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C. Oliver, Esq., Under Secretary, to The Hon. J. S. Farnell, Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 October, 1883.

I have the honor to submit for your information the Third Annual Report of the working of this Department, being for the year ended on the 31st December, 1882.

The accompanying Schedules, Nos. I to XX inclusive, show in a tabular form the action taken in reference to the alienation of Crown Lands by sales at auction, selection after auction, sales in consideration of improvements, and under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; also, as to Volunteer land orders, pre-emptive and annual auction leases, correspondence, and other matters of general interest.

Schedules I, II, and III exhibit the results of the various auction sales of land and the average prices realized from those sales, which were—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Town land	29	3	2	per acre, as against	30	7	5
Suburban,,	6	1	9	”	5	13	6
Country ,,	1	5	0½	”	1	3	6

It will thus be seen that the average price obtained for country lands was higher in 1882 than it was in 1881. This may be accounted for by the fact that during 1882 very little land was offered at £1 per acre, and that only 859,085 acres 2 roods 37¾ perches were sent to auction, as against 1,258,427 acres 1 rood 37 perches in 1881, and only 41½ per cent. of this area was sold; whereas the percentage in 1882 was 58½. The average price of all classes of land sold by auction in 1882 was £1 5s. 10d., as against £1 4s. 7d. in 1881, or an increase of 1s. 3d. per acre.

The following comparative statement shows the difference in the corresponding Schedules of the year 1881 and 1882.

	1881.			1882.		
	Offered.		Per-centage.	Offered.		Per-centage.
	a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.	
Town.....	1,162	1 9	51½	609	2 9½	74
Suburban	5,362	2 20	42½	3,487	2 19½	47
Country	1,258,427	1 37	41½	859,085	2 37½	58½

It will be seen from this that, although less land was offered in 1882 than in 1881, a greater percentage was sold, and, except in the case of town lands, a higher price was realized. The cause of the decrease in the price obtained for town lands during 1882, as compared with 1881, may be attributed to the fact that less land was sold in large towns. A comparison of Schedule No. I of 1881 and the corresponding one of 1882 (column 9) will show that a large average price was obtained in the districts of Bathurst, Bourke, Hartley, Narrandera, and Wilcannia, and the area sold was considerable; whereas in 1882, although a large average price was obtained in Bourke, Goulburn, West Kempsey, and Wilcannia, the area offered was small.

In addition to the land alienated by sale at auction, an area of 353,092 acres 2 roods 27 perches was selected after having been passed at auction (Schedule IV). This realized £414,700 15s. 11d., or an average of £1 3s. 5¾d. per acre, against 328,202 acres 3 roods 33 perches alienated in a similar manner in 1881, realizing £348,876 15s. 9d., or an average of £1 1s. 3d., being an increase in area of 24,889 acres 2 roods 34 perches, and an increase in price of 2s. 2¾d. per acre for 1882.

It may be observed that Schedules I, II, III, and IV have been prepared this year with an additional column showing the counties as well as the land districts within which the land has been alienated.

The total area alienated in 1881 and 1882 by auction and after auction purchase, and the prices realized, may be seen by the following statement:—

	a.	r. p.	realizing	£	s.	d.
1881	854,752	1 15	”	996,414	14	5
1882	858,734	3 24	”	1,068,317	1	1

Schedule

Schedule V shows the number of applications for the survey of land to be brought to auction under section 30 of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875. The applications in 1882 were largely in excess of those of 1881. In 1882 there were 661 applications, against 512 in 1881, showing an increase of 149. In 1882 the deposits of 6d. per acre reached £56,012, against £26,401 2s. 6d. in 1881. The amount credited to revenue in 1882, in cases where the land was not sold, amounted to £679 1s., showing an increase of £292 18s. This remarkable increase in the number of applications for 1882 may be accounted for in some measure by the general impression that prevailed in the minds of the public that sales by auction would be eventually stopped.

Schedule VI shows the forfeiture of auction purchases where the conditions were not complied with by payment of balance of purchase money. This Schedule must be taken into account with Schedules I, II, and III, as its items are not included in these Schedules, inasmuch as the land forfeited, though offered and bid for, still remained Crown Lands, and available to be re-offered on some future occasion.

It may be pointed out that the foregoing returns do not agree with those of the Treasury. The receipts between the 1st January and 31st December include the balances due on sales made within the last three months of 1881, which became due in the early part of 1882, and exclude the greater part of the balances of the corresponding portion of the year 1882, and which became due in 1883.

Schedule VII is supplementary to Schedules I and II, and shows concisely the towns and villages wherein the alienations were effected.

Schedules VIII and IX show the number of Volunteer Land Order applications, and how they were disposed of, and also the particular land districts within which they were made. In 1881 there were 179 applications received, of which thirty-one were declared void. In 1882 there were only eighty-three received, and twenty-one refused. The number of Volunteer Land Orders at present afloat and unsatisfied, and the few that will hereafter become available, will together make only an inconsiderable total; so that this method of alienating the land may be expected to cease at an early date.

Schedule X shows the land applied for in consideration of improvements, under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, by pastoral tenants, the holders of pre-emptive leases, and the occupants (under miners' rights and business licenses) of land on gold-fields, and is intended to exhibit the result of the action taken in all cases of the kind referred to; the area gazetted during the first nine and last three months of the year being shown separately, there being no necessity for those approved during the latter period being completed till the following year, when the amount then received will be shown. The number of applications received and the area applied for during the years 1881 and 1882 will appear thus:—

		a.	r.	p.
1881 ...	1,455 applications for	235,045	3	20
1882 ...	2,153 ,,	441,554	0	38

showing an increase for 1882 of 698 applications, for 206,508a. 1r. 18p.

This large increase of applications was caused, it is believed, from an anxiety on the part of Crown lessees to protect their improvements by purchase before the proposed new land legislation might put a stop to such sales. Although there was such a large increase in the number of applications, the sales amounted only to 165,030a. 2r. 14p., realizing £175,236 18s. 4d., exclusive of £616 6s. 5d. by way of fines, as against 474,098a. 3r. 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ p. sold in 1881, for £487,694 17s. 9d., exclusive of fines amounting to £1,618 2s. 2d. The sales of the latter year were far above the average.

Schedule XI exhibits an analysis of the average prices of land so sold, from which it appears that the amount obtained for town and country land shows an increase, but for suburban land a slight decrease; the figures for the two years standing as follows:—

		a.	r.	p.	realizing	£	s.	d.	per acre.
Town	1881 sold	22	0	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	realizing	26	18	10	
	1882 "	16	1	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	30	11	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	"
Suburban	1881 "	478	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4	1	10	"
	1882 "	149	0	35	"	3	15	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	"
Country	1881 "	473,598	2	22	"	1	0	5	"
	1882 "	164,865	0	38 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"

Schedule XII shows the alienations under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

The Treasury having included in its returns the amounts of £3,560 0s. 2d. from special purchases £336 from conditionally improved purchases under the 31st clause of 39th Victoria No. 13, and £197 1s. 11d. from sales made under the Crown Land Purchases Validation Act of 1881, accounts for the apparent discrepancy in the total received during the year and credited to the item of improvement purchases, &c., in the Treasury accounts.

Schedule XIII specifies the various dedications for religious purposes, for recreation, and other public purposes. The dedications for religious purposes were in satisfaction of promises made prior to the 11th May, 1880, the date of the first resolution of the Legislative Assembly prohibiting such grants in the future. In addition to the dedications for Public Schools mentioned in the Schedule, temporary reservations of lands in areas not exceeding 40 acres, when available and required, are also made for paddocks in connection with Public School sites.

Under the Public Railway Resumption Act of 1874, the following resumptions have been made during the year:—

		a.	r.	p.
Nyngan to Bourke	1 portion containing	6	0	0
Macdonald Town to Coal Cliff	6 portions	34	1	22
Glen Innes to Tenterfield	16 "	63	3	32
Narrandera to Jerilderie	35 "	206	2	36

There were eighty conflicting cases dealt with by appraisal, being chiefly disputes between lessees and conditional purchasers as to the value of improvements, against eighty-three for 1881, showing a decrease of three.

His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council approved of 2,033 cases dealing with reservations from sale and lease, temporary commons, designs of towns and villages, the alteration of such designs, sites for cemeteries, the appointment of trustees for recreation reserves, cemeteries, &c., as against 2,150 in 1881, showing a decrease of 117

Packets containing 14,195 copies of 1,249 lithographs were forwarded to the Crown Lands Agents for sale, and 216 packets of district maps were sent to the same officers for their own use. There were also sent to the Lands Agents during the same period 121 packets, containing 2,627 tracings of reserves, &c.

Abstracts of all reserves, dedications, &c., were prepared and laid before Parliament.

Nearly all the remaining applications, under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, have now been finally dealt with.

Schedule XIV shows in a classified form the number of deeds of grant issued in 1882, and the acreage of the land comprised in them. By comparison it will be seen that there were 854 more deeds issued in 1882 than in 1881, and that there was an increase of acreage of 115,460a. Or. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

In the report of the year 1881, I called attention to the increase in the leases of that year as compared with the previous one. In 1882 the lease work, in nearly every particular, was on a level with the transactions of 1881. In the majority of cases, pre-emptive leases are taken up in virtue of conditional purchases, and consequently follow the fluctuations of the latter holdings. The following comparative statement as to conditional purchases will account for the variation in the number of leases in the different years mentioned:—

SUMMARY of Conditional Purchases in virtue of which Pre-emptive Leases were applied for.

Section of the Act under which taken.	1880.	1881.	1882.
13 & 14	1,883	5,382	5,433
19	216	483	763
21	2,737	7,576	7,777
22	249	604	634
Totals	5,085	14,045	14,607

Thus it will be seen that there was an extraordinary increase in 1881 as compared with 1880, while 1881 and 1882 are nearly on a level, showing a marked similarity to the rates of applications for leases during the same periods.

The lease applications received during 1882 were, however, fewer by twenty than those tendered in 1881, though the leases granted during 1882 amounted in all to 3,178, and represent an increase of 382 over 1881, which itself showed an increase of 1,447 over 1880, the numbers being for 1880, 1,349; for 1881, 2,796; and for 1882, 3,178. There were 1,666 cases outstanding at the end of the year. These included applications which had to await survey of conditional purchases in virtue of which the applications were made, recent applications, and others not finally disposed of in the Survey Branch.

In 1882 there were 1,625 more pre-emptive leases renewed than in 1881, which increased the revenue from this source by £5,013 15s. 7d. The auction leases fell by £50 11s. 1d. in 1882 as compared with 1881. On the whole there has been a steady increase of revenue from renewals of leases during the past three years. The total revenue for 1880 was £49,382 13s. 9d.; for 1881, £53,546 16s. 2d.; and for 1882, £58,510 0s. 8d.

The following table exhibits a summary of the transactions for 1882 in regard to pre-emptive leases.

	Applications received.		Applications refused.	Preleases gazetted.		Pre-leases renewed.		
	No.	Area.	No.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	Rent paid.
1881	4,450	acres 4,616,168	1,001	2,796	acres 2,679,057	15,680	acres 13,674,345	£ s. d. 44,633 18 7
1882	4,430	4,537,181 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,205	3,178	2,961,916 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,305	15,401,006	49,647 14 2
Increase...	.....	.....	204	382	282,859 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,625	1,726,661	5,013 15 7
Decrease..	20	78,986 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

In Schedule XVI will be found the number, area, and rental of renewed pre-emptive leases in each land district. In Schedule XVII the same information is given as to auction leases. In Schedule XVIII particulars are shown as to leases advertised for sale. The following table will show the difference between the particulars in Schedule XVIII of 1882 and the corresponding one of 1881.

	Gazetted.		Withdrawn.		Sold.				Open to Selection.	
	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Rent paid.	Lots.	Area.
1881	911	653,630 $\frac{1}{2}$	63	43,669	281	202,214	£ s. d. 1,029 3 8	£ s. d. 756 5 4	567	407,747 $\frac{1}{2}$
1882	1,002	722,123	14	11,242	190	131,717	483 15 7	330 18 11	793	579,164
Increase..	91	68,402 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231	171,416 $\frac{1}{2}$
Decrease..	.....	.....	49	32,427	91	70,497	545 8 1	425 6 5	.....	.....

A special feature of the work in the Lease Branch during 1882 was the administration of the Ringbarking Act, so far as applications under it had reference to pre-emptive and annual auction leases. In the administration of an Act of Parliament for the first time many difficulties will necessarily arise, but in this instance they were increased by the fact that the reports, in some stages, had to be obtained through another Department. In many instances the descriptions in the applications were so faulty as to render it difficult to identify the leases referred to, and in very few instances could any assistance be obtained from the applicants themselves. From the subjoined table it will be seen how the cases stood on 31st December, 1882.

Applications received.	Refused, &c.	Under reference to Department of Mines.	Reported on, but awaiting fees or awaiting replies from applicants.	Permissions granted.		In course of action in Lands Department.
				No.	Area.	
497	71	137	126	44	30,086	119

The Ringbarking Act added considerably to the demands upon the staff in various ways not shown by the above figures. All reports on runs were referred here, in order that preleases, measured portions, and timber reserves might be charted on the tracings in connection with the cases, and the condition of the leases at the time explained.

During the year 1,791 refunds were authorized, representing £4,499 15s. 2d., being seventy-six in excess of those issued during 1881, but representing £958 15s. 6d. less.

There were thirteen returns prepared and presented to Parliament. Of this number ten contained 244 pages of printed matter, three of them being in a tabular form. The other three returns were not ordered by Parliament to be printed, two of these being very voluminous.

The Account Branch reveals that the amount authorized by Parliament by the Appropriation Act of 1882 for services of the Department of Lands, exclusive of the Survey Office, was £79,205 inclusive of £24,702 for miscellaneous services. Of this vote the sum of £77,762 19s. has been expended, and it is anticipated that the balance will be absorbed in liquidating claims preferred during the ensuing year. In addition to the expenditure above quoted, disbursements have been made to the extent of £8,368 6s. 9d. for services of 1881 and previous years, and £1,044 12s. 6d. for advertising land sales, &c., such amounts having been provided for in the Estimates-in-Chief and Supplementary Estimates of the years to which the services are chargeable), making a total expenditure during 1882 of £87,175 18s. 3d. On comparing the present with the Report on Accounts of 1881, it will be observed that there is a very marked reduction in the total expenditure of the two years, which is mainly owing to the adoption of payment of fixed salaries to Land Agents, in lieu of commission on collections, the amount of salaries being, in the majority of instances, voted under the Estimates of the Department of Justice, the officers affected by the alteration holding positions under the control of that Department.

The clerical staff, exclusive of the Conditional Land Sales Branch, consisted, on 31st December, 1882, of thirty-eight clerks on the permanent staff, receiving salaries from £100 to £400 per annum, and eleven messengers and office-cleaners, in receipt of pay ranging from £52 to £150 per annum. On the temporary staff there were twenty-seven clerks and one office-cleaner, receiving from 3s. 10d. to 17s. 6½d. per diem. In the Conditional Land Sales Branch the clerical staff was composed of thirty-six clerks and two messengers, drawing salaries from £100 to £500 per annum, and the temporary staff numbered thirty-one clerks, receiving from 6s. to 16s. per diem, and three office-cleaners at £52 per annum. The field staff consisted of six Commissioners at £500 per annum, and fourteen Inspectors at £350. The former receive also 30s. and the latter 25s. per diem as an allowance while travelling.

From the 1st January to the 31st August there were fifteen Crown Lands Agents, one Assistant, and one Relieving Land Agent, in receipt of salaries ranging from £225 to £500 per annum. It having been deemed advisable to separate the duties of Crown Lands Agent from that of Clerk of Petty Sessions, wherever practicable, seventeen distinct offices were made, and on the 31st December, 1882, there were thirty-four Crown Lands Agents, Assistants, and Relieving Officers, in receipt of salaries ranging from £150 to £500 per annum. The total number of Crown Lands Offices in the Colony on the 31st December, 1882, was eighty-eight.

Schedules XIX and XX exhibit a comparative statement of letters registered and despatched during 1881 and 1882, and their classification.

The business of the Conditional Land Sales Branch and the Survey Office has not been referred to by me in detail; that relating to the former may be gathered from the Schedules prepared by the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, which have, however, not been accompanied by the usual report from that officer. These Schedules as finally revised were only received to-day, and at this late date it is impossible to make any comments thereon. The Surveyor-General's report is attached, and does not call for any special reference from me.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
CHARLES OLIVER,
Under-Secretary.

SCHEDULE I.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Town Land under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Land Districts.	Counties	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.			No. of lots sold.	Area sold.			Area not bid for.	Per-centage sold.	Amount realized for land.	Average price per acre.	Deed fee.		
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.						a.	r.	p.
Albury	Goulburn	35	17	2	0	29	14	2	0							
Balranald	Caira	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	83	302 10 0	20 17 0	29			
Bathurst	Westmoreland	9	4	1	36	9	4	1	36	100	27 10 0	27 10 0	2			
Bega	Georgiana	16	10	3	22	14	7	0	22	100	64 12 0	15 0 0	9			
Bombala	Auckland	4	1	2	10	4	1	2	10	65	81 10 0	11 8 7	14			
Bourke	Wellesley	18	9	0	0	18	9	0	0	100	12 10 0	8 0 0	4			
Boorowa	Gunderbooka	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	100	177 1 0	19 13 4	18			
Camden	Harden	2	1	1	25	1	0	2	30	100	290 0 0	145 0 0	4			
Cobar	Camden	38	20	1	26	35	18	3	26	47	6 0 0	8 14 6	1			
Coonamble	Robinson	20	10	0	0	20	10	0	0	92	632 2 0	33 6 8	35			
Cootamundra	Gowen	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	100	378 5 0	37 16 6	20			
Corowa	Bland	4	1	2	38	4	1	2	38	100	21 10 0	10 15 0	4			
Deniliquin	Hume	29	14	2	0	19	9	2	0	100	23 8 0	13 7 4	4			
	Denison	17	7	0	1½	17	7	0	1½	65	86 10 0	9 2 0	19			
	Townsend	66	65	1	31	22	10	2	0	100	302 18 0	43 4 3	17			
Dubbo	Cadel	30	15	0	0	18	9	0	0	16	194 6 0	18 10 1	22			
Forbes	Narromine	30	15	0	0					60	77 0 6	8 11 3	18			
Goulburn	Ashburnham	11	2	3	22	11	2	3	22							
Grenfell	Argyle	20	4	2	38½	20	4	2	38½	100	202 12 6	70 10 0	11			
Grafton	Georgiana	7	3	1	5	7	3	1	5	100	1,029 10 0	217 4 8	20			
Gundagai	Monteagle	8	3	1	20	4	1	3	16	100	26 5 0	8 0 0	7			
	Clarence	19	9	2	1	19	9	2	1	42	58 5 0	31 6 6	4			
	Harden	38	19	0	0	38	19	0	0	100	116 4 6	12 4 3	19			
Gunning	Clarendon	27	13	0	0	5	2	1	35	100	228 0 0	12 0 0	38			
Hartley	King	38	19	0	13	32	15	3	28	18	51 5 6	20 18 6	5			
Hay	Cook	69	66	0	37	61	68	0	37	88	411 15 0	26 0 0	32			
Hillston	Sturt	6	3	0	0	6	3	0	0	100	1,502 4 6	25 17 11	61			
Lasmore	Waradgery	22	5	2	0	22	5	2	0	100	28 15 0	9 11 9	6			
Maitland	Dowling	45	23	0	19	45	23	0	19	100	197 15 0	35 19 3	22			
Molong	Roos	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	100	542 0 0	23 11 3	45			
Mudgee	Northumberland	16	8	0	0	16	8	0	0	100	40 0 0	40 0 0	2			
	Ashburnham	62	25	0	27	47	22	2	27	100	64 0 0	8 0 0	16			
	Wellington	1	0	0	18½	1	0	0	18½	88	427 15 6	19 8 1	47			
Murrumbidgee	Phillip	5	0	3	36½	5	0	3	36½	100	1 0 0	9 12 0	1			
Murrumbidgee	Brisbane	2	0	3	14	2	0	3	14	100	27 19 0	28 11 6	5			
Norona	St. Vincent	11	5	1	34	11	5	1	34	100	22 0 0	26 2 4	2			
Orange	Bathurst	3	3	0	0					100	170 0 0	31 9 7	11			
Parkes	Ashburnham	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0							
Queanbeyan	Murray	10	3	1	34	10	3	1	34	100	11 0 0	22 0 0	1			
Tamworth	Buckland	16	8	0	0	16	8	0	0	100	58 18 0	17 0 2	10			
	Parry	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	4 0 0	8 0 0	1			
	Darling	40	21	0	12	37	19	2	12	100	12 0 0	12 0 0	1			
Tenterfield	Araradatta	33	16	2	0					92	208 18 0	10 13 4	37			
Tamworth	Wynyard	4	1	3	11	4	1	3	11							
Urana	Urana	32	25	0	12	32	25	0	12	100	14 11 0	8 0 0	4			
Wagga Wagga	Bourke	45	22	2	2	25	12	2	1	100	593 6 0	23 6 8	32			
Warrald	Burnett	36	13	3	14	29	11	0	36	54	178 3 0	14 5 0	25			
Wellington	Wellington	3	1	2	7½	3	1	2	7½	84	252 5 0	22 6 8	29			
Wentworth	Wentworth	18	9	0	0	18	9	0	0	100	38 12 9	25 6 8	3			
West Kempsey	Dudley	23	12	1	14	23	12	1	14	100	75 4 0	8 7 1	18			
	Raleigh	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	100	1,208 15 0	98 16 3	23			
	Macquarie	29	14	2	0	29	14	2	0	100	10 2 6	20 5 0	1			
Wiccanma	Young	18	8	1	31	10	5	0	0	100	400 0 0	27 11 8	29			
Wingham	Macquarie	7	3	2	0	7	3	2	0	61	945 0 0	189 0 0	10			
Windsor	Cumberland	33	8	0	33½	33	8	0	33½	100	39 15 0	11 7 4	7			
Yass	Murray	8	2	1	23½	8	2	1	23½	100	422 5 0	52 10 0	33			
Young	Harden	43	18	3	23½	43	18	3	23½	100	40 12 0	17 0 0	8			
	Monteagle	1	0	0	28	1	0	0	28	100	758 15 0	39 9 3	43			
										100	2 5 0	12 17 1	1			
		1,132	600	2	9½	890	449	1	10½	157	2	18	74	13,099 6 3	29 3 2	890

SCHEDULE IV—continued.

Land Districts.	Counties.	No. of lots.	Area.			Amount of purchase money.			Average price per acre.			Deed fees.
			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Wagga Wagga.....	Bourke	21	2,009	3	0	2,262	3	9	1	2	6	21
	Clarendon	10	918	1	0	1,145	6	3	1	4	11	10
	Mitchell	10	1,254	3	0	1,400	15	0	1	2	4	10
Warialda	Wynyard	2	157	2	0	196	7	6	1	5	0	2
	Burnett.....	180	17,874	3	0	21,235	15	0	1	3	9	180
	Stapylton	27	4,945	3	0	5,877	13	9	1	3	9	27
Wentworth	Courallie	4	702	1	0	810	1	3	1	3	0½	4
	Arrawatta.....	7	3,207	0	0	3,667	6	0	1	2	10	7
	Caira	2	416	0	0	520	0	0	1	5	0	2
West Kempsey	Wentworth	9	3,255	0	0	3,300	11	3	1	0	3	9
	Tara	1	635	0	0	709	5	0	1	2	4	1
	Perry	1	228	0	0	285	0	0	1	5	0	1
Wilcannia	Dudley	2	88	0	0	98	0	0	1	2	3	2
	Macquario.....	2	80	0	0	80	0	0	1	0	0	2
Windsor	Parry.....	21	6,425	3	0	6,425	15	0	1	0	0	21
	Livingstone	1	87	3	0	109	13	9	1	5	0	1
Young	Cumberland	5	222	0	0	272	0	0	1	4	6	5
	Bland	19	1,768	1	0	1,946	18	9	1	2	0	19
	Monteagle.....	8	538	0	0	589	16	3	1	1	11	8
	Harden.....	2	41	2	0	69	10	0	1	13	7½	2
		2,240	353,092	2	27	414,700	15	11	1	3	5½	2,240

SCHEDULE V.

RETURN showing applications under section 30 of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, during the year 1882—Lands to be measured and brought to auction.

Number of Applications in 1882.	Area applied for.	Amount of Guarantee Deposit paid in 1882.		Amount forfeited in 1882—Paid in previous years.		Amount refunded in 1882, but paid in that and previous years.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
661	acres. 2,240,480	56,012	0 0	679	1 0	17,709	15 0

SCHEDULE VI.

DEPOSITS forfeited, 1882, in terms of the 26th clause of the Alienation Act of 1861, for non-payment of the balance of purchase money.

Description of Land.	Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots.	Area of Portions forfeited.			Amount of Deposit forfeited.		
				a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Country.....	Goulburn.....	Argyle	1	29	1	0	29	19	8
Suburban	Grafton—Lawrence.....	Clarence	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Cootamundra.....	Clarendon.....	1	2	3	32	2	13	9
Town	Deniliquin—Moama.....	Cadell.....	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
	Grenfell.....	Monteagle.....	2	0	2	4	4	15	0
	Warialda.....	Burnett.....	3	1	0	17	2	7	0
	Molong—Cudal.....	Ashburnham	1	0	2	0	2	10	0
Total.....			10	35	3	13	44	5	11

SCHEDULE VII.

RETURN showing the situation of and amount realized for Town and Suburban lands sold at auction during 1882.

Town or Village of	Town			Suburban.					
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.			
							a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Adelong				4	40	0 0	80	0	0
Arakoon	29	14	2 0						
Ballina	2	1	0 0	2	4	2 35	27	15	0
Balranald	2	1	0 0						
Bethungra				8	20	0 7	76	14	3
Binda	7	3	1 5						
Blackheath				4	88	1 30	192	3	9
Bookham	1	0	2 30						
Bourke	4	2	0 0						
Bowna	20	10	0 0						
Bowra	1	0	2 0						
Brasfort	61	58	0 37						
Candelo	4	1	2 10						
Cargo	5	1	3 24	12	61	1 15	153	14	0
Carrathool	6	3	0 0						
Cobar	20	10	0 0						
Colinton				20	50	0 0	221	5	0

SCHEDULE VII—continued.

Town or Village of	Town			Suburban.		
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Coolamon	25	12 2 1	178 3 0	.....	.....	.....
Crookwell	20	10 0 20	337 5 0	.....	.....	.....
Cudal	43	21 1 3	405 15 6	.....	.....	.....
Currabubula	1	0 2 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Delegate	18	9 0 0	177 1 0	.....	.....	.....
Deniliquin	22	10 2 0	194 6 0	.....	.....	.....
Dubbo .....	.....	.....	.....	2	0 3 30	18 15 0
Eden .....	.....	.....	.....	5	55 1 0	125 15 0
Forbes	11	2 3 22	202 12 6	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone .....	.....	.....	.....	2	4 0 0	12 2 0
Germanton	9	4 2 0	137 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Gilgambone	4	2 0 0	21 10 0	4	28 1 23	69 11 6
Gol Gol	18	9 0 0	75 4 0	.....	.....	.....
Gosforth	16	8 0 0	64 0 0	1	1 2 17	6 8 6
Goulburn	20	4 2 38½	1,029 10 0	25	142 3 2½	4,725 0 0
Grabben Gullen	12	5 3 8	74 10 0	2	17 3 13	35 13 3
Grenfell	6	2 1 20	63 0 0	11	21 1 31	73 7 6
Gulgong	5	0 3 36½	27 19 0	42	443 1 22	1,059 17 9
Gundagai	5	2 1 35	51 5 6	8	12 0 23	63 0 6
Gunning .....	.....	.....	.....	7	124 1 5	311 7 1
Hargraves	1	0 0 18½	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Hay	22	5 2 0	197 15 0	.....	.....	.....
Hilston	45	23 0 19	542 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Howlong	19	9 2 0	86 10 0	.....	.....	.....
Huskisson	11	5 1 34	170 5 0	.....	.....	.....
Inverell .....	.....	.....	.....	11	277 0 0	1,019 0 0
Jewnee .....	.....	.....	.....	3	59 0 9	118 2 3
Lawrence	16	8 0 36	100 5 0	14	25 2 0	89 5 0
Macquarie East .....	.....	.....	.....	1	9 0 0	18 0 0
Manilla	37	19 2 12	203 13 0	3	7 0 35	36 10 0
Muttama	38	19 0 0	228 0 0	7	40 2 30	162 15 0
Murrumbateman	8	2 1 28½	40 12 0	.....	.....	.....
Murrumburrah	19	6 3 23½	453 15 0	6	42 3 18	187 9 6
Mudgee .....	.....	.....	.....	1	18 1 0	36 10 0
Murrurundi	2	0 3 14	22 0 0	.....	.....	.....
McLean	3	1 1 5	15 19 6	.....	.....	.....
Nundle	1	1 0 0	12 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Oberon	9	4 1 36	64 12 0	.....	.....	.....
Parke	1	0 2 0	11 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Picton Lakes	35	18 3 26	632 2 0	.....	.....	.....
Rockley	14	7 0 22	81 10 0	.....	.....	.....
Stockinbingal	4	1 2 38	23 8 0	.....	.....	.....
Sutton	10	3 1 34	58 18 0	7	39 3 10	119 9 0
Tocumwal	17	7 0 1½	302 18 0	.....	.....	.....
Tumbarumba .....	.....	.....	.....	9	32 3 35	91 7 0
Tumut	4	1 3 11	14 11 0	.....	.....	.....
Urana	32	25 0 12	593 6 0	.....	.....	.....
Wallandbeen	24	12 0 0	305 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Waratah .....	.....	.....	.....	1	1 0 1	62 0 0
Warialda	32	12 1 13	254 12 0	40	17 1 10	401 2 6
Wellington	3	1 2 7½	38 12 9	.....	.....	.....
Wentworth .....	.....	.....	.....	1	2 3 20	8 12 6
Wilcannia	10	5 0 0	945 0 0	4	4 0 36	381 10 0
Windsor	33	8 0 33½	422 5 0	.....	.....	.....
Wingham	7	3 2 0	30 15 0	.....	.....	.....
West Kempsey	23	12 1 14	1,208 15 0	.....	.....	.....
Womboota	19	9 2 0	78 1 0	.....	.....	.....
Young	1	0 0 28	2 5 0	3	5 1 0	42 10 0
Total	897	451 3 31½	13,109 18 9	270	1,649 2 17½	10,026 12 10

SCHEDULE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order applications refused in 1882, satisfied in 1882, and remaining undisposed of or unsatisfied on the 31st December, 1882.

Number of applications refused in 1882.	Area.	Number of applications satisfied in 1882. This includes those made in 1882 and in previous years.	Area.	Number of applications unsatisfied or undisposed of on 31st December, 1882. Applications made in 1882 and former years.	Area.	Remarks.
39	acres. 1,950	115	5,649a. lr.	141	acres. 7,050	Of the total number, 39, refused in 1882, 21 were applications made in that year; the remainder, 18, were tendered in previous years.

SCHEDULE IX

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order applications made in 1882.

Land District.	County.	Number of Applications.	Area.	Number of applications refused.	Area of applications refused.
			acres.		acres.
Albury	Hume	3	150	.....	.....
Berrima	Camden	1	50	.....	.....
Brewarrina	Clyde	3	150	.....	.....
	Culgoa	2	100	.....	.....
	Narran	1	50	.....	.....
Campbelltown	Cumberland	2	100	2	100
Casino	Richmond	3	150	.....	.....
	Rous	2	100	.....	.....
Cassilis	Bligh	1	50	.....	.....
Coonamble	Leichardt	15	750	5	250
Corowa	Denison	1	50	.....	.....
Deniliquin	Cadell	1	50	.....	.....
Hartley	Cook	1	50	.....	.....
Hay	Waljeers	1	50	.....	.....
	Waradgery	4	200	.....	.....
Inverell	Murchison	1	50	.....	.....
Moama	Cadell	1	50	.....	.....
Molong	Gordon	1	50	.....	.....
Narrabri	Jamieson	5	250	1	50
Moree	Benarba	4	200	2	100
Narrandera	Boyd	2	100	.....	.....
Penrith	Cook	6	300	.....	.....
Sydney	Cumberland	5	250	5	250
Urana	Urana	1	50	.....	.....
Walgett	Baradine	4	200	.....	.....
	Denham	2	100	2	100
	Finch	1	50	1	50
	Leichardt	2	100	.....	.....
Warialda	Arrawatta	2	100	.....	.....
	Burnett	1	50	.....	.....
	Stapylton	3	150	3	150
Wentworth	Tara	1	50	.....	.....
	Total	83	4,150	21	1,050

Main table with columns: County, Land District, Number of applications made and area applied for during 1882, Total number of applications and area applied for in each County, including Land Districts, Number of and area represented by applications refused during 1882, which have been reduced, Number of and area represented by applications refused in 1882, though during previous years, Total number of and area represented by applications refused during 1882, Number of and area represented by cases referred to the Valuation Department for valuation of land applied for during that and previous years, Number of portions gazetted during the first nine months of 1882, for payment of purchase money, Class of land, Area gazetted and amount called for during the first nine months of 1882, Number of portions gazetted during the last quarter of 1882 for payment of purchase money, area gazetted, and amount called for, Total number of portions gazetted for payment of purchase money, area gazetted, and total amount called for during 1882, Total number of portions purchased in each County, area purchased, and amount paid, exclusive of penalties, during 1882, Total number of portions in the Land Districts, included within the County, area purchased, and amount paid, exclusive of penalties, during 1882, Penalties, Total amount paid.

Table with columns for County, Land District, and various numerical data points representing land area, applications, and financial details. Includes a 'Total' row at the bottom.

SCHEDULE XI.

ANALYSIS of Land sold in virtue of Improvements.

	Area.			Amount.			Average Price per acre, exclusive of Fines.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town	16	1	20½	500	19	6	30	11	9½
Suburban	149	0	35	569	3	11	3	15	11½
Country	164,865	0	38½	174,166	14	11	1	1	1½

SCHEDULE XII.

LAND alienated under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Clause.	Area purchased.			Amount paid exclusive of penalties.			Penalties.			Total.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
9th	13	1	20½	2,219	0	0	.....	.....	.....	2,219	0	0
10th	15	2	14	483	10	0	2	2	0	485	12	0
11th	16	3	1	65	8	2	.....	.....	.....	65	8	2
12th	4	1	1	790	0	0	.....	.....	.....	790	0	0
	49	3	36½	3,557	18	2	2	2	0	3,560	0	2

SCHEDULE XIII.

DEDICATIONS for Religious and Public Purposes.

Purposes.	No. of Grants.	Area granted.		Purposes.	No. of Grants.	Area granted.	
		a.	r. p.			a.	r. p.
<i>Public Purposes—</i>				<i>Religious Purposes—</i>			
Recreation	18	1,593	1 34	Church of England	10	13	2 2½
Public Schools	83	167	1 7½	Roman Catholic	6	6	3 32
General Cemeteries	16	115	2 38½	Wesleyan	3	3	2 20
Pastoral Associations	5	41	3 14	Presbyterian (General Assembly, New South Wales)	2	2	3 26
Hospitals	2	7	1 8	Primitive Methodists	1	0	1 39
Market Reserve	1	5	0 0				
Sites for Town Halls and Municipal Buildings	7	3	2 1½		22	27	2 21
Mechanics Institutes	7	2	3 25½				
Site for High School	1	1	3 12	Number of Grants	166		
Schools of Arts	3	1	2 0	Total—Public Purposes		1,941	2 7
Permanent Commonage	1	1	0 26	Total—Religious Purposes		27	2 21
	144	1,941	2 7	General Total		1,969	0 28

SCHEDULE XIV.

RETURN showing the number of Deeds of Grant prepared during the year 1882.

No. of Deeds of Grant.	Area.			Mode of Alienation.
	a.	r.	p.	
4,430	565,714	0	11½	Sale by auction—23rd clause, Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861.
2,123	345,608	3	10	After auction selections—25th clause of Lands Acts Further Amendment Act 1880.
1,809	212,854	3	37½	Purchases in virtue of improvements and of intended improvements—2nd and 31st clauses of Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875.
1,098	140,425	3	17	Conditional purchases—13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861.
62	387	0	5	Purchases under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861.
108	5,649	1	0	Volunteer Land Order.
296	2,701	3	33½	Dedications under the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861 and 32nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875.
8	735	0	0	Purchases under 40 Vic. No. 14, Schedule A.
9,934	1,274,076	3	34½	

SCHEDULE XVI.

RETURN of Pre-emptive Leases renewed for the year 1882.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Albury	385	314,957	1,018 10 10	Lithgow	140	81,212	282 7 9
Armidale	533	383,308	1,239 7 7	Maitland	4	1,885	6 17 6
Balranald	156	173,318	573 18 1	Manning River	42	18,878	66 3 3
Bathurst	482	246,391	860 13 6	Macleay River	18	12,031	39 0 0
Bega	7	2,180	9 6 3	Mitchell	56	56,410	183 2 6
Berrima	50	24,545	54 15 3	Molong	298	221,726	720 13 4
Bingera	100	91,605	294 12 2	Morac	527	640,732	2,048 16 3
Bombala	165	125,295	407 12 7	Mudgee	255	148,281	498 11 3
Bourke	55	72,210	222 14 5	Murrurundi	168	114,618	368 15 10
Braidwood	225	129,537	436 10 10	Muswellbrook	32	18,194	58 3 2
Brisbane Water	6	1,836	6 15 0	Narandera	114	152,857	482 8 9
Brewarrina	105	99,806	314 19 6	Narrabri	335	502,330	1,586 11 7
Bronlee	32	14,794	51 15 6	Newcastle			
Burrowa	406	237,565	792 18 11	Orange	81	55,877	184 9 0
Campbelltown				Parramatta			
Camden	42	14,318	55 13 2	Paterson	118	77,622	248 3 2
Carcoar	401	230,590	783 17 8	Parkes	119	127,859	398 10 11
Cassilis	506	359,682	1,109 4 5	Patrick's Plains	134	85,548	272 3 10
Casino	152	132,442	427 19 6	Penrith			
Cobar	19	19,686	63 9 3	Port Macquarie	22	11,561	39 19 6
Condobolin	113	140,137	444 8 11	Port Stephens	59	28,771	105 10 4
Cooma	808	472,910	1,580 0 9	Queanbeyan	378	246,298	801 1 2
Coonabarabran	199	168,394	536 16 10	Raymond Terrace	9	7,332	23 5 8
Coonamble	455	562,366	1,787 0 7	Rylstone	145	123,479	395 0 1
Cootamundra	132	121,606	393 5 8	Seone	319	257,707	817 2 6
Corowa	84	123,047	395 4 9	Shoalhaven	24	16,464	54 9 4
Cowra	245	205,632	659 7 8	Tamworth	317	252,399	803 4 1
Deniliquin	258	236,393	751 13 7	Tenterfield	173	116,672	383 3 5
Dowling	3	4,430	14 0 0	Tumut	272	150,667	503 13 6
Dubbo	764	864,512	2,756 10 4	Tweed River	2	1,521	4 15 2
Dungog	27	15,345	50 4 5	Urana	209	306,507	971 1 7
Eden	40	27,997	90 4 5	Wagga Wagga	533	516,868	1,638 1 0
Forbes	287	314,518	996 17 11	Walcha	143	119,163	383 3 4
Glen Innes	197	137,434	446 14 1	Walgett	178	217,876	700 15 5
Goulburn	676	327,776	1,137 16 2	Warialda	383	434,271	1,381 10 4
Grafton	86	63,642	206 14 4	Wellington	351	234,703	775 1 7
Grenfell	253	241,906	769 15 0	Wentworth	103	132,555	424 1 11
Gundagai	198	132,703	431 2 5	Windsor	6	1,964	7 11 11
Gunnedah	393	454,626	1,430 5 8	Wollombi	17	6,393	23 7 9
Gunning	297	146,995	505 6 8	Wollongong			
Hay	838	1,489,429	4,667 7 5	Yass	230	153,272	510 12 0
Hillston	288	490,998	1,539 13 8	Young	110	86,538	277 16 5
Inverell	402	239,112	793 15 6				
Kiama					17,305	15,401,006	49,647 14 2
Lismore	11	7,992	23 8 11				

SCHEDULE XVII.

RETURN of Auction Leases renewed for the year 1882.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Albury	13	12,030	42 12 2	Dowling	3	1,920	6 0 0
Armidale	18	10,550	30 12 10	Dubbo	7	4,480	14 0 0
Balranald	3	2,910	18 4 0	Dungog	3	2,550	7 19 5
Bathurst	216	229,311	782 4 4	Eden	1	860	2 14 0
Bega				Forbes	9	8,730	39 0 4
Berrima	46	33,890	112 11 9	Glen Innes			
Bingera	3	1,240	4 2 6	Goulburn	121	97,270	312 6 2
Bombala	6	5,640	17 12 6	Grafton	71	48,932	152 19 1
Bourke				Grenfell	4	1,396	5 10 0
Braidwood	39	29,370	102 19 0	Gundagai			
Brisbane Water	2	1,920	6 0 0	Gunnedah	3	1,340	4 16 11
Brewarrina	1	1,920	6 0 0	Gunning	115	82,750	299 2 0
Broulee	3	2,280	7 2 6	Hay	6	8,222	26 1 6
Burrowa	152	111,224	402 15 9	Hillston	1	640	11 0 0
Campbelltown				Inverell	22	7,849	29 6 4
Camden	154	114,480	361 18 11	Kiama			
Carcoar	464	333,067	1,090 3 0	Lismore	13	8,800	27 10 4
Cassilis	258	177,028	607 18 7	Lithgow	224	157,270	511 19 7
Casino				Liverpool			
Cobar				Maitland	4	3,700	11 12 0
Condobolin	13	8,960	28 17 1	Manning River	30	23,070	72 3 1
Cooma	4	1,660	7 10 0	Macleay River	28	18,960	59 5 3
Coonabarabran	12	7,885	25 5 10	Mitchell			
Coonamble	6	4,424	13 16 7	Molong	3	5,550	17 6 11
Cootamundra	3	3,310	10 5 8	Morac	1	960	3 0 0
Corowa	8	3,901	12 10 9	Mudgee	149	106,210	357 19 9
Cowra	32	25,417	79 17 2	Murrurundi	16	10,140	31 14 0
Deniliquin	10	8,040	25 2 7	Muswellbrook	5	2,396	8 6 0

SCHEDULE XVII--continued.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Narandera	2	673	2 3 9	Tenterfield .....	...	...	...
Narrabri	1	340	1 1 4	Tamut .....	...	...	...
Newcastle .....	...	...	...	Tweed River	2	1,280	4 0 0
Orange	88	64,066	201 9 10	Urana .....	...	...	...
Parramatta .....	...	...	...	Wagga Wagga	5	3,660	120 5 0
Paterson	3	1,830	5 14 5	Walcha .....	...	...	...
Parkes .....	...	...	...	Walgett .....	...	...	...
Patrick's Plains	35	22,895	74 15 0	Warialda	1	200	1 0 0
Penrith	19	12,720	39 15 0	Wellington	480	362,300	1,275 8 2
Port Macquarie	41	30,110	111 3 5	Wentworth .....	...	...	...
Port Stephens	107	86,540	272 14 8	Windsor	11	7,040	22 0 0
Queanbeyan	35	26,750	105 11 0	Wollombi	5	3,200	10 0 0
Raymond Terrace	3	1,920	6 0 0	Wollongong .....	...	...	...
Rylstone	167	115,679	363 9 5	Yass	51	35,830	122 12 0
Scone	82	59,000	190 4 6	Young .....	...	...	...
Shoalhaven	33	23,230	79 12 4				
Tamworth	21	11,740	45 10 6				
					3,497	2,605,455	£8,862 6 6

SCHEDULE XVIII.

RETURN of Leases advertised for Sale by Auction during the year 1882.

District.	Gazetted.		Withdrawn.		Sold.				Open to Selection.	
	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Rent paid.	Lots.	Area.
		acres.		acres.		acres.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		acres.
Albury .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armidale	6	3,860	...	...	2	3,070	5 16 6	4 16 0	4	790
Balranald .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bathurst	5	3,520	...	...	5	3,520	11 0 0	11 0 0	...	...
Bega .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berrima .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bingera .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bombala	1	360	...	...	1	360	1 2 6	0 11 3	...	...
Bourke .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Braidwood	77	57,440	...	...	2	1,600	5 0 0	3 15 0	75	55,840
Brisbane Water .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brewarrina	1	1,920	...	...	1	1,920	6 0 0	6 0 0	...	...
Broulee	107	83,590	...	...	...	...	...	...	107	83,590
Burrowa	6	3,360	...	...	5	3,210	24 9 8	23 15 4	1	150
Camden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Campbelltown	31	24,030	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	24,030
Carcoar	5	3,060	...	...	2	1,620	5 1 3	3 11 3	3	1,440
Cassilis	28	19,563	...	...	1	640	2 0 0	1 0 0	27	18,923
Casino .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cobar .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Condobolin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coona	2	900	...	...	2	900	4 10 0	4 10 0	...	...
Coonabarabran	3	512	...	...	1	212	1 0 0	0 10 0	2	300
Coonamble .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cootamundra	2	1,920	...	...	2	1,920	5 18 0	2 19 0	...	...
Corowa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cowra	2	1,180	1	540	...	...	...	...	1	640
Deniliquin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dowling	197	146,800	...	...	1	640	2 0 0	1 0 0	196	146,160
Dubbo	1	1,920	1	1,920	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dungog .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forbes	3	2,160	2	1,440	1	720	2 5 0	2 5 0	...	...
Glen Innes	1	320	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	320
Coulburn	21	16,490	1	1,200	12	9,180	32 4 2	22 6 0	8	6,110
Grafton	23	15,540	...	...	20	13,640	42 12 7	42 12 7	3	1,900
Grenfell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gundagai .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gunnedah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gunning	3	900	...	...	3	900	4 0 0	4 0 0	...	...
Hay	1	2,880	...	...	1	2,880	9 0 0	9 0 0	...	...
Hillston .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inverell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kiama .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lithgow	19	12,100	4	3,110	8	4,650	24 19 5	15 19 5	7	4,340
Lismore .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool	10	8,150	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	8,150
Maitland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manning River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macleay River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Molong	2	740	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	740
Morree	2	1,340	...	...	1	960	3 0 0	1 10 0	1	380
Mudgee	7	5,200	...	...	4	3,560	11 2 7	5 11 5	3	1,640
Murrurundi	6	3,160	...	...	6	3,160	13 9 10	6 14 11	...	...

