/<i>Sabrina</i>/S Hartley, Brisbane/Nursemaid/3/6 per week/Board & Lodgings/3/February 28th-</p> <p>Cummings Sarah/<i>Sabrina</i>/Dr Alto, Warwick/General Servant/£20 per annum/Board & Lodgings/12/February 18th-</p> <p>Moriarty Honora/<i>James Fernie</i>/H Maxwell, Ipswich/General Servant/£20 per annum/Board & Lodgings/12/February 18th-</p> <p>Jenkins Louisa/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/February 20th/To her parents</p> <p>Abell Catherine/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/General Servant/£20 per annum/Board & Lodgings/6/February 20th/To her Parents</p> <p>Sargeant Agnes/<i>James Fernie</i>/Miss Wilson, Brisbane/General Servant/£20 per annum/Board & Lodgings/-/February 21st-</p> <p>Courtney Elizabeth/<i>James Fernie</i>/Miss Douglas, Kangaroo Point/General Servant/£14 per annum/3/February 23rd-</p> <p>Collins Elfrida/<i>James Fernie</i>/-/-/-/-/Aged 12, Died of Pulmonary disease</p> <p><u>Daily State of Immigrant Depot at Moreton Bay, during the Week ended Saturday, February 23rd 1856</u></p> <p>Number Received Into Depot Sunday 17th February – Saturday 23rd February = Nil</p> <p>Number Remaining in Depot:</p> <p>Sunday 17th: Married Males 126, Married Females 127, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 5, Females 26, Children 1-12yrs Males 74, Females 91, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 18</p>		

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				Immigration Office, Moreton Bay	1856 02 26	<p>Monday 18th: Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 126, Married Females 127, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 5, Females 26, Children 1-12yrs Males 74, Females 91, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 18</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males 12, Married Females 10, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 1, Females 3, Children 10-14yrs Males -, Females 4, Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females 2.</p> <p>Tuesday 19th: Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 114, Married Females 117, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 4, Females 23, Children 1-12yrs Males 74, Females 87, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 16</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males 3, Females 3, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males -, Females -, Children 10-1yrs Males -, Females 2, Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females 2</p> <p>Wednesday 20th: Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 111, Married Females 114, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 4, Females 23, Children 1-12yrs Males 74, Females 85, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 16</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males 5, Females 5, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males -, Females 1, Children 10-14yrs Males -, Females 1, Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females 1</p> <p>Thursday 21st: Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 106, Married Females 109, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 4, Females 22, Children 1-12yrs Males 74, Females 84, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 15</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males 1, Females 1, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males -, Females 2, Children 10-14yrs Males 3, Females 1, Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females -</p> <p>Friday 22nd: : Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 105, Married Females 108, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 4, Females 20, Children 1-12yrs Males 71, Females 83, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 15</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males 1, Females 5, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males -, Females 2, Children 10-14yrs Males 3, Females 4 Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females -</p> <p>Saturday 23rd: Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 104, Married Females 103, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 4, Females 20, Children 1-12yrs Males 68, Females 79, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 15</p> <p>Number Discharged from Depot: Married Males -, Females -, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males -, Females 1, Children 10-14yrs Males -, Females - Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females -</p> <p>Number Remaining in Depot: Married Males 104, Married Females 103, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards</p>		167-170

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				AC Kemball Assistant Immigrant Agent Moreton Bay		<p>Males 4, Females 19, Children 1-12yrs Males 68, Females 79, Under 1yr Males 9, Females 15</p> <p>Total Number Discharged from Depot During Week: Married Males 22, Females 24, Unmarried Adults 14yrs & Upwards Males 1, Females 7, Children 10-14yrs Males 6, Females -12, Children 1-10yrs Males -, Females -, Under 1yr Males -, Females 3. Signed A.C.Kemball</p> <p>Enclosure referred to in Immigration Agent's Letter to CS of 8th March 1856 & At top No 56/129 Referring to your letter of 19th Inst, 56-85, enclosing a petition from certain immigrants in Brisbane Depot praying to be assisted in procuring them employment, I have honour to acquaint you that at your desire I have submitted matter to Local Board who are of opinion that statement of petitioners with regard to scarcity of employment in this district, especially for large families is substantially true & that there are doubtless married immigrants in Depot who would be materially benefitted by removal to a district where employment could be more readily procured & whose cases are entitled to your consideration. As I am intrinsically acquainted with merits of their respective cases, Board has deputed me to select such as may appear to be worthy of recommendation & result will be reported to you by Board next week. In mean time, I beg leave to offer some remarks on petition in question & to refer you to memorandums I have pencilled against each signature in the petition & which in compliance with your request I herewith return. To test sincerity of second named on list, I asked him if he would be willing to go to Wide Bay or Port Curtis & his refusal coupled with my previous observations convinces me that primary object of this man, like many others, is to be forwarded to Sydney. Petitioners have not truly represented their own cases excepting those of Cahill, but of Courtney especially. Grievances which "Sabrina's" people are represented to have endured by loss of their bedding is much exaggerated, to large families particularly these proceeding to a considerable distance, I have taken upon myself to allow bedding which has been supplied by Government & some have been taken away without any permission, hay having been abstracted to facilitate robbery. I beg leave further to observe that statement made by these applicants that their offers to employers have been constantly refused, must be received with considerable limitation. Still, it is undeniable that there is not at present employment in this district for men with large families & expense of conveying them to a distance is an objection offered by most employers.</p> <p>Enclosure referred to in Immigration Agent's Letter to CS of 8th March 1856. No56/129 Name of Ship/ Date of Departure-Sydney/Date of Arrival/Number of Immigrants arrived (Souls/Adults) "Chowringhee"/18th July/16th November/329/286 ½ "Kate"/ 16th August/4th December/322/289 "Cressy"/12th September/6th January/435/384</p>		171

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						<p>"Morayshire"/19th October/19th January/323/282 Total Souls 1672. Total Adults 1485 Name of Ship/ Date of Departure-Moreton Bay/Date of Arrival/Number of Immigrants arrived (Souls/Adults) "Conrad"/25th July/22nd November/334/279 ½ "Ramillies"/25th July/19th November/283/235 "Sabrina"/9th August/27th November/273/230 "Fortune"/4th September/8th December/224/192 ½ "James Fernie"/23rd October/24th January/413/350 Total Souls 1527. Total Adults 1287</p>		
	56/00391	1856 01 14	Hon C S	Hutchinson Hothersall Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1856 01 12	<p>Letter transmitting copy of letter from Assistant Immigration Agent at Moreton Bay reporting on Petition from certain Immigrants per "Conrad" in Depot, praying that they may be sent to Sydney With reference to my letter of 31st Ultimo, returning a Petition from certain immigrants per "Conrad" in the Depot at Moreton Bay, praying that they may be sent to Sydney in order to obtain employment & informing you that I had communicated with Assistant Immigration Agent there on subject, I now do myself honour to transmit to you herewith for information of His Excellency, Governor General a copy of Dr Kembal's reply, expressing his opinion that Petitioners have no claim on Government to be afforded facilities for proceeding to Sydney, a view of the case in which I beg to add, I fully concur. & Notes in Margin No 56/13 Former Papers16th 56/32 Enclosed</p>	A2.36	172-175 (page 173 duplicated page 174)
				E D T	1856 01 19	Nothing more appears necessary, unless any reply may be considered necessary to memorial in 56/32		
				W D	1856 01 21 1856 01 24	The Petitioners may be informed that it is not in my power to grant their request. Petitioners 56/2405		
				Immigration Office, Moreton Bay A C Kembal	1856 01 02	<p>Enclosure referred to in Immigration Agent's letter to Hon CS of 12th January 1856. No 56/13 In reply to your letter of 27th Ult, requiring me to report to you for information of His Excellency, Governor General, my opinion relative to a Petition, a copy of which you have forwarded me, from certain Immigrants per "Conrad" praying that they might be forwarded to Sydney by Government, I have now honour to state that I do not feel it my duty to recommend that such a course be adopted. There are immigrants in Depot who have I believe, suffered some injustice in being sent here instead of to Sydney & for which Port their embarkation orders were originally granted. An arrangement they consented to under supposition that Sydney was not very distant from Moreton Bay, but I am not aware that any of Petitioners in question have claims to your consideration on such grounds.</p>		176-177
	56/00032	1856 01 02	Hon C S	Immigration Office, Sydney H H Browne	1855 12 31	<p>Letter returning Petition from Immigrants per "Conrad" requesting that they be sent to Sydney to find employment. & Also at top No55/667</p>	A2.36	178-180

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	56/00032			Moreton Bay	1856 01 03~ 1855 12 18	<p>I am forwarding to you herewith enclosed Petition from certain immigrants per "Conrad" in Depot at Moreton Bay, requesting that they may be sent to Sydney as they are unable to procure employment in district in which they at present reside, which was referred to me under His Excellency's Minute of 24th instant. I do myself honour to state for information of His Excellency, Governor General, that as I have referred a copy of Petition to Assistant Immigration Agent at Brisbane for his report, I must defer making reply until I receive that officer's answer.</p> <p>& Notes in margin – Read 56/391</p> <p>& at top Immigration 55/5954 27th December 1855 Petition from immigrants Moreton Bay We immigrants of late ship "Conrad", most humbly petition your honour hoping you would be so good as to do something for us in way of getting us labour to support us & our families. We humbly beg you will take into your kind consideration that we have been now in Depot at Moreton Bay or Brisbane for last month without an offering of even 1 shilling or a place to earn one. We most humbly beg as there are some of our friends in Sydney, you would take some of your humble petitioners off hands of Governor by sending us to Sydney where we hope to get employment there is no person here either willing to give us food or an opportunity to work for it. Honourable Sir, we conclude begging to remain Sir your humble petitioners. (Signatures of Petitioners) Patrick Sheeny, James Ryan, Morris Mulcahy, Thomas Bremigen, Thomas Long John Reddy, Thomas Kelly, John Gorman, Francis Drew, Timothy Rennon ? & Notes in Margin Refer to Immigration Agent</p>		181-182
	56/03354	1856 04 07	His Ex Sir William Thomas Denison			<p>Praying that immigrants per "Phoebe Dunbar" may be retained in district. 56/3260 Other papers today See minutes in 56/3260 56/3170 - 56/3260 - 56/3354 Memorial of undersigned inhabitants of North & South Brisbane & Moreton Bay generally respectfully sheweth: That your Memorialists have been informed that emigrant ship "Phoebe Dunbar" is shortly expected to arrive in Port of Brisbane with emigrants from.....for Moreton Bay district. That it is with extreme regret your Memorialists have heard that it is intention of Colonial Government to alter destination of said ship on ground of labour market of this district being overstretched. That however such an impression may have been communicated to Government it is erroneous & that if intention of withdrawing said ship & her emigrants from this district be carried out it will inflict great injury & inconvenience not only on your Memorialists but upon every employer of labour in most remote part of Moreton Bay.</p>	A2.36	183-186 [184 & 185 not numbered]

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						<p>That said impression is erroneous on following grounds, namely emigrants remaining in Barracks at South Brisbane are comparatively few & of a description wholly unsuited to wants of employers in district & further that incapable as they are almost whole of them actually refuse to engage with Masters in bush or residing at any distance from towns except in terms so extravagantly high that employer cannot afford to employ them without a great pecuniary sacrifice – that fact of their being permitted to reside in Emigration Barracks, rationed by Government for an indefinite period of time enables them to make their own terms with employers – that there is no real scarcity of employment for labourers, even in towns & although your Memorialists keep strictly in view justice of compensation for labour yet average rate of wages throughout district is not yet at such a fair medium rate as would confer equal advantages on employed & employer.</p> <p>That your Memorialists admit that some months ago labour market of Moreton Bay was sufficient to an extent greater than necessities of district then required, but that such a result was owing to an improper arrangement on part of officials connected with Emigration Department either here or in England, whereof 4 or 5 emigrant ships arrived in this port within a few weeks of each other.</p> <p>That however, such surplus amount of labour now ceases to exist & vexations as above mentioned arrangement was, its results have passed away & district likely soon to suffer for want of efficient & able bodied labourers.</p> <p>That your Memorialists have been informed & believe it has been officially notified to authorities resident at Brisbane that no emigrant ship save “Phoebe Dunbar” is to be sent to District of Moreton Bay during year 1856.</p> <p>That under these circumstances withdrawing of above named ship & her emigrants from her original destination would be a grievance universally felt over whole of this district & inflict serious injury on undersigned & entire labour employers of District of Moreton Bay & that such injustice would be more keenly felt by reason of its having arisen through bad management of those whose duty it was to take care that this district should be periodically supplied at such stated intervals as would have kept up a continual influx adequate to necessities of employers & particularly as evils resulting from such bad management are passing away,</p> <p>Your Memorialists therefore most respectfully pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to take above premises into your favourable consideration & order that emigrant ship “Phoebe Dunbar” on her arrival at Port of Brisbane land emigrants & direct that such emigrants when landed be placed at disposal of emigration authorities for hire in District of Moreton Bay according to established regulations.</p> <p>And, your Memorialists will ever pray, etc etc etc.</p> <p>Signed: William B Tooth, Daniel F Roberts, J Harris, Archibald Young, Leith Hay, R J Smith, Frederick N Isaac, Frederick W Bigge, William James, Thomas Boyland, George Raff, John Petrie, N Bartley, Charles J Trundle, George Holt, James Bartley, Joseph Allison, James Swann, ? ?, John Markwell, R S Warry, James Morton, Thomas Alford, Henry G Weaver, Richard Ash Kingsford, Edward B Southerden, C E Vyvyan, Francis Ede, John Fowles, Thomas Slaughter, Henry Buckley, John Cameron, J Thompson, J H Thompson, William Pettigrew, Francis Dunlop, David McKernan, John Kelly, William Sim, William Wright, James Shekelton?, Thomas Clacher, Charles Denyer,</p>		

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						Alexander Cameron, Robert Little, B Griffin, James Sutherland, Robert Aland, Nott & Edwards, Charles Trundle, Aldred Trundle, William H Sneyd?, George Jones, William Mason, John Campbell, Robert Cribb, John Williams, Davie Peattie, Benjamin Cribb, William Southerden, John Innes, Jeremiah Scanlan, ? Druitt ?, William Higginson, James H Robertson, H Bulgin, John Fielding, John Hardgrave, Patrick Mayne, John Wright, Robert Scott, John Cooling, D R Somerset, A J Hockings, William Hendren, Thomas Clark, Thomas Lude, John Wilson, Robert Douglas, George Appel, Pollet Cardew, R ? , George D Webb, William Sheehan, R St Hill, J G Cribb, A Rode, William Kent, Alexander McIntyre, William Warren, G Pengalen? & Co, James L Scott, James Orr, John McCabe, W Connolly, R Souter, Robert McDougal, William Elliott, George Christie, J Williams, Ambrose Eldridge, R Towns & Co, ? Goodes, W Smith, K Cannan, A I Henderson, R R MacKenzie, CF Gerler, George L Pratten, Samuel Taylor Kerfoot.		
	56/03481	1856 04 12	Hon C S	Government Resident's Office, Moreton Bay J C Wickham, Government Resident	1856 04 08	Letter enclosing Application for Certificate of Naturalisation I have honour to forward for consideration of His Excellency, Governor General, an application from person named in margin, for a certificate of naturalisation. Name in Margin F Walker / Francis Walker & Notes in Margin Prepare Certificate for approval Certificate prepared 56/156 Government Resident, Brisbane, Prothonotary, Supreme Court Colonial Treasurer, Auditor General, Mr Walker	A2.36	187
				W L	1856 04 12~ 1856 04 14 1856 04 24 1856 04 01	[PRINTED FORM] Memorial, or Application for a Certificate of Naturalisation To His Excellency, Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, Knight Companion of Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor General of all Her Majesty's Australian Possessions, & Captain General & Governor-in-Chief of Territory of New South Wales & its Dependencies &c., &c., &c. 1 Memorial of Francis Walker of Brisbane Moreton Bay, respectfully sheweth, that your Memorialist is a native of Flores Western Islands. 2 That your Memorialist is 28 years of age & is a Boatman in Harbour Master's Department, Moreton Bay. 3 That your Memorialist arrived in Colony of New South Wales, by ship Rajah Gopaul in year 1852 & has been resident therein since that date. 4 That your Memorialist begs to refer your Excellency to annexed Certificate of character & of correctness of statements herein contained from respectable persons to whom your Memorialist has been known since his arrival in Colony. 5 That your Memorialist, being married to an English woman & desirous of remaining permanently in Colony, hopes to be permitted to enjoy privileges of a British Subject & that on these grounds your Memorialist is desirous of availing himself of privileges granted to Aliens by Acts of Council, 11 Victoria, No 39, & 17 Victoria, No 8. 6 That your Memorialist therefore respectfully requests that your Excellency may be pleased to grant to your Memorialist a Certificate under provisions of said Act, conferring upon your Memorialist privileges of a natural born British		188

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						Subject, with such restrictions as to your Excellency may seem meet. And your Petitioner will ever pray. Signature Francis X his mark, Walker – Witness WH Geary Dated April 1 st 1856 We, undersigned, do hereby certify as to correctness of statements contained in subjoined Memorial, that we have known Memorialist Francis Walker since year 1852 & believe him to be a person of respectable character. WH Geary JP Harbour Master, John Brewster JP, William Thornton HM Customs		
	56/03480	1856 04 11	Hon C S	Royal Hotel, Sydney C C MacDonald	1856 04 10	With reference to conversation I had with you yesterday evening relative to Magistrates of Gayndah, I now beg to inform you that unless other gentlemen are at once appointed, consequences to Burnett District will be very serious indeed as there will now be no magistrate near village or nearer than 60 or 70 miles. Under these circumstances I respectfully venture to recommend Mr Clement F Lawless, of Burnett District as a proper person to be appointed to Commission of Peace; as also, Mr Alexander Galbraith of Barrandowan Burnett District. I have already ascertained that Mr Clement F Lawless will act if appointed. I should not have taken liberty of addressing you on this subject, but I see importance of immediately finding & appointing substitutes & as oldest Magistrate in District, I imagine I am only doing my duty in submitting names of above two gentlemen to your notice. & Notes in Margin CC MacDonald Urgent necessity for appointing fresh Magistrates for Gayndah Bench. 56/3010 Magistrates Gayndah Resigning Commission of Peace Former papers are perhaps with MF They are with Ex Council Stand over for a week or so. In meantime, acknowledge & say that this has been laid before Governor General. Mr MacDonald Resubmitted I concluded that this may now be submitted to Executive Council, as inconvenience May be felt if District be longer left without a sufficient number of Magistrates. Yes BC Noted <u>Executive</u> 56/290 – 5 May 1856	A2.36	189-190
	56/03483	1856 04 12	Hon C S	Government Resident's Office, Moreton Bay J C Wickham, Government Resident	1856 04 08	Letter enclosing Statement from Immigration Agent respecting complaints from immigrants. & Also at top 56/157 With reference to your letter of 26 th Ult No 56/2805, respecting a complaint from immigrants of treatment at Depot for my report thereon, I have honour to forward to you statement of Immigration Officer at this Port to the principal facts contained in which I am enabled to bear full testimony.	A2.36	191

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	56/03483		Government Resident	Immigration Office A C Kemball	1856 04 15 1856 04 07	<p>& Notes in Margin Sufficient Government Resident</p> <p>Also at Top 56/99 I have honour to acknowledge your letter of 26th Instant enclosing an anonymous statement purporting to be from immigrants in this Depot & which you have requested me to report upon for information of His Excellency, Governor General. I deeply regret that I should be called on to answer an anonymous attack, especially one of so low a character as that in question, further than to give it a general denial & declaring it to be a bate & infamous statement throughout. You can bear testimony to anxiety I shared with you & exertions I used in proceeding by every possible means, for comfort & health of immigrants whilst in quarantine & this can be further attested by a reference to my lengthened instructions to Surgeon Superintendent in charge & which were all most zealously carried out by him. Immigrants were supplied with 10 "Bell Tents" & 2 bolts of stout canvas (tarpaulin not being procurable), various tools for trenching, besides sails & awnings from ship (some of which were mischievously cut). They received altogether, whilst on island, 4 days excess of rations, exclusive of certain provisions from vessel when contrary winds delayed the cutter's arrival with contractor's supply. Medical comforts of every kind were liberally provided & a surplus returned. I proceeded in steamer engaged to fetch these people from island for purpose of hastening their embarkation & I was surprised to witness extent of comfort which had been secured to them. All were under cover either of canvas or well thatched huts, fresh bread had been daily supplied, yeast having been provided for that purpose by means of a brick oven which remained in a dilapidated building. More than usual healthy appearance of these people with scarcely an exception was remarked by local Immigration Board & <u>alluded to in their report</u>. Beds were burned by order of health officer. By great exertions on my part, 72 beds with blankets were provided at a short notice for use of immigrants on their arrival in Depot with an addition of 52 received afterwards from Sydney. I have on my own responsibility supplied bed & bedding to those who have engaged to proceed to a considerable distance, with families. Of supply above mentioned not half remain as a considerable portion of them have been stolen from Depot. Statement made with reference to immigrants filling up a stagnant hole is, if not equally void of truth, most craftily misrepresented. One man recovering from fever was employed on this occasion & labour was divided under direction of constables equally amongst all in Depot & completed in a few hours. I had occasion to cause immigrants to be mustered before me & I certainly & unequivocally let them know, but not in absurd language attributed to me, that I would be their "Master". There can be no doubt as to who is writer of letter in question – one of those who signed a petition to Immigration Agent containing statements, fallibility of which I fully explained to that gentleman – petitioners being foiled in their object – that of gaining a free passage to Sydney, rather</p>		192–195

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						than employment, have endeavoured to excite sympathy of His Excellency, Governor General through agency of one of worst characters in Depot. & Notes in Margin Letter Referred to Enclosed		
	56/02805	1856 03 26	Hon C S	Brisbane Depot, Moreton Bay	1856 03 18	Letter complaining of treatment whilst in Moreton Bay Depot. <i>Translation of original letter which was written using poor English and grammar:</i> May it please your Excellency to peruse following where you can see Commissioner's doings. We are writing, seeking some redress of our grievances. After 110 days passage of ship "Sabrina", passengers then received 46 days quarantine. Men, women & children on that island without any covering over them but branches of trees to screen us from 50 hours continual rain. Bewailing to their fate is added to their miseries, they were kept on half allowances while there. When leaving Island, their beds were burned & when they came to Depot, several of them had to buy their beds. Such of them that left, went bedless with few exceptions. Your Agent, Mr Kemball called us a set of paupers. First morning in Brisbane that we spent there, he then called us together. He said he would allow no one to speak to him, from Bishop of Canterbury to Pope of Rome, even Prince Albert, that he was his own master here & he ordered "Sabrina" men, some of which were after recovering from fever to go into a filthy hole where nuisance of Depot was told he should clean it out. So he did. He ordered "Conrad" ship's passengers to level banks. Poor men & their families, those 17 weeks idle themselves & their children. We, surely as naked as blacks, "Sabrina" passengers are here 10 weeks. However, here we are those 13 weeks, no one to ask us where we were going to. Here is situation of Moreton Bay immigrants. We were invited to come to New South Wales 18,000 miles from their native soil & after coming, to be treated as convicts. Is there Army law in this country or are we transported to this country for having good characters? We sent several letters to Commissioners & got no answer. See, your Excellency, the state of poor immigrants idle those 18 weeks. Able men, but as they were married, they are not wanted. If we are left here much longer, we must Petition Home Government, but we hope you will take us into consideration & get some employment for us. There is no employment here. We remain your faithful servants. We pray that Your Excellency, if you don't believe those lines, that you will hold an investigation & give us a fair trial. There is none employed here this last week altogether still, but such as their friends paid their fare to some other. Good God, will we have to stay idle here until we turn naked like wild blacks? If your humane honour takes us into consideration, strangers on your shore as we are & loyal subjects at your command, we shall for Your Excellency ever pray. & Notes in Margin Refer to Immigration Agent for statement of number of immigrants in Brisbane Depot for approval [notes difficult to read]	A2.36	196-199
				W D	1856 03 26			
	56/03509	1856 04 12	Hon C S	Brisbane	1856 04 08	Also at Top	A2.36	200-201

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				Thomas Clacher	1856 05 14~ 1856 05 14 1856 05 16 1856 05 20	T Clacher For Deeds Request for Title Deed I do myself honour to remind you that I sent you a letter on or about 5 th February last enclosing receipt for an allotment of land I purchased at South Brisbane, requesting that title deeds of same might be prepared. Now, as I have not received any acknowledgement of your having got that letter, or observed any notification of deed referred to being prepared, I humbly request that you will facilitate preparation of same as much as possible. & Notes in Margin Present this. Deed not prepared – Report of sale sent to Surveyor General 7 th instant. Inform him that deed is now prepared in office of Surveyor General who has been requested to expedite one herefore to. Write to Surveyor General Mr T Clacher, Surveyor General		
	56/01813					Printed copy Receipt of land purchase: No 169 I. 17. New South Wales Crown Lands Office Brisbane 24 th July 1855 Received from Thomas Clacher the sum of twenty seven pounds, eighteen shillings, and ----- pence Sterling, being the balance of price of undermentioned Land, sold at Brisbane 26 th June, 1855. County Stanley Situation Lot 8. S. Brisbane Allot: 10, Sec: 7 Extent 36 perches £27.18.0 Stg. Received Deposit £3.2.0 Signed: J C Wickham Government Resident Official stamp Treasury New South Wales	A2.36	202
	56/01813	1856 02 23	Hon C S	Not signed	1856 02 14 1856 02 25	Also at top T Clacher For Deeds I do myself honour to request that title deeds of land belonging to me (receipt for which I now enclose) be prepared. & Also at bottom - 56/3509 Mr M		203-204
	56/03539	1856 04 15	Hon C S	Colonial Architect's Office, Sydney Alexander Dawson	1856 04 14	Letter Respecting works required at Custom House, Brisbane & Also at top 56/69 With reference to enclosed communication from Collector of Customs, applying for authority to expend £100 in repairs at Custom House, Brisbane; referred to me on 10 th instant. I do myself honour to state that there does not appear to be any objection to expenditure of sum specified for works that are needful for preservation of building, but as more than half of estimate furnished by Mr Duncan is for erection of a housekeeper's room, necessity for which is not shown, I would	A2.36	205-206

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				W E	1856 01 30	Notes in Margin Auditor General with reference to fund - BC To be returned Official stamp Audit Office, New South Wales No 136 Jan 31		
				W D	1856 02 13 1856 02 18	An estimate of cost to be furnished if within vote, can be carried out. Collector 56/2903		
				J S	1856 01 31 1856 02 02~ 1856 02 02~ 1856 02 03~ 1856 03 11~	I find that in the estimate of £6000, voted for casual repairs, alterations & additions to colonial public buildings, is comprised sum of £50 for Custom House, Brisbane. This is only provision for their works - BC Entered (Clerk's initials) Returned CSO There is no estimate furnished of cost of what is required. Is this proper course of proceeding in such cases? In repairs of buildings, application ought to be made direct to Colonial Architect. This rule may however, perhaps, be scarcely applicable to Moreton Bay.		
	56/03573	1856 04 15	Hon C S	Gayndah George Delhoshe	1856 03 30 1856 04 22	Letter from George Delhoshe, applying for appointment as Clerk of Petty Sessions. Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions for this township, having become vacant, I humbly beg permission to offer myself as a candidate for it. I would respectfully remind His Excellency of his promise to serve one in a petition that I received last November from Private Secretary. Humbly awaiting His Excellency's reply. & Notes in Margin A clerk has been already appointed. To be informed Mr Delhoshe	A2.36	212
	56/03616	1856 04 14	Hon C S	Commissariat Sydney John ?? Price D.A.C.G.	1856 04 14	Letter with respect to amount due Brisbane Hospital & Also at top No 321 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 th Inst, respecting an amount due Brisbane Hospital, Moreton Bay, on account of medical treatment of a prisoner of Crown, named T Standen & I beg to inform you that I have this day paid amount in question, £3/13/- to credit of that institution at Bank of Australasia. I regret delay which has occurred in regard to this matter, but it was referred to DCG Coxworthy at Melbourne & I only received amount from him on Saturday last. & Notes in Margin 56/125 Papers retained by Mr Price Inform secretary Treasurer	A2.36	213
	55/12299	1855 12 05	Hon C S	Commissariat Sydney John P Price D.A.C.G.	1855 12 04	Letter claiming costs for hospital treatment of a British Convict & Also at top	A2.36	214-215

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						<p>No 237 Referring to my memo of 24th ultimo, respecting sum of £3/13/- claimed by Brisbane Hospital for treatment of British Convict in that establishment, named Titus Standen, from 6th to 10th August 1853, I do myself honour to enclose for your information voucher on which payment was made duly receipted by Mr Duncan, Treasurer. I would beg favour of your returning me voucher at your convenience. & Notes re above Enclosure may be sent to Secretary, Brisbane Hospital with a request that he will have it carefully returned by first opportunity. 56/125 with Mr Price On 1st January</p>		
	55/11809			Commissariat Sydney John P Price D.A.C.G.	1855 11 24	<p>Memo Amount referred to in these papers as chargeable on Commissariat Sheets appears to have been paid by accounts of this department on 30th June 1854, but in reference to Bank of Australasia they state that no such sum was received on Mr Duncan's account. I have therefore sent to Melbourne to obtain vouchers for its receipt which I hope, will be able to trace to whom amount in question was paid. Returned CSO 26th November 1855~ Secretary 13th December 1855 & Notes re above [part obscured] Brisbane....& state that he will be appraised of result of inquiry on receipt of further report from Deputy Assistant Commissary General – 1st Secretary Brisbane District Hospital – 5th December 1855 55/12299</p>	A2.36	216-217
	55/11809	1855 11 20	Acting C S	Principal Superintendent Convict Office, Sydney Thomas Ryan Chief Clerk	1855 11 19	<p>Letter respecting clam for £3/13/0 medical treatment of Convict, Titus Standen, in Brisbane Hospital & Also at top: No55/81 Referring to your letter No 262, dated 14th instant, requesting to be informed what was done in matter of an account, which was forwarded to me in your letter dated 16th January 1854, amounting to £3/13/-, for treatment of convict named in margin [name in margin – Titus Standen per "Bangalore" (an Imperial Convict)], whilst an inmate of Public Hospital at Brisbane. 2 I have honour to inform you that account alluded to was returned in my letter No 54/8, addressed to you on 19th January 1844, with a recommendation that His Excellency, Governor General would be pleased to authorise claim to be paid from Military Chest. & Notes in Margin</p>		218-219
				W V	1855 11 21~			
				W Elyard for C S	1855 11 22~ 1855 11 23~	<p>55/10935 Amount was forwarded to Commissariat for payment on 15th February last (1854). Enquiries should perhaps be made whether sum is payable – 22 November Assistant Commissary General first will perhaps report. – BC</p>		

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				C D R	1855 10 31	<p>£3/13/- mentioned in same paragraph cannot be traced. It appears to have been referred to Principal Superintendent of Convicts & was probably admitted as a Commissariat Charge-Blank Cover Returned CSO £4/18/- £3/13/- Treatment of Walker & Sherry 12/- Treatment of Mr Moyes £4/5/6 = \$4/17/6 Treatment of George Rogers £4/18/- Treatment of Titus Standen, Convict £3/13/- = £13/8/6 & Notes [at end page 223] Secretary may perhaps be informed in accordance with Auditor General's report. 55/11809 & [at end of letter] Ask Colonial Treasurer if these sums are now payable at Treasury. If they are, inform Mr Duncan in accordance with Auditor General's report. Sum of £3/13/- however, is not accounted for by Auditor General.</p>		
	53/06459	1853 07 25	Hon C S	Brisbane Hospital Secretary, William Wilkes W E FLS Merewether	1853 07 09 1853 08 10~ 1853 08 10~ 1853 09 07 1853 09 08~ 1853 09 08~ 1853 09 17	<p>Letter enclosing accounts against Government. I have honour herewith to enclose accounts against Government, for treatment of patients in Brisbane Hospital, as per margin: Immigrants 1852 Elizabeth Poulton - £2/3/6 Elizabeth McDonald - £1/11/6 ? Wollingdale - £/10/- = £6/5/- Distressed Seamen 1852 Captain Walker & Frank Sherry – 12/- Destitute Person 1853 William Moyes - £4/5/6 = £11/2/6 & to request that you will be kind enough to cause amount due to be paid into Bank of Australasia to credit of W A Duncan Esq, Treasurer if this institution. & Notes in Margin Auditor General-Blank Cover Noted To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office New South Wales No 641 AU*10 Amounts having been found correct have been placed in warrant-Blank Cover Returned CS Office Inform Secretary [55/10935]</p>	A2.36	225
	54/02295	1854 03 13	Hon C S	Brisbane Hospital Secretary	1854 03 08	<p>In acknowledging receipt of your letter of 7th ultimo, appraising me that His Excellency, Governor had given instructions for payment of certain accounts as per margin: Immigrants - £6/0/6 George Rogers £4/18/- due to Brisbane Hospital, I have herewith honour to inform you that you (apparently inadvertently) enclosed to me your vouchers for that payment, viz certified accounts receipted by Treasurer of this institution. I have now, therefore, honour to return those documents.</p>	A2.36	226

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	54/00450			Auditor General C A F W Wilkes, Assist Auditor General	1854 01 29 1854 01 21 1854 02 07	Charges are same as those previously submitted, with exception of that for bedding & clothing destroyed in treatment of George Rogers £3. Expenses of treatment & funeral of two immigrants £6/0/6 are chargeable to Territorial Revenue. Expenses of George Rogers, distressed British subject, £4/18/-, properly form a charge on vote for unforeseen expenses, General Revenue.£10/18/6 Returned CS Office Approved 54/3295		
	56/03652				1856 05 07 1856 05 07~ 1856 05 12	A copy of letter to Mr Rowley must be sent for information of Bench Bench Also to Colonial Treasurer & Auditor General Auditor General Colonial Treasurer	A2.36	232
	56/03652	1856 04 16	Hon C S	G H Rowley 81 Harrington Street Sydney W V W E F L S Merewether	1856 04 14 1856 04 10~ 1856 04 21	Letter respecting refundment of charges incurred by Bench of Ipswich in defending a writ of prohibition. I have honour to lay before His Excellency, Governor General following facts & to request that he may be pleased to afford his compliance with request to which they may lead. In month of October last, Government, on petition of Bench of Magistrates at Ipswich presented to it – was pleased favourably to entertain their prayer & to order reimbursement of sum of £37/12/- - amount of Law charges incurred in defending a Writ of Prohibition - sued against them in a certain case known as “Epiphany Case”. Mr Alfred Sandeman of Darling Downs was presiding Magistrate on Bench of occasion above referred to & being such, personally engaged professional services of Messrs Spain & Young Solicitors of this city to conduct case. The Bill of Costs of Messrs Spain & Young, forming an exhibit attached to Warrant now in hands of Colonial Treasurer, amounting to £37/12/- & being exact amount ordered to be refunded is made out by that firm as against Mr Alfred Sandeman as their receipt at foot thereof further & most efficiently testifies. As Agent of Mr Sandeman, I was requested by that gentleman to receive this money but was instructed at Audit Office to obtain his special formal order, ere it could be surrendered – this, after lapse of time, I received & I am now informed that Warrant being drawn in conformity with His Excellency’s Minute in favour of “the Bench of Magistrates” , individual receipts of the Body then constituting that Tribunal must indispensably be obtained – a matter I believe, at this period, likely to be full of difficulty – probably impossible – doubtless involving very large delay. I have therefore honour to request, as Agent of Mr Sandeman, that His Excellency in his judgement of the facts submitted, may be pleased to desire that a Warrant do issue in favour of Mr Sandeman on his order. & Notes in margin Returned for report of Auditor General. Blank Cover To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office NSW – No 400 Ap*22		233-234

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	55/10697	1855 10 15	Hon C S	Police Office, Ipswich Alfred Sandeman JP, J Leith Hay JP, Pollet Cardew JP, John Rankin JP, William McT Dorsey JP, John Panton JP	1855 09 21 1855 10 15~	Papers were with Law Office, with reference to some proceedings pending against W Vigors. Re letter of 20 th January – relating to Surveyor Vigors & his party. We have honour to draw your attention to a letter – copy of which we enclose – signed by fourteen Magistrates of Territory. 2 In doing so, we beg to enquire why no answer has been vouchsafed to a communication signed by such a numerous body of the Magistrates of Territory & if we are yet to look for any reply. & Notes in margin 55/10416 with Mr Vallack. Other papers retained by Law Officers. 55/10416 With Auditor General. Expense has been authorised – letter dated 15 th October Ask for this – immediate Note sent to Law Office for all papers to be returned to this office. Herewith 55/11515		241-242
	55/10697			W V W H H B	1855 10 15~ 1855 10 16~ 1855 10 17~ 1855 10 19~			
				Police Office, Ipswich Alfred Sandeman, Pollet Cardew, James Laidley, John Rankin, Frederick Bigge, William McT Dorsey, Joshua Bell, T DeLacy Moffatt, John Panton, J Leith Hay, I D McLean	1855 01 20	We have honour as Magistrates of Bench of requesting your attention to documents relating to case brought forward by Mr Vigors as Surveyor of Roads & to state our opinion that there exists in a portion of this community, a wish to bring law & those who administer it, into contempt, & to produce social disorder & religious discussions in this place which has hereto before undisturbed by sectarian differences. Aware of extreme delicacy required in questions of this sort, we deem it right to submit documents, accompanied by these observations to your consideration in order, that by anticipation of movements of part alluded to, we may be advised by Law Officers of The Crown. We have therefore to refer you to papers forwarded by Colonel Gray, as establishing opinions expressed by us in this letter.		243-244
	55/10416	1855 10 06	Hon C S	J H Plunkett, Attorney General WM Manning, Solicitor General Sydney	1855 10 04	Letter respecting Bench of Magistrates, Ipswich re Memorialising to be indemnified for cost of defending their decision in case of Ryan v Vigors We consider that Mr Vigors & Magistrates are entitled to be relieved by Government from all costs incurred in resistance of Rule Nisi for a Prohibition. 2 It appeared from final decision of Supreme Court that Mr Vigors was justified in course which he pursued & in this course he was acting as a Public Officer in discharge of his duty. It also appeared by same decision that Magistrates had been quite right in decision which was subject of examination, under Rule Nisi for a Prohibition. 3 Employment of Messrs Spain & Young as Solicitors for Magistrates, preceded direction for defence by Law Officers & was continued afterwards in consequence (we presume) of previous Retainer, which Magistrates had no opportunity of countermanding from great distance at which they reside & of inconvenience & risk of entirely changing Solicitors during progress of proceedings. After direction for defence by Law Officers, matter was also taken up by Civil Crown Solicitor, who delivered a Brief to Attorney General. 4 It may perhaps be considered that these expenses may properly be treated as contingencies incidental to formation of roads under Mr Vigor's superintendence, since proceedings arose entirely out of steps taken by that gentleman, Under Colonel Gray's instructions, for compelling labourers under his orders to obey his lawful commands.	A2.36	245-248

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	55/10416			J H Plunkett, Attorney General Sydney	1855 10 18 1855 10 04	<p>P.S. Annexed will be bound for His Excellency, Governor General's information, a statement of circumstances under which this matter became known to Crown Law Office. JHP & Notes in margin 55/194 23rd April 1855 – Memorial herewith Former papers retained for purpose of defending an Action by M O'Connor, late Overseer Agent, Mr Vigors, Surveyor of Moreton Bay Roads. Auditor General Bench 55/10697 Return as requested.</p> <p>Bench of Magistrates, Ipswich, applying for cost of defending their decision in case Ryan v Vigors It appears Justices Messrs Sandeman, Cardew & Hay, placed this matter in hands of Messrs Spain & Young, Solicitors for purpose of acting on their behalf, without Crown Law Officers having previously received any intimation whatever respecting application for Prohibition & I have been informed Solicitor General happened to be in court when matter was called on & considering it a question in which Crown Law Officers assistance should be given, moved for a postponement of case which I believe was complied with on payment by Magistrates of five guineas, costs of postponement. Subsequently, a doubt arose between Attorney General & Solicitor General, whether under whole circumstances, this was a question in which their services should be given, but it was ultimately arranged that Magistrates should be defended by Government. But, Messrs Spain & Young continued to act & gave Solicitor General a Brief for Justices. 2 Attorney General in his official capacity, also held a Brief for Magistrates, which was delivered to him by Civil Crown Solicitor, into whose hands Attorney General caused papers to be placed upon their receipt in this office, having been enclosed in Colonial Secretary's letter of 19th April last, No55/307, of which Crown Law Officer letter in reply of 23rd of same month informed Colonial Secretary. But, it does not appear in any way whatever that Attorney General refused to act on side of Magistrates, as stated in their Memorial to His Excellency, Governor General. & Notes in margin Circumstances connected with case ofvIpswich bench as called... on 55/9888 – herewith I can hardly make out ??? of this case but account may be paid out of sum ??? expenses. Auditor General Bench</p>		249-251
	55/09888	1855 09 19	William T Denison Governor General	Alfred Sandeman JP, Pollet Cardew JP, J Leith Hay JP	1855 09 05	<p>Memorial of Magistrates Memorial of undersigned, humbly sheweth – That your Memorialists beg to draw attention of Your Excellency to case of Ryan V Vigors, which arose out of Writ of Prohibition issued against them & which was decided in their favour by 3 judges.</p>	A2.36	252-254

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				W D C D R W D W E	1855 09 10~ 1855 09 20~ 1855 09 20~ 1855 09 21	<p>Your Memorialists were astonished, that notwithstanding decision in their favour, they were called upon to pay costs to the amount of £37/12/-.</p> <p>As your Memorialists in case above mentioned, only acted according to their conscience & as it has been proved, strictly in accordance with Law, they cannot see justice of their being amerced amount above stated.</p> <p>Your Memorialists beg to call Your Excellency's attention to fact that Attorney General, having refused to act on side of Magistrates, they were necessitated to continue services of Messrs Spain & Young to defend action, otherwise they would have been unprotected & these gentlemen's bill of costs amounting to sum of £37/12/- in consequence of refusal of Attorney General to act, your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause that sum to be placed upon estimates, in order that they may be relieved from what they cannot but look upon as a charge, which they have been unjustly called upon to pay.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Whatever circumstances, we ought to be careful as a general rule to support Magistrates. Bench – Ipswich</p> <p>Applying for cost of defending their decision in case Ryan v Vigors. It appears that Attorney General refused to act which appears strange, after writing in letter 55/3838 herewith. I think Magistrates ought to be supported & that sum of £37/12/- may be placed in estimates. Refer to Attorney General first Blank copy</p>		
	55/03838	1855 04 26	Hon C S	J H Plunkett, Attorney General W M Manning, Solicitor General	1855 04 23	<p>Letter reporting with respect to Writ of Prohibition in case of conviction of workmen hired for Ipswich Road Trust, for refusing to work.</p> <p>Also at top No55/70</p> <p>In replying to your letter of 19th instant, No301, transmitting a letter from Government Resident at Brisbane, forwarding on from Surveyor of Roads, respecting a Writ of Prohibition in case of conviction of certain workmen, hired for Ipswich Road Trust, for refusing to work, together with letter from Mr Vigors, stating he has received notice of proceedings by a late overseer of road party for compensation for having been discharged by Road Trust & wherein you inform us that this appears to His Excellency, Governor General, clearly a case which should be defended by Government.</p> <p>2 We have honour to state that as Governor General's directions are peremptory, we must of course act for Magistrates & we have accordingly placed papers in hands of Civil Crown Solicitor with instructions to act for Magistrates & Road Surveyor.</p> <p>3 Only question we presume which it will be proper to discuss upon motion for Prohibition is that as to whether The Epiphany is a legal holiday within this Colony, entitling (if not requiring) hired servants of all persuasions indiscriminately to abstain from bodily labour – as at present advised, we are disposed to think that it is, but we do not the less think that it is advisable to appear in opposition to motion, in order that question may be formally decided & decision be known to all persons throughout Colony.</p> <p>4 As yet there does not appear to be any action commenced by Overseer O'Connor for his dismissal. Should he take proceedings, Civil Crown Solicitor will prepare for defence & our services will be given.</p>	A2.36	255-257