SCHEDULE XVIII—continued.

District.	Gazetted.		Withdrawn.		Sold.				Open to Selection.	
	Lots.	Area	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Rent paid.	Lots.	Area.
Muswellbrook	3	acres. 696	...	acres.	2	acres. 476	£ s. d. 2 6 0	£ s. d. 1 3 0	1	acres. 220
Narandera	1	340	...	.....	1	340	1 1 4	0 10 8	...	.....
Narrabri	3	1,836	...	.....	1	576	1 16 0	1 16 0	2	1,260
Newcastle .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Orange	32	23,890	...	.....	16	10,585	33 1 9	27 2 8	16	13,305
Parramatta .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Paterson .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Patrick's Plains .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Parke	28	21,240	...	.....	11	8,460	51 1 6	25 15 9	17	12,780
Penrith	27	19,820	...	.....	13	9,880	33 0 8	21 18 6	14	9,940
Port Macquarie .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Port Stephens .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Queanbeyan .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Raymond Terrace .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Rylstone	53	37,088	...	.....	21	15,678	49 12 5	24 16 4	32	21,410
Scone	26	17,150	...	.....	23	15,230	47 11 11	24 6 1	3	1,920
Shoalhaven	130	97,220	1	900	...	.....	.....	.....	129	96,320
Tamworth	22	10,532	3	212	18	10,140	40 8 6	26 0 9	1	180
Tenterfield	1	300	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	300
Tumut .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Twoed River .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Urana .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Wagga Wagga	2	2,120	1	1,920	1	200	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	.....
Walcha .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Walgett .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Warialda .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Wellington	3	1,530	...	.....	1	250	1 0 0	0 10 0	2	1,280
Wentworth .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Windsor	98	64,806	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	98	64,806
Wollombi .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Wollongong .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Yass	1	640	...	.....	1	640	5 0	2 12 0	...	.....
Young .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Totals	1002	722,123	14	11,242	190	131,717	483 15 7	330 18 11	798	579,164

SCHEDULE XIX.

RETURN of Letters registered during the years 1881 and 1882.

Branch	Documents registered.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1881.	1882.		
Ministerial	8,242	8,539	297	.....
Miscellaneous	23,899	20,765	.....	3,134
Alienation	13,579	12,801	.....	778
Leases	7,256	14,135	6,879	.....
Total	52,976	56,240	7,176	3,912

Net increase, 3,264, or over 6 per cent.

SCHEDULE XX.

RETURN of Manuscript Letters and Formal Documents despatched during the year 1882.

Branch.	Manuscript Letters.	Formal Documents.	Packets of Maps for sale.	Total.	Total in 1881.
Ministerial	1,306	385	.....	1,691	1,492
Miscellaneous	4,223	10,374	892	15,489	17,081
Auction and Statistical	1,350	3,900	.....	5,250	8,460
Deeds	166	335	.....	501	638
Pre-emptive and Auction Leases	1,168	18,004	.....	19,172	15,433
Account	778	2,855	.....	3,633	4,831
Total	8,991	35,853	892	45,736	47,985

The Chief Commissioner to The Under-Secretary for Lands.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division,
Sydney, 4 August, 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to append Returns A to Q for the year 1882, in continuation of those appended to my Reports for 1880 and 1881.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

RETURN A, showing number and area of Conditional Purchases made from the years 1862 to 1881, inclusive.

Years	Sold conditionally.	
	Number of Selections.	Area.
1862 to 1869	27,904	acres r. p. 2,161,390 2 2
1870.....	4,471	329,318 1 2
1871.....	4,751	358,682 2 8
1872.....	8,281	749,586 3 0
1873.....	13,417	1,391,719 0 0
1874.....	14,510	1,586,282 0 0
1875.....	14,517	1,756,678 0 0
1876.....	12,654	1,984,212 0 0
1877.....	12,000	1,699,816 0 0
1878.....	12,602	1,588,247 3 18
1879.....	7,540	924,136 1 0
1880.....	8,583	1,147,001 2 39
1881.....	14,220	2,329,202 0 15
	155,549	18,006,273 0 4

RETURN B, showing the number and area of Conditional Purchases for 1882, in each Land District.

Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 18.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total.		
No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.
72	17283	2 0	4	400	0 0	8	829	2 0	172	19961	2 36	5	530	0 0	261	39004	2 36
96	16581	2 0	...	...	...	11	700	0 0	177	17735	1 0	4	1265	0 0	238	36281	3 0
19	9610	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1438	3 0	...	...	...	26	11048	3 0
7	680	0 0	18	1274	2 0	...	...	...	45	2698	0 0	10	430	0 0	80	5032	2 0
36	2701	0 0	13	685	1 0	...	...	...	141	8401	2 13	5	440	0 0	195	12227	3 13
26	2480	0 0	15	900	0 0	40	7102	3 0	37	1906	3 0	9	465	3 0	136	12855	1 0
19	3505	2 0	6	460	0 0	2	80	0 0	25	2889	3 0	...	...	...	52	6935	1 0
77	16544	0 0	18	4999	0 0	...	...	...	221	19964	2 0	19	1890	2 0	335	43698	0 0
75	30720	0 0	...	...	...	1	90	0 0	24	3470	2 0	...	...	...	100	34280	2 0
26	2394	1 0	1	40	0 0	5	310	0 0	72	4023	2 0	22	1333	0 0	126	8150	3 0
39	1920	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	1744	0 0	12	490	0 0	87	4154	0 0
40	18307	0 0	...	...	...	8	350	0 0	12	4100	0 0	...	...	...	60	22757	0 0
48	6890	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	5755	0 0	7	446	2 27	134	13091	2 27
100	19649	0 0	1	100	0 0	6	260	0 0	184	12637	0 0	26	1500	0 0	317	34146	0 0
14	1400	0 0	...	...	...	32	1580	0 0	10	720	0 0	...	...	...	56	3700	0 0
...
51	7234	0 0	4	170	0 0	3	120	0 0	134	10587	0 0	25	1293	0 0	217	19404	0 0
40	9008	3 0	2	90	0 0	1	83	2 0	95	7701	2 0	4	269	0 0	142	17152	3 0
41	9718	3 0	...	...	...	3	120	0 0	95	8947	3 0	3	639	0 0	142	19425	2 0
...	...	...	30	3720	0 0	29	2726	2 0	18	1280	0 0	...	...	...	77	7720	2 0

RETURN B--continued.

Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 19.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total.		
No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r. p.
242	44344	0 0	18	4870	0 0	6	COOMA. 280	0 0	577	50900	0 0	63	7489	0 0	906	107883	0 0
207	83506	1 0	...	.....	.....	164	COONAMBLE. 7648	3 0	105	18266	1 0	4	1940	0 0	480	111361	1 0
9	1041	0 0	...	.....	.....	23	COONABARABRAN. 960	0 0	24	2194	0 0	1	60	0 0	57	4255	0 0
83	32850	0 0	1	65	0 0	...	COROWA. .....	.....	90	13631	3 0	1	480	0 0	184	47026	3 0
33	5663	0 0	20	8520	0 0	...	COOTAMUNDRA. .....	.....	180	14338	3 0	2	206	0 0	235	28727	3 0
68	15270	3 0	19	3220	0 0	2	COWRA. 80	0 0	190	16853	0 0	1	40	0 0	280	35463	3 0
64	26564	3 0	...	.....	.....	1	DENILIQUIN. 40	0 0	13	1776	1 0	...	.....	.....	78	28381	0 0
85	34053	3 0	3	270	0 0	71	DUBBO. 4498	0 0	87	10773	2 0	11	1930	1 0	257	61525	2 0
12	560	0 0	...	.....	.....	3	DOWLING. 120	0 0	13	588	1 0	4	236	0 0	32	1504	1 0
...	.....	.....	15	1010	0 0	...	DUNGOG. .....	.....	39	2019	0 0	5	250	0 0	59	3279	0 0
26	2924	0 0	18	2110	0 0	...	EDFN. .....	.....	102	6662	2 0	4	255	0 0	150	11851	2 0
5	1994	1 0	103	40806	0 0	...	FORBES. .....	.....	121	17771	1 0	5	705	2 0	234	61277	0 0
68	10869	0 0	...	.....	.....	43	GLEN INNES. 2240	0 0	151	14196	3 0	3	152	3 0	265	27458	2 0
83	11707	2 0	13	1120	0 0	...	GOULBURN. .....	.....	230	13973	0 0	51	4011	0 0	377	30811	2 0
69	6582	1 0	38	3600	0 0	4	GRAFTON. 480	0 0	167	10975	3 0	11	606	3 0	289	22244	3 0
26	8580	2 0	90	28410	0 0	...	GRENFELL. .....	.....	136	16595	1 0	9	2074	0 0	261	55659	3 0
47	8630	2 0	6	1330	0 0	1	GUNDAGAI. 80	0 0	228	19395	1 0	17	1593	1 0	299	31029	0 0
100	37333	0 0	...	.....	.....	20	GUNNEDAH. 2448	2 0	71	9887	1 0	...	.....	.....	191	49668	3 0
...	.....	.....	57	5427	0 0	...	GUNNING. .....	.....	211	13624	1 6	28	2037	0 0	296	21088	1 6
25	1290	0 0	14	1360	0 0	53	HARTLEY. 8645	2 0	42	2556	2 0	14	2088	2 0	148	15940	2 0
241	135051	1 0	...	.....	.....	17	HAY. 3638	0 0	41	7761	0 0	...	.....	.....	299	146450	1 0
52	25238	2 0	19	5439	0 0	2	HILLSTON. 80	0 0	10	1313	0 0	1	100	0 0	84	32170	2 0
75	16490	3 0	...	.....	.....	5	INVERELL. 259	2 37	100	11197	1 0	...	.....	.....	180	27947	2 37
2	90	0 0	...	.....	.....	...	KIAMA. .....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	2	90	0 0
5	2040	0 0	...	.....	.....	...	LIVERPOOL. .....	.....	3	560	0 0	...	.....	.....	8	2600	0 0
242	33005	0 0	...	.....	.....	...	LISMORE. .....	.....	463	42065	1 0	...	.....	.....	705	75070	1 0
2	124	0 0	...	.....	.....	1	MATTLAND. 320	0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3	444	0 0
47	4936	2 0	43	4322	2 0	3	MACLEAY RIVER. 260	0 0	134	10866	3 0	36	3426	0 0	263	23811	3 0
1	40	0 0	120	8301	3 0	...	MANNING RIVER. .....	.....	226	11082	2 0	13	611	0 0	360	20035	1 0

RETURN B—*continued.*

Section 18.				Section 14.				Section 10.				Section 21.				Section 22.				Total.				
No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	No. of C.P.	acres	r.	p.	
8	3080	0	0	22	4880	0	0	11	482	0	0	12	2310	0	0	3	500	0	0	56	11252	0	0	
35	15344	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	MITCHELL.				10	1282	1	0	1	358	2	0	46	16985	0	0
68	12474	1	0	17	3682	0	0	7	MOAMA.				260	22725	2	0	11	1552	2	0	363	40724	1	0
164	78842	0	0	...	...	...	...	34	MOLONG.				54	10506	3	0	7	3038	2	0	259	101960	3	0
28	1360	0	0	2	80	0	0	...	MOREE.				58	3625	2	0	8	455	2	0	96	5521	0	0
12	2062	2	0	...	...	...	...	3	MUDGEE.				58	5704	2	0	1	200	0	0	74	8488	0	0
18	1210	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	MURRURUNDI.				31	1655	0	0	1	60	0	0	50	2925	0	0
225	109632	3	0	...	...	...	...	11	MUSWELLBROOK.				80	14344	1	0	3	1101	0	0	319	125978	3	0
39	19583	2	0	11	6192	0	0	1	NARRABRI.				21	4552	0	0	1	100	0	0	73	30467	2	0
1	50	0	0	...	...	...	...	5	NARRANDERA.				1	40	0	0	...	...	...	7	3010	0	0	
7	398	0	0	2	160	0	0	...	NEWCASTLE.				27	3545	0	0	2	141	0	0	38	4244	0	0
8	1090	0	0	19	7765	2	0	3	ORANGE.				30	5174	3	0	2	480	0	0	62	14630	1	0
9	479	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	PARKES.				3	331	0	0	3	130	0	0	15	940	0	0
4	355	0	0	4	515	0	0	...	PARRAMATTA.				12	1058	3	0	1	80	0	0	21	2008	3	0
26	3783	2	0	1	50	0	0	...	PATERSON.				61	4905	0	0	3	130	0	0	91	8868	2	0
7	920	0	0	...	...	...	...	18	PATRICK'S PLAINS.				7	576	1	0	5	758	0	0	37	7012	2	0
13	880	0	0	7	539	0	0	...	PENRITH.				14	782	0	0	3	170	0	0	37	2371	0	0
1	60	0	0	15	1210	0	0	...	PORT MACQUARIE.				16	890	0	0	...	...	...	32	2160	0	0	
62	13266	0	0	9	454	2	0	10	PORT STEPHENS.				263	16893	3	0	5	400	0	0	349	32004	1	0
3	160	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	QUEANBEYAN.				3	120	0	0	...	...	...	6	280	0	0	
18	901	0	0	1	40	0	0	10	RAYMOND TERRACE.				17	1251	0	0	4	160	0	0	50	2952	0	0
3	440	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	RYLSTONE.				5	320	0	0	...	...	...	8	760	0	0	
26	2090	1	0	...	...	...	...	2	SYDNEY.				60	4175	3	0	1	40	0	0	89	6436	0	0
17	1322	3	0	...	...	...	...	2	SCONE.				29	1460	0	0	5	304	0	0	53	3206	0	0
52	7772	0	0	2	620	0	0	5	SHOALHAVEN.				146	13991	0	0	3	385	0	0	208	22988	0	0
53	10898	2	0	2	160	0	0	26	TAMWORTH.				78	7272	0	0	4	1390	0	0	163	22614	0	0
53	9996	3	0	22	3386	0	0	1	TENTERFIELD.				173	15748	3	0	18	1302	0	0	267	30513	2	0
99	17790	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	TUMUT.				123	11147	0	0	...	...	...	222	28937	0	0	
96	44062	0	0	10	6400	0	0	12	TWEED RIVER.				52	8609	2	0	2	459	3	0	172	62193	1	0
									URANA.															

RETURN B—continued.

Section 18.			Section 14.			Section 19.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total.		
No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.	No. of C. P.	acres	r. p.
156	64462	2 0	134	60528	0 0	...	...	...	315	46774	3 36	32	7963	2 0	637	179728	3 36
WAGGA WAGGA.																	
23	4774	3 0	14	3810	0 0	1	40	0 0	53	6277	1 0	6	1250	3 0	97	16152	3 0
WALCHA.																	
40 0 0																	
103	53210	0 0	...	...	...	11	630	0 0	4	1043	0 0	1	536	0 0	119	55419	0 0
WALGETT.																	
630 0 0																	
48	19034	0 0	...	...	...	7	1300	0 0	49	9177	0 0	1	320	0 0	105	29831	0 0
WARIALDA.																	
1300 0 0																	
13	2340	0 0	13	550	0 0	4	244	0 0	98	7554	0 0	...	...	...	128	10688	0 0
WELLINGTON.																	
244 0 0																	
27	8780	0 0	2	1240	0 0	...	...	...	13	1580	0 0	...	...	...	42	11600	0 0
WENTWORTH.																	
...																	
24	1105	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	601	0 0	3	130	0 0	40	1836	0 0
WINDSOR.																	
...																	
7	290	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	475	0 0	2	220	0 0	18	985	0 0
WOLLOMBI.																	
...																	
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	250	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	250	0 0
WOLLONGONG.																	
250 0 0																	
36	4212	0 0	1	44	0 0	...	...	...	71	4377	3 0	3	424	0 0	111	9057	3 0
YASS.																	
...																	
58	22309	0 0	17	3956	3 0	...	...	...	143	20476	3 0	14	1915	2 0	232	48658	0 0
YOUNG.																	
...																	
4395	1269329	0 0	1036	239252	3 0	762	74695	2 37	7819	741120	3 11	594	67789	1 27	14606	2392217	2 35

RETURN C, showing the number of Letters and Papers received and despatched during the year 1882.

Received.		Despatched.	
Survey	10,174	Manuscript letters.....	7,974
Correspondence	10,307	Printed Authorities--Notices of various kinds..	55,000
Departmental.....	36,439		
Total	*56,920	Total	+62,974

* Exclusive of applications and returns, amounting to about 20,000 in all.
 † Exclusive of references under blank cover on original documents, and of particulars of Conditional Purchases sent for survey, the latter amounting to about 18,000.

RETURN D.

	No.	acres	r. p.	No.	acres	r. p.
Number and area of Conditional Purchases selected up to 31st December, 1881, after deducting area cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed .....	.....	.....	.....	115,746	13,590,940	2 0
Number and area of Conditional Purchases taken up in 1882	14,606	2,392,217	2 35			
Number and area of Conditional Purchases cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed in 1882.....	3,236	452,525	1 8			
				11,370	1,939,692	1 27
				127,117	15,580,532	3 27

RETURN E, showing the area of Conditional Selections that have been declared void (and deposits refunded), from 1862 to 1881, inclusive.

	acres	r. p.
1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1873.....	305,809	0 7
Do. do. 1874.....	142,124	1 0
Do. do. 1875.....	189,622	0 0
Do. do. 1876.....	330,159	1 0
Do. do. 1877.....	362,017	0 0
Do. do. 1878.....	290,455	2 0
Do. do. 1879.....	296,661	0 0
Do. do. 1880.....	189,201	0 0
Do. do. 1881.....	246,351	0 0
	2,352,400	0 7

RETURN F.

- (1.) Number and area of Conditional Purchases declared void during the year.
- (2.) Number and area of Conditional Purchases declared void in each District of the Colony.
- (3.) Reasons of voidance.

(1.)

Number declared void	2,321	Area	338,624 acres	Amount authorized for refund.....	£106,242 18 0
„ revoked	17	„	3,919 1/2 „	Deduct	979 18 9
Actual number	2,304	„	334,704 1/2 „		£105,262 19 3

F. (2.)

District.	No.	Area.	District.	No.	Area.
		acres			acres
Albury	43	5,771	Lismore	61	6,293½
Armidale	57	6,545	Maitland	3	410
Balranald	4	480	Macleay River	29	3,080½
Bathurst	20	1,924½	Manning River	6	493
Bega	39	2,560	Metropolitan	2	240
Berrima	14	1,160	Moama	6	1,443½
Bingera	7	1,200	Molong	56	6,081
Bombala	53	7,049½	Moree	12	2,431½
Bourke	2	220	Mudgee	23	1,565
Braidwood	6	620	Murrumbidgee	11	954
Brewarrina	10	3,200	Muswellbrook	15	920
Brisbane Water	7	320	Narrabri	27	5,514½
Broulee	6	677	Narrandera	13	5,075
Burrowa	55	5,934½	Newcastle	3	1,600
Camden	11	440	Orange	5	280
Campbelltown	0	0	Parkes	25	4,657
Carcoar	36	1,776½	Parramatta	0	0
Casino	4	502½	Paterson	1	50
Cassilis	19	2,726½	Patrick's Plains	12	768
Cobar	17	2,316	Penrith	9	1,000
Cooma	157	15,443	Port Macquarie	6	276
Coonamble	86	23,069½	Port Stephens	3	195
Coonabarabran	18	2,045½	Queanbeyan	80	8,165
Corowa	50	17,292½	Raymond Terrace	0	0
Cootamundry	76	7,614½	Rylstone	8	430
Cowra	31	2,090½	Scone	20	1,232½
Deniliquin	39	8,575	Shoalhaven	8	360
Dubbo	48	11,321	Tamworth	40	3,177½
Dowling	10	400	Tenterfield	39	6,004
Dungog	3	300	Tumut	30	3,534
Eben	23	2,589	Tweed River	15	1,230
Forbes	65	13,589½	Urana	47	16,242½
Glen Innes	44	4,789½	Wagga Wagga	84	18,413½
Goulburn	51	4,191	Walcha	33	4,812
Grafton	34	1,620½	Walgett	18	6,470
Grenfell	51	9,581	Warialda	9	1,594
Gundagai	63	9,072½	Wellington	22	2,329
Gunnedah	20	7,251	Wentworth	2	330
Gunning	54	3,974	Willemia	10	1,309
Hartley	19	1,170	Windsor	9	360
Hay	11	2,553	Wollombi	2	30
Hillston	24	6,337½	Wollongong	0	0
Inverell	28	4,241	Yass	23	1,874
Kiama	1	520	Young	77	12,174
Liverpool	1	40			

F. (3.)

REASONS OF VOIDANCE.

Limit of frontage exceeded, 254; crosses a frontage road, 10; crosses a frontage creek, 2; contrary to regulations, 21; deed of freehold not issued, 1; full deposit not paid, 3; freehold not in applicant's name, 1; original purchase void, 82; original purchase lapsed or forfeited, 3; form of measurement applied for objectionable, 94; on account of improvements, 132; through holding another incomplete purchase, 25; made in virtue of a 21st section purchase, 7; maximum area exceeded, 23; within a mineral lease, 3; made by a married woman, 3; non-survey within 12 months, 130; through non-residence on freehold, 13; not a Land Office day, 2; not tendered in person, 72; land not available, 80; non-holder of original purchase, 51; land previously selected, 316; within population boundary, 19; being within reserves, 243; more than one application on the same Land Office day, 48; by special decision, 19; fee for subdivision not paid, 23; separated from previous selections, 197; under the proscribed age, 5; vagueness of description, 147; made in a wrong name, 1; whole area applied for not available, 146; made at the wrong Land Office, 62; land previously purchased, 51; within thirty days from date of forfeiture, 11; adjoins at a corner only, 21; made under 13th instead of 14th section, 1.

RETURN G, showing the number and total area of Selections under Conditional Purchase that have been forfeited each year, up to 31 December, 1881.

Year.	Number of Selections.	Area.	Year.	Number of Selections.	Area.
		acres r. p.			acres r. p.
1864	26	1,666 1 0	1874	234	42,003 2 29
1865	24	1,490 0 0	1875	1,166	126,342 2 35
1866	29	1,658 2 0	1876	724	89,915 1 0
1867	366	23,750 0 0	1877	802	107,536 3 5
1868	357	20,253 0 0	1878	1,075	136,308 0 0
1869	631	45,654 3 0	1879	141	15,510 0 0
1870	180	11,646 0 0	1880	492	66,658 0 0
1871	335	18,602 0 10	1881	557	71,924 3 3
1872	139	9,304 3 0			
1873	288	39,778 1 16		7,566	829,902 3 18

RETURN K (2), showing the number of Transfers in each District dealt with during the year 1882, and the areas included therein :—

District	Transfers.			District	Transfers.		
	Transfers.	acres	r. p.		Transfers.	acres	r. p.
Albury	639	166,778	3 0	Maitland	8	805	2 0
Armidale	311	81,667	3 0	Macleay River	94	10,945	0 0
Barranald	27	12,098	1 0	Manning River	66	5,189	0 0
Bathurst	49	6,432	2 0	Metropolitan	2	90	0 0
Bega	275	50,859	0 0	Mitchell	23	3,910	0 0
Berrima	86	8,241	3 0	Moama	63	22,871	2 0
Bingera	27	5,925	0 0	Molong	320	85,291	1 0
Bombala	124	25,680	0 0	Morée	54	22,260	1 0
Bourke	8	930	0 0	Mudgee	85	8,867	3 0
Braidwood	54	7,233	0 0	Murrurundi	205	55,887	3 0
Brewarrina	6	1,060	0 0	Muswellbrook	66	8,376	1 0
Brisbane Water	8	663	0 0	Narrabri	86	27,666	3 0
Broulee	41	7,579	3 0	Narrandera	69	23,604	0 0
Burrowa	155	36,857	3 0	Newcastle	13	2,586	2 0
Camden	18	1,632	3 0	Orange	118	13,287	1 0
Campbelltown	1	311	0 0	Parkes	40	9,516	2 0
Cargoar	110	19,272	2 0	Parramatta	2	80	0 0
Casino	75	19,876	3 0	Paterson	10	1,155	2 0
Cassilis	91	23,805	0 0	Patrick's Plains	74	9,688	0 0
Cobar	20	3,862	1 0	Penrith	7	2,587	2 0
Cooma	262	70,860	2 0	Port Macquarie	8	430	0 0
Coonamble	86	17,547	3 0	Port Stephens	28	5,257	0 0
Coonabarabran	38	11,777	1 0	Queanbeyan	98	13,337	3 0
Corowa	324	103,504	2 0	Raymond Terrace	3	120	0 0
Cootamundra	170	43,187	3 0	Rylstone	53	6,207	3 0
Cowra	98	29,876	1 0	Scone	103	13,413	2 0
Deniliquin	305	120,103	3 0	Shoalhaven	42	2,928	1 0
Dubbo	202	51,378	3 0	Tamworth	305	68,395	2 0
Dowling	23	2,609	0 0	Tenterfield	45	9,014	2 0
Dungog	11	1,332	2 0	Tumut	106	21,685	2 0
Eden	49	9,628	3 0	Tweed River	25	4,366	3 0
Forbes	185	77,410	3 0	Urana	134	59,475	3 0
Glen Innes	127	33,905	0 0	Wagga Wagga	266	90,651	2 0
Goulburn	119	17,476	2 0	Walcha	44	15,901	1 0
Grafton	111	13,618	3 0	Walgett	12	4,230	0 0
Grenfell	123	44,919	1 0	Warialda	40	14,484	1 0
Gundagai	161	37,451	0 0	Wellington	77	12,988	1 0
Gunnedah	175	65,243	2 0	Wentworth	13	4,484	0 0
Gunning	88	15,828	1 0	Windsor	3	160	0 0
Hartley	69	6,358	2 0	Wollombi	23	1,732	0 0
Hay	60	25,674	0 0	Wollongong	6	458	0 0
Hillston	27	10,795	0 0	Yass	60	11,191	2 0
Inverell	177	41,847	1 0	Young	293	71,003	1 0
Kiama	8	425	0 0				
Liverpool	Nil.	Nil.					
Lismore	347	44,205	3 0				
				Total	8,665	2,134,319	2 0

RETURN L, showing the number and area of cases referred to the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during the year 1882.

District	No.	Residence Cases.			No.	Declaration Cases.			No.	Lapsed and Forfeited Cases.		
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Albury	27	5,263	0 0	116	21,196	3 0	7	1,008	2 0			
Armidale	93	21,271	0 0	219	34,112	2 0	13	1,410	0 0			
Barranald	2	960	0 0	12	2,471	1 0	6	1,120	0 0			
Bathurst	36	3,612	0 0	113	9,097	0 14	6	520	0 0			
Do.	8	388	3 0	50	3,064	1 0	3	120	0 0			
Bega	18	1,311	0 0	53	3,667	0 0	1	100	0 0			
Berrima	37	2,038	0 0	34	1,713	1 0						
Bingera	22	2,479	2 0	45	4,648	2 0	1	320	0 0			
Bombala	36	4,821	2 0	66	9,549	2 0	7	771	0 0			
Bourke	14	2,708	2 0	33	6,163	0 0	14	570	0 0			
Braidwood	15	1,856	2 0	36	1,955	3 0	5	800	0 0			
Brewarrina	12	2,540	0 0	9	2,670	0 0	3	820	0 0			
Brisbane Water	7	390	0 0	23	3,790	0 0	2	80	0 0			
Broulee	7	480	0 0	47	2,823	3 0	1	100	0 0			
Burrowa	56	7,824	2 0	147	16,653	0 0	1	290	0 0			
Camden	3	160	0 0	26	1,404	2 0	1	40	0 0			
Campbelltown				1	60	0 0						
Cargoar	50	5,795	1 0	111	9,760	2 0	2	80	0 0			
Cassilis	29	5,279	0 0	46	5,224	0 0	6	261	0 0			
Cobar	29	3,986	1 0	13	1,820	0 0	2	252	0 0			
Do.	1	142	1 0	4	1,280	0 0						
Cooma	120	17,262	3 0	145	18,736	1 0	5	640	0 0			
Coonabarabran	22	3,597	0 0	27	4,804	3 0	1	40	0 0			
Coonamble	77	25,844	0 0	30	6,924	1 0	4	240	0 0			
Cootamundra	49	13,518	1 0	93	13,126	1 0	1	40	0 0			
Corowa	82	38,488	3 39	56	16,637	2 0	10	1,749	0 0			
Cowra	41	5,339	2 0	80	8,269	0 0	2	80	0 0			
Deniliquin	21	7,933	3 0	34	15,068	0 0	34	11,498	0 0			
Dowling	1	40	0 0	10	431	2 0						
Dubbo	137	49,680	1 0	83	12,637	1 0	1	100	0 0			
Dungog				16	940	1 0	3	120	0 0			
Do.	3	367	0 0	194	5,317	2 35	4	160	0 0			

RETURN L—continued.

District.	No.	Residence Cases.			No.	Declaration Cases.			No.	Lapsed and Forfeited Cases.		
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Eden	9	432	1	0	32	1,890	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forbes	62	20,812	2	0	130	29,705	3	0	16	4,232	1	0
Glenn Innes	34	3,683	2	12	106	13,179	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goulburn	76	6,159	2	27	185	13,738	1	0	8	380	0	0
Grafton	28	2,652	0	35	44	5,617	1	0	2	344	0	0
Grenfell	62	16,304	1	0	76	19,657	0	0	2	80	0	0
Gundagai	6	933	0	0	34	5,447	3	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	29	5,911	3	0	140	14,653	1	0	5	950	0	0
Gunnedah	72	18,428	1	0	78	18,522	1	19	7	999	3	0
Gunning	44	4,307	0	0	183	16,125	2	0	2	80	0	0
Hartley	10	503	3	20	31	2,278	1	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	27	1,271	1	20	193	10,591	0	0	10	460	0	0
Do.	24	2,123	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hay	54	27,026	2	0	15	6,591	0	0	31	6,620	3	0
Hillston	54	19,629	2	0	11	3,715	0	0	3	960	0	0
Inverell	68	9,584	1	0	69	9,057	0	0	8	360	0	0
Kiama	1	40	0	0	3	120	0	0	1	68	0	0
Lismore	84	18,463	2	0	197	15,983	1	20	3	193	0	0
Liverpool	1	44	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macleay River	21	2,060	1	0	92	5,888	2	0	9	529	2	0
Maitland	1	640	0	0	5	421	1	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	1	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manning River	20	810	0	0	65	4,121	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	21	1,128	0	0	71	3,970	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	4	820	0	0	3	531	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moama	5	1,273	1	0	7	1,618	1	0	3	1,000	0	0
Moloug	36	5,227	0	0	249	28,827	2	20	10	562	3	0
Morce	55	21,383	0	0	28	8,730	3	0	4	858	0	0
Mudgee	9	595	0	0	84	4,435	1	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Murrumbidgee .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	9	1,019	1	0	80	11,632	1	0	3	200	0	0
Do.	12	789	1	0	53	8,812	1	0	3	200	0	0
Muswellbrook	11	460	0	0	31	3,287	2	0	1	41	0	0
Do.	13	980	2	0	92	7,613	3	4	1	40	0	0
Narrabri	44	12,119	0	0	46	10,773	3	0	2	563	2	0
Narranderra	11	4,191	2	0	28	10,403	3	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newcastle	5	1,101	0	0	13	1,639	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	9	1,135	0	0	6	279	0	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange	1	40	0	0	33	2,581	1	0	1	60	0	0
Parkes	35	10,896	0	0	21	2,996	2	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parramatta	2	100	0	0	2	120	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paterson	4	170	0	0	52	2,534	3	0	4	250	0	0
Do.	4	166	2	0	51	2,498	1	0	4	250	0	0
Patrick's Plains	19	2,003	2	0	91	11,599	3	9	4	200	0	0
Do.	14	1,071	1	0	54	5,138	3	0	1	40	0	0
Penrith	7	543	1	0	1	246	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Macquarie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	457	0	0	1	40	0	0
Port Stephens	7	310	0	0	127	12,963	1	0	25	1,229	1	0
Do.	10	1,100	0	0	133	13,127	2	0	25	1,232	1	0
Queanbeyan	76	11,942	2	0	214	17,273	1	0	4	1,110	0	0
Raymond Terrace	7	280	0	0	23	2,157	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	11	753	0	0	21	1,982	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond River	26	3,801	0	0	54	5,856	3	0	7	350	0	0
Rylstone	17	835	0	0	80	5,041	0	0	1	40	0	0
Seone	30	1,559	3	0	87	8,668	0	24	16	1,072	0	0
Do.	23	1,324	2	0	47	5,523	1	0	21	1,382	0	0
Shoalhaven	20	1,066	3	0	33	1,518	1	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tamworth	42	5,420	2	0	154	22,494	1	0	11	1,750	0	0
Tenterfield	9	820	0	0	40	5,053	1	5	3	160	0	0
Tumut	21	3,784	1	0	56	4,877	2	0	5	640	0	0
Tweed River	6	1,290	0	0	8	421	0	0	3	120	0	0
Urana	102	47,516	2	20	46	15,002	3	0	2	461	0	0
Wagga Wagga	26	7,195	2	26	51	9,611	3	0	5	400	0	0
Do.	115	45,960	0	0	128	35,183	1	0	2	190	0	0
Walcha	49	13,163	1	0	68	9,222	1	36	1	40	0	0
Walgett	8	3,940	0	0	5	1,330	1	0	9	920	0	0
Warialda	22	6,246	0	0	27	6,146	0	0	2	410	0	0
Wellington	9	1,106	2	0	52	4,976	0	0	3	130	0	0
Wentworth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,425	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	2	960	0	0	2	160	0	0	1	40	0	0
Wilcannia	5	2,104	0	0	2	90	0	0	2	300	0	0
Windsor	2	96	0	0	11	620	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wollombi	8	340	0	0	23	1,085	0	0	4	160	0	0
Do.	13	540	0	0	20	1,683	3	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wollongong	3	147	0	0	3	152	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yass	15	1,616	2	0	32	3,337	1	0	1	40	0	0
Do.	15	760	0	0	53	3,547	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Young	34	6,810	2	0	46	6,551	3	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	22	6,887	1	0	32	6,109	1	0	3	340	0	0
Total	2,928	644,177	3	39	6,447	787,309	3	7	451	56,408	2	0

RETURN M, showing the number of Instructions issued to, and Reports received from, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during the year 1882.

Inspectors.	Number of instructions issued.	Number of reports received.	Remarks.
Barnes Wm. J. ....	...	26	Exchanged with Mr. Gerald Spring, 23rd Nov., 1882.
Carne T. B.	304	559	
Cropper Chas.	792	793	
Davies T. A.	490	608	
Evans Edwin.	379	410	
Franks R. C.	718	703	
Geary H. V.	744	392	Resigned 25th January, 1882.
Harper W.	443	395	
Harris Mr. (L.S.)	44	31	Temporarily employed. Appointed 1st August, 1882.
Keele J.	349	144	
Mulligan F. B.	333	768	
M'Phillamy J. S.	448	828	
O'Hara J. S.	868	885	
Page J. C.	484	702	
Rowlandson J. G.	338	36	
Smith Geo.	259	335	
Street P. W.	526	710	
Street A. W.	64	25	Deceased.
Spicer W.	270	560	
Spring Gerald	552	417	Exchanged with Wm. Jno. Barnes, Crown Lands Agent, Goulburn, 23rd Nov., 1882.
Trollope F.	870	1,253	
Wilshire T. H.	551	168	Appointed to Temporary Staff, 1st August, 1882.
Total	9,826	10,748	

RETURN N, showing the number of Cases referred to the Commissioners for inquiry, and the number of Reports received from them, during the year 1882.

	Complaints of Inspectors of Conditional Purchases; notices of abandonment; complaints accompanied by the fee of £10.	Claims.	Together.	Reports received.
1. Sydney Blythe, Esquire	270	130	400	401
2. H. J. Bolding, Esquire	313	241	554	435
3. Henry Burne, Esquire	417	345	762	581
4. T. J. Hawkins, Esquire	184	258	442	314
5. Whittingdale Johnson, Esquire	464	366	830	703
6. J. G. King, Esquire	381	191	572	608
	2,029	1,531	3,560	3,042

RETURN O 1, showing the number and area of Conditional Purchases on which declarations were received in 1882.

Number.	Area.
6,007	acres r. p. 745,787 1 5

RETURN O 2.

CERTIFICATES issued from 1st January to 31st December, 1882, under Inspectors' Reports, or after inquiry before Commissioners 7,050

RETURN P, showing the gross number and area of Conditional Purchases made prior to the passing of the Amended Act of 1875, and which have been brought under the operation of the 8th clause of that Act during 1882.

Number.	Area.
208	acres r. p. 24,724 2 25

RETURN Q.

Number of completed purchases sent on for Deed during 1882	1,179
Area of above	acres r. p. 146,970 1 30
Amount of Balances with Deed fees	£ s. d. 111,719 5 3

REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 31 July, 1883.

In preparing the Annual Report for 1882, I have thought it better to a great extent to embody the tabulated matter in the letter-press rather than adopt the system of giving the returns at the end, which will in a great measure account for the apparent decrease in volume.

The Survey Department of New South Wales is comprised of two divisions, Field and Office.

In the former the officers are classed as District, First Class, Second Class, Licensed Surveyors, and Temporary Salaried Surveyors; these officers are paid by voted salaries, with the exception of the Licensed Surveyors, who are paid by fees.

Returns giving full particulars as to cost, number and nature of instructions issued to and dealt with by surveyors of all classes will be found at pages 47 to 51 inclusive.

The District and several of the First-class surveyors are employed almost exclusively in reporting on questions requiring local knowledge, and field inspection; in distributing, supervising, and examining the work of licensed surveyors, and acting, occasionally, themselves in cases where the duty could not economically or properly be done by licensed surveyors.

They also keep the district survey offices open for inquiry at all times when not absent in the field, and when they are assisted by a draftsman the office is open at all times to the public. In most cases where such access is afforded, the maps of the local land agent are not much referred to by the public, and when a district survey office has once been established it is found most difficult on public grounds to remove it, although for departmental reasons it might be more effective elsewhere. This, with the frequent applications for additional district survey offices, leads to the question of how far this department should be required to supply information which ought in my opinion to be available at the district land office. The complaint is that the maps in the Lands Office are in arrear. This is comparatively true as regards the district survey office maps, which are charted up from plans in transit to the head office without stopping to examine them, and therefore they afford the earliest information that could be supplied. The district survey office does not hold itself responsible for information given in anticipation of approval, and in their reports the district surveyors continually refer to the satisfaction afforded to the public in supplying such information. The cost of a district surveyor's party and expenses is about £1,000 per annum. As a matter of fact the public are better informed on all matter regarding land in districts where there are survey offices.

In these respects an improvement to some extent is being developed in the employment of technically qualified officers in new appointments to the office of Land Agent.

The other salaried surveyors are employed in duties to which the scale of fees for licensed surveyors would not apply, as for instance, topographical survey examination of country for roads, designs for subdivisions, alignment of streets, and reports on questions of all sorts involving local information and occasionally in the examination of the work of licensed surveyors, supervision, &c. The number being still insufficient for the requirements, fourteen new salaries have been introduced into the Estimates for 1883; besides these, two first-class salaries have been introduced in the Triangulation, and six second-class salaries have also been introduced in the General Survey Estimates for 1883.

In consequence of the great demand during the year for surveyors who have had experience in city and suburban work, and the difficulty in obtaining qualified officers, several of the junior licensed surveyors have been employed as assistant surveyors, at salaries of from 10s. to 17s. per diem, under experienced supervision, until they can be reported efficient. This practice has been very successful, and may lead to the adoption of a grade of assistant surveyors, at salaries averaging £200 and upwards per annum, should the demand for such services continue.

The field assistants or cadets, eighteen in number, are appointed from the volunteer draftsmen, who, having passed the second competitive examination, are sent to assist the salaried surveyors and learn the field practice of the profession. They are paid 6s. per diem, and find their own horses, camp equipment, &c. The number not being sufficient, it is occasionally supplemented by temporary field assistants, and the cadet class supplies the bulk of the most successful candidates at our examinations for licensed surveyorships.

A number of the licensed surveyors were employed on temporary salary in clearing off arrears of measurements, in topographical surveys of difficult country, examining roads or land with a view to survey, in the survey of Sydney for sewerage purposes &c., but never in work that could be done by the licensed surveyors at scale of fees. The number so employed has increased from thirty-four in 1880 to fifty-nine in 1882, eleven of these were however transferred to the permanent staff about the middle of the year; this increase is only to be expected, as it always follows that extraordinary activity in the alienation of lands, public and private, is accompanied by a corresponding increase of the requirements of municipal and other measurements, and in carrying out these, the determination of the boundaries of many old grants falls upon the Department. The majority of licensed surveyors are located in 142 districts (see Schedule A, page 52, and map at the end of report), into which the Colony is at present divided; they are employed and paid by fees in measuring lands for alienation under the various provisions of the Land law, and occasionally on the marking of roads, defining reserves, survey of features, &c. When on such service the licensed surveyor is under the supervision of the district surveyor, and as long as he is able to keep out of arrear, that is, has no instructions unacted on longer than six months, applications for alienation were sent for measurement; but if otherwise, the district surveyor is instructed not to regard the licensed surveyor's customary interest in the local appointment, and may send any other surveyor to work within the limits assigned. Considerable fluctuations occur in the earnings of licensed surveyors—these depending to a great extent upon seasons and consequent abundance or scarcity of feed and water, also upon the demand for land in the districts in which they are employed.

The increase in the surveys performed during the year is unprecedented, and as far as regards the capacity of the office to deal with it, out of all proportion, the total excess of measurement being considerably over a million acres. Conditional purchases alone have increased to a great extent, as will be seen by the following statement, viz. :—

Excess of measurements of 1881 over 1880	...	...	...	100,000 acres.
Do. do. 1882 over 1881	...	...	...	570,000 "

For statement of measurements of all classes see Schedule B, page 52.

The Under-Secretary for Lands.

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The number of licensed surveyors employed at the end of the year 1882 was 194, against 171 of the previous year; in addition to these, twelve have been transferred to the permanent staff.

It is a matter of regret that the services of four first-class surveyors have been lost to the Department during the year through resignation of their offices.

The following table shows the average cost per acre of measurements by licensed surveyors from 1873 to the end of 1882, viz:—

	s.	d.		s.	d.
1873	1	5 ⁵ / ₈	1878	0	9 ³ / ₄
1874	0	11	1879	1	2 ³ / ₈
1875	0	10 ¹ / ₄	1880	1	2 ³ / ₈
1876	0	8 ⁵ / ₈	1881	1	11 ¹ / ₄
1877	0	8 ⁷ / ₈	1882	0	11 ¹ / ₈

In estimating the cost of survey per acre it has been the practice to include in the amount all lineal measurements, some of which, roads and feature surveys for instance, are but indirectly concerned.

Notwithstanding the large amount of work dealt with, the average cost has not been reduced so much as I could have desired by at least 2d. per acre; this is owing to the drought, rise in wages, and supplies of all kind.

The licensed surveyors admitted during the year are as follows:—

Messrs. R. G. Glasson, F. J. Gregson, J. S. Langtree, A. Robb, J. E. Lester, A. H. Chesterman, P. S. Nott, H. Chinn, F. W. Hawkins, J. E. Robberds, W. F. Busby, G. M. Stafford, A. S. Jones, A. W. Stephen, A. W. Canning, W. E. Harnett, E. C. S. Chapman.	} At the January examination.	Messrs. H. P. Cowper, C. T. Arnheim, J. H. Lupton, D. H. Murray, J. B. Dimelow, J. F. Waltham, R. G. Pratt, A. W. J. Foster, R. H. Cambage, W. E. Adams.	} At the June Examination.
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Those licensed under the Real Property Act are as follows:—

Messrs. J. Anderson, J. T. Atchison, J. J. Baylis, A. H. Bray, J. Broughton, J. O. Burgess, A. Dewhurst, E. Ebsworth, C. F. Garvan, E. E. W. Herborn, F. Isaac, J. G. Martyn, W. W. Mills, H. O. MacCabe.	Messrs. J. H. McEwen, S. Nicholson, C. F. N. North, S. E. Perdriau, H. M. L. Pike, C. W. Potter, T. Pring, J. Richmond, R. J. A. Roberts, D. B. Sellars, A. W. Stephen, C. Thurburn, C. E. Webb.
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The following statement of instructions for measurement, report, &c., in the hands of licensed surveyors at the beginning and end of 1882 shows, compared again with the previous year, that the increase of instructions (from 4,984 to 7,622) has been more than the surveyors could deal with.

On the 1st January, 1882, the licensed surveyors had on hand the following instructions, viz:—

Under 6 months date	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,914
Over 6 and under 12 months	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	950
12 months and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
									4,984

On the 31st December, 1882:—

Under 6 months date	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,754
Over 6 and under 12 months	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,053
12 months and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	815
									7,622

Notwithstanding the enormously increased amount of surveys which have been carried out during the year, the increase in the number of instructions accumulating in the hands of surveyors has risen to an extent unprecedented.

To deal economically under the system of surveying by licensed surveyors, especially during the past year, one of extreme difficulty, in consequence of the drought in some districts, a considerable amount of discretion must be allowed in the matter of time for action, otherwise they could not undertake the general duties of their district without a very considerable increase on the scale of rates for payment.

The average amount of accounts rendered during the year by licensed surveyors working on fees is £812, but this is too low an estimate, as it includes accounts rendered by those who have worked only

a portion of the year, and probably a fair average, £865, might be taken by excluding those whose earnings severally are less than £100. Considering the licensed surveyors have to meet all expenses, such as labour, horses, forage, equipment, &c., in advance, and to wait for payment of balances of accounts, there is evidently a limit to compulsion in carrying out instructions that can only be executed at a loss; consequently some latitude has been allowed in time when claims for measurement are not pressing. Occasionally, under exceptionally difficult circumstances, the expense of travelling, or a charge per diem is allowed, but in either case it is special.

OFFICE STAFF—PROFESSIONAL.

Having described the duties, &c., of the field staff, I proceed to the other principal division of the Survey Department, the office. The purely professional duties are under my own special direction, and the office-professional under that of the Deputy Surveyor-General, and represents all the work in the Department not done by surveyors, and may be divided into the following heads, viz.:—Charting, Roads, Reserves, Compiling and Publication, Lithography, Auction, Leasing, Conditional Purchase Issue, Improvement Purchase, Miscellaneous, District Maps, Noting, Diagrams, Descriptions, Conditional Purchase Tracings, Custody of Plans, Sale of Maps, and Plan-mounting.

The general supervision—discipline, attendance, distribution of work and appropriation of services—is under the control of the Chief Draftsman, whose time, to a great extent, is occupied in supervising the various branches, inspecting and dealing with questions referred to him on subjects under his province in Sydney. With the exception of that of the Secretary and Cashier, every branch of the office is subject to his inquiry and superintendence.

The officers of the Department consist of permanent and temporary draftsmen. The permanent draftsmen were selected in the first instance after competitive examinations, and are under ordinary Civil Service rules. In the year 1877, when the strength of the Department was utterly unable to cope with current work, it was found necessary to employ temporary draftsmen, who were selected by a "Pass examination," and employed at per diem, for 5½ days per week, so that their services could be dispensed with, if not required, at a week's notice. I was therefore enabled to employ persons not eligible for the permanent staff, but whose services were of great value at a time when everyone capable of passing an examination found employment.

The number of temporary draftsmen employed is 197, and the work of the Department still continues to increase in excess of the supply of draftsmen offering their services, notwithstanding the fact that I again advertised in the daily papers for more assistants, and all candidates who were found competent were employed.

Notwithstanding the increase in surveyors' work to be dealt with, the increase in the number of temporary draftsmen was not in the same proportion, although there are thirty-one more than in 1881; the same complaint exists as to the loss of experienced officers, no less than sixty-eight having left the service during the year; their places have, however, to some extent, been filled by the admission of eighty-six candidates who passed the necessary examination, but as may be expected, they are at present without experience in official routine.

Further on, under the head of Remarks, the effect of the loss of services to the Department is commented upon.

The officers of the temporary staff are not paid for any time they are absent from their duties, therefore, in fixing their remuneration rates of payment were determined on, equalizing their position to that of officers of the permanent staff of similar grade. In dealing with promotions, &c., in the temporary staff, seniority of appointment has little or no weight, efficiency only being regarded.

In addition to the staff of draftsmen, permanent and temporary, seven permanent and forty-eight temporary clerks are employed in the professional branch, in duties not requiring skill in drawing; they are principally employed in keeping books of entry and despatch of papers, and assisting in various ways, thus saving the time of the professional officers.

CHARTING BRANCHES.

The branches during the year numbered eleven, nine of them being under geographical division, and conducted upon principles fully described in the report for 1880.

The following statement shows the increase of work in the Charting Branches during the year, as compared with 1881:—

Geographical division.	No. of cases on hand 31 Dec., 1881.	No. of cases on hand 31 Dec., 1882.	Increase.
No. 1	208	407	199
No. 2	387	688	301
No. 3	670	966	296
No. 4	483	648	165
No. 5	374	440	66
No. 6	97	517	420
Formed in 1882, from Charting Branches. { No. 7	625	845	220
{ No. 8	689	835	146
{ No. 9 ... ..	.....	143	143
Charting Branches formed in 1882. { No. 24 ... ..	.....	74	74
{ No. 29 ... ..	.....	351	351
	3,533	5,914	2,381

The total number of letters enclosing plans received during 1882 was	8,935 =	17,369 portions =	2,671,676 acres.
On hand, 1st January, 1882	3,336 =	6,574 "	= 863,035 "
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Dealt with during 1882	12,271 =	23,943 "	= 3,534,711 "
	6,332 =	13,084 "	= 1,806,087 "
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On hand 31st December, 1882	5,939 =	10,859 "	= 1,728,624 "

The foregoing shows that the number of cases, including papers, in the branches on 31st December, 1881, was 3,533, and on 31st December, 1882, 5,914, the increase being 2,381; and the excess of cases over those in the branches for the same period to be 2,996.

Plans under reference to surveyors at the end of the year 1882 numbered 1,101, or 176 over those of the previous year.

The number of memoranda sent to surveyors on subjects requiring explanation during 1881 was	2,314
And during 1882	3,080
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Thus showing an increase of	766
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The number of cases requiring submission to a higher authority was, during 1881	5,503
And during 1882	9,685
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Thus showing an excess of...	4,182

The foregoing statements show an excess in every particular over 1881, with the exception of plans dealt with, those of 1881 exceeding 1882 by 311; while the number of portions dealt with is 233 in excess of 1881, thus showing that actually more work has been done during 1882 than 1881.

1881	plans, 6,643 =	portions, 12,851 =	area, 1,443,221 acres.
1882	" 6,332 =	" 13,084 =	" 1,806,087 "
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		311 =	233 =	362,866 "

The area is no criterion of the work done; the number of conditional purchase cases shows the increase of office work; the effect of these increases on the office are treated of under the head of Remarks at the end of the report.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BRANCHES.

Conditional Purchase Issue Branches, in the totals, contrast favourably with the preceding year.

Conditional Purchase and Volunteer Land Orders on hand 31st Dec., 1881	1,919
Received during 1882	14,444
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On hand 31st December, 1882	16,363
	885
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Dealt with in 1882	15,478
Do. 1881	12,652
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Thus showing an increase of cases dealt with during 1882 of	2,826

The state of the branch at the commencement of the year was, for reasons stated in my last report, unsatisfactory; the figures show that, notwithstanding the increase of work, the arrears are less by one-half than at the beginning of the year.

AUCTION BRANCH.

Total applications received in Geographical Divisions	773 portions =	1,169,585 acres.
Do. do. Auction Branch	351 "	= 1,216,212 "
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Compared with 1881 total	1,124 "	= 2,385,787 "
			955 "	= 1,394,344 "
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Thus showing an excess of...	169 "	= 991,443 "
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Advertised for sale in Geographical Divisions	2,665 "	= 505,772 "
Do. do. Auction Branch	4,160 "	= 441,310 "
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Advertised for sale in all branches in 1881	6,825 "	= 947,082 "
			11,583 "	= 1,413,071 "
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Thus showing a decrease of	4,658 "	= 465,989 "
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Re-offered for sale in 1882	161,746 "
Do. do. 1881	732,564 "
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Thus showing a decrease in 1882 of	570,818 "

During the year 200,000 acres less have been offered for sale than measured.

IMPROVEMENT PURCHASE BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand on 31st December, 1881, was	...	...	...	...	...	...	342
Applications received during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,220
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,562
On hand 31st December, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	422
Thus showing the number disposed of to be	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,140

NOTING BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand on 31st December, 1881, was	...	...	...	...	...	...	583
Received during 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,968
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,551
Dealt with during 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,774
Remaining in the branch, 31st December, 1882...	...	...	...	...	...	...	777

The number of portions noted during the year on original plans, parish and county maps, was 16,867; the number of plans procured for noting purposes, 9,596; and 692 cases, equal to 2,400 withdrawals from selection, were noted on originals.

DESCRIPTION BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand on 31st December, 1881, was	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,149
Received during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,897
Dealt with in 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,046
Thus leaving in the branch in course of action	...	...	...	...	...	...	441

being 708 less than on the 31st December, 1881.

DIAGRAM BRANCH.

The number of descriptions received for diagrams in duplicate and dealt with in 1882 was 10,024, being an increase of 843 over the year 1881; the work in the branch being up to date.

MISCELLANEOUS BRANCH.

The number of cases in the branch on the 31st December, 1881, was...	...	...	...	...	...	...	361
Received during 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,763
Of these, 402 cases for charting and 3,161 of an administrative character were dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,124
The number remaining in the branch at the end of the year being	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,563
The number remaining in the branch at the end of the year being	...	...	...	...	...	...	561
Thus showing an excess above 31st December, 1881, of	...	...	...	...	...	...	200

LEASE BRANCH.

The number of auction leases refused during the year 1881 was	4 =	5,930 acres.
Granted and charted	926 =	676,150 "
Total received during the year	930 =	682,080 "

The number of auction leases dealt with during the year was 930, showing an excess over 1881 of 319.

Pre-leases received during 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,017 = 3,723,639 acres.
" " prior to 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	731 = 632,989 "
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,748 = 4,356,628 "
Pre-leases refused	...	...	...	...	...	...	841 = 1,481,790 "
" applied for prior to 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	232 = 192,544 "
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,073 = 1,647,334 "
" granted and charted, received in 1882...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,551 = 2,353,152 "
" " prior to 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	731 = 632,989 "
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,282 = 2,986,131 "

Pre-leases dealt with during the year, 4,355 = 4,550,465 acres; thus showing an increase of 291 cases over the year 1881.

Cases returned to Lands Department for further information and to await survey	229
The number of pre-lease cases in the branch is 161.	
Conflicting claims submitted in 1882, received	9,077
Dealt with	8,920
	157

The increase in the number of cases above 1881 being 4,472.

Interference of pre-lease with auction measurements—the number of cases received during 1882 was	3,213
Dealt with	3,208
The number received being 301 less than in 1881.	5
The number of cases received from the Improvement Branch during the year was	1,196
Dealt with	1,178
	18

The number received being 523 more than in 1881; 13 refund applications were received and dealt with, being 6 more than in 1881; 198 leases were cancelled owing to their being in reserves, being 38 more than in 1881; 3,000 old cases were charted on parish maps, being 962 in excess of 1881.

The premises occupied by the Department are as follows:—

Head office, Bridge-street.

Trigonometrical, General Survey, Compiling and Publishing Branches, Wolfen's Buildings, Bridge-street.

Diagram, Description, and Noting Branches, Exchange Buildings, Bridge-street.

Charting and I. P. Branches, Sutton's Buildings, George-street.

Charting Branches, Foy's Buildings, George-street.

Lease Branch, Gilchrist, Watt, & Co.'s Buildings, O'Connell-street.

Roads and Charting Branches, Gilchrist, Watt, & Co.'s Buildings, Bent-street.

ASSISTANT OFFICE PROFESSIONAL BRANCH.

This branch is of a professional character, under the Deputy Surveyor-General, and reports on cases under the alienation clauses of the Lands Acts.

The same duties were performed in this branch during the year 1882, including completion of action in Survey Branch of purchases legalized under the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Act, 1881.

ROADS BRANCH.

The Roads Branch of this Department reports in all cases of application for roads through alienated land, under the Act 4th William IV No. 11; the alignment of streets, under Act 2nd Victoria No 2; the alienation of unnecessary roads, under section 10 of 25th Victoria No. 1; the granting of one road in lieu of another, under section 26, and resumption of land for roads from any conditional purchase, under section 27, of 43 Victoria No. 29; and granting of public gates, under 39th Victoria No. 10. It is under the charge of an officer, who reports for the Surveyor-General to the Department of Mines, and in some cases to the Under-Secretary for Lands, and he is assisted by two other professional officers, as heads of divisions, and a staff of draftsmen and clerks, who carry out the necessary action respecting the roads of the Colony in two divisions, north and south, and in these branches several improvements peculiar to the geographical divisions of the Alienation Branch have been adopted, and the records kept are in a very efficient state.

The number of papers received during the year 1882 reached 5,317, and on many of these separate and distinct action had been several times taken. The number of miles of road surveyed was 875, delineated by 204 plans, in addition to 31 plans showing 142 streets; 447 applications for roads, deviations in roads, and for alignment of streets have been received; 511 reports from surveyors, irrespective of 235 reports accompanying plans of survey; 256 objections and claims for compensation investigation, and in 26 cases compensation was recommended to be granted by reports from this branch. There are many hundreds of thousands of roads in this Colony, any one of which may form the subject of inquiry, complaint, application for resurvey, dedication, &c., or may be applied for to be purchased under the 10th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. On each and every such inquiry or application the necessary information is given personally to the public, or is supplied in the shape of a minute of recommendation to the Under-Secretary for Mines, and in some cases to the Under-Secretary for Lands.

RESERVE BRANCH.

The work performed by the Reserve Branch is as follows, viz.:—Recommending reservations from sale and lease, consisting of water supply, timber, travelling stock, camping, temporary commons, public recreation, &c., the cancellation and modifications of reserves under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, reporting on resumptions for public parks and recreation reserves; reservations for public purposes of all kinds under the 4th section of that Act; and applications in virtue of improvements within reserves; dedications for recreation and permanent commons; boundaries for proclamation for new gold-fields under the Mining Act; reserves from sale on account of gold under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; town and suburban boundaries; alterations in designs of same; population reserves; boundaries under the Towns, Police, and Municipal Acts, and modification and alteration in mining and municipal districts. The preparation of electoral registration, school, licensing, and police districts is acted upon by the officer in charge of this branch; also applications to mine under reserves and roads.

This branch also carries out the examination of all plans received for auction sale, for the purpose of ascertaining before sending on whether sufficient reservations had been made for public purposes.

The work of revision of reservations in the Western District has been continued during the year by the cancellation of those in excess, and the extension of frontages, valuable for watering places, to the back portions of the runs.

The reserves in part of the Liverpool Plains District have been revised in a similar manner to those in the west.

Camping reserves for travelling stock have been notified along the principal stock roads and marked on the ground where practicable; the same provision has been made in the subdivision of lands for sale.

A considerable number of reserves have been wholly or partially defined on the ground in order to remove all uncertainty as to their position.

A number of reserves for public parks and reserves for recreation have been defined, comprising Leichhardt Park, an area of 24 acres 2 roods 18 perches; Camperdown Park, area 11 acres 1 rood 8 perches; Canterbury Park, area 20 acres; Burwood Park, area 15 acres; Macdonaldtown Park, area 22 acres 3 roods 8 perches; Balmain Park, area 5 acres $\frac{1}{4}$ perch; and Flagstaff Hill, area 6 acres 1 rood.

Addition

Addition has been made to the reservations already in existence, which now completes the necessary reservations along the proposed railway from Homebush to Waratah and Village. Camping and stock reserves have been made along the railway line, now in course of construction, from Nevertire to Bourke via Nyngan, and the other lines of railway now in course of construction.

The large railway reserve made in 1878, situated on the line between Junee and Narrandera, including 80,000 acres, has been subdivided, prior to cancellation, and now awaits legislation that will secure to the Crown the largely increased value owing to its close proximity to the railway line.

Several large reserves have been made for the preservation of timber, to include forests of gum, ironbark, stringybark, pine, &c. 346,000 acres have thus been reserved.

The various purposes for which reserves have been made, and the number and area notified and revoked is as follows:—

RESERVES FROM SALE.

RETURN of reserves from sale and leases notified and revoked; towns and villages dedicated; gold-fields proclaimed; travelling stock reserves notified; extension of Police Act to towns; Municipalities gazetted, and instructions to mark reserves issued by the Reserves Branch during the year ended 31st December, 1882, showing the purpose, number of cases and areas notified, revoked, &c.

Purpose.	No.	Area notified.		No.	Area revoked.	
		Acres	r. p.		Acres	r. p.
Aborigines	2	139	2 20	1	19	2 0
Access	87	33,161	0 0	22	11,027	0 0
Bridge	2	46	3 13	1	0	1 34
Camping	220	99,803	0 0	22	8,579	0 0
Cemetery	2	49	2 0	...	.....	.....
Census	...	.....	.....	19	2,636	0 0
Commonage	2	591	0 0	5	4,647	0 0
Crossing	20	2,177	0 0	3	1,087	0 0
Firewood	4	2,900	0 0	...	.....	.....
Ferry	1	6	0 0	...	.....	.....
Hospital	3	20	0 0	...	.....	.....
Mining	7	62,568	0 0	67	4,917	0 0
Pending re-survey of old boundaries	1	7,700	0 0	...	.....	.....
Police purposes	20	3,501	0 0	...	.....	.....
Pound	6	11	0 19	...	.....	.....
Public buildings	36	266	0 0	4	12	0 0
Do. purposes	6	103	0 0	33	11,375	0 0
Schools, Public	57	1,006	0 0	8	127	0 0
Quarry	16	3,330	0 0	4	1,038	0 0
Railway purposes	43	27,451	0 0	25	7,551	0 0
Recreation	74	16,225	0 0	7	1,857	0 0
Refuge in flood	11	13,067	0 0	4	3,217	0 0
Road	6	1,654	0 0	...	.....	.....
Road metal	4	31	1 0	2	225	3 0
Special lease	21	567	0 0	...	.....	.....
Subdivision (future)	2	917	0 0	...	.....	.....
Tanks	13	20,040	0 0	...	.....	.....
Timber	86	359,360	0 0	36	124,259	0 0
Traffic and driftway	18	16,636	0 0	1	400	0 0
Travelling stock	123	358,159	0 0	135	139,219	0 0
Trigonometrical station	57	7,339	0 0	7	876	0 0
Village	36	44,062	0 0	34	16,468	0 0
Water supply	780	854,607	0 0	433	404,669	0 0
Wharf	3	891	2 0	...	.....	.....

RESERVES FROM LEASE.

Purpose.	No.	Area notified.		No.	Area revoked.	
		Acres	r. p.		Acres	r. p.
Access	14	2,238	0 0	2	182	0 0
Camping	30	17,447	0 0	1	226	0 0
Commons	9	11,361	0 0	2	704	0 0
Drainage	1	11	0 0	...	.....	.....
Public purposes	11	5,404	0 0	3	2,870	0 0
Purposes of sale	4	1,095	0 0	...	.....	.....
Railway purposes	1	175	0 0	...	.....	.....
Recreation	1	53	3 0	...	.....	.....
Road	4	1,612	0 0	...	.....	.....
Special lease	19	6,221	0 0	9	9,461	0 0
Travelling stock	7	3,907	0 0	1	1,000	0 0
Village	6	18,977	0 0	1	80	0 0
Water supply	50	20,806	0 0	28	23,517	0 0
Traffic and driftway	3	1,049	0 0	...	.....	.....

Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS.

Purpose.	No.	Area notified.		No.	Area revoked.	
		Acres	r. p.		Acres	r. p.
Commons, temporary	18	27,218	0 0	41	8,412	0 0
Do. permanent	1	1,026	0 0	...	.....	.....
Gold-fields, open	59	844,613	0 0	...	.....	.....
Do. reserved	18	380,743	0 0	22	58,170	0 0
Suburban lands	10	5,376	0 0	...	.....	.....
Towns and villages	9	4,058	0 0	...	.....	.....
Recreation reserve dedicated	18	1,592	1 24	...	.....	.....

During the year 1880, 9,742 cases were received in this branch and action taken upon 9,630. During 1881, 11,397 cases were received and action taken upon 11,528. In 1882, 11,600 cases were received and action taken upon 11,850, an enormous amount of work with a steady increase on the transactions of the previous year. The number of cases in course of action at the end of 1882 was 250. The result of the re-arrangement of the work of the branch referred to in the previous report may therefore be considered satisfactory; the great difficulty being to obtain efficient assistants and to retain those already engaged.

DISTRICT MAP BRANCH.

The Land District Map Branch has supplied two sets of maps to each Land Agent, which I think may be considered satisfactory.

COMPILING BRANCH—PARISH MAPS.

I regret to state, that owing to the large quantity of miscellaneous work received and dealt with in the Compiling Branch during the year, and the difficulty of compiling parish maps in the oldest counties, such as Cook, Roxburgh, Wellington, and others, that there has been a considerable falling off in compilation of parish maps in the Compiling Branch. Also that, owing to the excess of work and deficiency of strength in the Charting Branches, the compilation of parish maps had to be discontinued in Charting Branches.

Parish Maps—

During the year 1882 the number of parish maps compiled and published in			
Compiling Branch was	438		
And in Charting Branches	171		
			609
During 1881, compiled and published in Compiling Branch... ..	631		
Charting Branches	369		
			1,000
Showing a total decrease in 1882, compared with the previous year, of			391
The total number of parish maps printed and published in 1882 was	1,029		
Do. do. in 1881	1,004		

Increase over 1881, printed and published 25

County Maps—

County maps compiled during the year, on scale of 2 miles to 1 inch	8 maps.
Do. do. 1 mile to 1 inch	1 sheet.
Total	8½ maps.
County maps compiled in 1881, on scale of 2 miles to 1 inch	9 maps.
Do. do. 1 mile to 1 inch	2 "
Total	11 "
Decrease in 1882... ..	2½ maps.

Index Maps—

Compiled and published in 1882	3 maps.
Do. do. in 1881	5 "
Decrease in 1882	2 "

Towns and Villages—

Compiled during the year 1882	6 maps.
Do. 1881	5 "
Increase over 1881	1 map.

Tracings and Drawings by Contractors—

During the year 1882, the number was	5,795
Do. 1881, do.	3,167
Total increase over 1881... ..	2,628

Engraved Maps—

The engravers are employed in adding to previously engraved work.

LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING BRANCH.

Publications issued from this branch during the year 1882	1,670
Do. do. do. 1881	1,575
Increase over 1881	95
The total number of sheets published during 1882	247,616
Do. do. 1881	198,227
Increase over 1881	49,389

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS.

Instructions to surveyors during 1882 for measurement of feature surveys necessary for compilation of maps	410 miles.
Do. do. do. do. in 1881	1,081 "
Decrease in 1882	671 "
Feature surveys. Received into the branch in 1882	748 "
Do. in 1881	2,257 "
Decrease in 1882	1,509 "
Feature surveys examined in the office by computers in 1882, including 831 miles of surveys sent from the Occupation, Roads, Trigonometrical, and other branches for examination	1,476½ miles.
Feature surveys examined in 1881	2,530 "
Decrease in 1882	1,053½ "
Awaiting examination in branch in 1881	Nil.
Do. in 1882	104

The above return, although there is a decrease in the compilation of parish and other maps, shows that a large quantity of work has been done in these branches.

CUSTODIAN OF PLANS.

This officer has the custody of original plans of county and town lands in general use, except those kept in the geographical divisions of the Charting Branch, and receives and records plans from the Charting Branches as they are dealt with. He receives and issues all applications made to him for plans, carefully noting in a record book kept for the purpose the names of officers to whom they are issued, and receipt of plans when returned. Duties.

The number of plans recorded and kept in this branch is 120,236, the apparent decrease being caused by the various geographical divisions taking charge of the maps with which they have to deal; this branch has also the custody of old plans and field books.

EXHIBITOR AND SALESMAN OF PUBLIC MAPS.

This officer has charge of all the plans that are open for the inspection of the public, and those in general use by the office staff, comprising county, town, parish, and environ maps, and for general convenience keeps a daily record showing whether the maps are in his room at the head office or in the branch offices, and the names of the particular officers with whom the map or maps are to be found. He is custodian of all published lithographs, and is salesman of the same; he keeps a book showing the stock in hand and disposed of, either by purchase or issue for office use, for Land Agents or officers in the field or of other Departments, forwarding each day to the Secretary and Cashier a statement of lithographs sold. He notes applications and supplies the required lithographs; sells to persons applying verbally, and exhibits maps to the public. Duties.

A marked increase in sales of lithographs appears during the year, the receipts having risen from £170 19s. 4d. in 1880 to £284 10s. 11d. in 1881, and to £357 17s. 2d. in 1882.

CLERK OF CHARTING BRANCHES.

This officer's duty is to record all registered papers received for charting purposes from the Record Branch, the number for 1882 being 33,348, giving required information respecting such papers, and forwarding the same to the proper officers, noting when issued and returned. Duties

PLAN-MOUNTER.

The duties of this officer need not be described. Original plans and maps mounted during the year represent a total of 19,370; books bound, 40. The miscellaneous work performed in the branch cannot be well defined, but consists of such as is inseparable from the branch. The amount of linen used during the year was 1½ mile.

ACCOUNT AND CLERICAL BRANCH.

This branch employed officers both on the fixed and temporary staff, eighteen of the former and nineteen of the latter, during the year 1882; the salaries ranged from £50 up to £450 per annum, and the total cost of the branch, including rent of premises, was £7,710 12s. 11d. Duties and cost.

The business of the branch is divided into the following heads, viz:—

- Accounts.
- Correspondence.
- Record of Measurements, &c.
- Stores.
- Statistics.

The duties of the branch may be summarized as follows:—

The total amount of accounts rendered for services of the past year was	...£315,925	12	2
The amount of balances of licensed surveyors' accounts for 1881 and previous years passed for payment	... ..	13,542	14 1
		£329,468	6 3
Total amount of salaries and contingencies paid was	... ..	304,996	3 11
		£24,472	2 4

The balance being represented by a percentage withheld from licensed surveyors for services of the year, pending the examination and passing of their surveys by the charting draftsmen.

The total number of letters, &c., written, recorded, and despatched during the year was over 21,000 on professional subjects, and 1,128 on questions requiring Ministerial approval.

The number of letters received from surveyors—salaried and licensed—was about 22,000.

The number of special cases submitted for my decision direct from this branch was over 7,200.

The number of returns prepared during the period was four, some of which were of a very exhaustive character, and occupied a considerable time in preparation; the number is no criterion of the work involved.

The clerks employed on the permanent list have of late years been selected from those youths who have been successful in passing the Civil Service Examination, and who had an additional special recommendation from employers, teachers, &c., as to their capabilities for the duties required. Where more than one has been nominated the successful competitor at an examination held in this office has been appointed to the vacant salary. The annual rate of pay after a short probationary service has been £50, and the conditions the same as those in the Service generally, increases as a rule being only obtainable when vacancies occurred.

In the temporary staff the rates are now daily commencing at 6s. 5d., and rising by degrees to 15s. 11½d., the highest rate paid during the year, the conditions of service having been re-arranged so as to place members on the same footing, as regards pay and leave of absence, as the temporary staff in the Ministerial office, payment being made for six days in the week.

The total amount voted for 1882 was £326,861, but in consequence of the continued drought in most parts of the Colony the licensed surveyors have not been able to carry out their instructions; consequently the sum of £38,487 10s. 4d. was unexpended.

At page 47 appears a return showing the cost of each survey district, the number of instructions issued and carried out, the balance representing those transferred or remaining on hand at the end of the year; the number of instructions remaining on hand at the end of the year is no criterion of the energy or otherwise of the surveyor, the number being affected by the return of instructions by other licensed surveyors who resign or change districts. Following this is a similar return respecting the services of the temporary salaried surveyors; two of the number have been unavoidably employed on duties belonging to the triangulation and general survey of the Colony.

During the year 1882 the system of dealing with the accounts rendered by licensed surveyors has, with the advice and assistance of officers of the Treasury and Audit Departments, been thoroughly revised.

The old system had for several years been found unequal to the demands upon it, arising from the extraordinary increase and fluctuations in the amount of work to be dealt with, together with the number of returns and other cases requiring special action. Under the latter the advantages of its original simplicity were lost in the extra services required to supply information for which the old books were not designed; consequently the Account Branch was constantly indebted to other branches for assistance, to the prejudice of both.

The change to a better system has not been brought about without expense, but apparently only as far as that which was done by other branches was concerned; and were it not for the general increase of work during the year a corresponding saving would have accrued.

The advantage that will be derived from promptitude in dealing with accounts, advances especially, will be found to be alone worth the extra cost.

The present system came into operation with the new "Regulations for the employment of Licensed Surveyors," which were issued on the 6th September last, and therefore only applies to accounts rendered for services performed thereunder.

TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY.

During the year a connection has been made between the bases at Richmond and Lake George. It is, however, a very indirect one, traversing series of triangles, in several directions, for 240 miles; whereas the direct distance is but 140 miles. Nevertheless, it establishes the very important fact that no appreciable error exists in any part of the work; also the angles of the triangles connecting the Richmond base with the Sydney triangulation have been observed with an equally satisfactory result.

In the diagonal series of triangles from Richmond to Lake George direct, referred to in my last report, sites have been selected, stations formed, and the observations of the angles are now in progress; and three out of the eight principal stations in progress, in this series, are finished.

The triangulation of Botany and Port Hacking, and George's River tidal waters has been completed; also that portion of the Lane Cove River has been finished which remained over from last year's work; and progress has been made in the triangulation of the watershed of the lower part of the Parramatta River.

The geographical positions (latitude and longitude) of Warren and Clarence Peak have been determined by astronomical observations. These are two of a number of positions required for the compilation of a new map of the Colony, to replace that which was burnt in the Garden Palace fire, and in anticipation of the triangulation.

By observations made with the 18-inch altazimuth instrument, used as a zenith telescope, and the catalogue of stars compiled in this branch, the geographic latitude of a place can be found within a probable range of error of about 20 feet, and longitude by the same instrument, used as an astronomical transit

transit (and telegraphic communication with Sydney Observatory), within about 200 feet. Positions so nearly accurate are therefore more reliable for the compilation of the Colony Map than those obtained by long and often circuitous traverses.

The position of Lord Howe Island has also been determined in this manner. Observations have been made in order that the principal axes of the trigonometrical survey of the Colony should correspond with the meridian of the Sydney Observatory, as determined by the Government Astronomer.

A number of new trigonometrical stations have been selected and formed in the counties of Cumberland and Northumberland, so as to embrace the route followed by the Sydney to Newcastle Railway line, as well as for county survey; and in Westmoreland and Argyle for the diagonal series; in the latter also for county survey.

The services of some of the officers of this branch, together with instruments and equipment, were supplied to the Government Astronomer to assist in observing the transit of Venus, for which every possible preparation was made, parties of observers being sent to various parts of the Colony. Unfavourable weather, on the eventful morning of the 7th of December, prevented any observations being made, except by the party at Lord Howe Island, who succeeded in getting an observation of the external contact only. Great care had been exercised in training the observers and providing for every contingency that could be foreseen; and it is very much to be regretted that such patient and laborious efforts should have been rewarded by such meagre results.

The survey of the Wellington 10-mile circle (the boundary between the settled and unsettled districts) has been carried on by the Trigonometrical Branch, it being of such extent and importance that it was considered rather as a geodetic question than one of ordinary survey, and, during the latter part of the year, 42 miles have been chained and re-chained, and 135 angles (each with 4 repeats) have been measured in connection therewith. During the year the angles have been observed at 191 stations, and 1,361 stations have been observed too (this includes observations to same station from two or more others), 261 new stations have been selected and formed.

The present urgent demand for reference points and bearings connected with the trigonometrical survey in various localities renders it impossible to follow a regular scheme and complete the work as the survey advances, consequently the progress made can only be estimated at present by the number of stations completed instead of by the area over which it has been carried.

The completion of one series of triangles between the Lake George and Richmond bases supplies the data for a provisional comparison of their relative accuracy and that of the triangulation which connects them; this has been made, and has established the important fact that no error perceptible in practice exists throughout the work. The two bases agree within 16 inches after triangulating through a distance of 240 miles; that is west, 60 miles; north, 70 miles; and again east, 110 miles. This indirect course was unavoidable, because the country on the meridian of the Lake George base is unsuited to trigonometrical operations, and triangulating in any other direction than in meridians and parallels would break into the original design adopted for purposes other than the comparison of bases. Eventually, in the course of the work several more direct chains of triangles independent of each other will be extended from base to base. Further investigations will follow, in which the usual equations of condition, solved by the method of least squares, will be applied; but at the present time so many demands for triangulation are being made, especially in the direction of new lines of railway, that further investigation of a subject of scientific rather than practical importance must be postponed.

The length of these bases as computed from the triangulation differ two and three-tenths inches ($2\frac{3}{10}$) per mile; in other words, the length of Richmond base (7 miles) computed from the Lake George base would appear to be 16 inches longer than its measured length; or, similarly, Lake George base ($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles) appears to be shorter by 12 inches than its computed length. These results compare favourably with first results of work in other countries; but as the measurement and remeasurement of each base, agreed within one-tenth inch per mile, also the theoretical error of the triangulation, deduced from the closing errors of the triangles amounts to only two-tenths of an inch per mile (which has scarcely been surpassed elsewhere), I expected one of the closest coincidences known. Of course the values obtained from unclosed circuits of either traverse or series of triangles are never adopted as final. In fact, there is so much uncertainty in the accepted elements relating to the size and figure of the earth and other factors which may affect the result to a small extent, that it is not possible at present to form a correct estimate of the degree of precision attained; all that can be confidently asserted is, that, for all the practical purposes aimed at in the survey, it is more than sufficiently accurate.

By the completion of the series of triangles from Richmond to Sydney the triangulation of the city is now incorporated in the general trigonometrical survey. The method adopted in this instance (where an accurate survey was urgently demanded in anticipation of the main triangulation) of measuring, with more than ordinary care, a short provisional base line, and triangulating from it so as to supply the necessary reference points, and to join the principal work with well-conditioned triangles, has proved a success. The correction which has to be applied to the Harris-street base, to make it accord with Richmond base, is about 1 inch; this is so small a quantity as to be inappreciable in the city survey.

COMPUTING BRANCH.

In addition to the routine work of checking angle books, weighting the bearings of the main stations of the triangulation, and entering the result in the abstract and bearing books, programmes of latitude and azimuth stars, with occultations and moon culminations, have been prepared for five stations, viz., Castle, Gannon, Warren, Clarence Peak, and Lord Howe Island; and the latitude and azimuth of Gannon and Castle, together with the latitudes and longitudes of the other three stations, have been computed.

The true bearing of Gannon by the meridian of the transit instrument of the Sydney Observatory has also been determined, for the purpose of fixing the azimuth of the triangulation throughout the Colony.

In connection with the main triangulation seventeen stations have been fixed between Mount Lambie and the Richmond base (which is thus connected with the Lake George base), and their geodetic positions have been determined.

A series of investigations of the conditions under which the Lake George base was measured have been made, with the view of ascertaining whether any definite correction ought to be applied to its length on account of the difference of temperature of the pine rods at comparison and during the measurement.

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This correction was not applied when the length of the base was computed, since at that time no data were available with respect to the variation in length of these rods corresponding to a given change of temperature. This has since been determined by experiments, which show a remarkably close agreement between the co-efficients of expansion of the three rods used.

In county Cumberland the positions of ninety-one stations and seventy-six intersections have been computed.

The heights of sixty-one main and 106 second-class stations have been found, and in several cases the results have been compared with those deduced from barometric observations.

Twelve aneroid barometers imported for the Department have been tested in Sydney, and at elevations of about 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000 feet.

Preliminary computations have been made for the completion of the 10-mile circle around Wellington, dividing the settled and unsettled districts.

Tables showing the magnetic variation in the Colony since the year 1800, and the mean rise and fall of the tide at Fort Denison during a lunation, have also been prepared.

GENERAL SURVEY.

As in 1881, the surveys in the county of Cumberland have been continued by the same number of surveyors (31), and the consequence is, that a network of surveys is gradually extending over the whole county, and will, in the course of a few years give the necessary data for the compilation of a complete map, upon which may be accurately shown, the positions of boundaries of alienations or properties, as well as exhibiting the topographical features.

The system of carrying out all surveys to a common meridian, as mentioned in the report for last year, has been continued, and with increased facility, owing to a greater number of trigonometrical stations having been fixed in position.

As the surveys of roads or other public requirements call for the services of surveyors, the opportunity is taken for adding to the geographical knowledge of the county, by fixing the positions of the boundary lines of the properties passed through, and many cases which would otherwise probably have been involved in litigation have been rendered apparent to the parties concerned. This in time will lead to the publication of a complete map of the county; but at present there is only a prospect of an early publication of the following parishes—Botany, Gordon, and Hunter's Hill—and of Alexandria and Willoughby after a more extended period; but at present it is impossible to do much more than effect the examination of the work as it comes in, the assistance available (draftsmen) being insufficient.

The survey of the city has been carried on with the assistance of six surveyors, and a considerable portion of Redfern, Waterloo, Surry Hills, and Woollloomooloo is also in course of survey, and the progress made is satisfactory. The complete details of the sections between Hunter and Park Streets have been obtained, as well as of the area lying between Crown-street and Elizabeth-street which is bounded on the north by Hyde Park and Stanley-street and on the south by Albion-street. Details of the greater part of the area at Redfern between George, Devonshire, Castlereagh, James, Cleveland, and Abercrombie Streets have also been obtained. A number of other surveys of prior date have also been completed and brought up to date.

In consequence of the amount of survey matter to be dealt with, as above stated, the production of maps has been less than usual. Only one sheet of the survey of Sydney and suburbs has been published, though another has been nearly completed and two others are in hand. Four maps of the city sections have been prepared and lithographed for publication in the same style as that which accompanied the report for last year. These maps have been found to be of so much use to the public and to surveyors that it is intended during next year, if the necessary additional office assistance can be obtained, to proceed as rapidly as possible with their publication.

Sixteen parish maps of the county of Murray have been published during the year, and seven others are in progress.

The station register now describes the position of and the referring marks to 2,103 points, whose positions have been determined with minute accuracy by the triangulation; this number includes ninety-one stations and seventy-six intersections established during the year.

REMARKS.

Referring to the report for 1881, under "Remarks," page 43, it is stated that that year was one of exceptional pressure of work of all descriptions on the office, and complained of the withdrawal of assistants, &c. It is with regret that I have for the year 1882 to report that the complaint still exists; not only has the work increased by the surveys of twenty-three surveyors, but the office has lost sixty-eight more trained draftsmen, making 174 in three years. Efficiency in the face of such a drain upon its resources cannot be expected, it being a fact that it requires four years' experience on an average to make an officer efficient in all the requirements of a charting draftsman; and until the position of the temporary draftsmen is made secure and more satisfactory the evil will continue. The number of cases of absence on sick leave have been extraordinary, and are unfortunately mostly amongst the class of heads of branches and examiners. Two out of six of the latter are away, leaving only four efficient examiners; one of this class has also been detached specially to deal with outstanding surveyors' accounts, which have accumulated in consequence of arrear in dealing with their work.

The enormous increase in the number of cases requiring submission to a higher authority, from 5,503 in 1881 to 9,685 in 1882, has occupied much of the time which would otherwise have been available in getting rid of arrears, and is sufficient to account for all shortcomings in the higher branches. This increase is due to two causes: 1st, the enlarged number of conditional purchase cases received from surveyors; and 2nd, the number of cases requiring special action under the amended Land Law.

The area measured in excess of 1881 is 1,418,161 acres; the conditional purchase cases for the year have exceeded that of the previous year by 4,610, the increase in area thereof being nearly 570,000 acres.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. F. ADAMS.

RETURN of Licensed Surveyors employed, giving the locality of their employment, date of appointment, number of district (if any), number and nature of instructions issued to and dealt with by them, the number on hand on the 1st January and 31st December, 1882, the amount of accounts rendered for fees, the number of memoranda issued and received, and the date of the last examination of their work on the ground.

Table with columns: Name, Where employed, Date of appointment as Licensed Surveyor, Number of District, if in charge, Instructions on hand (1st Jan, 1882), Instructions on hand (31st Dec, 1882), Instructions issued during the year (Roads, Reports, Feature surveys, Pre-emptive lease, Conditional purchase, Auction, Government and public purposes, Improved purchase, Volunteer Land Orders, Total), Replies to Instructions during the year (Roads, Reports, Feature surveys, Pre-emptive lease, Conditional purchase, Auction, Government and public purposes, Improved purchase, Volunteer Land Orders, Special leases, Total), Amount of accounts rendered for fees, Remarks.

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* Engaged on trigwork. † Appointed salaried surveyor

SCHEDULE A.

LICENSED Surveyors employed in charge of Districts during 1882.

Name.	Address.	Number of District.	Name.	Address.	Number of District.
Arthur G.	Atholton, near Iuverell	2	Irby F. W.	Armidale	129
Anderson W.	Pilliga	15	Keele E. J.	Collie, via Dubbo	17
Blair J. W.	Tamworth	11, 12, 13	Kelly J. M.	Narrabri	100
Barton E. H.	Dubbo	18	King C. W. B.	Cannonbar, via Dubbo	102
Blacket J. R.	Bathurst	25	Lardner E. T.	Tamworth	8, 9
Baylis J. J.	Narrandera	41, 65	Lisle A.	Forbes	19
Bell T. H.	Cooma	56, 57	Lore A. W.	Adelong	61, 80
Burgess E. J.	Hay	66, 116	Lipscomb W. A.	Urana	74, 75
Barling J.	Casino	94	Landon A.	Mercadool Station, via Walcott.	92
Biddulph T. L.	Carcoar	113	Loder G.	Drillood, via Wcc Wan	96
Barling R.	Casino	114	Langstaff R. W.	Gulgoog	104
Bray A. H.	Monidie	133	Martyn J. G.	Armidale	5
Burgess A. P.	Quambone, via Dubbo	136	Mann H. F. K.	Walcha	10
Christie W. H.	Goulburn	42	Mylecharane W.	Bowenfels	24
Conroy J. M.	Yass	49	Myine H. J. M.	Molong	27
Connins G. W.	Wagga Wagga	50	Maitland A.	Forbes	45
Cowley W.	Albury	63, 82	Macpherson A.	Wagga Wagga	73, 83
Creed W.	Mulwala, via Albury	70, 77, 85	Meldrum R. W.	Grenfell	101
Drummond W.	Tentorfield	76	M'Ewen J. H.	Singleton	35, 36
Davidson W. R.	Coonabarabran	4	MacCabe H. O.	Mittagong	40
Donaldson G. G.	Burrows	16	M'Cord T. C.	Queanbeyan	52
Duffy J. C.	Grenfell	43	M'Dougall S. A.	Hay	67
Deighton R.	Bega	44	M'Carthy A.	Coolac	120
Dawson E. H.	Balranald	59	North C. F. N.	Grafton	28, 29
Davis H. M.	Marengo	69	Nicholson S.	Milton	97, 112
Dawson J.	Ilford	105	Nash H. M.	Yass	128
Dewhurst A.	Bourke	110	Pitt G. M.	North Richmond	38
Dawson S. H.	Wellington	111	Peppercorn J. S.	Tumbarumba	60, 132
Folkard H.	Armidale	134	Russell F.	Warialda	1
Fowler H. O.	Bungendore	51	Rae W. A.	Forbes	89, 108
Fisher R.	Coonamble	95, 142	Ronald R.	Glen Innes	119
Farrer W. J.	Warren, via Dubbo	118	Ryan J.	Tronkey	127
Goodwin T. H. H.	Gunnedah	14, 91	Rigaut P.	Narrabri	138
Garland B. C.	Wagga Wagga	64	Sollars D. B.	Hillston	68
Garland B. C.	Cooma	81	Smith J.	Albury	78, 79
Gomm E. T. F.	Bourke	139	Solling F. P.	Moroe	121
Grant J.	Fernmount	22	Scott W. N.	Euabalong	126
Herborn P. A.	West Kempsey	30	Trickett O.	Moama	3
Herborn E.	Wingham	31	Torry H. A.	Wellington	21
Hall J.	Young	47, 48	Tucker J. J.	Newcastle	37
Hosie H. C.	Moruya	54	Tozer V. F.	Young	46
Harper C.	Cooma	55	Tarrant J.	Wentworth	122
Haylock C.	Bombala	58	Vernon J.	Seone	33
Hungerford M. O.	Glen Innes	93	Worth C.	Denman	34, 99
Holmes H. C.	Ballina	115	White H. O'S.	Gresford	32
Hunter F. V.	Goulburn	53			
Isaac F.					

SCHEDULE B.

RETURN of Measurements made by Licensed Surveyor's, including those on temporary salary, during the years 1881 and 1882, and the comparative cost of same.