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						<p>2 I regret that previous to your forwarding newspaper report, you had not referred to me as to accuracy of its statement as it is written in a spirit of hostility to Mr Vigors & to bench & contains statements at variance with truth, I allude to Moreton Bay Courier of last Saturday if that be paper you have sent.</p> <p>3 With reference to 3rd paragraph of your letter, I think you labour under a mistake relative to what took place with respect to Maurice O'Connor & will therefore state briefly to you what actually occurred. Some days previous to 6th January, O'Connor stated to Mr Vigors that men wished for a holiday on that day. Mr Vigors replied that he was not aware of customs in such cases, but that if other working people were granted a holiday on that day, he would give them one also, but at all events they might go to early prayers. On 6th Ultimo, overseer O'Connor reported to Mr Vigors that men refused to go to work, & on same he – O'Connor – laid informations before me to that effect. He at time made not slightest objection to prosecuting work party men under these informations, nor did he then state to me that he was of the same opinion with men. On day appointed for trial, overseer appeared & withdrew his informations at same time declining to prosecute them, stating that he was of same opinion with men. Bench made not slightest objection to withdrawal of informations, but Mr Vigors, as he had worked on Epiphany of 1854 with party of 30 men on Government works, looked upon their claim now set up as an ?? & determined on checking it at once, he proceeded therefore with prosecution against men of road party himself & summoned O'Connor as a witness, who gave his testimony fairly & freely as you will have seen by letters which I forwarded to you on 31st Ultimo. Course therefore pursued by Mr Vigors appears to have been perfectly legal & no attempt as far as I know was made to compel O'Connor to persecute men for following dictates of their conscience, he himself holding same opinion, censure therefore passed by you on Mr Vigors & Bench – with all deference to you – premature.</p> <p>4 With respect to illegality of proceeding owing to neither Mr Vigors nor presiding Magistrate seemingly, as you remark, to have been aware, that by present law of England, 6th January is a holiday of as strict obligation as Sunday itself, I must plead my own ignorance of this act, but it is not so stated in 1st Eliz. Cap2 nor in that of 3rd Chas 1st Cap 1st, nor in that of 29th Chas 2nd Cap 7. I shall feel obliged therefore by your pointing out to me for my further guidance & that of Bench, title & date of act from which you quote.</p> <p>5 It is quite clear however that Bench here do not present solitary instances of ignorance as to this law, as no one in this town whether storekeeper, shopkeeper or labourer seemed to be aware of existence of law in question, for all stores and shops were open that day & business transacted in them as on any other day in week & as far as I & others could observe there was no cessation from labour on that day, therefore Mr Vigors at same time that he gave such men as pleased liberty to attend early – indeed only - service on 6th January did not think himself justified in exempting men from labour for whole day – an indulgence which appeared to be neither claimed by not granted to others of labouring classes here.</p> <p>6 But on this head equal ignorance appears to prevail in Sydney, for in looking over issue of Sydney Morning Herald of 6th January, I find two theatres advertised as giving representations on evening of that day & no less than 10 advertisements of public auctions of every description of property, to be held in course of same day, 2 of these immediately opposite head Police Office, it seems strange, nay incomprehensible to me that if by law as it now exists, 6th</p>		

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			Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	Colonel C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1855 02 08	<p>January be required to be observed as strictly in a religious point of view as Sunday, how people dare to have theatrical representations on that day & hold public auctions under very noses of those charged with enforcement of observance of laws & more particularly of Sabbath & of course of 6th January as it is in same act & in same words, more particularly as bodily labour is punishable in same way if exercised on Sunday. Banks are open on 6th January, which is not marked as a holiday in Law Almanac sent down from Supreme Court for use of Bench here.</p> <p>7 Having thought it necessary in justification of Mr Vigors as prosecutor in case & of Bench generally to make a few remarks on your letter which have occurred to me, I cannot conclude without expressing my regret, my sorrow that anything should have occurred to endanger good feeling which has hitherto existed between different sects which compose population of this place & with you, I think it most desirable that question should at once be set at rest. For my own part during 17 years I have been in Colony, I have not known it claimed generally as a holiday, exempting from bodily labour.</p> <p>8 If Mr Vigors & Bench have erred which of course can only be decided by Government in Sydney, I can only say it was an error in judgement & on their parts, as well as on my own as trustee of road. I disclaimed most emphatically any intention of interfering in slightest degree with their religious observances, but seeing all else around us labouring at their vocation in that day we could see no reason why labourers of this particular party should be exempted from work & merely because they were in employ of Government, it was for this cause & for no other that matter was brought forward at all. Neither Mr Vigors, not Bench, nor I had any other object than protection of interests of Her Majesty's Government.</p> <p>At top 55/24 Letter from Police Magistrate Ipswich to Philip Doyne Vigors Esq, Surveyor of Moreton Roads No 1 I have had honour of receiving letter from Acting Government Resident Brisbane, relative to prosecution of men of road party for refusing to work on 6th January last.</p>		274-275
			Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	1855 02 09	<p>2 Underneath, I forward to you an extract from said letter which, as it refers entirely to you, I think it but right to bring under your notice – "2 With respect to newspaper report, it was just from necessity, not from advice, as Mr Vigors sent no copy of depositions, suppressed most material features of case (pleas of conscience on part of men) & made one direct misstatement, namely that overseer refused to give evidence, clearly proved to be such by your present letter & by ?? depositions accompanying your letter of 23rd Ultimo to Colonial Secretary."</p> <p>I have honour to transmit copy of letter received from Colonel Gray, containing an extract from a letter "from Acting Government Resident Brisbane" & I also enclose a copy of depositions taken here (on 17th Ultimo) relative to case alluded to, which as I was aware, were about to be forwarded by Police Magistrate to Government, was my reason for not entering more fully into case in my letter of 25th Ultimo.</p> <p>2 With regard to latter portion of paragraph in Colonel Gray's letter, I beg to</p>		276-277

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					1855 01 17	<p>state circumstances. On 10th Ultimo men summonsed attended at Police Office, but however, overseer was absent. A policeman was sent for him who when he returned reported to Magistrates (Col Gray, A Sandeman, J Laidley Esqs) that overseer refused to come to give his evidence. Subsequently when summonsed, he attended & gave his evidence I suppose being aware that his sworn information was in possession of Magistrates & that if he any longer refused, he would be liable to be committed for Contempt of Court.</p> <p>3 By my depositions it will be seen that work has carried on throughout town of Ipswich as on any other day when I saw shops belonging to Roman Catholics & also public houses open on that day.</p> <p>4 It will also be seen that I desired overseer to give any of men who wanted to attend morning prayers on 6th Ultimo, leave to do so as I wished to give them every facility to attend to their religious duties.</p> <p>5 With regard to that part of paragraph which charges me with having made a "direct misstatement", I must give this most unqualified denial.</p> <p>6 Having now stated circumstances & furnished true account of case, I trust you will think fit to withdraw expressions made us of towards myself in second paragraph of your letter to Colonel Gray, which are not warranted & are totally inaccurate on my part.</p> <p>Sworn statements in case of [partly obscured] Regina V Hanley (Stanley) & Others Present James Leith Hay JP, Alfred Sandeman JP, Pollet Cardew JP Masters & Servants Act Philip Doyne Vigors – Surveyor of roads, being duly sworn states:- My information taken on 12th instant & now read is true & correct. On afternoon of 5th Instant, I was returning from marking out a part of road under my charge & gave men directions about working on following morning. Some of men told me it was a holiday. I told men if it was a holiday & observed in town as such, they should have it also, but if others were at their work they must work also. One of men I think Welsh replied "very well". On following morning between 6 & 7 I heard Overseer Maurice O'Connor was at his own house. I sent for him & asked why he was not out with men. He said they were not at work. I desired him to go out at one to men & desire them to go on with work. If they did not do so, to come & report case to me. He went out & on his return he reported to me that men had refused to do any work. I sent them to Colonel Gray to report it. This was between hours of 9 & 10 o'clock in morning. I asked him if he had asked men individually. He said he had. I then went to Colonel Gray's house & reported circumstance to him. O'Connor came also. Colonel Gray told me to tell O'Connor to go to Police Office & wait there. He would be there at 10 o'clock. I have since seen a deposition given by Maurice O'Connor. On 5th Instant, I told O'Connor, Overseer that if any of men wished to attend to their religious duties on following day at morning service, they had my permission to do so. On morning of 6th Instant, on coming to Police Office, I both saw & heard business carried on everywhere. Some days previous to 6th Instant, I directed O'Connor to ascertain if 6th Instant was a Holy day. I repeated order on 6th and directed him to find out on that evening & to let me know. He did not do so.</p> <p>By Mr McAlister:-</p>		278–281

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				Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	1855 02 23	<p>O'Connor on occasion in question told me of Saturday being a Holy day. I don't remember O'Connor told me it was a Holiday in Catholic Church. I told him I knew that service was performed in Church of England as well as Roman Catholic Church, but I never knew it to be observed as a working holiday. I had not at time I sent for overseer on morning of 6th Instant ascertained that it was a holiday in Roman Catholic Church. I made enquiries from a great many parties as to whether day was a holiday. They all said not. I did not ask Mr Ginty, Roman Catholic Priest. Of my own knowledge, I am not aware if Defendant Hanley was at work on 6th Instant or whether he attended prayers at Roman Catholic Church on that day.</p> <p>(Signed) Philip D Vigors Sworn to before us this 17th January 1855 Signed Alfred Sandeman, Pollet Cardew, Walter Hay JP's Maurice O'Connor - Government Overseer of Roads being duly sworn states:- John Hanley on 6th Instant refused to obey any orders in not doing any work upon roads upon that day. He told me it was a holiday in his church. I have been in Colony since last September. Hanley refused to do any work on said 6th Instant.</p> <p>Mr Vigors:- You told me on 3rd Instant that men had told you that 6th Instant was a holiday in Roman Catholic Church. You directed me to ascertain whether it was a general holiday. I saw every man about town working on 6th Instant. You told me that you were aware that there was service performed in English Church as well as at Roman Catholic, but you never knew it as a working holiday. John Hanley is under written agreement as road labourer which is yet unexpired.</p> <p>Mr McAlister:- Hanley refused to work because 6th Instant was a holiday in his church. Mr Vigors told me on night of 3rd Instant that if it was a holiday in their church, to ascertain & if it was, they might go to prayers in morning of 6th Instant but to go to their work after it. Prayers commenced at 9 o'clock in morning. I had no conversation with men upon 6th Instant about their paying for day they were absent.</p> <p>(Signed) Maurice O'Connor Sworn to before us this 17th January 1855 Signed Alfred Sandeman JP, Pollet Cardew JP, Walter Hay A true copy CG Johnson Acting Clerk Petty Sessions</p> <p>As there appears to be a wish to shift onus on my shoulders & to make me answerable for all matters connected with case of men employed by this Road Trust refusing to work on 6th January last, I think it right to explain some matters which appear to have been overlooked.</p> <p>2 Fact of men refusing to work when ordered by overseer was told to me & I should have been neglecting my duty had I not directed overseer "to report circumstance to Road Trust" (Colonel Gray). Having done this, I had nothing further to do in matter.</p> <p>3 There appears to be an idea afloat that men are "my" men, instead of being servants of Road Trust, hired in some cases by me, as Agent for Ipswich Road</p>		282-286

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				W A Duncan Acting Government Resident Custom House Brisbane	1855 02 15	<p>Trust.</p> <p>4 It was Colonel Gray who directed overseer to go to Police Office & who then took his information & signed summonses. I believe I was not ever present when this took place. Nor was I aware that men were summonsed until Tuesday evening 9th January, when overseer I think, mentioned that he supposed men would leave to go into town next morning.</p> <p>5 Wednesday 10th January I was at work in my office when a message was brought to my house informing me that Colonel Gray wished to see me at Police Office. I went there & found that all men were there ready to appear, but O'Connor was absent & as I stated I my letter of 25th January to Colonial Secretary & also in my letter of 9th February to Acting Government Resident, he refused to come when sent for by Colonel Gray. Case was remanded until 12th for "want of evidence" as will appear in records of Police Office & Colonel Gray then said, that he (as representative of Ipswich Road Trust) would lodge fresh information & summons O'Connor as a witness.</p> <p>6 I heard nothing more concerning case until 12th when I went into court & to my surprise heard O'Connor say, "I withdraw information". I then for 1st time found that fresh information had not been laid & that O'Connor was not summonsed as a witness. Case was then dismissed by Magistrates. Colonel Gray not sitting, being concerned in case as Representative of Road Trust.</p> <p>7 He then asked me to lay fresh information which I did & O'Connor was summonsed as a witness. Case came off. On Wednesday 17th Colonel Gray, again not sitting for same reason as on 12th, men were convicted & I spoke in their favour, to ask for a light punishment, as I believed the wish of Road Trust was merely to show men they could not refuse to obey orders with impunity or without a good & sufficient reason.</p> <p>8 One of men remarked to me that "he would have worked if others had" & another expressed fear, should he have gone to work.</p> <p>9 That there were 3 if not more protestants amongst men summonsed is a circumstance which appears to have been scrupulously passed over by those who wish to represent case as a "Roman Catholic persecution" & I would beg most strongly to bring under your notice this fact & also that shops of Roman Catholics were open & Roman Catholic workmen pursued their usual activities on this day everywhere there & about town of Ipswich as on any ordinary day. I cannot therefore see that 6 or 7 men should be permitted to form a precedent at variance with culture of country & of all of their own religion who are round about them & fact of protestants refusing to work appears to me to show there was a determination not to work, as I feel firmly convinced not from religious scruples, but because they were employed on Government works.</p> <p>I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Mr Duncan & a copy of my answer to it.</p> <p>Copy of letter from W A Duncan Esq Government Resident, who has now returned to Brisbane has handed me your letter of 9th Instant (with enclosures) complaining of an expression in a letter of mine to Colonel Gray, & requesting me to withdraw same.</p> <p>2 If depositions now received had accompanied your report to Colonial Secretary, or had letters & documents since received from Colonel Gray been forwarded with that report I should not have thought it necessary to do more than acknowledge their receipt & transmit them to their destination, but as that report stood alone, as it was so defective that it must have led Government into</p>		287-288
			W A Duncan Acting Government Resident	Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	1855 02 23	<p>Copy of letter from W A Duncan Esq Government Resident, who has now returned to Brisbane has handed me your letter of 9th Instant (with enclosures) complaining of an expression in a letter of mine to Colonel Gray, & requesting me to withdraw same.</p> <p>2 If depositions now received had accompanied your report to Colonial Secretary, or had letters & documents since received from Colonel Gray been forwarded with that report I should not have thought it necessary to do more than acknowledge their receipt & transmit them to their destination, but as that report stood alone, as it was so defective that it must have led Government into</p>		289-293

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						<p>error & perhaps injustice I could not in forwarding it do otherwise than supply as I best might to its defects & it was in fairness to you & for your information that I communicated substance of my remarks to Colonel Gray.</p> <p>3 I heard nothing from you in reference to this letter but Colonel Gray complained of way in which I had supplemented your report & it was in indicating course I had adopted that expression of which you complain was used.</p> <p>4 That expression may indeed be capable of a sense in which I never intended it. It is however, merely expression of a fact, namely that you had mistaken case to Government in saying, unqualifiedly that O'Connor "refused to give evidence" while Colonel Gray states that he "gave his testimony freely & fairly". I merely stated an undoubted fact. I said nothing of intentional error. On contrary, I have treated matter throughout as an error of judgement, which I now believe it to be & such I doubt not, it will be pronounced to be by those under whose consideration whole case now rests.</p> <p>Copy of letter from PD Vigors to WA Duncan.</p> <p>In acknowledging receipt of your letter of 15th Instant, it appears to require some notice on my part.</p> <p>2 I mentioned in my former letter to you, that I sent my report of O'Connor to Colonel Gray to be forwarded. I then believed it would go at same time & be received with his report of whole case & with copies of depositions.</p> <p>3 I did not mean to report on case, I only reported conduct of overseer for refusing to do what I consider to be his duty as overseer, viz to give evidence when called on to do so by Road Trust, regarding any men of his party who may absent themselves or otherwise misconduct themselves. This, I stated the men refused to do & I now reiterate that statement.</p> <p>4 In my letter to Colonial Secretary, reporting O'Connor's conduct, I alluded to circumstances of 10th January & not of 17th, which was what Colonel Gray spoke of in his letter, & it appears strange that you should have so far confused these 2 matters as to which I should deny – what took place on oath in my presence & when O'Connor was actually cross-examined by me & again you might have remarked that I mentioned that a week's delay took place in consequence of his refusal to give evidence, clearly showing that I alluded to another day than that on which men were convicted (viz 17th).</p> <p>5 In 4th paragraph of your letter, you speak of my "direct new statement" as a "fact" & an undoubted fact – I again state that it is not so & repeat my denial of it – O'Connor did refuse to give his evidence on 10th which as I before said, that was what I alluded to & I firmly believe he would have continued to have done so should he not have rendered himself liable to punishment if he any longer persisted in doing so.</p> <p>6 I would also beg to express my surprise & regret that a Government officer & a Magistrate should adopt unauthorised phraseology of an anonymous newspaper letter written who alone, I believe uses expression "Vigors versus Hanley & others 'use of at heading of your letter of 15th, in preference to that of legal term "Regina versus Hanley & others" as shewn in copy of depositions in your possession – in fact there appears to be a wish to make me fill place of Road Trust (Colonel Gray) & of Branch of Magistrates.</p> <p>7 As I have said in my letter of today's date, to Government Resident, my duty simply consisted in reporting circumstances of men refusing to work, to Road Trust. Colonel Gray & Magistrates took subsequent steps in matter, hereto I</p>		

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						<p>have fully entered into there, details in my letter to Captain Wickham, it is unnecessary further to allude to them here.</p> <p>8 I think it right to inform you of fact that there were 3 if not more protestants, among number of men summonsed as there appears to be a wish to characterise necessary proceedings within case as a "Roman Catholic persecution".</p> <p>9 With respect to my not having taken any notice of your letter to Colonel Gray, I conceive it could have been irregular to do so, never having received any official notice of it.</p> <p>10 I refer with pleasure to that part of your letter in which you disclaim having intended to imply that I had been guilty of intentional error or misstatement & I trust in future, that I shall meet with such courtesy as will shield me from having facts noted in my letters assumed as misstatements – until whole of circumstances are before authorities.</p>		
	55/01217	1855 02 06	Hon C S	W A Duncan Acting Government Resident Custom House Brisbane	1855 01 29	<p>Forwarding letter of Mr PD Vigors, Surveyor of Roads, complaining of overseer, Mr O'Connor</p> <p>I do myself honour to transmit to you a letter from Mr PD Vigors, Government Surveyor of Roads, complaining of conduct of his overseer Maurice O'Connor, in declining to prosecute certain workmen for having refused to work on a holiday, kept by their church.</p> <p>2 In doing so, I feel it imperation on me to state that, while seeking punishment of O'Connor & his dismissal, Mr Vigors does not state case either fairly or intelligibly to the Government & that in my opinion, he has himself committed an error judgement in urging a prosecution at once unpopular & illegal.</p> <p>3 It appears that on 6th January (the Epiphany) men working under Mr Vigors refused to work & proceeded to church. Mr Vigors ordered overseer to swear informations against them under Master & Servants Act, which he reluctantly did, but afterwards declined to prosecute on grounds that he also had always kept Epiphany as a holiday. Men were remanded & when again brought up, Mr Vigors himself became prosecutor & they were convicted & sentenced to fine or imprisonment.</p> <p>4 I believe that Mr Vigors is in error in stating that O'Connor "refused to give evidence". I believe that he did give evidence & that men were convicted on that evidence. Had he refused, proper remedy was to commit him for contempt of court. Real cause of this charge against him is his having throw onus & (as it has happened) odium of prosecution on his superior, who originated it & I do think it is cruel to as a man to prosecute others for doing that which he himself thinks they are bound in conscience to do.</p> <p>5 It appears also tome that decision of Bench in this case was clearly illegal, as by Act of Parliament 5 & 6 Edward VI , cap.8 (repeated under Mary, but re-enacted under James I & now in force) Epiphany is made a holiday of strict obligation, equally with Sunday, Christmas Day & others & certain penalties are incurred by doing "bodily labour" on those days, alike respectively; though of course such penalties have long ceased to be enforced. In Roman Catholic Church to which O'Connor & other men are said to belong, Epiphany is one of few holidays still held to be of strict obligation & although it does not appear as an Office Holiday in any of the Acts of Council, & is not now observed very generally, I believe in England, it is still in Statutes & these men have actually suffered fine & imprisonment & their overseer is sought to be punished & dismissed for obeying law of England, a proceeding to which I could not be a party even to extent of tacitly transmitting accompanying letter of Mr Vigors.</p>	A2.36	294-298

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						<p>PS I forward a newspaper report of case referred to, which though lovely written, is, I am informed tolerably correct as to facts. [Newspaper clipping – Moreton Bay Courier of 17th January 1855, Domestic Intelligence, Ipswich. Article relating to previous correspondence] & Notes in Margin It appears to me that overseer is clearly in wrong & should be dismissed but I know nothing of mode in which he was hired or by whom. I think Mr Vigors acted unwisely in bringing men before court. He should have stopped their pay. As it is he lost their work for a week & has lost his overseer. Men however were clearly wrong. Epiphany is not a recognised holiday.</p>		
			Government Resident	W D	1855 02 09			
				C D R	1855 02 09~ 1855 02 ??~			299-300
				Hon C S		<p>In acknowledging receipt of your letter of 29th Ultimo, forwarding a communication from Mr Vigors, Surveyor of Roads, complaining of conduct of an overseer, employed in superintending workmen on roads, with reference to their refusal to work on 6th January (Epiphany), I am directed to inform you that it appears to Governor General that overseer was clearly in wrong in this case & merits dismissal by his employers. 2 Epiphany, not being a recognized holiday, men therefore evidently not warranted in declining to work. His Excellency however considers that Mr Vigors acted unwisely in bringing men before Court & that under circumstances, his best course would have been to have stopped their pay. & Notes There seems to be some discrepancy between Col Gray's account of manner in which overseer gave his evidence & that given by Mr Vigors. Under circumstances, perhaps it would be better to take no further notice of matter than to inform Mr Vigors that in event of a similar stoppage of work occurring hereafter as a matter of course he would not pay men for time they were absent. Approved Government Resident 28th March 1855 55/2735</p>		
				C D R	1855 03 10~			301
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	55/01217		Hon C S	Philip Doyne Vigors Surveyor of Moreton Roads	1855 01 25			302-303
						<p>I beg to bring under your notice conduct of one of Assisted Immigrants per "Genghis Khan" to Moreton Bay, namely Maurice O'Connor who was hired by Ipswich Road Trust as an overseer to working party on these roads for year from 1st September last, at £90 per annum with rations. On 6th instant, men employed on road refused to go to work when ordered by me though overseer, who was there ordered to lodge informations against them which he did same day, but when they appeared to answer summonses, O'Connor absented himself & when sent for refused to prosecute & give his evidence. Case was therefore remanded & men were idle for a week & much trouble & annoyance has ensued, caused I consider in a great measure, if not entirely by overseer's negligence & improper conduct. Being hired as an overseer he does not come under Master & Servants Act & he refuses to take his discharges but says if Road Trust dismisses him, he will endeavour to recover his year's salary by an action. I consider him quite unfit to hold situation any longer. How can he have any</p>		

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						confidence or trust placed in him? Under these circumstances may I request you will inform (Colonel Gray) or me if there is any course that can be taken to punish & ??? of man.		
	55/01596	1855 02 19	Hon C S	W A Duncan Acting Government Resident Custom House Brisbane	1855 02 07	Forwarding a letter of Colonel Gray, relative to case "Vigors V Hanley & Others". I do myself honour to transmit to you a letter which I have received from Police Magistrate at Ipswich, animadverting upon my letter to you of 29 th Ultimo, substance of which letter I communicated to him for information of Mr Vigors, in fairness to that gentlemen. 2 There is nothing in present or in any of other letters of Colonel Gray that alters opinion I then felt it my duty to express. Had not Mr Vigors suppressed main features of this case & sought for "punishment & dismissal" of overseer on a ground which I know to be incorrect, namely, that he refused to prosecute "or give evidence" (this letter of Colonel Gray shows that he "gave his testimony freely & fairly) I should probably have forwarded his letter without comment, notwithstanding my impression that prosecution was unwise & decision illegal; but knowing by common report facts, I could not, by withholding that knowledge countenance what appears to me to be an intended act of injustice. 3 I am of course quite aware of facts stated by Colonel Gray which go to prove that day in question, Epiphany, is not generally observed with strictness, even by many whose church discipline holds it obligatory on their conscience to observe it; but if it be law both of Church & State, I do not see why those who observe it should be punished for their obedience. Even if there were an Act of Parliament in their favour, were it namely command of any church, I should still consider it injudicious in any employer to punish servants for attending to their religious observances, were they even Mahometans or Hindoos. Such is also opinion of every gentleman here, with one sole exception, with whom I have conversed on this particular case. 4 As however, there are persons of a different opinion & as magistrates themselves are not agreed as to law of case, I would strongly recommend that some authoritarian opinion as to state of law should be promulgated to prevent improper decisions on one side or other. & Notes in Margin See 55/1217 Returned 10 th March	A2.36	304-307
	55/01596		Government Resident Brisbane	C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1855 02 02	Letter relative to Overseer of Road Party, Maurice O'Connor I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 th Ultimo & beg to state that letter from Mr Vigors to Colonial Secretary was forwarded by me to Government Resident, being fully aware that he would append such remarks as he might think proper in transmitting it to its destination. 2 I regret that previous to your forwarding newspaper report, you had not referred to me as to accuracy of its statements as it is written in a spirit of hostility both to Mr Vigors & to Bench & contains statements at variance with truth. I allude to Moreton Bay Courier of last Saturday if that be paper you have sent. 3 With reference to 3 rd paragraph of your letter, I think you labour under a mistake relative to what took place with respect to Maurice O'Connor & will therefore state briefly to you what actually occurred.		308-316

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						<p>Some days previous to 6th January, O'Connor stated to Mr Vigors that men wished for a holiday on that day. Mr Vigors replied that he was not aware of customs in such cases, but that if other working people were granted holiday on that day, he would give them one also, but at all events, they might go to early prayers. On 6th Ultimo, Overseer O'Connor reported to Mr Vigors that men refused to go to work & on same he, O'Connor, laid informations before me to that effect. He at time made not slightest objection again to prosecuting road party men under these informations, nor did he then state to me that he was of same opinion with men. On day appointed for trial, Overseer appeared & withdrew his informations, at same time declining to prosecute them, stating that he was of same opinion with men. Bench made not slightest objection to withdrawal of informations, but Mr Vigors, as he had worked on Epiphany of 1854 with a party of 30 men on Government works looked upon claim now set up as an innovation & determined on checking it at once. He proceeded therefore with prosecution against men of road party himself & summonsed O'Connor as a witness, who gave his testimony fairly & freely as you will have seen by letters which I forwarded to you on 31st Ultimo. Course therefore pursued by Mr Vigors appears to have been perfectly legal & no attempt as far as I know was made to compel O'Connor to prosecute them for allowing dictates of their conscience, he himself holding same opinions, censure therefore proposed by you on Mr Vigors & Bench was, with all deference to you, premature.</p> <p>4 With respect to illegality of proceeding, owing to neither Mr Vigors nor presiding Magistrates seeming, as you remark, to have been aware that by present Law of England, 6th January is a holiday of as strict obligation as Sunday itself, I must certainly plead my own ignorance of this act but it is not so stated in 1st Elizabeth Cap 2, nor in that of 3rd Charles 1st Cap 1, nor in that of 29th Charles 2nd Cap 7. I shall feel obliged therefore, by your pointing out to me for my future guidance & that of Bench, title & date of act from which you quote.</p> <p>5 It is quite clear however that Bench here do not present solitary instances of ignorance as to this law, as no one in this town whether store keeper, shopkeeper or labourer seemed to be aware of existence of law in question, for all stores & shops were open that day & business transacted in them as on any other day of week & as far as I & others could observe them, there was no cessation from labour on that day, therefore Mr Vigors at same time that he gave such men as pleased, liberty to attend early, indeed only, service on 6th January, did not think himself justified in exempting men from labour for whole day, an indulgence which appeared to be neither claimed by, nor granted to others of labouring classes here.</p> <p>6 But on this head equal ignorance appears to prevail in Sydney for in looking over issue of Sydney Morning Herald of 6th January, I find two theatres advertised as giving representations on evening of that day & no less than ten advertisements of Public Auctions of every description of property, to be held in course of that same day, two of these immediately opposite Head Police Office. It seems strange, nay incomprehensible to me that if by law as it now exists, 6th January be required to be observed as strictly in a religious pint of view as Sunday, how people deem to have theatrical representations on that day & hold public auctions under very noses of those charged with enforcement of observance of laws & more particularly of Sabbath & of course of 6th January as it is in same act & in same words. More particularly as "bodily</p>		

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						labour" is punishable in same way if exercised on 6 th January as it is exercised on Sunday. Banks are open on 6 th January which is not marked as a holiday in Law Almanac sent down from Supreme Court for use of Bench here. 7 Having thought it necessary in justification of Mr Vigors as Prosecution in this case & of Bench generally to make few remarks on your letter which have occurred to me, I cannot conclude without expressing my regret, my sorrow, that anything should have occurred to endanger good feeling which has hitherto existed between different sects which compose population of this place & with you, I think it most desirable that question should at once be set at rest. For my own part during seventeen years I have been in Colony I have not known it claimed generally as a holiday exempting from "bodily labour". 8 If Mr Vigors & Bench have erred, which of course can only be decided by Government in Sydney, I can only say it was an error in judgement & on their parts, as well as on my own as trustee on road, I disclaim most emphatically any intention (the most remote) intention of interfering in slightest degree with their religious observances, but seeing all else around us labouring at their usual vocations on that day, we could see no reason why labourers of this particular party should be exempted from work, merely because they were in employ of Government. It was for this cause & for no other that matter was brought forward at all. Neither Mr Vigors, nor Bench, nor I had any other objects than protection of interests of Her Majesty's Government.		
	55/01631	1855 02 19	Hon C S	Alfred Sandeman JP	1855 01 30	Letter from Magistrates & correspondence respecting case of Vigors V Hanley & others At top 55/14 No 4 At request of Magistrates, who have signed enclosed letter to you, I do myself honour of laying contents before you, requesting your attention to papers forwarded by Police Magistrate of Ipswich through Acting Government Resident at Brisbane, relating to case Vigors v Hanley & others, tried before Ipswich Bench of which I was Chairman. & Notes in Margin Returned 10 th March 1855 Copy of Mr McGinty's letter to be returned to Ipswich Police Office I beg also to enclose a copy of Rev Mr McGinty's letter to Police Magistrate of Ipswich, a copy of Police Magistrate's two letters to Colonial Secretary & a copy of Maurice O'Connor's deposition.	A2.36	317-318
	55/01631	1855 02 19	Hon C S	Magistrates of Ipswich	1855 01 20	Letter signed by Magistrates of Ipswich, relating to case concerning Mr Vigors, Surveyor & At top 55/1 55/8 We have honour as Magistrates of Territory of requesting your attention to documents relating to case brought forward by Mr Vigors as Surveyor of Roads & to state our opinion that there unfortunately exists in a portion of this community a wish to bring law & those who administer it, into contempt & to produce social disorder & religious dissensions in this place, which has heretofore been undisturbed by sectarian differences. Aware of extreme delicacy required in questions of this sort we deem it right to submit documents accompanied by these observations to your considerations in order that by authentication of movements of party alluded to it may be		319-321

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	55/01631		Hon C S	C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1855 01 17	<p>advised by Law Officers of Crown. We have honour to refer you to papers forwarded by Colonel Gray as establishing opinions expressed by us in this letter. Letter signed by JP's: Pollett Cardew, James Laidley, John Rankin, Fred W Bigge, William Dorsey, W Leith Hay, J DeLacy Moffatt, Joshua Bell, C C MacDonald, Alfred Sandeman, J D McLean, John Peaton, N Leith Hay, Louis Hopes.</p> <p>Letter from Police Magistrate enclosing letter from Rev Mr McGinty, Roman Catholic Clergyman, Ipswich & At top 55/2 No 55/9</p> <p>Enclosed I have honour of forwarding to you a letter which I have now received from Rev W McGinty, Roman Catholic Clergyman in this place, relative to a prosecution instituted by Mr Vigors, Government Road Surveyor against certain men of road party, for refusing to work on Saturday 6th instant. 2 May I beg that Rev gentleman's letter may be submitted to Law Officers of the Crown in order to ascertain whether Magistrates in execution of their duty are to be permitted to be abused in such unmeasured language as that made use of by Rev Mr McGinty, or whether any steps can be taken with view of punishing writer for endeavouring to intimidate Bench, sending proceedings before that body against men above alluded to. 3 In forwarding this letter, it is necessary that I explain circumstances which have given rise to this ill feeling towards Bench. 4 On 6th January, men employed upon roads of which I ex Officio am myself, refused to work alleging that it was a Holy Day in Roman Catholic Church, of which greater part of them are members. As Mr Vigors & I looked upon this refusal as a complete innovation upon custom of Colony which only recognises two holidays, viz Christmas Day & Good Friday as exempting from work, we determined that a decided stand should be made against this unheard of claim. 5 Upon this custom therefore, was grounded Mr Vigors refusal to give men a holiday from work upon that day. 6 It has been sought as you will observe by Mr McGinty's letter to elevate this case under Master & Servants Act to rank of a religious persecuting & I trust that will be only necessary for me to declare that nothing was further from my intention & I am sure from that of Mr Vigors, than to interfere in most remote degree with their religious observances, but no custom sanctioned for a claim for exemption from work on 6th January, it only remained for us to insist upon work being performed on that day in conformity with agreement entered into with these men & guard interests of Her Majesty because we saw that if we yielded to this demand in instance, it is impossible to say to what extent men of this party may go in demanding exemption from work. 7 I may observe that three of men of road party are Protestants, who at all events could not from religious motives demand a like exemption. I beg to add that Rev Mr McGinty has declared his intentions of reading this letter to his congregation on Sunday next & every following Sunday for an indefinite period & I conscientiously believe & I think it is opinion of my brother Magistrates that reading of such a document will be means of, in a great measure, injuring ??? of utility of Magistrates of this Bench. A true copy – Fred Daubney CPS [Letter duplicated pages 344-348]</p>		322-325

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			Hon C S	C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1855 01 23	Letter in addition to former letter enclosing that from Rev Mr McGinty. & At top 55/12 55/1631 No 55/3 In looking over my letter No 2 of 17 th Instant, I find I have omitted a circumstance which I think it right now to add as it will put you more au fait as to the answers of attack upon Bench. A few days previous to 6 th January, Overseer told Mr Vigors that men wished for a holyday on 6 th ultimo. He replied that [Letter incomplete. Full letter pages 352-354]		326
			C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	Rev Mr McGinty Roman Catholic Clergyman Ipswich	1855 01 15	At top 55/1631 Sworn statements by Maurice O'Connor, Mr Vigors, Mr Macalister Duplication of pages 280-281 above. Statements signed as a true copy by Fred Daubney CPS Letter from Rev Mr McGinty to CG Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich I should think that you who are chief, head & ought therefore to be most impartial Magistrate in this district will not be offended at being made acquainted with feelings of Catholics, a portion of those with whom you have sometimes to deal in your official capacity, respecting what was called case of O'Connor & Hanley & Others, who were brought up for trial before Bench in this town on 10 th & 12 th ultimo for crime of keeping a Holyday commanded by their Church. I hope you will not be offended at plainness of my speech when I tell you without meaning any offence to yourself personally by anything I say in this letter, that we look on any attempt at such a trial as neither more nor less than a religious persecution, a most tyrannical invasion on rights of conscience & that I shall always consider it my duty to teach people committed to my pastoral care to look on it as such. I would most respectfully ask you one question. You know there are Roman Catholic Priests & plenty of Catholics being amongst Mahometans who invariably keep Friday as their weekly Sabbath & who work & transmit all worldly business on Sunday with as little scruple as we do on Monday or any of 5 days immediately following. Now supposing that instead of residing in Australia I was living amongst those infidels & that any of poor Catholics who might be employed by them as "hewers of road" of "drawers of water" & therefore required, perhaps by laws of country to work on all Sundays, should come to consult me & to what they should do under such circumstances, what advice do you think I should give them? Would you count me a rebel against His Majesty, the Sultan or a traitor to my adopted country even if I should give them same advice that Saint Paul under similar circumstances gave first Christians at Corinth (1 Cor. Chapter 16, Verse 13), when he exhorted them to be strengthened to act manfully – to stand fast in faith ie "to adhere to their religion, to obey its laws & be guided by its precepts", all impious, national & civil enactments notwithstanding! Well then, I ought to give such instructions to Christians living amongst infidels as I ought & certainly would I am equally bound to address Catholics in this country in a similar strain of Christian persuasion & say to them "religiously observe & sanctify those Holydays & festivals which have been appointed by Church, some of them from very first establishments of Christianity & all of them for centuries before commencement of that schism or great result begun only a		327-328 329-340

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						<p>little above 300 years ago, which will be kept & observed even unto end of world", all power & malice of our enemies notwithstanding observe those Holydays & if for doing so, you should be punished by civil powers with fines imprisonments, confiscations & even death, bear all this patiently, endure it with resignation to will of your Heavenly Father, without whose knowledge & permission not even "a hair of your heads can fall to ground" & who has promised you for so doing & receiving great reward when He said "Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is Kingdom of Heaven". St Matthew C5, V10, but you will now ask me "Do I then put a Holyday of my Church on a par with a Sunday?" My answer is "Exactly so. Neither more or less". We Christians abound you may say. I reply by saying with all deference that its absurdity in your mind is no proof of its untruth. I need not tell you that Sabbath or day of rest commanded by Almighty God is absolutely fixed by Him to Saturday, seventh day of week & not to Sunday, first day of week. This is expressly stated in every part of scripture where observance of Sabbath is commanded. "Six days shall thou labour & do all thou hast to do, but seventh is Sabbath of Lord, thy God. On it thou shalt do no manner of work". Exodus C90, V9-10 & again "Six days shall you do work, on seventh is Sabbath, rest holy to Lord. He that shall profane it (seventh) shall be put to death, everyone that shall do any work on this day shall die". Exodus C31, V14-15. From these texts it is plain that it was an express, absolute & unconditional command of Almighty God to rest from work on seventh day of week & to sanctify that day as a Sabbath to Lord. But we, (all professing Christians of every sect & denomination all over globe without exception as not observe command thus given in scripture), we keep it neither at time nor will another therein commanded.</p> <p>Firstly, not at time. It was commanded to be kept on Saturday. To keep it on Sunday is nowhere n entire canon of scripture – in whole case of revelation from first of Genesis to last of Apocalypse, one syllable to authorise our doing so or to afford least shadow of proof that obligation of resting from work on seventh day of week was ever transferred to first. We read it is true in different parts of New Testament that Apostles & first Christians assembled to prayer on first day of week. But their practice in this respect, even if it were constant is no proof. I contend that ??? law of resting from work on seventh day of week was then annulled or abrogated. Though they assembled to prayer on first day of week, they may, for all we know to contrary from scripture have been after rigorously observing Sabbath on day before. So scripture affords no authority whatever for changing Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. It is entirely silent as to obligations of keeping Sunday as a day of rest.</p> <p>Secondly. we do not keep ??? on as Church of England has it fourth commandment in manner required by Bible. For two reasons. 1st our rest from work on a Sunday is accompanied with duty of attending at religious public worship whereas no such obligation was attached to rest commanded in Bible. 2nd Our rest from work is not a so general as that commandment in Bible. On this head Mosaic law was most severe & comprehensive. It forbade labour & traffic of every kind, even under penalty of death. It did not permit so much as to kindle a fire on Sabbath. "Ye shall kindle no fire in any of your habitations on Sabbath day" Exodus C35, V9, but where is Christian that would scruple to do so on Sunday?</p> <p>2 You see than that we keep Sabbath neither at time nor in manners commanded in Bible & according to which it has always even to present day</p>		

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						<p>been kept by Jews & not only do we differ from Jews as to time & manner of keeping Sabbath but we do not keep it exactly at same time on which is was kept by first Christians, first members of Christian Church. First Christians & their teachers being converts from Judaism to Christianity, reckoned their time, for a long time according to customs tat always prevailed amongst Jews by counting their days from sunset to sunset, although therefore they did not keep their Sabbath on same as formerly ?? they kept it according to rule laid down by God when he said "From evening to evening shall we celebrate your Sabbath". Leviticus C23, V32. First Christians therefore, kept their Sabbath from sunset on Saturday to sunset on Sunday. But, in process of time this system also was changed, for it was afterwards found more convenient to adopt computation of time in use among Greeks & Latins by counting day from midnight to midnight & consequently Sunday in Christian Sabbath has for many centuries been kept from midnight on Saturday to midnight on Sunday & not from sunset on Saturday to sunset on Sunday as was then practice among first Christians.</p> <p>Sabbath then has been changed both as to time & manner in which Almighty God expressly commanded it to be observed in Old Law, under penalty of death & many centuries ago has it been partly changed as to time on which it was for a long period observed under New Law, by first members of Christian Church. Now I would ask by what authority were these changes made. Scriptures as I already said, furnished no authority for any such alterations. It rather seems to forbid them by positive manner in which it frequently commands seventh day to be kept as a Sabbath to Lord. By what authority of Catholic Church, only power on earth that could make such changes, those changes were made by her at a time when most learned Protestant Divines & even her greatest enemies admit that she was pure, that she taught Holy doctrine & was distinguished by eminent sanctity of her children, observance of Sabbath then at time & in manner in which it has for ages been observed by entire Christendom as a practice which Reformers & all succeeding Protestants of every sect who profess to follow Bible, whole Bible & nothing but Bible have been compelled to adopt on authority of Catholic Church & on that alone. Now then, if Catholic Church could change Sabbath from one day to another, from seventh & first day of week, in fact abrogate ancient Sabbath altogether & institute an entirely new one to be kept in a different manner, if she could do this, which she not only could, but actually has done, has she not power to appoint a few other days to be kept Holy at different periods of year in same manner as Sundays, by commemorating certain mysteries of religion, such as birth, circumcision, Epiphany, death, resurrection & ascension of her Divine Founder? Are not days so appointed by very same authority that appointed Sunday for Christian Sabbath of equal obligation with Sunday itself & therefore take as strictly & religiously observed by resting from work & attending at public worship & nothing can be clearer to any fair, candid & unprejudiced mind, number of Holydays are same in all countries. Some are universal to be observed all over globe, others only national. For example, Saint Patrick's day is not a Holyday in this country, but it is a most strict one in Ireland. In this country there are only 8 Holydays, including Christmas day, to be observed throughout year & these 8 are universal to be kept throughout Church in every part of world. Second of these Holydays in rank, but not in point of time is "Epiphany of our Lord", always kept on 6th January since 1st century of Christian era. With exception of Christmas day, there is no Holyday</p>		

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						<p>throughout year so universally observed by Catholic Church nor with such solemnity & yet observance of this festival as best they could constitute sole & only crime for which 10 or 12 poor labourers are brought up for trial before a Court of Justice "O tempora O mores". "Alas for change of times", alas for manners of age". Some of those poor workmen were I assure you, highly edified, or to speak without figure, much disedified & greatly surprised on learning a Bench of Christian Magistrates openly declaring their ignorance of such a Holyday as "Epiphany of our Lord". One of them said, I am told that he had been in many countries & never before heard of such a Holyday. Another said in my own hearing that such a Holyday as "Epiphany" was unknown to him. Not as magistrates mind you, that was not his meaning, but as Christians. That as Christians they never knew anything about such a Holyday. As far as known, all Magistrates who were any way concerned in this case are members of Church of England &, now, if these gentlemen would deign to look into their own Book of Common Prayer in case they have or know anything about such a book, I cannot be blamed for saying this after religious knowledge they displayed & make themselves only slightly acquainted with its contents, they would find in its table of moveable & unmoveable feasts no less than seventy nine prescribed Holydays. In that table they are called "Feasts", but let them turn to table of Lessons & they will find Service of Feasts, called Holydays ie with proper, particular & special Lessons assigned to each. Let them then turn over to body of Prayer Book & they will find a particular sermon for public worship in their Church in each of these Holydays. Let them then turn back to beginning of Prayer Book & they will find in another table that most of above named Holydays are preceded by a Vigil & Feast ie that day next before Holyday is to be kept as a feast day ??? these Holydays & feast days are not observed by learned JP's in & about Ipswich would I think be a useless inquiry, seeing that they are not aware even of their existence. ??? These poor men whose case I am told is still pending were gravely told in my own hearing by a Magistrate from his place on Bench last Friday, that they kept a Holyday "at instigation of a private individual! At the instigation of a private individual ie by encouragement & sole authority of a private individual meaning of course my humble self, there being no other whose instigation in that way could have ??? ??? in influence with these poor men. I will now make no comments on term "private individual" which gentleman in question thought proper to apply to me, nor on courtesy & great good to all with which he did so, suffice to say that its applicability stands unacknowledged by me & term itself reprobated by auditors with a few obvious exceptions. To say that they kept a Holyday at instigation of a private individual is same as to say that they kept a private Holyday & beautiful display of knowledge, or rather a further manifestation of want of knowledge previously displayed by same gentlemen, but let him know that what he called a private Holyday was being celebrated on same day, 6th January, in all parts of globe from England to Australia, from Russia to America, from China to Brazils. Let him know that his Government Holydays are not known to half a dozen people compared with Holydays of Catholic Church. These poor men I am told are now accused of conspiracy in keeping Festival of Festival & they are guilty too. I speak seriously. They are guilty of same conspiracy by which they come to mass & rest from work on Sundays neither more not less. I am told that my non acceptance of seat you kindly offered me in Court House on last Friday was taken by you as a personal offence. If so, I can only regret it & assure you that it was neither</p>		