Class of Measurement.	Area, 1881			Area, 1882.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Conditional Purchases	860,510	3	38	1,430,410	2	2
Measured for auction	818,058	3	37	1,632,878	2	6
Government and public purposes	86,542	3	0	75,585	1	34
In right of improvements	92,560	2	25	138,384	1	38
Volunteer Land Orders	8,001	2	8	3,443	0	0
Linear measurements reduced to area by allowing 20 acres per mile, 3,744 miles. 12 chains 78½ links for 1881; 3,901 miles 24 chains 50 links for 1882	74,883	0	0	78,026	0	0
	1,940,577	3	28	3,358,737	0	0
Total amount of accounts rendered	£106,265	4	10	156,534	13	2
Average cost per acre	0	1	1½	0	0	11½

DIAGRAM

Shewing the progress made in Compiling new Maps
between the years 1861 & 1882

Each tinted square represents a County or its equivalent .50 Parish Maps

(In Compiling Branches)

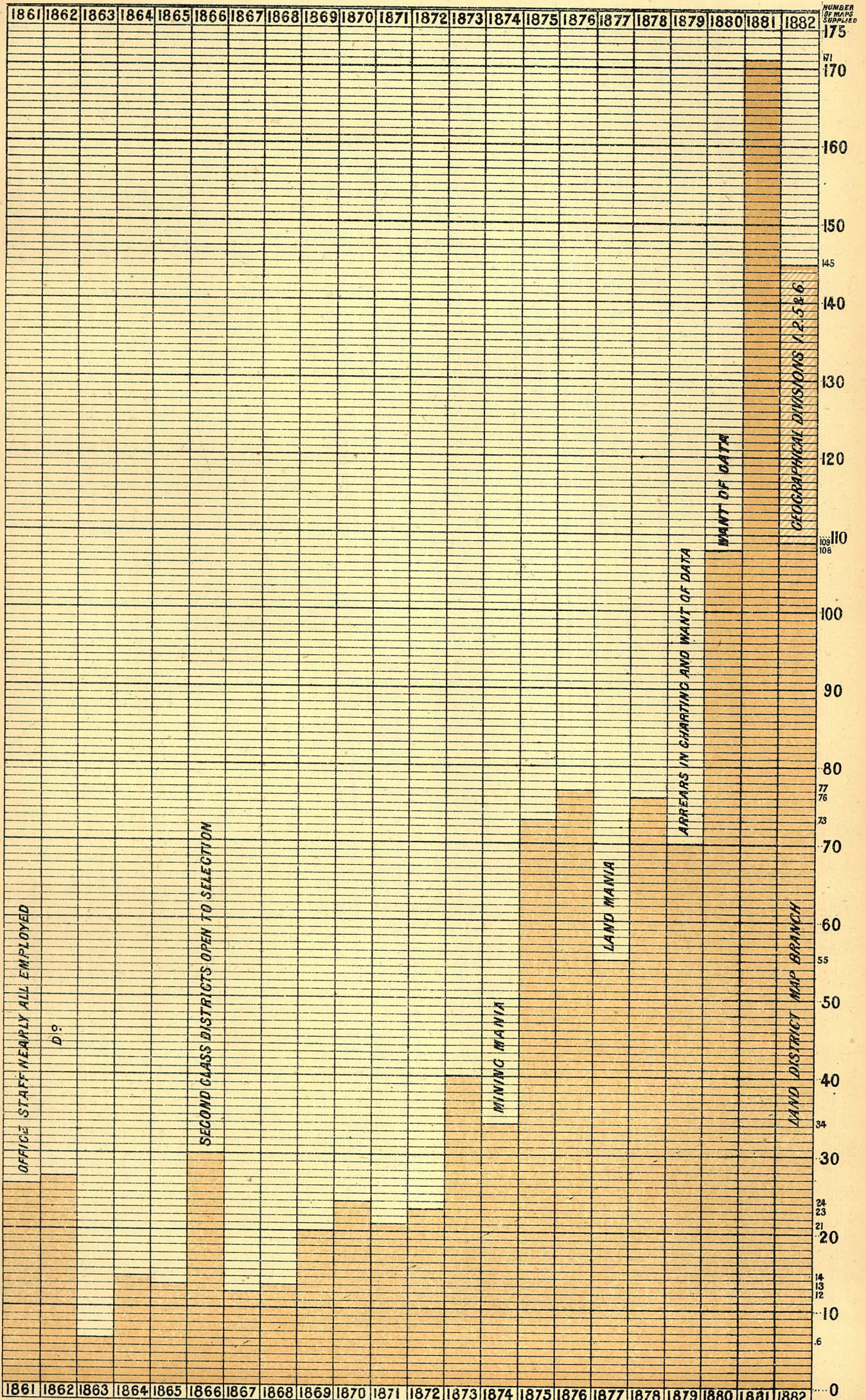


Note — The deficiency in the number of new maps compiled during the Year, is principally due to the difficulty in compiling some of the Counties in hand and the quantity of Miscellaneous work dealt with by the above branches.

DIAGRAM

Shewing the number of Land District Maps supplied to Land Agents each year from 1861 to 1882

The tint shows the number of maps supplied.



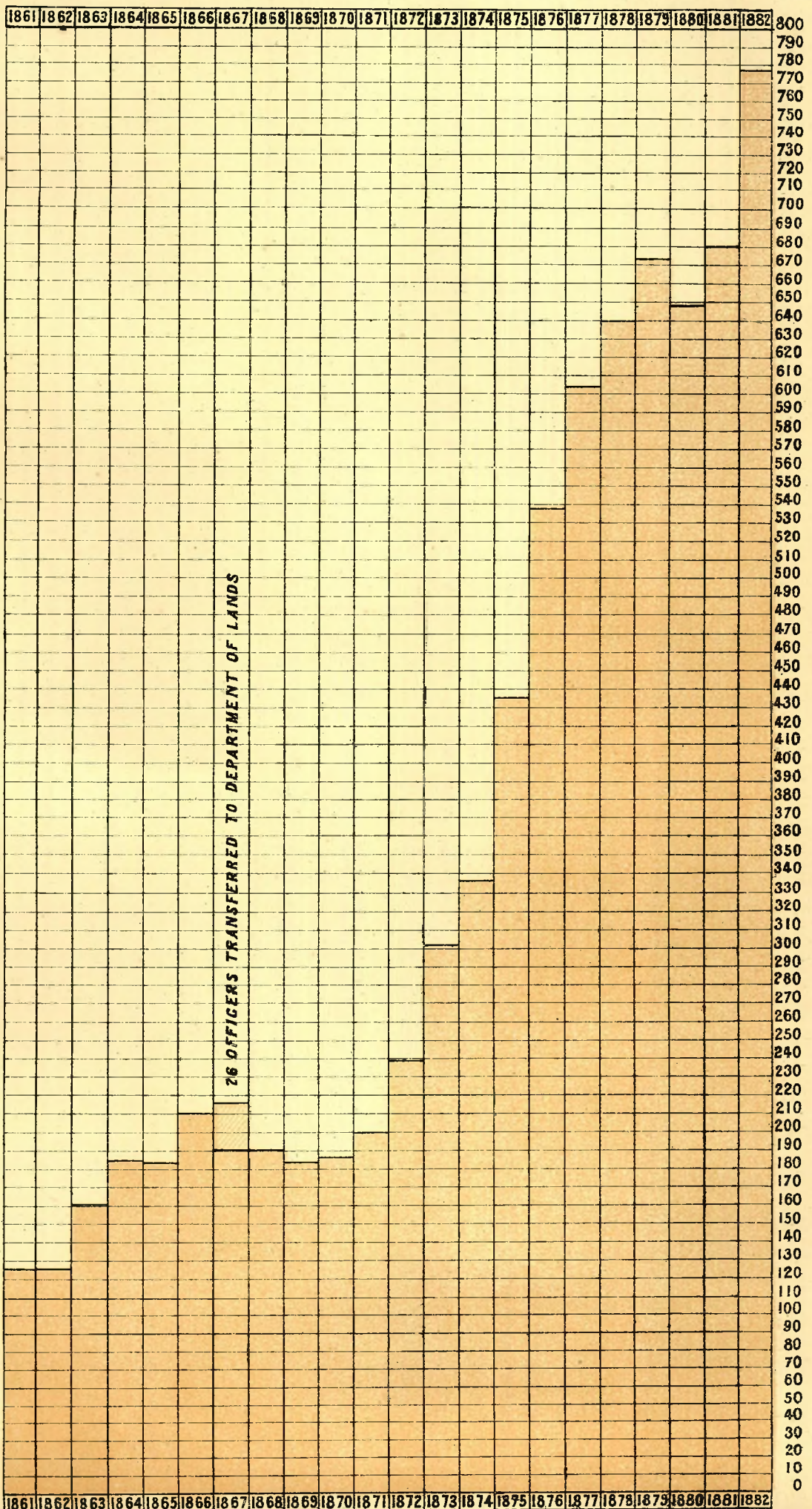
NOTE

There are at present 87 Land Districts in the Colony

DIAGRAM

showing the number of persons (including Licensed Surveyors) employed in the Surveyor Generals Department from 1861 to 1882

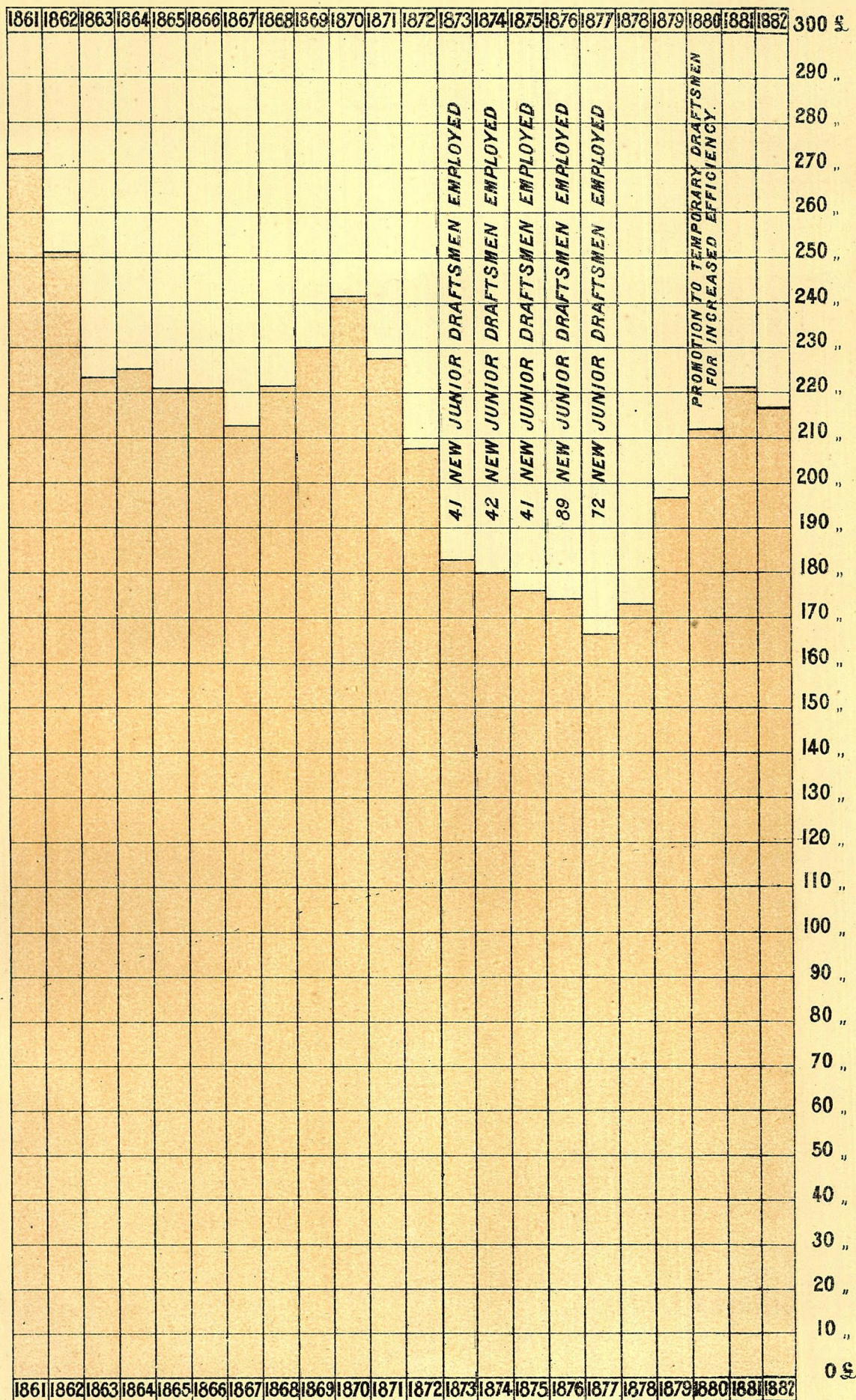
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DIAGRAM

Shewing the average annual salary paid to Officers
employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1861 to 1882

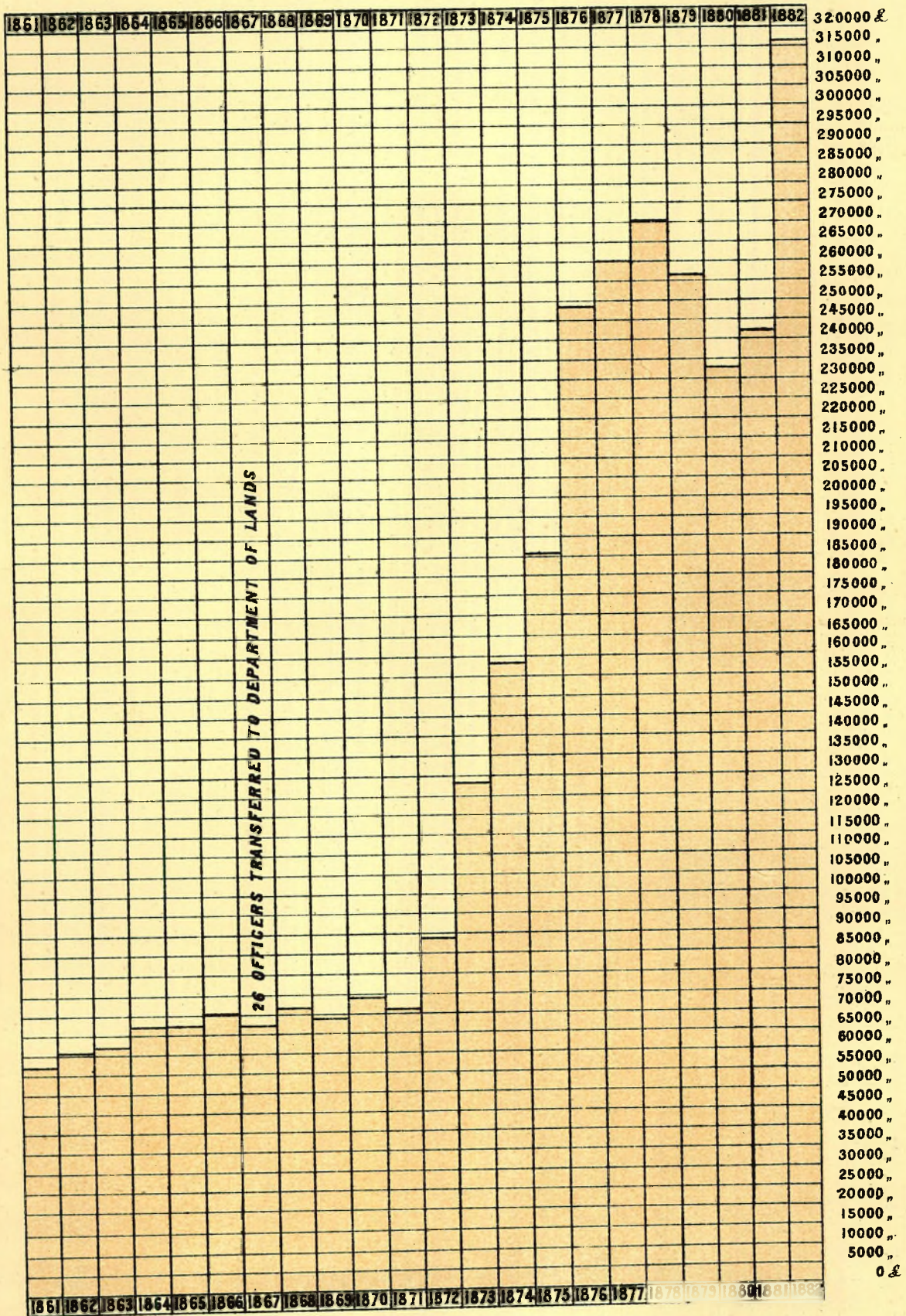
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Shewing total cost of Surveyor Generals Department from 1861 to 1882

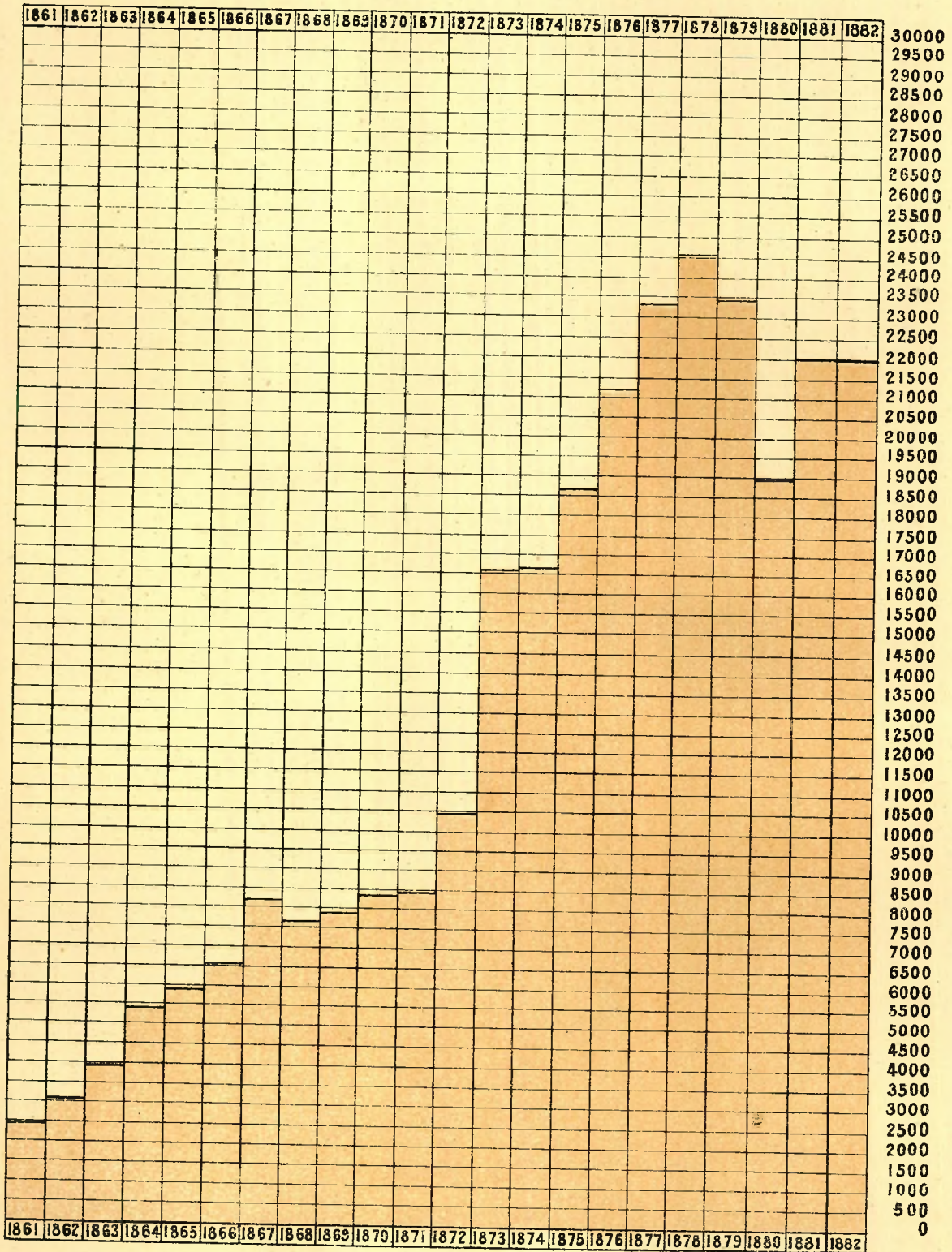
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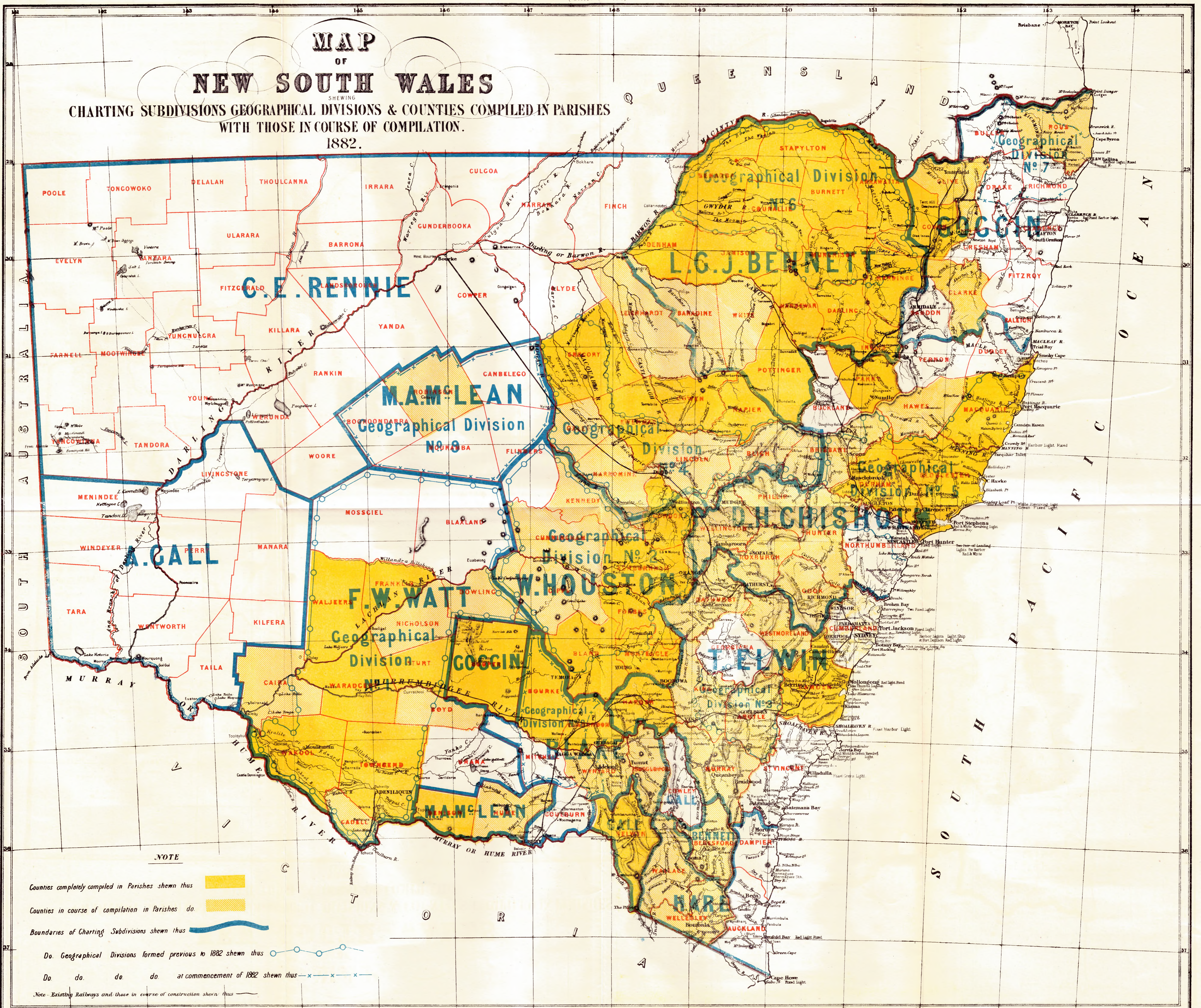
shewing the total number of communications of all sorts received
from Surveyors during the years 1861 to 1882

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MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES

CHARTING SUBDIVISIONS GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS & COUNTIES COMPILED IN PARISHES WITH THOSE IN COURSE OF COMPILATION. 1882.



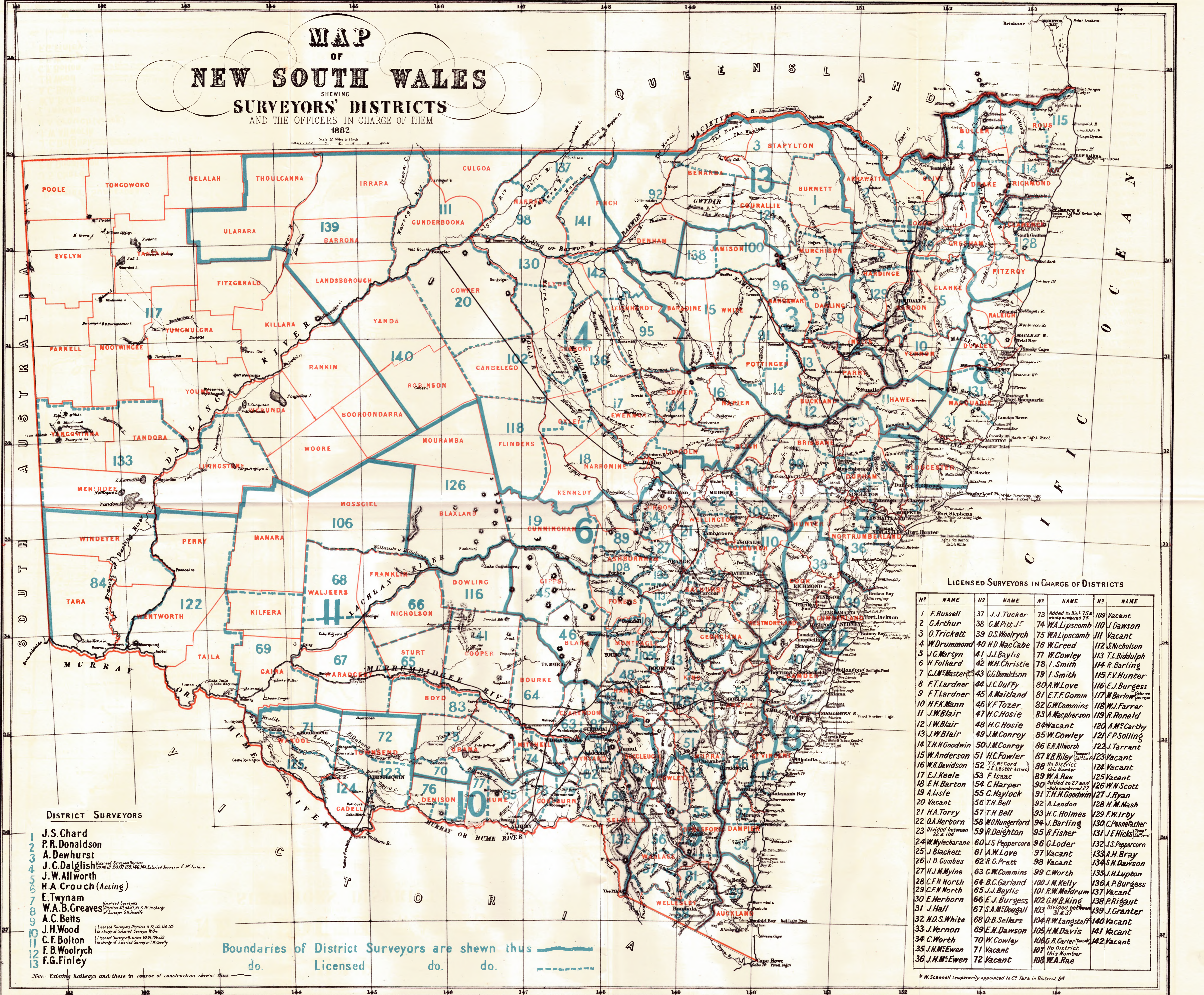
NOTE

- Counties completely compiled in Parishes shewn thus
- Counties in course of compilation in Parishes do.
- Boundaries of Charting Subdivisions shewn thus
- Do. Geographical Divisions formed previous to 1882 shewn thus
- Do. do. do. do. at commencement of 1882 shewn thus
- Note - Existing Railways and those in course of construction shewn thus

MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES

SHOWING SURVEYORS' DISTRICTS AND THE OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THEM 1882

Scale 32 Miles to 1 Inch



LICENSED SURVEYORS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1	F. Russell	37	J. J. Tucker	73	Added to Dist 75A whole numbered 75	109	Vacant
2	G. Arthur	38	G. M. Pitt J.	74	W. A. Lipscomb	110	J. Dawson
3	O. Trickett	39	D. S. Woolrych	75	W. A. Lipscomb	111	Vacant
4	W. Drummond	40	H. D. MacGabe	76	W. Creed	112	S. Nicholson
5	J. G. Martyn	41	J. J. Baylis	77	W. Cowley	113	T. L. Biddulph
6	H. Folkard	42	W. H. Christie	78	I. Smith	114	R. Barling
7	C. J. Master	43	G. G. Donaldson	79	I. Smith	115	F. V. Hunter
8	F. T. Lardner	44	J. C. Duffy	80	A. W. Love	116	E. J. Burgess
9	F. T. Lardner	45	A. Maitland	81	E. F. Gomm	117	M. Barlow
10	H. F. Mann	46	V. F. Tozer	82	G. W. Commins	118	W. J. Farrer
11	J. W. Blair	47	H. C. Hosie	83	A. Macpherson	119	R. Ronald
12	J. W. Blair	48	H. C. Hosie	84	Vacant	120	A. M. S. Carthy
13	J. W. Blair	49	J. M. Conroy	85	W. Cowley	121	F. P. Solling
14	T. H. Goodwin	50	J. M. Conroy	86	E. R. M'worth	122	J. Tarrant
15	W. Anderson	51	H. C. Fowler	87	V. B. Riley	123	Vacant
16	W. R. Davidson	52	T. C. M. Cord (E. Lester Annex)	88	No District this Number	124	Vacant
17	E. J. Keele	53	F. Isaac	89	W. A. Rae	125	Vacant
18	E. H. Barton	54	C. Harper	90	Added to 27 and whole numbered 27	126	W. N. Scott
19	A. Lisle	55	C. Haylock	91	T. H. H. Goodwin	127	J. Ryan
20	Vacant	56	T. H. Bell	92	A. Landon	128	H. M. Nash
21	H. A. Torry	57	T. H. Bell	93	H. C. Holmes	129	F. W. Irby
22	O. A. Herborn	58	W. H. Hungerford	94	J. Barling	130	C. Pennelather
23	Divided between 22 & 104	59	R. Dighton	95	R. Fisher	131	J. E. Nicks (Temp. Surveyor)
24	W. Mylecharane	60	J. S. Peppercorn	96	G. Loder	132	J. S. Peppercorn
25	J. Blackett	61	A. W. Love	97	Vacant	133	A. H. Bray
26	J. B. Combes	62	R. G. Pratt	98	Vacant	134	S. H. Dawson
27	H. J. M'lyne	63	C. W. Commins	99	C. Worth	135	J. H. Lupton
28	C. F. N. North	64	B. C. Garland	100	J. M. Kelly	136	A. P. Burgess
29	C. F. N. North	65	J. J. Baylis	101	R. W. Meldrum	137	Vacant
30	E. Herborn	66	E. J. Burgess	102	G. W. B. King	138	P. Rigaut
31	J. Hall	67	S. A. M. Dougall	103	Divided between 31 & 37	139	J. Grant
32	H. O. S. White	68	D. B. Sellers	104	R. W. Langstaff	140	Vacant
33	J. Vernon	69	E. N. Dawson	105	H. M. Davis	141	Vacant
34	C. Worth	70	W. Cowley	106	G. B. Carter (Temp. Surveyor)	142	Vacant
35	J. H. M' Ewen	71	Vacant	107	No District this Number		
36	J. H. M' Ewen	72	Vacant	108	W. A. Rae		

* W. Scannell temporarily appointed to C9 Tara in District 84

DISTRICT SURVEYORS

J. S. Chard
P. R. Donaldson
A. Dewhurst
J. C. Dalglis (Licensed Surveyor Districts 120, 36, 111, 130, 37, 139, 140, 141, Salaried Surveyor E. M. Farlane)
J. W. Allworth
H. A. Crouch (Acting)
E. Twynam
W. A. B. Greaves (Licensed Surveyor Districts 40, 54, 57, 51 & 112 in charge of Surveyor G. S. Shaffe)
A. C. Belts
J. H. Wood (Licensed Surveyor Districts 71, 72, 123, 124, 125 in charge of Salaried Surveyor W. Dore)
C. F. Bolton (Licensed Surveyor Districts 93, 94, 106, 122 in charge of Salaried Surveyor T. M. Cooley)
F. B. Woolrych
F. G. Finley

Boundaries of District Surveyors are shewn thus do. Licensed do. do. do.

Note - Existing Railways and those in course of construction shewn thus

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS,

BEING FOR THE YEAR

1883.

Presented to Parliament by Command.

SYDNEY : THOMAS RICHARDS, GOVERNMENT PRINTER,

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

(REPORT FOR 1883.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

C. Oliver, Esq., Under Secretary, to The Hon. J. S. Farnell, Esq., Secretary
for Lands.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 March, 1884.

I have the honor to submit for your information the Fourth Annual Report of the working of this Department, for the year ended the 31st December, 1883.

The accompanying Schedules, Nos. I to XX inclusive, showing in a tabular form the action taken in reference to the alienation of Crown Lands by sales at auction, selection after auction, sales in consideration of improvements, and under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; also as to Volunteer land orders, dedications, deeds of grant prepared, pre-emptive and annual auction leases, correspondence and registration of letters, have been compiled in the form previously adopted, and give in detail the information indicated by the heading and sub-heading to each.

The principal transactions by way of alienation of Crown Lands which are alluded to in this portion of the Annual Report may be briefly stated as follows:—

Sold at Auction:—

	Area.			Amount realized.			Average per acre.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town Lands	675	0	1½	32,643	11	10	48	7	2½
Suburban Lands	3,800	3	24	21,766	8	10	5	14	6
Country Lands	25,825	2	23½	41,268	1	10	1	11	10

Selected after Auction:—Country Land, 31,380 acres 3 roods 19 perches, realizing £37,479 0s. 2d., being £1 3s. 10½d. per acre.

Under the 2nd Clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875:—

	Area.			Amount realized.			Average price per acre, exclusive of fines.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town Lands	34	2	25½	1,981	4	2	57	3	1½
Suburban Lands	112	3	32½	400	12	0	3	10	11½
Country Lands	103,626	3	1	113,838	3	7	1	1	11½

Under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861:—Area, 660 acres 3 roods 5¼ perches, realizing £3,135 7s. 7d.

The total area alienated during the year was 166,117 acres 2 roods 12 perches, for the sum of £252,512 10s. 0d., exclusive of penalties and forfeitures amounting to £646 4s. 2d.

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A comparison with the returns in my last report will in some instances show a marked difference, which is owing to the stoppage, on the 18th day of January, 1883, of sales by auction of unimproved country lands, except in the case of isolated portions and of forfeited improvement and conditional purchases, and, on the following day, to the withdrawal of country lands from after auction selection, as well as to the decision, on the 23rd January, to keep in abeyance, pending final disposal of the Land Bill, all applications made by the Crown lessees, subsequently to that date, to purchase improved lands under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

The result of the stoppage of the sales of country land by auction and after auction selection is best shown by a comparison with the statistics of the previous year, from which it will be seen that while in 1882, 856,639 acres 3 roods 29 perches were sold for the sum of £1,045,194 15s. 9d., there were similarly sold in 1883 only 57,206 acres 2 roods 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, realizing £78,747 2s., being a decrease of 799,433 acres 1 rood 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches in area, and of £966,447 13s. 9d. in purchase money. Guarantee deposits of 6d. per acre, paid on application for measurement of lands for auction, to the amount of £40,725 16s. 3d. were refunded, as against £17,709 15s. in 1882.

Notwithstanding the decision of the 23rd January, above-mentioned, the number of applications to purchase improved lands shows an increase over those received in 1882, the respective numbers being—

		a.	r.	p.
1882	2,153 applications for	441,554	0	38
1883	2,544 „	576,185	3	21 $\frac{1}{4}$

Many of the last-mentioned applications were dealt with up to survey, thereby determining the area protected by the improvements, leaving it to legislation to decide whether the sales, together with those not so far advanced, should be completed or not, thus entailing on the various Branches of the Department dealing with this business at various stages almost the same amount of labour as in the case of applications made prior to that date; in addition to which, circulars were sent to the several applicants notifying the decision of the Secretary for Lands in reference to the suspension of final action. In a large number of cases where sale is otherwise objectionable the applications have been refused. All applications to purchase small improved areas on gold-fields, made by the holders of miners' rights or business licenses, have been dealt with, as heretofore, irrespective of date of application.

Owing to the falling off in the alienation of the public estate, the pre-emptive lease applications have decreased. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the rents received, viz., from—

	No.	Area.	Rent.
Pre-emptive leases	18,008	16,126,921	£52,086 17 8
Auction „	3,618	2,633,271	8,868 4 10
Total.....	21,626	18,760,192	£60,955 2 6

continue to show an increase of revenue, chiefly derivable from annual auction leases.

The cancellation of leases from different causes, and a large number of double payments of rents having been made, necessitated the issue of 2,613 refund vouchers, representing £6,835 11s. 11d., as against 1,791 refunds of £4,499 15s. 2d. in 1882.

The applications to ringbark on pre-emptive and annual auction leases numbered 391, of which 129 were granted, and permissions issued covering 106,699 acres; 88 were refused or withdrawn, and the balance are awaiting payment of fees, rangers' reports, &c. Permissions to ringbark 139,904 acres applied for, prior to 1883, under 231 applications were also granted. In connection with ringbarking on runs, information as to alienations and other withdrawals therefrom in respect to 150 applications was furnished to the Department of Mines.

Although repeated efforts have been made to ensure the delivery to the parties entitled of the deeds of lands granted and purchased prior to the passing of the Real Property Act, there are still 2,046 on hand. The greatest precautionary measures are taken to prevent parties who have applied for, but are not legally entitled to them, obtaining possession of these deeds of grant.

In

In consequence of numerous subdivisions of old grants for sale, the searches made to afford information affecting conflicting interests have formed no inappreciable item in the business of the Deeds Branch; and although there has been a falling off in the number of new deeds prepared, the engrossing of which is paid for at a fixed contract price, the business generally of the Branch has not been materially reduced.

During the year two Inspectors of Lands Offices were appointed; and though these officers were unable to enter upon their duties until the year had advanced, they inspected before its close thirty-two local offices.

The restoration of a system which in former years was in successful operation shows by result how necessary these appointments are for the proper supervision of the work performed in the local offices, which henceforth will be placed on a uniform basis, conducted according to the best methods, and in harmony with departmental action, all necessarily tending to make them of greater use to the public in the future. Further, the local knowledge obtained by the Inspectors has proved of great value in adjusting matters brought before the Department. These officers have also inspected some of the Branches at Head Quarters, and have been employed on other services of an important character.

Under the Public Railway Resumption Act of 1874, 55 portions, containing an area of 269 acres 35 perches, have been resumed.

Eighty-six conflicting cases were dealt with by appraisalment, being chiefly disputes between lessees and conditional purchasers as to the value of improvements.

His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council approved of 1,406 cases submitted, dealing with reservations from sale and lease, temporary commons, designs of towns and villages and alteration thereof, sites for cemeteries, schools, recreation reserves, &c.

The Parliamentary returns number twenty. Of these, fifteen contain nearly 250 pages of printed matter; three were in tabular form, containing also twenty-two pages of printed matter; the other two were very large, but were not ordered to be printed.

The "Old Records" of the Department, from 250,000 to 300,000 in number, commencing from the year 1807, some being in the handwriting of the earlier Governors or other important officials, have been removed to the new building, and nearly all of them have been classified, arranged, numbered, and labelled, thereby rendering reference a comparatively easy matter.

The amount appropriated by Parliament for the Department (exclusive of the Survey Office), to meet the services of the year, was £102,552, of which £94,256 1s. 5d. was expended; of the balance remaining, £1,027 12s. 11d. will in due time be written off under the Appropriation Act, owing to certain appointments not having been made till late in the year, leaving £7,268 5s. 8d. available to meet outstanding claims. A further sum of £1,500 will be required to meet contingent expenses of the Conditional Sales Branch. It was anticipated that these accounts could have been partially met by the transfer of the £1,027 12s. 11d. before mentioned; but this course was found to be opposed to the spirit of the Appropriation Act, and was therefore abandoned, and a fresh vote asked for on the Supplementary Estimates.

In addition thereto, £4,588 2s. 10d. has been expended on account of 1882 and previous years, which has been met out of the balance remaining at the commencement of the year and from the Supplementary Votes of Parliament; £800 8s. 9d. has been paid for advertising (the vote for which is taken by the Treasury) and £2,101 obtained from the Advance Account to meet other pressing claims, such as fencing recreation grounds, &c., for which votes will be asked in the Supplementary Estimates for 1883, thus making the total amount expended to be £101,745 13s.

With respect to the sum of £2,101, just mentioned, it is requisite to state that £1,550 represents the value of improvements upon Crown Lands, which, in order to protect the owners thereof, was added to the upset price of the land when offered at auction, with a view to being subsequently refunded. The amount having been paid as part of the purchase money, forms portion of the Consolidated Revenue; and, to adhere to a strictly legal course, Parliament will be asked to sanction its refund.

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The increase in the expenditure has arisen principally in consequence of increased appropriations for improving and fencing recreation reserves and cemeteries, £7,000, and the votes were then insufficient to meet the demands upon them; an additional sum of £9,475 being required to pay the salaries of two Inspectors of Land Offices, whose appointments have been before alluded to, and of several Crown Lands Agents, consequent on the separation when requisite of the offices of Land Agent from those held by Clerks of Petty Sessions under the Department of Justice, and hitherto provided for on the Estimates of that Department; a few appointments and promotions, and the necessity for obtaining enlarged contingent votes, so as to avoid as much as possible having to make a fresh application to Parliament on the Supplementary Estimates.

- The staff at Head Quarters shows but little alteration as compared with 1882. On the field staff of the Conditional Sales Division there is an increase of four permanent and four temporary Inspectors.

Appended are the Reports received from the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales and the Surveyor-General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

SCHEDULE I.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Town Lands under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Land Districts.	Counties.	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.	Lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Per-centage sold.	Amount realized.	Average price per acre.	Deed fees.
Albury	Goulburn	49	24 1 15	18	8 3 3	15 2 12	36	70 3 0	8 0 0	18
Armidale	Sandon	105	47 2 37	46	18 1 25½	29 1 11½	37	1,294 10 0	70 6 3	46
Bathurst	Georgiana	57	28 1 35	40	19 1 10	8 0 35	68	224 0 6	11 12 0	40
Bega	Dampier	27	15 1 24	27	15 1 24	.....	100	648 0 0	42 1 6½	27
Berrina	Camden	45	22 2 0	22	11 0 0	11 2 0	50	116 18 0	10 12 6½	22
Bombala	Wellesley	48	23 3 33	23	23 3 33	.....	100	413 19 0	17 5 6	23
Braidwood	St. Vincent	1	0 2 0	.....	.....	0 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brewarrina	Narran	24	12 0 0	24	12 0 0	.....	100	1,039 10 0	86 12 6	24
Casino	Richmond	63	43 0 32½	63	43 0 32½	.....	100	1,341 6 6	31 0 10	63
	Rous	11	4 3 36	11	4 3 36	.....	100	130 0 0	26 6 7	11
Cassilis	Bligh	7	3 0 32	4	1 3 30	1 1 2	67	18 10 0	9 10 11½	4
Cobar	Mouramba	56	28 2 0	44	22 2 0	5 2 0	78	597 0 0	26 10 8	44
	Robinson	3	1 2 0	3	1 2 0	.....	100	57 0 0	38 0 0	3
Condobolin	Cummingham	31	13 3 17	31	13 3 17	.....	100	1,006 5 0	72 12 5	31
Cooma	Bercesford	1	0 2 0	1	0 2 0	.....	100	80 0 0	160 0 0	1
Cootamundra	Bland	34	8 2 0	34	8 2 0	.....	100	187 7 0	22 0 10	34
	Carndon	24	11 1 16	7	2 3 13	8 2 3	27	42 11 0	15 0 7	7
	Harden	15	7 2 0	15	7 2 0	.....	100	251 10 0	33 10 8	15
Corowa	Denison	9	2 2 2	9	2 2 2	.....	100	221 5 0	38 6 2	9
Cowra	Bathurst	3	1 2 22¼	3	1 2 22¼	.....	100	13 2 9	8 0 0	3
Dubbo	Oxley	313	156 2 18	136	66 3 35	83 1 0	43	9,979 7 6	149 0 3	136
	Gordon	14	6 3 10	.....	.....	6 3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eden	Auckland	18	9 0 0	9	4 2 0	4 2 0	50	49 5 0	10 18 11	9
Forbes	Ashburnham	7	3 0 39	7	3 0 39	.....	100	162 3 9	49 18 0	7
	Bland	35	17 0 5	25	12 3 0	3 3 5	75	105 0 0	8 4 8½	25
Glen Innes	Gough	2	0 3 8	2	0 3 8	.....	100	50 0 0	62 10 0	2
Grafton	Clarence	98	43 3 30	93	40 3 30	2 1 24	93	963 1 6	23 10 6	93
Grenfell	Monteagle	1	0 1 8	1	0 1 8	.....	100	13 6 0	44 6 8	1
Gunning	King	32	16 1 17	15	7 1 34	8 3 23	43	250 6 6	33 7 6	15
Gunnedah	Pottinger	45	25 0 0	.....	.....	25 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gundagai	Clarendon	46	22 3 12	34	16 2 26	6 0 26	70	170 15 0	10 4 11	34
Hartley	Cook	52	27 1 27	52	27 1 27	.....	100	929 17 9	12 4 6	52
Hay	Sturt	27	11 3 39	27	11 3 39	.....	100	1,439 15 0	119 19 6	27
Inverell	Gough	3	1 2 0	3	1 2 0	.....	100	324 0 0	216 0 0	3
Lismore	Richmond	2	1 2 0	2	1 2 0	.....	100	38 0 0	22 0 0	2
	Rous	30	14 1 19	30	14 1 19	.....	100	2,724 0 0	189 11 6½	30
Molong	Ashburnham	60	25 0 36	2	0 3 23	24 1 13	4	44 3 9	49 8 9½	2
Moroo	Couralie	54	27 0 0	54	27 0 0	.....	100	304 2 0	11 5 3	54
Mudgee	Phillip	4	0 3 30	4	0 3 30	.....	100	29 0 9	30 19 5½	4
	Wellington	1	0 0 39¼	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moruya	Dampier	4	2 0 0	4	2 0 0	.....	100	16 0 0	8 0 0	4
Narrandera	Cooper	101	45 2 16	64	29 3 31	12 2 15	64	1,682 5 0	35 6 2	64
Nowra	St. Vincent	2	0 3 30	2	0 3 30	.....	100	25 0 0	26 13 4	2
Orange	Bathurst	4	4 0 0	1	1 0 0	3 0 0	25	8 0 0	8 0 0	1
Parramatta	Cumberland	99	58 2 22½	66	26 2 4	32 0 18½	44	1,301 11 9	49 0 7	66
Rylstone	Roxburgh	22	13 0 17	20	12 0 17	1 0 0	92	238 16 3	19 14 5	20
Singleton	Hunter	6	3 0 0	1	0 2 0	2 2 0	16	10 0 0	20 0 0	1
Stroud	Gloucester	2	0 2 8½	2	0 2 8½	.....	100	76 12 0	125 6 0	2
Tamworth	Inghis	27	13 0 29	27	13 0 29	.....	100	951 3 4	72 3 2½	27
	Darling	8	4 2 0	7	4 0 0	0 2 0	90	114 0 0	36 0 0	7
Tenterfield	Buller	20	10 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tumut	Wynyard	20	10 0 0	18	9 0 0	1 0 0	90	93 12 0	10 8 0	18
Tweed River	Rous	48	22 3 4	48	22 3 4	.....	100	432 5 0	18 19 7	48
Urana	Urana	13	6 2 15	11	5 2 15	.....	83	296 2 6	52 18 9	11
Wagga Wagga	Bourke	40	20 0 0	39	19 2 0	.....	95	244 1 3	12 11 4	39
	Clarendon	31	8 1 37	31	8 1 37	.....	100	1,679 0 0	197 10 7	31
	Mitchell	25	13 1 23	25	13 1 23	.....	100	280 17 0	22 16 9	25
	Wynyard	2	1 2 33	2	1 2 33	.....	100	54 5 0	31 15 9	2
Walgett	Baradine	4	1 3 20	4	1 3 20	.....	100	70 0 0	8 12 3½	4
	Finch	53	26 2 0	53	26 2 0	.....	100	626 19 0	19 17 8	53
Wellington	Wellington	2	0 1 31¼	.....	.....	0 1 31¼	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wentworth	Wentworth	8	4 0 3	8	4 0 3	.....	100	349 0 0	86 16 10	8
Wilcannia	Evelyn	40	9 3 20	40	9 3 20	.....	100	349 19 6	35 8 9½	40
Young	Harden	8	2 0 0	8	2 0 0	.....	100	70 0 0	35 0 0	8
Totals		1,626	997 1 29½	1,427	675 0 1¼	311 2 39½	67½	34,193 11 10	50 13 1¼	1,427
							Less...	*1,550 0 0		
								£ 32,643 11 10	48 7 2¼	

* Added for improvements and eventually returned.

SCHEDULE II.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Suburban Lands under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Land Districts.	Counties.	Lots offered.	Area offered.	Lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Per-centage.	Amount realized.	Average price per acre.	Deed fees.
Albury	Goulburn	19	35 0 37	9	20 0 33	15 0 4	57	139 18 0	6 18 6	9
Armidale	Sandon	17	91 2 14	11	62 3 7	28 3 7	69	610 14 1	9 14 6	11
Bega	Auckland	32	641 0 19	32	641 0 19		100	5,115 5 0	7 19 6½	32
Braidwood	St. Vincent	1	2 0 0	1	2 0 0		100	5 10 0	2 15 0	1
Cassilis	Bligh	3	12 3 6	3	12 3 6		100	31 10 0	2 9 3	3
Casino	Richmond	21	24 3 26½	21	24 3 26½		100	679 0 0	27 5 2½	21
Cobar	Mouramba	37	349 1 10	11	73 3 39	271 1 11	22	285 6 0	3 17 1	11
Condoumlin	Cunningham	36	354 3 0	15	170 0 38	184 2 2	48	506 3 7	2 19 6	15
Coonamble	Leichhardt	15	301 0 0	15	301 0 0		100	914 17 0	3 0 9	15
Cootamundra	Harden	7	112 0 26	7	112 0 26		100	280 8 9	2 10 3	7
Corowa	Denison	15	217 2 16	15	217 2 16		100	499 6 0	2 6 0	15
Deniliquin	Townsend	7	131 1 18	5	98 3 0	32 2 18	76	296 5 0	2 19 0	5
Dubbo	Narromine	19	148 0 14	2	12 2 0	135 2 14	8	37 10 0	3 0 0	2
	Oxley	12	32 2 24	10	25 3 20	3 1 22	79	326 5 0	12 12 1	10
Eden	Auckland	6	60 2 35	6	60 2 35		100	121 8 9	2 6 9	6
Glen Innes	Gough	88	2,088 3 10	23	558 2 30	1,530 0 20	27	1,680 5 3	3 1 0	23
Goulburn	Argyle	75	96 0 17	40	43 2 34½	47 1 22½	51	753 3 0	16 1 6½	40
Grafton	Clarence	25	50 1 26	18	31 1 26	16 0 0	68	781 14 6	22 16 1	18
Grenfell	Monteagle	3	5 2 31	3	5 2 31		100	46 18 0	7 17 10	3
Gundagai	Clarendon	5	8 3 17	5	8 3 17		100	47 15 6	5 7 10½	5
	Wynyard	2	0 3 35	1	0 2 12	0 1 23	59	5 10 0	9 11 3	1
Hartley	Cook	54	572 1 29	47	446 2 9	125 3 20	78	2,889 16 0	6 9 5	47
Lismore	Rous	20	83 0 27	20	83 0 27		100	3,063 0 0	3 13 7	20
Moruya	Dampier	2	8 3 36	2	8 3 36		100	26 18 6	3 0 0	2
Newcastle	Northumberland	10	38 2 30	10	38 2 30		100	176 11 4	4 11 7	10
Penrith	Cook	1	6 2 0	1	6 2 0		100	299 0 0	46 0 0	1
Port Macquarie	Macquarie	1	10 0 0			10 0 0				
Rylstone	Roxburgh	15	11 2 39	4	3 3 23	7 3 16	33	46 14 6	12 0 0	4
Tamworth	Darling	15	20 1 10	15	20 1 10		100	112 3 6	5 10 5	15
	Parry	1	0 3 36			0 3 36				
Tumut	Wynyard	10	55 2 0	10	55 2 0		100	315 15 0	5 13 9	10
Walcha	Vernon	8	16 1 14	7	11 1 14	5 0 0	70	52 6 0	4 12 6	7
Walgett	Baradine	30	862 2 0	22	561 0 0	301 2 0	65	1,165 13 0	2 1 7	22
West Kempsey	Raleigh	16	40 0 0	16	40 0 0		100	269 0 0	6 14 6	16
Wilcannia	Evelyn	13	31 1 19	13	31 1 19		100	148 12 7	4 14 0	13
	Totals	641	6,524 2 21½	420	3,800 3 24	2,716 1 15½	58	21,766 8 10	5 14 6	420

SCHEDULE III.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Country Lands, under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.	No. of lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Per-centage.	Amount realized.	Average price per acre.	Deed Fees.
Albury	Selwyn	16	330 3 30	6	310 3 30	20 0 0	91	775 9 6	2 9 10½	6
	Goulburn	2	202 0 0	2	202 0 0		100	437 15 0	2 3 4	.2
	Hume	1	40 0 0			40 0 0				
Armidale	Sandon	9	758 3 6	6	318 3 6	440 0 0	42	956 0 5	2 19 11½	6
	Hardinge	1	40 0 0			40 0 0				
Balranald	Caira	9	2,287 3 0	5	1,215 2 0	1,022 1 0	54	1,519 7 6	1 5 0	5
Bathurst	Georgiana	2	59 2 0	2	59 2 0		100	134 17 6	2 5 4	2
	Roxburgh	1	40 0 0			40 0 0				
	Bathurst	1	100 0 0			100 0 0				
	Westmoreland	2	42 0 0	2	42 0 0		100	82 0 0	1 19 0	2
Bega	Auckland	2	39 3 20	2	39 3 20		100	322 15 8	8 1 11	2
Bombala	Wellesley	2	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	40 0 0	50	90 0 0	2 5 0	1
Braidwood	Murray	3	44 0 0	2	4 0 0	40 0 0	9	11 0 0	2 15 0	2
	St. Vincent	3	5 1 9			5 1 9				
Brewarrina	Clyde	11	2,340 2 0	9	1,897 2 0	443 0 0	81	2,371 17 6	1 5 0	9
Boorowa	Monteagle	1	38 1 0			38 1 0				
Carcoar	Bathurst	3	72 2 0	1	31 2 0	41 0 0	43	55 2 6	1 15 0	1
Cassilis	Bligh	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0		100	2 10 0	2 10 0	1
	Brisbane	1	112 3 0	1	112 3 0		100	226 18 2	2 0 3	1
Casino	Rous	1	140 0 0	1	140 0 0		100	175 0 0	1 5 0	1
Condoumlin	Cunningham	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0		100	200 0 0	5 0 0	1
	Gipps	2	647 2 20	2	647 2 20		100	1,174 17 6	1 16 2	2
	Dowling	1	280 0 0	1	280 0 0		100	630 0 0	2 5 0	1
Coonina	Beresford	1	72 0 0			72 0 0				
	Wallace	3	108 3 0			108 3 0				
Coonabarabran	Gowen	2	347 0 0	2	347 0 0		100	745 15 0	2 2 11	2
Coonamble	Leichhardt	9	1,752 0 0	9	1,752 0 0		100	2,265 0 0	1 5 10	9
Cootamundra	Clarendon	1	136 0 0	1	136 0 0		100	1,470 10 0	10 16 3	1
Corowa	Denison	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0		100	171 0 0	2 2 9	1
	Hume	3	474 1 0	3	474 1 0		100	840 7 5	1 15 5	3

SCHEDULE III—continued.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.	No. of lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Per centage.	Amount realized.	Average price per acre.	Deed Fees.
			a. r. p.		a. r. p.	a. r. p.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£
Cowra	Bathurst	1	39 0 0	1	39 0 0		100	58 10 0	1 10 0	1
	Forbes	2	110 0 0	2	110 0 0		100	211 5 0	1 19 4	2
Dubbo	Ewenmar	2	328 0 0	2	328 0 0		100	410 0 0	1 5 0	2
	Oxley	15	4,057 3 0	3	883 2 0	3,174 1 0		1,104 7 6	1 5 0	3
Eden	Auckland	1	21 0 0	1	21 0 0		100	148 1 0	7 1 0	1
Forbes	Ashburnham	1	16 3 20	1	16 3 20		100	84 7 6	5 0 0	1
	Cunningham	2	1,280 0 0			1,280 0 0				
	Gipps	2	600 0 0			600 0 0				
Goulburn	Argyle	1	90 0 0	1	90 0 0		100	112 10 0	1 5 0	1
Grafton	Clarence	3	325 1 0	2	243 2 0	81 3 0	74	481 9 3	1 19 6½	2
	Fitzroy	2	135 0 0	2	135 0 0		100	168 15 0	1 5 0	2
Glen Innes	Grosham	1	41 0 0	1	41 0 0		100	51 5 0	1 5 0	1
	Gough	1	20 3 0			20 3 0				
Grenfell	Forbes	1	400 0 0	1	400 0 0		100	700 0 0	1 5 0	1
	Monteagle	1	22 3 30			22 3 30				
Gundagai	Clarendon	4	960 0 0	2	720 0 0	240 0 0	75	988 0 0	1 7 5	2
	Harden	2	59 1 10	2	59 1 10		100	125 9 5	2 2 4	2
	Wynyard	4	66 0 0	4	66 0 0		100	235 2 0	3 11 4	4
Gunning	King	1	21 0 9			21 0 9				
Gunnedah	Nandewar	16	1,317 2 0	13	1,052 1 0	265 1 0	79	1,315 6 3	1 5 0	13
	Pottinger	1	109 0 0	1	109 0 0		100	225 0 0	2 5 0	1
	Wynyard	1	2 0 0	1	2 0 0		100	18 0 0	9 0 0	1
Hay	Sturt	12	3,334 0 0	11	3,089 3 0	244 1 0	93	4,236 10 6	1 7 7	11
	Franklin	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0		100	100 0 0	1 5 0	1
	Nicholson	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0		100	400 0 0	1 5 0	1
	Wandgery	2	368 0 0	1	49 0 0	320 0 0	13	60 0 0	1 6 0	1
	Wakool	1	537 0 0			537 0 0				
Hillston	Mossgil	3	960 0 0	3	960 0 0		100	1,200 0 0	1 5 0	3
	Franklin	2	297 0 0	2	297 0 0		100	371 5 0	1 5 0	2
Maitland	Northumberland	12	592 2 0	6	296 1 0	296 1 0	50	653 15 0	2 4 1½	6
Manning River	Macquarie	1	39 0 0	1	39 0 0		100	78 0 0	2 0 0	1
Molong	Ashburnham	9	849 0 0	4	29 1 0	820 0 0	3	49 17 6	1 14 2	4
	Gordon	1	2 0 0	1	2 0 0		100	5 0 0	2 10 0	1
Mudgoc	Phillip	2	4 0 0	2	4 0 0		100	11 0 0	2 15 0	2
	Wellington	6	148 0 0	5	108 0 0	40 0 0	73	147 0 0	1 7 2½	5
Moree	Couralie	18	4,291 1 0	14	3,241 1 0	1,050 0 0	73	4,103 4 7	1 5 3½	14
Moruya	Dampier	2	39 3 30	1	37 3 30	2 0 0	95	56 18 2	1 10 0	1
	St. Vincent	4	8 0 0			8 0 0				
Murrurundi	Buckland	1	31 2 0	1	36 2 0		100	73 0 0	2 0 0	1
	Pottinger	4	173 1 0	4	173 1 0		100	350 17 6	2 0 6	4
Musclebroom	Brisbane	7	109 0 0	3	36 0 30	72 3 10	33	77 0 1	1 2 7½	3
Narrabri	Jamieson	8	1,428 1 0	7	1,247 2 0	180 3 0	87	1,559 7 6	1 5 0	7
	Nandewar	11	796 2 0	3	170 2 0	626 0 0	21	213 2 6	1 5 0	3
	White	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0		100	629 6 8	1 19 4	1
Orange	Bathurst	1	7 0 15	1	7 0 15		100	17 14 8	2 10 0	1
	Wellington	2	45 1 10	2	45 1 10		100	70 0 0	1 10 11	2
Parramatta	Cumberland	3	103 3 0	3	103 3 0		100	497 2 9	4 15 10	3
Paterson	Durham	1	8 1 8			8 1 8				
Port Macquarie	Macquarie	1	31 0 0			31 0 0				
Queanbeyan	Murray	1	50 0 0			50 0 0				
Scone	Durham	1	19 2 0			19 2 0				
Stroud	Gloucester	1	14 0 0	1	14 0 0		100	28 0 0	2 0 0	1
Tumut	Buccleuch	1	8 1 30	1	8 1 30		100	16 17 6	1 19 10½	1
	Wynyard	2	62 0 0	2	62 0 0		100	140 10 0	2 5 4	2
Urana	Urana	20	1,164 2 0	20	1,164 2 0		100	3,017 7 6	2 11 9	20
Walcha	Vernon	14	1,766 1 3	2	55 0 30	1,711 1 0	3	95 11 3	1 14 7	2
Wagga Wagga	Bourke	5	419 0 0	3	283 2 0	135 2 0	67	354 7 6	1 5 0	3
	Wynyard	10	860 2 0	7	561 3 0	298 3 0	65	702 4 0	1 5 0	7
Walgett	Finch	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0		100	568 0 0	1 15 6	1
	Baradine	3	116 2 0			116 2 0				
Wellington	Lincoln	1	24 0 0	1	24 0 0		100	36 0 0	1 10 0	1
	Wellington	16	92 2 11½	3	2 1 25½	90 0 26	2	13 10 0	5 12 1	3
West Kempsey	Dudley	2	100 0 0	1	60 0 0	40 0 0	6	75 0 0	1 5 0	1
Yass	King	1	69 2 0			69 2 0				
Young	Murray	1	100 0 0			100 0 0				
	Monteagle	4	80 1 0	1	41 2 0	38 3 0	50	73 17 0	1 15 10	1
	Harden	6	60 0 27	4	56 0 27	4 0 0	93	91 3 1	1 12 6	4
Totals		368	40,962 1 35½	226	25,825 2 23½	15,136 3 12	63	41,268 1 10	1 11 10	226

SCHEDULE IV.

RETURN of Land passed at Auction and then selected at the Upset Price, under the 25th section of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880.

District.	Counties.	Lots.	Area.			Amount of purchase money.			Average price per acre.	Deed fees.
			a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.	
Armidale	Sandon	8	905	1	0	1,131	11	3	1 5 0	8
Bingera	Murchison	1	80	0	0	100	0	0	1 5 0	1
Bourke	Cowper	1	40	0	0	50	0	0	1 5 0	1
Brewarrina	Clyde	7	2,077	0	0	2,077	0	0	1 0 0	7
Casino	Rous	11	1,322	3	0	1,451	18	9	1 2 0	11
Cooma	Wallace	9	583	1	0	610	7	6	1 1 0	9
Deniliquin	Wakool	8	2,224	0	0	2,599	7	6	1 4 0	8
Dubbo	Gregory	14	3,395	0	0	3,988	1	3	1 3 6	14
	Oxley	5	995	1	0	1,244	1	3	1 5 0	5
Forbes	Gipps	2	544	0	0	544	0	0	1 0 0	2
Glen Innes	Gough	1	130	0	0	152	10	0	1 5 0	1
Gosford	Northumberland	1	31	2	0	39	7	1	1 6 7	1
Greenfell	Bland	10	2,407	0	0	3,008	15	0	1 5 0	10
Gunnedah	Nandewar	39	2,739	2	19	3,016	16	5	1 2 6	39
	Pottinger	5	675	2	0	1,078	1	3	1 11 10	5
Hay	Sturt	1	214	1	0	305	6	3	1 5 0	1
Hillston	Mossgil	6	1,633	1	0	2,041	11	3	1 5 0	6
Inverell	Arrawatta	9	1,166	1	0	1,409	5	10	1 4 2	9
	Burnett	3	143	2	0	169	7	6	1 3 7	3
	Murchison	16	1,730	0	0	2,464	18	4	1 8 6	16
Moree	Benarba	26	4,148	2	0	5,087	11	3	1 4 7	26
	Courralhe	1	186	1	0	232	16	3	1 5 0	1
Murrurundi	Brisbane	1	46	1	0	69	7	6	1 10 0	1
Narandera	Cooper	1	100	0	0	100	0	0	1 0 0	1
Wagga Wagga	Mitchell	1	60	0	0	60	0	0	1 0 0	1
Walcha	Vernon	4	425	3	0	481	18	9	1 2 7	4
	Howes	2	138	3	0	173	8	9	1 5 0	2
Walgett	Clyde	2	640	0	0	640	0	0	1 0 0	2
	Finch	3	960	0	0	1,200	0	0	1 5 0	3
Warialda	Arrawatta	1	87	0	0	87	0	0	1 0 0	1
	Barnett	3	371	0	0	463	15	0	1 5 0	3
	Stapleton	7	1,149	3	0	1,390	16	3	1 4 2	7
	Totals	209	31,380	3	19	37,479	0	2	1 3 10½	209

SCHEDULE V.

RETURN showing applications under section 30 of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, during the year 1883—Lands to be measured and brought to auction.

Number of applications in 1883.	Area applied for.	Amount of Guarantee Deposits paid in 1883.		Amount forfeited in 1883—Paid in previous years.		Amount authorized in 1883 to be refunded; having been paid in that and previous years.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
47	a. r. p. 117,894 2 0	2,947	7 3	2	12 6	40,725	16 3

SCHEDULE VI.

DEPOSITS forfeited in 1883, in terms of the 26th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, for non-payment of the balance of purchase money within the required time.

Description of Land.	Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots.	Area of Portions forfeited.			Amount of Deposit forfeited.	
				a.	r.	p.	£	s. d.
Suburban	Cobar	Mouramba	1	4	0	0	3	10 6
	Dubbo	Oxley	1	3	1	22	8	15 0
Town	Bathurst	Georgiana	2	0	3	30	2	7 0
	Cobar	Mouramba	2	0	2	0	2	10 0
	Dubbo	Oxley	13	6	1	23	133	2 6
	Forbes	Bland	1	0	2	0	1	0 0
	Grafton	Clarence	1	0	2	16	7	0 0
	Mudgee	Wellington	1	0	0	39½	1	15 3
	Urana	Urana	2	1	0	0	11	17 6
	Wagga Wagga	Bourke	1	0	2	0	1	1 3
	Total		25	18	0	104	172	19 0

SCHEDULE VII.

RETURN showing the situation of and amount realized for Town and Suburban lands sold at auction during 1883.

Town or Village of.	Town.			Suburban.		
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Adelong				3	12 2 12	42 5 0
Armidale	46	18 1 25½	1,294 10 0	10	60 3 7	598 14 1
Ballina West	10	5 0 25	381 0 0			
Bega				32	641 0 19	5,115 5 0
Berriagui South	27	15 1 24	648 0 0			
Berrima	15	7 2 0	69 17 0			
Bethunga	7	2 3 13	42 11 0			
Bibbenluke	4	2 0 0	23 5 0			
Brasfort				34	393 2 0	2,437 15 0
Brunswick	48	22 3 4	432 5 0			
Byng	1	1 0 0	8 0 0			
Bogree	8	4 0 0	59 18 0			
Casino	11	4 3 36	130 0 0			
Cathcart	31	15 1 33	141 5 0			
Cobar	3	1 2 0	57 0 0			
Coila	4	2 0 0	16 0 0	2	8 3 36	26 18 6
Collarindabri	20	10 0 0	330 5 0			
Conargo				5	98 3 0	296 5 0
Condoulin	31	13 3 17	1,006 5 0	15	170 0 38	506 3 7
Coolamon	40	20 0 0	245 2 6			
Cooma	1	0 2 0	80 0 0			
Coomamble				15	301 0 0	914 17 0
Cootamundry	15	7 2 0	251 10 0			
Copeland	2	0 2 8½	76 12 0			
Copmanhurst	8	3 3 0	48 17 6			
Coraki	63	43 0 32½	1,341 6 6	41	108 0 13½	3,742 0 0
Crookwell	9	4 2 17	188 8 0			
Cungegong				7	112 0 26	280 8 9
Currathool	27	11 3 39	1,439 15 0			
Delegate	13	6 2 0	249 9 0			
Eulon				6	60 2 35	124 8 9
Fitzroy	7	3 2 0	47 1 0			
Forbes	7	3 0 39	162 3 9			
Garryowen	9	4 2 0	35 0 0	1	2 0 0	8 0 0
Gerogery	8	3 3 3	30 3 0			
Glen Innes	2	0 3 8	50 0 0	23	558 2 30	1,680 5 3
Goodooga	24	12 6 0	1,039 10 0			
Goulburn				40	48 2 34½	783 3 0
Grafton	17	10 0 24	454 0 0	15	32 0 26	700 19 6
Grenfell	1	0 1 8	13 6 0	3	5 2 31	46 18 0
Gulgong	4	0 3 30	23 15 0			
Gundabloui	33	16 2 0	196 14 0			
Gundagai				5	8 3 17	47 15 6
Gunning	6	2 3 17	61 18 6			
Hexham				10	38 2 30	176 11 4
Huskisson	2	0 3 30	25 0 0			
Inverell	3	1 2 0	324 0 0			
Jembaicumbene				1	2 0 0	5 10 0
Jerilderie	9	4 2 0	203 10 0			
Jerry's Plains	1	0 2 0	10 0 0			
Juciera	1	0 2 0	5 0 0	5	6 1 36	27 18 0
Katoomba	52	27 1 27	929 17 9	14	59 2 9	761 1 0
Kingston	25	13 1 23	280 17 0			
Lawrence	10	4 1 15	100 15 0			
Lismore	20	9 0 34	2,343 0 0			
Loftus	31	8 1 37	1,679 0 0			
Malongulli	3	1 2 22½	13 2 9			
Manilla	7	4 0 0	114 0 0	15	20 1 10	112 3 6
Marsden	26	13 1 0	106 0 0			
Macleay	15	6 0 0	188 15 0	3	2 1 0	83 15 0
Milparinka	40	9 3 20	349 19 6	13	31 1 19	148 12 7
Minjary	18	9 0 0	93 12 0	8	43 2 0	279 0 0
Molong West	2	0 3 23	44 3 9			
Mulwala	8	2 0 0	163 5 0	15	217 2 16	499 6 0
Murrumburrah	8	2 0 0	70 0 0			
Narrandera	23	12 0 11	586 10 0			
Nymagee	46	23 0 0	599 10 0	12	77 3 39	288 16 6
Nyngan	149	73 1 18	10,112 10 0	11	29 1 2	335 0 0
Panbula	9	4 2 0	49 5 0			
Paramellowa	46	23 0 0	244 4 0			
Parramatta North	66	26 2 4	1,301 11 9			
Raleigh				16	40 0 0	260 0 0
Rockley	42	20 1 0	226 7 6			
Bylstone	20	12 0 17	238 16 3	4	3 3 23	46 14 6
Tamworth	27	13 0 29	951 3 4			
Temora	34	8 2 0	187 7 0			
Timbroongie				2	12 2 0	37 10 0
Tocumwal	1	0 2 2	68 0 0			
Urabry	4	1 3 30	18 10 0	3	12 3 6	31 10 0
Uralla				1	2 0 0	12 0 0
Urana	4	2 0 15	104 10 0			

SCHEDULE VII.—continued.

Town or Village of.	Town.			Suburban.		
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realized.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Wagga Wagga	2	1 2 33	54 5 0	..	..	..
Walcha .....	..	..	..	7	11 1 14	52 6 0
Walgett	4	1 3 20	70 0 0	22	561 0 0	1,165 18 0
Wantabadgery	31	16 2 26	170 15 0	..	..	..
Warburton	1	0 0 39½	7 1 0	..	..	..
Wentworth	3	4 0 3	349 0 0	..	..	..
Whitton	41	17 3 20	1,095 15 0	..	..	..
Woodburn	2	1 2 0	33 0 0	..	..	..
Woomargama .....	..	..	..	3	11 2 37	104 0 0
Woombah	44	17 1 7	177 14 0	..	..	..
Total	1,450	685 2 29½	34,354 5 4	422	3,808 1 6	21,778 14 4

SCHEDULE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order applications refused in 1883, satisfied in 1883, and remaining undisposed of or unsatisfied on the 31st December, 1883.

Number of applications refused in 1883.	Area.	Number of applications satisfied in 1883. This also includes those made in 1883 and in previous years	Area.	Number of applications unsatisfied or undisposed of on 31st December, 1883. Applications made in 1883 and in former years.	Area.	Remarks.
15	acres 750	75	acres 3,750	102	acres 5,100	Of the total number, 15, refused in 1883, 11 were applications made in that year; the remainder, 4, were tendered in previous years.

SCHEDULE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order applications made in 1883.

Land District.	County.	Number of applications.	Area.	Number of applications.	Area refused.
Albury	Goulburn	1	acres 50	..	acres ..
Brewarrina	Narran	7	350	..	..
Coonamble	Leichhardt	3	150	1	50
Cassilis	Brisbane	4	200	2	100
Do.	Bligh	2	100	..	..
Casino	Drake	1	50	..	..
Do.	Rous	1	50	..	..
Deniliquin	Cadell	1	50	..	..
Do.	Townsend	5	250	5	250
Hay	Boyd	1	50	..	..
Do.	Franklin	3	150	..	..
Do.	Sturt	2	100	..	..
Do.	Waradgery	2	100	..	..
Lismore.....	Rous	3	150	..	..
Moree	Courallie	2	100	..	..
Narrabri	Denham	1	50	..	..
Do.	Jamieson	2	100	..	..
Do.	Nandewar	1	50	..	..
Narrandera	Mitchell	2	100	..	..
Penrith	Cook	1	50	..	..
Urana	Hardie	1	50	..	..
Do.	Urana	5	250	3	150
Wagga Wagga.....	Bourke	1	50	..	..
Do.	Mitchell	1	50	..	..
Do.	Wynyard	1	50	..	..
Walgett	Denham	1	50	..	..
Do.	Finch	1	50	..	..
Wilcannia.....	Livingstone.....	2	100	..	..
	Total	58	2,900	11	550

SCHEDULE X.

Applications to purchase in virtue of improvements under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

Table with multiple columns: County, Land District, Number of applications made and area applied for during 1888, Total number of applications and area applied for in each County, Number of applications and area refused during 1888, Number of applications and area represented by cases referred for valuation during 1888, Number of applications and area represented by cases referred for valuation during 1887, Number of portions and area applied for during 1888, Number of portions and area applied for during 1887, Class of land, Area gazetted and amount called for during the first nine months of 1888, Number of portions gazetted during the first nine months of 1888, Total number of portions gazetted for payment of purchase money, Total number of portions purchased in each County, Total number of portions in the Land Districts, Total number of portions in the Counties, Penalties, Total amount paid.

SCHEDULE XI.

ANALYSIS of Land sold in virtue of Improvements.

	Area.			Amount.			Average price per acre, exclusive of Fines.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town	34	2	25½	1,981	4	2	57	3	1½
Suburban	112	3	32½	400	12	0	3	10	11½
Country	103,626	3	1	113,838	3	7	1	1	11½

SCHEDULE XII.

LAND alienated under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Clause.	Area purchased.			Amount paid, exclusive of penalties.			Penalties.			Total.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
9th	370	1	13	1,826	9	0	0	18	9	1,827	7	9
10th	226	3	1	719	9	3	1	10	9	721	0	0
11th	59	1	29½	123	9	4	0	1	10	123	11	2
12th	4	1	1½	466	0	0	.....	.....	.....	466	0	0
	660	3	5½	3,135	7	7	2	11	4	3,137	18	11

SCHEDULE XIII.

LAND granted for Religious and Public Purposes.

Public Purposes.	No. of Grants.	Areas granted.			Religious Purposes.	No. of Grants.	Areas granted.			
		a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.	
Permanent Common	1	1,464	0	0	Site for Presbyterian Church and Manse	1	1	2	0	
Public Recreation	17	858	1	11						
Public School Sites	35	68	3	9	Addition to Church of England and Roman Catholic Burial Ground...	1	0	0	19	
General Cemeteries	7	54	3	22						
Show Grounds	3	41	0	20		2	1	2	19	
Reserve for Defence Purposes	1	22	0	0						
Sites for Hospitals	3	10	1	8						
Site for Public Baths	1	6	1	20						
Site for Market	1	2	3	11						
Site for Aborigines School	1	2	0	0	Number of Grants	78				
Sites for Mechanics' Institutes	4	1	2	35	Total—Public Purposes		2,533	1	6	
Site for Wharf	1	0	1	36	Total—Religious Purposes			1	2	19
Site for Town Hall	1	0	1	34						
	76	2,533	1	6	General Total		2,534	3	25	

SCHEDULE XIV.

RETURN showing the number of Grants prepared during the year 1883.

No. of Deeds of Grant.	Area.			Mode of Alienation.
	a.	r.	p.	
2,691	299,067	1	11½	Sales by auction—23rd clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. After auction selections—25th clause of Lands Acts further Amendment Act of 1880. Purchases in virtue of improvements—2nd and 31st clauses of Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
752	113,269	3	2½	
696	103,999	0	20½	
976	107,329	3	39	Conditional purchases—13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
64	928	3	25	Purchases under the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
85	4,358	1	28	Volunteer Land Order Grants.
213	3,079	0	2	Dedications under the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 and the 32nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
1	40	0	0	Purchase legalized under 40 Vic. No. 14.
5,478	636,472	2	30	

SCHEDULE XV.
Pre-emptive Leases.

Districts.	Number of applications made during the year 1883.	Area applied for during the year 1883.	Number of leases granted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year.	Area of leases granted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year.	Number of applications made in the year 1883, and refused during that year.	Area represented by applications made in 1883, and refused during that year.	Number of applications made during the year 1883, in regard to which action was incomplete.	Area represented by applications made in 1883, in regard to which action was incomplete.	Total number of leases gazetted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.	Total area of leases gazetted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.	Total number of applications refused during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.
Albury	42	31,334 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	8,790	11	6,675 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	13,011	37	22,211 $\frac{1}{2}$	21
Armidale	35	23,234	23	13,764	5	4,210	7	4,380	65	45,595	24
Balranald	106	120,086	90	86,832 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	9,969	4	4,397 $\frac{1}{2}$	97	96,054 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Bathurst	15	3,058 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1,042	5	1,140	4	876	9	2,800	6
Bega	2	950	1	630	1	320	.....	.....	3	1,670	2
Berrima	2	420	.....	.....	1	320	.....	100	2	345	2
Bingera... ..	31	16,979	22	10,406	5	3,467	4	900	48	21,966	9
Bombala	35	20,540	20	11,102	7	2,810	8	6,240	35	20,945	12
Bourke	22	20,103	11	13,090	3	4,140	8	10,843	26	31,513	5
Braidwood	23	9,041	7	2,990	12	4,501	4	2,160	19	4,950	15
Brewarrina	70	87,382	43	53,811	11	6,284	16	22,775	101	117,569	11
Brisbane Water	8	2,840	2	920	6	1,920	.....	.....	2	920	6
Broulee... ..	5	1,011	1	270	2	515	2	226	7	5,980	2
Burrowa	45	23,841 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	4,281 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	11,959	13	5,580	27	9,066 $\frac{1}{2}$	26
Camden ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Campbelltown ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carcoar... ..	33	25,391 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1,721	17	17,269	12	6,482 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	6,765	20
Casino	72	32,659	68	26,694	2	2,700	2	3,186	76	31,193	4
Cassilis	15	7,470	5	2,263	9	4,470	1	240	14	4,816	16
Cobar	7	4,790	3	2,820	1	300	3	1,920	6	6,120	1
Condobolin	28	19,716	14	9,515	1	280	13	9,161	23	19,126	.....
Cooma	103	50,238	52	21,913	23	9,530	28	16,166	105	57,314	49
Coonamble	143	179,993	90	114,324	19	24,406 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	31,141	158	191,157	61
Coonabarabran... ..	66	40,708	35	19,816	14	6,176	17	14,956	47	25,766	22
Corowa	22	4,911	5	443	10	2,786 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	1,721 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	14,673 $\frac{1}{2}$	19
Cootamundra	19	21,612	9	6,189	2	2,890	8	12,317	14	10,237 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
Cowra	5	1,602 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	.....	4	1,282 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	320	2	625	9
Deniliquin	126	73,912	63	29,963 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	26,716 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	10,140 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	56,883 $\frac{1}{2}$	33
Dubbo	55	57,975 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	42,586 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	370	13	14,731	89	91,845 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Dowling	2	759	1	510	.....	.....	1	240	1	510	.....
Dungog... ..	1	1,280	.....	.....	1	1,280	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Eden	5	3,450	2	2,880	1	120	2	450	4	3,580	3
Forbes	35	29,465 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	4,912 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	10,214 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	12,064	29	22,613 $\frac{1}{2}$	30
Glen Innes	16	18,320	4	3,462	6	8,000	6	6,540	13	7,636	14
Grafton	19	10,516	12	6,482	4	1,354	3	2,440	18	9,994	8
Goulburn	30	11,167 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	1,759	9	3,630	11	5,534 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	2,882	22
Grenfell	37	27,601	14	13,662 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	4,340	16	8,982 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	29,943 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
Gundagai	15	7,910	8	4,577	2	700	5	2,520	12	8,262	2
Gunnedah	85	69,911 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	29,471	13	11,013 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	25,956 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	47,645	28
Gunning	13	4,955	7	1,714	2	990	4	1,710	14	4,098	8
Hay	270	363,158 $\frac{1}{2}$	159	165,613 $\frac{1}{2}$	45	59,262 $\frac{1}{2}$	66	118,647	209	236,042 $\frac{1}{2}$	81
Hillston	106	113,526 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	59,251 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	5,563	49	56,315 $\frac{1}{2}$	124	156,304 $\frac{1}{2}$	31
Inverell	53	35,543	32	20,294	9	7,149	12	8,100	51	35,358	19
Kiama ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lithgow	6	4,538	.....	.....	2	1,428	4	3,160	3	870	4
Liverpool ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SCHEDULE XV—continued.

Districts.	Number of applications made during the year 1883.	Area applied for during the year 1883.	Number of leases granted during the year 1883, representing claims during that year.	Area of leases granted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year.	Number of applications made in the year 1883, and refused during that year.	Area represented by applications made in 1883, and refused during that year.	Number of applications made during the year 1883, in regard to which action was incomplete.	Area represented by applications made in 1883, in regard to which action was incomplete.	Total number of leases gazetted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.	Total area of leases gazetted during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.	Total number of applications refused during the year 1883, representing claims advanced during that year and previous years.
Lismore	3	1,920	1	800	1	640	1	320	2	2,700	2
Maitland	1	640	1	320	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	320	.....
Macleay River	3	780	2	480	1	300	.....	.....	9	2,340	4
Manning River	4	2,378	2	1,242	2	903	.....	.....	10	4,442	4
Metropolitan ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	41	41,474	14	17,762	12	15,540	15	7,896	20	21,982	12
Moama ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Molong	10	5,340	3	900	2	960	5	3,480	12	5,872	9
Moree	191	241,956½	101	126,876½	31	35,105	59	74,913	184	230,026½	46
Mudgee	8	2,037	1	320	3	600	4	1,117	12	2,032	16
Murrumbidgee	20	13,503	6	2,014	4	3,290	10	7,333	6	2,014	6
Muswellbrook	1	320	.....	.....	1	320	.....	.....	1	3,760	4
Narrabri	77	91,805	46	51,102	9	8,401	22	22,608	106	128,105	30
Narrandera	54	56,883	40	34,938½	14	18,431½	.....	.....	54	52,716½	11
Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange	3	651	.....	.....	3	651	.....	.....	1	300	4
Parkes	18	12,715	10	6,988	3	1,460	5	4,267	11	7,826	7
Parramatta ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paterson	1	120	.....	.....	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Patrick's Plains	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	120	1	320	1
Penrith ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Macquarie ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	240	2
Port Stephens	22	7,168	6	1,200	12	3,625	4	2,343	14	2,449	16
Queanbeyan	33	19,850½	9	3,900	10	5,785½	14	8,920	23	12,437	18
Raymond Terrace	1	480	1	480	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	480	.....
Rylstone	5	1,160	.....	.....	3	920	2	240	.....	.....	4
Scone	4	4,613	.....	.....	4	4,613	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Shoalhaven	9	3,260	5	2,680	1	256	3	360	8	3,350	1
Tamworth	73	47,696½	29	16,930	23	12,401	21	16,407	46	28,183	38
Tenterfield	21	8,875½	7	1,711	4	1,178	10	5,986	23	11,236	13
Tumut	22	17,212	10	8,567	3	2,700	9	3,400	27	20,665	18
Tweed River	5	2,960	1	320	1	320	3	2,320	2	950	1
Urana	32	27,192½	12	8,213½	9	7,918½	11	9,585	15	9,125½	15
Wagga Wagga	204	226,628½	95	100,757	46	37,353½	63	77,791	140	144,321	85
Walcha	13	7,938½	6	3,450	3	1,780	4	1,598½	10	6,918	8
Walgett	55	69,657	31	33,320	10	12,198	14	15,907	73	88,860	26
Warraldra	71	73,824	38	39,538	17	11,495	16	20,416	67	100,785	19
Wellington	12	7,644	1	240	2	1,110	9	6,294	10	8,305	8
Wentworth	32	34,788	24	26,322	3	1,685	5	4,110	40	42,107	12
Windsor	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	120	.....	.....	.....
Wollombi	3	800	1	56	1	240	1	240	1	56	4
Wollongong ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yass	7	5,928	.....	.....	3	2,298½	4	3,630	4	1,890	8
Young	8	5,539½	4	2,013	3	2,365½	1	960	11	7,803	8
Totals	2,897	2,638,003½	1,490	1,286,729½	608	469,436	799	749,171½	2,657	1,482,471½	1,162

SCHEDULE XVI.

RETURN of Pre-emptive Leases renewed for the year 1883.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres	£ s. d.			acres	£ s. d.
Albury	375	300,533	963 5 5	Liverpool	3	1,305	5 0 0
Armidale	528	370,903	1,201 16 9	Maitland	36	17,870	60 16 11
Balranald	198	237,998	749 12 6	Manning River	21	11,266	36 8 6
Bathurst	460	237,734	828 15 1	Macleay River	67	70,357	229 5 0
Bega	6	2,015	8 5 8	Mitchell	239	184,111	593 3 1
Berrima	48	23,100	80 4 9	Molong	680	824,403	2,707 2 10
Bingara	147	115,344	379 1 4	Moree	253	146,069	498 11 0
Bombala	174	126,702	415 16 11	Mudgee	161	105,860	344 8 2
Bourke	72	92,936	295 19 9	Murrumbundi	25	18,190	57 8 2
Braidwood	222	131,828	436 13 1	Muswellbrook	196	327,713	1,028 8 10
Brisbane Water	5	1,910	6 15 0	Narandera	402	583,250	1,840 12 10
Brewarrina	202	215,800	680 16 8	Newcastle	64	42,627	142 7 10
Broulee	33	19,085	64 10 6	Orange	1	120	1 0 0
Burrows	393	225,696	765 15 1	Parramatta	101	67,222	217 18 11
Campbelltown	39	12,574	50 13 2	Paterson	103	106,244	340 15 0
Camden	384	214,327	730 18 8	Parkes	128	79,872	255 7 6
Carcoar	513	350,428	1,110 13 11	Patrick's Plains	14	6,430	23 1 3
Cassilis	213	154,287	491 19 4	Penrith	67	30,648	117 2 2
Casino	29	32,646	103 8 1	Port Macquarie	399	253,305	880 2 8
Cobar	833	479,606	1,605 9 9	Port Stephens	8	6,692	21 5 8
Coonabarabran	239	191,524	640 17 7	Queanbeyan	174	116,189	371 9 5
Coonamble	559	691,276	2,192 18 9	Raymond Terrace	296	243,699	772 4 7
Condobolin	134	157,018	498 16 9	Rylstone	28	18,672	63 4 2
Cootamundra	118	106,734	344 8 1	Scone	339	261,392	838 3 4
Corowa	80	94,078	309 14 0	Tamworth	177	121,516	400 13 2
Cowra	189	170,499	545 0 9	Tenterfield	274	157,642	523 3 11
Deniliquin	263	206,298	666 3 9	Tumut	1	810	2 10 8
Dowling	4	4,940	15 11 11	Tweed River	152	159,884	512 13 11
Dubbo	752	857,149	2,721 8 7	Urana	554	547,136	1,735 18 2
Dungog	18	10,265	34 5 8	Wagga Wagga	131	107,743	347 6 5
Eden	30	23,956	76 19 5	Walcha	238	276,192	876 18 1
Forbes	266	290,877	922 9 7	Walgett	423	456,328	1,450 5 8
Glen Innes	167	117,045	380 3 5	Wariakla	338	203,619	674 14 3
Goulburn	616	296,078	1,029 13 7	Wellington	136	171,680	550 15 9
Grafton	98	69,910	228 15 7	Wentworth	5	1,664	6 11 11
Grenfell	255	246,839	779 14 6	Windsor	14	5,299	19 7 9
Gundagai	178	119,436	387 4 4	Wollombi	207	125,156	418 13 10
Gunnedah	379	458,128	1,444 19 9	Wollongong	92	70,681	228 8 5
Gunning	264	134,740	452 16 2	Yass	18,008	16,126,921	52,086 17 8
Hay	1,021	1,641,057	5,146 15 6	Young			
Hillston	409	640,075	2,010 1 1				
Inverell	408	238,633	793 13 6				
Kiama							
Lismore	9	5,890	20 2 6				
Lithgow	135	80,168	275 1 9				

SCHEDULE XVII.

RETURN of Auction Leases renewed for 1883.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres	£ s. d.			acres	£ s. d.
Albury	14	12,097	48 4 8	Deniliquin	8	6,810	21 5 8
Armidale	20	12,190	35 15 5	Dowling	7	4,800	15 0 0
Balranald	322	228,960	788 7 1	Dubbo	8	6,400	20 0 0
Bathurst	45	34,590	109 3 0	Dungog	3	2,550	7 19 5
Bega	3	1,240	4 2 6	Eden	1	1,100	3 8 9
Berrima	10	6,395	21 14 6	Forbes	8	8,400	32 19 4
Bingara	42	32,120	120 1 0	Glen Innes	100	80,520	259 13 1
Bombala	2	1,920	6 0 0	Goulburn	71	48,442	170 19 0
Bourke	1	1,920	6 0 0	Grafton	3	1,216	4 10 0
Broulee	4	3,080	9 12 6	Grenfell	12	7,913	62 3 1
Burrows	138	100,830	365 9 7	Gundagai	105	76,050	265 10 9
Campbelltown	151	112,640	352 14 11	Gunnedah	4	6,969	21 16 10
Camden	433	315,787	1,033 6 6	Hillston	2	1,340	19 0 0
Carcoar	290	200,200	692 12 1	Inverell	29	9,380	39 14 3
Cassilis				Kiama			
Casino				Lismore	14	9,688	28 2 4
Cobar				Lithgow	214	151,020	491 3 2
Condobolin	15	10,880	34 17 1	Liverpool			
Cooma	7	3,400	12 18 9	Maitland	2	1,860	5 17 0
Coonabarabran	19	12,265	39 0 10	Manning River	23	18,271	57 3 1
Coonamble				Macleay River	26	17,680	55 5 3
Cootamundra	3	3,310	10 5 8	Metropolitan			
Corowa				Mitchell			
Cowra	23	17,347	54 6 4	Molong	3	5,550	17 6 11
				Moree	5	3,610	11 10 0

SCHEDULE XVII—continued.