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			Government Resident Moreton Bay	William Elyard Colonial Secretary's Office Sydney	1855 03 28	<p>mised or intended by me. I certainly did feel that I could not becomingly accept any compliment from Bench, when members of my own congregations were on their trial for keeping a Holyday commanded by their Church & which they are as much bound to do as any Sunday throughout year, but that meant any offence to yourself personally no such thing. I went to Court House on that day for no other reason than to be an eye & ear witness of proceedings, to depend on no person's report of it, but to be present & judge for myself in order to be able afterwards to adopt my instructions to people according to measures I might see taken for suppressions of their religious liberties & I now intend to go there on all similar occasions for same purpose. So if those placed in authority over us should become so infatuated as to abuse their power & take it into their heads to prosecute or rather persecute us for quiet unostentatious practice of our religion, let them not be surprised to see us taking a resolute, open stand against them & using all Christian means to thwart their ??? projects, let them know that we are aware of & can appreciate our privileges, that we are neither afraid nor ashamed to raise our heads amongst them. We are the Queen's peaceable, loyal & faithful subjects always ready to give our taxes & if necessary, our blood for defence & support her Majesty's person & throng. We are always willing & ready to give "Caesar his due", but never will ultimately allow Caesar to infringe on rights of God no matter what slander & malice may affirm to contrary. We are always first & most strenuous supporters of every just law of our country, but if state interfere with our religion, either by an attempt to impose on us new forms or practices not sanctioned by Church, or to frequent free exercise of those approved by service, in this we cannot acquiesce. I cannot help regretting that Magistrates in & about Ipswich do not seem inclined, judging from present appearances, to join in my endeavours to cultivate charity, goodwill & brotherly love amongst all classes in this locality, but if they be determined to commence a crusade to sow seeds of sectarian rancour, perhaps of bitter interminable alterations amongst members of our infant community, on them rest responsibility. I humbly tell them that if they continue so to act, they will be doing my work most effectually. Even by what they have already done, Holydays will in future be more strictly observed than ever. Catholic Church thrives always under persecution. It is then she puts forth her strength & is seen in all glory of her might, that I would beg & beseech & supplicate of our local rulers to beware of kindling fire which they may not afterwards be able to extinguish & which may eventually burn themselves. At all events, they may be assured that we do not intend to remain passive. That we have had darker times & more formidable enemies to contend with & that "from all these the Lord hath delivered us". Signed Mr McGinty Copy of letter from Revd Wm McGinty. [Letter duplicated pages 349-351]</p>		
				C D R	1855 03 23-	<p>At top Copy No 44 & Notes in margin Do not send this away With referece to your letters of 29th January & 3rd & 7th ultimo & also to a letter of 30th January from Mr Sandeman, enclosing copies of a correspondence on subject of a charge preferred against certain workmen Surveyor of Roads, Mr</p>		

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						<p>Vigors & his complaint against their overseer, I am directed by His Excellency, Governor General to request that you will apprise Mr Vigors that it will be more advisable in event of any similar occurrence to withhold pay of workmen than to bring them before Court. Beyond this, it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to pursue matter further.</p> <p>Matter is now set at rest & Epiphany is declared not a legal holiday. As to not answering letter of Magistrates, it was ??? through Government Resident & replied to through him. He ought to have stated contents to Magistrates. Appraise them no indignity was intended to have been afforded & let them have a copy. Bench Ipswich</p>		
	55/01569	1855 02 17	Hon C S	W A Duncan Government Resident	1855 02 03	<p>Forwarding two letters from Police Magistrate, Ipswich, with enclosures, relative to case Vigors V Hanley & Others. I do myself honour to transmit to you two letters from Police Magistrate at Ipswich (dated respectively, 17th & 23rd January, but received yesterday), relative to above case & conduct of Rev W McGinty in connection therewith. 2 I have no remark to make on this correspondence, except to deplore want of that kind & tolerating spirit on both sides, which is so necessary in a mixed community. & Notes in margin See 55/1217 Replied 10th March '55</p>	A2.36	343
			Hon C S	C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich		[Duplication of letter pages 322-325]		344-348 [letter copied out of order]
			C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	Rev Mr McGinty Roman Catholic Clergyman Ipswich	1855 01 15	[Duplication of letter pages 329-340]		349-351
			Hon CS	C G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1855 01 23	<p>Letter in addition to former letter enclosing that from Mr W McGinty. [Part letter appears page 326] & At top No55-12 55/1561 No55/3 In looking over my letter No 2 of 17th Instant, I find I have omitted a circumstance which I think it right now to add, as it will put you more au fait as to answers of attack upon Bench. 2 A few days previous to 6th January, overseer told Mr Vigors that men wished for a holiday on 6th January. He replied that he was not aware of practice in such cases, but if labouring community of town had a holiday from work on that day, that they, road party, should also have a holiday. 3 From my own knowledge, I am quite aware that labouring community of this place had no holiday from work on that day & that all shops of such owners as professed Roman Catholic faith were all open on that day & that in face I saw no difference made by them from their practice on other week days.</p>		352-354

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						4 In support of this allegation of ??? I beg to enclose a copy of evidence of Maurice O'Connor, road overseer who is himself a Roman Catholic. [Copy of evidence, duplication of pages 280-281]		355-356
	56/03687	1856 04 19	Hon C S	W H Christie Postmaster General Sydney	1856 04 17	Letter returning documents & At Top 56/45 56/643 55/5836 Referring to your letter dated 11 th instant, No 54, I have honour to return document referred to therein & to express any regret that it was not done earlier.	A2.36	357-358
	55/05836	1855 06 25	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1855 06 09	Letter reporting on complaints preferred by Police Magistrate of Ipswich & Mr James Leith Hay, against Postmaster. With reference to your letter of 18 th April No 55/3485, directing me to examine into & report upon matter of certain complaints which have been preferred against Postmaster at Ipswich, by Police Magistrate of that place & by Mr James Leith Hay. 2 I now do myself honour to inform you that, when all parties concerned were in Brisbane during Assizes, I investigated subjects of different complaints & now lay these before you according to their dates with such explanations as Postmaster has been qualified to give. First, with reference to complaint contained in Colonel Gray's letter of 27 th of last October, to Postmaster General, that a letter on Invoice, which reached Ipswich by steamer on evening of 26 th at 5 pm, was not delivered to him until next morning. Mr Gill (Postmaster) states that after so long an interval he cannot give any information on subject, but on referring to his books, where he finds mail on that day consisted only of twelve letters & one newspaper, he does not think it possible that if Colonel Gray's letters had been called for, he could have been so far mistaken as to say there were some for him. Secondly, Colonel Gray complains that a letter or service which he ought to have received on Saturday, 4 th of last November, was not delivered until Monday 6 th . Mr Gill explains this delay by stating that letter in question was sent from Brisbane in a bag addressed to Tenterfield & although he felt satisfied that some mistake had been made by Postmaster in Brisbane, he was not aware for some time & until he had referred to his instructions that he had authority to open that bag & as no applications are made for letters by Police on Sundays, letter was not delivered until Monday morning. Postmaster at Brisbane has informed me that a letter bag was misdirected, Tenterfield. Thirdly, in Colonel Gray's letter of 15 th of last instant, to Postmaster General, complaint is made that two letters which he ought to have received on 13 th were not delivered until 15 th , Sunday, unnecessary. Postmaster states in explanation that on day in question & which he recollects perfectly well, no application was made for Colonel Gray's letters after delivery of overland mail from Drayton in morning. Letters in question were post of mail from Brisbane which reached Ipswich by steamer on afternoon. Colonel Gray complains also in this letter of insolence to Constables, who call at Post Office. Complaints to this effect having been made by them to Chief Constable, but upon those men being called upon at request of Postmaster to	A2.36	359-372

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				W D	1855 06 26	<p>substantiate their complaint, they denied to Colonel Gray that they had received any insolence at Post Office.</p> <p>On my investigating Chief Constable on this subject, he said that one of Constables had reported to him that on applying at Post Office, Mr Gill said "he would not be bothered about Police Office letters" which Postmaster admits he may have said, but explains that his predecessor had been in habit of weighing & stamping Police Office letters & kept a postage account with Police Office, which he (Mr Gill) refused to do & he has no doubt that on having unstamped Police Office letters handed to him, he may have made use of some such expression.</p> <p>Fourthly, Colonel Gray again complains in his letter of 21st February that a letter which he received that day ought to have been delivered the day before. In this instance it is clear that Colonel Gray had been misinformed, because he says he knew that a mail had been sent by Ipswich steamer on 20th, whereas mail on that day was sent overland & did not leave Brisbane until 21st & probably did not reach Ipswich until after arrival of steamer.</p> <p>I have been informed by Postmaster here, that a mail was not sent by steamer on that day.</p> <p>Fifthly, with regard to complaint contained in Colonel Gray's letter of 13th last March, that a letter addressed to Chief Constable, bearing Ipswich postmark of 10th, was only delivered on 13th, Postmaster explains that this letter had adhered to one of a similar size, addressed to Commissioner of Crown Lands & was not discovered un that office's letters were called for.</p> <p>Sixthly, with reference to complaint of W James Leith Hay, of 11th November last year, that a letter addressed to Mr Hay & one to William McDonald of Ipswich had been detained a considerable time in Post Office, Postmaster has no recollection whatever of circumstances.</p> <p>3 After a careful investigation of subjects of these complaints, I am of opinion that there is not that blame attributable to Postmaster at Ipswich, as would appear on first perusal of letters & I think it is to be regretted that he was not called upon to explain circumstances which led to these complaints when it might have been in his favour to do so.</p> <p>4 I consider that explanations offered by Mr Gill are generally satisfactory & they are admitted to be so by Colonel Gray & I would remark that although he may not be entirely free from blame, there appears to have been an inclination on part of Constables, to make unnecessary complaints - men who would complain of insolence & afterwards long having received such, or who would inform Colonel Gray that a mail had arrived by steamer when such was not case - might say they had called for letters knowing that they had not done so. I again remark that it is to be regretted that enquiry was not made into these matters for Colonel Gray at time of their occurrence & before they were reported to Postmaster General.</p> <p>5 I have made inquiry of some of residents in Ipswich respecting Mr Gill's conduct as Postmaster & have been informed by two gentlemen who have perhaps more correspondence than any others in Ipswich that he is always attentive & has invariably shown them & their messengers every civility.</p> <p>PS Original documents are returned to Postmaster General.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin</p> <p>I acquiesce in this view taken by Government Resident & am of opinion that Colonel Gray should have applied to Postmaster in first place before</p>		

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						forwarding his complaints to Postmaster for much of his correspondence & trouble would then have been avoided. Government Resident Moreton Bay Postmaster General 30 th June 1855 55/3687		
	55/04636	1855 05 19	Hon C S	W H Christie Postmaster General Sydney	1855 05 17	Letter respecting complaints against Postmaster at Ipswich & At top No 55/50 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 th instant No 49 & in reply to inform you that correspondence relating to complaints against Postmaster at Ipswich was forwarded to Government Resident at Brisbane on 24 th Ultimo. & Notes in Margin 55/3425 End of May Be submitted 4 th June 55/4153	A2.36	373-374
	55/04153	1855 05 02	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay W D	1855 04 26	Letter respecting complaints against Postmaster, Ipswich & At top No 55/87 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18 th instant No 55/3485, directing me to report, with as little delay as possible, on certain complaints which Postmaster General has represented to have been made by Police Magistrate at Ipswich & Mr J Leith Hay, against Postmaster at that place. I beg to inform you that correspondence connected with those complaints has not yet been forwarded to me by Postmaster General. & Notes in margin Forward a copy of this to Postmaster General, with reference to letter to him on 18 th ultimo. Postmaster General 7 th May 1855 55/4636	A2.36	375-376
	55/03485	1855 04 16	Hon C S	W H Christie Postmaster General Sydney	1855 04 12	Letter regarding complaints made by Police Magistrate, Ipswich against Postmaster, Ipswich. & At top 55/1931 No 55/38 I have honour to state for information of His Excellency Governor General, that Mr R Gill was appointed Postmaster at Ipswich on 1 st October last & although in common with all Postmaster newly appointed, he has made occasional errors, I have had no reason, generally, to doubt his efficiency or his anxiety to perform his duty properly. 2 Since his appointment however, I have received from Colonel Gray, Police Magistrate at Ipswich & his relative Mr J Leith Hay, complaints against that officer, respectively dated, 27 th October & 8 th & 10 th November 1854, & 15 th January, 21 st February & 13 th Ultimo. 3 I think it unnecessary to forward whole of these complaints, but beg to transmit, for His Excellency's information, whole correspondence that has taken place on subject since beginning of present year. [Margin – Originals to be returned]	A2.36	377-382

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				W E	1856 03 06~	for repairs & additions required to Police buildings at our disposal, but that it would be necessary that we should submit for approval, Tenders, with specification of work we propose to have executed & plan of work to be completed. & Notes in margin Colonial Architect should perhaps report on Tenders Blank cover 6 th March 1856 56/3712		387
				Edward Anderson John Douglas J P Warwick	1855 10 13	[At top page 387, 56/2227] Edward Anderson hereby agrees with John Douglas on part of Bench of Magistrates at Warwick to line, floor & ceil with slabs interior of a room now adjoining present Watch House at Warwick, to bolt & fasten said slabs together in a secure & workman like manner, such as shall prove satisfactory to Chief Constable at Warwick & to complete said flooring, lining & ceiling with expedition in consideration of which work being properly & expeditiously performed to satisfaction of said John Douglas, or to some of members of Bench of Magistrates at Warwick, said John Douglas on part of Bench of Magistrates agrees to pay said Edward Anderson, sum of twenty five pounds Stg (£25/-/-) to be in form of an attested account due to said Edward Anderson by Honourable, The Colonial Treasurer. Signed Edward Anderson John Douglas JP		388
				Edward Anderson John Douglas J P Warwick	1855 10 13	Witness, Thomas McGray [At top page 388, 56/2227] Edward Anderson of Warwick hereby agrees with John Douglas on part of Bench of Magistrates at Warwick to erect a building as addition to present Court House at Warwick according to accompanying plan. He engages to commence work immediately & to use all diligence to complete it with utmost expedition & in such a manner as shall prove satisfactory to Bench of Magistrates & said John Douglas hereby agrees on part of Bench of Magistrates at Warwick, to pay to said Edward Anderson, sum of £110 Stg on due completion of work indicated as per accompanying plan. And, said Edward Anderson further agrees to forfeit to said John Douglas sum of sixty pounds Stg in event of his failing to complete his work to satisfaction of said John Douglas at a date previous to 1 st day of May 1856. Next ensuring that date being named as a period much more than necessary to complete work, which said Edward Anderson is hereby bound to accomplish as expeditiously as possible. Signed Edward Anderson John Douglas JP [Hand drawn floor plan of proposed addition to Court House at Warwick] Plan includes Fire Place, Magistrates Room, Raised Floor 18 inches, Magistrates Desk, Witness Box, Clerks Desk, Dock, Verandah. [Measurements also provided]		389
	55/10304	1855 10 02	Hon C S	John Douglas JP Bench of Magistrates Warwick	1855 09 20	Letter respecting repairs & additions to Police Buildings Warwick We have honour to call your attention to circumstance of a sum of £155 having been noted in estimates of 1854 for purpose of being expended on Police buildings in this District. We have called for tenders for erection & repair of such buildings as appear to	A2.36	390-391

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				M V W E J S C D R	1855 10 06 1856 01 02~	us to be necessary & we beg to be informed whether in event of a suitable tender being received, we can depend upon sum above mentioned still being available. & Notes in margin £155 Amount was noted in 1853 for additions to Court House & new Watch House, Warwick. Auditor General is requested to report whether money is still available. Blank cover October 5 th 1855 To be Returned Official Stamp Audit Office NSW – No 687 Oct *5 £155 unexpended & available Returned CSO 10 th October 1855 There does not appear to be any objection to place sum of £155 at disposal of Bench for repair of Police Buildings at Warwick, but they should submit tenders received with a specification of work they propose to have executed for approval. 31 st December 1853 Very well, let them be called for. Bench 10 th January 1856 56/2227		
	56/03775	1856 04 22	Hon C S	H H Browne Immigration Officer Moreton Bay M V F L S Merewether	1856 04 21 1856 04 28~ 1856 04 29~	Letter submitting for approval, account of services performed for Immigration Depot at Moreton Bay. & At top No 56/196 I do myself honour to submit for approval of His Excellency, Governor General, an account furnished by John Petrie for services performed for Immigration Depot at Moreton Bay, amounting to £45/12/-. Assistant Immigration Agent, having certified as to correctness of account, I beg to request that I may be authorised to pay amount in question & charge same in my Public Account. & Notes in margin Official Stamp Audit Office NSW – No 456 Ap *23 Auditor General Blank cover 22 nd April 1856 A special authority is not required for payment of accounts for ordinary services of Immigration Department at Brisbane, if they are certified by proper local officers & approved by Agent for Immigration. Blank cover 26 th April 1856 Return CSO 28 th April 1856 £45/12/- Account to be returned with a copy of above report, for information & guidance of Agent for Immigration. Yes	A2.36	392-393
	56/03811	1856 04 22	Hon C S	John O'Neill Brenan Sheriffs' Office Sydney	1856 04 21	Letter requesting an authority for payment of temporary increase to Surgeon of Brisbane Gaol & At top No 56/33 In forwarding accompanying abstract of temporary increase to Surgeon of Gaol at Brisbane, with letter of visiting Justice, explanatory thereof, I have honour to	A2.36	394

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				M V F L S Merewether	1856 04 29~ 1856 04 30~	request that I may be furnished with an authority for its payment. & Notes in margin Auditor General Blank cover 22 nd April 1856 Official Stamp Audit Office NSW – No 457 Ap *23 To be returned Increase was approved for in estimates & paper & it can therefore be allowed. Blank cover 26 th April 1856. Returned CSO 28 th April 1856 For approval Approved Sheriff		
	56/03813	1856 04 22	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1856 04 16	Letter forwarding copy of letter to Mr District Surveyor Galloway & requesting approval of new arrangement in district. & At top No 56/247 I do myself honour to forward herewith for submission to Governor General, a copy of a letter addressed by me on 8 th January last to Mr District Surveyor Galloway, appraising him of certain changes which it had been considered desirable to make in details of his position with regard to Department & I beg that I may be favoured with His Excellency's approval of arrangement. 2 A letter requesting His Excellency's sanction was written at time & was supposed to have been forwarded, but it is now discovered that that letter was in fact mislaid & never sent. This explanation will account for delay that has taken place. PS In further consideration, I think it advisable that proposed change in matter of equipment should not at present take place. & Notes in margin Per remarks in letter Surveyor General appraised in accordance herewith.	A2.36	395-396
	56/03813	1856 01 08	J J Galloway District Surveyor Moreton Bay	George Barney Surveyor General	1856 04 22~ 1856 04 25	Enclosure in Surveyor General's letter to Hon Colonial Secretary No 56/247 of 16 th April 1856 & At top No56/29 In order that recommendations of Commissioners appointed to enquire into Surveyor General's Department may have a fair beginning, without loss of time in one of most important districts of Colony, I have nominated you to charge of District of Moreton Bay under following arrangements, namely:- 1 <u>District</u> You will hereafter be denominated District Surveyor & be placed in charge of what will be called Moreton Bay District, a description of which is enclosed for your information. 2 <u>Assistants</u> Under your direction will be placed as early as practicable, 3 paid Assistant Surveyors, whose work you will particularly direct & supervise. 3 <u>Office/Draftsman</u> You will have charge of office at Brisbane, in which a qualified draftsman will be immediately placed for all office purposes required under this arrangement. 4 <u>Equipment</u> You will be allowed to take equipment which you at present have in your possession at a valuation to be made in customary manner & with		397-401

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						<p>which you are, I believe, acquainted & you will be required to complete your equipment at your own cost, being allowed full sum of £100 per annum to maintain that equipment in full efficiency, without rendering any account of manner in which sum allowed may be disbursed.</p> <p>5 <u>Men/Wages</u> Your party which should not consist, except on special occasions of more than 5 men will be paid in manner at present in practice, unless you should be satisfied to receive a fair money allowance in lieu of wages & on which subject I am open to receive your proposals.</p> <p>6 <u>Provisions</u> For purchase of provisions for yourself & party, you will be allowed a money equivalent of one shilling & two pence per diem, contract price for the present, for each ration which I have no doubt you will find sufficient.</p> <p>7 <u>Forage</u> You will be allowed a money equivalent for forage for your saddle horse & for 3 draft horses, when necessary, of £56 each per annum, or where economy can be exercised by having paddocks, to be charged for as a contingency. I anticipate that this will not be overlooked.</p> <p>8 These arrangements as to equipment, men, provisions & forage will apply to your assistants equally with yourself.</p> <p>9 You will consider Mr Assistant Surveyor Roberts as one of your assistants for present & communicate these particulars to him. All correspondence will pass through District Surveyor.</p> <p>10 As direction of work by assistants will be placed in hands of District Surveyor, who will be responsible to me for its judicious exercise, I may explain that they are to be required to plot their work daily, without more drafting than may be absolutely necessary for their own operations: that field notes & plans are to be sent to District Surveyor's Office by every safe opportunity where work is to be replotted by District Draftsman & approved by District Surveyor who will then send all documents to Head Quarters.</p> <p>11 That you may proceed easily & expeditiously in arranging this business in the outset I do not propose to withdraw Mr Perry from office at Brisbane immediately, although assistance of one skilful & diligent draftsman will, I doubt not, prove sufficient eventually for all that is needed.</p> <p>12 It would be well that you see that field books are kept by your assistants according to some uniform plan which each surveyor as also draftsman should thoroughly understand & that sketches or notes should be introduced where there may be any peculiarity or difficulty to be explained.</p> <p>13 For yourself, after conduct of office & direction of your assistants you should give your zealous attention to improvement of maps of your district & to correction of any discrepancies or errors which you may detect in its surveys.</p> <p>14 You should also give especial attention & consideration to erection of trigonometrical stations of a cheap & durable nature on suitable points in your district & with which all future surveys, either of farms or features, may be connected with a view to their final continuation when positions of these stations may be determined by a trigonometrical survey. Capt Frome in his work gives a good specimen of a cheap trigonometrical station, of which a sketch is enclosed, but I should be glad to have your report on subject.</p> <p>15 Thus, tho' a brief & imperfect explanation of what is intended, may be sufficient to acquaint you with general scope of arrangement & enable you at once to proceed to bring it into operation.</p> <p>16 Until 2 assistants in addition to Mr Roberts can be sent to you, services of Messrs Warner & Lindo, as Licensed Surveyors will be continued.</p>		

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				W D W D W D W D	1856 04 22~	17 You will be so good as to acknowledge receipt of this letter. & Notes in margin Saving both with number of horses & rate of allowances. District Surveyor will be responsible not only for quality of this work, but for its quantity. One will certainly be enough. I hardly see why the District Surveyor is supplied with a party of men with rations unless he is called upon to do more work than is herein explained he should do all surveying in neighbourhood of his headquarters.		
	56/03815	1856 04 22	Hon C S	Harry Walker Traylan M F E D T G Barney	1856 04 04 1856 04 23~ 1856 04 23~ 1856 04 25	Letter requesting payment of reward for discovery of a road between Dawson Valley & Port Curtis I was informed some months ago that a reward of £100 would be paid by Government to any persons who would find & open an available dray road betwixt it & upper portion of Dawson Valley & Port Curtis. This road has been formed by me & I more than once conducted drays loaded with wool from Mr Berry's station to Port Curtis & returned with those drays loaded with his property. There are several roads to Mr Berry's, but one from Mr Ross' station on Auburn is one that more immediately forms direct road to upper Dawson. I therefore am submitting this at great personal risk & labour established required communication trust you will submit my claim for favourable consideration of His Excellency, Governor General. & Notes in margin Anything known of this? I cannot trace any correspondence on subject. Perhaps Surveyor General may be requested to report! Yes, Blank cover 24 th April 1856 To be returned Noted I regret that I am not in a position to give any information on this subject. Ent - 56/77-Fol 223-5 Returned CSO 28 th April 1856 Mr Walker may perhaps be informed that it does not appear that any reward was offered. Mt Walker 1 st May 1856~	A2.36	402-405
	56/03818	1856 04 21	Hon C S	J C Wickham M F	1856 04 12 1856 04 21~	Letter applying for removal of Peter Flanagan, lunatic to Tarban Creek Asylum I have honour to inform you that person named in margin [name in margin Peter Flanagan] was committed to this gaol from Ipswich Bench under warrant of 3 rd instant, as a dangerous lunatic. I beg to forward herewith a copy of warrant of committal in his case & to request you will have kindness to send me necessary authority for his removal to Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek. His family reside in Ipswich, but I am not aware of their being in a position to contribute to his support. & Notes in margin Warrant is imperfect in omitting to allege a purpose of committing either suicide or an indictable offence. Warrant herewith	A2.36	406

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				C G Gray JP W H GearyJP	1856 04 21 1856 04 03	It may herewith be acted on. Government Resident (Copy) & At top 56/3818 New South Wales Ipswich to Wit To Edward Quinn, Chief Constable of Ipswich or his assistants & to keeper of Gaol at Brisbane in Colony of New South Wales. Whereas Peter Flanagan has been discovered & apprehended in Colony of New South Wales, that is to say at Ipswich, under circumstances denoting a derangement of mind & said Peter Flanagan being brought before us, Charles George Gray & William H Geary Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of New South Wales, we did call to our assistance two legally qualified Medical Practitioners to wit Frederick Cumming & Henry Challinor of Ipswich & whereas upon view & examination of said Peter Flanagan & upon proof on oath by said two Medical Practitioners, that in their opinion said Peter Flanagan is a dangerous lunatic & upon proof duly made before us, we said Justices are satisfied that said Peter Flanagan is a dangerous lunatic. These are therefore to command you that you, said Constables forthwith convey & deliver into custody of said keeper of Common Gaol at Brisbane in said Colony body of said Peter Flanagan & we command you, said keeper of said Common Gaol at Brisbane that you receive into your custody body of said Peter Flanagan herewith sent as a dangerous lunatic & him keep in strict custody until he shall be discharged by order of two Justices of Peace, one whereof shall be one of us, said Charles George Gray & William Henry Geary, or by one of Judges of Supreme Court of New South Wales, or until he shall be removed to some public Colonial Lunatic Asylum by order of His Excellency Governor of New South Wales for time being as is by law provided & for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant. Witness our hands & seals at Ipswich this 3 rd April 1856 Signed Charles George Gray JP (Seal) William Henry Geary JP (Seal)		407-408
	56/03826	1856 04 21	Hon C S	H H Browne Government Immigration Office Sydney W V	1856 04 19 1856 04 21~ 1856 04 19	Letter forwarding duplicate copies of correspondence relative to irregularities which occurred on board immigrant ship "Fortune" during voyage to Moreton Bay. & At top 56/813 In accordance with request contained in your letter of 28 th Ultimo, No 56/126, I do myself honour to forward to you herewith duplicate copies of my report of 19 th January, No 30, & its enclosures relative to irregularities which occurred on board immigrant ship "Fortune" during voyage to Moreton Bay, for transmission to Colonial Land & Immigrant Commissioners. & Notes in margin No 56/194 Mr Walcott M 14.106	A2.36	409-410
	56/03836	1856 04 21	Hon C S	J C Wickham	1856 04 09	Letter respecting Sureties of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Brisbane'	A2.36	411

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				Government Resident Moreton Bay		& At top 56/159 In reference to your circular letter of 1 st instant, No 45, I do myself honour to inform you that sureties of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Brisbane have not become in any way disqualified as Bondsmen & are both resident in this district.		
	56/03862	1856 04 21	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 04 16 1856 04 21~ 1856 04 22~ 1856 04 23~	Letter respecting Supervision of Works on Roads With reference to your letter of 4 th March 15 15330, respecting resignation of L Vigors & desiring me to appoint a proper person to undertake supervision of roads under that officer's care, I have honour to inform you that I have requested Mr FE Roberts to perform this duty & L Vigors has handed over to him accounts, plans etc of works hitherto under his care. 2 Mr Roberts is a candidate for office which Mr Vigors vacates & I know no one else who is both willing & competent to undertake supervision of roads. & Notes in margin 56/180 M13.330 Refersent to Government Resident on 4 th March & still with him. Has notification of appointments of Mr Roberts been sent to Capt Wickham? It will be sent by steamer this evening.	A2.36	412
	56/02848			M Fitzpatrick W D	1856 04 03 1856 04 09 1856 04 22 1856 04 04~	Notes at beginning Executive Council advise that Mr Roberts be appointed Road Surveyor in lieu of Mr Vigors. It should however, be notified to him that the situation of Road Surveyor is liable to be hereafter modified or abolished. Approved Government Resident, Auditor General, Surveyor General Notice 56/3862 Notes Returned CSO	A2.36	413
	56/02848	1856 04 25	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident' Moreton Bay W D	1856 03 17 1856 03 18~ 1856 03 26	Letter respecting application of Mr FE Roberts for appointment of Surveyor of Roads. With reference to your letter of 21 st Ultimo, 56/1594, respecting application of Mr FE Roberts for appointment of Surveyor of Roads for Moreton Bay District forwarded for my report, I do myself honour to inform you, that Mr Robert's absence from Brisbane upon surveying duty, prevented my seeing him, which I was desirous to do before replying to your letter in order to learn from him whether he was quite aware of extent & nature of all duties devolving upon that office. 2 Having now satisfied myself upon that point & having seen very satisfactory testimonials of Mr Robert's capabilities as a Civil Engineer, I am of opinion that from his long residence in district as a surveyor & his knowledge of country, he is well qualified for appointment & I beg to recommend his application of His Excellency Governor General. & Notes in Margin This will perhaps have to be submitted to Executive Council – 56/116, but appointment, if made, could not it is presumed, take effect until work referred to		414-415

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					1856 03 29	<p>in Surveyor General's report on 56/1594 is reported by him to have been completed.</p> <p>No & appointment cannot be look upon as if a permanent character it must be contingent upon arrangements to be made hereafter from Department of Board of Works.</p> <p>Surveyor General Government Resident Clerk of Executive Council Blank Copy 29th March 1856 Noted 31st March 1856</p>		
	56/01594	1856 02 15	Private Secretary His Excellency, Governor General	Francis E Roberts Assistant Surveyor	1856 02 05	<p>Application for appointment as Road Surveyor & At top 56/1194</p> <p>I do myself honour to offer myself as a candidate for vacancy which I believe is about to be made by resignation of Mr Vigors of Surveyorship of Roads for Moreton Bay District & request that you will be kind enough to place my name before His Excellency, Governor General, for His Excellency's kind consideration.</p> <p>From my long residence in & knowledge of District, I feel confident of being able to perform satisfactorily necessary duties of office.</p> <p>Should His Excellency require a reference in District, I beg to mention name of Captain Wickham, Government Resident at Brisbane.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin 56/1391</p> <p>Mr Vigors resignation To Executive Council</p> <p>I have been requested by Mr Roberts to transmit this application for favourable consideration of His Excellency, Governor General.</p> <p>Mr Roberts is at present employed on survey of reserves in his districts, which he states he is in a position to complete with rapidity, this work performed.</p> <p>I shall have no objection to his being appointed Surveyor of Roads, should His Excellency so approve.</p> <p>C Rolleston Esq Ent 56/3 Fol23 MBC Is this under Colonial Architects?</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Surveyor of Roads at Moreton Bay acts under Government Resident, rest, Colonial Architect.</p> <p>Captain Wickham to be informed Government Resident On 15th March 1856 56/2848</p>	A2.36	416-418
				George Barney	1856 02 15			
					1856 02 12~			
				W D	1856 02 12~			
				W D	1856 02 12~			
					1856 02 21			
	56/03881	1856 04 24	Hon C S	Thomas Holt Sydney	1856 04 22	<p>Letter recommending Mr Thornton for Commission of Peace.</p> <p>I have honour to inform you that my attention was called, when in Brisbane, to the paucity of Magistrates who were in habit of attending Bench in that town & inconvenience to public was more likely to be felt in consequence of Mr James Leith Hay (an active Magistrate) being about to leave that town for his stations.</p> <p>I beg leave to recommend that William Thornton Esq, a gentleman universally respected in that district, may be placed in Commission of Peace. Mr Thornton, I believe is personally known to you & I feel myself personally</p>	A2.36	419-420

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					1856 04 25 1856 04 25~	obliged to you if you would be so kind as to submit this recommendation for consideration of His Excellency, Governor General <u>at your earliest convenience.</u> & Notes in margin For Executive Council Mr Holt has in formally represented to me, his anxiety that this appointment should be made without delay & I submit application for favourable consideration accordingly. Question as to a new Commissioner will come before Executive Council in a few days, when Mr Thornton's name can be inserted. Clerk of Executive Council. Blank Copy 29 th April 1856 Executive 56/261 30 th April 1856		
	56/04003	1856 04 28	Hon C S	John F McDougall Returning Officer Milton, Brisbane	1856 04 16 1856 04 28~ 1856 04 29~	Letter from Returning Officer, returning writ. I have honour to transmit herewith for His Excellency, Governor General, Writ of Election & state that election was contested by Dr Dorsey & Henry Buckley & that latter gentleman was duly chosen y a majority of 199 votes. & Notes in margin Henry Buckley Esq To be notified as usual Notice in Gazette	A2.36	421
	56/04041	1856 04 28	Hon C S	M C P O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1856 03 11 1856 05 05~	Letter requesting copy of Supplements to Callaghan Acts of Council. As much inconvenience is experienced by me in performance of magisterial duties in Police at Gladstone through want of a copy of Supplements to Callaghan Acts of Council, may I request that His Excellency, Governor General will be good enough to authorise issue to Bench of Magistrates at this place of a copy of the work in Gladstone. & Notes in margin As there are only a few sets of Callaghan's Acts of Council in store, this request cannot I presume, be entertained. Refused 5 th May 1856	A2.36	422
	56/0403	1856 04 28	Hon C S	M C P O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1856 03 11 1856 04 29 1856 05 28~	Letter Recommending Mr J Harty as Inspector of Distilleries & Weights & Measures. I have honour to request Mr James Harty Chief Constable of Gladstone, may be appointed Inspector of Distilleries & also of Weights & Measures for District of Port Curtis & Police district of Gladstone. & Notes in margin For Executive Council with reference to first. Other matter is regulated by Magistrates. Also, Blank Copy 5 th May 1856 Noted Executive Council 56/293 5 th May 1856 Executive Council having advised that all minor appointments be made by Heads of Departments to which they appertain, this letter is returned to Hon Colonial Secretary with reference to my minute No 56/212. Noted 28 th May 1956 No 56/279 Either for Inspector General of Police, or Inspector of Distilleries – this appears	A2.36	423-424

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				M F C D R J S	1856 05 31~	such will matter then. Returned CSO 30 th May 1856 Inform Captain O'Connell of proper course with respect to Inspector of Weights & Measures & that appointment of Inspector of Distilleries is now vested in Chief Inspector to whom this application is referred. Refer accordingly. Referred for this purpose to Chief Inspector of Distilleries accordingly. Blank Cover 4 th June 1856 To be returned Government Resident informed 4 th June 1856 Noted & officer appointed in terms of his excellence in Colonial Secretary's letter dated 16 th July 1856. Blank Cover 20 th August 1856.		
	56/04053	1856 04 28	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney W D E T M F W D	1856 04 25 1856 04 29 1856 05 12~	Letter relative to Mr Irving's application to be reappointment to Native Police Corps. & At top 56/97 Referring to previous correspondence on subject of Mr SJC Irving's dismissal from Native Police Corps & to his application to be reappointed, forwarded under your Blank Cover Memorandum of 23 rd instant, I do myself honour to state, that, under all circumstances, having regard to extreme difficulty of finding unexceptionable candidates for office & to effect which lesson he has received may be reasonably be expected to prejudice, I beg to recommend Mr Irving for appointment of Sub Lieutenant in Native Police Corps, to date from his commencing duty under Lieutenant Morisset's provisional appointment. & Notes in margin Ex Council Returned herewith Blank Copy 30 th April 1856 Noted 30 th April 1856 Executive 56/269 – 30 th April 1856 Executive Council advise that Mr Irving to be appointed accordingly 10 th May 1856 No 56/218 Approved Inspector General Inspector General of Police Notice July 1856	A2.36	425-426
	56/03821	1856 04 22	Hon C S	S J C Irving Yabber Wide Bay	1856 03 30	Letter requesting reinstatement in Native Policer I do myself honour to inform you that Lieutenant Morriset has appointed me to a vacancy in Native Police Force, provisionally, until His Excellency, Governor General's pleasure be known. I pray that my late dismissal from Native Police Force may not initiate against confirmation of appointment with His Excellency, Governor General as such dismissal took place in consequence of my detention in Brisbane, principally under pecuniary embarrassments from not receiving my Government pay, instead of proceeding at once to Wide Bay, according to orders & not from any irregularities, or neglect of Police duties. I trust also that my experience of duties of an officer of Force & my thorough knowledge of management of Troopers may bring my name under favourable notice of His Excellency, Governor General. I have honour to state, I have exercised orders from Lieut Morriset to proceed	A2.36	427-428

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				W D W E	1856 04 23~	to Maryborough on duty to which place I request my communication may be forwarded. & Notes in margin Refer to Inspector General of Police Blank Copy 23 rd April 1856 Noted 24 th April 1856 To be returned 56/4053		
	55/07519	1855 07 12	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1855 07 11	Letter returning correspondence relative to dismissal of Lieut Irving from Native Police & At top 53/150 In returning enclosed correspondence relative to dismissal of Lieutenant Irving from Native Police, forwarded me, under His Excellency, Governor General, Blank Cover Memorandum of 25 th Ultimo, I do myself honour to state that I do not see any new matter brought forward in Mr Irving's letter of 9 th Ultimo, that can be held to affect decision aimed at by His Excellency on case. & Notes in margin 56/2111 Returned herewith Mr Irving to be informed accordingly Mr Irving July /55 56/3621	A2.36	429-430
	55/05886	1855 06 25	C Rolleston Private Secretary Hon CS	W D S J C Irving Yabber Wide Bay	1855 06 25~ 1855 06 09	At top Let this correspond with his other papers & if necessary, be forwarded to Commandant to report, or perhaps as Native Police is now placed under Inspector General of Police, whole of his papers had better be sent to him. 58/8183 Letter requesting re instatement in office as Lieut Native Police. I do myself honour to require that you will lay following statement before His Excellency, Governor General. I received orders from Lieut Fulford on my return from Gwydir District with a party of Police to proceed from Monto to Brisbane go give evidence before Board, ordered to assemble there for purpose of holding an investigation into conduct of late Commandant. On my way down, my horses were so knocked up that I had to lease then & continue my journey in a hired conveyance, in order to be down on appointed day. On my arrival at Brisbane, I was informed that my salary for Quarter ending Sept 1854 & increase of pay for two first quarters ending in June 1855 had not been paid in, as usual, to my credit in Bank of Sydney by late Commandant & although I had signed pay abstracts up to end of December 1854, consequently I was without money, but through Mr Marshall's assistance I was enabled to obtain a small sum after sitting of Board received orders to take command of Police Section stationed in Moreton Bay, extending to Brisbane & Wide Bay, extending to Maryborough for purpose of patrolling & was only waiting for a horse to start with, when by arrival of steamer, I received intimation that several of my cheques which I had drawn while travelling were returned from Sydney, dishonoured & taking up again of which completely absorbed what money I had left. I was thus compelled to purchase a horse on credit, which I did with great difficulty & at considerable	A2.36	431-436

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						<p>expense & I started from town as soon as I had sufficiently recovered from sickness for purpose of meeting some Troopers, whom I had requested Sub Lieut Bligh to forward to me in order to patrol on north & east of Brisbane. I patrolled in Moreton Bay District to northward of Brisbane & arrived with men on 6th March at this place, although my first instruction was not to return here until end of month, but there being a scarcity of ammunition with my party, I deemed it advisable to obtain more. On my arrival here, I found that there was a report in circulation that Aborigines were committing depredations on a station about 50 miles from here, when I immediately started out again & exercised patrolling until 17th March when I returned & found a letter from present Commandant relieving me from my duties until His Excellency's pleasure should be known.</p> <p>On 8th instant, I received copy of letter from Colonial Secretary's office, dated 23rd April 1855, with dismissal from my appointment in Native Police Force in consequence of my absence to 6th March. I most respectfully beg to submit that had I arrived sooner, I should have returned to vicinity of Brisbane with my men, as there was an apprehension on part of settlers & others that natives intended exercising "Dundalii's" death as I considered Brisbane & its neighbourhood in my district. I beg most respectfully to assure His Excellency that my detention in Brisbane was not of pleasure, but of sickness & pecuniary embarrassment & that I was unaware that penalty for which would be my dismissal from my appointment. I had been upwards 18 months since my appointment, engaged in constantly patrolling in Maranoa, Dawson & Gwydir Districts, two first at time in a very dissembled state & hardships I have incurred has brought on scurvy & other illness, first of which I was suffering from on my arrival in Brisbane.</p> <p>I beg most respectfully to state for information of His Excellency that I arrived in this Colony in 28th Regiment in 1835 from which Regiment I sold out as a Lieutenant for purpose of settling in Colony, but that from a series of misfortunes, I have been most unsuccessful & had nothing to depend upon but my Government appointment which I had studied to fulfil most zealously, deprivation of which has rendered me ??? I therefore most humbly pray that His Excellency will kindly take my case into his most gracious consideration & reinstate me in my appointment when by strictest assiduity & alteration to my duties I will evince my gratitude for his consideration.</p>		
	55/03647	1855 04 18	Hon C S	R P Marshall Commandant Native Police Traylan	1855 03 28	<p>Letter accompanying letter from Lieut Irving, stating reasons for staying in Brisbane & At top 55/3183</p> <p>Referring to my letter of 3rd instant, No 55/46, complaining of conduct of Lieut Irving, I do myself honour to forward you enclosed letter from that gentleman in explanation.</p> <p>Referring to first excuse offered by Lieut Irving in 1st paragraph of his letter, I have honour to state that on his representing to me in Brisbane, that he was in pecuniary difficulties in consequence of late Commandant not having paid salaries & allowances of officers, I proposed that he should get a Bill discounted at Bank, at same time offering my endorsement for that purpose, (amount for which I offered endorsement was left to Lieut Irving) & which I gave for £60. I therefore presume that this sum would have cleared his debts up to time of my departure, as he could have obtained more if asked for.</p> <p>2 Relative to his horses not being fit for work, had such been case it would</p>	A2.36	437-440

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	55/03647		R P Marshall Commandant Native Police Traylan	W D S J C Irving Yabber Wide Bay	1855 04 19~ 1855 03 17	<p>have been easy for Lieut Irving to have stated so to me when I instructed him to proceed to Yabber, but I heard nothing of it. Sub Lieut Nicol who accompanied Lieut Irving from Wandai Gumbal to Brisbane returned to his station at time appointed, having a far greater distance to travel than Lieut Irving had.</p> <p>3 It would have been easy for Lieut Irving to have instructed me as to difficulties he says he was placed in, there being a weekly mail from Brisbane to this place & he shews an evident intention of keeping from my knowledge actual time spent there.</p> <p>4 I have honour in conclusion to state that attempt at explanation offered by Lieut Irving is anything but satisfactory to me & I consider him to have been guilty of wilful & gross disobedience of orders & violation of duty & beg to request that His Excellency, Governor General will give me his decision in matter.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin It appears that Mr Irving was absent from his duty two whole months – he having as he states arrived at Yabber on 6th March whereas he ought to have been there on 6th Jan. His explanation does not make matters better. My former minute must therefore be carried out. Commandant 24th April 1855 55/5886</p> <p>& At top 55/3647 I do myself honour to acknowledge receipt of your of 3rd instant, calling upon me to explain cause of my detention in Brisbane.</p> <p>2 Immediately after your departure from Brisbane, I found a number of my orders drawn upon Sydney, upon faith of late Commandant having forwarded my pay & allowances to my credit at Union Bank of Australia & which you are aware he neglected to do, were returned dishonoured, such amount of funds to my credit in Bank of New South Wales, Brisbane were entirely absolved in returning them thus leaving me without means of purchasing a horse to carry me up to this district as I found those I bought down quite unfit for travelling on patrol duty. I however succeeded in purchasing one at a considerable expense & personal sacrifice & was about to start when I was attacked with violent diarrhoea & also was suffering from a spasmodic stricture which precluded my riding for some short time. I however wrote to Lieut Bligh requesting him to forward some men to meet me on road & left Brisbane when well enough for travelling & patrolled through stations in northern portion of Moreton Bay District arriving at Barracks on 6th instant when after remaining 2 days receiving information that blacks were spearing cattle on Widgi Widgi Run, in this district. I proceeded with my subdivision to patrol on that & neighbouring stations returning to Barracks this evening, having experienced wet weather every day during above period which I regret to say brought on an attack of diarrhoea from which I am now suffering.</p> <p>3 I have, according to your orders, given up command of No. 8 section to Lieut Bligh until further orders & sincerely trust that as this has been first censure passed by you on me, you will take above explanation into your consideration & permit me to return to my duty. I shall answer that you shall never have reason to find slightest cause of complaint against me for neglect or dereliction</p>		441-444

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						from my duty.		
	55/02610	1855 03 21	Hon C S	R P Marshall Commandant Native Police Traylan W D	1855 03 03 1855 03 23~	& At top 55/48 Letter complaining of conduct of Lieut Irving. I have honour to state for information of His Excellency, Governor General that on leaving Brisbane on 27 th December last, I gave Lieut Irving instructions to proceed to Yabber district of Wide Bay, distant from Brisbane 6 easy days march & take command of section of Police stationed at that place. By letter from Sub Lieut Bligh dated 9 th February, I find that Lieut Irving had not then reached Yabber. I have been further informed that he had not left Brisbane on 15 th February, after such a gross violation of duty I deem it necessary to recommend that His Excellency, Governor General, should dismiss Lieut Irving if he cannot shew good cause for having disobeyed my positive instructions. 2 I have called upon Lieut Irving to make any explanation in his power & in mean time have relieved him from duty. & Notes in margin If Lieut Irving cannot shew satisfactory reasons for his absence, he will be dismissed. In mean time he will be suspended from date of his being relieved from duty. The Commandant 27 th March 1855 End of April 55/3647	A2.36	445-446
	56/04059	1856 04 28	Hon C S	W A Duncan JP Police Office Brisbane W E J Buchanan W E	1856 04 15 1856 04 30 1856 05 16	& At Top 56/70 Letter applying for stamps for Inspector of Weights & Measures, Brisbane We have honour to request that you will have goodness to cause necessary stamps to be forwarded to the Inspector of Weights & Measures at Brisbane, in order that he may be in a position to comply with requirements of Act of Council 916 Vic. No. 54).. & Notes in margin MV 28 th April 1856~ Referred for report of Colonial Storekeeper Blank Cover 29 th April 1856 Noted 29 th April 1856~ To be returned Articles necessary for this purpose would cost £22 & as special vote taken to purchase such, is, I believe, now exhausted, it would be advisable ??? to sanctioning issue determine out of what fund charge should be dispersed. Blank cover 30 th April 1856. Returned CSO 3 rd May 1856~ Official stamp Audit Office of New South Wales No 499 MY 5 th Auditor General. Blank Cover 31 st May 1856 Amount might be charged on vote of £300 for miscellaneous stores. Blank Cover 8 th May 1856 Returned CSO 9 th May 1856~ Approved 10 th May 1856~ Colonial Storekeeper, Bench, Brisbane	A2.36	447-448
	556/04087	1856 04 28	Hon C S	M C O'Connell Government Resident	1856 03 12	& At Top 10/56	A2.36	449-450

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				M V	1855 12 01~ 1855 12 29~ 1856 04 02~ 1856 04 03~ 1956 04 04~	Ipswich again to offer contract there & will as early as possible forward you information of my success or otherwise. & Notes in margin 55/12613 Bench respecting above See also 55/12613 Resubmit on 31 st March 1856~ Resubmitted This matter may perhaps be left with Bench Yes Address sheet – OHMS To Honourable, Colonial Secretary, Sydney Wombo 10 th December 1855		453
	55/12613	1855 12 18	Hon C S	Leonard Edward Lester JP Wombo M V C D R	1855 12 01 1855 12 10~ 1855 12 20~ 1855 12 22~ 1855 12 31	Letter respecting removal of Court of Petty Sessions to Lower Condamine. In answer to your letter of 3 rd instant, respecting removal of Court of Petty Sessions from Wombo to Lower Condamine, I do myself honour to inform you that we have not yet succeeded in obtaining men to erect necessary building & that Court consequently is still at Wombo. Clerk of Bench & Constables have received notice to remove, but they are of course in same position with regard to buildings. As soon as shearing operations are over, I think we shall be able to get work undertaken. A copy of this may be sent to Inspector General of Police Yes Inspector General of Police 55/12889	A2.36	454
	55/09885	1855 09 15	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney C D R	1855 09 14 1855 09 16~	Letter relative to Remuneration to Chief Constable Wambo for erection by him of temporary Lockup (7) & At top 58/206 In returning enclosed letter from Bench of Magistrates at Wambo, transmitting & summarising an application from Chief Constable of that District, for some remuneration for a temporary building erected by him & used for upwards of two years as a Lockup & for use of his private dwelling house, as a Court House, when required, during same period & representing that, he will be put to additional expense in removing from Wambo to Condamine referred for my report under your Blank Cover minute of 11 th instant. I do myself honour to state for information of His Excellency, Governor General, that under report of Justices, I concur that Chief Constable Skilton has a claim to favourable conservation for accommodation afforded to public by use of buildings in question for purposes referred to & I beg therefore to recommend that a sum, not exceeding £20, be allowed him accordingly, to be charged against sums available to meet contingencies of service. 2 I do not consider that transfer of Court of Petty Session & Police establishments from Wambo to Condamine & removal this entails on part of Chief Constable entitles him to any remuneration from Police. & Notes in margin	A2.36	455-458

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	55/09885			W D C D R	1855 09 17~ 1855 09 20~ 1855 10 25~ 1855 10 27~ 1855 11 03~	Under circumstances alluded to by Inspector General of Police, sum of £20 may be placed in warrant for Chief Constable at Wambo to be charged against sums available to meet contingencies of Service. Approved Inspector General, Bench, Wambo, Auditor General. 55/12613 Police Establishment at Wambo was ordered to be removed to Condamine. In May last, Bench reported that arrangements for transfer had not been made. Shall enquiries be made of present state of matter? Yes Bench On 1 st December 1855 55/12613		459-460
	55/09737	1855 09 11	Hon C S	Leonard E Lester JP John Ker Wilson JP Police Office Wambo	1855 08 23	Letter respecting removal of Court from Wambo to Condamine We do ourselves honour to enclose a letter received by Bench from Chief Constable of Wambo respecting loss he will sustain by removal of Court from here to Condamine. We beg to recommend his case to your consideration, it being correct in every particular. We further do ourselves honour to inform you that we have now some prospect of having Court House & other buildings erected, labour having become much more plentiful in district. & Notes in margin Inspector General of Police Blank Cover 11 th September 1855 Noted 12 th September 1855~ [Other notes too feint to read]	A2.36	461
	55/09137		Bench of Magistrates Wambo	M V James Skilton Chief Constable Wambo	1855 08 08	I beg to do myself honour to lay following before your notice. Viz – as court of Petty Sessions is about to be removed from Wambo & is to be placed near Tieryboo, a distance of 30 miles, which removal will cause me a great additional expense, as buildings I have now at Wambo will be utterly useless to me after removal above named takes place. I beg to state that site at Wambo for a township was pointed out to me by one of local Magistrates as place where court was to be holden I immediately had a building erected on last named site, which building cost me £35. I further beg to state I erected a temporary building for a Lockup which building has been used as same for upwards of 2 years. I beg further to add that my private dwelling house has been used as a Court House when required for upwards of 2 years. Gentlemen, I humbly beg you will be pleased to represent to Government, above, as I beg to say I feel myself entitled to some remuneration for loss of above named buildings, which will be case on my removal & erecting another building on new site for a township (namely Condamine).		462
	56/04198	1856 04 29	Hon C S	A W Manning Court House Drayton	1856 04 15	Re Bond for FW Roches I have honour to forward you by this post, a Bond signed by Mr FW Roches & sureties & duly attested. & Notes in Margin	A2.36	463

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					1856 05 09	Tender for Supplies Bond not sent to records Bond sent, Auditor General		
	56/04334	1856 05 06	Hon CS	J C Wickham Government Resident Office Moreton Bay	1856 04 26	Enclosing report of Board of Inquiry into case of Mr Watson, a Pilot. In accordance with your letter of 9 th Instant, No 56/3264, a board has been held to enquire into conduct of Mr Watson a Pilot at Moreton Island & I now do myself honour to forward report for consideration of His Excellency Governor General. & Notes in Margin 56/208	A2.36	464
	56/04334		Hon C S	W D W A Duncan, Chairman W H Geary, JP A C Kemball, JP	1856 05 06~ 1856 05 08~ 1856 04 23	Mr Watson to be reprimanded & warned to be more cautious for his future. Government Resident, Post Master Enclosure No 1 in letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay. Report from Board appointed to inquire into & report upon conduct attributed to Mr Watson, Pilot, Moreton Bay. We undersigned, being a Board appointed by His Excellency, Governor General to inquire into & report upon conduct of Mr Watson one of Pilots of this Port, charged with having entrusted one of Government boats to native blacks for purpose of removing blankets & beds from Quarantine Station, which were ordered to be burnt, have honour to report, for His Excellency's information, that we have summoned before us all, white men who were at Pilot's station at time referred to, but that they all deny having any knowledge of purpose for which boat was entrusted to blacks, or having ever heard Mr Watson, or any person, in his presence, state for what purpose boat was given in charge to blacks. Writer of note, Captain Wickham, which has given rise to this inquiry, not having signed any name to it, we had no means of questioning him as to truth of its contents. There is therefore, no direct evidence against Mr Watson beyond his own admission, which, in substance is that he sent boat in charge of blacks, not to Quarantine ground for blankets, but to Peel Island for some planking belonging to "Sabrina" that had been washed ashore there & which he intended to apply to Government uses. He further states that boat which was lost has since been found & but little injured. Taking into account rumours that are afloat confirmatory of statements in anonymous note to Government Resident, we are not quite satisfied that Mr Watson's statement contains whole truth of this matter, but we have been unable to find any evidence, either in addition or contradictory, to it; that of aborigines being presumed inadmissible. We are however, of opinion that, on his own admission Mr Watson was to blame in entrusting boat to blacks; still more in not reporting its loss immediately, to Harbour Master; nor can we approve of his picking up stray planking which might be claimed by private persons & using it for Government purposes, without authority. Mr Watson pleads, in extenuation, innocence of his intentions, as length of his service, circumstances which are no doubt entitled to some consideration.		465-468
	56/04334		Captain Geary	Charles Watson Pilot Moreton Bay	1856 04 08?	Enclosure No 2 in letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay to Hon CS 26 th April 56/208 I have to inform you that I have got boat home. I went over on Thursday morning & came back on Friday. Blacks brought her to Briby [Bribie] River.		469-470[Pages reversed]

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	56/04334		Captain Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	Captain Geary Harbour Master's Office Moreton Bay	1856 03 28	<p>They came over here to take boat that I am giving them & boat if there has a new bottom to be put into her. Consider she is not worse than she was, only piece of stern post that I once put into her is knocked out of her. Considering experiences that I have been at with giving them provisions, shirts, trousers & a quantity of tobacco each time I went & giving them boat I consider it will cost me no less than nearly £20 & as thing was done without thinking anything wrong about it as planks being intended for benefit of Station, I did not for a moment take it into consideration & I hope Sir, you will be so kind as make a little intercession in matter to Captain Wickham as I have already explained truth on subject & me being in Service so long & besides been so unfortunate down there it would be rather hard to bring further trouble as I hope there may not be further & this shall be a warning for future & other whale boat I will have her done this next week & she will be as good as ever. [Grammar & spelling in this letter very poor]</p> <p>Enclosure No 3 in letter from Government Resident to Hon CS, 26th April 56/208 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, requiring to be informed whether or not one of Government boats attached to Pilot Station had been approved to an improper use & given into charge of native blacks & has thus become lost & if so by whose authority boat was so disposed of, as you feel it necessary to bring matter before notice of His Excellency, Governor General. In reply, I beg to state that I have already had a personal communication on subject & placed in your hands a letter from Pilot, Mr Watson, in answer to mine demanding an explanation of his conduct in using a Government boat & sending her in charge of native blacks upon an improper service. Had I received Pilot's letter in time for last mail, I should have forwarded it, together with my letter remarking upon his conduct to Port Master. I have been informed that boat is not lost & I have given orders to Pilot to have her brought back to Island. By next mail I shall be able to give a full report of circumstances to head of my department.</p>		471-472
	56/04334		Captain Geary Harbour Master's Office Moreton Bay	Charles Watson Pilot Moreton Bay	1856 03 21	<p>Enclosure No 4 in letter from Government Resident to Hon CS, 26th April 56/208 You desire me by your letter to give you a full account of how whale boat "Cameiuto", management of blacks & upon what service they were at time on part of Government. When I sent out blacks with whale boat, Mr Robinson was not at home & I could not get away myself, neither could I spare any of white men at time, then give them rations to supply them until they would come back. I sent them to Peel Island to bring home half inch planks about 30 feet long that had been washed out of long boat of "Sabrina" & when I ashore, I stowed them away for purpose of being linings for Government boats & repairing house as it is much in want of it. On those conditions I sent them to see if they could find them, but, sorry to say, they came back & said they had lost them, but promised they would go in search of them & try to find them & let me know as soon as they could hear anything of them. I had a note from Mr Robinson last night to say that you desired him to let me</p>		473-474
	56/04334		Hon C S			<p>Enclosure No 4 in letter from Government Resident to Hon CS, 26th April 56/208 You desire me by your letter to give you a full account of how whale boat "Cameiuto", management of blacks & upon what service they were at time on part of Government. When I sent out blacks with whale boat, Mr Robinson was not at home & I could not get away myself, neither could I spare any of white men at time, then give them rations to supply them until they would come back. I sent them to Peel Island to bring home half inch planks about 30 feet long that had been washed out of long boat of "Sabrina" & when I ashore, I stowed them away for purpose of being linings for Government boats & repairing house as it is much in want of it. On those conditions I sent them to see if they could find them, but, sorry to say, they came back & said they had lost them, but promised they would go in search of them & try to find them & let me know as soon as they could hear anything of them. I had a note from Mr Robinson last night to say that you desired him to let me</p>		475-476

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	56/04334		Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 04 17	<p>know that boat was at Calandora [Caloundra] to southward of Bribas [?Bribie] Island, but blacks say that Calandora [Caloundra] is to northward of Glasshouse, but we mean to go in search of her as soon as weather will permit. I mean to commence with other on Monday & get on as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Enclosure No 5 in letter from Government Resident to Hon CS, 26th April 56/208 (Letter unsigned) Are you aware that one of boats belonging to pilot department has been lost through Mr Watson sending it away to Quarantine ground with 3 black fellows for bed, blankets & fittings, that ought to have been destroyed belonging to emigrant ship "Sabrina"? He put them away for himself, beside top of boat, bringing plague & fever into town & elsewhere. You, we think should look to it as it is now 4 weeks & there has not been a word about itit is very odd it should be kept so quiet.</p> <p>Enclosure No 6 in letter from Government Resident to Hon CS, 26th April 56/208 In accordance with instructions which have been forwarded to me by Hon Colonial Secretary, I do myself honour to request that you will call upon gentlemen named in margin to form a Board in conjunction with yourself, as chairman to enquire into & report upon conduct of Mr Watson, one of Pilots of this Port, respecting a communication addressed to me, charging him with having entrusted one of Government boats, to charge of Native Blacks for purpose of removing blankets & beds from Quarantine Station, which were ordered to be burned in accordance with Quarantine regulations. I enclose to you a letter from Harbour Master & a letter from Mr Watson upon subject. & Notes in margin 56/182 Names of gentlemen referred to above: WH Geary Esq (Harbour Master) AW Kembal Esq (Immigration Officer) WA Duncan Esq</p>		477
	56/03964	1856 04 23	Hon C S	Merion Moriarty Port Master's Office Sydney	1856 04 21	<p>Letter to respecting Mr Watson, Pilot at Moreton Bay. I have honour herewith to forward for information & decision of His Excellency, Governor General, enclosed letter which I have received from Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, respecting Mr Watson, one of Pilots at that station. I have already referred to this subject in my letter of 8th instant, No 56/46. & Notes in margin This matter has been referred to a Board. Report not yet received. See 56/3264. On 15th May 1856~ To be returned 56/4334</p>	A2.36	478
	56/03964	1856 04 26	Port Master NSW	Captain Geary Harbour Master's Office Moreton Bay	1856 04 16	<p>At top No 9/56</p>		479

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						I have honour to inform you that Mr Watson, Pilot succeeded in recovering boat he went in search of from native tribe of Caloundra, on Glasshouse, but not until he promised them a boat of his own with rations, stores & tobacco, which he estimates in all nearly £20. He declares he never had any intention or idea of sending to Quarantine Station for blankets or anything, but merely to Peel Island for planks to repair his house more particularly than for any other purpose & considering sum he is out of picket by recovering boat & his long services of 18 years he prays forgiveness. Boat is not in a worse condition than when she left station & none of gear deficient.		
	56/03367	1856 04 10	Hon C S	Merion Moriarty Port Master's Office Sydney W D	1856 04 08 1856 04 10~	Letter enclosing copy of letter from Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, respecting conduct of Mr Watson. I have honour to enclose for information of His Excellency, Governor General, a copy of letter I have just received from Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, detailing conduct on part of Mr Watson, Pilot of highly reprehensible character. & Notes in margin Is there not a letter from Captain Wickham on subject? See 56/3264 enclosed which was submitted with this paper. See former minute On 1 st May 1856~ 56/3964	A2.36	480
	56/03264	1856 04 07	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay W D	1856 04 01 1856 04 07~ 1856 03 29	Letter respecting conduct of Mr Watson, Pilot, regarding a boat entrusted to Native Blacks. It having been represented to me that a boat attached to Pilot Station at Moreton Island had been entrusted to sole charge of native blacks & for a most improper purpose, I called upon Harbour Master at this Port to report to me upon subject & as account given by Pilot (Mr Watson) is not so satisfactory as very serious nature of circumstances involved demands, I do myself honour to request that a Board be appointed by His Excellency, Governor General to enquire into & report upon case & to suggest that such Board should consist of Sub-Collector of Customs at this Port, Assistant Immigration Agent & Harbour Master, as if Pilot (Watson) be not so much to blame as represented, it is due to him to be clear of charge & if contrary be case, matter should not be allowed to pass without further notice. & Notes in margin 56/147 For approval 7 th April 1856~ Government Resident 9 th April 1856 On 1 st May 56/3367 At top 56/3367 No 7/56 I have honour to enclose a copy of letter I received from Government Resident & a copy of my answer to it. Captain Wickham shewed me an anonymous letter he had received setting forth that Mr Watson, Pilot, had sent one of whale boats in charge of native	A2.36	481-482 483-485

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						<p>blacks to Quarantine Station for planks & blankets, left by ship "Sabrina" which had undergone 45 days Quarantine & that in so doing he was likely to spread contagion through district.</p> <p>I had just heard of circumstance myself & I immediately wrote to Mr Watson demanding an explanation of his conduct. I received an answer (not in time for last mail) in which he acknowledged having sent boat to Peel Island opposite Quarantine Station, in charge of native blacks for some planks left by "Sabrina" which he says intended for lining whale boats & repairing cottage he lives in, but does not admit of having sent for blankets.</p> <p>Mr Watson is highly culpable in sending boat on such a service, independent of placing her in charge of natives without a white man to govern them & should boat be lost I should be obliged to apply to you to compel him to replace her. Whether his intentions were to get blankets or not, we have no proof. If any were left at Quarantine Station, it is to be deplored. All articles of every description should have been destroyed by fire, as we are fully aware that blacks in neighbourhood would be sure to lay hold of blankets at all events, which they are always anxious to obtain & would be likely by their intercourse with whites to spread contagion.</p> <p>I must here observe that I requested an immediate investigation into circumstances & that neither here say evidence or anonymous communications should be regarded but Government Resident declined entering into matter.</p> <p>From information I received, I am led to believe that boat can be recovered & in accordance with my orders, Pilot, Mr Watson, has gone in search of her. As soon as he returns from Glasshouse, where she is reported to be, I shall communicate with you on subject.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin See 56/3264</p>		
	56/04344	1856 05 06	Hon C S	J C Wickham Visiting Justice HM Gaol Brisbane	1856 04 28	<p>Letter notifying death of prisoner Keang (a Chinese)</p> <p>I have honour to inform you that prisoner Keang, a Chinese who was committed to this gaol from Bench at Tenterfield under warrant dated February 15th 1856 to 3 months imprisonment died on 25th instant after a tedious illness & under these circumstances, visiting surgeon did not deem it necessary to have an inquest held.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Read 7th April 1856~ Nothing required</p>	A2.36	486
				C D R	1856 04 08~			
	56/04347	1856 05 07	Hon C S	John Douglas JP Australian Club Sydney	1856 05 06	<p>Letter re disposal of funds for repair of roads, Warwick.</p> <p>In reference to grant of money for expenditure in roads in Police District of Warwick, paid into my credit at Bank of Australasia, I beg to state that, being about to leave country for a short time, I have transferred account to that of Gilbert Davidson, Canning Downs.</p> <p>I would beg to be informed whether this meets with your approval. Money is now being expended under superintendence of Mr Yates, Road Surveyor.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin There would not seem to be any objection to this.</p>	A2.36	487-488
				W D	1856 04 09~ 1856 05 10	<p>Warwick</p> <p>Very well. Mr Davidson being of course answerable for this amount.</p>		

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				W E F M	1856 05 16 1856 05 27~ 1856 05 31	Mr Douglas Transmitted for information of Auditor General Blank copy 16 th May 1856 To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office No 551, MY 19 A note has been taken of this transfer, so that future warrants may be ... in Mr Davidson. An amount has been recently placed to Mr Douglas' credit in Bank of Australasia & an authority will be required from Colonial ... to transfer it to Mr Davidson's account. Blank copy ? May 1856 Returned CSO Let necessary authority be given accordingly Auditor General Manager Bank of Australasia		
	56/04352	1856 05 06	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay	1856 04 21	Letter respecting introduction of Bill to Parliament to enable inhabitants of Brisbane & Ipswich to raise funds by local taxation. With reference to my letters enclosing petitions from inhabitants of Brisbane & of Ipswich for sums of money for streets of their respective towns, I do myself honour to observe that some assistance for this purpose is very requisite, but as they cannot reasonably expect a continuance of aid from Government, I would beg to suggest that a Bill be introduced into Parliament to enable inhabitants of these towns to raise funds by local taxation for maintenance & improvement of streets when formed. & Notes in margin Returned from Land Room 54/202 56/4350 With Executive Council 56/3852. Government Resident. Petition from inhabitants for money for streets. Sent to Auditor, Treasurer. 25 th April 1856~	A2.36	489-490
	56/04354	1856 05 06	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay M F E D T W E Plunkett, W M Manning, Auditors General	1856 04 25 1856 05 08~	Letter respecting prosecution of certain Sawyers. I do myself honour to forward to you copy of a letter which I have received from Police Magistrate at Ipswich, respecting a prosecution of certain lawyers, authorised by your letter of 27 th February 56/227 & to ascertain pleasure of His Excellency, Governor General respecting disposal of a sum of money alluded to therein. & Notes in margin 56/203 I am not quite sure that Commissioner would legally dispose of timber in way he state, but if this is case & matter approved of, it would seem that money should be paid into Treasury as part of Consolidated Revenue, for transaction can only be regarded simply as "a sale of timber" & not that money has been received in satisfaction of any fine imposed in respect to timber so seized by Commissioner. For opinion & advice of Commissioner's office Blank Cover 8 th May 1856 To be returned Noted 9 th May 1856~ It appears that £80 or whatever sum is retained should be treated as produce of a sale of timber to Mr Fleming.	A2.36	491-492

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	56/04354		Hon C S	Charles G Gray Police Magistrate Ipswich	1856 04 08	<p>There is no legal impediment that return of part of £80 if it should be considered a proper act of grace to do so, as suggested by Colonel Gray. Returned CSO Attorney General's Office Sydney 13th May 1856</p> <p>Enclosure in letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay to Hon CS 25th April 1856 56/203 At top No 17</p> <p>I have honour to state that in accordance with instructions of His Excellency, Governor General, conveyed to me by Colonial Secretary in letter bearing date 27th February 1856, No 227, prosecuted before this Bench, men whose names appear on margin for larceny [names in margin Thomas Foreman, Francis Ironmonger, John Bull, James McGuinness, Andrew Conolly, James Richardson, James Jones, George Cox. The others mentioned in my former letter had in meantime left Pine Mountain.]</p> <p>by stealing timber, property of Crown under 7th & 8th George 4th Section 39.</p> <p>2 Timber was also seized & disposed of by Auction but owing to feeling which exists here, in matters where Government comes into collision with inhabitants, there was little or no bidding & it went off at a very low price. It has however had effect of causing several licences to be applied for.</p> <p>3 There was also a number of pine logs, which had been contracted for by a Mr Fleming who has just finished erection of extensive saw & flour mills in this neighbourhood & which had been cut by sawyers who had not taken out licences. These I also seized & branded to amount of nearly 200.</p> <p>4 Mr Fleming represented to me that he was not aware that sawyers with whom he had contracted were not licenced & that stoppage of his mill would be of serious inconvenience to him & to public at large. He begged permission therefore to have it rafted down & cut it up.</p> <p>5 As this was first timber cut for Mr Fleming's new saw mills & as I was well aware that I could not get it down without much trouble & expense & with every chance of getting nothing for it when it did come down, knowing at same time that it would bring nothing for them is sold by auction in scrubs, I gave permission required on condition that he lodged £80 to be used as His Excellency should direct.</p> <p>6 May I beg therefore you will ascertain from Government what is to be done with above named £80.</p> <p>7 At same time, I take liberty of suggesting, whether it would not be an act of grace not to exact whole amount of money lodged by Mr Fleming as I have above stated, principal object having been obtained, that of proving to sawyers that they cannot infringe law with impunity.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Money must of course be paid into Treasury as proceeds of timber seized & I see no reason for returning any of it for we have no evidence that Mr Fleming has paid sawyers for timber. Police Magistrate Auditor General</p>		493-496
	56/01718	1856 02 18	Hon C S	Charles G Gray Police Magistrate	1856 02 08	Letter relative to parties sawing & splitting without license. & At top	A2.36	497-498

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				Ipswich C D R W D	1856 02 19~ 1856 02 21~	No 6 On margin I have honour of forwarding to you a list of sawyers & splitters who are sawing & splitting at Pine Mountain without having paid licence for either. [Names in margin - Thomas Foreman, George Livermore, Francis W Ironmonger, William Turner, John Bull, James McGuinness, Andrew Conolly, James Richardson, Michael Henry, Edward Connor, Peter ?, Michael Connor, William ?, John Huff, Charles Crouch, ? Jones, Benjamin Connors] May I beg you ?? His Excellency, Governor General's instructions as to proceedings to be instituted against these parties. One pair of sawyers are going to cut pine, but decline paying licence because timber to be cut is not intended for sale, but for their own use. May I beg to know if permission to cut on Crown Lands for private purposes extends to cedar & pine? & Notes in margin No 56/34 Usual authority to make proceedings may be given. Clause A of Regulations of 16 th September 1850 says merely that licenced occupant or leasees of Crown Lands is at liberty to cut any timber growing thereon for domestic uses for fire holes, fencing, or other conveniences for enjoyment of land, but not for sale or barter. If these men are licenced occupants or leasees of Crown Land, they come under regulation, but not otherwise. Usual steps should be taken against these persons. Timber cut should be left & sold. 56/4354		
	56/04364	1856 05 06	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay Francis L S Merewether	1856 05 01 1856 05 18~	Letter respecting supply of postage stamps. My department, having hitherto been supplied with postage stamps from Police Office at Brisbane, (that item not having been inserted in my return of probable expenses of this establishment) & great increase of correspondence rendering it now inconvenient to draw supply from same source, I do myself honour to request that I may be informed whether there is any fund from which this expense can be defrayed for current year, requirement will be about £12. & Notes in margin 56/220 Auditor General Blank Cover 7 th May 1856 Official Stamp Audit Office NSW, No 572, MY 7 There is general vote of £1000 for postage of public departments, on which charge can be borne. Blank Cover 8 th May 1856 Returned CSO 9 th May 1856 Government Resident to be informed Yes 13 th May 1856	A2.36	499
	56/04358			George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office	1856 05 28	On 2 nd April, Mr Sanderson furnished tracings & enough sections of proposed line of Railway between Brisbane & Ipswich which were forwarded to Railway Commissioners. Since then, I have received from Mr Sanderson enclosed return for 9 th April stating extent of work performed by himself & his associates. I do not consider return very satisfactory, but await that for May before coming to a decision. Ent 56/102 Col 232 Vol 5	A2.36	500-501

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				W D	1856 06 02	Returned CSO 3 rd May 1856 A proper account of work must be performed by these men. They ought to be placed under charge of district surveyors.		502
				W D	1856 05 20	Other papers on this subject have been sent to Auditor General & Treasurer. I am not certain that they will be required for these. Refer to Surveyor General – is not Mr Sanderson employed s Railroad Surveyor. Surveyor General Blank Cover 12 th May 1856 W Elyard for Hon CS To be returned.		503
				G B	1856 05 15~	Mr Sanderson is employed as a Railroad Surveyor & his services are altogether required in that capacity. Government Resident 20 th May 1856 Ent 56/94 Col 230 Vol 5 Captain Wickham to be informed. Is Mr Sanderson doing his work? Referred for further report of Surveyor General Blank Cover 23 rd May 1856 To be returned		504 (See also pages 509-510)
	56/04358	1856 05 06	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay	1856 05 14	Letter enclosing copy of letter from Mr Henry Sanderson, respecting survey of rivers Brisbane & Bremer. I do myself honour to forward to you copy of letter which I have received from My Henry Sanderson, proffering his services for survey of rivers Brisbane & Bremer, but as I am uninformed as to services at present required from Mr Sanderson I am unable to suggest whether or not his offer can be made available. I have been informed by surveyor at Brisbane that acting upon instructions he has made arrangements for service above referred to. & Notes in margin 56/4368 14 th May 1856 56/4817 27 th May 1856 56/206 56/3850 – Government Resident, respecting grants for removal of obstructions in Bremer & Brisbane. Treasurer & Auditor 24 th April 1856.		
	56/03962	1856 04 23	Hon C S	Merion M Moriarty Port Master's Office Sydney	1856 04 21	Letter respecting navigation of River Bremer I have honour to forward for consideration of His Excellency, Governor General enclosed letter which I received from Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, respecting River Bremer, for His Excellency's decision thereon. & Notes in margin 56/53 There was a recent letter from Captain Wickham on same subject. Are there any funds at present available for this purpose? Auditor General Blank Cover 28 th April 1856 Noted 29 th April 1856	A2.36	505-506
				W E	1856 04 25~			

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	56/03962	1856 04 12	Port Master NSW	F M Alexander Dawson, Col Arch W H Geary Harbour Master	1856 05 05 1856 04 03	<p>To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office NSW No 473 AP 29 There appears in book of this office an unexpended balance on vote for this service of £234.11.9, but possibly Colonial Architect may have some claims upon it & I would suggest therefore that a reference should be made to him. Blank Cover 1st May 1856 Returned CSO 2nd May 1856 Colonial Architect. Blank Cover 2nd May 1856 I am not aware of any claim outstanding, chargeable to this balance. Returned CSO 6th May 1856 56/4358</p> <p>In reference to my letter of 7th January No 1/56 in which I informed that I had been requested to examine River Bremer to ascertain what could be done to clear away fallen trees in river that obstructed steamers running to Ipswich. I have honour to inform you that I have had all trees that principally impeded river cleared away. There are many more that require removing, if sufficient funds can be obtained for purpose. I have been twice to Ipswich in "Breadalbin", largest steamer on river to prove fact that she can pass up & down without difficulty from fallen trees, but to clear Brisbane & Bremer Rivers effectually will involve very considerable outlay. I have ceased for present doing anything more in river & recommended Police Magistrate at Ipswich to retain in his hands a sufficient sum in case any serious obstruction should occur again. Large paddlewheel of "Breadalbin" & "Sampson", in a river in many places only 50 yards wide, will very soon bring down more trees in Bremer unless proprietors of land on banks can be induced or compelled to cut down trees on land, which can easily & cheaply be accomplished just now. & Notes in margin No 8/56 Received 12th April 1856 Copied.</p>		507-508
	56/04358	1856 05 06	J C Wickham Government Resident Brisbane	Henry Sanderson CE Assist Railway Surveyor Camp Woogaroo, Ipswich	1856 04 24	<p>Enclosure in letter from Government Resident, Moreton Bay to Hon CS 56/206 Having learnt that His Excellency, Governor General has decided upon rivers Brisbane & Bremer being surveyed for purpose of removing obstructions to navigation, I have taken liberty of writing to you with a view of offering my services to make necessary surveys, should it meet approval of His Excellency & yourself. I beg to inform you that I am engaged (under an appointment from Government) in executing a survey & sections of country between Brisbane, Ipswich & Warwick for railway purposes. Having had much experience in survey of rivers for purposes of improvements & being (in this case) close to rivers Brisbane & Bremer, I consider that it would be a saving both of time & expense, if Governor General placed conduct of survey of above named rivers in my hands. Only additional item of expenditure attached to execution of this work would be expense of a boat & crew & cost of necessary (though not expensive) instruments proper for making survey & taking soundings. All other expenses would merge in sum allowed to me at present time. As my instructions from Surveyor General have not hitherto required me to</p>	A2.36	509-510 (See also pages 500-504)

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						communicate with you officially, I have not done myself honour since my arrival in this district to wait upon you. Should you feel inclined to entertain application contained in this communication & to recommend me to consideration of His Excellency, I shall be pleased to receive your commands & will do myself honour to wait upon you at your pleasure.		
	56/04422	1856 05 08	Hon C S	W C Mayne Inspector General Police Sydney	1856 05 06	Letter enclosing report from Lieut Morrisset relative to alleged outrages by blacks at Widgi Widgi. & At top 56/106 I do myself honour to state that I have obtained from Lieut Morrisset (Native Police) report addressed to in my letter to you of 1 st April 56/78, respecting alleged outrages by blacks at Mr Hankinson's station, Widgi Widgi in Wide Bay District & complaint made by that gentleman of conduct of a detachment of Native Police, which above officer commands. This report I now beg to transmit for information of His Excellency, Governor General & at same time to return correspondence forwarded me, under your Blank Cover memo of 28 th March last. & Notes in margin I do not see that there is any just ground of complaint against Native Police Inspector General Colonel Barney 13 th May 1856 56/3129	A2.36	511-512
	56/04422		Inspector General of Police	W D E N V Morrisset Lieut Native Police Traylan	1856 05 09~ 1856 04 16	& At top 56/4422 56/2347 Report in complaint made by Mr Hutchinson. I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 st instant, referring to a letter received by Mr Commissioner Halloran from Mr Hutchinson of Widgi, complaining of cattle having been driven off his run by blacks & attributing remissness & neglect of duty to a division of Corps under my command. Immediately on my arrival in these districts, I visited Widgi station & from enquiries found that cattle had been frightened in from an out station by sight of blacks passing on their way to Bunya Scrubs, but could not learn that any had been killed, a circumstance much to be wondered at when cattle are left for a length of time at an out station without a stockman or anyone to look after them. With reference to a charge preferred by Mr Hutchinson against men of 8 th section of having aided a runaway servant to make his escape, I beg to state that having investigated case, I find that, man when leaving, requested Trooper Sandy to show him a short cut through a scrub about 2 miles distant, who, being at time quite ignorant that he was bolting from his hired service complied with his wish. At time complained of by Mr Hutchinson, Troopers were left without an officer or anyone to direct them, Mr Bligh having left to relieve me at Clarence.		513-515
	56/02966	1856 03 27	Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands	A E Halloran Commissioner's Office Tinana	1856 03 01	& At top 56/2473 56/1580 29 th March 1856~ Enclosing letter from Mr Hutchinson, respecting blacks & complaining of Native	A2.36	516

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	56/02966		A E Halloran Commissioner's Office Tinana	G B W D W E M F Fred R Hutchinson Widgi Widgi	1856 03 26~ 1856 02 16	Police "24 th GB" I have honour to enclose for your perusal a letter from Mr Hutchinson of Widgi Widgi, respecting his cattle being driven off run & speared by blacks & complaining of conduct of Native Police. & Notes in Margin For information of His Excellency, Governor General No 103 Blank Cover 26 th March 1856 Hon CS Refer to Inspector General of Police Blank Cover 28 th March 1856 To be returned 56/4422 Cover Two 2d stamps Per steamer OHMS To Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands Sydney From Commissioner's Office Tinana Post Mark Sydney Mar 24 1856 Other post mark blurred Enclosure in Commissioner Halloran's letter to CCC Lands Office 1 st March 1856 No 56/22 & At top 56/2473 56/2966 I beg to call your attention to mischief that blacks are doing on this station, or rather on Glastonbury, one of blocks connected with this station, but of about 800 head of cattle that were on that station there remain only 9 – all rest having been so frightened that they will not remain there. I cannot say how many they have killed, but to best of my belief they must have killed some, as I found one bleeding having been speared in several places. I should feel obliged if you can tell me what measures to take in such a case. I have no doubt protection of Native Police is what you will refer me to, but without a commander (as this section is at present) they are of little use. I may mention as an instance that last time they were here they remained about 2 weeks during which time they went out <u>once</u> to see where blacks were but did not succeed in finding them & when they left station, in my absence, they assisted a bushman, I had newly got from Sydney, in absconding, by showing him across country & helping to carry his pack. Cover O'Halloran Esq Maryborough, Wide Bay One 2d postage stamp		517 518-519 520
	56/03129	1856 04 03	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 04 01	& At top 56/78 Letter respecting Mr Hutchinson's complaint against Native Police I do myself honour to acknowledge receipt, under His Excellency, Governor	A2.36	521-523

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						<p>General's Blank Cover Minute of 27th ult of a letter, from Commissioner of Crown Lands, Maryborough, enclosing a communication from Mr Hutchinson of Widgi Widgi, complaining of his cattle being driven off run & speared by blacks & complaining of Native Police.</p> <p>2 These documents I have lost no time in forwarding to Lieut Morrisset, in charge of Wide Bay Division of Native Corps & have called for his early report on Mr Hutchinson's letter.</p> <p>3 I find, on referring to Lieut Morrisset's correspondence, that he arrived in district on 7th February, nine days previous to date of Mr Hutchinson's communication.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Returned 7th/8th April End of month 56/4422 56/2966 Sent to Lieut Morrisset for report. See 2nd page.</p>		
	56/04427	1856 05 12	Hon CS	Thomas Rowlands Ipswich Hospital	1856 05 05	<p>Letter regarding grant for proposed Ipswich Hospital</p> <p>I am instructed by Provisional Committee of hospital about to be established in Ipswich for erection of which His Excellency, Governor General has already consented to grant a piece of land to do myself honour of putting myself into communication with you to request that you will have kindness to lay before His Excellency, Governor General, following requests.</p> <p>1stly that His Excellency will be kind enough to apply to Legislative Council to grant a sum of £1500 towards building hospital.</p> <p>2ndly that His Excellency will apply to Legislative Council to grant a sum of £500 towards furnishing hospital and</p> <p>3rdly that His Excellency will also please to place on estimates, usual annual grant towards support of hospital.</p> <p>Grounds upon which these requests are made are following:-</p> <p>That want of a Public Hospital has been long & much felt both by inhabitants of town & those squatting districts, on account of danger of sending patients suffering from severe medical & surgical ailments down to Brisbane Hospital, a distance of 50 miles &</p> <p>That population is very rapidly increasing, so much so, that while by Census of 1851, number of inhabitants amounted to only 900, they now amount to nearly 2500, with a corresponding increase in squatting districts &</p> <p>That a sum of nearly £600 has been already contributed towards this object by inhabitants of town & it is expected that sums contributed by persons in squatting districts will amount to an additional £1500.</p> <p>In conclusion, Committee desire me to state that they hope His Excellency will take these requests into his favourable consideration & grant sums hereinbefore mentioned.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Refer to Executive Council Blank Cover 14th May 1856</p>	A2.36	524-527
				W D W E	1856 05 13- 1856 05 14 1856 05 14 1867 04 27	<p>Notes in margin Refer to Executive Council Blank Cover 14th May 1856</p> <p>Noted Executive 56/325 Noted by Sec to Treasury</p>		

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	56/00052	1856 01 02		W H Walsh JP P Anderson JP Police Office Maryborough	1855 12 12	<p>& Notes in margin Mr Thursby has been ordered to be dismissed. See 55/12 ? enclosed Inform Magistrates Bench Maryborough It does not appear that this vacancy has been filled up To come before Council at next meeting. Blank Cover 29th March 1856 Noted 29th March 1856 56/52 Executive 56/201-29th March 1856 Executive Council advise that Mr John G Chapman be appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Maryborough. Noted 3rd April 1856 No 50/152 Approved Returned CSO 4th April 1856 Police Magistrate Sydney Mr JG Chapman On 15th May 1856 56/3574</p> <p>Re a Breach of Master & Servant's Act – Peter Mitchell Thomas Pinkerton, Superintendent to Mr McTaggart of Kilkivan in Colony of New South Wales, being sworn, states, on or about 10th November, prisoner refused to obey orders. He had orders not to keep his sheep near hut & he did keep his sheep there. On or about 25th November, I came to sheep station where prisoner was & told him that he was ill-treating flock, for I saw him unnecessarily dipping [?] them. I remonstrated with him by asking him whether that was a proper way to us a flock of ewes & lambs, when he replied he did not care a damn for me or Magistrates at Wide Bay. He called me a dog & said I was no man. I told him to keep his hands to himself as he put himself in a fighting attitude. I then went & got a summons for prisoner. I have had considerable usage with a flock of sheep & have never seen them as ill-used. Cross examined by Defendant: Sheep were not in good condition when prisoner took them. At lambing time sheep were in very good condition. It was not a wet evening when I found you bringing sheep home. I did tell you that reason I came home was to shift hurdles. You were no trouble to me till lately. Cross examined by Bench: Since Mr McTaggart gave prisoner's wife £15, prisoner has not been a good servant. Account now produced, I believe to be correct. Signed. Thomas Pinkerton Cross examined by Bench: Peter Mitchell is a hired servant of L McTaggart of Kilkivan Wide Bay district. He has been so from date of agreement produced. Signed. Thomas Pinkerton. In Defence Sworn before us this 12th day of December 1855 William Henry Walsh JP</p>		539-542

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						PD Anderson Defendant denies charge Court finds charges proved against Peter Mitchell & sentences him to forfeit balance of his wags viz ??? viz cancels his agreement. William Henry Walsh JP PD Anderson JP		
	56/00050	1856 01 02	Hon C S	Arthur E Halloran Police Office Maryborough C D R	1855 12 27 1856 01 03~	Letter recommending Mr Thursby be allowed 6 weeks leave of absence. I do myself honour to recommend that Mr Thursby, Clerk of Petty Sessions at this Bench, may be allowed 6 weeks leave of absence for purpose of visiting Sydney on private business. 2 Mr Thursby has arranged with Dr Palmer to perform his duties during his absence. & Notes in margin No 557 He has been dismissed See papers with 56/52-2 Inform Mr Halloran See also 56/52	A2.36	543-544
	55/12241?	1855 12 03	Hon C S	John Stirling Audit Office C D R W D	1855 11 30 1855 12 04~ 1855 12 04~ 1855 12 08 1855 12 17	Letter with reference to accounts of Clerk of Petty Sessions, Maryborough & At top No 316 I do myself honour to inform you that Clerk of Petty Sessions at Maryborough has not paid into Treasury his collections for 2 last quarters viz 1 st April to 30 th June & 1 st July to 30 th September. He attested accounts for last named quarter has not been received. Suspension of Mr Thursby's salary has not been attended with any beneficial result. & Notes in margin Bench of Magistrates to be written to & called upon to do their duty as detailed in Act of ?? iv Vic iv No 5 S 3 Bench to be written to & Clerk of Petty Sessions to be dismissed. Auditor General. Bench Inform Colonial Treasurer Colonial Treasurer 56/52	A2.36	545-546
	56/04500	1856 05 10	Hon C S	Alfred G Ravenscroft Court House Drayton E W H E W H	1856 04 24 1856 05 19 1856 05 31	Letter on behalf of W Lucas & D Corkill for deeds. I have honour to forward you by this post 2 written authorities addressed to Hon Colonial Treasurer, for delivery of certain deeds in favour of William Lucas & Daniel Corkill to Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drayton. Documents were returned to me recommending that I should apply to office of Hon Colonial Secretary, where, deeds are prepared & as parties have made some improvements on land they feel anxious to have their deeds. Deeds in question have not yet reached this office. CD Riddell Colonial Treasury Blank Cover 299 Returned CSO 20 th May 1856 In Office Have these deeds been sent to Survey Office?	A2.36	547-549