District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		acres	£ s. d.			acres	£ s. d.
Mudgee	141	99,146	335 7 5	Tamworth	18	12,119	38 1 0
Murrurundi	15	9,666	30 11 2	Tenterfield	1	600	1 17 6
Muswellbrook	5	2,396	8 6 0	Tumut	1	900	2 16 3
Narrandera	3	1,384	4 6 8	Twced River			
Narrabri	1	340	1 1 4	Urana			
Newcastle				Wagga Wagga	2	481	2 5 0
Orange	100	72,636	227 4 8	Walcha			
Parramatta				Walgett			
Paterson	3	1,830	5 14 5	Warialda	1	200	1 0 0
Parke	1	1,920	6 0 0	Wellington	476	360,556	1,251 6 8
Patrick's Plains	38	27,146	86 5 8	Wentworth			
Penrith	19	12,720	39 15 0	Windsor	7	4,107	12 16 9
Port Macquarie	41	29,190	98 12 7	Wollombi			
Port Stephens	176	138,780	447 12 1	Wollongong			
Queanbeyan	30	23,130	92 7 4	Yass	53	44,760	151 17 8
Raymond Terrace	2	1,280	4 0 0	Young			
Rylstone	173	121,344	381 1 9				
Scone	89	63,810	205 5 3		3,618	2,633,271	8,868 4 10
Shoalhaven	32	22,590	77 12 4				

SCHEDULE XVIII.

RETURN of Leases advertised for Sale by Auction during the year 1883.

District.	Cazotted.		Withdrawn.		Sold.				Open to Selection.	
	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Annual Rent	Rent paid.	Lots.	Area.
		acres		acres		acres	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		acres
Albury	5	3,913	4	3,846	1	67	2 10 0	2 10 0		
Armidale										
Balranald										
Bathurst	16	9,250			13	7,820	27 1 4	25 4 9	3	1,430
Bega										
Berrima										
Bingara										
Bombala	4	755			4	755	4 2 0	2 1 0		
Bourke										
Braidwood	46	34,320	1	500	4	2,990	17 17 0	10 3 6	41	30,830
Brewarrina										
Brisbane Water										
Broulee	118	91,110			1	800	2 10 0	1 5 0	117	90,310
Burrowa	4	1,820			3	1,670	9 8 10	8 18 10	1	150
Camden										
Campbelltown										
Carcoar	6	4,580	4	2,990	2	1,590	4 19 5	4 19 5		
Cassilis	27	20,145			23	17,215	55 4 7	50 5 8	4	2,030
Casino										
Cobar										
Condobolin	2	1,920			2	1,920	6 0 0	6 0 0		
Cooma	4	2,780	1	1,040	3	1,740	5 8 9	3 13 2		
Coonabarabran										
Coonamble										
Cootamundra										
Corowa										
Cowra	1	195							1	195
Deniliquin	2	2,580	1	1,370	1	1,210	3 15 8	3 15 8		
Dowling	72	55,860			4	2,880	9 0 0	9 0 0	68	52,980
Dubbo	4	7,680	2	3,840	1	1,920	6 0 0	6 0 0	1	1,920
Dungog										
Eden										
Forbes	2	1,520	1	800	1	720	2 5 0	2 5 0		
Glen Innes										
Goulburn	12	9,244			3	2,620	11 7 10	11 7 10	9	6,624
Grafton	3	940	1	150	1	150	20 0 0	10 0 0	1	640
Grenfell	1	960							1	960
Gundagai										
Gunnedah	9	6,573			9	6,573	57 6 2	28 13 1		
Gunning	4	2,600	1	1,000	3	1,600	5 13 10	4 11 11		
Hay	2	3,180			2	3,180	10 0 0	10 0 0		
Hillston	1	700			1	700	8 0 0	4 0 0		
Inverell	11	3,271	1	740	7	2,361	10 3 0	6 16 6	3	170
Kiama										
Lismore	3	2,090	2	1,260					1	830
Liverpool	10	8,150							10	8,150
Lithgow	29	19,895	10	6,850	3	1,660	5 3 10	2 11 11	16	11,385
Maitland										
Manning River	4	3,080	4	3,080						
Macleay River	2	1,280			2	1,280	4 0 0	2 0 0		
Metropolitan										
Mitchell	1	1,000	1	1,000						
Nolong										
Moree	4	2,550			4	2,550	8 10 0	4 5 0		
Mudgee	15	10,691			7	4,816	17 4 6	12 1 5	8	5,875

SCHEDULE XVIII—continued.

District.	Gazetted.		Withdrawn.		Sold.				Open to Selection.	
	Lots.	Area	Lots.	Area.	Lots.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Rent paid.	Lots	Area.
Murrumbidgee	7	4,106	...	acres	7	4,106	£ s. d. 13 5 0	£ s. d. 8 8 2	...	acres
Muswellbrook	7	4,580	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4,580
Narandera	3	1,384	...	...	3	1,384	4 6 8	2 3 4	...	...
Narrabri	3	1,780	3	1,780	...	...	...	...	...	...
Newcastle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orange	58	41,110	...	...	14	9,770	30 10 10	15 5 5	44	31,340
Parramatta	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paterson	28	19,982	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	19,982
Patrick's Plains	34	24,520	3	1,940	12	8,720	27 15 2	13 12 8	19	13,860
Parkes	1	1,920	...	...	1	1,920	6 0 0	6 0 0	...	...
Penrith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Macquarie	28	18,910	3	2,290	12	8,350	24 9 6	12 4 9	13	8,270
Port Stephens	245	175,146	3	2,330	58	41,510	146 19 11	112 15 0	184	131,306
Queanbeyan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raymond Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rylstone	28	19,150	...	...	12	8,170	25 10 10	12 15 5	16	10,980
Scone	11	6,240	...	...	6	4,170	13 0 9	10 5 5	5	2,070
Shoalhaven	130	97,220	1	900	...	...	...	...	129	96,320
Tamworth	5	3,065	1	480	3	2,225	6 19 2	4 17 5	1	360
Tenterfield	1	600	...	...	1	600	1 17 6	0 18 9	...	...
Tumut	1	900	...	...	1	900	2 16 3	2 16 3	...	...
Tweed River	22	14,718	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	14,718
Urana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wagga Wagga	2	671	...	...	1	81	1 0 0	0 10 0	1	590
Walcha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walgett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warialda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wollington	12	10,750	3	3,180	5	3,980	12 8 9	10 11 3	4	3,590
Wentworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Windsor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wollombi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wollongong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yass	4	3,260	...	...	4	3,260	15 6 4	7 13 2	...	...
Young	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1054	764,641	51	41,366	245	169,933	645 18 5	153 6 8	758	553,345

SCHEDULE XIX.

RETURN of Letters registered during the years 1882 and 1883.

Branch.	Documents registered		Increase.	Decrease
	1882.	1883.		
Ministerial	8,530	9,308	760	...
Miscellaneous	20,765	26,173	5,408	...
Alienation	12,801	5,307	...	7,494
Leases	14,135	14,019	...	116
Total	56,240	54,807	6,177	7,610

SCHEDULE XX.

RETURN of Manuscript Letters and Formal Documents despatched during the year 1883.

Branch.	Manuscript Letters.	Formal Documents.	Packets of Maps for sale.	Total.	Total in 1882.
Ministerial	1,331	442	...	1,773	1,691
Miscellaneous	4,790	12,651	650	18,091	15,489
Auction and Statistical	1,110	5,453	...	6,563	5,250
Deeds	190	264	...	454	501
Pre-emptive and Auction Leases	1,190	18,285	...	19,475	19,172
Account	913	2,534	...	3,447	3,633
Total	9,524	39,629	650	49,803	45,736

The

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 31st March, 1884.

I have the honor to append Returns A to S inclusive, in continuation of those appended to Departmental Reports for previous years. I also append copy of a Memorandum prepared to illustrate the state of the business relating to the conditional purchase of Crown Land for the year 1883.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Memorandum.

It having been suggested that it would be convenient to have, in a form easy of reference, a Summary of the information that appears in the published statements relating to the conditional purchase of Crown Land and the disposal of conditional purchases, a Memorandum bringing the information to the latest possible period was prepared early in the last Quarter of 1883; and the interest then attaching to the subject induced me to make a few observations that would perhaps have claimed less attention if applicable to a period more remote. Beyond correcting these statements to 31st December, I have now little to add; and I cannot but feel the difficulty of entering upon a general review without risk of intrusion upon ground that is at the present time the theatre of action on a higher level.

The Returns have at the same time been re-arranged so as to correspond in order with those appended to former Departmental Reports; and I have appended an additional statement, Return A (2), showing approximately the number and area of conditional purchases under the respective sections of the Land Act of 1861, in each Land District in the Colony, on the 31st December, 1882, which has not previously been furnished in the same detail; and although, in a statement covering so great a number of transactions and so long a period, and embracing unmeasured or partially measured areas, variations and discrepancies, real or apparent, are inevitable, it is as nearly accurate as the circumstances admit.

II. The area conditionally purchased in 1882 amounted to 2,392,217 acres 2 roods and 35 perches, in 14,606 selections, being somewhat in excess of that purchased in 1881 (2,329,202 acres and 15 perches, in 14,220 selections), and far in excess of that in any previous year. During the first eight years after the passing of the Act of 1861, the total area conditionally purchased amounted to 2,161,390 acres.

During the year 1883, the area conditionally purchased has been 1,617,712 acres and 7 perches, in 10,674 selections, which, although indicating a falling off, would represent a rate of alienation, under conditions, about equal to that of 1877 and exceeding that of any other years prior to 1881, except 1875 and 1876. This falling off may be attributed to several causes; and, apart from the seasons and the state of the money market, which affect all transactions, the impending changes in the law must of course be expected to exercise a disturbing influence upon operations under the laws proposed to be repealed.

The total number and area of conditional purchases in the several districts up to 31st December, 1882, after deducting those declared void, lapsed, and forfeited, was 127,117, embracing 15,530,532 acres 3 roods and 27 perches. The addition to this area made during the year 1883 was, as already stated, 1,617,712 acres and 7 perches, in 10,674 selections. Deducting the number and area of the selections voided, lapsed, and forfeited during 1883, the number and area at present standing in the registers of this office are 133,659 selections, embracing 16,489,939 acres 2 roods and 17 perches. Of these, deeds of grant have issued for 9,608 purchases, of an area of 854,944 acres, to the end of 1882, and 1,006 purchases, of an area of 110,203 acres 1 rood, have been sent on for deeds in 1883; consequently there are now 123,045 conditional purchases in course of completion (or verification) of the conditions (or completed and bearing interest), of an area in the aggregate of 15,524,792 acres 1 rood and 17 perches. A proportion of these will be found invalid or reduced (or increased) in area, but this qualification will apply to any such statement.

III. On more detailed examination, it will be seen that in the following districts the number of original conditional purchases (requiring residence) taken up during 1882 was greater than that for the previous year, viz.:—Balranald, Bega, Berrima, Bombala, Bourke, Braidwood, Brisbane Water, Brewarrina, Broulee, Burrowa, Cassilis, Cooma, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Grenfell, Gunnedah, Gunning, Hay, Lismore, Moama, Moree, Mudgee, Narrabri, Parramatta, Sydney, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Tumut, Tweed River; and that in the following districts a decrease took place, viz.:—Armidale, Bathurst, Casino, Coonamble, Coonabarabran, Corowa, Cootamundra, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Gundagai, Inverell, Mitchell, Molong, Naranderra, Newcastle, Parkes, Queanbeyan, Rylstone, Urana, and Wellington.

For the year 1883, the following districts show an increase as compared with 1882, viz.:—Bathurst, Brisbane Water, Coonabarabran, Orange, Sydney, Wellington; and the following a decrease, viz.:—Albury, Cooma, Coonamble, Corowa, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Grafton, Grenfell, Gundagai, Gunnedah, Hay, Narrabri, Patrick's Plains, Scone, Tenterfield, Tumut, Tweed River, and Urana.

The number of conditional purchases for mining made in 1882 was 762, as against 425 in 1881, and of an area of 74,695 acres 2 roods 27 perches, as against 43,259 acres 3 roods 32 perches. During 1883, 490 such purchases, of an area of 48,165 acres 28 perches, were taken up. Attention was on a previous occasion directed to these mining conditional purchases as being in excess of the legitimate effect and requirements of mining enterprise, and rather designed in many instances to secure land than to promote mining. The greater number of the recent selections are in the districts of Armidale, Berrima, Bingera, Brewarrina, Brisbane Water, Camden, Casino, Cobar, Coonamble, Coonabarabran, Condobolin, Dubbo, Glen Innes, Gunnedah, Hartley, Hay, Inverell, Mitchell, Moree, Molong, Penrith, Parkes, Queanbeyan, Rylstone, Sydney, Tenterfield, Wagga Wagga, and Urana. The only condition being expenditure in mining operations, all that is practicable in the way of restricting abuse is to scrutinize carefully the nature and amount of the expenditure, which always is done.

Conditional purchases under the 21st and 22nd sections of the Act of 1861, representing only the enlargement to the maximum limit, of purchases already made under the 13th and 14th sections, or of freehold portions of like extent, do not, except in one direction, call for special remark; that is, in the districts more particularly adapted for agricultural use, and settled at first by purchasers of small areas. The expenditure necessarily incurred in clearing and preparing for cultivation has been often in excess of that required to meet the condition as to improvements, so that it has been open to the purchasers or their transferees (more notably the latter) to extend the acreage without further conditions. Purchasers

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of completed selections of small area have thus been enabled in some districts to secure much valuable land at a tithe of its value; as an example of which may be cited the sugar land on the Richmond River, some of which taken as an additional conditional purchase, at a deposit of 5s. per acre, has been sold during the following week at £12 per acre and over. Much of this land in its natural state has been worth about £10 per acre, and the land having water frontage probably double that amount; but little of such land probably now remains unsold.

IV. The revenue, under the various heads of deposits, instalments, balances, and interest on land conditionally purchased, amounted in 1882 to £1,148,741 8s. 8d., being £80,862 19s. 7d. greater than that for 1881, and far in excess of that of any previous year. For 1883 the receipts amounted to £981,235 6s. 6d. There has been a falling-off under the head of deposits—corresponding with the diminished area conditionally purchased—and also in the amount of balances paid on completed selections. A considerable increase has taken place in the receipts from instalments and interest. Payment of the full balance of purchase money at any time being optional with the holders, the receipts from this source are liable to great fluctuation. The instalments, on the other hand, and interest represent a progressively increasing revenue, as in every year payments under those heads are due for the first time in respect of the conditional purchases made three and four years previously—that is to say: at the end of three years from the date of a conditional purchase the first payment of 1s. per acre is made, which is credited as an instalment of the purchase money, and in the ensuing year interest is first charged and credited, and the balance of the payment credited as an instalment.

The receipts in 1882 for instalments (£129,921 0s. 7d.) were but slightly in excess of those for 1881, which is explained by the fact that in 1881 the first instalments were received from the conditional purchases of 1878, which were in excess by half a million of acres of those made in 1879, of which latter year the instalments became due in 1882. The year 1883 exhibits an increase of £7,356 8s. 2d. as compared with the corresponding period of 1882, though the conditional purchases made in 1880 were not largely in excess of those of 1879; and in like manner, the next two years may be relied upon to yield a very considerably increased amount, corresponding with the unprecedented extent of land conditionally purchased in 1881 and 1882.

For similar reasons, the revenue for 1882 from interest on land conditionally purchased (£287,526 13s. 9d.) exceeded by over £34,000 that for the previous year, and the amount received during 1883 exceeded the receipts for 1882 by £23,149 12s. 10d.

V. Turning to the business in connection with the conditional purchase of land, I apprehend that neither its extent, requirements, nor complexity are very generally appreciated, and a brief *résumé* of the routine may not here be out of place. All the applications from the various Land Offices throughout the the Colony (of which there are eighty-nine) reach this Office, as a rule, within three or four days of their receipt, on the Land Office day (Thursday) in each week, by the Land Agents. They are immediately entered in the registers and examined as to regularity in form, as to whether the applicants are already the holders of conditional purchases, and if so, of what area, and other points requiring examination at the outset. Cases requiring instructions are at once submitted to me, and by me, if necessary, to the Minister; reference has occasionally to be made to the Land Agents for some explanation, or the correction of errors or omissions; but, the applications are in general dealt with and referred to the Survey Department during the week following that in which they are received by the Land Agents. Applications for measured land are readily disposed of by the charting draftsman, and, if objectionable on any ground, reported on by the Deputy Surveyor-General or other officer acting for the Surveyor-General, with a view to avoidance, or for consideration of any matter calling for decision or instructions. Applications for unmeasured land, if apparently unobjectionable, are forwarded to the surveyor for measurement; but in very many instances, both before and after measurement, they are submitted with explanatory reports and diagrams, for the decision of some question as to the form of measurement, or as to the eligibility of the selection, having regard to situation of previous alienations, interference with reserved areas, improved land, &c. This duty, performed by the Charting Branch, inevitably occupies time; it is a part, and a very important part of the operation of survey, and is of course dependent upon how nearly the Survey Department can keep pace with the demands upon it. It is obviously imperative that the practice in different districts and localities should be uniform and clearly referable to the same general principles, however divergent the circumstances, and I am bound to state that these objects are kept well in view, and that the manner in which these cases—which are numbered by thousands; often involve most intricate questions of practice; demand familiarity with the law and administrative precedents, and deal at first hand with the interests and rights (frequently in conflict), of wealthy and influential as well as poor and illiterate persons—are brought up for action and decision reflects much credit upon the able and highly-trained professional staff engaged upon the duty.

While the applications are with the Survey officers it is obviously impossible to anticipate the result, or to reply definitely, unless with the probability of misleading, or increased delays, on the various points on which applicants, perhaps naturally, seek information for their own guidance, or represent their views for the guidance of the Department. Communications received from applicants at this period are therefore referred to the officer having the case in hand, who is thus seized of and enabled to deal with it as a whole. But this disadvantage has to be undergone,—that in the meantime correspondence of this character cannot possibly be finally or promptly dealt with in this office, and business bears the appearance of arrears or neglect which is really being carefully attended to, and as rapidly as the inevitable professional references and dealings render possible.

My own sphere is limited to taking action upon, or submitting for decision, when necessary, the questions when they come to me. When it is considered that new purchases have lately been made at the rate of *forty-six* for every working day in the year, averaging 160 acres, and chiefly of unmeasured land, some impression may be gained of the extent of the labour, responsibility, and anxiety which it involves. And with many openings for abuse, and but too many persons ready to take advantage of them, the simplest and clearest line of duty will at times conflict with private interests and engender dissatisfaction. I can state that no delay is permitted to occur in the disposal of matters when ripe for decision or action, and that on the 31st December hardly a case remained on my hands, although I find that during that month, for example, I personally dealt with 1,455 separate cases, issued 1,280 final certificates, and indorsed 898 completed selections for final acceptance.

VI. During the year 1883, 3,220 conditional purchases, of an area of 452,709½ acres, have been found to be invalid, for various reasons, and the deposits thereon refunded. The total amount of the refund orders issued from this office was £141,348 8s. 9d., which included partial refunds owing to reduction of area. I have appended a brief summary of the principal grounds of avoidance.

VII. The scrutiny of conditions is a matter which falls within the special province of this Division, in connection with which twenty Inspectors were employed during 1882, and twenty-two in 1883. It is the duty of these officers to inspect conditional purchases on which the conditions of residence and improvement are current or declared upon, and to report the result of their inspection. Should this be satisfactory, the proper payments made, and the conditional purchase in other respects free from difficulty, the claim is indorsed and submitted to the Minister for counter-signature, and a certificate is issued of the due fulfilment of conditions. Should the inspection disclose ground of complaint, or fail to verify the claimant's declaration, the claim is referred to a Commissioner for inquiry upon sworn evidence.

At the beginning of 1882 the number of Commissioners was reduced from nine to six, which rendered necessary a re-arrangement of districts, and other measures that have been already described. The existing arrangements are set forth in an appended return. During 1882, 9,826 cases were referred to the Inspectors, and 10,748 reports received; there were 3,560 cases referred to the Inquiry Courts, and 3,042 reported on; 523 selections, of an area of 78,551 acres, were forfeited; and 7,059 claims finally passed after report or inquiry. During 1883, 10,437 cases have been referred to Inspectors, and 2,489 to the Courts; 822 selections, of an area of 104,534 acres, forfeited; and 10,918 claims passed. With very few exceptions, the forfeiture was owing to the failure of residence, and I regret to say that in many instances the penalty fell upon persons of a class whom it has been the object of the law to encourage as settlers. I refer to those already possessed of or occupying small grazing or agricultural farms, or members of the families of such persons by whom new selections have been taken up without any removal of the family home. A show, greater or less, of residence has been kept up so long as the obligation has remained in force, only to be abandoned on its expiry; and it has often been a question how many days (or nights) of residence in the week, month, or year should suffice to avert forfeiture when of real residence or settlement on the land there has been none. The occurrence of such cases has possibly offered evidence of the limit of area being still in some districts too low to admit of the land being used to the best advantage. Possibly it has also been an indication of a legitimate desire to possess and make use of land by persons who are prevented by circumstances from fulfilling the condition of residence, and of whom the majority are now shut out, or represented only by those who undertake the condition inconsiderately, or in the hope of successfully evading it. Others have been purchasers of the labouring class, who being without means to effect improvements or to make the land productive, have been obliged to leave their selections for longer or shorter periods to earn such means or even to subsist. And the most difficult feature of the case is that residence being the touchstone that distinguishes those who really mean to become settlers from the numerous agents of land monopoly, a relaxation in the one case immediately becomes lax administration in the other. I wish I could add that, in any large proportion of the claims that have been passed, the condition of fulfilled residence has outlasted the obligation to reside, but I am bound to state that the contrary has been the fact.

It has often been matter of regret that, when the conditions of selection are found to have been but partially fulfilled, no course has been open between the imposition of the severe penalty of forfeiture on the one hand or of passing the claim as if satisfactory on the other. Instances might be quoted in which, while it has been clearly shown that the land has not been sufficiently resided upon or improved, and in which consequently forfeiture has been imperative, the circumstances have indicated a *bond fide* intention of settlement; and again, in many cases, offering every indication (short of evidence impossible to be procured) that the conditions of the law as to agency have been skilfully evaded, or that as to residence but colourably observed, the certificates have been obtained as if every condition had been satisfied, and dishonest persons placed in as good or a better position than those who have fulfilled every obligation and requirement of the law faithfully.

I may be pardoned for claiming for the Inquiry Courts conducted by the Commissioners, who are, without exception, gentlemen of much experience, the credit of efficiency and complete freedom from bias, with a due regard to the interests both of the claimants and of the public. The inquiries have been limited to questions affecting the conditions, and cannot be made to embrace evasions, through agency (or what is known as "dummying"), unless when they appear incidentally or in the investigation of claims to completed selections. Much care has been exercised to maintain the Courts on a high and uniform level of usefulness and reliability, and, considering the critical function which they discharge, I do not think their claim to a large measure of public confidence can be questioned.

Some marked cases have been brought under notice in which agents have been employed to select land, in defiance or evasion of the penal provisions of the Act of 1875. Naturally there has been difficulty in eliciting evidence of such transactions; and although in some instances the land and deposits have been forfeited, on facts coming to light, in no instance has a prosecution yet been successfully instituted. The difficulty has been increased by both parties—the person designing to obtain land in violation of the law and the agent employed for the purpose—being criminally liable. The evidence that would be most material thus being that of an accomplice, is discredited and deprived of any practical value. It is nevertheless my belief that, in many such instances (to which I have called special attention) not only the provisions above mentioned, but also those relating to conspiracy, have been infringed.

VIII. I would call attention to the large business transacted, without difficulty or delay, in connection with the transfer of conditional purchases.

IX. I am pleased to be able to add that the business of this Division in its leading Branches was reported as free from arrears on the 31st December, 1883.

Department of Lands,
Conditional Sales Division,
13th February, 1884.

A.O.M.

RETURN A.

RETURN D.
SUMMARY of existing Conditional Purchases.

	No.			Area.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Number and area of conditional purchases selected up to 31st December, 1882, after deducting area cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed				127,117	15,530,532	3 27
Number and area of conditional purchases selected, from 1st January to 31st December, 1883	10,674	1,617,712	0 7			
Number and area of conditional purchases cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed, from 1st January to 31st December, 1883	4,132	658,305	1 17	6,542	959,406	2 30
				133,659	16,489,939	2 17

RETURN E.

SHOWING the area of Conditional Selections that have been declared void (and deposits refunded), from 1862 to 1883 inclusive.

1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1873 ..	305,809	0 7	1st January, 1880, to 31st December, 1880 ..	189,201	0 0
1874 ..	142,124	1 0	1881 ..	246,351	0 0
1875 ..	189,622	0 0	1882 ..	334,704	1 0
1876 ..	339,159	1 0	1883 ..	452,709	2 0
1877 ..	362,017	0 0			
1878 ..	290,455	2 0		3,139,813	3 7
1879 ..	296,661	0 0			

RETURN F.

- (I.)—Number and area of conditional purchases declared void, from 1st January to 31st December, 1883.
- (II.)—Areas of conditional purchases reduced.
- (III.)—Amount of deposit authorized for refund.
- (IV.)—Number and area declared void and areas reduced in each Land District.
- (V.)—Reasons of voidance.

- (I.)—Void:—Number, 3,220; area, 452,709½ acres; amount, £118,097 2s. 6d.
- (II.)—Area reduced:—Number, 1,452; area, 103,393½ acres; amount, £26,251 6s. 3d.
- (III.)—Total area—556,103½ acres; total deposit—£144,348 8s. 9d.
- Voidance revoked:—Number, 37; area, 8,175 acres; amount, £2,107.
- After revocations deducted—444,534½ acres; £142,241 8s. 9d.

(IV.)

District.	Void.		Area reduced.		District.	Void.		Area reduced.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.		No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Albury ..	77	11,161½	28	2,110½	Liverpool ..	4	330	...	.....
Armidale ..	96	12,851½	50	2,617½	Lismore ..	133	15,304	47	2,491½
Balranald ..	2	369	...	.....	Maitland ..	4	440½	2	60½
Bathurst ..	21	1,400	20	160½	Macleay River ..	91	9,036	19	1,128½
Bega ..	58	3,582½	7	137½	Manung River ..	23	1,845	7	138½
Berrima ..	38	4,455½	5	122½	Metropolitan ..	4	340	2	108
Bingera ..	12	1,620½	4	176	Moama ..	3	1,012½	4	132½
Bombala ..	95	11,958	26	1,099½	Molong ..	87	9,213½	48	3,565
Bourke ..	25	4,470	5	1,094½	Moree ..	44	14,989½	23	3,118½
Braidwood ..	33	1,782½	6	695½	Mudgee ..	22	1,500	9	69½
Brewarrina ..	14	3,536½	6	1,295½	Murrurundi ..	17	2,616	33	522½
Brisbane Water ..	24	2,909	...	.....	Muswellbrook ..	9	600	3	14
Broulee ..	38	2,846	6	166	Narrabri ..	41	12,661½	14	1,934½
Burrowa ..	64	5,452	16	1,776½	Narrandera ..	14	5,752½	11	1,757½
Camden ..	11	935	2	285	Newcastle ..	1	500	1	25½
Campbelltown ..	...	.....	...	.....	Orange ..	10	1,821	5	478½
Casino ..	17	1,331½	8	74½	Parkes ..	7	1,756	4	227½
Cassilis ..	32	2,357½	21	1,534½	Parramatta ..	1	50	...	.....
Cobar ..	20	2,046½	1	12½	Paterson ..	6	849	4	160½
Condoblin ..	6	1,240	3	108	Patrick's Plains ..	19	2,098½	5	247
Cooma ..	219	24,211½	74	4,124½	Penrith ..	6	980	8	66½
Coonamble ..	136	31,865½	34	4,499½	Port Macquarie ..	14	832½	4	38½
Carcoar ..	34	2,311½	15	1,034½	Port Stephens ..	4	220	1	1½
Coonabarabran ..	21	2,419	2	185	Queanbeyan ..	75	7,571½	26	1,446
Corowa ..	51	11,848	47	5,160	Raymond Terrace ..	1	160	...	.....
Cootamundry ..	38	5,579½	55	2,976	Rylstone ..	8	437½	30	330
Cowra ..	61	4,988½	25	1,700	Scone ..	15	1,026½	6	278½
Deniliquin ..	20	4,637½	10	1,185½	Shoalhaven ..	11	718	...	.....
Dowling ..	6	240	2	35	Tauuworth ..	77	6,639	27	1,470½
Dungog ..	8	431	4	65½	Tenterfield ..	38	3,336	9	431½
Dubbo ..	59	10,048½	27	2,105½	Tumut ..	65	4,501	7	204
Eden ..	26	1,444	3	239½	Twced River ..	44	3,297	2	440
Forbes ..	51	13,429½	28	3,235	Urana ..	49	11,216½	40	3,960
Glen Innes ..	61	5,845	48	1,677½	Wagga Wagga ..	153	35,029½	102	13,956
Goulburn ..	74	6,154	16	572	Walcha ..	25	2,801	8	851
Grafton ..	26	1,557½	6	229½	Walgett ..	43	16,044	9	1,555
Grenfell ..	51	11,009	30	2,902½	Warialda ..	4	1,760	10	997½
Gundagai ..	43	4,462½	48	2,233½	Wellington ..	20	2,020	12	1,844
Gunnedah ..	23	4,933½	12	845	Wellworth ..	14	2,720	3	126½
Gunning ..	64	4,619½	28	455	Wilcannia ..	15	3,004	2	675
Hartley ..	39	5,113½	7	564	Windsor ..	15	743½	...	.....
Hay ..	21	7,505½	25	3,841½	Willombi ..	3	120	...	.....
Hillston ..	23	3,728	4	517½	Wollongong ..	...	.....	...	.....
Inverell ..	25	4,718½	22	855½	Yass ..	38	3,350	20	617½
Kiama ..	7	889	1	...	Young ..	70	11,173	53	3,310

(V.)—REASONS of Voidance.

Limit of eighty chains exceeded	...	...	224	Applicant being a married woman	...	...	8
Separated from previous selections	...	...	177	Through non-residence on freehold	...	...	31
Non-survey within twelve months	...	...	468	Not tendered in person	...	...	25
Form of measurement applied for objectionable	...	...	210	Applicant not holder of original purchase	...	...	35
On account of improvements	...	...	170	Within population boundary	...	...	92
Land previously selected	...	...	490	More than one selection on same land office day	...	...	30
Within reserves	...	...	297	By special decision	...	...	52
Land not available	...	...	123	Whole area not available	...	...	169
Crosses a frontage road	...	...	5	Subdivision fee not paid	...	...	21
Crosses a frontage creek	...	...	4	Applicant under age	...	...	3
Contrary to Regulations	...	...	39	Taken up under wrong name	...	...	1
Full deposit not paid	...	...	4	Applied for at wrong land office	...	...	79
In virtue of a freehold not in applicant's name	...	...	1	Land previously purchased	...	...	61
Original purchase void	...	...	127	Within thirty days from forfeiture of land	...	...	20
Original purchase lapsed or forfeited	...	...	7	Selected under 13th instead of 14th section	...	...	4
Applicant holds another incomplete purchase	...	...	11	Vagueness of description	...	...	172
In virtue of an additional con. purchase	...	...	11	Applicant (as a Bank) unable to undertake condition of residence	...	...	2
Maximum area exceeded	...	...	21	Joins previous selection at a corner only	...	...	13
In a mineral lease	...	...	13				

RETURN G.

SHOWING the number and total area of Conditional Purchases that have been forfeited in each year to 31st December, 1883.

Year.	Number of Selections.	Area.	Year.	Number of Selections.	Area.
1864	26	a. r. p. 1,066 1 0	1875	1,166	a. r. p. 126,842 2 35
1865	24	1,490 0 0	1876	724	89,915 1 0
1866	29	1,658 2 0	1877	802	107,536 3 5
1867	366	23,750 0 0	1878	1,075	136,308 0 0
1868	357	20,253 0 0	1879	141	15,510 0 0
1869	631	45,654 3 0	1880	492	66,658 0 0
1870	180	11,546 0 0	1881	557	71,924 3 3
1871	335	18,692 0 10	1882	523	78,551 2 5
1872	139	9,301 3 0	1883	822	104,534 2 17
1873	288	39,778 1 16			
1874	234	42,003 2 29	Total	8,911	1,012,989 0 0

RETURN II.

SHOWING Conditional Purchases forfeited during 1883 in each Land District.

Land District.	Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 19.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total.		
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.	
Albury	9	a. r. p. 1,207 3 0														24	a. r. p. 2,552 1 27	
Armidale	17	3,719 0 0							14	a. r. p. 579 2 27	1	a. r. p. 465 0 0				24	5,008 1 0	
Bathurst	7	929 0 0	8	365 0 0					5	780 0 0	2	509 1 0				30	2,041 0 0	
Bega	1	40 0 0							8	355 0 0	7	392 0 0				2	80 0 0	
Bingera	2	110 0 0	1	340 0 0					1	40 0 0						3	450 0 0	
Bombala	7	627 0 0	4	620 0 0					4	310 0 0	2	200 0 0			17	1,757 0 0		
Bourke	4	730 0 0													4	730 0 0		
Brewarrina	3	1,040 0 0													3	1,040 0 0		
Brisbane Water	4	180 0 0													4	180 0 0		
Broulee	1	40 0 0									1	40 0 0			2	80 0 0		
Burrowa	7	820 0 0	1	100 0 0					3	186 1 0	2	90 0 0			13	1,196 1 0		
Carcoar	5	343 2 0	2	80 0 0					7	450 0 0	1	40 0 0			15	913 2 0		
Casino	6	830 0 0							9	614 2 0	2	160 0 0			17	1,604 2 0		
Cassilis	6	386 1 0	2	80 0 0					3	130 0 0					11	596 1 0		
Cobar	1	40 0 0													1	40 0 0		
Coonamb	14	1,160 0 0	3	140 0 0					4	244 3 0					21	1,544 3 0		
Condobolin	4	620 0 0													4	620 0 0		
Coonamble	1	610 0 0													1	640 0 0		
Coonabarabran	2	161 0 0													3	201 0 0		
Corowa	5	558 0 0							1	40 0 0					9	1,328 0 0		
Cootamundra	6	660 0 0	7	1,695 0 0					4	770 0 0					21	3,723 0 0		
Cowra	10	1,407 3 0	1	640 0 0					10	1,239 3 0	1	128 1 0			16	2,473 1 0		
Deniliquin	7	1,767 0 0							4	385 2 0	1	40 0 0			7	1,767 0 0		
Dubbo	2	90 0 0													2	90 0 0		
Dungog	5	230 0 0							3	120 0 0					8	350 0 0		
Eden	3	354 0 0							4	410 0 0					7	764 0 0		
Forbes	3	1,516 0 0	4	1,752 0 0					2	309 0 0					9	3,568 0 0		
Glen Innes	4	400 0 0									1	120 0 0			5	529 0 0		
Goulburn	20	1,901 0 0	1	250 0 0					13	682 3 0	3	490 0 0			42	2,423 3 0		
Grafton	12	698 0 0							1	40 0 0	2	83 3 0			15	821 3 0		
Grenfell	12	2,402 0 0	5	800 0 0					4	445 0 0					21	3,647 0 0		
Gundagai	4	569 3 0	1	41 0 0					3	505 0 0	1	104 0 0			9	1,218 3 0		
Gunnedah	12	3,176 3 0							5	380 0 0					17	3,556 3 0		
Gunning	7	815 0 0	3	162 0 0					4	190 0 0	4	160 0 0			18	1,327 0 0		
Hartley	1	40 0 0	5	290 0 0					2	100 0 0					8	430 0 0		
Hay	3	850 0 0													3	850 0 0		
Hillston	3	860 0 0							2	80 0 0					8	1,180 0 0		
Liverell	9	1,437 1 0							3	240 0 0					11	1,557 1 0		
									2	120 0 0								

RETURN H—*continued*.

Land District.	Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 19.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total.					
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.				
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.			
Liverpool												1	85	1	0	1	85	1	0		
Lismore	22	1,437	0 0							19	1,093	1	0			41	2,530	1	0		
Maitland	2	127	1 0												2	127	1	0			
Macleay River	11	1,241	0 0							14	722	2	0	1	50	0	0	26	2,013	2	0
Manning River	12	554	0 0	4	226	0 0				26	1,293	0	0			42	2,073	0	0		
Mitchell	2	140	0 0	1	100	0 0									3	240	0	0			
Moama	23	10,531	0 0												23	10,531	0	0			
Molong	13	1,171	0 0							11	1,338	0	0			24	2,509	0	0		
Morce	6	2,790	0 0							1	50	0	0			7	2,840	0	0		
Mudgee	6	250	0 0	4	160	0 0				1	40	0	0	1	40	0	0	12	490	0	0
Muswellbrook	4	230	0 0							1	80	0	0			5	310	0	0		
Narrabri	16	4,031	1 0							18	3,254	0	0			34	7,305	1	0		
Newcastle	2	150	0 0							1	40	0	0			3	190	0	0		
Parkes	2	420	0 0	2	120	0 0				1	100	0	0			5	610	0	0		
Patrick's Plains	2	360	0 0												2	360	0	0			
Port Macquarie	5	310	0 0							2	310	0	0			7	680	0	0		
Port Stephens	1	40	0 0												1	40	0	0			
Queanbeyan	22	2,070	0 0							21	924	0	0			43	2,994	0	0		
Raymond Terrace	2	90	0 0												2	90	0	0			
Rylstone	2	90	0 0												2	90	0	0			
Scone	2	680	0 0												2	680	0	0			
Tamworth	3	320	0 0	1	40	0 0				4	223	2	20			8	583	2	20		
Tenterfield	1	200	0 0							3	196	2	0			4	396	2	0		
Urana	6	1,212	1 10							1	139	3	0			9	1,382	0	10		
Wagga Wagga	9	1,354	0 0	1	40	0 0				10	752	3	0	2	595	0	0	22	2,741	3	0
Walcha	8	983	0 0	2	652	0 0				4	480	2	0			14	2,124	2	0		
Walgett	6	2,280	0 0							4	380	0	0			10	2,640	0	0		
Warralda	4	810	0 0							1	40	0	0			5	850	0	0		
Wellington	1	40	0 0	1	40	0 0				1	40	0	0			3	120	0	0		
Westworth	2	907	0 0												2	907	0	0			
Wollombi	2	80	0 0												2	80	0	0			
Yass	3	130	0 0							2	446	0	0			5	576	0	0		
Young	4	1,313	1 0	5	862	0 0				4	200	0	0			13	2,375	1	0		
Total	437	68,938	0 10	60	9,594	0 0	2	80	0 0	273	22,121	0 7	41	3,801	2 0	822	104,534	2 17			

NOTE.—The forfeiture of sixty selections, of an area of 10,638a 2r., has been revoked.

RETURN I.

SHOWING the number and total area of Selections under conditional purchase lapsed in each year up to 31st December, 1883.

Year.	No. of C.P.s	Area.	Year.	No. of C.P.s	Area.				
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.	
1865	415	32,748	3	16	1875	966	78,841	1	37
1866	556	38,821	3	2	1877	2,422	236,364	2	21
1867	392	28,394	1	24	1878	1,811	210,014	3	18
1868	178	11,045	2	24	1879	1,241	135,524	0	33
1869	372	30,009	3	34	1880	1,308	185,255	0	31
1870	366	26,250	0	1	1881	990	119,880	2	34
1871	135	9,630	0	0	1882	451	43,830	2	10
1872	213	13,085	3	0	1883	341	35,568	1	3
1873	663	48,330	0	28					
1874	143	10,375	3	0	Total	13,467	1,327,024	1	9
1875	503	33,043	0	10					

RETURN J.

CONDITIONAL Purchases lapsed during the year 1883.

District.	Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 19.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total No.	Total Area.				
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.							
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.						
Albany	2	430	0 0							5	584	0	0			7	1,014	0	0		
Armidale	18	2,735	0 0							16	1,123	3	0			34	3,858	3	0		
Bathurst				1	50	0 0									1	50	0	0			
Bega	3	120	0 0	1	40	0 0				2	80	0	0			6	240	0	0		
Berrima	3	120	0 0												3	120	0	0			
Bingera										1	40	0	0	1	80	0	0	2	120	0	0
Bombala	2	100	0 0										1	48	0	0	3	148	0	0	
Bourke	2	90	0 0												2	90	0	0			
Braidwood													2	135	2	0	2	135	2	0	
Brewarrina	1	60	0 0												1	60	0	0			
Brisbane Water	1	40	0 0												1	40	0	0			

RETURN J—continued.

District.	Section 13.			Section 14.			Section 15.			Section 21.			Section 22.			Total No.	Total Area.	
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.				
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.
Burrumbidgee	2	120	0 0				1	40	0 0	6	692	2 0	1	40	0 0	10	892	2 0
Carrieton	5	222	3 0	5	230	0 0				4	162	1 0				14	615	0 0
Cassilis				1	40	0 0				1	40	0 0				2	80	0 0
Cobar	1	40	0 0							1	120	0 0				2	160	0 0
Cooma	6	693	2 0							2	80	0 0	1	40	0 0	9	813	2 0
Coonamble	2	90	0 0													2	90	0 0
Coonabarabran	3	960	0 0													3	960	0 0
Corowa	7	2,274	1 0							1	40	0 0				8	2,314	1 0
Cootamundra	2	110	0 0	1	50	0 0				1	116	0 0				4	306	0 0
Cowra										3	208	2 0				3	208	2 0
Deniliquin	3	1,362	0 0							1	40	0 0				4	1,402	0 0
Dubbo	4	240	0 0													4	240	0 0
Dowling	1	40	0 0							1	41	2 0				2	81	2 0
Forbes	5	870	0 0	1	54	3 0										6	924	3 0
Glen Innes	3	411	0 0				1	60	0 0	3	200	0 6	1	56	0 0	8	727	0 6
Goulburn	6	418	1 0							5	260	0 0	2	97	1 0	13	775	2 0
Grafton	6	587	2 0							1	40	0 0	1	192	0 0	7	819	2 0
Grenfell	9	1,360	0 0													9	1,360	0 0
Gundagai										7	358	0 0				7	358	0 0
Gunnedah	1	40	0 0							2	300	0 0	1	220	0 0	4	660	0 0
Gunning	2	85	0 0							2	111	0 0	1	200	0 0	5	396	0 0
Hartley							3	120	0 0							3	120	0 0
Hay	5	1,360	0 0							1	276	0 0				6	1,636	0 0
Hillston	7	1,340	0 0	1	640	0 0				11	720	0 0				19	3,200	0 0
Inverell	3	360	0 0													3	360	0 0
Kiama	1	57	0 0							7	964	0 0				8	1,021	0 0
Lismore	5	216	2 0							1	40	0 0				6	286	2 0
Macleay River	7	302	0 0				2	160	0 0	2	99	0 0	2	141	0 0	13	693	0 0
Manning River	1	50	0 0	1	40	0 0				1	40	0 0	1	40	0 0	4	170	0 0
Mitchell	7	550	0 0													7	550	0 0
Molong	2	100	0 0							1	40	0 0				3	140	0 0
Moree	1	200	0 0													1	200	0 0
Murrumbidgee	1	40	0 0													1	40	0 0
Narrabri	2	89	0 0													2	89	0 0
Narrandera	2	650	0 0				1	100	0 0							3	780	0 0
Orange	1	50	0 0				1	50	0 0	3	130	0 0				5	230	0 0
Parramatta	1	40	0 0													1	40	0 0
Queanbeyan	6	292	0 0							3	150	0 0				9	442	0 0
Raymond Terrace	1	40	0 0													1	40	0 0
Richmond River							1	80	0 0							1	80	0 0
Rylstone													1	40	0 0	1	40	0 0
Seonac										1	40	0 0				1	40	0 0
Shoalhaven	2	120	0 0													2	120	0 0
Singlton										1	66	2 0				1	66	2 0
Tamworth	3	151	2 0				1	40	0 0	1	140	0 0				5	331	2 0
Tenterfield	2	160	0 0				1	40	0 0	1	200	0 0				4	400	0 0
Wagga Wagga	4	440	0 0							6	610	0 0				10	1,050	0 0
Walcha	2	340	0 0	2	228	0 0										4	568	0 0
Walgett	3	400	0 0													3	400	0 0
Wellington				2	80	0 0				1	271	0 0				3	351	0 0
Wentworth	1	40	0 0													1	40	0 0
Werrisda	4	291	0 0							1	41	2 0				5	332	0 0
Windsor													2	80	0 0	2	80	0 0
Wollombi	3	130	0 0													3	130	0 0
Yass	4	500	0 0							2	80	0 0	1	40	0 0	7	620	0 0
Young	1	40	0 0							1	61	0 0				2	101	0 0
Total	184	23,278	1 0	16	1,452	3 0	12	630	0 0	110	3,597	2 6	19	1,549	3 0	311	35,568	1 6

NOTE:—154 lapsed selections, of an area of 19,027 acres 1 rood 6 perches, have been reinstated.

RETURN K.

SHOWING the number of Transfers of Conditional Purchases received and dealt with, from 1st January to 31st December, 1883.

No. of Transfers received	6,825
" " intimated to Treasury	6,213
" Conditional Purchases thereby transferred	12,474
" Transfers upon which Stamp duty paid	3,481
Amount of Stamp duty paid thereon	£4,005 19 0
No. of Transfers registered or in Registrar-General's Office for registration	6,788
" Crown Solicitor's Certificates received	194
" notices despatched, informing parties, Crown Lands Agents, and Pre-lease Branch of registration of transfers	14,373

RETURN K (2).

SHOWING the number of Transfers in each District dealt with from 1st January to 31st December, 1883, and the Areas of the Conditional Purchases included thereon.