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	56/04500		Hon C S	G Barney W Elyard	1856 07 16 1856 07 16~	Deeds are in this office & Mr Ravenscroft has been informed that on fees being forwarded they will be sent for delivery. CPS Drayton 56/967 Ent 56/155, ? , 250 Vol 5 Noted Returned CSO 18 th July 1856 Put by Transmitted to Surveyor General who will perhaps have goodness to expedite deeds referred to as far as possible. Blank Cover 2 nd June 1856 Inform Mr Ravenscroft that deeds he refers to have been forwarded to Survey Office where they are now to be delivered & that his letter has been sent to that office.		
			Hon C S	William Lucas Ipswich	1856 04 05	& At top 56/5168 56/4500 Please deliver to Mr A G Ravenscroft, CPS of Drayton, my duly Authorised Agent, a Deed of Grant of 2 acres of land, County of Aubigny, Parish of Drayton, suburban allotment at swamp on Drayton reserve, being allotment No 6, of section 2. Witness – JW Panton JP		550
			Hon C S	William Lucas Ipswich	1856 02 14	& At top Official Stamp Treasury of NSW No 857 MR 4 56/5168 Please deliver to Mr AG Ravenscroft of Drayton CPS, my duly authorised agent, a Deed of Grant of 2 acres of land, County of Aubigny, Parish of Drayton, suburban allotment at swamp on Drayton reserve, being allotment No 6, section 2. Witness – James Farquharson		551
			Hon C S	Nicholas Scanlan Drayton	1856 02 14	& At top 56/5168 Official Stamp Treasury NSW No 857 MR 4 Having transferred & sold to William Lucas my right & interest to 2 acres of land in County of Aubigny, Parish of Drayton, suburban allotment at swamp on Drayton reserve. Witness – AG Ravenscroft		552
			Hon C S	Nicholas Scanlan Drayton	1856 02 14	& At top 56/5168 You will please to hand over to William Lucas or his Attorney, Deeds of allotment of land herein described. That is, 2 acres in County of Aubigny, Parish of Drayton, suburban allotment, at swamp in Drayton Reserve, being allotment No 6, Section 2. Witness – Thomas de Lacy Moffatt JP		553
	56/04502	1856 05 13	Hon C S	Thomas de Lacy Moffatt	1856 05 02	Letter from Returning Officer, returning Writ	A2.36	554-555

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				Returning Office for Districts Clarence & Darling Downs		<p>I have honour to return to you for His Excellency, Governor General, writ of election for Electoral District of United Pastoral Districts of Clarence & Darling Downs, wherein I have endorsed name of Clark Irving Esq, as having been duly chosen Member for this Electoral District, to serve in Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.</p> <p>2 Delay that has occurred in return of this Writ, has been caused by non-receipt by me, until this day, of voting papers taken at Casino on Richmond River in absence of which, I did not deem it advisable to endorse therein, name of a member "as duly elected".</p> <p>3 I therefore trust that His Excellency, Governor General will cause adoption of such measures as will ensure validity of this Election, notwithstanding, that through this delay, Writ has not been returned to him on day therein appointed.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Clark Irving Esq elected. For Executive Council Blank Cover 13th May 1856 Executive 56/322-13th May 1856 Proclamation for signature Proclamation for Government Gazette Council advise that validity of Return be proclaimed as per usual. No 56/230 Noted PROCLAMATION by His Excellency, Sir William Thomas Denison, Knight, Governor General in and over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania Victoria, South Australia & Western Australia & Captain General & Governor-in-Chief of Territory of New South Wales & its Dependencies & Vice-Admiral of same, etc, etc, etc.</p> <p>Whereas, by an Act of Governor of New South Wales, with advice of Legislative Council, passed in 14th year of Her Majesty's Reign intituled, "An Act to provide for division of Colony of New South Wales, after division of District of Port Phillip therefrom into Electoral Districts & for Election of Members to serve in Legislative Council," it was amongst other things enacted, that no Election for any of said Districts should be held to be void in consequence solely of any delay in holding of Election at time appointed, or in taking of Poll, or in return of Writ, or in consequence of any impediment of a mere formal nature; & that it should be lawful for Governor with advice of Executive Council, to adopt, or cause to be adopted, such measures as might be necessary for removing any obstacle of a merely formal nature by which due course of any Election might be impeded: Provided, that validity of such Election, & measures so taken as aforesaid, should be forthwith declared by Governor, by a Proclamation to be for that purpose published in New South Wales Government Gazette: And whereas a Writ was issued for Election of a Member to serve in Legislative Assembly for Electoral District of Clarence & Darling Downs, which Writ was made returnable on 13th day of month of April last; & whereas Returning Officer duly appointed for said Electoral District hath certified, in accordance with provisions of said Act, that Clark Irving Est, was chosen by a majority of votes to be such Member for said District; but said Writ was not returned to me within period therein prescribed, as directed by said Act: Now, therefore I, Sir William Thomas Denison, as such Governor</p>		
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				Michael Fitzpatrick	1856 05 13			
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						<p>aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation, issued with advice of Executive Council aforesaid, declare that election of said Clark Irving, Esquire, to serve in Legislative Assembly for Electoral District aforesaid, is valid, notwithstanding delay in return of said Writ of Election.</p> <p>Given under my Hand & Seal at Government House, Sydney, this 13th day of May, in year of our Lord 1856 & in 19th year of Her Majesty's Reign.</p> <p>Signed WT Denison By His Excellency's Command E Deas Thomson God Save the Queen! & Notes in margin MF</p>		
	56/04647	1856 05 19	Hon C S	George Barney Crown Lands Office Sydney	18576 05 12	<p>Letter submitting list of stores to be sold as unserviceable in Moreton & Darling Downs.</p> <p>In transmitting accompanying communication from Mr Commissioner Manning, I do myself honour to recommend that enclosed list of stores, represented by that officer as unserviceable, may be sold in usual way.</p> <p>& Notes in Margin SG 56.3786 WV To be returned</p>	A2.36	557
				W D	1856 05 22	Carbines, swords & pistols should not be sold. They should either be handed over for Police purposes, if serviceable, or destroyed if unserviceable. There would seem to be no objection to sale of other articles. Why not sell them?		
				W D	1856 05 26	To prevent their falling into improper hands, firearms have not been sold as a general rule.		
					1856 05 27	Chief Commissioner		
					1856 06 02			
	56/04648	1856 05 20	Hon C S	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1856 04 29	<p>Forwarding Tender for a new Run.</p> <p>I have honour to recommend accompanying Tender for acceptance by His Excellency, Governor General, under terms of Regulations of 21st December 1854.</p> <p>2 I would propose description of this Run to be gazetted as in margin.</p> <p>3 Terms are a yearly lease at rate of £25 per annum until this land is required for sale or any public purpose. Government reserving also to itself right of causing any portion of land comprised within lease to be put up to sale whether applied for to purchase or not.</p> <p>4 I beg to be furnished with His Excellency's authority to notify to Mr Walsh acceptance of his Tender for land he has applied for under terms which Government is disposed to accord to him & payment of 1st year's rent will I suppose be sufficient proof of assent to those terms on his part.</p> <p>5 I presume rent is to be paid at local land office in Gladstone.</p> <p>& Notes in margin 41/56 For approval</p>	A2.36	558-559
				A D	1856 06 23~	County of Clinton		
					1856 06 28~	Wietalabar 25 sq miles A block of land on River Boyne commencing at head of Iffley Creek in		

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						Auckland Range & extending along right bank of this creek to its junction with Boyne, where a tree is marked with two x crosses, thence about 5 miles up Boyne to a tree marked WHW, thence by a line westerly to Auckland Ranges & thence by this range to starting point. Approved 9 th July (see 56/4656)		
	56/04650	1856 05 20	Hon C S	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone A D	1856 04 30 1856 06 23~ 1856 06 28~	Forwarding Tender for new Run. I have honour to recommend enclosed Tender for acceptance by His Excellency, Governor General under terms of Regulation of 21 st December 1854. 2 I would propose description of this Run to be gazetted as in margin. 3 I beg to be furnished with His Excellency's authority to notify to Mr Walsh, acceptance of his Tender. & Notes in margin 45/56 For approval Approved County of Clinton Radley 25 square miles £25 per acre – rent A block of land on River Boyne extending across its valley & bounded on north by Milton & Wietalabar on east by Many Peaked Range, on south by a line drawn from tree marked WHW at foot of hill in range to another similarly marked in Auckland Range & westerly by that Range to Wietalabar. Approved 9 th July (see 56/4656)	A2.36	560-561 [duplicate of 558-559]
	56/04652	1856 05 20	Hon C S	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone A D	1856 04 29 1856 06 23~ 1856 06 28~	Forwarding Tender for new Run I have honour to recommend accompanying Tender for acceptance by His Excellency, Governor General under terms of Regulations of 21 st December 1854. 2 I would propose description of this Run to be gazetted as in margin. 3 Terms are a yearly lease at rate of £25 per annum until this land is required for sale or any public purpose, Government reserving also to itself right of causing any portion of land comprised within Lease to be put up to sale whether applied for to purchase or not. 4 I beg to be furnished with His Excellency's authority to notify to Mr Walsh acceptance of his Tender for land he has applied for under terms which Government is disposed to accord to him & payment of 1 st year's rent will, I suppose, be sufficient proof of assent to those terms on his part. 5 I presume rent is to be paid at local Lands Office in Gladstone. & Notes in margin 43/56 For approval Approved County of Clinton Milton 25 square miles A block of land on River Boyne commencing at a tree marked WHW on its right bank immediately opposite junction of Iffley Creek & bounded on north by a line easterly to a tree marked W at foot of a very conspicuous point of Many Peaked Range, thence southerly by that range to a creek called Dry Creek, thence by Dry Creek to Boyne & by Boyne to starting point.	A2.36	562-563 [duplicate of 559-559]

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	56/04662	1856 05 20	Hon C S	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1856 04 25	Acknowledging receipt of pamphlet on roads. I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of 12 th march, together with one copy of a pamphlet containing remarks on maintenance of Macadamised roads, drawn up in 1843, by Major General, Sir John Bourgoyne. & Notes in margin 28/56 Put by	A2.36	564
	56/04664	1856 05 20	Hon CS	Thomas de Lacy Moffatt JP Court House Drayton	1856 05 07	Letter respecting Clerks Sureties I have honour to inform you with reference to your letter of 1 st ultimo that Sureties of Clerk of Bench have not become insolvent since they signed his Bond & that they are still in Colony & equally eligible & solvent.	A2.36	565
	56/04666	1856 05 20	Hon C S	Thomas de Lacy Moffatt JP Court House Drayton	1856 05 09 1856 06 09	Letter respecting Mr Handcock's Bond I have honour to forward you a Bond duly executed by Mr Handcock & his Sureties. & Notes in margin Bond with Mr V Bond sent to Auditor General	A2.36	566
	56/04702	1856 05 20	Hon CS	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay	1856 05 14	Report upon a Petition from inhabitants of Ipswich for a Gaol & Court House. With respect to a memorial from certain inhabitants of Ipswich (setting forth that that town is proper site for a gaol & Court House for this district, especially when compared with Brisbane & praying that those buildings may be erected there) forwarded to me for my report, I do myself honour to observe that I cannot coincide in opinions expressed in memorial, for reasons which I proceed to state hereunder. 2 My opinion to proper place for establishment of a gaol, or any building for abode of a number of persons, is that most healthy spot should be selected & one capable of most complete drainage & in both these particulars, Ipswich to a certain extent is deficient & remarkably so when compared with Brisbane, inasmuch as at latter place there is a large salt water river for reception of drainage of town generally & sea breezes which temper heat of air, render it by far healthier than a more inland spot, whilst at Ipswich there is only a small fresh water river of barely an 8 th of size of river Brisbane, wherein to drain town & from this river, supply of water for use of town is obtained, which would manifestly be polluted & become unfit for use when made receptacle for drainage. 3 With respect to necessity of witnesses, jurors etc having to travel from Ipswich to Brisbane, I conceive that a similar necessity would exist with regard to others travelling from Brisbane to Ipswich, but this is hardly worthy of consideration now that there 5 steamers plying between two towns, two of which perform journey in about 4 hours. There already exists moreover at Brisbane, a range of buildings which has for many years afforded all necessary accommodation for holding Circuit Courts, Police Office & other offices & which by a trifling outlay could be made to accommodate all offices connected with establishment of a resident Judge, whilst similar convenience at another place would not only be a heavy expense, but one which is at present wholly unnecessary. 4 Establishment of a gaol at Ipswich would not preclude necessity of one at Brisbane, unless at outlay of an enormous & continual expense, for carrying	A2.36	567-572

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						<p>other town in northern districts, for while, according to census of 1851, its population was but 900 souls, according to census lately taken, population now amounts to 2500 souls & will probably soon double that number & it is seat of 2 banking houses, a local newspaper & a number of large commercial establishments; is situated in midst of rich agricultural district, besides possessing, in its immediate neighbourhood large mineral resources.</p> <p>Thus gaol of district has hitherto been situated at Brisbane, where Assize Courts have also hitherto been held: thus with exception of few prisoners belonging to Brisbane & its vicinity, great proportion of prisoners confined there & awaiting trial, are generally from districts lying beyond Ipswich & from that town itself; thus additional expense to which Colony is subjected by reason of prisoners, witnesses & jurors being compelled to travel to Brisbane is considerable, whereas, besides lessening these, position of Ipswich points it out as proper site for a gaol & Court House as present for Moreton Bay District & ultimately for County of Stanley, being most central locality for holding county courts.</p> <p>Thus Your Excellency's Memorialists, having learned that it is purpose of Your Excellency's Government to erect a new gaol in Moreton Bay District, would respectfully submit, thus while Ipswich has acquired its present importance principally from its position & trading enterprise of its inhabitants & while no public buildings of any kind have yet been erected there, beyond a wooden court house & lock-up, yet as a question of public utility & common sense, Town of Ipswich is proper place for erection of a public gaol, as well as for holding of Assize Courts for District of Moreton Bay & they would, therefore, respectfully present that it –</p> <p>May please Your Excellency to withhold expenditure of any sums of money granted for public buildings in Moreton Bay District until Your Excellency has paid a personal visit to district, or in event of Your Excellency being unable to honour district at an early date with your presence, that you will be pleased to nominate a commission of individuals to visit & report upon eligibility of Ipswich as place for erection of new gaol & for holding of Circuit Courts for Moreton Bay District</p> <p>And Your Excellency's Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray etc etc etc.</p> <p>Signatories:</p> <p>[578 lh col] John Ranken, A MacAlister, George H Wilson Jnr, James Walsh, W McGinty, Henry Challinor, John Mosely, E B Cullen, J M Hartley, A Sidney Lyon, Arthur C Bays, Edmund J Bays.</p> <p>[578 rh col] JW Panton JP, George Faircloth – Bank of Australasia, George Thorn, Walter Gray, William ?, Henry M Cockburn, JC Foote, Henry Hockings, John Pettigrew, Thomas H Jones.</p> <p>[579 1st col] Alex Beattie, John Blaine, C Wheeler, William Foster, William Thompson, Henry Kilner, WM Smith, James Baily [also Bailie], Bernard Hartley, Wellmande Prospere Douyere, William Lambie Nelson LLD, William Grey?, J Davidson, Patrick O'Sullivan, William Crisp, ? Smith, Michael Donnelly, John McDonald, Peter Connell, Thomas Ryan, John Lynch, Hugh Maxwell, Thomas Moroney, Andrew Ryan, John Holt ?, Henry M Reeve, Henry Newton, James Millett, William Grimbsy, Thomas Given.</p> <p>[579 2nd col] Henry Vowles, Martin Byrne, Patrick Dwyer, Joseph Edwards, James Avery, ??, William Vowles, Timothy Davis, protem R Wright, William Bell, Peter Webb, James ?, R Lovell, Charles Watkins, Owen Connors, ? Southerden, SF Whithead, James W Kelly, John Evans, R P Whitehouse, John</p>		

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						<p>Slaughter, Christopher Roles, John Donay ?. Pierce Gold Copeley, Thomas Smith, Peter Gibbons, Samuel Bonnell, Richard Harvey, M Gill.</p> <p>[579 3rd col] W Coleman, C Wallis, John Johnston, Michael Connors, Francis Bushe, John Sullivan, P P Anderson, Frederick Hudson, Peter Dwyer, John Dwyer, James Kelly, John Hogan, James Tierny, Patrick Horigan, John Binsted, John Burgess, William Lewis, James ??, James Lane, John McDonald, James Brittan, John M Lewis ?, Robert Murray, John Lockley, John Byers, Alexander Mc ?, William Lucas.</p> <p>[580 1st col] James Willis, John James Hartley, John H?, Joseph Parker, David Jackson, Thomas T Elliott, Christopher Gorry, Henry Lofts, Nathan Peachey, Albert Watson, John Browne, Frederick Ward, Henry Sadler, H Pearce, James Hartstone ?, Daniel Reedan, Edmund Lynch, Daniel Lynch, William Atkinson, Francis Porter, Thomas Birkett, Alexander Smith, George Smith, George Goggs, William Elliott, Richard Watson, William Patrick, James Prior, William ?, Robert Castling, Colin Peacock, John Campbell.</p> <p>[580 2nd col] John McNicols, William Castling, John Budah?, James Shepherd, John Elliott, William Ransom, Hugh MacKee, James Saunders, Thomas Steel, Francis Flannighan, George M Cumming, James Mooney, William O'Neil, William Flannigan, Bernard Coffee, Francis Henry Tarrington, Frederick Graves, Donald Bethune, David McLaughlin, Michael McAnnallem ?, John Williams, Arthur McGrory, Bernard McGrory, James Edwards, AA Thorne ?, Henry Edwards, Robert Ferguson, Donald Cameron, Samuel Thorpe, William T Beverly, Thomas Stanley, John Murphy.</p> <p>[580 3rd col] Christian Royle, TR Dudderidge, Robert Wilkinson Snr, Robert Wilkinson Jnr, Donald Davidson, William Wakeling Thomas Carey, William Gates, John Thomson, Godfrey O'Rourke, John Carmichael, Joseph Moore, John Slack, Benjamin Russell, John Denyer, Michael Moloney, A Gill, D Campbell, William Hendren, Henry Best, William Ramsbotham, C Williams, James Boyland, Sydney S Norris, John Murphy, Daniel Collins, Daniel W Love, James Warham, Jacob James, William H Somerset, James Hannay? .</p> <p>[581] Henry Challinor, T Beck, Hugh Parkinson, Thomas White.</p> <p>Dated 21st April 1856</p> <p>To His Excellency, Sir William Thomas Denison Knight, Governor General/Humble Memorial of undersigned bankers, Merchants, Solicitors, Storekeepers, Householders & others resident in town of Ipswich, Moreton Bay.</p> <p>For a commission to inquire into eligibility of Ipswich as proper place in Moreton Bay District for erection of a County Gaol & holding Circuit Courts. Download PDF</p>		
	56/04738	1856 05 22	Hon CS	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 05 20	<p>Letter relative to extension of Towns Act to Dalby & At top 58/113</p> <p>In returning enclosed letter from Bench of Magistrates at Dalby, covering a petition from inhabitants of that district, praying that provisions of Act, 2nd Victoria, No 2, may be extended to township of Dalby, forwarded me under your blank cover memo of yesterday, I do myself honour to state for information of His Excellency, Governor General, that extending of this Act, to any town, necessitates to give it practical operation, aligning & setting out streets & further to remark that, of extended to Dalby, these are few towns or rather hamlets, to as such its extension, may not on equal grounds be sought, a measure certainly not contemplated, in framing of Act. I cannot therefore</p>	A2.36	583-586

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				W D	1856 02 16~	regard its extension to Dalby as necessary, there appearing by Mr Manning's report to be only 37 houses & huts in township with a population of but 137 souls & involving as it will, additional labour to Department of Surveyor General. & Notes in margin State of Survey Dept will not at present permit necessary step be taken to carry out provision of Act. 31 st May 1856 - J Bell Esq - Inspector Gen of Police - Bench		
	56/04316	1856 05 03	Hon CS	A W Manning Police Magistrate Court House Dalby W E	1856 04 19	Respecting extension of Town's Police Act I have honour to inform you with reference to your letter of 14 th February last, that present population of town of Dalby, Myall Creek, is 137 & that there are 37 houses & huts in said town besides several other buildings in course of erection. & Notes in margin Inspector General of Police Blank Copy 19 th May 1856 Noted 19 th May 1856~ 56/1227 56/4738	A2.36	587-588
	56/01227	1856 02 05	Hon Cs	Joshua P Bell JP Bench of Magistrates Dalby	1856 01 24	Forwarding Petition from inhabitants of Dalby praying for extension of Towns Police Act. We do ourselves honour to enclose herewith a petition from inhabitants of Police District of Dalby, praying that His Excellency, Governor General, may be pleased to extend Towns Police Act to that town & do ourselves honour to request that you will forward same to His Excellency, Governor General. To His Excellency, Sir William Denison Knight, Governor General/Memorial of undersigned Magistrates, Landowners, Storekeepers & Inhabitants of town & suburbs of Dalby in district of Darling Downs in said Colony of New South Wales, Respectfully sheweth that it is desirable & would lend much to convenience of inhabitants & good regulation of township of Dalby that Towns Police Act 2 Vict No 2, entitled "Act for regulating police in towns of Parramatta, Windsor, Maitland, Bathurst & other towns etc respectively & for removing & for removing & preventing nuisances & obstructions & for better alignment to streets therein" should be proclaimed to extend to that township. Your Memorialists therefore most respectfully urge upon your Excellency's consideration propriety of proclaiming that Towns Police Act 2 Victoria No 2 shall extend to & be inforce in town of Dalby. Signatories: Joshua P Bell JP, Jimbour, J Broadbent, Jimbour, William James Wills, Coorangah, John R Clerke, Dalby, Martin Michaellesen, Dalby, George Allbasson?, Dunmore, R Walker, Dalby, JR Black, Dunmore, AP Gayler, Dalby, Thomas Bell, Jimbour, Dugald William Campbell, Dalby, Timothy Lahey, Dalby, Edward Wallace, Dalby, Samuel Brassington, Dalby, Vincent H Falson, Jimbour, Thomas Reid, Dalby, John Downs, Dalby, A Barton, Balle? David Corkill, Dalby, Charles D Eastaughffe, Dalby, Finlay Ross, Green Bank, WH Barnard, Green Bank, HB Watson, Halliford ?, L Henningis, Halliford? Richard	A2.36	589-595

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				M F W D	1856 02 11~ 1856 02 14	Henry Watson, Hallford? William Funk, Wa Wa, John Lane, Weranga, Benjamin White, Weranga, John Miller, Doolackall? Lewis C Macrae, Weranga, Thomas Purvis? Weranga, Henry Moore, Weranga, James Jones, Dalby, Donald Coutts, Jondaryan, Michael Rowan, Dalby, James Heanan, Dalby, Jeremiah Amos, Dalby, John Woodland Dalby, Sydney B Dowling, Dalby, Walter Gray, Caleguel, A Johnston, Dalby, James Finch, Dalby, Frederick William Roche, Dalby, Colin J Mackenzie JP, Warra Warra & Notes in margin [p589] As in case of Gayndah, it may be worthwhile to ask how many horses are in Dalby. I question very much expediency of applying this enactment to more embryo villages EFT 7 th February 1856~ Ascertain population of town Bench Dalby		
	56/04749	1856 05 21	Hon CS	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Office Sydney	1856 05 15	Letter respecting reserve for use of Native Police horses at Palm Tree Creek, Leichhardt District. With reference to your letter of 9 th October last No 55/867, addressed to Deputy Surveyor General informing him that His Excellency, Governor General had been pleased under circumstances of case to approve of intention to reserve certain land in Palm Tree Creek in Leichhardt District, being noted on map of that officer's department, I now do myself honour to forward enclosed communication from Mr Commissioner Wiseman on subject. 2 Mr Wiseman states that he has examined locality indicated by Messrs Marshall & Nicoll, officers of Native Police & he is of opinion that reserve asked for by them for use of Native Police should be made & that description of boundaries given by Mr Nicoll is good. I beg therefore to recommend that such boundaries be adopted. 3 Mr Wiseman suggests, should reserve in question be made, that Sergeant in charge of Native Troopers should be obliged to stop at quarters already erected for his use, so that he may see that grass on reserve be kept really for use of Government horses. & Notes in margin SG56/3869 55/9460 For Approval Approved Chief Commissioner Surveyor General Inspector General of Police To be returned	A2.36	596-597
	55/11227	1855 11 01	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Office Sydney	1855 10 30	Letter respecting reserve at Palm Tree Creek. In reference to your letter of 9 th instant, No 402, respecting an application made by Inspector General of Police that certain land on Palm Tree Creek in Leichhardt District may be reserved for Native Police purposes, I do myself honour to inform you that proposal to reserve land for above purpose in locality indicated by Mr Marshall is at present under a service to Commissioner of district & it would be unadvisable to take any steps in matter until proposal shall have been approved. &	A2.36	598-599

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				M F	1855 11 08~	Notes in margin 55/4362 55/9460 End of year? Resubmitted 7 th January 1856~ Perhaps this may be let to proper officers? 56/4749		
	55/09460	1855 09 07	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1855 09 04	I do myself honour to submit a letter from Lieut Marshall of Native Police, enclosing a communication from Sub Lieut Nicoll of that force, giving description of land on Palm Tree Creek, Leichhardt District which he suggests should be reserved for Native Police purposes & under Lieut Marshall's report I beg to recommend that subject to reference to Surveyor General & Chief Commissioner, such reserve be made accordingly. & Notes in margin [p600] Entered. Blank Copy 55/199 Received 18 th September 1855 Surveyor General is requested to report Blank Cover 17 th September 1855 Noted 18 th September 1855~ To be returned Send page of enclosure to Colonel Barney & Notes in margin [p601] For approval May be approved Approved Inspector General of Police Chief Commissioner of Lands Surveyor General & Report from Surveyor General's Office: Palm Tree Creek is an unsurveyed tributary of Dawson River & proclamation of a reserve there with defined boundaries is therefore, at present impossible. As none of localities mentioned by Mr Nicoll are known in this office & he has not stated lengths of any of boundaries which he proposes, no estimate can be formed of extent of projected reserve. It may be sufficient for present to introduce on maps of this office, a note of intention of reserving a portion of land on Palm Tree Creek, for Native Police purposes & to defer any proclamation of reserve till general survey reaches that locality. Ent 55/246, fol. 163, col. 5 Returned CSO 29 th September 1855	A2.36	600-601
	55/09460		Inspector General of Police Sydney	W E for Col Sec M F W D Thomas Mitchell Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 10 01~ 1855 10 02~ 1855 10 03~ 1855 10 09 1855 09 27	& At top 55/3970 55/139 Letter from Lieut Marshall re Native Police reserve recommended on Palm Tree Creek. I do myself honour to state that a temporary barrack has been erected on Palm		602

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			Commandant Native Police	Francis Nicoll Commanding Native Police Waadingerrie Dawson River	1855 07 30	<p>Tree Creek, Leichhardt district & beg to recommend that a reserve should be made there for Native Police purposes. I enclose a description for guidance of CC Lands, who is about to visit upper Dawson next month. A reserve being made will prevent necessity of men, when not on duty, loitering at different stations, a system which I consider highly injurious in its effects.</p> <p>& At top 55/3970 Letter from Sub Lieut Nicoll re Native Police reserve recommended on Palm Tree Creek. I do myself honour to request that you will recommend that a portion of land be reserved on upper Dawson, Leichhardt district for use of Native Police & that it be described as follows: Bounded on north & north east by Yabinual or Palm Tree Creek: On west by a marked tree line running south west from junction of said Yabinual or Palm Tree Creek, with a small creek running northwards from plains between Waadingerrie & Kinnoull: on east by a marked tree line running south west from said Yabinual or Palm Tree Creek & passing to eastward of Yeringurie lagoon & on south y a marked tree line running from south west to south, south east & connecting termini of 2 aforesaid marked tree lines. 2 I have to request that no time may be lost in proclaiming above a Government reserve, as several parties are now on their road to this district with stock. 3 I have to request that a copy of Government Gazette containing said proclamation may be forwarded to me.</p>		603-604
	56/04731	1856 05 21	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Office Sydney W D	1856 05 16 1856 05 22~ 1856 05 29	<p>Letter respecting Dr Simpson's being allowed to occupy "Woogaroo" Station during remainder of his life. Referring to your letter of 9th instant, on subject of an application by Dr Simpson late Commissioner of Crown Lands for Districts of Moreton & Darling Downs, to be considered licensee of station at "Woogaroo" & in reply to my proposition that Dr Simpson should be permitted to occupy "Woogaroo" at a nominal rent for remainder of his life, rather than be granted licensee of station with a view to pre-emptive claims – His Excellency Governor General questions whether he has right to make such a concession. I have honour to ask whether granting of licence as requested is embraced in decision of His Excellency. & Notes in margin 56/4270 56/4115 No 156 I cannot assent to this proposition made by Col Barney. Chief Commissioner</p>	A2.36	605-606
	56/04115	1856 04 30	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Office Sydney	1856 04 22	<p>Letter submitting a claim from Dr Simpson, late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, Moreton District, submitting claim to be considered as Licensee of station forming Commissioner's Headquarters of Moreton District. I have honour to enclose for information of His Excellency, Governor General, a letter received from Dr Simpson, late Commissioner of Crown Lands for Darling Downs District – object of communication is to put in a claim to be considered as a Licensee of Crown Lands, entitled to a year's lease of "Woogaroo" with right of pre-emption. 2 In support of this claim, Dr Simpson states that during period of his official</p>	A2.36	607-609

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	56/04115	1856 04 07	Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands	Dr S Simpson Late Commissioner of Crown Lands Wolston	1856 03 20	<p>occupation of "Woogaroo", headquarters of Commissioners of Moreton District, he has expended between 7 & 8 hundred pounds upon buildings to meet which he has received from Government sum of £200.</p> <p>3 Dr Simpson has certainly conducted duty of his districts in a most satisfactory manner for a period of years, but I am not prepared to support his claim to be considered a licensee of reserve embraced in headquarters of district, although it may be no longer required for that purpose. I am of opinion that to consent to such a measure, would form a very inconvenient precedent, taking into consideration age & length of service of Dr Simpson. I would rather recommend his being permitted to occupy station, during remainder of his life, at a nominal rent & this proposal I now submit for consideration of His Excellency.</p> <p>& Notes in margin 56/2940 Nos 6.142</p> <p>I doubt whether Government can legally comply with Dr Simpson's request, but I see no great objection to such a course suggested by Colonel Barney.</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>I question whether I have right to make such a concession which is in point of fact a pension to Dr Simpson unauthorised by legislation.</p> <p>Commissioner of Crown Lands 56/4751</p> <p>& At top 56/2940 Letter requesting a retiring allowance</p> <p>I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December last, upraising me that Commissioner Manning had been appointed to take over duties of Commissioner of Moreton & Darling Downs districts, which operation has since been completed.</p> <p>2 While I feel highly gratified at knowledge that my services have been duly appreciated by Government, I trust that it will not be thought obtrusive on my part to record my claim to some compensation for outlay I incurred in formation & subsequent maintenance of Government Station at Woogaroo now no longer required for Government purposes. I support of my claim I beg to state:</p> <p>1 That I was first officer appointed by His Excellency, Sir G Gipps on opening of Penal Settlement in 1842 & left for a time in sole charge of district – that my retirement from service has been occasioned by amalgamation of two districts & my repugnance at my time of life to be removed from my district.</p> <p>2 That improvements at Woogaroo were effected at my ow expense – indeed principal buildings, fencing & stockyard were put up by contract when labour was scarce in district & paid for by me. Never during whole period of my Commissionership did I call upon Government to aid me in effecting most necessary repairs.</p> <p>3 But at very least, I cannot estimate my outlay at less than from £700-£800 to meet, which I have received usual £200 granted to old Commissioner – but this tardy allowance would scarcely suffice to pay interest of original outlay & has since been almost refunded to Government by annual reduction of £58 for lodging money from my temporary increase.</p> <p>4 That having occupied station under authority of Government & station being</p>		610-612

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						no longer required for Government purposes, I have a just claim to be considered as a Licensee of Crown Lands & therefore entitled to a year's lease of Woogaroo with right of possession. Finally that during whole period of my Commissionership, I have conducted my department with utmost regard to economy as may be easily proved by a reference to official documents. It is therefore with greatest reliance on justice of His Excellency, Governor General, that I bed leave to submit my claim for his consideration. & Notes in margin 56/1380 There are other papers, particularly relative to amalgamation of district. Return to me. I cannot trace any other papers. All papers are herewith. Let me have correspondence relative to Dr Simpson undertaking Mr Rolleston's duty during his absence. Noted		
	56/04762	1856 05 22	Hon C S	J Gibbes Custom House Sydney W D	1856 05 20 1856 05 26~ 1856 05 30~	Letter forwarding communication from Government Resident, Gladstone, Port Curtis, enclosing an application from Mr R E Palmer for a Sufferance. & At top No 63 I do myself honour to transmit herewith a letter from Government Resident of Gladstone, Port Curtis, forwarding & recommending an application from Mr R E Palmer to be allowed a Sufferance for his wharf at that place & I have to request you to be so good as to obtain His Excellency, Governor General's sanction to same in accordance with provisions of Act of Council of Vic – No 15 – Section 30 & Notes in margin Usual steps to be taken. Collected Entered	A2.36	613-614
	56/04776	1856 05 22	Hon C S	A Windeyer JP Police Office Raymond Terrace Sydney	1856 05 20 1856 05 26~	Letter respecting Clerk's Bond We do ourselves honour to return herewith, Bond transmitted with your letter of 7 th instant – No56/3857, duly received by Clerk of Petty Sessions here & his sureties. Names of one of Mr Jacob's sureties are "Robert Jacob", not "Jacob Jacob" as was written in Bond. Correct Christian name has been inserted in place of other. If in one letter of 22 nd ultimo name of "Jacob Jacob" were given, it was a clerical error. & Notes in margin No56/48 Mr V 22 nd May 1856~ Bond for Iron Chest	A2.36	615-616
	56/03857	1856 04 24	Hon CS	A Windeyer JP Police Office Raymond Terrace Sydney	1856 04 22	Letter respecting Clerk's Sureties With reference to your letter of 17 th instant, No 56/3390, requesting us to call upon Clerk of Petty Sessions, here, to submit through us, names of persons we may propose as his sureties to enter into a further Bond, in consequence of one of his former sureties being dead, we do ourselves honour to inform you that that officer submits following persons as such sureties, viz:-	A2.36	617-618

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					1856 04 25~ 1856 04 26~ 1856 05 07	William MacPherson of Sydney, Esquire, Clerk of Council & Robert Jacob of Raymond Terrace, Esquire. Gentlemen, we beg to state, in reference thereto, that we consider proposed sureties sufficient. & Notes in margin No 56/43 For approval Approved Bench, with bond On 1 st June 1856~		
	52/04073	1852 05 13	Hon C S	A Windeyer JP Police Office Raymond Terrace Sydney	1852 05 07 1852 05 13~ 1852 05 14~	Letter transmitting Bond of Clerk of Petty Sessions In compliance with request contained in your letter No 52/2724, No 52/176 & bearing date 2 nd April 1852, we do ourselves honour to transmit Bond enclosed in above duly executed by Clerk of Petty Sessions of this district. & Notes in margin No32/52 WV Iron Chest	A2.36	619
	52/02724	1852 03 27	Hon C S	K Snodgrass JP A Windeyer JP Court House Raymond Terrace Sydney	1852 03 24 1852 05 01~ 1852 05 01~	Letter in reference to Mr A H Jacob's (CPS) proposed sureties. In reply to your letter of 4 th instant, No 52/1805 & No 52/113, requesting that we would call upon Mr Jacob, Clerk of Petty Sessions for this district, to submit through us names & occupation & residence of persons he may propose as his sureties, we have honour to state that he has named following gentlemen, names of George Miller of Sydney Esq, Accountant of Savings Bank of New South Wales & William MacPherson of Sydney Esq, Clerk of Legislative Council, as his sureties. 2 We beg also to state that we consider above mentioned gentlemen sufficient sureties. & Notes in margin No 12/52 These may be approved Resubmit Resubmitted	A2.36	620-621
	56/04777	1856 05 21	Hon C S		? ?	Memorial from inhabitants of Fortitude Valley, against issue of Publican's License. To His Excellency, Sir William Denison, etc etc Memorial of undersigned inhabitants of Fortitude Valley in suburbs of Brisbane & its neighbourhood humbly sheweth: That your Memorialists have heard a Memorial has been forwarded to your Excellency, praying for a Special Publican's License for a House in Fortitude Valley: That your Memorialists most humbly request your Excellency will refuse to grant prayers of such Memorial for following reasons: That a license has been repeatedly refused by Bench of Magistrates at Brisbane for a license for this House, although different applicants have applied: That reason assigned by Bench when last application was made by a man named Enson was that wants of place did not require it. Bench at same time distinctly stated that no objection was entertained to applicant personally: That there is at present 1 public House in Valley which is quite sufficient for all wants of place & neighbourhood: That House for which license is now applied is immediately opposite to such	A2.36	622-624

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				E V Kitching District Constable Fortitude Valley Brisbane	1856 05 13	<p>licensed House: That population of Valley instead of having increased since last application for a license for this House (was refused) has considerably decreased: That no application has been made to bench by Memorialists in question: That House for which license is applied has not accommodation required by the act, no stables being therein nor attached thereto: That House at present licensed under sign of "Freemason's Hotel" is one of largest if not largest in Moreton Bay District, making up 36 beds with well enclosed yard. House & offices which are extensive, being all built of brick.</p> <p>Your Memorialists therefore pray your Excellency will take premises into consideration & refuse to grant a license to a second house. Indeed, if a license be granted to one for which a license is being sought from its proximity to present licensed House rows will be of continual occurrence & must prove unchecked from smallness of police force (2 only being allowed for suburbs) & absence of any lockup & peace of community be disturbed & your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.</p> <p>Signatures: John Stephen Ferriter JP, Edward Raff, John Balfour JP, W A Duncan JP, John Roy, Robert Roy, Luke H?, Michael McKenny, William Gericke, Robert Jamieson, Daniel Skyring, Frederick Hingston, William Lloyd, J P Niquet, ? G Higginson, D A Somerset, Patrick Mayne, George Waldox, E Kitching, Charles Bragg, Charles Davis, William Baker, William Betts, William Betts, William J K Piddington, Clerk, A C Forbes, Benjamin Bulcock, James Cahill, Micah Connor, Andrew ?, J Hanly, Charles O'Brien, George Bowser, William Lloyd Snr, John Massey Jnr, James Massey, George Massey, Robert Greer, George Harvey, George Chalenor, J Thorn, Owen Connor, Robert Meckrecken, John F McDougall JP.</p> <p>I hereby certify that there are 30 houses uninhabited although tenanted, up to above date said houses being situated in Eastern suburbs & North Brisbane. & Notes in margin Left by - Mr Richardson</p>		
	56/04525	1856 05 14	Hon C S	William Melville Moreton Bay	??	<p>Petition of William Melville for Publican's License. To His Excellency, Sir William Denison, etc etc Petition of William Melville of Brisbane, Moreton Bay in Colony of New South Wales, late licensed Inn Keeper, humbly sheweth that some time before last Annual Licensing Meeting was holden at Brisbane, your Petitioner had arranged to rent certain premises situated in Fortitude Valley in suburbs near Brisbane & for which a Publican's License was formerly held: That it was necessary certain repairs & improvements should be done & performed to said house before licensing day as your petitioner, then supposed: That your petitioner believing repairs to house should necessarily be completed by day on which applications for licenses were heard & finding that same could not be completed by that time, your Petitioner did not (from ignorance that license could be granted conditionally) send in his application. Your Petitioner begs to refer Your Excellency to a certificate enclosed signed by two Magistrates as required by amended Publican's Act & under circumstances of his lave, humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to order & direct that a License may be issued to your Petitioner upon his entering into usual recognisances & pay usual fee. And your Petitioner will ever pray. Signed: W Melville. &</p>	A2.36	625-626

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				Parramatta		Mackenzie Esq in Steam Brick Works, lodging a complaint against Post Master at Maryborough Two letters were delivered to me on or about 15 th April last by Mr E T Aldridge, Post Master of this place, one of which he had opened & read, as he told me he had done this inadvertently, among other letters of his own. I should have passed it over, but afterwards proof is adduced that it was done intentionally & therefore I applied to presiding Magistrate, Mr Allen, at Court House for redress. This he refutes, under plea that, perhaps principal witness, being an employee of Mr Aldridge, when put on oath may refuse to make same statement he has made to me & another plea appears to be that because I am in employment of Mr Aldridge, having taken a contract for making him a number of bricks, my case must not be attended to. I have written Post Master General on subject & now I humbly appeal to you for redress. Letters were addressed to J Hollinsworth Esq, Care of Mr Aldridge Wide Bay, whereas my name is Cullingworth. Twas under this name I desired them to be addressed & that in a letter posted at Newcastle, on my passage here from Sydney, hearing that it was no uncommon thing for parties at Wide bay to have their letters opened. Soliciting your interference in this matter. &		
				W D	1856 06 05~ 1856 06 05	Notes in margin I do not see what Government can do more than appears to have been done by Postmaster General. This offence is a serious one & (I believe) subjects this person..... to a criminal prosecution. Mr Cullingworth		
				W Elyard		Cover To Honourable, Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney [Partly obscured post mark] Sydney NSW Blank Cover 28 th May 1856 56/895 31 st May 1856 GPO Sydney To be returned Copy of letter sent by P.M.G. to Bench of Magistrates, Maryborough To be returned W H Christie PMG Returned to CSO This gentleman also complained to this office & his letter was forwarded to Bench on 10 th May 1856.		634
	56/04879		Bench of Magistrates Maryborough	W H Christie Post Master General Sydney	1856 06 02 1856 06 04 1856 05 10	Copy of letter from Post Master General, transmitting letter from C Cullingworth. In transmitting a letter from Mr C Cullingworth, complaining that one addressed to him had been opened by Postmaster, Maryborough, I have honour to inform you that as distance is so great & alleged offence so serious I preferred communicating with you on matter to taking usual course of calling on Postmaster for his explanatory statement. I have to request that you will be good enough to enquire into facts of case & should it prove, which I trust it will not, that Mr Aldridge is undeserving of public confidence, I shall feel obliged by you recommending a successor for appointment.		635-636
	56/04880	1856 05 29	Hon C S	William K Macnish Civil Crown Solicitor's Office	1856 05 28	Returning papers in Matter of Mr Sydney Dowling's Accounts. & At top	A2.36	637

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				W E	1856 05 02~	<p>General has a claim against him for £13.1.2, after giving him credit for unpaid salary as Postmaster. In all therefore, Mr S Dowling owes Government £95.17.8. On other hand, I am informed, that during period of his connection with Government, Mr S Dowling has received no salary as Clerk of Petty Sessions. Consequently there is a very large arrear of salary due him.</p> <p>3 I am fully aware that in ordinary course of business, all debts due by Mr S Dowling to Government ought to be paid by him before he can expect to be paid by Government. I regret to say that I am not in a position to advance on his behalf before mentioned sum of £95.17.8 & he is penniless. Therefore, on circumstances, I trust it will not be impossible to obtain an authority to set off debt due by him against so much of his salary.</p> <p>4 Mr Sydney Dowling is still in neighbourhood of Dalby, but he has forwarded me a Power of Attorney, under which I can receive his salary after such deduction being made.</p> <p>& Notes in Margin W V Referred to report of Auditor General Blank Cover 1st May 1856 Noted To be returned Official stamp Audit Office NSW No 485 MY 2 Report enclosed</p> <p>& At top 56/2201 Police Magistrate Sydney sent a gentleman to this office yesterday to state that accounts of Mr Dowling late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dalby had been viewed by him, but that amount of collections did not agree with amount stated in Register of Court at Dalby. That accounts will be made out again in Police Office Sydney, sent to Dalby to be examined & certified by Bench & if found correct, transmitted to this office. That when found correct, amount due will be paid into Treasury. Audit Office 8th March 1856 Blank Cover 10th March 1856 Returned CSO Inform Bench at Dalby Bench Dalby Auditor General 56/4071</p>		644-645
	56/02201	1856 03 04	Hon C S	Joshua Bell JP Court House Dalby	1856 02 16	<p>Letter respecting accounts of late Clerk of Petty Sessions I have honour to inform you with reference to your letter of 30th ultimo that accounts of fines & fees were attested by me after being prepared by Mr Dowling (for periods as mentioned in report of Auditor General) & after being placed under envelope, were ordered to be forwarded to Honourable Colonial Treasurer, which Mr Dowling informs me he did, but contrary to instructions from Bench of Magistrates, he sent them under cover to Mr James Dowling, P M Sydney.</p> <p>I have honour further to state that no blame can possibly be attached to present Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mr Ravenscroft, he having lost no time in requesting & also seeing that Mr Dowling made up these accounts on his first</p>	A2,36	646-647

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						<p>performing duties at this Bench. I would therefore feel greatly obliged by your informing me after application has been made to Treasury, whether you require fresh accounts to be prepared & I will take steps to have them immediately performed.</p> <p>& Notes in margin 55/12434 Post Master General Respecting debt due by S B Dowling, late C P S Dalby. C C Solicitor W V Auditor General is requested to report whether Accounts have been received. Blank Cover 6th March 1856 Noted</p> <p>1855 12 13~ 1856 01 30~</p> <p>W E</p> <p>JS</p> <p>1856 03 07~</p> <p>To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office NSW No 275 MR 6to me</p> <p>& At top 55/12434 Mr S B Dowling, late C P S Dalby, dismissed 24th September 1855 Mr Dowling's accounts for quarter ended 30th September 1854 are adjusted. December quarter 1854 Attested account not received Collections unknown A receipt for £26.10.0 paid to hospital has been received March quarter 1855 Attested account not received Collections unknown A receipt for £24 paid to hospital has been received June quarter 1855 Attested account not received Collections unknown September quarter 1855 Attested account not received Collections unknown Mr Dowling's pay has been suspended since 1st August 1854 £200 &</p> <p>1856 01 19 1856 01 21~ 1856 01 22~</p> <p>Audit Office Return C S Office Present Clerk of Bench should perhaps be requested to make out as well as he can a statement of sums due by Mr Dowling to Government & Civil Crown Solicitor. May be requested to call upon him to settle his accounts Yes Blank Cover Civil Crown Solicitor Bench, Dalby 56/4880 John Stirling</p>		648