	No.	a.	r.	p.		No.	a.	r.	p.
Albury	271	66,635	3	6	Lismore	181	26,717	0	16
Armidale	189	48,703	1	10	Maitland	7	676	1	0
Balranald	10	2,384	2	0	Macleay River	56	6,270	0	0
Bathurst	45	7,061	1	30	Manning River	28	2,517	0	0
Bega	171	23,230	1	11	Metropolitan	5	810	1	0
Berrima	74	7,278	2	20	Mitchell	31	3,370	0	0
Bingera	29	5,782	1	0	Molong	141	31,066	3	39
Bombala	98	28,907	0	16	Moree	63	29,623	2	0
Bourke	7	2,440	0	0	Mudgee	88	11,201	1	10
Braidwood	42	4,467	1	0	Murrurundi	105	23,152	1	0
Brewarrina	14	1,798	2	0	Muswellbrook	94	19,214	0	0
Brisbane Water	25	3,695	0	0	Narrabri	39	12,489	2	0
Broulee	34	4,704	1	9	Narrandera	53	22,714	3	11
Burrowa	285	79,376	0	29	Newcastle	6	7,765	0	26
Camden	24	1,043	1	0	Orange	70	7,455	1	20
Campbelltown	1	100	0	0	Parkes	47	12,605	1	0
Carcoar	77	12,016	1	16	Parramatta	24	2,464	2	33
Casino	44	8,215	3	0	Paterson	148	32,163	1	3
Cassilis	31	5,434	1	0	Patrick's Plains	3	1,473	0	0
Cobar	10	62	0	0	Penrith	8	729	0	0
Condobolin	14	6,642	0	0	Port Macquarie	18	4,554	2	0
Cooma	254	66,962	2	4	Port Stephens	79	14,540	2	0
Coonamble	20	6,602	0	0	Queanbeyan	5	1,157	3	0
Coonabarabran	56	11,417	0	12	Raymond Terrace	32	3,629	0	0
Corowa	168	53,854	3	31	Rylstone	54	7,589	3	15
Cootamundra	126	32,881	1	20	Scone	41	3,163	3	0
Cowra	80	21,665	0	30	Shoalhaven	280	69,081	1	25
Deniliquin	153	59,744	1	0	Tamworth	26	3,281	0	10
Dubbo	127	32,054	3	30	Tenterfield	93	19,205	1	0
Dowling	7	653	0	0	Tumut	21	3,941	0	0
Dungog	10	692	2	0	Tweed River	122	56,863	2	37
Eden	42	8,687	2	0	Urana	253	92,053	3	38
Forbes	109	43,962	0	0	Wagga Wagga	44	15,566	3	20
Glen Innes	65	16,572	3	25	Walcha	6	2,390	0	0
Goulburn	117	15,869	1	30	Walgett	49	13,602	0	26
Grafton	76	11,819	3	16	Wanaldra	49	9,586	0	0
Grenfell	62	19,676	2	0	Wellington	1	80	0	0
Gundagai	125	32,478	3	24	Wentworth	6	369	1	2
Gunnedah	109	36,128	0	36	Windsor	14	715	3	0
Gunning	59	13,768	1	0	Wollombi	8	836	0	0
Hartley	48	5,619	1	0	Wollongong	79	19,005	0	27
Hay	55	27,434	1	0	Yass	190	35,971	0	31
Hillston	19	6,615	0	0					
Inverell	144	41,771	0	0					
Kiama	8	503	1	0					
Liverpool					Total	6,213	1,508,583	0	34

NOTE.—The foregoing is exclusive of Transfers (about 400), at Registrar-General's Office, awaiting registration.

RETURN L.

SHOWING the area and the number of Selections, instructions regarding which have been issued to the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during the year 1883.

District.	Residence Cases.			Declaration Cases.			Lapsed and forfeited Cases.		
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.	
Albury	80	18,340	3 37	91	14,601	0 0	1	40	0 0
Armidale	69	9,470	1 0	182	25,628	1 0	5	627	2 0
Balranald	4	1,880	0 0	8	3,130	0 0	...	...	...
Bathurst	20	1,405	3 20	70	5,658	0 16	...	...	...
Bega	15	1,218	0 0	44	2,343	3 0	...	...	...
Berrima	28	4,101	0 0	27	1,779	0 0	...	...	...
Bingera	16	2,265	0 0	15	2,117	2 0	1	320	0 0
Bombala	52	7,546	3 0	60	7,114	3 0	3	120	0 0
Bourke	44	14,242	0 0	62	10,484	3 0	17	700	0 0
Braidwood	20	3,158	2 9	15	1,448	0 0	...	...	...
Brewarrina	25	9,255	2 0	34	7,265	2 0	4	900	0 0
Brisbane Water	25	1,378	0 0	18	1,987	1 0	...	...	...
Broulee	21	1,191	0 0	23	1,425	0 0	...	...	...
Burrowa	65	9,970	0 0	141	16,239	1 0	1	40	0 0
Camden	21	1,271	2 0	18	768	2 0	...	...	...
Campbelltown	...	...	...	1	40	0 0	...	...	...
Carcoar	59	7,522	2 0	109	10,656	1 33	...	...	...
Casino	67	11,052	0 0	145	13,591	1 0	18	825	0 23
Cassilis	120	20,096	2 0	47	4,508	3 7	2	80	0 0
Cobar	12	4,824	3 0	4	547	3 0	...	...	...
Condobolin	150	21,807	3 0	107	12,536	0 0	...	...	...
Cooma	17	4,019	0 0	20	3,856	3 0	...	...	...
Coonabarabran	114	38,625	1 0	38	15,105	1 0	...	...	...

RETURN L—continued.

District.	Residence Cases.			Declaration Cases.			Lapsed and forfeited Cases.		
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.	
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.
Cootamundra	50	10,892	1 0	97	11,014	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Corowa	128	58,417	2 0	50	17,603	1 0	1	133	2 0
Cowra	75	13,737	0 0	65	7,690	0 0	3	140	0 0
Deniliquin	31	13,395	3 0	17	6,791	2 0	1	160	0 0
Dowling	7	340	0 0	14	1,072	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Dubbo	102	44,819	1 0	81	12,394	3 0	1	200	0 0
Dungog	10	499	3 0	12	615	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Eden	13	720	0 0	24	1,347	1 0	1	40	0 0
Forbes	65	25,034	1 0	53	11,757	1 0	3	1,280	0 0
Glcn Innes	88	11,537	0 12	126	15,901	2 0	2	80	0 0
Goulburn	131	9,368	2 25	379	27,822	2 0	5	320	0 0
Grafton	240	22,842	3 3	182	17,810	3 0	2	244	0 0
Grenfell	69	18,973	1 0	66	17,124	1 0	4	160	0 0
Gundagai	88	20,909	1 31	250	33,785	1 0	6	240	0 0
Gunnedah	49	19,535	1 0	35	7,163	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Gunning	103	12,031	0 0	291	25,892	1 0	3	120	0 0
Hartley	26	2,278	3 0	59	3,294	2 0	2	90	0 0
Hay	117	61,402	0 0	22	8,736	2 0	2	680	0 0
Hillston	70	28,006	3 0	14	4,728	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Inverell	98	17,870	0 0	80	10,331	0 0	1	300	0 0
Kiama	1	40	0 0	3	243	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Lismore	150	23,661	1 0	166	12,408	1 0	2	80	0 0
Liverpool	1	40	0 0	3	264	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Macleay River	86	7,579	3 0	186	10,454	2 36	6	494	0 0
Maitland .....	.....	.....	.....	4	820	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Manning River	97	6,629	0 0	24	1,354	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Metropolitan	3	790	0 0	1	100	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	23	5,106	3 0	43	9,521	2 0	7	1,000	0 0
Moama	1	304	0 0	9	2,260	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Molong	118	17,718	1 0	421	46,469	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Morooc	07	27,147	2 0	27	10,137	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Mudgee	23	1,192	1 0	161	9,470	3 0	1	40	0 0
Murrurundi	7	519	3 0	39	4,985	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Muswellbrook	22	1,310	0 0	32	2,871	2 0	.....	.....	.....
Narrabri	107	52,367	0 0	23	7,662	3 0	1	320	0 0
Narrandera	50	23,325	0 0	28	7,819	3 0	.....	.....	.....
Newcastle	2	120	0 0	6	900	2 0	.....	.....	.....
Orange	4	258	0 0	16	1,190	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Parkes	19	7,030	3 0	12	1,604	2 0	.....	.....	.....
Parramatta	4	209	0 0	1	40	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Paterson	3	345	0 0	12	730	1 0	1	50	0 0
Patrick's Plains	12	2,083	3 0	20	3,000	1 0	2	165	0 0
Penrith	4	500	0 0	8	666	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Port Macquarie	2	123	0 0	35	2,338	0 0	1	40	0 0
Port Stephens	13	853	0 0	16	720	0 0	1	40	0 0
Queanbeyan	108	13,203	1 0	176	14,156	2 0	1	80	0 0
Raymond Terrace	2	80	0 0	11	1,157	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Richmond River	38	6,835	1 0	62	6,330	1 0	1	640	0 0
Rylstone	27	1,325	0 0	182	11,008	2 0	10	418	0 0
Scone	22	1,731	1 0	24	1,298	0 0	3	190	0 0
Shoalhaven	12	740	3 14	29	1,443	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Tamworth	33	6,494	2 0	51	4,542	3 0	1	59	0 0
Tenterfield	30	2,242	0 0	72	7,535	2 0	10	726	0 0
Tumut	59	8,759	3 0	76	7,491	1 0	8	490	0 0
Tweed River	27	5,541	0 0	12	880	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Urana	118	57,863	0 0	21	6,356	0 0	3	960	0 0
Wagga Wagga	226	83,044	1 16	247	39,929	2 20	3	325	1 0
Walcha	20	5,087	2 0	95	18,987	3 0	2	640	0 0
Walgett	32	13,580	0 0	20	3,743	0 0	8	600	0 0
Warrilda	18	8,400	1 11	32	7,813	0 0	1	50	0 0
Wellington	18	2,296	2 0	53	4,108	1 0	.....	.....	.....
Wentworth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Windsor	7	491	2 8	19	760	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Wollombi	12	576	3 8	11	556	2 0	.....	.....	.....
Wollongong .....	.....	.....	.....	3	180	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Yass	38	3,224	2 0	144	12,490	3 0	2	200	0 0
Young	47	12,856	0 0	112	14,632	2 0	3	287	0 0
Total	4,317	1,010,369	3 25	5,953	709,137	2 32	167	15,734	1 23

Grand Total—10,437 cases. Area—1,735,242 acres.

RETURN M.

SHOWING the number of Instructions issued to and Reports received from Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during the year 1883.

Inspectors.	Number of Instructions issued.	Number of Reports received.	Remarks.
W. J. Barnes.....	486	576	Appointed to the temporary staff of Inspectors, 1st July, 1883.
Wm. Broun	580	683	
T. B. Carno	230	454	Appointed Commissioner of Conditional Purchases, 1st May, 1883.
C. Cropper.....	84	219	
V. A. Cumming	401	461	Appointed to the temporary staff of Inspectors, 10th June, 1883.
T. A. Davies	518	550	
E. Evans	156	294	Appointed to the temporary staff of Inspectors, 10th June, 1883.
R. C. Franks	498	704	
J. H. Griffin	178	405	
W. Harper.....	373	401	
Jas. Keele	226	439	
W. A. Manton	377	364	
T. B. Mulligan	838	621	
J. S. McPhallany	495	714	
J. S. O'Hara	682	314	
J. C. Page	392	554	
J. G. Rowlandson	821	320	
Geo. Smith	259	288		Appointed Commissioner of Conditional Purchases, 1st Feb, 1883.
W. Spicer	529	580	
P. W. Street	1	58	Appointed to the temporary staff of Inspectors, 5th July, 1883.
F. Trollope	620	410	
F. Thompson	397	183	Appointed to the temporary staff of Inspectors, 5th July, 1883.
T. H. Wilshire	387	630	
J. B. Wisdom	849	324	
Total.....	10,437	10,546	

RETURN N.

SHOWING the number of Cases referred to the Commissioners for inquiry and the number of Reports received from them during the year 1883.

Commissioners.	Complaints of Inspectors of Conditional Purchases; notices of abandonment; complaints accompanied by the fee of £10.	Claims.	Together.	Reports received.
1. Sydney Blythe	229	13	242	206
2. H. J. Bolding	606	74	680	351
3. Henry Burne	330	26	356	376
4. Charles Cropper (date of appointment, 1st May, 1883)	346	54	400	151
5. T. J. Hawkins (resigned, 30th April, 1883)	23	2	25	32
6. Whittingdale Johnson.....	339	84	423	564
7. J. G. King (deceased, 25th January, 1883)	16	.....	16	20
8. P. W. Street (date of appointment, 1st February, 1883)	297	50	347	164
	2,186	303	2,489	1,873*

* This statement represents a much greater number of Conditional Purchases investigated, as the reports deal with the series of selections.

RETURN O.

COMMISSIONERS and Inspectors, with their Districts, for 1883.

Divisions.	Districts.	Commissioners.	Inspectors.
Western	Bathurst Burrowa Carcoar Cobar Cootamundra Cowra Forbes Grenfell Hartley Molong Orange Parkes Wellington Young.	Whittingdale Johnson,	Edwin Evans. Thomas A. Davies. do F. A. Thompson. William James Barnes. T. A. Davies. Joseph C. Page. do Edwin Evans. J. H. Griffin and V. A. O. Cumming. J. H. Griffin. Joseph Cope Page. Robert Charles Franks. William James Barnes and Joseph Cope Page.

Divisions.	Districts.	Commissioners.	Inspectors.
North-western	Bourke Brewarrina Cassilis Coonabarabran Coonamble Dubbo Gunnedah Mudgee Murrurundi Narrabri Rylstone Tamworth Walgett	Charles Cropper,	Frank Andrew Thompson. do William Broun. Robert Charles Franks. do do John Still O'Hara. William Broun. James Keelo. John Still O'Hara. William Broun. John Still O'Hara. Frank Andrew Thompson.
Northern.....	Armidale Bingera Glen Innes Inverell Moree Tenterfield Walcha Wyallda	Sydney Blythe,	William Harper. John Still O'Hara. John Baldoek Wisdom. do. John Still O'Hara. John Baldoek Wisdom. William Harper. John Still O'Hara.
Coast	Bega Brisbane Water Broulee Casino Dowling Dungog Eden Grafton Kiama Lismore Macleay River Maitland Manning River Muswellbrook Newcastle Paterson Patrick's Plains Port Macquarie Port Stephens Raymond Terrace Scone Shoalhaven Tweed River Wollombi Wollongong.	Henry James Bolding,	William Spicer. George Smith. William Spicer. Frederick Trollope. George Smith. Thomas Herbert Wilshire. William Spicer. Frederick Trollope. George Smith. Frederick Trollope. Thomas Herbert Wilshire. James Keelo. Thomas Herbert Wilshire. James Keelo. do. Thomas Herbert Wilshire. James Keelo. Thomas Herbert Wilshire. do do James Keelo. George Smith. Frederick Trollope. James Keelo. George Smith.
Southern.....	Berrima Bombala Braidwood Cooma Goulburn Gunning Queanbeyan Yass	Henry Burne,	George Smith. William Spicer. do do J. G. Rowlandson. William Arthur Manton. J. G. Rowlandson. William James Barnes.
South-western	Albury Balranald Corowa Deniliquin Gundagai Hay Jillston Mitchell Moama Narrandera Tumut Urana Wagga Wagga Wentworth	Phillip Wood Street,	John Sydney M'Phillamy. Thomas Broughton Carne. John Sydney M'Phillamy. Thomas Broughton Carne. Francis Benedict Mulligan. Thomas Broughton Carne. Frank Andrew Thompson. do Thomas Broughton Carne. William James Barnes. Francis Benedict Mulligan. John Sydney M'Phillamy. Francis Benedict Mulligan. John Sydney M'Phillamy.
Metropolitan	Camden Campbelltown Liverpool Parramatta Penrith Windsor Sydney.	Whittingdale Johnson, Esqs.	George Smith.

RETURN P.

SHOWING the number and area of Conditional Purchases on which declarations were received in 1883.

Number.	Area.
6,007	n. r. p. 745,787 1 5

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RETURN Q.

CERTIFICATES issued from 1st January to 31st December, 1883, under Inspectors' Reports, or after inquiry before Commissioners..... 10,918

RETURN R.

SHOWING the gross number and area of Conditional Purchases made prior to the passing of the Amended Act of 1875, and which have been brought under the operation of the 8th clause of that Act during 1883.

Number.	Area.						
208	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">r.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">p.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21,724</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">25</td> </tr> </table>	a.	r.	p.	21,724	2	25
a.	r.	p.					
21,724	2	25					

RETURN S.

Number of completed purchases sent on for Deed during 1883	1,006						
Area of above.....	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">r.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">p.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">110,203</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </table>	a.	r.	p.	110,203	1	0
a.	r.	p.					
110,203	1	0					
Amount of Balances paid thereon, including Deed fees	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: center;">s.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">84,251</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> </table>	£	s.	d.	84,251	14	8
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84,251	14	8					

REPORT of the Surveyor-General to The Under-Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 31 March, 1884.

1. The Survey Department of New South Wales is comprised of two divisions, Field and Office.
2. In the former the officers are classed as District, First-class, Second-class, Licensed Surveyors, and Temporary Salaried Surveyors ; these officers are paid by voted salaries, with the exception of the Licensed Surveyors, who are paid by fees.
3. Returns giving full particulars as to cost, number and nature of instructions issued to and dealt with by surveyors of all classes will be found at pages 52 to 61 inclusive.
4. The District and several of the First-class surveyors are employed almost exclusively in reporting on questions requiring local knowledge, and field inspection ; in distributing, supervising, and examining the work of licensed surveyors, and acting, occasionally, themselves in cases where the duty could not economically or properly be done by licensed surveyors.
5. They also keep the district survey offices open for inquiry at all times when not absent in the field, and when they are assisted by a draftsman the office is open at all times to the public. The district survey office does not hold itself responsible for information given in anticipation of approval. The cost of a district surveyor's party and expenses is about £1,000 per annum. As a matter of fact the public are better informed on all matter regarding land in districts where there are survey offices. District Survey Offices.
Information afforded to the public.
6. The other salaried surveyors are employed in duties to which the scale of fees for licensed surveyors would not apply, as, for instance, topographical survey examination of country for roads, designs for subdivisions, alignment of streets, and reports on questions of all sorts involving local information, and occasionally in the examination of the work of licensed surveyors, supervision, &c. Surveyors.
7. In the Estimates for 1883, Survey of Lands, eight new First-class surveyors were provided for, and these have been filled by the promotion of that number of officers from the Second-class ; six new Second-class surveyors were also provided for, and these, together with the eight vacancies caused by the above promotions, have nearly all been filled from the most competent of the licensed surveyors ; a few still remain vacant awaiting recommendation.
8. Two new Second-class surveyors were also provided for under the head of Triangulation of the Colony, and six under the head of General Survey of the Colony ; these, with the exception of two, have also been filled by the appointment of officers who have proved themselves competent to carry out the duties with which they will be entrusted.
9. Notwithstanding this increase, the demand for special surveys in the county of Cumberland has kept in advance of the supply of officers qualified to carry out the work, and the loss of the four experienced surveyors who left in 1882 has not yet been supplied. Employment could be given to six equally-experienced surveyors in addition to those already employed.
10. In consequence of the great demand during the year for surveyors who have had experience in city and suburban work, and the difficulty in obtaining qualified officers, some of the junior licensed surveyors have been employed as assistant surveyors, at salaries of from 10s. to 17s. per diem, under experienced supervision, until they can be reported efficient. Assistant Surveyors.
11. The field assistants or cadets, five in number, are appointed from the volunteer draftsmen, who, having passed the second competitive examination, are sent to assist the salaried surveyors, and learn the field practice of the profession. They are paid at rates varying from 6s. to 10s. per diem, and find their own horses, camp equipment, &c. The number not being sufficient, it is occasionally supplemented by temporary field assistants (fifteen at present), and the cadet class supplies the bulk of the most successful candidates at the examinations for licensed surveyorships. Cadets.
12. A number of the licensed surveyors were employed on temporary salary in clearing off arrears of measurements, in topographical surveys of difficult country, examining roads or land with a view to survey, in the survey of Sydney for sewerage purposes, &c., but never in work that could be done by the licensed surveyors at scale of fees. The majority of licensed surveyors are located in 143 districts (see Schedule A, page 62, and map at the end of Report), into which the Colony is at present divided ; they are employed and paid by fees in measuring lands for alienation under the various provisions of the Land Law, and occasionally on the marking of roads, defining reserves, survey of features, &c. When on such service the licensed surveyor is under the supervision of the district surveyor ; and as long as he is able to keep out of arrear, that is, has no instructions unacted on longer than six months, applications for alienation were sent for measurement ; but if otherwise, the district surveyor is instructed not to regard the licensed surveyor's customary interest in the local appointment, and may send any other surveyor to work Licensed Surveyors.

work within the limits assigned. Considerable fluctuations occur in the earnings of licensed surveyors—these depending to a great extent upon seasons and consequent abundance or scarcity of feed and water, also upon the demand for land in the districts in which they are employed.

Licensed Surveyors on temporary salary.

13. The number so employed has fallen from 59 in 1882 to 39 in 1883, owing to the transfer to the permanent staff before mentioned.

14. The return at page 62 shows an apparent falling off in the total amount of measurement made during 1883 compared with 1882, which included all measurements made during the year, although not received therein, the report being kept open till March for that purpose. For 1883, the report being required early, only gives the surveys received up to end of December. I estimate that an addition of one eleventh should be added to the return referred to, which will bring it up to 3,122,345 acres, being very nearly the amount reached in 1882, when the great demand for measurements for auction sale was at its height.

15. I think the above estimate will be realized on the whole, though an exception may occur in Auction and Volunteer Land Order measurements. The increased measurement in Conditional Purchases is estimated at 188,159 acres, being about 11 per cent. on 1882, and in surveys on account of Improvement Purchases at 123,729 acres, being in the latter case an increase of about 90 per cent.

16. Although the average number of portions measured falls short, the amount of work performed by the surveyors in 1883 is greater than that of any previous year, because it embraces a larger number of separate measurements.

17. The number of licensed surveyors employed at the end of the year 1883 was 196, against 194 of the previous year; in addition to these, fifteen have been transferred to the permanent staff.

18. The following table shows the average cost per acre of measurement by licensed surveyors, from 1873 to the end of 1883, viz. :—

	s.	d.		s.	d.
1873 ...	1	5 ⁵ / ₈	1879 ...	1	2 ³ / ₈
1874 ...	0	11	1880 ...	1	2 ³ / ₈
1875 ...	0	10 ¹ / ₄	1881 ...	1	1 ¹ / ₄
1876 ...	0	8 ⁵ / ₈	1882 ...	0	11 ¹ / ₈
1877 ...	0	8 ⁷ / ₈	1883 ...	0	11 ⁵ / ₈
1878 ...	0	9 ³ / ₄			

19. In estimating the cost of survey per acre it has been the practice to include in the amount all lineal measurements, some of which, roads and feature surveys for instance, are but indirectly concerned.

20. The cost of licensed survey during the year has only exceeded that of 1882 by a small fraction of a penny per acre, notwithstanding the fact that auction measurement has fallen off some 35 per cent.

21. The licensed surveyors admitted during the year are as follows :—

Messrs. H. C. Manning, H. W. Graeme, C. Brown, W. A. Lewis, W. H. Baxter, P. Cowley, M. Lucas, H. A. Evans, M. Terry, H. L. White, J. Bush, G. V. Mocatta, C. G. Mackenzie, W. M. Gordon, S. A. Steane, F. Clarke, G. W. Dewdney, R. L. Home, T. W. Raymond.	} At the January examination.	Messrs. W. A. Harper, J. T. Gray, S. R. Beatty, J. F. Truscott, T. Fraser, F. T. Mallett, J. C. B. P. Seaver, E. G. Sewell, J. D. Kirkwood, A. W. Dixie, J. L. Weingarth, W. H. Foster, W. B. H. Warner, J. F. Finn, F. J. E. Bootle, W. B. Flannery.	} At the June examination.	Messrs. L. Thorn, H. Tarrant, W. Gibson, H. Hartung, R. N. Somerville, C. H. Caswell, C. B. Fletcher, J. M. Hutchison, W. L. King, J. Campbell, H. Shute, S. Pollitzer.	} At the December examination.
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22. Those licensed under the Real Property Act are as follows :—

Arnheim, C. T. Brooks, J., sur. Burgess, A. P. Brown, C. Callaghan, M. J. Cameron, J., sur. Chambers, P. Chesterman, A. H. Cobcroft, E. J., sur. Commins, E. J. Cowper, H. P. Dimelow, O. Ebsworth, A.		Furber, T. F. Gregson, J. F., sur. Gray, J. T. Harper, C. A. Holmes, H. C. Hungerford, M. O. Jamieson, W. Knibbs, G. H. Langtree, J. S. Laycock, J. H. Mills, S. Manning, H. C. Maccallum, G.
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Nash,

Nash, H. M.
 Pinnington, S. J.
 Robb, A.
 Robberds, J. E.
 Ronald, R.
 Sim, W.
 Stafford, G. M.
 Stinson, A. L.
 Terry, H. M.

Thompson, W. M.
 Tritton, J. L.
 Turner, E. W.
 Tuxen, P. V.
 Vickery, E. G.
 Walker, W. G.
 Wilson, T. G.
 Wood, W. H. O'M.

23. On 31 December, 1882, the licensed surveyors had on hand the following instructions, viz. :—

Under six months date	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,754
Over six and under twelve months...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,053
Twelve months and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	815

7,622

On 31st December, 1883 :—

Under six months date	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,742
Over six and under twelve months	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,138
Twelve months and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	668

4,548

24. The instructions in hands of surveyors at the end of 1883 are less by some 40% than at the beginning of the year, showing that in spite of drought, &c., the turning point has been passed. The greatest arrear now remaining is in the county north of the Clarence, where it will not pay licensed surveyors to work at any scale of fees yet authorized. Since the December examination four new surveyors on salary have been selected to proceed to this district.

25. In addition to the 668 instructions twelve months in arrear, there are 291 now being dealt with by surveyors on temporary salary in the Richmond River district, because licensed surveyors could not be engaged to carry them out on scale of fees.

26. Considering the bad season, and the amount of conditional purchase and improvement purchase measurements made during the year, and the cost per acre being only a fraction of a penny above 1882, the result shows very favourably in an economical point of view to the Crown, but not so to surveyors.

27. As licensed surveyors have to meet all expenses, such as labour, horses, forage, equipment, &c., in advance, and to wait for payment of balances of accounts, there is evidently a limit to compulsion in carrying out instructions that can only be executed at a loss; consequently some latitude has been allowed in time when claims for measurement are not pressing. Occasionally, under exceptionally difficult circumstances, the expense of travelling or a charge per diem is allowed, but in either case it is special.

28. The result of the year's work has not however been so profitable as the previous year to the surveyors, who have only earned on an average £770, against £865 in 1882.

OFFICE STAFF—PROFESSIONAL.

29. Having described the duties, &c., of the Field Staff, I proceed to the other principal division of the Survey Department, the Office. The purely professional duties are under my own special direction, and the office-professional under that of the Deputy Surveyor-General, and represents all the work in the Department not done by surveyors, and may be divided into the following heads, viz. :—Charting, Roads, Reserves, Compiling and Publication, Lithography, Auction, Leasing, Conditional Purchase Issue, Improvement Purchase, Miscellaneous, District Maps, Noting, Diagrams, Descriptions, Conditional Purchase Tracings, Custody of Plans, Sale of Maps, and Plan-mounting.

30. The general supervision—discipline, attendance, distribution of work and appropriation of services—is under the control of the Chief Draftsman, whose time, to a great extent, is occupied in supervising the various branches, inspecting and dealing with questions referred to him on subjects under his province in Sydney. With the exception of that of the Secretary and Cashier, every branch of the office is subject to his inquiry and superintendence.

31. The officers of the Department consist of permanent and temporary draftsmen. The permanent draftsmen are selected in the first instance after competitive examinations, and are under ordinary Civil Service rules. In the year 1877, when the strength of the Department was utterly unable to cope with current work, it was found necessary to employ temporary draftsmen, who were selected by a "Pass examination," and employed at per diem. I was therefore enabled to employ persons not eligible for the permanent staff, but whose services were of great value at a time when every one capable of passing an examination found employment.

Draftsmen.

Temporary draftsmen.

32. The number of temporary draftsmen at the end of 1883 was 241. Of this number seventy-one have had less than twelve months' experience; consequently, although the strength of the office is numerically great, it is unusually weak. The effect of the loss of 121 draftsmen during 1881 and 1882 is still severely felt.

33. In addition to the staff of draftsmen, permanent and temporary, six permanent and forty-two temporary clerks are employed in the professional branch, in duties not requiring skill in drawing; they are principally employed in keeping books of entry and despatch of papers, and assisting in various ways, thus saving the time of the professional officers.

CHARTING

CHARTING BRANCHES.

34. The branches during the year numbered twelve, each under geographical division, and conducted upon principles fully described in the Report for 1880.

35. The following statement shows the increase of work in the Charting Branches during the year, as compared with 1882 :—

The total number of letters enclosing plans received into Geographical Division during 1883 was...	11,418	=	20,223	portions	=	3,156,905	acres.
On hand in Geographical Division, 1st January, 1883	5,939	=	10,859	"	=	1,728,624	"
	17,357	=	31,082	"	=	4,885,529	"
Dealt with during 1883	9,644	=	19,234	"	=	2,843,692	"
On hand, 31st December, 1883	7,632	=	14,354	"	=	2,539,995	"
On hand, 31st December, 1882						5,939	
Increase						1,584	

36. The foregoing shows the number of cases in Geographical Divisions on the 31st December, 1882, to be 5,939 cases, and on 31st December, 1883, to be 7,632, thus showing an increase of work in the Divisions over the previous year to be 1,584 cases, the work dealt with compared with previous year.

In 1882	...	plans, 6,332	=	13,084	portions,	=	1,806,087	acres.
In 1883	...	" 9,644	=	19,234	"	=	2,843,692	"
Increase over 1882	...	" 3,312	=	6,150	"	=	1,037,605	"

37. The increase in acreage of work dealt with in 1883 over 1882 has been over 1,000,000 acres, but a large amount being measurement for auction, the quantity can only be regarded as exceptional.

38. Plans under reference to surveyors at the end of the year 1883 numbered 3,210, or 2,109 over those of the previous year.

The number of memoranda sent to surveyors on subjects requiring explanation during 1882 was	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,080
And during 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,387
Thus showing an increase of	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,107
The number of cases requiring submission to a higher authority was, during 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,685
And during 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,299
Thus showing a decrease of	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,386

39. The number of cases dealt with in charting branches during the year would have been much greater had it not been for the unavoidable absence on sick leave of so many of the higher officers. Out of a total of eleven examiners of charting, an average of six only have been performing duty during the year.

40. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

Dealt with in Conditional Purchase Issue and Geographical Divisions :—

Conditional Purchase and Volunteer Land Orders on hand, 31st Dec., 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	885
Received during 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,463
	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,348
On hand 31st December, 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,246
Dealt with in 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,102
Do. 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,478
Thus showing a decrease of cases dealt with during 1883 of	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,376
Showing cases on hand 31st December, 1883, to be	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,246
Do. do. do. 1882, do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	885
Increase over 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	361

41. Comparing the number of cases in the branches on 31st December, 1883, with cases in hand at the same date in the previous year, an increase of arrears is shown to be 361 cases, which are largely accounted for by the fact that about 300 cases are awaiting plans from surveyors, acceptances of plans and submissions.

42. The Conditional Purchase Issue Branch has now been distributed in Geographical Division.

43. AUCTION.

Total applications received in Geographical Divisions during the year	157 applications	=	256,811 acres.
Do. do. Auction Branch	43	"	= 89,904 "
Total	200	"	= 346,715 "
Compared with 1882 total	1,124	"	= 2,385,787 "
Thus showing a decrease of	924	"	= 2,039,072 "
Advertised for sale in Geographical Divisions	3,483 portions	=	100,357 "
Do. do. Auction Branch	2,126	"	= 51,542 "
Total	5,609	"	= 151,899 "
Advertised for sale in all branches in 1882...	6,825	"	= 947,082 "
Thus showing a decrease of	1,216	"	= 795,183 "
Re-offered for sale in 1883	...	...	27,465 "
Do. do. 1882	...	...	161,746 "
Thus showing a decrease in 1883 of...	...	...	134,281 "

44. The decrease in lands advertised for sale arises from the partial stoppage of auction sale of country lands.

45. The auction branch ceased to exist with the year 1883; the work is now distributed amongst the Geographical Divisions.

46. IMPROVEMENT PURCHASE BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand on 31st December, 1882, was	...	...	422
Applications received during the year 1883	...	...	2,949
Total	...	...	3,371
Thus showing the number disposed of to be	...	...	2,708
Number on hand, 31st December, 1883	...	...	663
" " 31st " 1882	...	...	422
Showing an increase over 31st December, 1882, of	...	...	241

The increase in arrear is to be regretted, although it is not in proportion to the increase of work in 1883 above 1882, which was 729 cases.

The branch has dealt with 568 more cases in 1883 than 1882; no more assistance could have been spared to the branch, which is now closed, and the work distributed amongst the Geographical Divisions.

47. NOTING BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand for deed on 31st December, 1882, was	...	...	777
Received during 1883	...	...	5,116
Total	...	...	5,893
Dealt with during 1883	...	...	5,533
Remaining in the branch for deed, 31st December, 1883	...	...	360
Nil sales noted during 1883	...	...	1,084
Withdrawals, "	...	...	606
Total	...	...	1,690

Nil sales and withdrawals in the branch on 31st December, 1883 ... Nil.
The branch is out of arrears, the number of cases on hand for action being current.

48. DESCRIPTION BRANCH.

The number of cases on hand on 31st December, 1882, for deed was	209
Received during the year 1883	5,478
Total	5,687
Dealt with in 1883 for deed	5,348
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Thus leaving in the branch in course of action for deed on the 31st December, 1883	339
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C.P. Certificates—	
Number of cases on hand, 31st December, 1882	222
Received during the year 1883	5,695
Total	5,917
Dealt with during 1883	4,370
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In branch, 31st December, 1883	1,547
Gazette Notices—	
Number in branch on 31st December, 1882	10
Received during 1883	431
Total	441
Dealt with in 1883	369
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In branch	72
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Thus showing totals in branch on 31st December, 1882	441
„ received during 1883	11,604
Total	12,045
Total dealt with in 1883	10,087
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Totals in course of action in branch on 31st December, 1883	1,958

49. The arrears in this branch at the end of 1883 are large in comparison to 1882. In April last the work fell so short that all the contract description writers were dispensed with. No arrears accumulated till within the last two months, during which time no less than 1,467 cases were received for C.P. certificate. The contractors having gone to other employment, the work has for the time fallen into arrears to the extent of some five or six weeks.

DIAGRAM BRANCH.

50. The number of descriptions received for diagrams in duplicate and dealt with in 1883 was 11,305, being an increase of 1,281 over the year 1882; the work in the branch being up to date.

51. HARBOUR FRONTAGE AND SPECIAL LEASE BRANCH.

The number of cases in branch on 31st December, 1882	561
Received during 1883	3,189
Total	3,750
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Dealt with—Administrative	3,187
*Charting	386
Total	3,573

*158 of these cases were transferred to Miscellaneous Branch.

Number remaining in the branch, 31st December, 1883 177

Supervising and assisting in examining and disposal of 109 applicants for employment as temporary draftsmen.

52. MISCELLANEOUS.

Received during 1883 (from 1st July)	1,677 cases.
Administrative dealt with	1,370
Charting „	161
Total	1,531 „
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The number remaining in the branch on 31st December, 1883	146 cases.
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Tracing for C.P. Inspectors prepared in Miscellaneous Branch	4,847
„ „ „ Charting Branch	3,684
Total	8,531 tracings.

The state of these branches is favourable and cannot be said to be in arrear.

53. In the Annual Report of 1882, and prior to 1st July, 1883, the Harbour Frontage and Special Lease and Miscellaneous Branches were comprised under "Miscellaneous Branch." Comparing the work of these branches with Annual Report of 1882, the following results show an increase of work received and dealt with, and decrease of work in branches on 31st December, 1883.

In Miscellaneous Branch, on 31st December, 1882	...	...	...	561 cases
Received in Harbour Frontage and Special Lease in 1883	...	...	...	3,031 "
In Miscellaneous Branch	...	...	...	1,677 "
Total	...	...	...	5,269 "
Received in 1882 in Miscellaneous Branch	...	...	...	4,124 "
Increase in 1883	...	...	...	1,145 cases
Dealt with in Harbour Frontage and Special Lease in 1883	...	...	...	3,415 cases
Dealt with in Miscellaneous Branch	...	...	...	1,531 "
Total	...	...	...	4,946 "
Dealt with in Miscellaneous Branch in 1882	...	...	...	3,563 "
Increase in 1883	...	...	...	1,383 cases
In Harbour Frontage and Special Lease Branch 31st December, 1883	...	...	...	177 cases
In Miscellaneous Branch	...	...	...	146 "
Total	...	...	...	323 "
In Miscellaneous Branch on 31st December, 1882	...	...	...	561 "
Decrease on 31st December, 1883	...	...	...	238 cases.

54. LEASE BRANCH.

The number of auction leases refused during the year 1883 was	4 =	4,148 acres.
Granted and charted	624 =	436,746 "
Total received during the year	628 =	440,894 "

The number of auction leases dealt with during the year was 628, showing a decrease from 1882 of 302.

Pre-leases received during 1883, and in hand 31st December, 1882	...	...	3,451 =	2,765,657 acres.
Pre-leases received and refused during 1883	...	...	572 =	523,649 "
„ applied for prior to 1883	...	...	279 =	169,633 "
Total	...	...	851 =	693,282 "
„ granted and charted, received in 1883	...	...	1,670 =	1,469,676 "
„ „ prior to 1883	...	...	569 =	602,699 "
Total	...	...	2,239 =	2,072,375 "

Pre-leases dealt with during the year, 3,090 = 2,765,657 acres; thus showing a decrease of 1,265 cases over the year 1882.

The number of pre-lease cases in the branch is 220.

Conflicting claims submitted in 1883, received	...	...	...	9,644
Dealt with	...	...	...	9,427
In hand	...	...	...	217

The increase in the number of cases above 1882 being 507.

Interference of pre-lease with auction measurements—the number of cases received during 1883 was	...	...	...	551
Dealt with	...	...	...	536
In hand	...	...	...	15

The number received being 2,662 less than in 1882 (owing to stoppage of auction sales)

The number of cases received from the Improvement Branch during the year was	2,397
Dealt with	2,371
In hand 31st December, 1883	26

The number received being 1,201 more than in 1882.

About

About 3,400 old cases were charted on parish maps, being about 400 in excess of 1882.

Permission to ringbark—Dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	363
" " " In hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Application for ringbarking received and dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	617
" " " In hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

This branch is out of arrear.

ASSISTANT OFFICE, PROFESSIONAL BRANCH.

55. This branch is of a professional character, under the Deputy Surveyor-General, and reports on cases under the alienation clauses of the Lands Acts.

56. The same duties were performed in this branch during the year 1883, including completion of action in Survey Branch of purchases legalized under the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Act, 1881, and the preparation of Schedules of Purchases proposed to be legalized under authority of Parliament.

ROADS BRANCH.

57. The Roads Branch of this Department reports in all cases of application for roads through alienated land, under the Act 4th William IV, No. 11; the alignment of streets, under Act 2nd Victoria No. 2; the alienation of unnecessary roads, under section 10 of 25th Victoria No. 1; the granting of one road in lieu of another, under section 26, and resumption of land for roads from any conditional purchase, under section 27 of 43 Victoria No. 29; and granting of public gates, under 39th Victoria No. 10. It is under the charge of an officer, who reports for the Surveyor-General to the Department of Mines, and in some cases to the Under Secretary for Lands, and he is assisted by two other professional officers, as heads of divisions, and a staff of draftsmen and clerks, who carry out the necessary action respecting the roads of the Colony in two divisions, north and south, and in these branches several improvements peculiar to the geographical divisions of the Alienation Branch have been adopted, and the records kept are in a very efficient state.

58. The number of papers received during the year 1883 reached 6,770, and on many of these separate and distinct action had been several times taken. The number of miles of road surveyed was 1,216, delineated by 261 plans, in addition to 32 plans showing 128 streets; 334 applications for roads, deviations in roads, and for alignment of streets have been received; 533 reports from surveyors, irrespective of 293 reports accompanying plans of survey; 345 objections and claims for compensation investigation, and in 25 cases compensation was recommended to be granted by reports from this branch. There are many hundreds of thousands of roads in this Colony, any one of which may form the subject of inquiry, complaint, application for resurvey, dedication, &c., or may be applied for to be purchased under the 10th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. On each and every such inquiry or application the necessary information is given personally to the public, or is supplied in the shape of a minute of recommendation to the Under Secretary for Mines, and in some cases to the Under Secretary for Lands.

59. Comparison with the previous returns shows a steady increase of work in this branch.

RESERVE BRANCH.

60. The work performed by the Reserve Branch is as follows, viz.:—Recommending reservations from sale and lease, consisting of water supply, timber, travelling stock, camping, temporary commons, public recreation, &c., the cancellation and modifications of reserves under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, reporting on resumptions for public parks and recreation reserves; reservations for public purposes of all kinds under the 4th section of that Act; and applications in virtue of improvements within reserves; dedications for recreation and permanent commons; boundaries for proclamation for new gold-fields under the Mining Act; reserves from sale on account of gold under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; town and suburban boundaries; alterations in designs of same; population reserves; boundaries under the Towns, Police, and Municipal Acts, and modification and alteration in mining and municipal districts. The preparation of electoral registration, school, licensing, and police districts is acted upon by the officer in charge of this branch; also applications to mine under reserves and roads.

61. This branch also carries out the examination of all plans received for auction sale, for the purpose of ascertaining before sending on whether sufficient reservations had been made for public purposes.

62. During the year reserves in the New England and Clarence Pastoral Districts have been revised, with a view to provision being made to meet present and probable future public requirements.

63. Reserves for travelling stock, with camping sites at reasonable intervals, have been notified along a considerable number of stock routes; in many instances tracks have been marked, and the boundaries of the reserves defined on the ground.

64. The total area reserved for travelling stock during the year being 1,457,305 acres.

65. Travelling stock routes from the extreme west and north-western districts to important centres of trade and traffic have been adopted and reserved from sale.

66. 1,040,190 acres have been reserved along projected lines of railway or lines in course of construction.

67. 760,420 acres have been reserved for the preservation and promotion of the growth of timber during the same period.

68. Total area of land reserved from conditional purchase during the year 1883 included an area of 5,853,491 acres.

69. With a view to remove doubt or uncertainty as to the position of reserves, a large number have been defined on the ground.

70. A considerable number of unnecessary reserves have been subdivided for sale, and await legislation prior to cancellation.

71. A map of the Colony recently prepared is now in course of publication, showing the towns, principal centres of settlement, the railway lines completed and in course of construction, stock reserves or driftways, tanks and wells along the stock routes, with their local names, and the position and names of railway stations where stock can be trucked. The map will be found of considerable value to owners of stock, drovers, and others engaged in pastoral pursuits.