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	55/12434	1855 12 14	Hon C S	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 12 13 1855 12 14~ 1855 12 17~ 1855 12 18~ 1855 12 24~	Letter respecting debt of Mr S B Dowling, late Postmaster, Dalby Referring to your letter of 17 th August last No 94 relative to neglect of Mr S B Dowling, Clerk of Petty Sessions & Postmaster at Dalby to offset a settlement of his accounts with this department, I have honour to request that as Mr Dowling's accounts are not yet adjusted & he is indebted to this department in sum of £13.1.2 instructions may be given to Acting Colonial Treasurer to deduct that amount from salary due to Mr Dowling & pay same to Cashier of this department in liquidation of debt. & Notes in margin 55/70797 55/5788 Mr Dowling has been dismissed. This should perhaps be referred to Auditor General to report on state of his accounts. Yes Blank Cover 19 th December 1855 To be returned Official Stamp Audit Office NSW No 842 DE 20 Mr Livingstone	A2.36	649-650
	55/08541	1855 08 09	Hon C S	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 08 07 1855 08 09~ 1855 08 09~	Letter requesting salary due to Mr S B Dowling as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dalby may be retained for his debt to Post Office. & At top No 55/81 Referring to your letters of 26 th April 1854, No 37 & 5 th May last, No 46, intimating that Mr S B Dowling, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dalby had been instructed to undertake duties of Postmaster there, I have honour to inform you that Mr Dowling received a supply of postage stamps to value of twenty five pounds, (£25), but has failed to make any remittance or account of them; nor has he rendered any accounts of postage since October last. 2 Under these circumstances, I have to recommend that any salary due to him as Clerk of Petty Sessions may be retained until he settles his accounts with this department. & Notes in margin 55/5788 Let Auditors General be acquainted with this & of course pay of C P S stopped until his debt with Post Office is adjusted. Certainly Postmaster General, Colonial Treasurer 17 th August 1855 55/12434	A2.36	651-653
	55/07722	1855 07 18	Hon C S	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 07 16	Letter referring to Mr Dowling's appointment as Postmaster at Dalby & At top No 55/75 Referring to your letter of 5 th May last No 46, apprising me that Bench of Magistrates at Dalby, Myall Creek, had been requested to inform Mr Dowling, Clerk of Petty Sessions, that if he would not attend to duties of Postmaster at that place, he would be superseded in former appointment, I have honour to state that Mr Dowling had not performed Post Office duties, or noticed any of my official communications for a length of time. 2 I have now appointed another party as Postmaster, but in doing so I feel it	A2.36	654-655

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				W D C R W D	1855 07 20 1855 07 21~ 1855 07 23~	my duty to report how matter stands as regards Mr Dowling for His Excellency, Governor General's information. & Notes in margin 55/5311 3870 Postmaster General If Mr Dowling will not do his work we have no further occasion for his service. As another Postmaster has been appointed, work is taken out of hands of C P S. Very well 55/8541		
	55/03870	1855 04 26	Hon C S	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 04 24	Report on Mr Goggs' complaint of neglect of Postmaster at Dalby & At top No 55/43 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of a letter addressed to you by Mr Goggs of Chinchilla upon which I am called upon by His Excellency to report. 2 Mr Goggs' complaint as to not receiving a mail bag from Dalby Post Office on 24 th ultimo had been referred by me to Postmaster of that place for his report thereon & I will not fail to reply to that part of his letter, when report in question comes in. 3 Referring to former complaint made to this office by Mr Goggs, which, that gentleman considered "have not been sufficiently heeded", I have honour to transmit copies of letters transmitted by me to Mr Goggs & to Postmaster, which will shew His Excellency difficulties I have had to contend with as to this office & very little assistance afforded me by Mr Goggs. 4 I have to state that, I cannot procure from Mr Sydney Dowling, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dalby, return of Declaration that ought to have been made by him on his taking charge of Post Office or his Bond, which was duly prepared & sent for his signature & that of his Bondsman, or accounts required by this department & as closing of Post Office at Dalby, would be consequence were this officer to continue this neglect & in your letter dated 26 th April 1854, it is expressly stated that he was to undertake duties of Postmaster & to give necessary security. I respectfully recommend that His Excellency will be pleased to call upon that gentleman for an explanation, or appoint to that place, a Clerk of Petty Sessions more willing to assist Public Service. & Notes in margin Mr Dowling to be informed that if he will not attend to his duties attached to his office as C P S respecting Post Office, then he will be suspended. 55/3326 Note sent Certainly Postmaster General, Bench Myall Creek, Mr Goggs 55/7722		656-660
	55/03870		Mr Goggs Esq Chinchilla, Dalby Myall Creek	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1854 12 06	& At top 55/3879 54/8732 I have received a report from My Sydney Dowling on complaint preferred by you under date of 21 st October last. I have felt it necessary to make a further		661-662

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	55/03870		Postmaster Myall Creek	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 01 03	reference to that gentleman as some of your statements are not answered in his communication. As I have before explained to you, Clerk of Petty Sessions most unwillingly accepted appointed of P M at Dalby & if he had not taken it, P O could not have been opened. If his other public duties took him away & there was no party he could trust who would act as his Deputy, circumstances of call might account for an omission greatly to be regretted. P M distinctly denies that he ever refused to give Mr Johnson your letters. In conclusion, I have to request you will state whether you are aware of any respectable party who could act as P M at Myall Creek & devote his time to duties of office, as otherwise, I fear that eventually I shall have to give up this office. & At top 55/3870 55/2 I have to request a reply from you to my letter dated 6 th ultimo & have to add that I have received other complaints as to management of Myall P O from Mr Goggs. 2 I find that declaration required to be taken by Cl 4, 15 th Victoria, No 12, prior to any P M being able to perform postal duty has not yet been returned by you to this office tho' blank form was sent to you 12 th July last. 3 In your letter dated 19 th June last, in which you named as your sureties Messers J P Bell & T D Moffatt, you also stated that you would execute your Bond without delay, but such Bond duly executed has not reached this office. I have now to request that you will have goodness to transmit at your earliest convenience such Bond & Declaration.		663
	55/03870		Mr Goggs Esq Chinchilla, Dalby Myall Creek	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1855 01 03	& At top 55/3870 55/2 I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 th ultimo in which you complain of absence from his duties of P M Myall Creek, repeat your assertions as to that officer's having refused to deliver your letters to Mr Johnson & inform me that you will have to being matter under notice of Legislative Council & also commence law proceedings. 2 I beg to remind you that upon representations being made to me that a Post Office at Myall Creek would be a public benefit, I promptly acceded to request therein made & at once offered appointment of P M to Mr Joseph King, party recommended for office. 3 When I found that no other suitable P M could be named by gentleman interested in establishment of this office & that Clerk of Petty Sessions refused to accept appointment, I wrote to Colonial Secretary that orders might be given to oblige Mr Dowling to hold office in conjunction with that of Clerk Petty Sessions & in this way was enabled to carry out wishes of residents of Myall Creek & its neighbourhood. 4 You complained of way Mr Dowling performs his duties & that gentleman disputed some of your assertions but knowing his readiness to resign office, aware that his public duties must to some extend interfere with those of P O & anxious to get rid of these complaints, I enquired of you in my letter dated 6 th ultimo "whether you were aware of any respectable party who would act as P M at Myall Creek & devote his time to duties of office", but to this query you		664-666

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	55/03870		Postmaster Myall Creek	W H Christie General Post Office Sydney	1854 12 06	<p>have returned no answer, beyond a general remark that you "presume a competent person could be found in Dalby who would perform duties of P M, equally as efficient as present one".</p> <p>5 It is apparent by above summary of facts that beyond asking for a P O , residents have done nothing whatever to ensure one, that every step for that purpose has been taken by myself & that present arrangements do not meet with your approval.</p> <p>6 It is clearly impossible for me to guess at competent parties you speak of & I have therefore again to request that you will name a person who will undertake duties of P M & if on enquiry I find appointment suitable, I will at once make it & also to suggest in what way at distance of 640 miles I can sift & ascertain in a manner not open to you on spot credence to be placed on P M's statement that he did not refuse to give Mr Johnson your letters.</p> <p>& At top 55/3870 54/8732</p> <p>I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st ultimo & have informed Mr Goggs that you distinctly deny having refused to deliver his letters to Mr Johnston [Johnson].</p> <p>There are two points however in Mr Goggs' letter which are not replied to & as to which I shall feel obliged by your report.</p> <p>1stly As to P O not being opened at all on Sunday 15th October as enjoined by Section 6 of P O Regulations.</p> <p>2ndly As to its not being on Monday 16th October as enjoined by Sec 5 of same Regulation.</p> <p>I am aware of personal inconvenience you must suffer by duties of P M being thrown open upon you & shall be glad to know whether there is any likelihood of some storekeeper or other respectable party being found to fill office.</p> <p>55/3326 Omitted to be enclosed in Postmaster General's letter to Hon Colonial Secretary dated 24th April – No 55/43</p>		667
	55/03326	1855 04 18	Hon C S	M Goggs Chinchilla Condamine	1855 03 26	<p>Letter complaining of neglect of Postmaster at Dalby</p> <p>I have honour to report that on 24th instant, mail contractor brought no mail bag from Dalby Post Office. Upon my asking reason, reply was that mine "was not only bag kept back, but more belonging to others".</p> <p>I have twice reported to Postmaster General neglect of Postmaster at Dalby & conceive that my reports have not been sufficiently heeded.</p> <p>This is third time my letters have been kept back by Dalby Postmaster. I therefore beg leave to notify this neglect to His Excellency, Governor General, stating that I am greatly inconvenienced & much loss may accrue to me.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Refer for Report of Postmaster General Postmaster General 55/3870 Mr Goggs notified.</p>	A2.36	669-670
	56/04913	1856 05 28	Hon C S	William Chimmo Addl Lieut HMS "Juno" On Special Service	1855 04 11~ 1855 04 18~	<p>Letter respecting information on Percy Islands</p> <p>I have honour to reply to your letter of 19th instant & forward herewith a few notes collected during hurried visit of "Torch" to Percy Isles in February 1855,</p>	A2.36	671

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	56/04913			C D R M F William Chimmo Lieut R N	May 1856	<p>while searching for murderers of late Mr Strange & party. I much regret that charts & remarks on these islands are not at hand which prevents my affording a more detailed account of them. Other papers with 56/4815 Government Resident submitted 26th May 1856. Other papers herewith</p> <p>Extracts 1855 Northumberland or Percy Islands Group of Northumberland or Percy Islands, 5 in number (with many smaller ones), are situated within tropics between parallels of 21° & 22° South Latitude, & 150° 2' East Longitude, being about 45 miles from coast of Australia, within Barrier Reef & commanding entrances of Broad Sound & Shoal Water Bay. My Journal from which I collect these remarks, to best of my recollection seems thus "Percy Islands are a most picturesque group, particularly the 2nd of which we saw much, marching over it daily for 5 successive days. Valleys are studded with pine trees, a good spring of water in its centre anchorage all round it & especially good on its S E side where "Torch" anchored in 5 fathoms. Calling Bay 'Spurling' from having found remains of his body there & opposite side at which we lay snugly for 5 days was called 'Murder Bay' which would caution a stranger against natives when landing there. Islets in offing afford shelter from worst minds. There are no hidden dangers around group, all showing themselves at low water. There is an anchorage to westward of islets in 10 fathoms, where woods (pine trees) can be obtained. Islands are covered on their windward side by stunted timber & pine trees, but lee sides, being sheltered from winds are generally more clothed with grass & timber. Pine trees are not of large dimensions, but vessels have cut spars large enough for topmasts & bow sprit for a vessel of 400 tons. They are tough & knotty & when coming away break short without splintering." "No 2 Percy Island is only one I landed on & therefore speak of that only. It is second in size & importance, being about 6 miles long by 3 broad & 300 to 400 feet in elevation, rising gradually from moderately elevate cliffs & sandy bays to a ledge of continuous hill in centre of island. Large portions are capable of cultivation & would grow maize & every kind of vegetable. Geological structure of islands is sandstone, intersected with stratifications of same material, but darker & denser in its construction. Sea is of moderate depth around islands, from 25 to 32 fathoms, sand & coral. Rise & fall of water about 14 feet. Fish & turtle abound in season. Journal of meteorology kept at these islands is at present on board HMS "Herald" & additions to hydrography in hydrographic office London. As regards blacks of these islands, who are occasionally blown off mainland in their canoes while fishing, I would warn visitor against their treachery & as I am led to understand from a communication received from Colonial Secretary's office (dated 30 April 1855) that these blacks have here returned. A similar fate to that which befell unfortunate Mr Strange & his party may await next white persons landing in vicinity of these islands.</p>		672-674
			Hon C S	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 07 31	[Extracts from NSW Legislative Council Votes & Proceedings 1855 V3 – SLQ roll 11 near end of roll]		675-681

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						<p>1855 New South Wales, SEARCH BY HMS SHIP "TORCH" for survivors of "Ningpo" and for remains of late Mr Strange & his companions. Ordered by Council to be Printed 31st July 1855 Return to an address from Legislative Council of New South Wales, dated 24 July 1855, praying that His Excellency, Governor General would be pleased to cause to be laid upon table:- "Copies of Report of voyage of H M S Ship "Torch", (Lieutenant Chimmo, R N, Commanding), in search of seamen of ship "Ningpo" & in search of remains of late Mr Frederick Strange & his companions. 137-A Report SEARCH BY HM STEAM SHIP "TORCH" for survivors of "Ningpo" & for remains of late Mr Strange & his companions. <i>Report of proceedings of H M Steam Vessel "Torch", in search of survivors of Schooner "Ningpo".</i> H M Steam Vessel "Torch", (tender to "Herald"), Sydney, 1 December 1854. Newcastle. Sir, Having been ordered from my usual duties by Senior Naval Officer, to perform a service for Colony, I consider it my duty to lay before you, for information of His Excellency, Governor General, result of my proceedings, while so employed, in endeavouring to rescue shipwrecked crew of "Ningpo" schooner. Starting from Sydney late on night of 3rd October, day on which I received my orders, I arrived at "Newcastle" to coal & morning following, viz 5th, was steaming for "Huon's Reef", distant 1200 miles, using all despatch necessary on so humane occasion: strong & unusually adverse winds from north & north west retarded my progress considerably & it was not until 11th day after leaving Sydney, that true winds (S E trades) commenced; we then progressed. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, I am happy to say that on 20th day, shipwrecked crew were all safely & comfortably housed on board, to number of 19. There was much difficulty in concluding which spot really was on which "Ningpo" was wrecked, having been named Huon's Reef, Burns Reef, Ewart's Island & Pitt's Island & from want of means of survivors, neither place could be decided on as certain; (latitude given by mate was 18° 36', we found it 18° 17' - 19 miles in error); however, fortune favoured us & after a minute & anxious search of 6 days, we found them as they had landed, alive! on Middle Huon Island. They Now required our watchfulness & attention & in order to ensure comfort & a return of health I issued memoranda enclosed, which was strictly adhered to; this prevented any contagious disorder coming in vessel & trifling duties they performed kept their minds alive & spirits up & prevented their reverting to past calamities & misfortunes. I was compelled to perform a great part of my voyage with sail only, keeping my coals for better purpose of moving among reefs; on 16th we passed 5 or 6 miles westward of reef intending next morning to get steam up & go among it, to look for aforesaid islands; but during night a gale came on from eastward & blew us off & it was not until 20th that we regained our position; steam was got up & before noon of that day we had satisfaction of seeing North Huon Island, (see plan) where we anchored in afternoon, after winding our way through many dangerous patches of coral not shewing themselves above water & not more than 2 or 3 feet beneath its surface. On this island I expected to find shipwrecked crew, from accounts of Mr Tough 2nd mate, but he acknowledged</p>		

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						<p>"never having seen island before", & there were no signs whatever of crew from ship. I lost no time in dispatching 3 exploring parties to search minutely island & sand-pits & endeavour to trace any object that would lead to their whereabouts. Boats returned at sunset unsuccessful, having found only a piece of a very old canoe, a paddle, a charred stave & nothing recent that would give us any information. Orders I issued to Messrs Hixon & Smith are annexed & I led 3rd party myself; I intended starting at daylight next morning to search every island & sand islet within reef; weather now changed again to strong N E winds & heavy rains & prevented my moving from this anchorage among so many hidden dangers. It was, however, very consoling to us all to know that were these unfortunate people at all in this vicinity they had plenty of water & many turtle, fish & birds – my crew having turned 56 turtle in 1 afternoon & night each weighing 3cwt.</p> <p>Rains & strong winds continued for 5 successive days & during short intervals of fine weather, I made a plan of anchorage, a copy of which also accompanies this Report. (see plan). One of our boats was capsized, but, by expertness displayed in lowering boats to her assistance, I am happy to add no lives were lost.</p> <p>On morning of 26th, weather cleared & at dawn of day we started in search of other islands. At noon, about 16 miles south of North Huon Island, 2 others were observed & we entered a deep & spacious bay to close them; these I called Middle Huon & South Huon Islands; as we neared former, I could observe a smoke, then a flag-staff with a red Ensign, Union downwards & finally, about 6 miles distant, wreck of "Ningpo", (a Chinese junk). All glasses were now riveted to spot & we had satisfaction of seeing European on beach with our glasses; I immediately got all boats ready, (fearing a sudden change of weather, which would compel me to haul off), provisioned for 2 days & despatched them with orders marked No 3, under direction of Mr Hixon (my 1st lieutenant), Mr Smith, doctor & Mr Tough; by them you will perceive there was some danger to be apprehended & I hoped I foresaw all. Before sunset, to our extreme gratification, they were safely on board, without a single mishap.</p> <p>[Here follows a list of all names & ratings – Europeans, including Master & 2 Mates & Chinese – in all, 19]. (See list) They were indeed overwhelmed with joy & so were we at our success. They had given up all hopes of relief, having been three months on island. First man who saw us dropped from a tree on which he had been looking out & ran to his tent, without being able to communicate what he saw to those beneath tree with him.</p> <p>I remained at anchorage next day, to enable them to wash & air their clothes & bedding & to return to their huts to see if they had left anything behind in their hurry; & on forming of 28th I left these scenes of danger, glad to get out of sight of them. It was indeed an anxious & an arduous task or us all; if vessel had touched a coral patch or a sunken rock, with which reef abounds, we should have required a vessel to come in search of us. I quite agree with Monsieur D'Entrecasteaux, "it is most dangerous reef I ever beheld:.. None but a steam vessel could have attempted it.</p> <p>I victualled all "Ningpo's" crew at full allowance, which their distressed condition required & when they settled down, I gave each a portion of duty to perform as pastime; they enjoyed same advantages & privileges as my own crew.</p> <p>Accompanying this Report you will find,- 1 A Chart, shewing our track from Sydney to D'Entrecasteaux' Reef & back.</p>		

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				William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1854 10 26	<p>2 A Plan of North Huon Island anchorage. 3 Plan of reef, with changes found by "Torch". 4 Memos for exploration of North Huon Island. 5 Order for rescue of crew from Middle Huon Island. 6 Account of reef & islands in general. 7 Native productions of Isles, by Dr Macdonald. 8 A brief account of Mr Tough's voyage to coast of Australia, in a 13 feet skiff & his reception there. 9 An outline of loss of "Ningpo" & adventures of crew on Middle Huon Island, until rescued by Her Majesty's steam vessel "Torch".</p> <p>On my voyage south, I called at Balade, New Caledonia, for water & hoping to obtain sufficient coals to take me to Feejee Isles to meet Her Majesty's Ship "Herald", which vessel would be put to much inconvenience & delay at my absence & to send shipwrecked crew on to Sydney by first vessel; but I was disappointed in both. Coals, although abundant, were an enormous price & rather than put Colony to such an unnecessary expense (£700), I purchased but 15 tons for ballast & sent my crew to cut sufficient wood to take us clear of reef; this occupied us only 4 days, during which time we wooded & watered; former, people had to bring some distance on their shoulders, after cutting & boats had to proceed 2 ¼ miles for water & only to be obtained at high tide; this was a labour therefore much felt. French authorities stated, "it was impossible to receive shipwrecked crew, as they had but sufficient provisions for people of Poste". French authorities were, however, most obliging & lent their boat to bring off wood, while large canoes brought coals (two of which sank - 1 alongside, other near shore); by this assistance I was enabled to water ship with ship's boats & proceed myself in my gig to superintend all; during which I had ill luck to be upset, with unfortunat loss of 5 Government Surveying Instruments & my private sextant, with other smaller articles; but I am happy to say, no lives.</p> <p>French vessels of War, "Constantine" & "Prony" were at Unami, south west part of New Caledonia building a fort in that beautiful harbour, which appears to absorb all their attention even from Balade. Poste of Balade, in charge of Lieutenant Bailly & 30 men of "Prony", is capable of resisting all islanders on New Caledonia. Mission, which is 2 1'5 miles from fort or poste, has 3 missionary gentlemen, who have now 100 Christians converted & 200 in training who have promised, but are not yet baptised. At "Puebo", they have nearly 400, but I would wish to have seen them surrounded by more comfort & a little more cleanliness.</p> <p>Crew of "Ningpo" were found on Middle Huon Island, D'Entrecasteaux Reef, in latitude 18° 17' south, but longitude cannot be correctly ascertained, until errors & rates for my chronometers are obtained at Sydney. They had given up all idea of being rescued & contemplated building a raft from portions of their late vessel & proceeding to some inhabited place. Reef contains an area or about 1000 square miles & encloses 4 islands about from 2 to 3 miles in circumference, abounding with animal life & a few small islets.</p> <p>In concluding this service, I have but to hope for my officers & crew, having been selected for this humane mission, that it has been performed to entire satisfaction of Colonial Government; & it is in justice to them to add, that I never saw them start on a duty with more spirit & zeal than this, although foreign to their regular duties; satisfaction of having accomplished it with success is exceedingly gratifying to us all.</p>		

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				William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1854 10 21	I have etc etc William Chimmo, Lieutenant Commanding. (Enclosure No 1) <i>Regulations for distribution & comfort of crew of "Ningpo", while on board "Torch".</i> 1 On their first coming on board, their clothes are to be mustered by corporal & kept on deck until well shook, washed & aired; they will then be supplied with hot water to wash & clean themselves, before they can go on lower deck – this will prevent any disagreeables being brought in the ship. 2 They will be provided with beds, blankets & articles of wearing apparel, if necessary. 3 They will be victualled at full allowance, which their distressed state requires & if petty officers & men have no objection, they will be distributed among their messes, which will give them advantage of savings. 4 They will form a division every forenoon, at 9:30am, to see they are properly clean for day & at evening quarters with their night rig on. 5 There will be a duty set apart for each man, more as a pastime than labour, except those who are suffering from sickness, when they will be under Doctor's care & attention, giving them every necessary their case may require. 6 They will also be divided into watches by day & night, except those who are artificers, who will have a day duty to perform. 7 Each mate will do quartermaster's duty; this will excuse "gunner's mate", who will have to attend to gunnery department & drilling men. Given under my hand, on board "Torch", Tender to "Herald", at sea, this 26 th October, 1854.		
				William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1854 10 21	(Enclosure No 2) Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Torch", Tender to "Herald", off Huon Island 21 October 1854. Memo Take charge of cutter, with party & explore north side of Huon Island, meeting me on east side, examining minutely every particle of wreck or other material. Any officer that will assist in search may accompany you. Return to boats by sunset.		
				William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1854 10 26	Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Torch", Tender to "Herald", off Huon Island, 21 October 1854. Memo Take charge of galley, with party & explore north-west sand-spit of Huon Island, examining very minutely every particle of wreck or other feature that will lead to discovery of "Ningpo's" crew. Any officer who will assist in search may accompany you. Return to boats at sunset.		
						(Enclosure No 3) Memo Having searched North Huon Island for survivors of crew of "Ningpo", schooner, on which we were led to suppose they were to be found, (without success), & it being necessary & expected, that every islet & rock in this vicinity should be examined, before we abandon this humane cause, or at least as long as our coal will permit;		

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			Francis Hixon Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding		<p>It is my direction that you take under your charge boats of this vessel & proceed to make a minute & careful search of islands & islets now in sight, to endeavour to trace unfortunate survivors already alluded to; boats will be manned & provisioned for 2 days.</p> <p>Should you be fortunate enough in rescuing them, you will immediately return to ship, not allowing them to detain you <i>one instant</i> after embarkation & your experience in crossing reef (which is at least most dangerous & which can only be attempted in boats during most tranquil weather), will guide you as to how deeply you ought, consistent with safety of lives of those under your charge, to load your boats with any articles belonging to people</p> <p>Should you, on other hand, be unsuccessful, after you have made detour & examination of islets when you see that no further hope can be entertained, you will return to ship; <i>but do not attempt to cross reef AFTER NIGHTFALL</i>, unless you see displayed-</p> <p>By day, - Red ensign at main, - "Cross reef"; Ditto, - Negative flag, - Do not attempt ditto; By night, - Two lights, "vertical", at fore or main, - Cross if practicable to yourself.</p> <p>By night, - One light at main or fore, (where best seen), with muskets every 10 minutes, - Do not attempt to cross reef!</p> <p>Although you are provisioned for 2 days, this is only in case of emergency, as I hope for your return this evening; your supply of water will be doubled.</p> <p>You will take with you boats rain awnings, anchors & cablets, compass, signals & signal books; crews will have their blanket frocks & night clothing with them.</p> <p>Boats are <i>not</i> to part company, but keep alongside each other for mutual support, except in making circuit of an island; should any unforeseen accident befall one, other is to return immediately for assistance; where a fringe reef is in much extent round an island, land & perform search on foot, this will save much time & inconvenience with boats.</p> <p>Doctor Macdonald will accompany you, to render aid to any of our crew, or those of schooner, that may require it, as well as to add to his collections.</p> <p>On your return you will find me at this position; but, to be prepared for any contingency, if weather should compel me to leave, remain at one of islands & do not on any account cross reef & put to sea in search of me, until my return or until you see "Torch" in offing & you are convinced by signal <i>I can see you</i>.</p> <p>Before leaving ship, you will obtain bearings of all objects in sight from mast head; taking care to compare your compasses before shoving off & to have them trimmed for night work; your sextant, a watch, spyglass, as well as navigation books, should accompany you.</p> <p>Should you be successful in your mission, on sighting vessel, you will display, at yard-arm of boat's yards, your ensigns; if unsuccessful, do not show any colours; this will give me notice on board to prepare for reception of distressed crew, or not; do not be diverted from your orders by hearing report of guns as I may consider it a good opportunity for "shot practice".</p> <p>William Tough, late second mate of "Ningpo" will also accompany you; when you place him on island, he will at all events point out encampment & perhaps save you much loss of time.</p> <p>As I have no executive officer to put in charge of "galley", I will place Mr Smith under your orders in charge of her & he will assist you in every way you desire.</p> <p>By information that I have, island is surrounded by an inner fringe reef, dry at low water, do not wait for tide to flow to enable you to reach beach but make</p>		

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			Francis Hixon Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"			<p>people walk down to boats, crews assisting to carry any traps they may possess.</p> <p>You will take into consideration present critical position of "Torch", as well as unsettled state of weather, to hasten your return; vessel being blown off in such weather as we have lately experienced, may endanger your own lives, as well as cause greatest anxiety to those on board.</p> <p>I must again repeat that "my most positive injunctions to you are, if vessel is out of sight, that you do not go in search of her"; five minutes may change weather so that all communication would be cut off between us; if quantity of coals then should not enable me to regain my position, I would go to "Balade", replenish & return to you without delay, therefore, under such circumstances, do not allow my absence to cause you any uneasiness or anxiety.</p> <p>I need only add that you carry with you my best wishes for your safety & success.</p> <p>Given under my hand on board "Torch" (Tender to "Herald"), at sea, this 26th day of October, 1854.</p> <p>(Enclosure No 4) <i>Shipwrecked Crew & Passengers of Late "Ningpo", Schooner</i></p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Names</th> <th>Qualities</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>William Billings</td> <td>Captain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William H Maynard</td> <td>Mate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Tough</td> <td>Second Mate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Barratt</td> <td>Quarter Master</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alfred Spencer</td> <td>Steward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charles Henning</td> <td>Able Seaman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ansel Little</td> <td>Ordinary Seaman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daniel Butcher</td> <td>Passenger</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Affoo</td> <td>Caulker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ajain</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Achice</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ahow</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Achear</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amao</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assan</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allae</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sheoll</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accow</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accum (Female)</td> <td>A B</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(Enclosure No 5) <i>Notes collected by Mr William Tough, Second Mate of "Ningpo", Schooner</i> Sailed from Hongkong on 14th April 1854 & arrived at Bonin Islands 30th May, to get supplies of wood & water; sailed on 5th June for our port of destination; nothing remarkable took place until 25th July, when one Chinaman died, named Afoong. On night of 28th, about half-past eight, we struck on a reef; as soon as we struck I got oat out & sounded; found only 6 feet of water round vessel; we then did all we could to get her off; threw ballast overboard, but found she would not move. Next morning commenced to make a raft; got it ready that afternoon; put 20 bags of rice on, when part of crew started for shore; made inner reef about 12 o'clock that night, when we were obliged to come to</p>	Names	Qualities	William Billings	Captain	William H Maynard	Mate	William Tough	Second Mate	John Barratt	Quarter Master	Alfred Spencer	Steward	Charles Henning	Able Seaman	Ansel Little	Ordinary Seaman	Daniel Butcher	Passenger	Affoo	Caulker	Ajain	A B	Achice	A B	Ahow	A B	Achear	A B	Amao	A B	Assan	A B	Allae	A B	Sheoll	A B	Accow	A B	Accum (Female)	A B		
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	56/04913			William Billings Late Master "Ningpo"		<p>anchor. Next morning we landed; found plenty of sea fowls but no water; that afternoon I went on board vessel again & told Captain how we got on. We found we could not manage raft, tide setting so strong over reef; we were then obliged to get all things out of her we could, with boat only; she was then hauled on beach & had some repairs which were required & a small sail made for her; when all was ready Mr Daintry, myself & 1 seaman started for mainland of Australia on 26th August. On 28th we had rain & a strong breeze from S E. On 6th October sighted land in 26° latitude south. Being short of water we proposed to land; when near shore we could see natives on beach; when close in, 2 swam towards us, 1 of them we took into boat; he seemed very friendly & could speak a little English; told us we could get plenty of water & to come onshore; they assisted us to get out of boat & then wanted to take clothes off our backs, but we would not let them do so; they then struck us with clubs, being so weak we could not defend ourselves; they broke my right arm & cut my head very severely; other 2 were wounded likewise & all left insensible on beach. I was first to come to when I found I was lying with my head & shoulders just out of water; I found I could not stand; I crawled on my hands & knees to some water; brought some to Mr Daintry. He then came round, but seaman did not appear sensible till following morning. We then started for Moreton Bay. For 4 days we had nothing to eat. We fell in with a native named Moysa, who took us to his hut & gave us some fish. He told us he would take us to Moreton Bay. Next morning we started early & after walking about half a mile, Mr Daintry & seaman could not go any further. They told me to proceed & send them assistance, if I could. After walking 2 days, we met another tribe, who said they would see me safe to Moreton Bay. I then sent Moysa back to see what he could do for Mr Daintry & seaman. I then proceeded with 1 native for 6 days, during which time we had to swim several bays & creeks, which I found very difficult with my broken arm & skin off my back with sun. Two days before reaching Moreton Bay, they gave me a few clothes, which were very acceptable, for I had been naked for 10 days.</p> <p>[Continued from above]</p> <p>As soon as we arrived, I was taken to Captain Wickham, who sent me to hospital, where I stayed 1 week & also sent 2 boats off to look for Mr Daintry, which returned night before I left for Sydney. By their account they had found 1 man only, which I knew to be seaman from their description. They were told the other one had gone to Wide Bay. I was then sent to Sydney & placed on board Her Majesty's steam vessel "Torch", commanded by Lieutenant William Chimmo, which vessel was sent, by Senior Naval Officer, at earnest request of Colonial Government of Australia to rescue survivors of "Ningpo", 18 in number, from Huon Island, which she successfully accomplished on 26th October 1854 & carried them all safely to Sydney.</p> <p>Signed by Second Mate of "Ningpo". Approved, William Chimmo, Lieut. Commanding.</p> <p>(Enclosure No 6) William Chimmo, Deputy Commandant, "Torch" <i>Notes on Proceedings of "Ningpo"</i> "Lorcha Ningpo", of 78 tons William Billings, Master, owned by William Davidson Esq, at Ningpo, sailed from Hongkong, April 15th, 1854, bound to Port Phillip, in ballast, there to be employed as a lighter. Experienced light, variable winds up to 21st, when it came on to blow a heavy</p>	A2.36	

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						<p>gale from N E, which continued until 23rd, vessel labouring heavily. April 26th, passed between Orange & Monmouth Islands, when I found my chronometer had altered its rate, having gained 2 minutes 50 seconds on original rate given, which I attributed to violent motion during gale of 21st, 22nd & 23rd.</p> <p>Wood & water getting short, I determined upon going into Port Lloyd, Peel's Island, one of Bonin Group, at which place I arrived on May 29th, in company with Exchange, Chinese Coolie ship, 39 days out from Hongkong, bound to San Francisco with 697 passengers.</p> <p>On making land I found my chronometer still gaining having increased its error to 5 minutes 45 seconds over original error.</p> <p>While at this Port, I procured a supply of wood, water, sweet potatoes & turtles. It was my intention to have beached "Ningpo", to fire & black her bottom; but, owing to barrier presented by reef & rise & fall of tide not being sufficient I was prevented from doing so.</p> <p>Sailed from Port Lloyd, June 5th, with a strong breeze from S W, with heavy rain which continued until June 20th.</p> <p>"Ningpo's" bottom not being coppered was now very foul, greatly impeding her rate of sailing, in addition to which she began to make a deal of water; it was therefore my intention to call in at Isle of Pines, to endeavour to remedy these evils, but foulness of bottom, together with leakage daily increasing, I deem it more expedient to shape a course for Moreton Bay.</p> <p>July 22nd – Passed close to westward of Tricopia, or Barwell's Island, wind blowing strong from south-eastward, with a high & confused sea. At midnight of 24th passed Cape Cumberland, it still blowing half a gale of wind, together with thick heavy rain which continued until 28th.</p> <p>July 28th – Noon – Strong breezes & cloudy, with a high sea; N W end of Bond's Reef, by account, S by E 25 miles; wind E S E, steering S W in order to give N W end of reef a clear berth. 4:00pm – Ordered a masthead "look out", which was kept until sunset, when I went aloft myself, but could see nothing.</p> <p>As vessel had been going 6 knots since noon, I now felt convinced I had passed all dangers; but as my chronometer was incorrect, 8:00pm, when I hauled up to S S E, in order to get a weather gauge of reef's shoals etc, which extend to S W of Bond's Reef. After seeing watch relieved & look-outs stationed, I went below, in order to consult my chart, leaving order with Chief Officer, whose watch it was to keep a good look out for breakers, until I came on deck & to put vessel round immediately if he saw anything suspicious; vessel at this time was going about 5 knots through water.</p> <p>I had not been more than 10 minutes below when I felt a slight shock. I immediately rushed on deck & to my great dismay, found "Ningpo" stuck hard & fast on a coral reef.</p> <p>Although going so fast through water, shock was so trifling that my first impression was that we had run foul of some portion of a wreck, more especially as we had day previous passed wreck of a large vessel's lower mast. On time of her striking no surf or breakers indicated proximity of danger & vessel went on as easy as if she had run on a shingle beach.</p> <p>This idea, however, was quickly dispelled, on looking over her side, where bottom was distinctly visible, with several rocks showing above water. Having got sail off vessel, after fruitlessly attempting to back her off, I commenced with 1 watch to discharge ballast, while, with others, got up & bent one of anchors which was taken aft & let go to prevent her from drifting further on reef. This</p>		681-685

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						<p>was hardly done, when vessel began to make water rapidly. Commenced getting up everything from below, sails, provisions etc; in less than 15 minutes vessel was half full of water. Daylight at last came & discovered to us hopelessness of our position, vessel lying with only 2 feet water alongside at low water, with her stern projecting over a ledge outside of which was no bottom at 45 fathoms; vessel's bottom stove in, so that tide flowed in & out.</p> <p>We were, however, within 6 miles of two small, low, sandy islets, bearing west from us, when I made immediate preparations for landing provisions & crew & at 10:00am, of 29th despatched first load on a raft made of spare spars, etc. This raft did not reach island until next morning, water being too low on reef. Remaining part of provisions had to be headed up in water casks & towed ashore, as we were unable to get raft off to vessel & only boat we had was too small to carry anything, consequently it was not until fifth day after vessel struck that everything was on shore.</p> <p>Commenced to sink holes in different parts of island in search of water, but without success for we always came to salt water at depth of about 10 feet. This was a source of great uneasiness to us, as we were only able to save 2 casks & a half from wreck, one of which got spoiled coming ashore, by salt water getting into it.</p> <p>In regard to provisions, I was under no immediate apprehension, as island was covered with various kinds of sea-fowl, reefs swarming with a variety of fish, including sharks of an enormous size, having captured on 16 feet in length with a harpoon & turtle, of which we had seen 2 or 3 & succeeded in taking one weighing over 600 lbs. We had now only to procure water, in order to be safe as far as provisions were concerned. This difficulty was at last surmounted by condensing water by means of ship's coppers & a musket barrel, using a small water cask for a condenser; by this means we could condense 18 gallons of water in 24 hours. Fortunately we had only to trust this twice as, during our stay on island, it rained three times, when we saved sufficient water to serve us.</p> <p>Having now brought all provisions on shore & being unwilling to trust boat any more in going off to wreck, as she had been stove in once in coming on shore & well knowing that all our hopes depended upon her, commenced fitting her with a canvas deck & wash-boards, etc, for a passage to Isle of Pines, that being nearest port I had any knowledge of, where assistance could be procured. This design, however, I was prevented from putting into execution, as men, who had volunteered to go with me, afterwards refused saying, "they were afraid of natives of New Caledonia & adjacent islands, but, if I would go to cost of Australia, they would go with me". This, in a boat of 13 feet overall & very lightly built, I considered to be utterly impossible & for some time refused, as boat could not carry provisions & water for so long a passage.</p> <p>At las, after some days spent in a fruitless endeavour to induce them to abandon this apparently mad scheme, I consented to attempt passage to Moreton Bay, provided they would wait until middle of September. This was agreed upon & I thought everything was going on all right until 27th August, when I, according to custom, went out at daylight on reef at north end of island to look for turtle, etc, where I remained until 7:30 or 8 o'clock.</p> <p>On returning to my tent, I was informed that part of men had been for some of my books, spyglass, etc. This at first I thought nothing of, until I found it was my charts & Nautical Almanac that they had taken, when horrible suspicion</p>		

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						<p>flashed across my mind that they contemplated running away with boat. I at once started to go & if possible, prevent such a proceeding, but, when I got down to beach, found my fears were too well founded, as boat had already shoved off & was out of musket range.</p> <p>Heart-sick & in a state bordering upon despondency, I returned to my tent to see what they had taken with them. I found that my charts, navigation books & spyglass were gone, leaving me without least guide to go by in event of our being able to construct anything in shape of a boat.</p> <p>Crew now came to me, one by one, to excuse themselves for share they had taken in affair, alleging as their excuse that they were afraid that, when I got off from island I should proceed to Isle of Pines & that they were afraid of natives of that island & those in its vicinity.</p> <p>I now tried to induce them to join me in attempt to build a boat out of wreck of "Ningpo", (as I never expected to hear anything more of boat), but without avail, as they said "they had no tools & that whalers would be coming about in a short time & that they would be sure to see flagstaff we had erected on north end of island". This I considered a very poor chance of getting away, as no sailing vessel would ever come near such a place, it was possible to keep clear of it.</p> <p>I now made every preparation for a long sojourn on island, by keeping a vigilant look out for turtle, which now began to come on shore in great numbers; we built 2 large turtle pens & put in upwards of 80 turtle, weighing on an average from 5 ½ to 6 hundred weight. Pens being full, we next commenced drying flesh of others to provide against time when they should desert these shores for some other locality, it being custom of these animals to do so when laying season is over, which is on these sand islands in months of November & December. They begin to come in as early as July & continue increasing daily; indeed in September they were so numerous that one morning I could have turned 27 without wetting my feet & I counted 18 more asleep in about 6 inches of water which could have been captured without least difficulty. In addition to turtle we caught quantities of fish of different kinds, all of which proved excellent food. These fish were principally of cod species, but much larger than any I had hitherto seen; I harpooned one which weighed upwards of 700 pounds; it was of a black colour, with large scales of an inch in diameter; flesh was palatable, but tough & full of sinews.</p> <p>We now took canoe, which I omitted to mention as having been found in centre of island on our coming on shore, fitted it with outrigger, sail, etc & were thus enabled, from time to time, to go off to wreck, which had not yet broken up, although we had several pretty heavy blows.</p> <p>We now had been 2 ½ months on island & lost all hopes of receiving assistance from boat, which every person now gave up as lost; when one of men, Little, who had been always very willing to second me in anything I might propose, agreed to venture in canoe over to an island we had seen to south-eastward. This island I afterwards found to be Surprise Island, bearing S S E about 30 miles from one on which we were. Everything was therefore arranged & on morning of 7th October we started at 4:00am, but had to put back, sea being too rough & canoe filling, but at about 6:30 started again with intention, if we could discover land to S E of "Surprise Island", to stand on & endeavour to make New Caledonia. We arrived at "Surprise Island" at sunset that evening, completely exhausted, having had to paddle all way against a head sea, but could see nothing like land to southward. Remained next day on</p>		

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				William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding		<p>island & returned day following. I now again proposed to try & build a boat & was warmly supported by Little & Spenser, steward, whose conduct had been of most respectful & obliging nature during whole period of our stay on island. Rest, however, refused to lend their assistance, on account of not having any saw or chisels. I therefore made 2 very good saws out of a stout new iron hoop, which upon trial answered pretty well; we next fashioned 2 chisels out of a cutlass, when others volunteered their assistance.</p> <p>We were now very short of that necessary article, water & it was agreed to postpone operations until we should get a supply, especially as sky was overcast & we were in hourly expectation of seeing it rain' nor were we disappointed, for in 2 days it commenced to rain heavily & continued for 7 days, enabling us to fill every available receptacle & succeeded in saving a sufficient quantity to last us with economy about 2 ½ months.</p> <p>During this period wind, which continued to blow half a gale, raising a high sea on reef, prevented us from going to wreck.</p> <p>On 26th we were about to commence our boat, when I was informed that a vessel was in offing. At first sight we took her to be a whaler trying out. In order to attract notice, we immediately made fires on each extreme of island, where quantities of wood had been previously placed for this purpose & ensign was hoisted on flagstaff union downwards. From various movements of vessel, we were thrown into great suspense, fearing that our fires had not been seen & that we were doomed to remain on this island without hope of rescue. However, on her nearer approach, report of a gun gave us intimation that our signals of distress had been observed & vessel soon advanced towards island as near as was practicable & sent her boats to our assistance. Our joy may be more easily conceived than expressed & same evening we were all safely on board Her Majesty's steam vessel "Torch", commanded by Lieutenant William Chimmo, R N.</p> <p>(Signed) William Billings, Late Master "Ningpo".</p> <p><i>Brief Sketches of Natural History, etc of North, Middle & South Huon Islands.</i> Basis of these islands appears to consist of a coarse-grained yellowish-brown sandstone & superimposed coral beds, upon which broken shells, fine sand & heterogeneous matters continually accumulating, have formed nidus for a scanty vegetation. Great profusion of small masses of pumice stone sufficiently indicates elevating cause, which, however must have been very gradual in its operation.</p> <p>On "North Huon Island", especially, vegetation is exceeding poor; few herbaceous plants to be seen, are only such as "love a dry & sandy soil", & spare foliage of stunted trees scarcely afford any shelter to young of fish-hawk (<i>Tachypetis</i>), booby (<i>Sula</i>) & noddy (<i>Megalopterus</i>), whose rudimentary nests, composed of a few dead leaves matted together, are generally fixed on well selected branches; masked gannet (<i>Sula Personata</i>), scorming even this incipient approach to exquisitely constructed dwelling of land bird, brings forth its downy & trembling offspring on open sand flat, alike exposed to sweeping storm & potent rays of a tropical sun. This species is also plentiful at Lord Howe & Norfolk Islands, but specimens are rare in European collections of ornithology.</p> <p>Fish-hawks, or frigate birds & noddies take up their abode a little way in bush; & a handsome cream coloured gannet, with a bluish beak & red feet, perches</p>		

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						<p>on trees near beach, which is lined by unnumerable host of sea swallows (<i>Sterna</i>) in every stage of growth.</p> <p>During our stay at this island, we had rather extensive practice at "turtle turning", these animals coming up in considerable numbers to reconnoitre ground for depositing their eggs.</p> <p>Middle Huon Island, upon which we found master & crew of "Ningpo", presents a striking contrast, in character of its soil & vegetation, to sterile monotony of former; brown mould covering coral beds is about 2 feet in depth & so burrowed & undermined by mutton birds (<i>Puffinus</i>), which do not frequent Northern Island, that it is quite impossible to walk through bush without stumbling continually into these deceptive pit-falls.</p> <p>In addition to mutton bird, this island is visited by tropic bird (Phaeton), which forms its nest at roots of trees in sheltered places; but most interesting of feathered tribe, is a species of land rail (<i>Rallus</i>) which Mr Billings states, occurs also on both South Huon & Surprise Islands. On arriving at New Caledonia, we found that bird was well known there, but how it could have found its way so far to north—ward, with wings so ill adapted for flight is not so very easily accounted for.</p> <p>Fishes observed included sharks of large size, numbers of wrasse family (<i>Labridae</i>) & mackerel family (<i>Scomberidae</i>), eel-like fishes (<i>Muraenidae</i>), large sucker fishes (<i>Echeneis</i>) & a great variety of brilliantly tinted species; & in particular, little "emperor of Japan", sporting amongst iridescent patches of living coral on reefs.</p> <p>Of botanical orders represented in Middle & South Huon Islands, more important are <i>Leguminosae</i>, <i>Goodeniaceae</i>, <i>Malvaceae</i>, <i>Capparidaceae</i> & <i>Compositae</i>.</p> <p><i>A Brief Sketch of D'Entrecasteaux, of Bonds Reef, by Lieutenant William Chimmo, Commanding her Majesty's Vessel "Torch".</i></p> <p>This dangerous & extensive reef, north of New Caledonia, occupying a space of upwards of 1000 square miles, is an <i>invisible coral reef</i>, with but a few large rocks or stones on its margin, one of which in particular, on its south-west end, is nearly 20 feet high. This reef has 2 openings on its western face & 1(?) on its eastern; former lead to small sand islets; & from centre island, I think, there is a passage through reef.</p> <p>North part of this reef was first seen by Captain Bond, at which time he also saw North Huon Island, in 1792; & same year south portion of it was discovered by Admiral D'Entrecasteaux, as well as Surprise Island. Monsieur D'Entrecasteaux states, "it is most dangerous reef he ever beheld".</p> <p>This reef encloses 4 small islands of about 2 ½ to 3 miles in circumference, viz:- North Huon, in latitude 18° 02' 00" S; Middle Huon, in latitude 18° 18' 37" S; & South Huon, with Surprise Island on its south extreme; also a few sand islets & rocks above-mentioned.</p> <p>North Huon has a good & safe anchorage from easterly winds, but is dangerous of approach for sailing vessels, having many sunken patches of coral 2 to 3 miles from it W N W which is channel; landing is good on a steep sandy beach, having 8 feet water over boat's stern, when bow is on beach.</p> <p>This island abounds with turtle, fish & sea-fowl; but no water.</p> <p>Middle Huon is safe to approach, but anchorage is <i>bad uneven coral ground</i>, in 12 fathoms close to fringe reef, which surrounds island & renders it difficult & dangerous for boats to cross, it is in latitude 18° 18' 37" S & abounds with</p>		

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	56/04913		Hon C S	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 03 12	<p>turtle, sea-fowl, fish & land-rail. IT was here crew of "Ningpo" lived for 3 months; but island has no water, although wells were dug 18 to 20 feet deep. South Huon has also a fringe reef around it & is still more dangerous of approach for boats than Middle Huon Island, being more to westward has not advantage of shelter of an outer reef, as other islands – this island lays about south 4 miles from Middle Huon.</p> <p>Surprise Island, so called by Monsieur D'Estrecaesteaux when he thought he had weathered north reef of New Caledonia, is S S E, about 26 miles from Middle Huon. Master of "Ningpo" landed on this island & describes it same as other islands – (I have not seen it).</p> <p>Current, found on west face of this reef, was mostly influenced by winds & sets to N N W in general.</p> <p>Rise & fall of water for 5 days, hourly observations, was found to be 2 to 3 feet. Current set through reef round sand-spits & islands 2 to 3 miles per hour.</p> <p>From "Ningpo", another wreck can be seen, shewing its fatality to more than 1 vessel; her name I could not ascertain nor is anything known whether crew had landed or perished; they were not, nor had been, on any of islands in this reef.</p> <p><i>Directions for approaching Island.</i></p> <p>We found that west face of this reef, instead of being a continuous life north & south, forms <i>two</i> deep bights. North-west extreme may be known by several rocks 15 to 20 feet out of water, one, highest, resembling a boat's lug-sail. N W extreme forms 1 arm of a deep bay, strewn with patches of coral <i>awash</i>, in bight of which lays North Huon Island, of crescent shape, magnetic north & south & forming, with its sand-pits & coral patches, a good anchorage open to westward or 10 points of compass. (<i>See plan</i>)</p> <p>Course for this anchorage, is to bring centre of island E S E , distant 5 or 6 miles & steer for it, keeping (with sun, to west) a good look out for small patches <i>awash</i> directly in entrance & distant from island 2 to 3 miles – gradual soundings from 50 to 10 fathoms, will be carried to island anchorage.</p> <p>Centre portion of reef has not so much western extent & forms south arm of North Huon Bay, it is a detached reef from main which is connected with islands.</p> <p>South Huon Bay is of much greater extent depth of which is formed by Middle Huon & South Huon Islands & 2 sand islets; here anchorage is not so safe or good – ground foul; islands entirely surrounded by a "fringe reef", only passable for boats on their lee or N W side at high water which renders it dangerous to cross, a heavy sea rolling in over it. I had not time to examine Middle or South Huon Islands, but late master of "Ningpo" stated, "it was more dangerous of approach than Middle Huon; but contained more soil & a similar abundance of turtle, birds & fish".</p> <p>South-west point of this reef, forming south arm of South Huon Bay, is an abrupt point with deep water close to it; between "Middle & South Huon Islands", there is an apparent clear passage, as far as eye can reach, through reef, to eastward; but I had not an opportunity of examining it, not would unsettled state of weather allow me to take "Torch" through on our return.</p> <p>Admiral D'Entrecaesteaux was on safe side in making whole outline of reef unapproachable by a <i>continuous line</i>, as no sailing vessel should attempt to near it.</p> <p>William Chimmo, Lieutenant Commanding "Torch".</p>	A2.36	685-688

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						<p>[Continued from above]</p> <p>SEARCH FOR MR STRANGE AND HIS COMPANIONS [Also available in Trove, Sydney Morning Herald, Friday 12th March 1855] <i>Report of Proceedings of H M Steam Vessel "Torch", in Search of Mr Strange & His Companions.</i> H M Steam Vessel "Torch", at Sydney.</p> <p>I have honour to lay before you an account of my proceedings, while carrying out orders of Senior Naval Officer at request of Colonial Government, to ascertain fate of Mr Strange & his companions.</p> <p>Unfortunate gentleman & his 3 associates were savagely murdered by blacks on second Percy Island & their bodies taken to sea in a canoe & thrown overboard, with exception of Mr Spurling remains of whose body we found in a mangrove swamp & which were finally interred in burial ground at Port Curtis, with due respect & solemnity.</p> <p>This is result of object for which I was sent. I will now endeavour to detail, day by day, my proceedings in order to show my reasons for coming to above conclusion.</p> <p>I was unavoidably detained 10 days at Moreton Bay for coals & failed in my endeavour to obtain information & interpreters; consequent on absence of British representative.</p> <p>Therefore, I was compelled to call at Port Curtis for latter & succeeded in obtaining, through Captain O'Connell's willingness & influence, 2, one of which could speak Port Bowen, other English.</p> <p>I was detained in this Port 5days by strong S E gales; but succeeded in anchoring at No 2 Percy Island on afternoon of 29th January on same spot occupied by "Vision".</p> <p>I immediately sent an armed party, under orders of Mr Hixson, to search vicinity of landing & watering places & also a large fishing party to attract natives. They returned at sunset, after an unsuccessful search & not even seeing traces of a black fellow. I hoisted Dutch colours to lull suspicion as much possible.</p> <p>That night I made my preparations & issued orders for a general search to be made throughout island by 30 armed men, under orders of Mr Wilds.</p> <p>However, to my astonishment at daylight, 8 blacks appeared on beach, armed with spears, waddies & boomerangs. This number answered exactly to that given by survivors, 9 blacks having attacked them, one of whom was shot by Mr Strange, 8 remaining.</p> <p>This circumstance altered all my previous night's plan & I now saw that by stratagem alone could we gain any information, I therefore issued orders marked No 3.</p> <p>I had during day satisfaction of seeing our people mix freely with them, give them pipes, tobacco, fish-hooks & other presents & finally one came off to ship; he was clothed, loaded with presents & allowed to go on shore again when he wished to do so, it was a strange characteristic of their truly savage state, not knowing use of pipes or tobacco. During time that these boats were diverting them, I thought it a good opportunity to proceed up creek to scene of late brutal murder; but they no sooner saw my movements than they all left fishing party & joined mine, proving something there they did not wish me to see in their absence; however, water being too high I could not land.</p> <p>Only questions I put to this black fellow were, if he had ever seen a ship or white men, to both of which he replied in negative. On his reaching shore, they</p>		

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						<p>all suddenly went over hills.</p> <p>I do not know any place more suitable for carrying on their murderous practices than this creek; at high water you ascend in your boat, carrying 10, 12 & 14 feet water; but, on your return, it is a dry mud-flat, with a sandy bar, high rocks on either side form a narrow escape & here a few natives could make dreadful havoc on party unarmed & it was here poor Strange & his party met their horrible fates.</p> <p>They had now evidently suspected intention of our visit.</p> <p>That evening I sent an armed party to search a few bark huts, about 3 miles in interior; they returned unsuccessful, having only found neck of a black glass bottle. I visited small islets in offing myself & found traces of their having visited them by their fires, remains of turtle, shells etc. This showed me they had canoes belonging to them.</p> <p>On last day of month, I sent all hands to search mangrove swamp, at dead low water, to endeavour to pick up any traces of our murdered countrymen.</p> <p>Natives suspected something of this sort, for they did not appear all day.</p> <p>At sunset party returned, having found among mangroves, half buried in mud, remains of poor Spurling. I issued a memorandum to Doctor Macdonald to acquaint me with his opinion on this subject & result you will see marked No 5. (A canoe was also taken & brought off.) His death must have been an awful one, as his skull shews, lower jaw broken on one side, right side of skull entirely smashed, left leg altogether gone.</p> <p>Another canoe was espied before dark, with a paddle in it, evidently intended by its position for an escape during night; it was seized, brought off & destroyed.</p> <p>Having now clear evidence of murder of these unfortunate persons, I knew what my plans must be; I had carried out my orders in ascertaining they <i>were murdered</i>; but I could not leave this horde of murderers without an attempt to capture them & bring them to justice: I therefore issued my orders, marked No 6 & under Mr Hixson's directions placed 25 armed men, to carry them out: result you will see, No 7.</p> <p>From women I obtained sufficient information to condemn every black on island. Men were sulky & would hardly answer a question; when they did it was not truth, in many instances. A sheet containing examination of all these people – questions & answers – you will find marked No 8.</p> <p>European articles found at their huts, were – Sleeve of a white shirt (& button), several pieces of black bottle, loom of an oar, an iron slice, sharpened, an iron splitting wedge.</p> <p>From this it will be seen that about 4 months since, a "gondola" (ship) arrived & crew proceeded up creek in a boat for water; that for some reason (as yet unknown – except Mr Strange shooting black fellow, they first knocked them down with boomerangs & spears, then finished them with waddy; that, fearing detection they took them out in a canoe, clothes, musket & everything belonging to them & threw them overboard, except body of Spurling, which was too much trouble, having got in among mangrove swamp & mud; they burned his clothes. Bodies of 2 blacks killed by Mr Strange (as they say), were eaten by their friends & buried. One woman says, "they burned their clothes in a heap".</p> <p>Day after this search, 5 blacks appeared on beach & I sent interpreters with one gin (woman), to talk to them & tell them if they did not come off & confer with me, I would send men with muskets & bring them off; but all persuasions,</p>		

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			Mr Francis Hixson Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 01 29	with addition of presents were of no avail & I did not like to shoot them, hoping I may be able to take them alive; shooting was too good a death for them & no example would follow. Next day I sent all gins (women), with their children & interpreters, on beach, as well as fishing party, guarded by a guard boat, but they would not even speak, although near at hand in bush. One of prisoners now attempted an escape, casting his lashings adrift & jumping overboard; 2 rifles with small shot were fired at him, but did not stop him & a boat picked him up; he was so much exhausted that his recovery was some time doubtful. This was man who confessed "having speared 1 white fellow". In meantime one of others was caught by heel in endeavouring to jump overboard & third made an attempt to cast seizings of his friend off. They were then all effectually secured in irons. Weather which had for some time been beautifully fine, now changed to north winds with thunder, lightning & rains; & knowing that even now I had exceeded my time, I made my final arrangements, determining, as I had commenced this work, if possible to complete it & rid this picturesque & beautiful island of as dangerous & murderous a set of blacks as could possibly inhabit it & render it accessible for further visitors; I therefore intended to weigh at daylight on morning of 5 th . Morning being fine, I landed 33 armed men & proceeded myself in ship round island to pick them up & also to draw off attention of natives from them. At noon I anchored in a snug & spacious bay in 7 fathoms, within 2 cables length of beach, without seeing a black. Party returned, having scoured island; blacks having escaped by swimming to other islands. It was a satisfaction to know there was not a living person on island. Having now been a week among islands & daily endeavouring to capture everyone who participated in these murders, but without effect, I sailed, having done everything that was in my power to do, without incurring further delay. I had now secured 3 black fellows, 3 women who knew the whole story & their children. That these 3 men participated in murder I am convinced, for these reasons: - Survivors say they were attacked by 9 men & 1 was shot by Mr Strange; on day after our arrival 8 appeared on beach; on day we took prisoners, after having secured them, 9 people were seen by returning party, 2 of whom were children & 1 woman – there were therefore 6 men; 1 of these was afterwards brought off & 5 were left there, which, with 3 prisoners, made remaining number 8, & these were only men on island. This is what we ourselves saw – natives corroborate it.		
			Mr Edward Wilds Second Master H M S V "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 01 29	Man, who appeared to be chief, was in reality a savage. I could not get him without shooting. He had lost all his front teeth perhaps from a blow. I arrived at Port Curtis on 7 th February, to return interpreters & I thought it a good opportunity to make an impressive ceremony of interring remains of poor Spurling in Christian burying-ground. I therefore addressed a letter to Captain O'Connell, begging his assistance in this cause to collect blacks & order in native mounted police to join funeral. My letter to him & his reply you will find enclosed. This is another of many instances in which Government Resident cheerfully assisted me in forwarding my views to carry out my orders. Another was his getting 6 cords of wood cut by some of very few available hands at his disposal, to enable me to steam to Moreton Bay, my coals having been nearly expended. This concludes my narrative of search for unfortunate 4 persons & I no await		
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						<p>directions for disposal of prisoners – 3 men, 3 women & 4 children; & in concluding, I have only to hope that service has been performed to satisfaction of Colonial Government. (Signed) William Chimmo, Lieutenant Commanding.</p> <p>Enclosure No 1 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island, 29 January 1855 Memo. It is my direction you take under your charge "cutter" of this vessel & with her crew & 2 marines, armed, proceed to search immediate vicinity of landing-place, to ascertain, if possible, whether any of Mr Strange;s party <i>still exist</i>. On your observing natives, you will immediately return to vessel for further orders. <i>Negative flag</i> at fore, accompanied by a gun, will denote (during our stay among these islands) that natives are approaching & to prepare for them. To lull suspicion as much as possible, No 4 flag will be hoisted in lieu of our ensign; boats will therefore hoist a similar flag as long as natives remain peaceable; but, if unfortunately they compel us to act on our own defence with arms, our colours will then of course be displayed. No mention whatever is to be made as to object of our visit which may have effect of putting them on their guard & causing us much trouble & delay. If you should unavoidably be brought in contact with natives, you will avoid as much as possible any unfriendly act, but treat them in kindest manner, as only means we have of rescuing our countryman, whose existence appears still doubtful. You will be supplied with presents for this purpose. After performing this service you will return to ship & report to me result of your search.</p> <p>Enclosure No 2 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island 29 January 1855 Memo Notwithstanding our unsuccessful search on afternoon of our first arrival at island it is necessary, before we finally give up all hopes that a <i>thorough</i> search be made throughout island for remains of unfortunate Mr Strange & his companions. You will therefore take a party of men, properly armed, under your orders & proceed on this service. Your knowledge of circumstances of case will guide you in what is required. You will have advantage of 23 interpreters (Micky & Bobby, from Port Curtis), who will quickly guide you to traces of our people or of natives. Although we cannot hope to find any of lost people <i>living</i>, it will nevertheless be a melancholy satisfaction to all, if you can find remains. I intend, with my boat's crew, to search 2 islets in offing for a similar purpose.</p> <p>Enclosure No 3 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" No 2 Percy Island, 30 January 1855 Memo Unexpected appearance of 8 natives on beach this morning, has altogether</p>		
			Doctor John D Macdonald H M Steam Vessel "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 01 31			
			Lieutenant William Chimmo, R N Commanding H M S V "Torch"	John Macdonald Assistant Surgeon	1853 02 01 [sic]			

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			Mr Francis Hixson Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 02 01	<p>altered my arrangements & orders of last night. You will now take charge of guard-boat, "cutter", armed & anchor her in a position so as to <i>closely cover</i> seizing party; no arms are to be displayed, but men are to fish with lines. Jolly boat will first shove off & anchor, under charge of Mr Marsh, to fish, a <i>good ship's length</i> from shore & on no account to land until joined by guard-boat; this will be to divert natives & talk to them, he will have 2 interpreters. Seizing party will then commence their fishing, but on no account to go above high water mark, their object will also be to treat natives friendly & kindly, by distributing presents. Not one word is to be mentioned as to real object of our visit, our only hope of recovering dead bodies of our countrymen, being <i>stratagem</i>. It will be a great object gained, to find out huts of these people & also to entice them on board, if possible. Mr Stutchbury has kindly volunteered his services on occasion & from his long knowledge of these people, will, no doubt, render valuable assistance in our cause; he will go in jolly boat to see interpreters do their duty honestly. All than can be expected to be performed today, will be gaining confidence of natives previous to renewed searches tomorrow. Presents will be issued to crews for distribution.</p> <p>Enclosure No 4 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island, 31 January 1855 Memo Having had melancholy satisfaction (during today's search) of finding remains of 1 of 4 persons murdered by blacks, on this island about 2 months since. I beg you will favour me with your opinion on this subject, with regard to affording remains "Christian burial", & also to guide me in my further search.</p> <p>Enclosure No 5 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island, 1 February, 1853 [sic] Sir, Having carefully examined cranium & other bones of skeleton found by exploring party, in mangrove swamp in interior of this island, I have no hesitation in pronouncing them to be those of a young white man, between ages of 20 & 24 & judging from account given by Mr Hill, there can be little doubt but they are mortal remains of unfortunate Mr Spurling. Cranium is extensively fractured on right side, fracture extending in a direction upwards & backwards through squamous plate of temporal plate of temporal bone parietal & upper angle of occipital. Eighth superior maxillary is also broken close to its articulation with malar bone. In upper jaw, anterior bicuspid tooth of both sides, 2 incisors of right & second incisor of left side are wanting, but sockets appear quite normal or at least unchanged, after destruction of teeth. Inferior maxilla was found in 3 pieces, 1 fracture occurring through alocolus of first bicuspid of left side & other immediately behind right wisdom tooth, all these injuries it would seem were inflicted with club or nulla-nulla & could not possibly have been result of one blow. Parts of skeleton recovered, were found to be as follows:-</p>		

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	56/04913		Lieutenant William Chimmo, R N Commanding H M S V "Torch"	Mr Francis Hixson Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"	1855 02 04	<p>Head – Cranium & lower jaw complete, with exception of absent teeth above noticed.</p> <p>Trunk – First & third cervical ten dorsal & all humbar vertebrae, 19 ribs, sacrum & both ossa innominate.</p> <p>Upper extremities – Two scapuloe, 2 humeri, 2 ulnae & 1 radius, second metacarpal bone of left hand & 1 digital phalanx.</p> <p>Lower extremities – Two femurs & left libia & fibula, oscalcis astragalus navicular & 2nd, 4th & 5th metacarpal bones of left foot.</p> <p>It now only remains to determine, at least approximately, age of individual from characters afforded by particular parts of skeleton:-</p> <p>First then, posterior molars or wisdom teeth of both jaws are yet deeply sunken in their sockets, but although these teeth usually make their appearance before age of 20, their evolution may be delayed much longer in particular cases.</p> <p>Secondly, epiphysis of acromion process of scapula & that which covers tuber of eschium have not coalesced with their respective bones; now in both these cases, bony union is established about 25th year & thus limit of age in one direction may be very safely drawn.</p> <p>Thirdly, epiphysis composing head of humerus & inferior extremity of radius & ulna, remain quite unattached in dry bones, whereas each is permanently knit to its appropriate shaft at about 20th year.</p> <p>From these facts therefore, age of individual would appear to be between 20 & 24, but having no knowledge of age of Mr Spurling, I cannot determine that this deduction is applicable to him.</p> <p>I may here notice that a considerable quantity of rather lightish coloured hair was found in immediate neighbourhood of skeleton, strongly confirming first of above conclusions, although some of hair has been more or less decolorised & apparently even turned grey by maceration in every returning tide, other portions seemed to retain their original character with very little change.</p> <p>Enclosure No 6 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island, 1 February 1855 Memo</p> <p>Having succeeded in your search yesterday, in finding remains of one of our unfortunate murdered countrymen; & with additional evidence before me convincing me that <i>these</i> are people who committed murders & all our efforts at conciliation failing,</p> <p>It is necessary for public good & for protection of white people that examples be made & that these people be brought to trial.</p> <p>You are therefore directed to proceed with an armed party from this ship & capture them, 25 men will form your escort & you will have provisions for 2 days.</p> <p>You will on meeting or seeing them "lay down arms" <i>mutually</i>, as is custom of their country & with assistance of interpreters, who will accompany you, communicate following; that,</p> <p>1st – They must come to beach & hear what I have to say.</p> <p>2nd – If they do not come voluntarily, you have power of making them.</p> <p>3rd – If they run away, they must take consequences.</p> <p>4th – When I shall have communicated with them, if I have reason to believe they are innocent they shall go to their homes with presents.</p>	A2.36	688-691

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						<p>5th – If I have reason to suppose they are guilty of murder, they will be brought to ship, thence to Sydney.</p> <p>On your searching their huts, your first object, after talking to them, will be to secure them; then proceed to search every dwelling in & out, in order to ascertain if any things are there belonging to unfortunate murdered parties. In evidence of one of blacks, he says, “they have neither seen ship or white men”, if you therefore find anything European it will condemn him; let your search be most diligent & careful.</p> <p>Endeavour to perform this service without firing a musket (it will redound much more to our credit if we do so) & only use your arms in your own defence.</p> <p>If you trace these people, but are not able to capture them within specified period, do not give up, if there is a chance, but send a small party back for a further supply of provisions.</p> <p>Extreme lowness of barometers indicate a sudden change of weather, which prevents my accompanying your party; if, therefore, you observe this change, return to beach for embarkation without delay.</p> <p>[Continued from above] Enclosure No 7 H M Steam Vessel “Torch” Sir, I have honour to report, in accordance with your memo of 1st instant, I landed with 22 men from this ship & succeeded, with assistance of interpreters, in tracing natives until about noon, when a fire was observed, apparently near beach, on N E side of island; I now halted to refresh my men, also with a view of surrounding natives during their mid-day repose.</p> <p>In this I was, however, frustrated, natives having left their fire & retired to my extreme left; consequence was, I had only 2 or 3 men to act upon them & succeeded only in capturing 9 – (2 men, 3 women, 4 children). Three men having made their escape, these were followed; but our men being encumbered with arms & exhausted with their long march, were obliged to give up pursuit.</p> <p>A most diligent search was made for articles of European manufacture – only articles procured, were those I sent by Petty Officers.</p> <p>Two men were afterwards seen on beach, at about a mile distant from our party, but retired on my approaching them singly; an attempt was also made by some of men, to cut them off, but without success; a canoe was, however, captured & destroyed; party that surrounded fire also cut off two canoes & a fourth was destroyed next morning.</p> <p>I now made preparations for passing night; next morning prisoners were sent, in charge of 3 Petty Officers’ parties, to ship, whilst I, with remainder, went in pursuit of men who had been seen on beach & followed until your signal was observed.</p> <p>Enclosure No 8 It appears that Mr Strange & his companions, on account of extreme heat of weather had left their coats on board vessel & went on shore in their shirt sleeves. One of white men, so dressed (Mr Strange?), is described as being of tall stature & full habit, with long beard. He is said to have been speared by a black whom he instantly shot – (women here very distinctly placed their hands</p>		

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						<p>on their foreheads, to show where ball, or charge, had taken effect). Mr Spurling's clothes were burned, obviously with view of escaping detection; but body was allowed to remain where skeleton was found. Dead bodies of other 3 white men, with all their clothes & Mr Strange's gun, which both men & women seem to remember very well, were taken out some distance from shore & thrown into water; & when all these things were accomplished, blacks retired to their camp, feaster on body of their companion who was killed & deposited his bones somewhere in neighbourhood. Assisted by a few of men composing last exploring party, I made diligent search for these bones, with hope of inspecting cranium, which, I believe, would bear witness & evidence on forehead, if found; but great extent & diversified surface of country, rendered our efforts fruitless.</p> <p>(Signed) Jno D Macdonald, Assistant Surgeon.</p> <p><i>Information Collected & Examination of Murderers of Mr Strange & his 3 Companions on Percy Island October, 1854, in Ketch "Vision".</i> First Examination – First Day.</p> <p>1st Woman There are now 8 persons on island, including 1 gin, 1 child. Saw gondola (ship) 4 months since. Then saw 10 white men who came for water. Blacks speared them; 1 black killed. Oar came from place of body of Spurling was found. Shirt sleeve belonged to white fellow. They all live in 1 place, in bark huts. Cross Examination – Second day. They burnt all clothes; many blacks gone to another island; white men were speared between 4 & 5 months since. Big man killed (Strange?), buried at sea; 3 men put in salt water on beach. Eight white fellows seen; 3 white fellows killed; came with a boat for water; black fellows came over mountain & speared him; then leave 1 body; 2 in salt water. Killed 2 black fellow (eaten). No man on island white.</p> <p>First Examination – First Day.</p> <p>2nd Woman Five persons now on island (?men). Gondole seen 4 months since. Saw 1 white man killed. Then 4 white fellow killed, take them in canoe & threw them in salt water, clothes & all & gun too. Cross Examination – Second Day. Nil</p> <p>First Examination – First Day.</p> <p>3rd Woman Could not understand her. Cross Examination – Second Day. These 3 women say their country is Gundan, or Drundon, (near Port Bowen).</p> <p>First Examination – First Day</p> <p>1st Man Seven black fellows now on island 1 gin, 2 children. Saw gondola 3 months since. Four white fellow killed, (speared). Cross Examination – Second Day Was captured with much difficulty & when on board endeavoured to escape by jumping overboard, but was caught by heel, by Corporal. Lives at Umbanay</p>		
			Mr Edward Wilds Second Master H M S V "Torch"	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 02 ??~			
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			Mr Francis Hixson Acting Second Master H M S V "Torch"			(near Port Bowen). First Examination – First Day 2nd Man Name, Barangata, fighting with another island blac, was sick during visit of "Vision" in October 1854. Cross Examination – Second Day Endeavoured to liberate No 1, by casting his seizings off. Lives at Umbanay of Gundan (near Port Bowen). First Examination – First Day 3rd Man 1 st Visit – never saw ship. Never saw white fellow. Does not smoke nor know use of pipes, tobacco, or clothes. 2 nd Visit – He was at camp when other blacks speared white man. When skull of Spurling was shewn, he confessed having speared 1 man; said 1 was taken out in canoe & thrown in salt water, gun with him; 2 blacks killed this body; but 4 white man killed. Cross Examination – Second day This man endeavoured to escape by jumping overboard & had nearly reached shore; 2 muskets with small shot were fired to bring him to, but he did not attempt to return; a boat then picked him up & on his return to ship, he was so much exhausted that his recovery was for some time doubtful; they were all then secured in irons & during night they made another ineffectual attempt to knock forelock out with an iron scraper which they had concealed. <i>Story gathered by Doctor Macdonald from Interpreters, - being an Abstract of Examination afterwards.</i> Following is an abstract of information obtained, on interrogating interpreters <i>quietly</i> , incomplete or uncertain parts of their narrative being supplied by reference to women, who appear much more worthy of credence than men. No satisfactory reason could be assigned for murder of Mr Strange & his party; & there is no evidence to shew, that white men were even in slightest degree aggressors. When blacks observed Mr Spurling near watering place, quite unprotected, two of them in particular advanced & at distance of about 30 yards, one threw a boomerang with fatal skill & Mr Spurling fell to ground, when other, still closing in, fixed smaller end of his <i>nulla nulla</i> , or throwing club, in right side of victim's skull, weapon entering a little behind right temple. (Now, while this account affords a full explanation of cause of fracture of cranium, described in my report, whole character & appearance of fracture itself strongly support truth of statement. It is highly probable, also, that fracture of lower jaw, entered in same report, & deep wound in throat, noticed by Mr Hill on passing dead body of Mr S, were produced by <i>boomerang</i> in first instance.) Blacks acknowledge that three more white men were speared & clubbed on this occasion, ie between three & four months ago.		
			Captain M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding	1855 02 07			
				Captain M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis	1855 02 07	Enclosure No 9 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" 2 nd Percy Island, February, 1855 Memo Mr Wilds will take galley & seine party & endeavour to collect black fellows now		

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			William Chimmo Lieut Commanding H M S "Torch" Port Curtis			<p>in sight around him (not above high water mark). Jolly boat armed as a guard boat. When I see from ship a favourable opportunity, I will send Hixson with marines to rear to prevent escape. Mr Wilds will take interpreters & one female (gin) with him to collect people around her. When he sees he can make sure of every man, <i>particularly chief</i>, seize them & bring them to ship; but do not attempt a surprise. If it should appear to be a failure, we must wait another opportunity. Mr Wilds will in no-wise allow gin (woman) to depart, but place a man as a separate guard on her. It will be better to collect blacks on <i>south</i> side of beach. I will hoist ensign at main, when marines with Hixson are in a position to commence manoeuvre.</p> <p>Enclosure No 10 H M Steam Surveying Vessel "Torch" 2nd Percy Island Memo You are hereby directed to take under your orders scouring party (named on accompanying list) & proceed to bring as prisoners to this ship every <i>living person</i> you can find on island. Your number will consist of 33; if they are, therefore, distributed to advantage, there can hardly be a change of escape. To avoid harassing & fatiguing men more than necessary, I will proceed in ship & pick you up on opposite beach (on eastern side) when your work is complete. This will divert attention of natives from your parties & enable you more easily to surprise them; act, therefore, accordingly. I will heave in sight about 11 am. Attention of one party, under superintendence of Dr Macdonald, should be directed to graves found by gunner's mate; their jealousy at an attempt to disturb them has excited my suspicion. Although I do not doubt how remains of our unfortunate people were disposed of you may find native who was shot by Mr Strange in <i>forehead</i>. Your knowledge of island & locality of these remaining now, will better enable you to carry out your intentions for their capture. It appears to me that by dispersing your parties at certain distances, particularly where they before escaped & throwing out a line of some extent, will be a better method to adopt, than keeping them in close order. If you have time before I heave in sight (perhaps dinner hour), halt & lay out your plan of advance, letting everyone know <i>his</i> work. Read my orders, also, to officers & men; it will stimulate them & I am sure their exertions will be renewed in so great a benefit for public good. Time not permitting of any further delay among these islands, this will be last endeavour <i>by us</i> to rid this island of one of most treacherous bands of murderers that could possibly disgrace face of earth. It is therefore sincerely to be hoped that not <i>one</i> will be left to retaliate this, their retribution on any persons, who may hereafter visit this island. Signals previously adopted will be in force. If any person not mentioned in list should volunteer for this service he will be permitted to go, provided he can be spared from working of vessel. At seven tomorrow morning (5th February), <i>weather permitting</i>, I should wish</p>		[692-697 pages of charts not numbered]

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						<p>party to shove off, after weighing vessel's anchor, taking with them day's provisions, arms & 10 rounds of ammunition each; steam will therefore be ready by quarter to seven.</p> <p>Enclosure No 11 H M Steam Vessel "Torch" Port Curtis</p> <p>Sir Having brought remains of body of Mr William Spurling (one of unfortunate four persons murdered by blacks, on Percy Island), to this place for Christian burial, I have honour to request your assistance, in order to make his funeral as impressive as possible in presence of blacks of this place & also of those who were his murderers, whom I have now on board, that a good & I trust beneficial effect, may be produced. Perhaps you will be good enough to inform me, what would be most convenient time for funeral to leave ship so as to be joined by those on shore wishing to accompany it.</p> <p>Enclosure No 12 Gladstone</p> <p>Sir I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this morning, acquainting me that you have brought remains of Mr William Spurling, one of unfortunate persons murdered by blacks on Percy Island, to this place for Christian burial; & requesting my assistance in making his funeral as impressive as possible in presence of aboriginal natives & of those of his murderers whom you now have on board of H M S "Torch". I shall be glad on this melancholy occasion to afford all assistance it is in my power to give, to make impressive a ceremonial which may lead even untutored savage to comprehend vastness & energy of that protective power which watches over Her Majesty's subjects, even in most remote corner of her dominions & which H M's Navy, through services of your vessel, has, in this instance, been successful means of displaying. It if meets your convenience, I would name half past one o'clock tomorrow, as hour for funeral.</p> <p>Track Chart of H M S "Torch" While in Search of Crew of Wrecked Vessel "Ningpo" October & November 1854 <i>See large plan</i> Signed William Chimmo Chart showing land and sea locations from Latitude 15 degrees to 40 degrees, Longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees, East Coast of Australia from Cape Tribulation in north to Cape Howe Light Building in south. Chart prepared by Allan & Wigley Lith. 23 Bridge St, Sydney</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 15 degrees & 20 degrees, longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees include: Cape Bedford, Endeavour River, Cape Tribulation, High Rocky Hills, Trinity Bay, dry rocks, Cape Grafton, Sandy Island, Ballendenkers Hills, Double Point,</p>		

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						<p>Drink Island, Rockingham Bay, Cape Sandwich, Mt Hinchinbrook, Palm Isles, Slasher Reef, Halifax Bay, Cleveland Cape Bay, Mt Eliot, Cape Rowling Green, Halborne, Cape Urstart, Edgecumbe Bay, Diana's Bank, Coraigal Island (1845), 10 feet above water, Fort Farquar Group, Fregon Islets, Lohou's ? Shoal, 46 miles long, Dry Bank (Lieut Vine), Young's Reef, Mellish Keys & Reef, 4 feet above water, Bampton's Shoal, 2 Islands with trees, Avon Isles, Betsy Reef, Huon's Island.</p> <p>Dead reckoning, dates & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 20 degrees & 25 degrees, longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees include: Cumberland Isles, Great Barrier Reef, Mt Abbot, Repulse Bay, high rocky hills, Slade Point, Cape Palmerston, Broad Sound, Shoalwater Bay, high breakers, Percy Island, Northumberland Island, Cape Townshend, Port Bowen, Cape Manifold, Keppel Bay, Port Curtis, Bustard Bay, Break Sea Spit, Sandy Cape, Horse Show Shoal (Lieu Vine), Ship "Frederick" 1812, Sir Ja'Saumarez Shoal, Carn's Middy Reef, Wreck Reef, Cato's Bank (Ferrier), Kenn (rocks & sand, partly dry. No soundings with 95 fathoms ½ mile off), Australia Reef, Broken Water, extent uncertain, Booby Shoal, high breakers extremes not distinguished, "Nereus" 1829 & 1846, Bellona's Shoals, low sandy rocks above water, breakers, New Caledonia.</p> <p>Dead reckoning, dates & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 25 degrees & 30 degrees, longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees include: 9 fathoms, Gardner's Bank, Indian Head, Great Sandy Island, High Double Mountain, Double Island Point, Point Skirmish, Glasshouse Bay, Glass Houses, dry rocks, Cape Moreton, Moreton Bay, Point Lookout, Point Danger, Mount Warning, Cape Byron, Shoal Bay, Capel Bank, Middleton's Shoal, Middleton's Island, Seringapalam Shoal, Elizabeth Shoal, Favourite Reef.</p> <p>Dead reckoning, date & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 30 degrees & 35 degrees, longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees include: Solitary Island, Smoky Cape, Hastings River, Port Macquarie, Harrington Lake, Cape Hawke, Sugar Loaf Point, Black Head, Port Stephens, Cape George, Port Hunter, Newcastle, light, Cape Threepoints, Hawkesbury River, Windsor, Broken Bay, Port Jackson, light building, Lord Howe Island, Balls Pyramid, Shoal Water (Lady Nelson).</p> <p>Dead reckoning, date & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 35 degrees & 40 degrees, longitude 145 degrees to 165 degrees include: Botany Bay, Port Hacking, Red Point, Point Bass, Shoalhaven, Crook Haven, Point Perpendicular, Jern's Bay, Cape George, Bateman Bay, Montague Island, Mt Dromedary, Barmouth Creek, Maria Theresa Reef 1843, Two Fold Bay, light building, Green Cape, Cape Howe, light building.</p>		

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						<p>Dead reckoning, date & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>A Cursory Plan of North Island Anchorage, D'Entrecasteaux Reef by the Officers of HMS Vessel <i>Torch</i>, While in search of survivors of crew of <i>Ningpo</i> Junk 1854. Signed William Chimmo, Lieut Commanding N Huon Island Latitude 18° 0'2 00"S, Longitude 162 56 30E (about), Variation 12 46 0E (Deviation), Rise & Fall 2 to 3 feet (Irregular) Soundings and measurements shown on original chart, but not recorded.</p> <p>Partial Plan of top of North Huon Island showing soundings, depths, sand reefs shown on chart, but not recorded here. Magnetic Meridian Var 12° 46' East .</p> <p>Partial Plan of bottom of North Huon Island showing soundings & depths shown on chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>& At bottom A Cursory Plan of North Huon Island Anchorage D'Entrecasteaux Reef by the Officers of HMS Vessel <i>Torch</i> while in search of Survivors of Crew of <i>Ningpo</i> Junk 1854 Signed William Chimmo. Lieut Commanding. N Huon Island: Latitude 18° 02' 00" S, Longitude 162.56.30E (about), Variation 12.46.0E (Deviation?), Rise & Fall 2 to 4 feet (irregular)</p> <p>[Information on next page Duplication of above]</p> <p>Locations mentioned between latitude 30 degrees & 18 degrees, longitude 162 degrees to 165 degrees include: North Huon Bay, North Huon Island [2 wrecks mentioned], South Huon Bay, Middle Huon Island, Huon Islet, D'Entrecasteaux Reef, Surprise Island. Date & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p> <p>Further chart mentioning locations for latitude 15 degrees & 30 degrees, longitude 162 degrees to 165 degrees. Track HM Steam Vessel <i>Torch</i>, Lieut W Chimmo, While Rescuing Survivors of <i>Ningpo</i> Schooner off Huon's Island October 1854. By Mr Edward Wilds. New Caledonia, Yandi Passage, Yandi Island, Paba Drama Chanel, Balad Passage. Dates & times of tracking shown on original chart, but not recorded here.</p>		
	56/04815	1856 05 26	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay	1856 05 16	<p>Letter forwarding information respecting Percy Islands</p> <p>& At top No 56/250 In acknowledging receipt of your letter of 19th ult, No 56/3705, requesting me to give any information in my power with respect to Percy Islands, I do myself honour to inform you that in referring to my notes on inner passage to Torres Strait, while in command of HMS Beagle, I find that those islands were only sighted a short time before sunset & passed during night. Therefore, I can only repeat a remark, made by myself & others, that they were remarkably pretty islands & appeared to be fertile. Pine trees were abundant & apparently of a large size.</p>	A2.36	698-700

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				Michael Fitzpatrick	1856 04 04~	<p>& At top 56/3075 In May last year, a Mr Fetherstonhaugh applied to Home Government for a grant for permission to locate Percy Islands. In reply he was informed that lands in Colony rested with local Government. Lord John Russell sent a copy of this correspondence to Governor General, who desired that any information respecting these islands should be looked up & acquired incidentally whether they were situated within limit of Colony. Governor General answers inquiry in affirmative, No published information is procurable so far as can be discerned. I previously suggested a reference to Captain Wickham which was not apparently made. I would now suggest a reference (privately?) to Captain Towns as one most likely to indicate sources of information if not himself possessed of it.</p>		
				W D	1856 04 07~ 1856 04 19 1856 04 21` 1856 08 05~ 1856 05 09!	<p>& Notes in margin Mr Towns to be applied to privately. Captain Wickham may also be written to. Captain J Wickham Note Captain Towns Resubmitted Captain Towns can furnish no information, most probably Lieut Chimmo. Refer to him. Lieut Chimmo End of month. 56/4815</p>		
				M F	1856 05 09~ 1856 05 15~ 1856 05 19~			
				Captain Robert Towns Sydney	1856 04 23	<p>& At top 56/3075 In reply to your enquiry respecting Percy Isles Group, I have made enquiry of people about my establishment (I know nothing of them personally) most likely to know & regret to say without limits. At same time I am constrained to add – any settlement or establishment on that group is most desirable & encouraged if men can be found to embark on such an undertaking as any attempt to settle those islands on our Eastern coast is most desirable – being first step in right direction towards opening that desirable thoroughfare to India (viz inner route) also – in civilizing natives – who are numerous in that direction & far from friendly to Europeans or whites. You may remember Roach, formerly on Government service. I sent him down in "Will 'O the Wisp" on discovery, for ??? He returned a failure. He was attacked by natives & mostly cut off. If Roach is at hand he may be able to give you some information. I have not attempted enterprise since Roach's failure.</p>		706-708
	56/03075	1856 04 01	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1856 03 28	<p>Letter respecting situation of Percy Islands & At top No 56/195 In reply to your letter of 20th instant No 56/192 requesting that I will report, for information of His Excellency, Governor General, whether Percy Islands are situated within boundaries of that Colony. I have honour to state, for His Excellency's information, that islands in question, a portion of Northumberland Group, are situated about 40 miles north easterly from Broad Sound & in</p>	A2.36	709-710

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						Latitude 21°, 20' South, & Longitude 50° 15' East & are within Colony of New South Wales, which includes all islands in Pacific Ocean, east of New Holland & west of 154° meridian of Longitude. & Notes in margin 56/2573 M 113 B Precis 1 st Herewith 4 th 56/4815 150° 15'		
						M 113/B I do not think it likely that any information would be obtained by adopting course proposed. Governor General's inquiry as to these islands being within boundaries of Colony does not appear to have been answered. I believe not, but ask Surveyor General. Surveyor General In a month 56/3075		711
				M F		M113 B Governor General does not seem to think that this despatch, (No 56) needs reply at present. End of year Resubmitted		712
				M F		Government ?? End of February perhaps? Resubmitted 3 rd March An advertisement in Gazette calling upon Master Mariners who have actually visited these islands to furnish any particulars seems to be easiest way of getting information. Duplication of page 713 Duplication of page 711		713 714 715
				W D	1856 10 01~	Notes at top Let any information which we may have relative to these islands be looked up & enquiry made for more. Are they within the boundaries of this Colony?		716-717
			Hon CS	Lord John Russell Secretary of State for Colonies Downing Street London	1855 06 09	Per "Champion of the Seas" 1 st October 1855. Minute 113 3 rd October 1855 Duplicato No 36 I enclose for your information copies of correspondence respecting an application from a gentleman named Fetherstonhaugh who is anxious together with other persons to form a settlement on Percy Islands on Eastern Coast of Australia. There appear to be some general considerations in favour of having a settlement in track of large trade which annually passes along North Eastern shores of New Holland & Torres Straits, but present application is not one in		

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				M F		respect to which I desire to express any opinion.		718
			Lord John Russell Secretary of State for Colonies Downing Street London	Francis Fetherstonhaugh 105 Warwick Street Eccleston Square London	1855 05 03	I cannot have any papers on subject. Perhaps Surveyor General may be requested to report. Mr Chimmo's recently published report of his visit to Percy Islands (No 2) does not throw much light on this point. Captain Wickham may be able to give some information. Get them published ?? of Mr Chimmo's MF Herewith10th For information of Governor General.		719-720
			H Merivale	Commissioners T W C Murdoch C Alexander Wood Colonial Land & Emmigration Office	1855 05 30	Copy Having ascertained that Percy Islands on North Eastern Coast of Australia present some advantages for a settlement, together with a good climate, I am induced to make application to your Lordship to know on what terms these islands can be obtained. In event of a favourable reply from your Lordship, 2 or 3 parties with myself have agreed to remove our families there to stock & farm land & to make available any other resources which place may possess. It is of greatest importance to commerce of that part of world that some station should be established on islands for recruiting of Sydney bound ships & whalers, also for all ships bound for South seas. Under these circumstances & trusting from well known interest your Lordship takes in all matters of public utility to receive every encouragement in our enterprise.		721-723
			Francis Fetherstonhaugh 115 Warwick Street Eccleston Square	J Ball Downing Street London	1855 06 09	Copy We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 th instant, accompanied by a letter from Mr Fetherstonhaugh, applying for a grant of Percy Islands. 2 These islands consist of a group of 5 or 6 & are situated in Latitude 21° 39 South, Longitude 150° 12 East & are between 30 & 40 miles from coast of Australia. They were visited by Flinders in 1802 & described by him as possessing a luxuriant vegetation & abundant & good water, with a good anchorage which might easily be converted into a dock & with a quantity of timber of Eucalyptus species. In his time, they were not inhabited, 'though there were traces of their being visited by natives, probably for sake of turtle which appeared to be numerous. Largest island is about 13 miles in circumference, next largest about 5 miles. 3 We have been unable to discover any mention of these islands in any book of a later date or in any of narratives of voyages published in journals of Geographical Society. We are therefore unable to state whether they still remain in condition in which Flinders found them, or whether they have been occupied by natives or others, but it may be assumed that they possess advantages of position, soil & climate which might make them valuable & that Government would not therefore be justified in entertaining any application for a grant or lease of these without further information, especially at present time when disposal of all Crown Land in Colony is about to be transferred to Local Government. We would accordingly submit that Mr Fetherstonhaugh's application should be referred to Governor of New South Wales to be dealt with in such manner as may be decided on by local authorities.		724-727

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			London			<p>Copy With reference to your letter of 3rd ultimo, inquiring whether you & some friends of yours could be encouraged to form a settlement on Percy Islands, upon north eastern coast of Australia, I am directed by Lord John Russell to express his regret that necessity of making some inquiries on subject prevented your receiving an earlier reply to your letter.</p> <p>I am now desired to acquaint you that his Lordship has received a report from Colonial Land & Emmigration Commissioners, from which it appears that there is but little information available in this country in respect to present condition of those islands & he is unable to do more than refer you to Colonial authorities in New South Wales to whom your application should be addressed. I am directed, however, to inform you, that according to existing law waste lands of Crown belonging to Colony of New South Wales, can be disposed of only by sale at public auction at an upset price of not less than £1 per statute acre, subject also to provisions as to survey, which need not be detailed.</p> <p>In event of Bill now before Parliament for repealing Waste Lands Act being passed into law, Legislative of New South Wales will have full authority to alter regulations above described.</p> <p>[Duplication of page 711] M 113/B</p> <p>I do not think it likely that any information would be obtained by adopting course proposed. Governor General's inquiry as to these islands being within boundaries of Colony does not appear to have been answered. I believe not, but ask Surveyor General.</p> <p>Surveyor General In a month 56/3075</p> <p>Duplication of: [Extracts from NSW Legislative Council Votes & Proceedings 1855 V3 – SLQ roll 11 near end of roll] 1855 New South Wales, SEARCH BY HMS SHIP "TORCH" for survivors of "Ningpo" and for remains of late Mr Strange & his companions. Ordered by Council to be Printed 31st July 1855</p> <p>Duplication of: Page 692 [not numbered] Track Chart of HMS Vessel <i>Torch</i> while in search of crew of wrecked vessel <i>Ningpo</i> October & November 1854</p>		728 [duplication of page 711] 729-747 [duplication of pages 676-691] 748 [not numbered]
	56/04679 [Also shown 56/04999]	1856 05 26 [Also shown 1856 05 30]	Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands	Arthur E Halloran Commissioner's Office Tinana District of Wide Bay & Burnett	1856 04 29	<p>Letter respecting crew of vessel supposed to have been wrecked on Fraser's Island. & At top May 26</p> <p>I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter (a duplicate) of 9th instant enclosing copy of a letter from Mr W Church respecting a vessel supposed to have been wrecked on Fraser's Island & requesting me to do anything in my power to afford help to shipwrecked persons & in reply I do myself honour to acquaint you that I had previously received a communication from Mr Church on subject & that vessel (<i>Allison</i>), for safety of which fears were entertained by Mr Church, was then lying weather bound in this bay.</p>	A2.36	749-751

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				G Barney	1856 05 30~ 1856 06 05~	<p>2 I beg at same time to acquaint you that about 8 weeks ago it was reported by a black fellow from Fraser's Island, that a few days previously, during a heavy easterly gale, a vessel had been seen by blacks to be driven in Break Sea spit, a few miles from north & off Fraser's Island. According to his statement, vessel went to pieces almost immediately after striking & all hands perished as it was impossible for any boat to live in surf into which vessel was driven. I have not seen anything of black since day he made report, which has not been corroborated by any of other blacks to whom I have spoken. It was in consequence of this report, which was spoken of in presence of Captain of "Waratah", whilst lying in this bay, that paragraph alluded to appeared in newspaper.</p> <p>3 Rig of vessel, said to be wrecked, as described by black, corresponded with that of "Ton Tough", but as only vessel overdue in Sydney, at date of Mr Church's letter was "Allison", I am inclined to think that whole statement of black was a fabrication.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin No 56/41 56/3416 9th April 1856 No 56/322 For information of His Excellency, Governor General Blank copy 26th May 1856~ 67/179 Perhaps to be communicated to Mr Church. Mr Church Esq</p>		
	56/03496	1856 04 11	Hon C S	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Office Sydney	1856 04 09 1856 04 11~ 1856 04 12~ 1856 04 12~	<p>Letter respecting wreck of a vessel on Fraser's Island.</p> <p>I do myself honour to inform you that your letter of yesterday's date [note in margin <i>enclosed, returned</i>], directing me to instruct Commissioner of Crown Lands at Wide Bay, by last night's mail, to afford help to people supposed to have been wrecked on Frazer's Island, has only reached me this morning.</p> <p>2 I have written accordingly to Mr Halloran, but some days will elapse before another opportunity of sending instructions can arise.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin No 56/127 For explanation Letter referred to was delivered at Surveyor General's Office shortly after 3 o'clock on 8th September. When Pope returned he informed me that Colonel Barney had left office, but that he told paper that it was most urgent as a letter had to be written to Wide bay by that night's post.</p> <p>See report in margin of 1st page. Letter to Chief Commissioner was written & sent on day application of Mr Church was received here lest it didn't reach him on day it was meant to have been, owing to arrangements of his own office, or perhaps to his attention being otherwise engaged.</p> <p>Inform Colonel Barney accordingly. 56/4999 17th April 1856, Colonel Barney</p>	A2.36	752-753
	56/03237	1856 04 08	Hon C S	Walter Church of late firm of Church & Molison Owner of "Allison"	1856 04 07	<p>Letter relative to supposed wreck at Frazer's Island & requesting that instructions may be given to ascertain facts.</p> <p>I would beg leave most respectfully to call your attention to a paragraph which appeared in Herald, of stating a vessel had been wrecked on Frazer's Island (supposed on Breaksea Spit) & to request your consideration in matter as to</p>	A2.36	754-755

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			Sydney	Gladstone M C O'Connell Commissioner of Crown Lands Port Curtis District		<p>Forwarding Annual Report upon state of Aborigines in that District. I have honour to forward enclosed reports upon state of aborigines in Port Curtis District for year 1855 & beg to state it would have been forwarded sooner, but for my absence from district until 9th February.</p> <p>& Notes in margin 38/56 Forwarded 20th May 1856~ Colonial Secretary May 31/56</p> <p>& At top 56/5139 Report upon State of Aborigines in Port Curtis District for year 1855. One of most embarrassing duties of a Commissioner of Crown Lands is that of reporting annually on state of aborigines in his district for he can but state opinion he has arrived at through casual observation on their manners, customs & condition & this once given it is difficult so to vary story as to produce anything worthy attention of Secretary of State for whose information report is prepared.</p> <p>Here, details called for those of progressive march of a preconcerted system for amelioration of condition of aborigines it would be different, but a Commissioner of Crown Lands has with reference to these no executive powers greater than that which law gives to every Magistrate who holds Commissioner of Peace.</p> <p>He can observe & protect as far as law allows him, but no more & there are great difficulties in doing even this effectually from incompetency of aborigines to give legal evidence & their real unworthiness of credence unless under searching examination of a person thoroughly conversant with their manners & idiosyncrasies. It is much to be regretted I think, that Commissioners of Crown Lands have not a summary power of dealing with incidents of intercourse between two races more particularly as they first come into contact, to extent of imposing fines to a limited account on white men for any maltreatment of aboriginals which Commissioner may be satisfied from observation or evidence he can collect has been committed & also of holding courts for trial & punishment of cases of aboriginal outrages in neighbourhoods where they take place.</p> <p>As an example, to deter from crime, it is futile to send an aboriginal to a distant place for trial; & as practically under strict forms of law it is almost impossible to obtain a conviction, it is frequently positively injurious. A homicide for instance well known by his co-partners in act to have taken a white man's life is sent to Sydney for trial & as happens in 9 cases out of 10 from defective legal evidence is acquitted & returned to his tribe with a vague idea that he has received all punishment which white man's laws inflict for such a crime & as during proceeding he has never wanted food; neither to himself nor to his fellow's case, penalty seems a very awful one, whereas had trial taken place on spot where outrage occurred, under observation of natives of district, solemnity of proceedings alone would have a statutory effect & even where a conviction was not obtained would impress them with an idea of risk of prompt punishment attending an outrage.</p> <p>There seems to me to be necessary preliminaries to any attempt to ameliorate injuries to humanity which are unhappily attendant upon invasion of territory of</p>		766-769

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					1856 07 29~	Mr Boyle Two penny New South Wales postage stamp displayed on page.		
	56/05161	1856 06 04	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney W D	1856 06 03 1856 05 06~ 1856 06 06	Letter enclosing report from Lieut Morisset, respecting complaint against Native Police. Referring to 6 th paragraph of my B/Cover memo of 12 th April last 56/88, when reporting upon Mr Powell's complaint against Native Police, I now do myself honour to enclose report from Lieut Morisset, explanatory of conduct of native corps, in matter, brought under notice. & Notes in margin 3507 4711 Satisfactory explanation To be sent Chief Commissioner Inspector General	A2.36	774-775
	56/03947	1856 04 25	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney W D M F	1856 04 23 1856 04 25~ 1856 04 26~ 1856 04 30~	Letter relative to enlisting aborigines in Southern from Northern District. In replying to your communication of 21 st instant No 56/131, requesting me to state, whether I consider it would be possible to enlist some south country natives for northern district & some north country natives for southern district, I do myself honour to report for His Excellency, Governor General's information, that, I have no doubt that such enlistment might be effected, & I am of opinion that doing so would certainly go far to prevent desertion, but on whole having regard to experience of & to case with which I believe corps may be recruited in northern district. I am not disposed at present to recommend step. & Notes in margin In answer to inquiry on 56/3353 Very well 56/3353 I think there is nothing further necessary in this case at present.	A2.36	776-778

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	56/03353			W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 04 12	<p>OHMS Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Sydney CC Lands Office 1st April 1856 Sydney postal stamp not legible</p> <p>Memo Orders for a movement of Native Police in direction of Maryborough, were transmitted from this office under date 22nd December last, but could not have reached officer in command of Burnett & Wide Bay Division of corps for some weeks after. On 4th ultimo, report of Lieut Morisset (who, as of superior rank, had been ordered to relieve 2nd Lieut Bligh in charge of Division which is one of larger) was received at this office notifying, under date 15th February, his arrival in district on 7th of that month & stating that he found his men encamped at a sheep station of Messrs Mortimer & Anderson, 14 miles from Yabber, where blacks had mustered about 400 strong for purpose of collecting Bunya, which is now in season; that up to that time blacks had been peaceable, but that he did not consider it safe to withdraw police from that quarter until they were dispersed. On 7th March, in replying to this communication, Lieut Morisset's attention was drawn to orders conveyed in letter of 22nd December, already referred to;- to letter of 7th March, thus reiterating orders for movement in direction of Maryborough. I have not yet received any reply from Lieut Morisset, nor indeed do I suppose it possible that I could. Mr Commissioner Halloran reports Maryborough & its vicinity as quiet owing to absence of aborigines at Bunya Bunya, very cause which decided Lieut Morisset on keeping his men in that locality. As no further outrage has occurred in Maryborough quarter & as it is not unreasonable to suppose that aborigines concerned in former were absent at Bunya Bunya, I consider that Lieut Morisset has exercised proper discretion in course he adopted & that no practical good could hitherto have resulted from a movement towards Maryborough. Mr Powell in his letter of 18th ultimo forwarded by Mr Halloran, writes of his station having little or no protection from Native Police, they having only called here 8 times since robbery on 25th April last & only 4 times out of 8, accompanied by an officer. With reference to this I can buy say that, as far as I am in a position to form an opinion, it appears to me that a station which, in less than 11 months, has been visited 8 times by Native Police, cannot having reference to claims of others, be justly regarded as neglected, or left without a reasonable share of protection Corps can extend. Reduction in officers of Corps may readily explain cause of detachments being without an officer on 4 of occasions of visiting Mr Powell's station. I have lost no time in communicating to Lieut Morisset substance of Mr Halloran's & Mr Powell's letters & in calling for his report as to whether blame attaches in any respect to Native Police for not having apprehended aborigines referred to. I enclose a letter from Lieut Morisset, under date 20th Ultimo, (received on 9th Instant), together with a copy of my reply. Desertions reported by Lieut Morisset are much to be regretted & will for present at least, I fear, cripple his movements & affect efficiency of his Division.</p>		784-787
				W D	1856 04 17-	&		

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				E Morisset Lieut Native Police Yabba	1856 04 21~ 1856 03 20	Notes in margin I agree with Inspector General of Police in risk taken by him & would not be possible to enlist some south country native for northern police & vice versa. 18 th April 1856~ Inspector General Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands In a fortnight'56/3947 Returned Colonial Secretary's Office & At top 56/1777 April 8 th 1856~ 56/3353 Letter advising desertion by Troopers I have honour to report that men named in margin deserted from Police Station at Yabba on night of 17 th instant, leaving their arms & accoutrements etc. (Names in margin: No 8 Section, Messrs Tandy, Tanccred, Gilbert, Callaghan, Anthony, Aaron.) Since they have deserted, strength of this station has been reduced to 1 Corporal & 3 Troopers. I have therefore honour to request that I may be informed what steps I am to take to fill up vacancies. For present, I have sent to Mr Marshall at Traylan for a reinforcement of 4 men. I beg also to state that it will be wholly useless recruiting men in these districts to serve here, from their being in neighbourhood of their friends & relations, inducements to desert are much greater for them.		788-789
				W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 04 08	& At top 56/3353 56/34 Copy In reply to your letter of 20 th Ultimo, I have to inform you that in recruiting for those vacancies, as in all other matters of divisional & local detail, it is my wish to leave you exercise of an unfettered discretion, looking to you only for its reasonable & proper application. It appears to me expedient, both on grounds of justice & efficiency, to reemploy, as far as possible, troopers who were included in reduction of Corps. 2 It would have been satisfactory to me to have received information as to causes, ascertained or supposed, which led those Troopers to desert. 3 I have to call your attention to my letter of 18 th Ultimo, No 56/51 & to point out that I have not yet received your return giving strength & distribution of Wide Bay & Burnett Division under your command.		790-791
	56/03353		Arthur E Halloran Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands	William Powell Walooga	1856 03 18	& At top Enclosed in Commissioner Halloran's letter to Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands of 1 st April 1856. No 56/21 56/3353 On 25 th April last, a number of blacks attacked this station, robbed store, bound my son & left my for dead on ground. Man was too seriously wounded to travel 60 miles to a Justice of Peace to give his deposition, so that it was not until following October that you yourself took his deposition on station & granted warrants for 5 principal ringleaders. Since that time, same blacks have		792-794
					1856 04 17~ 1856 04 21~			

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					1856 04 16~ 1856 03 29	taken a number of my sheep from shepherds, 7 being taken no later than last Saturday & they even had audacity to send me word by other blacks that they intended to come here after Bunya season & take whole of sheep stores etc & murder both myself & men. As my circumstances will not permit me to keep more than 2 men, this is very easy for them to accomplish this station having very little or no protection from Native Police, they having only called here 7 times since robbery on 25 th April last & only 4 times out of 8, accompanied by an officer. I also beg to say that blacks for whom you granted warrants could have been easily apprehended as they are very often at Widgee station. What am I to do in this predicament? I have only 1 block of land for which I pay £40 per year & I think that I have a right to some protection from Government. As you are district's Commissioner, I think you are proper person to complain to. Bunya season breaks up immediately & if something is not done, there will be both murders & robberies committed. Around here blacks are getting most daring, Hoping you will accede this liberty.		795 796
				W D	1856 02 22~ 1856 04 06~	Postal address sheet stating: A E Halloran Esq C.C.L. Tinana, Wide Bay. Postage stamp, not legible & At top 56/1760 These gentlemen called on this subject & will probably wish to see Governor General to press their application. 20 th , I have seen them, but there are no grounds to pay for increased police requested. Mr Sandeman 56/3353		
	56/01780	1856 02 20	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1856 02 18	Letter relative to Police protection in Moreton Bay District & At top 56/1985 56/38 I do myself honour to acknowledge receipt of enclosed communication from certain free holders, occupiers of Crown Lands, stock holders & their residents & interested in Northern Districts of Colony, respecting acts of outrage & aggression by aborigines in Wide Bay of Port Curtis District, referred for my report under your Blank Cover memo of 16 th instant, also of previous correspondence at same time transmitted & then returned. 2 Having in this & in other correspondence connected these outrages, reported steps taken, which are, it appears to me, all that force, at disposal of Executive admits & practical objects sought by gentlemen submitting this communication, being, an augmentation of Native Police Corps & placing it again under orders of a Commandant, I shall confine myself now, to reporting on these points, so as to place before His Excellency, Governor General, position in which Executive stands, with reference to them. 3 Change of Native Police Corps, having in middle of last year, been devolved on this department, it became my duty to frame estimate for it in 1856, to be submitted to Legislature. Having consulted sources of information acceptable to me, within time available & having regard to view distinctly expressed in Council, that services of Corps should be strictly confined to protection of white	A2.36	797-807

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						<p>population, on extreme limits of occupation (a view in which, I concur), that its expense should be reduced & that office of Commandant was unnecessary, I submitted an estimate framed in accordance with these views, which having been approved by Governor General, was laid before Legislature, when discussed in committee. So far was this estimate, from being objected to on grounds of carrying reduction too far, that it was strongly commented upon as not having carried it far enough & it seemed even doubtful whether committee would stop at its reduction & not proceed to rejection. It was however finally passed.</p> <p>4 Under these circumstances & having regard to strongly expressed dissatisfaction with which Council have viewed bringing forward by Executive for any part of a year, changes which had, in previous session, been refused, even when those changes are restrictive & have not been incurred, or faith of Government in any way pledged, it appears to me, that, nothing short of clear & overpowering necessity, can justify promising, much less taking responsibility of incurring additional expense in 1856, for an augmentation of Native Police Corps, more particularly when it is to a new Legislature, under new Constitution & by perhaps a different executive, that proposition will have to be submitted, or exercise of responsibility justified.</p> <p>5 As regards office of Commandant, though its existence would greatly diminish both my labour & responsibility, I concur in view that it is unnecessary & consider that present arrangement under which each officer in charge of Division is invested with a wide discretion under general instructions admitting of its full exercise & is responsible for efficient service & direction for discipline & expenditure of his command, is that most conducive to real efficiency & necessary. Such was system of old Mounted Police Corps, most efficient & valuable body this Colony has ever possessed & I see no reason why, with competent officers, it may not, when there has been to me, to bring it fairly into operation, work well, in Native Police. It is quite clear, that, outrages in Wide Bay & Port Curtis Districts cannot be referred to abolition of office of Commandant.</p> <p>6 With reference to that part of communication which urges that reduced Troopers, originally enlisted on Murrumbidgee & Murray, who are now in charge of Lieut Ferguson on their route to Darling & probably by this time on Bogan, should be returned to Northern Districts, I have to point out that it was expressly in consequence of urgent application from stock holders on upper part of Darling (where there has not been any police protection whatever, either on spot or within available distance) that those men who wished to return to Southern Districts & for whose employment there provisioned has been voted have been despatched to Darling that applicants in that quarter have been apprised of this & that they would naturally consider their claims to protection disregarded & feel aggrieved were these transfers were diverted from their destination.</p>		
	56/01638	1856 02 15	Hon C S	Inhabitants of Moreton Bay	1856 01 31	<p>Letter from inhabitants of Moreton Bay respecting unsafe conditions of Northern Districts.</p> <p>We the undersigned freeholders – occupiers of Crown Lands, stock holders & others, residents & deeply interested in Northern Districts of Colony, desire in most earnest manner to represent for consideration of His Excellency, Governor General, that circumstances of recent murders & outrages committed in districts of Wide Bay & Port Curtis by aboriginal blacks, urgently require investigation at hands of Government.</p>	A2.36	808-811

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				W E		<p>We do not hesitate to declare that these outrages & murders are result in our opinion of recent reduction & disbanding of a considerable portion of & other changes lately effected in Native Police Force stationed in Northern Districts. Remembering alarming & unsafe condition of Northern frontier of Colony as shown by numerous acts of lawless outrages formerly perpetrated by blacks on persons & property of inhabitants & considering state of comparative peace & quietude established by presence subsequently of a Native Police Force, one cannot but deprecate measure, while one deplores results of reduction & disbanding of that Force & we do not hesitate to express our conviction that further atrocities of a similar tragical nature to those lately committed must inevitably follow if immediate steps are not organised to meet urgent requirements now existing.</p> <p>We would desire to impress upon His Excellency, our belief that no Force, which Colony can produce will ever have such a regulating & salutary effect upon conduct of aborigines as that of a Native Police Force, under proper management & that whatever faults may have been urged against Force, were result of abuses, which proper supervision & timely investigations should, at an early period of their existence have corrected & while believing that efficiency of Native Police Force must depend to a great extent upon conduct of a local Commandant, we are of opinion that any supervision of Force be an officer in Sydney, must be simply worse than useless.</p> <p>E would take this opportunity of stating for information of His Excellency that a memorial praying for re-appointment of a local head & for augmentation (not only to its former strength, but to increasing requirements of these Districts) of Native Police Force, is now in course of signature in Northern Districts & until that document has been presented, which it will shortly be, we entreat by means of this application, that His Excellency will give necessary orders for staying further effects of reduction & disbanding of that most useful body, by causing disbanded or reduced Troopers, some of whom, are now on their way to Murray River to be returned to Northern Districts & otherwise taking such steps, as are, we respectfully submit absolutely requisite, for an immediate reinforcement of Corps.</p> <p>We beg therefore that you will do us favour to lay communication before His Excellency, Governor General, for his Excellency's early consideration.</p> <p>Signatures of inhabitants:- [p 810- lh col] Gordon Sandeman, A R Lawson J P, H W Cockburn, William Davies, Walter Scott, A MacAlister, Haley C D'Andier ?, Benjamin Cribb, J C Foote, Robert Cribb Snr, Joseph Foote, John S Thelwall. [p810-rh col] W O'Grady Haly J P, C R Haly, Henry M Cockburn, ?, J C North, Charles Bros, Henry Kilner, Charles F D Parkinson, W Panton J P, George H Williams Jnr, James Bailie, George Thorn, Alex Balbi, [p811] Pollett Cardew J P, John Collins, Henry Buckley J P, T Cannan, George ?, James Gillespie, William M Dorsey J P, W Darby J P, ? Kennedy, William D Tooth, William ?, Henry ?, James B Reid J P, Thomas Hubert, William Humphreys J P, John Livingstone J P, William Fanning, Robert Ramsay J P, Edward Bigge J P.</p> <p>& Notes in margin Referred for report of Inspector General of Police Blank Cover 16th February 1856- For the Hon C S</p>		

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	55/11794	1855 11 21	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1855 11 19	Letter accompanying report from Lieut Morisset, reporting on aggressive spirit of Clarence River blacks. & At top 55/266 56/948 I do myself honour to transmit accompanying report (with enclosure) from Lieut Morisset, of Clarence River division of Native Police, representing aggressive spirit evinced by aborigines of that district & invalidated condition of 2 Troopers under his command, which, owing to division of Sergeant Dempster, with 5 men, to Richmond, where blacks continued to spear cattle, leaves but 5 Troopers at headquarters fit for duty. 2 Under these circumstances, I have therefore intimated to Lieut Morisset, that he is, until further orders, to defer acting on instruction conveyed to him in 25 th ultimo & adverted to in my letter to you, number 55/247 bearing same date, that "he should proceed with disposable strength at his command, to Maryborough, to check & put down spirit which has shown itself among aborigines in that quarter. & Notes in margin May (I presume) be approved. W D 22 nd November 1855~ Inspector General Forward herewith. To be returned. 56/1638 56/11068	A2.36	812-814
				C D R	1855 11 22~ 1855 11 27~			
	55/11068	1855 10 29	Hon C S	W C Mayne Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1855 10 25	Letter reporting on application for detachment of Native Police for Maryborough. In returning enclosed letters from Mr Commissioner Halloran, reporting commissions of outrages & depredations by aborigines, in Maryborough & its neighbourhood & urging permanently stationing a party of Native Police there, referred for my report under your Blank Cover Memo of 23 rd instant & yesterday. I do myself honour to state for information of His Excellency, Governor General that, concurring in view distinctly expressed in Legislative Council, that services of Native Police should be strictly confined to protection of white population against inroads of blacks on extreme limits of occupation, I should not feel justified in recommending a permanent diversion of their services to Maryborough, to extent asked, even if strength of Corps, left a non-commissioned officer & 5 Troopers disposable, which it assuredly does not, reduced establishment, voted by Council, not admitting of formation of any additional detachment. 2 I think it not improbable that, among aborigines engaged in offences reported by Mr Halloran, there may be some of men recruited for Native Police from tribes in that locality & who have returned to them on being discharged & if so, exertions of police & of inhabitants ought to be specially directed to capture, or if encountered in commission of outrage & resisting, to summary punishment on instant of such men. 3 By combining exertions of police & Commissioner's orderlies, with those of inhabitants of Maryborough & residents in its neighbourhood, who, under circumstances, may reasonably be expected to give them, a decided check	A2.36	815-818

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				?? W D	1855 10 30~ 1855 10 30~ 1855 11 02~	<p>may be given to any demonstration, or acts of men who can oppose to means of defence & to arms of whites, merely weapons of savage & while I would deprecate any unnecessary measures of punishment & repression, towards aborigines, even when acting illegally, I am confident that real humanity dictates meeting aggression on their part, by prompt decisive & even stern measures.</p> <p>4 Existing state of things in parts of Wide Bay & Burnett District, to which services of Division of Corps allotted to that district are properly applicable, do not admit of my withdrawing from them a single man, but, I shall instruct officer in charge of Clarence & McLeay Division to proceed with its disposable strength, to Maryborough to check & put down, the spirit, which has shown itself among aborigines in that quarter – this will enable neighbourhood of Brisbane to be visited, where, it has been stated, aborigines have been committing some depredations.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin 55/247 Returned herewith Inspector General of Police on subject of outrages of native blacks at Maryborough. Arrangements approved. Colonel Barney 55/11794</p>		
	55/10916 [Also shown 55/04525]	1855 10 23	Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney	Arthur E Halloran Commissioner's Office Tinana	1855 10 03	<p>Letter reporting robberies & outrages committed by blacks. & At top 55/4525 23rd October 1855 55/11068 No 55/126</p> <p>I do myself honour to report for your information that robberies & outrages by Aborigines are becoming of almost daily occurrence & I beg to express my opinion that unless protection be afforded, bloodshed will ensue.</p> <p>2 Within last few days, 2 stores have been broken into & plundered & several drays robbed of flour, sugar & tobacco. Yesterday, a son of a Mr Furber, about 12 years old was stripped & searched for money by a black, between East & West Maryborough & on 2nd instant, I issued a warrant against an Aboriginal for a brutal assault on a married woman in East Maryborough. There is no doubt that he intended to have violated her person & would have succeeded, had not her screams brought persons to her assistance when black made off, taking with him out of hut a small bag of flour.</p> <p>3 It is true that we have nominally protection of Native Police, but stationed as they are at so great a distance from Maryborough (where they are required more particularly than in any part of district) they are perfectly useless. One section is stationed at Yabber, upwards of 120 miles from Maryborough & another section at Walla on Burnett, about 70 miles from township.</p> <p>4 Blacks, I understand are more troublesome now than they have been ever since opening of settlement & I am fully satisfied that a dread of them, prevents many people settling in Wide Bay & materially retards advancement of this place.</p> <p>I think it right to acquaint you that Mr Marshall, Commandant of Native Police, took a number of Wide Bay blacks to Traylan, to join Force. These men have recently been discharged & since their return to Maryborough, robberies have</p>	A2.36	819-822

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						<p>become more frequent. Last time (August 23rd) my own place was robbed, a nulla nulla studded with hob nails, that had been seen in possession of 1 of returned policemen, was left on ground, which leads me to conclude that robbery was committed by some of these men.</p> <p>6 Reports of robberies & applications for protection are being constantly made to me, but I am not in a position to render any assistance. I would therefore beg to point out necessity for a small number of Native Police being permanently stationed at Maryborough & to request that you will be pleased to recommend that 5 Troopers & a white Sergeant should be stationed at Maryborough & placed under my orders, an arrangement that I have little doubt would be sanctioned by Inspector General of Police, under whose orders & control they now are.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin 55/4672 October 24th For information of His Excellency, Governor General Blank cover October 23rd 1855~</p> <p>1855 10 24~ Noted No 55/385</p> <p>1855 10 24~ Something must be done for protection of settlers from Aboriginal blacks. Inspector General of Police to report. Blank Cover October 24th 1855~ Noted To be returned 55/11068</p> <p>1855 08 25</p> <p>Letter reporting outrages by blacks. & At top 55/4492 55/4672</p> <p>As Police Magistrate & Commissioner of Crown Lands here, I have honour of reporting to you certain deprecations that have lately been made on my property here, by Aboriginal natives of this district, with a request that you will use your influence in representing same to Government in order that suitable protection may be afforded to our present unprotected position. About a fortnight since blacks attempted to break into my store, but were prevented by a party passing at time, on first instance they broke into store entering by office window & stole thereupon sundry goods, value of which cannot be ascertained from amount of property on hand, which is considerable. I have no doubt my loss has been severe.</p> <p>Many minor attacks have been made on my property & robberies on ???? & huts in neighbourhood are of daily occurrence.</p> <p>Blacks are getting worse daily & unless something is done promptly to prevent their aggressions, I feel sure that life as well as property will be unsafe.</p> <p>If I may be permitted to give an opinion, I would suggest that a detachment of Native Police would be only force, (if stationed here) that could keep natives in check.</p> <p>I am writing you rather hurriedly, or I could give you much information on subject, but I think you are already fully aware of most of robberies that have lately taken place here.</p>		823-825
	55/10987	1855 10 22	Chief Commissioner	Arthur E Halloran	1855 10 05	Reporting outrages by blacks & enclosing letter from Mr Uhr J P	A2.36	826-827

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	[Also shown 55/4492]		Crown Lands Sydney	Commissioner's Office Tinana G B C D R M F		& At top 55/4492 22 nd October 1853 With one enclosure 55/4672 Police No 55/627 I do myself honour to acquaint you that I have just received information that 8 sawyers working for Mr Aldridge about 3 miles below Maryborough, were attacked & driven in yesterday afternoon by a considerable number of Aborigines, who then robbed huts of a large quantity of flour, sugar & tobacco & all blankets which were hanging out on lines at time. 2 Only 1 man I am glad to be able to state received any injury & he received a severe blow in his groin from a nulla nulla. 3 I beg to enclose a letter addressed to me a short time ago by Mr Uhr, J P & to repeat my former suggestion that a few Native Police may be permanently stationed at Maryborough under my orders. & Notes in margin For information of His Excellency Governor General. Blank Cover 22 nd October 1855~ Noted Another report of Inspector General of Police Blank Cover 23 rd October 1855~ To be returned 55/11068		
	56/05316	1856 06 17	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney A D	1856 06 13 1856 06 23~ 1856 06 24~	Letter requesting sale of Surveyor's equipment at Wide Bay (3 enclosures) & At top 56/5411 S G No 56/350 I have honour to forward herewith a letter which I have received from Commissioner of Crown Lands at Wide Bay in reply to an enquiry which I addressed to him respecting best mode of disposing of equipment of Mr Buchanan, formerly employed as an Assistant Surveyor at that place & as there appears to me no immediate necessity for employment of a Surveyor there, to request that I may be authorised to cause equipment to be sold & proceeds placed with Treasury. & Notes in margin To be returned. For approval Approved Surveyor General, Colonial Treasurer, ??	A2.36	828
	56/05342	1856 06 18	Hon C S	George Barney Crown Lands Office Sydney	1856 06 13	Letter respecting death of Government pack horse. I do myself honour to submit for instruction accompanying letter from Mr Commissioner Wiseman, reporting death of Government pack horse belonging to his establishment. 2 Mr Wiseman attributes death of horse to results of over exertion & hot day & considering that Trooper in charge did not show proper attention to state of horse, he requests instructions as to whether he will be justified in retaining a sum of £25, amount of salary now due to Graham wherewith a horse can be purchased to replace one lost.	A2.36	829-830

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		1856 05 26	Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney	W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Lands Gladstone	1856 04 05	<p>3 I think man should be surcharged but he should have been brought before Court by Mr Wiseman for his negligence.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin</p> <p>This appears to require advice of Law offices as to whether , under circumstances, Commissioner would be justified in retaining sum due to Trooper in consequence of loss of horse, owing, apparently to his inattention.</p> <p>Blank Cover 23rd June 1856</p> <p>See report below. Chief Commissioner to be informed.</p> <p>Not for me.</p> <p>Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands</p> <p>We are of opinion that Commissioner will not be justified in retaining sum due to Trooper for cause stated. No private gentleman would consider it proper, even if it were legal, to hold back wages of his Groom to cover value of a horse lost under corresponding circumstances. Case of negligence & disobedience of orders must be somewhat <u>extreme</u> to warrant such a course. In other cases dismissal or reproof is proper punishment.</p> <p>Returned C S O</p> <p>& At top 56/4673 26th May 1956 56/5342 May 24th</p> <p>Letter concerning Government pack horse, deceased.</p> <p>I do myself honour to report for your consideration & information that I have lost my Government pack horse under following circumstances.</p> <p>2 I had occasion last February to send my orderlies down to Gladstone for mail & to get some saddles repaired. As Troopers' horses were unserviceable from lameness, soreness of back & as one was missing, I found I was obliged to mount one of my orderlies, Holland Graburn, on my pack horse. I instructed him to take 3 days to perform journey.</p> <p>3 On his return he performed journey in 2 days. On 2nd day's journey of nearly 40 miles, my pack horse fell down from exhaustion & died on following morning. Day was hot certainly, but as horse was always fleshy & fat, this was only an additional reason for caution to anyone accustomed to horses.</p> <p>4 I attribute death of horse to congestion of heart or lungs from over exertion on a hot day & consider that Holland Graburn did not shew sufficient attention to state of horse. I told him that I considered him blameable, as every trooper should be responsible for his own horse. On his leaving my service, I refused to pay him whole amount of his salary due at time & have retained £25, original price of horse, but in this district at present, I could not replace such a horse for 35 or 40 pounds.</p> <p>5 Though I consider that Holland Graburn should pay for horse, yet on his applying to a Bench for his wages, Magistrates might take a different view. I therefore do myself honour to request that you will inform me whether I can be supported by His Excellency, Governor General to my retaining £25 wherewith I can purchase a horse to replace one lost.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin No 84/56 Colonial Secretary June 13th 1856~</p>		831-833
				W E	1856 06 23~ 1856 07 04~ 1856 07 05~ 1856 07 16~			
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	56/05555	Hon C S	1856 06 23	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay A D	1856 06 16 1856 06 24~ 1856 06 24	Letter respecting postponement of period of Leave of Absence. I do myself honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 th instant, 56/5069, informing me that His Excellency, Governor General has been pleased to grant me leave of absence for 3 weeks in early part of this month, but as it might be inconvenient that I should be absent during approaching election of a member for County of Stanley, consequent upon appointment of Mr Holt as Colonial Treasurer, I have honour to request that permission may be given to me to avail myself of leave during ensuing month, instead of present month. & Notes in Margin 56/281 Approved Government Resident	A2.36	840-841
	56/05069	Hon C S	1856 06 02	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay W D	1856 05 29 1856 06 02~ 1856 06 03~	Letter applying for Leave of Absence Being desirous to visit Sydney for a few days in early part of next month, I do myself honour to request that His Excellency, Governor General, will be pleased to grant me leave of absence from Brisbane for 3 weeks. As time of my absence will be short & as I have now a person in my office, I do not think it necessary to appoint any one to act in my stead as Government Resident, but my duties as Visiting Magistrate to jail will be performed by R Mackenzie Esq. & Notes in Margin 56/260 For approval Approved Government Resident 5 th June 1856. 55/5555	A2.36	842
	56/05567	1856 06 23	Hon C S	Merion Moriarty Portmaster's Office Sydney	1856 06 21	& At top 56/78 Letter respecting employment of two additional men to Pilot's crew at Moreton Bay. It being found necessary for proper performance of public service at Moreton Bay to employ additional force to Pilot's crew, I proposed a sum on estimates of this year to meet pay of 2 Boatmen at rate of £4 a month & 2/9 a day, which was voted by Legislative Council. 2 Harbour Master, under impression that as his demand for 2 additional men had been submitted by Government to Legislative Council & money voted, considered he was at liberty to employ men, their services being urgent, (although he had no formal authority for so doing) & furnished their names in his Abstract at termination of month. As soon as Abstract arrived I transmitted amount to Mr Geary & for February, same occurred. My attention was directed to subject by Auditor General & I immediately gave directions to have men discharged until sanction of	A2.36	843-845

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				A D	1856 06 26~ 1856 06 30	Government was obtained. I have now to request that you will authorise re-employment of men & that payment of their wages according to Abstracts for that branch of department may be passed by Auditor General, as although ignorant at time that men were employed, I considered their payment while they were so, a matter of course & remitted amount immediately. & Notes in Margin Mr Geary, Mr Moriarty. Should be informed that authority should have been applied for before expense was incurred & before amount was remitted when incurred. Sum must now be paid. Auditor General. Postmaster.		
	56/05591	1856 06 23	Hon C S	Charles Moore Botanic Gardens Sydney	1856 06 21	Secular of Botanic Garden referring to a supply of seeds for Government of Cape of Good Hope. In reply to your letter of 16 th instant, requesting to be informed whether I had yet forwarded supply of seeds of Eucalypti & Telopea to Government of Cape of Good Hope. I do myself honour to state, that I have as yet been unable to do so, in consequence of there being no direct communication with Cape since date of your first letter on subject. I may add however, that as a quantity of seeds in question have been collected, I have prepared at any moment to send off a supply & shall do so, as soon as I can learn of a suitable means of conveyance. & Notes in Margin Mr F 24/25 th June 1856~ 56/5122 Shall Cedar Tree seeds be forwarded to Mr Moore with a request that he will send them to Cape at same time? Yes, but a communication should be made to Cape of Good Hope. Mr Moore 2 nd July 1856~ Private Secretary 4 th July 1856~	A2.36	846-847
	56/05122	1856 06 07	Hon C S	W A Duncan Brisbane	1856 06 03	Respecting Cedar Tree seeds. With reference to previous correspondence on subject, I have now honour to transmit to you a package of Cedar seeds for transmission by His Excellency, Governor General to Cape of Good Hope. 2 I regret delay that has taken place & the smallness of quantity now sent, but I have found much more difficulty in obtaining them than I could have anticipated. & Notes in Margin Director of Botanic Garden should report whether he has forwarded to Cape, seeds of Eucalypti & Telopea. Yes Mr Moore End of month 55/5591	A2.36	848
	56/04033	1856 04 28	Hon C S	J C Wickham Government Resident's Office Moreton Bay	1856 04 21	Letter respecting Seeds of Cedar Tree In reference to your letter of 8 th instant, 56/127, respecting forwarding of seeds of Cedar Tree, for transmission to Cape of Good Hope, I have honour to inform you that I have communicated with Chairman of Committee of Botanic Garden	A2.36	849

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				M F	1856 05 06~ 1856 05 06~	at Brisbane upon subject & he informs me that he has given necessary instructions for collecting seeds at proper season, which is just now at hand & as soon as they are procured, he will forward them to Sydney. & Notes in Margin 56/184 56/3930 Mr Duncan, forward 5 seeds This may probably stand over for a week or two as Mr Duncan expects to be able to forward a further supply of seeds – see 56/3930 Send present packet by first opportunity & say that when a further supply is obtained, it will also be forwarded. 56/5122		
	56/03930	1856 04 21	Hon C S	W A Duncan Brisbane	1856 04 16	Respecting Cedar Seeds With reference to my letter of January 3 rd , I beg to forward a small parcel of seeds of Cedar Tree, for transmission to Cape of Good Hope. I am much disappointed at smallness of quantity, but there were none more ripe at time I sent to collect them & several settlers, who promised to procure more, have up to this time, failed to send them. I hope however, in a week or two to obtain a sufficient quantity which I shall have pleasure in forwarding. & Notes in Margin St Kilda House, Woolloomooloo. With Mr Ferriter's compliments.? 56/127 56/4033	A2.36	850
	56/00127	1856 12 07	Hon C S	W A Duncan for Committee, Brisbane Botanical Gardens	1856 01 03	Letter respecting Cedar Seeds for Cape of Good Hope In reply to your letter of 24 th ultimo, addressed to Committee of Management, I beg to say that there are now no Cedar Trees growing in neighbourhood of Brisbane, nor am I quite certain as to time of ripening of seeds, but as most seeds ripen here in January I think I can undertake to procure a quantity in course of this month, which I shall have much pleasure in forwarding for transmission by His Excellency, Governor General to Cape of Good Hope. & Notes in Margin 12378	A2.36	851
				C D R	1856 01 08~	Mr Duncan will endeavour to procure a supply of Cedar seeds & forward them to Sydney as soon as possible for transmission to Cape of Good Hope.		
				W D	1856 01 11~	Government of Cape to be informed. End of month Resubmit 3 rd March 1856~ End of month Resubmitted 2 nd /3 rd April 1856~		
				M F	1856 04 04~	Inquiry to be made through Government Resident, Moreton Bay, whether Cedar Tree seeds have been procured.		852
					1856 04 08~	Yes 4 th /5 th April 1856~ Government Resident End of May 56/3930		
	55/12378	1855 12 10	Hon C S	Charles Moore Botanic Gardens	1855 12 08	Letter referring to supply of Australian Seeds for Cape. In reference to letter from Private Secretary to Governor at Cape, I do myself		853-854

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				Sydney C D R W D	1855 12 13~ 1855 12 14~ 1855 12 24~	honour to state that seeds of several of Eucalypti 7 of Telopea can be supplied from this establishment, but I regret to say that we have no seeds of Australian Cedar Tree, nor can I learn that they are to be obtained near Sydney. Tree is however plentiful in northern districts & seeds may, in all probability, be procured from Botanic Garden at Brisbane, Moreton Bay. & Notes in Margin Those that can be immediately sent should be packed & ready for first opportunity. Others to be obtained if possible & Private Secretary informed accordingly. Yes Director of Botanic Garden, Committee Management, Brisbane End of January 56/127		
	55/11851	1855 11 22	Hon C S	W F Liddle Private Secretary Government House Cape Town C D R M F W E	1855 07 27 1855 11 23~	Letter requesting supply of seeds of certain Australian Trees. I am directed by His Excellency, Governor, to acquaint you that it is very desirable to introduce into this Colony, from Sydney, seeds of any of Eucalypti – of Telopea Speciosissima & tree producing cedar of commerce. As introduction of these plants into this Colony would be of greatest advantage, His Excellency would be glad if a large supply could be forwarded at your earliest convenience to this Government. & Notes in Margin To Director of Botanic Gardens. Blank Cover 23 rd November 1855~ For Colonial Secretary To be returned'55/12378	A2.36	855-857
	56/05597	1856 06 23	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1856 06 20 1856 06 24~ 1856 07 09~	Letter respecting design for Village of Fassifern. With reference to your letter of 29 th April last No 315, informing me that His Excellency in Council has been pleased to approve of design for village of Fassifern, submitted in my letter of 14 th of same month, I do myself honour to inform you that in accordance with your request, a copy of design so approved of, has now been forwarded to Bench at Ipswich. & Notes in Margin No 56/354 56/3901 S G ?? Usual notice to be prepared. Notified in Government Gazette of 4 th July 1856 56/3648 Surveyor General	A2.36	858-859
	56/03648	1856 04 16	Hon C S	George Barney Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1856 04 14	Forwarding Design for a Village at Fassifern. I do myself honour to forward herewith, for submission to Governor General, a design for a village at Fassifern in Moreton Bay District & to add, for His Excellency's information, that it is proposed to withhold from sale allotments between Ipswich & Warwick road & Warill Creek until line of railway from Ipswich to Warwick shall have been determined. & Notes in margin No 56/237 Clerk of Executive Council	A2.36	860-861

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