72. RESERVES FROM SALE.

Purpose.	No.	Notified.		No.	Revoked.		
		acres	r.		acres	r.	p.
Aborigines	6	2,260	0 0	9	484	0 0	
Access	119	78,190	0 0	23	10,964	0 0	
Access to tidal waters...	1	200	0 0	...	.....
Access and camping	5	5,860	0 0	...	.....
Bridge	1	2	0 0	2	5,760	0 0	
Camping	312	277,822	0 0	53	21,356	0 0	
Camping and crossing...	1	210	0 0	...	.....
Cemetery	3	53	0 0	2	2	2 0	
Commonage	8	9,361	0 0	8	2,564	0 0	
Court and watch-house	3	8	0 0	...	.....
Crossing	20	3,423	0 0	5	1,923	0 0	
Driftway	21	36,281	0 0	...	.....
Ferry	2	240	0 0	...	.....
Fireclay	1	40	0 0	...	.....
Firewood	2	1,000	0 0	1	48	0 0	
Gaol	3	9	0 0	...	.....
Gold (on account of)	4	128,419	0 0	...	.....
Gravel	4	100	0 0	...	.....
Irrigation	1	170	0 0	...	.....
Landing-place	1	1	2 0	...	.....
Light-house	1	27	0 0	...	.....
Limestone	1	40	0 0	...	.....
Mining... ..	7	20,059	0 0	41	403,612	0 0	
Mulberry plantation	1	7	0 0	...	.....
Park	3	21	0 0	...	.....
Pasturage	3	981	0 0	...	.....
Pending completion of Census	...	.....	...	23	20,592	0 0	
" selection of common...	...	.....	...	1	216	0 0	
" report of mines	...	.....	...	1	640	0 0	
Police purposes	22	957	0 0	2	417	0 0	
Post and Telegraph Office	1	2	0 0	...	.....
Population reserve ... ..	...	.....	...	3	1,794	0 0	
Pound	14	318	0 0	2	346	0 0	
Public buildings	55	206	0 0	2	3	0 0	
Public Schools... ..	122	2,040	0 0	35	184	0 0	
Public purposes	25	98	0 0	42	3,093	0 0	
Quarry... ..	12	3,328	0 0	3	1,310	0 0	
Railway purposes	41	1,040,190	0 0	24	31,236	0 0	
Railway and camping...	1	50	0 0	...	.....
Railway and water	1	40	0 0	...	.....
Recreation	126	15,017	0 0	8	481	0 0	
Refuge in time of flood	21	26,419	0 0	9	11,889	0 0	
Reservoir	2	84	0 0	...	.....
Road	5	3,978	0 0	1	11	0 0	
Road metal	1	120	0 0	...	.....
Shipping timber	4	137	0 0	...	.....
Special lease	37	2,323	0 0	...	.....
Tanks and wells	5	8,500	0 0	...	.....
Timber... ..	131	760,420	0 0	62	88,414	0 0	
Town extension	5	3,140	0 0	...	.....
Traffic	2	95	2 0	...	.....
Traffic and driftway	5	1,030	0 0	...	.....
Travelling stock	367	1,457,305	0 0	246	391,834	0 0	
Tramway	3	479	0 0	1	324	0 0	
Trigonometrical station	35	3,445	0 0	8	325	0 0	
Village... ..	36	43,290	0 0	56	48,938	0 0	
Water supply	880	1,337,446	0 0	574	564,850	0 0	
Water supply and camping	15	26,826	0 0	8	18,042	0 0	
Water and access	56	147,364	0 0	3	1,580	0 0	
Water and travelling stock	1	320	0 0	...	.....
Water and timber	1	403,200	0 0	...	.....
Wharf	8	229	0 0	1	10	0 0	
Wharf and access	5	210	0 0	...	.....
Total	2,579	5,853,491	0 0	1,259	1,633,242	2 0	

73. RESERVES FROM LEASE.

Purpose.	No.	Notified.			No.	Revoked.		
		acres	r.	p.		acres	r.	p.
Aborigines	3	2,060	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Access	15	3,548	0	0	3	60	0 0	
Camping	14	10,425	0	0	22	3,258	0 0	
Camping and water	1	46	0	0	2	1,000	0 0	
Commonage	12	55,378	0	0	10	5,380	0 0	
Crossing ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	314	0 0
Driftway	1	141	0	0	1	132	0 0	
Gold-mining	1	45	0	0	1	115	0 0	
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4,980	0 0
Pastoral lease (from)	1	5	0	0	15	6,420	0 0	
Police purposes	1	30	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Pound	4	99	0	0	1	344	0 0	
Public purposes	2	815	0	0	15	8,420	0 0	
Public use	3	650	0	0	1	342	0 0	
Railway	3	272	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Recreation	1	55	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Refuge... ..	1	1,100	0	0	1	1,100	0 0	
Roadway	11	10,043	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Sale (purposes of)	11	3,545	0	0	2	508	0 0	
Shipping stock... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,640	0 0
Site for tank	3	3,220	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Special lease	18	2,873	0	0	2	1,460	0 0	
Timber... ..	1	160	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Town and suburban lands	5	11,850	0	0	1	1,060	0 0	
Tramway	2	155	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Travelling stock	27	14,755	0	0	1	22	0 0	
Village... ..	11	16,708	0	0	6	6,835	0 0	
Water supply	35	12,593	0	0	24	22,787	0 0	
Total	187	150,571	0	0	115	67,177	0 0	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Purpose.	No.	Notified.			No.	Revoked.		
Towns and villages	14	3,249	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Suburban lands	17	45,412	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Permanent commons	1	1,464	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Temporary commons	22	67,475	0	0	49	16,168	0 0	
Gold-fields open	117	355,941	0	0	3	540	0 0	
Do. reserved	16	278,515	0	0	10	50,945	0 0	
Recreation reserves dedicated... ..	17	858	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Municipal Districts	7	37,048	0	0	.....	.....	.....

74. During the year 1880 9,742 cases were received in this branch, and action taken on 9,630; during 1881 11,397 cases were received, and action taken on 11,528; in 1882 11,600 cases were received, and action taken upon 11,850; in 1883 11,652 cases were received, and action taken upon 11,646. At the end of 1883 there were 256 cases in the branch. In addition to the above work performed by the branch, reserves were charted and examined on 10 new county maps out of 13 received, on 378 parish maps out of 384 received, and on 37 town maps out of 41 received; the number in the branch at the end of the year being 3 county, 40 parish, and 9 town maps.

75. Three weeks were also occupied during the year in charting the population reserves per Census of 1881, as provided by the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

76. When it is considered that there were less plans received for inspection prior to auction, owing to a reduction in the auction sales, the above represents an enormous amount of work.

DISTRICT MAP BRANCH.

77. The Land District Map Branch has continued to provide two sets of maps for each Land Agent during the year.

The number of complete sets of maps prepared for Land Agents	128
Comprising—	
County maps	536
Town maps	224
Parish maps	3,599

Total number of maps 4,359

Number

Number of sets of maps (comprising 3,050 maps) returned from Land Agents for re-charting up	105
C. P. Inspectors—Number of lithographed parish maps sent to C. P. Inspectors	245
Parish maps referred to branch for Land District, boundaries to be shown thereon	329
Letters received and dealt with in this branch during 1883	250

A large number of other maps of a miscellaneous character also have been dealt with in this branch. There are no arrears in this branch.

COMPILING AND PUBLISHING BRANCH.

78. In comparing this report with the previous year a decrease is shown in the compilation of parish maps, both in the Compiling and Geographical Divisions, which in the Compiling Branch is accounted for by the quantity of miscellaneous work performed in the branch, and the more complex nature of the counties compiled, being principally old settled counties; and in the Geographical Division from the quantity of charting work in the divisions, necessitating the employment of the entire staff in most of the divisions in charting.

79. In consequence of the impossibility of obtaining draftsmen, and the extraordinary amount of extra work thrown upon the branch during the year, as detailed below under the head of Miscellaneous Work, a measure of expediency was adopted with reference to thirteen outlying counties in the north-west of the Colony, under which maps of a temporary character have been produced, for which an equivalent has been shown in the diagram at page .

80. Parish Maps—

During the year 1883 the number of parish maps compiled in Compiling Branch Divisions		
1 and 2 was	268	
And in Geographical Division	114	382
During 1882 compiled in Compiling Branch Divisions 1 and 2		438
Geographical Division	171	609
Showing a total decrease in 1883, compared with the previous year, of		227
The total number of parish maps printed and published in 1883 was		476
Do.	do.	in 1882
		1,029
Decrease in 1883, printed and published		553

81. County Maps—

County maps compiled during the year, on scale of 2 miles to 1 inch	17
County maps compiled in 1882, on scale of 2 miles to 1 inch	8
Increase over 1882	9

82. Index Maps—

Compiled and published in 1883	5
Do. do. in 1882	3
Increase over 1882	2

83. Towns and villages—

Compiled during the year 1883	4
Do. 1882	6
Decrease in 1883	2

84. Tracings and Drawings by Contractors—

During the year 1883 the number was	4,573
Do. 1882 do.	5,795
Total decrease in 1883...	1,222

85. Engraved Maps—

One engraver is employed in adding to previously engraved work.	
Parish maps in course of compilation in Compiling Branch, on 31st December, 1883	158
Do. do. Charting Branch, Do.	15
Do. do. Compiling Branch, 31st December, 1882...	146
Do. do. Charting Branch	49
	173
	195
Total decrease in 1883 ...	22

86. *Colony Maps under compilation, &c.—*

That portion of the Colony within the nineteen settled Counties (on scale 8 miles to 1 inch) based upon the general triangulation of the Colony.	
Revising the present Colony map (on scale of 16 miles) for publication of new edition.	
Map of the Colony, showing stock routes, with tanks, wells, and where convenience of trucking stock at railway stations.	
Miscellaneous work (other than tracing and drawing above specified as performed by contractors) performed by Compiling Draftsmen during 1883.	
Maps to illustrate Messrs. Morris & Rankin's "Report of Inquiry into the state of Public Lands of the Colony," dated 2 May, 1883, printed in colours; first edition comprising 1,000 copies, second edition comprising 1,000 copies	32 maps.
Preparation of maps and information for 2nd edition of Progress Report, New South Wales...	2 "
Charting up lithographs of parish maps for Mr. Reid's (M.L.A.) motion, Legislative Assembly, 8 November, 1882	680 "
Maps illustrating territorial divisions of the Colony for new Land Bill (1,700 printed for the Assembly)	18 "
Maps (county 31, parish 251) for Inspectors in connection with Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883 ...	282 "
Public School District Maps, showing all important features, towns and roads	50 "
District Court District maps, under Mr. Justice Murray's application, on scale 2 miles to 1 inch	7 "
Maps, Domain and Botanical Gardens	1 map.
Map showing Newcastle Licensing District	1 "

And other maps for various purposes, namely, for Amsterdam and Calcutta Exhibitions, and for other Departments.

87. By the foregoing it will be seen that the miscellaneous work has been an important item in the work performed by the Compiling Branch during the year 1883, and I may here observe this class of work is at present exclusively occupying the time of six draftsmen.

88. The strength of the Compiling and Publishing Branch consists of seventy-six officers of all grades, namely:—

Compilers	41 officers.
Issue and examination of miscellaneous contract and feature surveys	10 "
Lithographic draftsmen	14 "
Printers	11 "
Total	76 "

89. Although the numerical strength of the compiling staff is 41, I must point out that 14 have under six months' experience; and also that the services of the compilers are taken off their regular work to deal with the miscellaneous work above referred to.

90. The question of making a separate branch for the performance of miscellaneous work is under consideration.

91. LITHOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

Publications issued from this branch during the year 1883	1,216
Do do do 1882	1,670
Decrease in 1883	454
The total number of sheets published during 1883	279,395
Do do 1882	247,616
Increase over 1882... ..	31,779

92. TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS.

Instructions to surveyors during 1883 for measurement of feature surveys necessary for compilation of maps	553 miles.
Do do do in 1882	410 "
Increase in 1883	143 "
Feature surveys. Received into the branch in 1883	918 miles
Do 1882	748 "
Increase in 1883	170 "

Feature

Feature surveys examined in the office by computers in 1883, including 62 miles of survey sent from other branches for examination	1,431 miles.
Feature surveys examined in 1882	1,476 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Decrease in 1883	45 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Plans awaiting examination in branch in 1883	16
Do in 1882	104

The above return, although there is a decrease in the compilation of parish and other maps, shows that a large quantity of work has been done in these branches.

CUSTODIAN OF PLANS.

93. This officer has the custody of original plans of county and town lands in general use, except those kept in the geographical divisions of the Charting Branch, and receives and records plans from the Charting Branches as they are dealt with. He receives and issues all applications made to him for plans, carefully noting in a record book kept for the purpose the names of officers to whom they are issued, and receipt of plans when returned.

94. The number of plans recorded and kept in this branch is 111,120, the apparent decrease being caused by the various geographical divisions taking charge of the maps with which they have to deal. This branch has also the custody of old plans and 1,200 field books, surveyors' descriptions, gazettes, 1,500 mounted lithographs of auction plans, and twelve sketch-books containing sketch plans.

95. The number of plans issued and returned during the year has been 180,000

EXHIBITOR AND SALESMAN OF PUBLIC MAPS.

96. This officer has charge of all the plans that are open for the inspection of the public and those in general use by the office staff, comprising county, town, parish, and environ maps, and for general convenience keeps a daily record showing whether the maps are in his room at the head office or in the branch offices, and the names of the particular officers with whom the map or maps are to be found. He is custodian of all published lithographs, and is salesman of the same; he keeps a book showing the stock in hand and disposed of, either by purchase or issue for office use, for Land Agents or officers in the field or of other Departments, forwarding each day to the Secretary and Cashier a statement of lithographs sold. He notes applications and supplies the required lithographs; sells to persons applying verbally, and exhibits maps to the public.

97. A decrease in sales of lithographs appears during the year, the receipts having decreased from £357 17s. 2d. in 1882 to £330 17s. 1d. during 1883.

The total of lithograph maps received during 1883	93,737 copies.
Issued to various branches and Departments	34,378 "
Sold	12,629 "
Number of letters received and dealt with during 1883... ..	573 letters.

CLERK OF CHARTING BRANCHES.

98. This officer's duty is to record all registered papers received for charting purposes from the Record Branch, the number for 1883 being 38,515, an increase over the previous year of 5,167, giving required information respecting such papers, and forwarding the same to the proper officers, noting when issued and returned.

PLAN-MOUNTER.

99. The duties of this officer need not be described. Original plans and maps mounted during the year represent a total of 22,065; books bound, 40. The items of miscellaneous work performed in the branch cannot be well defined, but consists of about 1,657, such as is inseparable from the branch. The amount of linen used during the year was 6,405 square yards.

ACCOUNT AND CLERICAL BRANCH.

100. This branch employed officers both on the fixed and temporary staff, nineteen of the former and twenty-five of the latter, during the year 1883; the salaries ranged from £63 up to £450 per annum, and the total cost of the branch was £8,532 15s. 5d.

The business of the branch is divided into the following heads, viz. :—

- Accounts.
- Correspondence.
- Record of Measurements, &c.
- Stores.
- Statistics.

101. The duties of the branch may be summarized as follows :—

The total amount of accounts rendered for services of the past year, was ...	£324,014	0	0
The amount of balances of licensed surveyors' accounts for 1882 and previous years passed for payment	28,952	0	0
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	£352,966	0	0
Total amount of salaries and contingencies paid was	339,724	0	0
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Balance	£13,242.	0	0

102. The total number of letters, &c., written, recorded, and despatched during the year was over 25,000 on professional subjects, added to which about 24,000 notices of payment were sent out, and 1,391 on questions requiring Ministerial approval.

103. The number of communications received from surveyors—salaried and licensed—was 36,682. The number of communications received from surveyors for 1882 was estimated—the number received in 1883 is actual.

104. The number of special cases submitted for my decision direct from this branch was over 7,500.

105. The number of returns prepared during the period was six, which were of a very exhaustive character, and occupied a considerable time in preparation; the number is no criterion of the work involved.

106. The clerks employed on the permanent list have of late years been selected from those youths who have been successful in passing the Civil Service Examination, and who had an additional special recommendation from employers, teachers, &c., as to their capabilities for the duties required. Where more than one has been nominated, the successful competitor at an examination held in this office has been appointed to the vacant salary.

107. In the temporary staff the rates are now daily commencing at 4s., and rising by degrees to 15s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., the highest rate paid during the year, the conditions of service having been re-arranged so as to place members on the same footing, as regards pay and leave of absence, as the temporary staff in the Ministerial office, payment being made for six days in the week. This is exclusive of four special appointments, comprising one principal book-keeper and three ledger-keepers, at special rates, running from £225 to £300 per annum.

108. At page 52 appears a return showing the cost of each survey district, the number of instructions issued and carried out, the balance representing those transferred or remaining on hand at the end of the year; the number of instructions remaining on hand at the end of the year is no criterion of the energy or otherwise of the surveyor, the number being affected by the return of instructions by other licensed surveyors who resign or change districts. Following this is a similar return respecting the services of the temporary salaried surveyors.

TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY.

109. During the year, the observations at eight first-class Stations in the direct series, connecting the Lake George and Richmond bases, and of one in the northern series, have been completed; those at another first-class station were in progress, but retarded by the unexceptionally unfavourable weather in November and December.

110. The number of angles observed with 18-inch instruments is 2,680.

111. 186 second and third class Stations have been observed from, and 18,995 angles have been measured.

112. 1,300 Stations have been observed to, including observations to the same Station from two or more of the others.

113. 466 trigonometrical points have been fixed, for use in connection with the general and other surveys.

114. The triangulation of county Cumberland has been completed, with the exception of a few secondary stations, which have yet to be observed from.

115. The subsidiary triangulation of the whole of Middle Harbour, of the Parramatta River as far as Ryde, and of the Lane Cove River survey, has been finished and connected with the county triangulation.

116. A triangulation of the town of Albury, to meet immediate local requirements in survey, has been made. This is, at present, based on a side of one of the triangles in the preliminary triangulation of the counties Hume and Goulburn; but, as the original survey was made in the year 1860, with very inferior appliances, one of the lines has been selected for measurement, in anticipation of the ultimate connection with the main survey.

117. The latitude and longitude of Moruya, which is another of the points required for the compilation of a new map of the Colony, have been determined by astronomical observations.

118. In addition to the selection and marking of minor stations by surveyors, four piling parties have been constantly employed during the year; and 172 new stations have been formed in the counties of Cumberland, Northumberland, Hunter, Argyle, Cook, Durham, Gloucester, Westmoreland, Georgiana, and St. Vincent.

119. In view of the probable necessity for some large and comprehensive system of survey of the extensive plains in the north-western portion of the Colony, where, on account of the generally level character of the country, the usual method of triangulation is practically impossible, the method by which an accurate survey can be best conducted has been carefully considered; and it is certain that astronomical determinations of geodetic positions may be relied on as a check on any work performed in the ordinary manner.

120. The method of finding the latitude by means of the zenith telescope is one of the most valuable improvements in practical astronomy in recent years; and as an illustration of the degree of accuracy which may be expected in the determination of latitude by means of zenith pairs, a specimen of latitude observations made at Maroota with the 18-inch altazimuth, adapted for use as a zenith telescope, is appended. In connection with latitude observations I have to acknowledge valuable assistance derived from a catalogue of Southern stars observed at the Cape of Good Hope by Mr. Stone, now Astronomer Royal of England.

121. The determination of longitude is a much more complex matter, not only as regards the observations, but also with reference to the requisite instruments (chronometrical, electrical, and optical). The results will therefore exhibit greater discrepancies than are found in observations for latitude.

122. Preparations are in progress for carrying on the work, as indicated above, in the western districts. All the requisite new instruments have been ordered, and such alterations as are necessary in instruments in stock have been designed, and are being executed; also, steps have been taken for testing and training young surveyors for this special kind of survey.

123. The direct series of triangles connecting Richmond base with that of Lake George has been completed, so that the circuit of triangles, to which I referred in my last report as necessary for the verification of the survey as a whole, and for the comparison of the measured and computed lengths of the two bases, has been closed. The results are satisfactory, and the following statement shows, first the measure of precision or limit of error with which the survey has been conducted, and secondly, the method by which the residual discrepancies have been distributed.

124. (1.) The first measure of precision is the closing error of the triangles. The average value of this in the 42 triangles which connect the Sydney Observatory with the two bases is 0.67"; the greatest being 2.18". In order to show the quality of this work, it is necessary to compare it with that done in other countries. Thus in the survey of Ireland (about 600 miles in circuit), conducted by the Board of Ordnance, the average closing error of the six main triangles is 2.91", the least being 0.52", and the greatest 7.16". The second measure is the difference in length of any lines of the survey, for which values are found from two or more triangles, which for twenty-three lines in the series is $\frac{1}{16}$ inches per mile on the average, with a maximum of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. This cannot be compared with the work done elsewhere, since no data are available with respect to the double values of lines as found before the final adjustment.

(2.) The usual method of adjusting the discrepancies found in triangulation is to distribute the errors by the method of "least squares." This is an extremely laborious process, as is shown by the fact that the adjustment of the main triangulation of Great Britain, by the Ordnance Survey, employed eight computers two and a half years. Taking this into consideration, together with the fact that the residual discrepancies which have to be adjusted are very small, I have determined to accept a simpler method, viz., the distribution of the errors, proportionately, through the triangles. This fulfils the required condition that the work shall close, and being, moreover, more than sufficient for all present practical purposes, enables the work to pass immediately into practical utility.

125. A correction of 2.035 inches, or 0.37 inch per mile, mentioned in my last report, has been applied to the measured length of the Lake George Base, on account of the increase in length of the wooden bars used in the measurement, corresponding to the (since ascertained) difference between their temperature when in use and at the time of comparison with the standard; their co-efficient of expansion having been determined by a series of experiments by Mr. Superintendent Conder, four years after they were used at Lake George. This leaves a discrepancy, as found from the direct series, between the two bases, of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch per mile; i.e., the Richmond Base (7 miles), computed from the Lake George Base, appears to be about 2 inches shorter than its measured length; or, similarly, the Lake George Base ($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles) appears to be $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch shorter than its computed length.

126. If, at any future time, a more strictly mathematical adjustment of this survey should be required for purely geodetic or other scientific purposes, the original data are available; being deposited, in duplicate, in fire-proof safes in different buildings; but, the adjustment which I have made being sufficiently precise for all the ordinary purposes of survey in this Colony, I do not propose to make any further alterations.

COMPUTING BRANCH.

127. The work of the Computing Branch has consisted, as in previous years, of the necessary preliminary operation of tabulating observations for use by the computer, and in utilizing the results thus obtained.

128. The calculations of trigonometrical points on the Lane Cove River, and at Botany, have been completed, and considerable progress has been made with the triangulation of Parramatta River and Middle Harbour; the number of points fixed in these metropolitan localities being 123 stations and 179 intersections. A small triangulation of the town of Albury, comprising 8 stations and 15 intersections, has likewise been computed.

129. The triangulation of the county of Cumberland has been further dealt with; the coordinates of 71 stations and 62 intersections having been calculated.

130. The computation of the diagonal series, connecting Lake George and Richmond bases, has been completed.

131. Astronomical observations, for latitude, azimuth, and longitude, have been taken during the year at Maroota and Moruya, and have been reduced by this branch, together with the latitude of Woronora, Jellora, and Towrang; and at Macalister the values of the wire intervals and micrometer screw of the new 18 inch altazimuth instrument have been determined.

132. The main triangulation has been adjusted, and the latitude, azimuth, and longitude of all the main stations in the series, have been computed from Sydney Observatory as the initial point.

133. In addition to the primary work of computing the positions of stations, &c., duplicate records have in every case been made of the results.

134. The advance work of the piling overseers in the several counties, which are to be triangulated next in order, has been plotted immediately on receipt of their reports; thus supplying a ready means of preparing skeleton schemes of triangulation as required.

135. Finally, it is to be reported, that there are no arrears of work in the branch.

GENERAL SURVEY.

136. The bulk of the work of the General Survey Branch during the year has been in examining surveys undertaken for the alignment of streets, alienation of lands, roads, reserves, commonages, public parks, &c., but the increasing number of investigations of boundaries of very old grants where they abut on Crown Lands, or form the boundaries of roads, has led to the definition and re-marking of a great number of old measured portions in the parishes of Botany, Alexandria, Hunter's Hill, Field of Mars, Gordon, and in other parts of the County of Cumberland. These investigations, required in many cases only to determine the positions of one or two lines, have necessitated surveys extending over a considerable area.

137. All the surveys in the Metropolitan District made during the last few years have been carried out under the system known and described in former reports as "co-ordinate," and therefore capable of being re-established or produced at any future time, even if the survey marks disappear and the plans are lost, as long as the field-books and trigonometrical data are preserved.

138. In consequence of the impossibility of sparing the required amount of professional assistance to this branch numbers of isolated surveys are accumulating, and the public kept without the benefit of the information contained in the numerous and costly surveys, which, with additional labour, could be compiled into maps for publication. The want of power to take full advantage of the data possessed is to be regretted, especially as the Government is without a map of the metropolitan county. This want is, however, being partially met by a preliminary compilation of the county to a scale of 2 inches to the mile. In order that the map may be available to the public as early as possible, a considerable portion of old survey more or less accurate must be used, but from time to time this will be superseded by actual survey.

139. In one or two parts of the county so much progress has been made that almost sufficient information is available for the construction of parish maps on the largest required scale. In the parish of Botany, for instance, the survey requirements have been so great during the last three years, that when all was put together only a trifling amount of additional survey was required to produce a complete map to any scale that might be desired. This is now almost completed and a map, already in hand, will soon be published which will serve as an illustration of the eventual capabilities of a system of survey under which every measurement made is available for an ultimate General Map.

140. The survey of the city and suburbs has been carried on with the assistance of fourteen surveyors, and the detail of nearly the whole of the eastern part of the city has been completed during the year as well as portions of the municipalities of Paddington, Darlington, and Redfern. A map is attached showing by red colour that part which has been completed to date. It may be observed that the rate of progress in this survey is greater than was anticipated at its outset. At that time it was estimated that the sections into which the city has been divided would each take a surveyor two and a half months to complete in detail, but it is now found that only about two months is required. This is no doubt due to the greater experience attained by the officers entrusted with this survey, which is now well in advance of any possible requirements in connection with the sewerage and water supply works now in progress, so much so that I have been able to employ the services of several surveyors on more urgent work.

141. The number of surveyors whose work is treated in connection with the General Survey has this year been forty (including the fourteen employed in the city survey above-mentioned) against thirty-one reported as having been similarly employed in 1882. Notwithstanding this increase it has only been possible to add three draftsmen to the office staff, plainly indicating that the supply of professional assistance does not keep pace with the requirements of the public in survey. This disproportion between the office and field staffs has interfered with the publication of maps as the surveys are received; consequently during the year only fifteen maps have been prepared for lithography, and only five printed and published. Trigonometrical compilations of four parishes in the county of Murray have been published during the year, as well as ordinary compilations of two other parishes and the trigonometrical maps of the county, previously published brought up to date.

142. The preparation of information as to the locality of the trigonometrical stations for purposes of future identification has been continued and 350 descriptions have been entered, making in all 2,264 described to date. Descriptions of 2,103 stations were entered at date of last report, 31st July, 1883.

143. This information will thus be found ready for publication in case it is at any time determined to amend the Real Property Law of New South Wales in the direction which legislation has taken in New Zealand under the system adopted in that Colony.

144. The premises occupied by the Department are as follows:—

- Head office, Bridge-street.
- Trigonometrical, General Survey, Compiling and Publishing Branches, Wolfen's Buildings, Bridge-street.
- Diagram, Description, and Noting Branches, Exchange Buildings, Bridge-street.
- Charting Branches, Sutton's Buildings, George-street.
- Charting and I. P. Branches, Foy's Buildings, George-street.
- Lease Branch, Gilchrist, Watt, & Co.'s Buildings, O'Connell-street.
- Roads and Charting Branches, Gilchrist, Watt, & Co.'s Buildings, Bent-street.
- Plan Mounting Branch, &c., Curcier & Adet's, Macquarie Place.

REMARKS.

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145. The ratio of increase of business may be deduced, *vide* paragraph 149, from the number of communications to and from surveyors. I may take occasion, however, to point out that the ratio of increase of cost of the Department has been for the year only 2 per cent.

146. The earnings of licensed surveyors have during the year fallen almost below the limit of profit, and several districts not affording any, even at an increase of 50 per cent. on usual scale of fees, are being worked by licensed surveyors on temporary salary, a practice which can only be advised on emergency, and it is probable that an alteration in the scale of remuneration will have to be considered, but pending amendment in the Land law action is in abeyance.

147. During the year the services of Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam have been made available in this office for 157 days assisting in professional duties, notably the preparation of a new code of instructions to district and salaried surveyors. He has dealt with nearly all the cases submitted from charting draftsmen, and also many intricate cases that had been for some time awaiting an opportunity for my attention.

148. In the annual reports of 1881 and 1882 I complained of pressure of work upon the office and of the loss of the services of 174 trained draftsmen in three years, and that "efficiency in the face of such a drain upon its resources cannot be expected, it being a fact that it requires four years experience, on an average, to make an officer efficient in all the requirements of a charting draftsman." During 1883 the number leaving this office has lessened considerably, but no corresponding desire appeared on the part of those who had left to return to office employment, and it was not reasonable to expect it whilst the surveyors, who afford employment to a great number, hold so large an amount of work as they had in their hands during 1881, 1882, and 1883. Being fully employed, the surveyors could afford to outbid the Government for the services of draftsmen, a fact to be regretted as a large amount of information is now withheld from the public in the shape of maps, the data for which are accumulating in this office without the power to take advantage of it.

149. The increase of work thrown upon the office in 1883 in excess of 1882 may be understood from the following percentages:—

Communications received from surveyors	66 per cent.
Letters sent to surveyors	19 "
Personal submissions booked to myself	25 "

The latter amounted to 20,489 against 15,020 in 1882. Of the 20,489 cases 4,296 were only memoranda to surveyors, and 1,168 salaried surveyors' progress reports. No account is taken of cases personally submitted on any subject such as designs for towns and villages, matters connected with trigonometrical and general survey. Harbor frontage cases dealt with jointly with Engineer-in-Chief 230 cases, 21 days on licensed surveyors examinations or personal interviews.

150. I may point out that this extraordinary strain in addition to interviews cannot be continued.

I have, &c.,
P. F. ADAMS.
Surveyor-General.

distribution, and those dealt with by them; also, the cost of their services for the year 1883.

carried out personally.								Cost of Services.			Instructions on hand 1st January, 1883.				Instructions on hand 31st December, 1883.			
Reserves.	Conditional purchases.	Auction.	Government and public purposes.	Improved purchase.	Volunteer Land Orders.	Special leases.	Total.	Salary.	Equipment, Wages, &c.	Total.	Under 6 months.	6 and under 12 months.	Over 12 months.	Total.	Under 6 months.	6 and under 12 months.	Over 12 months.	Total.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.								
34	7	5	5	2	...	5	102	208	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	3	11	7	2	...	12	121	525	0	0	19	9	19	47	...	...	...	...
73	6	8	11	5	...	9	162	525	0	0	14	4	18	62	18	10	90	90
10	1	1	3	...	...	...	23	525	0	0	48	12	21	81	25	7	6	37
78	11	15	10	6	...	22	185	525	0	0	10	1	...	11	...	...	...	...
16	4	26	...	...	...	...	70	476	18	7	48	16	3	67	80	19	18	117
61	5	3	4	3	...	13	153	485	18	7	64	17	7	88	47	7	13	67
80	10	17	9	3	...	5	215	525	0	0	...	...	...	...	19	10	4	33
2	1	1	3	2	...	...	55	525	0	0	29	2	6	37	22	2	1	25
57	8	11	10	3	...	7	187	525	0	0	...	4	1	5	4	...	1	5
20	3	10	13	2	...	34	150	525	0	0	...	38	2	41	24	3	2	29
60	2	38	1	23	...	1	173	525	0	0	87	17	4	108	50	5	2	57
63	35	12	16	5	...	11	264	483	6	8	51	4	1	56	29	6	...	35
											...	...	...	...	30	3	6	39
600	96	158	92	56	...	119	1,869			12,961	408	83	63	553	302	80	62	534
2	1	...	1	20	...	...	50	425	0	0	73	12	8	93	...	...	...	...
33	5	7	5	4	...	7	116	425	0	0	4	4	10	18	2	...	4	6
...	...	...	1	9	...	...	23	425	0	0	55	9	10	74	23	1	1	25
37	23	7	22	1	...	16	175	425	0	0	1	...	4	5	12	17	...	29
15	5	4	9	...	...	2	80	425	0	0	42	8	7	57	33	2	7	42
1	...	...	2	...	...	...	14	425	0	0	11	2	...	13	16	2	...	18
...	...	...	3	8	...	...	26	425	0	0	1	1	3	5	...	1	5	6
26	3	4	2	6	1	3	100	425	0	0	2	2	3	7	4	5	3	12
69	9	41	1	13	1	7	210	425	0	0	19	6	1	26	39	9	1	49
7	...	1	...	...	...	...	31	425	0	0	26	10	4	40	13	5	2	20
35	2	9	1	20	...	...	95	425	0	0	...	...	...	...	7	1	6	13
8	7	3	1	...	...	...	89	425	0	0	43	4	6	53	25	4	3	32
34	6	3	3	19	4	4	105	425	0	0	5	13	4	22	17	1	2	20
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	404	3	4	14	2	...	16	14	7	6	27
40	2	8	5	15	...	6	104	375	0	0	...	1	3	4	1	...	4	5
28	...	1	2	1	...	3	54	375	0	0	9	5	1	15	27	1	...	28
35	7	3	11	...	...	4	92	375	0	0	5	3	1	9	12	9	6	27
6	1	1	7	1	...	1	39	375	0	0	9	6	7	22	12	9	6	27
5	2	7	3	4	...	4	68	375	0	0	7	1	3	11	2	6	2	10
5	2	1	9	...	...	...	25	375	0	0	15	1	...	16	1	1	...	2
5	5	...	...	1	...	...	46	375	0	0	6	1	...	7	2	1	...	3
27	20	5	4	9	...	6	90	354	3	4	3	3	3	9	10	6	2	18
											54	30	33	117	28	19	12	59
418	100	105	92	131	6	63	1,647			20,494	404	124	111	639	300	107	71	478
24	3	...	11	1	...	1	64	325	0	0	7	8	5	20	...	...	...	...
8	...	1	...	1	...	1	31	325	0	0	5	2	3	10	2	3	...	5
21	5	6	9	2	...	1	86	325	0	0	16	5	6	27	17	4	4	25
22	2	2	3	2	...	4	70	325	0	0	13	4	2	19	7	...	2	9
1	14	2	5	1	...	...	44	325	0	0	30	9	24	63	19	9	21	40
4	5	3	3	...	...	...	48	325	0	0	13	4	1	18	13	2	4	19
4	6	2	3	3	...	1	43	325	0	0	10	1	1	12	2	1	...	3
...	...	...	1	1	...	...	15	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
...	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
5	44	1	2	...	...	1	64	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	11	2	...	13
33	1	1	...	4	...	7	67	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	300	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	2	4	...	...	20	300	0	0	...	...	...	...	8	8	2	18
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	29	...	1	...	...	50	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	25	9	4	38
2	77	2	...	...	...	...	91	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	29	25	34	88
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	300	0	0	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	5
...	1	1	3	...	...	...	27	325	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
1	23	300	0	0	3	3
...	91	12	1	77	6	4	7	17
128	160	50	43	20	...	18	782			13,773	94	33	42	169	152	70	85	307

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				Under 6 months.	6 and under 12 months.	Over 12 months.	Total.	Under 6 months.	6 and under 12 months.	Over 12 months.	Total.	Revs.	Reports.
Haylock C.	Cooma	18 Jan., 1867		55	40	20	115		4	13	17	1	1
Herborn E.*	Burwood	1 Feb., 1858	30	106	5	1	112						3
Herborn E. E. W.	Bathurst	2 July, 1878		5	2	4	11						
Herborn O. A.	Mudgee	10 Jan., 1881	22	10	1	1	12	26	27	2	55	1	
Holmes H. C.	Glen Innes	27 June, 1879	93	26	42	2	70	26	7	1	34		4
Hosie H. C.	Young	21 Sept., 1859	47, 48	10			10	12	2		14		3
Hungerford M. O.	Bombala	22 Jan., 1878	58					23	25	5	53		4
Hunter F. V.	Ballina	23 Dec., 1875	115	56	49	8	113	19	2	9	30	2	
Horneman C.	Hay	10 Jan., 1881						2	6		8		
Harper W. A.	Sydney	6 July, 1883						1			1		
Irby F. W.	Armidale	2 July, 1880	129	46	17	4	67	34	10		44		
Isaac F.	Goulburn	22 Jan., 1878	53	103	9	1	113	59	23	8	90	3	1
Jamieson W.	Bourke	10 Jan., 1881		34	6	8	48	15		1	16		1
Jones W.	Merri Merri Creek, Galergambone	27 June, 1881		10			10	1			1		1
Keale E. J.	Dubbo	27 June, 1876	17					16	9	2	27		2
Kelly J. M. †	Tamworth	12 Jan., 1877	100	38	37	6	81						2
King C. W. B.	Canonba	3 Feb., 1874	102	22	20	2	44	21			21		4
Knibbs G. H.	Liverpool	22 Jan., 1878											
Landon A.	Walma, Walgett	15 Feb., 1876	92	19	2		21	23	14	3	40		2
Langstaff R. W.	Gulgong	22 Jan., 1878	104	19	20	12	51	20			20	1	1
Langtree J. S.	Bourke	28 Jan., 1882	20	2	3		5	11	12	9	32		2
Langtree O.		3 Aug., 1875		3			3						
Lardner F. T.	Tamworth	15 Feb., 1876	8, 9	27	21	1	49	15	18	2	35		
Lester J. E.	Pieanbeyan	28 Jan., 1882		81	31	7	119	18	1		19		1
Liddell A. J.		12 July, 1872	40					14	8	23	45		
Lipscomb W. A.	Yerong Creek	15 Oct., 1872	74, 75	17	1	2	20	36			36		3
Lisle A.	Bathurst	12 July, 1872	19	17	5		22	16		1	17		2
Loder G.	Tamworth	12 July, 1872	96	16	15	3	34	2			2		1
Love A. W.	Wagga Wagga	12 Jan., 1877	61, 80	29	8		37	22	9		31	1	1
Loxton C. C.	Inverell	15 Feb., 1876		19	6		24	10		3	13	1	1
Loxton J. F.	Sydney	12 July, 1872		5	1		6						
Lupton J. H.	Cudal	30 June, 1882	135					27	2		29	3	
Lupton J. C. B.	Bargo	3 Feb., 1874											
Macdonald J. M.	Port Macquarie	12 July, 1872		25	6	12	42	19	18	20	57		
Maitland A.	Forbes	6 Feb., 1875	45	14	1		15	13		1	14	1	2
Mann H. F. K.	Glenbrook	21 Jan., 1878		43	8		51	4	3	1	8		
Manning E. R.	Brewarrina	29 June, 1877			6	6	12	24	27	4	55		1
Martin J. C.	Delegete	27 June, 1879	81	44	33	14	91	35	10	6	50		
Martyn J. G.	Armidale	12 Jan., 1877	5	49	18	7	74	5	13		18		
Meldrum R. W.	Grenfell	3 Feb., 1874	101	90	7		97	23	9		32		3
Menzies A.	Sydney	12 July, 1872		7	9	1	17						
Mylecharane W.	Hartley	25 Oct., 1867	24	44	40	29	113	33	10	15	58	3	1
Myne H. J. M.	Lithgow	29 June, 1877											
Mocatta G. V.	Currawang via Delegete	19 Feb., 1883	120					4	2	9	15		1
M'Carthy A.	Coalac	29 June, 1873		20	4	1	25	13	3	2	18		1
M'Cord T. C.	Queanbeyan	3 Feb., 1874						26	19	18	63		
M'Cuiloch J.	Deniliquin	16 June, 1857		3	1		4	11			11		
M'Dougall S. A.	Hay	6 Feb., 1875	67	44	15	1	60	8	1	1	10		5
M'Ewen J. H.	Singleton	2 Jan., 1880	35, 36					20	3		23	1	
MacCabe H. O.	Wollongong	29 June, 1877		48	14	1	63						
Macpherson A.	Sydney	28 Nov., 1865		38	13	2	53						1
Mills W. W.	Sydney	2 July, 1880											
Mills S.	Burwood	27 June, 1881											
Mann E. P.	Sydney	31 Aug., 1859											
Mayson A. T.								18	4	1	23		
Nash H. M.	Yaas	12 Jan., 1877	51A, 128	63	12	18	93	43	20	1	64	5	1
Nicholson S.	Milton	10 Jan., 1881	112	51	12	9	72	32	31	5	68		1
North C. F. N.	Grafton	27 June, 1869	28, 29					88	33	19	140		
O'Conner H. A. D.								12	1	1	14		
Paton N.	Quirindi	29 June, 1877			5		5	15	7	8	30		3
Peppercorn J. S.	Tumberumba	27 June, 1881	60, 132					27	21	3	51		1
Peunefather C.	Brewarrina	2 July, 1880		9	11	6	26						1
Pears J. M.	Sydney	13 Oct., 1868											
Pitt G. M.	North Richmond	1 Feb., 1859		38	13	11	62					2	1
Potter C. W.	Turlinga via Moruya	6 Feb., 1875			2	1	3	22	9	4	35		
Pratt R. G.	Tumut	30 June, 1882	62	63	46	20	129	49	37	36	122		1
Rae W. A.	Forbes	28 Oct., 1873	89, 108	33	19	2	54	34		1	35		2
Ricaut P.	Narrabri	7 Aug., 1874	138	45	30	5	86	7	6	5	18		
Robberds J. E.	Cobar	28 Jan., 1882		11	6	3	20	17	1	2	20		1
Ronald R.	Glen Innes	3 Nov., 1874	119	49	17	3	69	14			14		2
Russell F.	Wyallda	12 July, 1872	1	16	15		31	32	8	2	42		
Ryan J.	Trunkey	2 July, 1878	127	38			38	12			12	1	
Schleicher A.	Sydney	29 Jan., 1873						4	2	16	22		
Scott W. N.	Bunbalong	3 Aug., 1875	126	25	15	40	80	11	3	1	15		6
Sanderson E.	Gundagai	24 Nov., 1855						2			2		
Scannell W. S.	Wentworth	3 Nov., 1874		2	8	3	13						
Sellars D. B.	Hillston	12 Jan., 1877	68					42	29		71	1	2
Shoobert W. A.	Hartley	22 July, 1870						11	1	7	19		

* Resigned. † Transferred.

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Small A. N.	Wyndham	2 July, 1880...	89	21	18	128	19	16	5	40	...	2
Smith J.	Albury	27 June, 1881...	78, 79	69	56	51	176	34	19	9	62
Solling F. P.	Moree	25 July, 1873...	121	39	2	...	41	25	...	...	25	...	...
Stinson A. L.	Narrandera	2 July, 1878...	.....	...	...	...	...	15	16	7	38	...	...
Sewell E. G.	Albury	6 July, 1883...	.....	...	...	...	...	18	9	14	41	...	...
Tarrant J.	Wentworth	27 June, 1879...	84	4	3	...	7	13	7	...	20	1	1
Terry H. M.	Dubbo	27 June, 1881...	.....	3	1	...	4	11	6	2	19	...	...
Tingcombe J. L.	Narrabri	2 July, 1878...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Terry H. A.	Wellington	27 June, 1879...	21	...	...	...	...	35	5	3	43	...	...
Tozer V. F.	Temora	16 April, 1869...	46	85	11	2	98	39	16	5	60	...	3
Trickett O.	Moree	27 June, 1876...	3	25	2	...	27	8	...	1	9	...	2
Tucker J. J.	Newcastle	22 Jan., 1878...	37	28	1	...	29	32	3	1	36	...	...
Turner E. W.	Gunnedah	15 Feb., 1876...	14, 91	...	...	...	...	11	4	1	16	1	2
Vernon J.	Scone	14 Jan., 1864...	33	12	5	1	18	26	1	3	30	...	...
Walker J. E.	Tumut	2 July, 1880...	.....	...	...	...	...	35	51	42	128	...	...
Waltham J. F.	Cooma	30 June, 1882...	.....	7	4	2	13	15	11	33	59	...	1
Webb C. E.	Dubbo	2 July, 1878...	.....	1	8	1	10	9	...	...	9	...	...
White H. O'S.	Gresford	12 Jan., 1877...	82	31	10	...	41	16	4	2	22	...	1
Wilkinson L. A.	West Maitland	27 June, 1879...	.....	11	5	8	24	57	23	...	90	...	...
Williams V.	Blayney	25 May, 1866...	.....	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Worth C.	Merriwa	29 Jan., 1873...	34, 99	28	6	1	35	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warner W. B. H.	Armidale	6 July, 1883...	.....	...	...	...	...	9	7	8	24	...	...
				4,116	1,650	623	6,389	2,742	1,138	668	4,548	58	149

Surveyors, &c.—continued.

Returns issued during the Year.										Returns to instructions during the year.										Amount of Accounts rendered for Fees.		
Feature Surveys.	Reserves.	Conditional Purchase.	Auction.	Government and Public Purposes.	Improved Purchase.	Volunteer Land Orders.	Special Leases.	Total.	Roads.	Reports.	Feature Surveys.	Reserves.	Conditional Purchase.	Auction.	Government and Public Purposes.	Improved Purchase.	Volunteer Land Orders.	Special Leases.	Total.	\$ s. d.		
...	...	777	...	...	3	1	...	82	...	3	...	2	102	4	1	...	...	...	112	1,004	16	8
...	...	98	...	1	6	...	...	105	2	...	...	1	123	2	8	...	...	...	141	908	3	11
...	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	16	...	2	...	4	102	7	9	...	...	...	125	916	6	2
...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	63	11	12	...	...	...	92	902	16	0
...	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	1	...	2	21	4	1	...	...	...	31	210	11	3
...	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	22	1	3	...	...	21	8	10	...	...	...	48	948	13	11
...	13	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	5	6	...	...	...	22	772	5	6
...	8	69	5	9
...	...	59	...	...	2	...	...	62	...	5	...	2	...	8	4	...	...	...	183	968	2	10
...	...	126	...	1	...	...	...	152	2	9	...	10	121	3	22	...	...	...	168	1,144	19	11
...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	127	...	...	4	...	93	9	38	...	...	...	154	2,230	2	5
...	...	88	...	...	...	...	...	74	2	4	...	5	231	7	...	...	...	...	266	1,660	16	8
...	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	98	...	...	1	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	143	1,046	10	9
...	...	71	...	1	...	...	...	76	1	...	...	4	68	10	17	...	...	...	81	591	9	10
...	...	118	...	...	...	...	...	122	...	1	...	1	110	4	2	...	...	...	121	840	17	11
...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	2	...	8	1	...	...	...	16	724	13	2
...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	5	9	1	1	...	...	...	116	1,230	16	10
...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	73	500	13	10
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	13	4	1	...	...	...	...	11	1,151	0	0
...	...	84	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	6	140	7	83	...	...	...	154	247	7	6
...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	43	1	2	...	...	...	47	1,189	12	7
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	276	4	4
7	9	6,376	20	51	1,166	17	6	7,853	213	199	180	468	9,385	718	195	1,665	72	101	13,146	116,717	11	6

RETURN showing the number and nature of Instructions issued to Temporary Salaried Surveyors, the number acted on,

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Anderson J.*	Grafton	27 June, 1881	61	41	19	121
Abernothy W.	Mudgee	27 June, 1879	25	64	26	115	3	2	...	5	3	1
Adams W. E.	Como, George's River	30 June, 1882	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	...
Arnheim C. T.	Lismore	30 June, 1882	...	...	...	...	5	2	10	17	...	...
Burdett F. L.	Manly	3 Feb., 1874	4	1	4	9	1	17	...	18	1	2
Burgess J. O.*	Grafton	27 June, 1879	18	5	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bray A. H.	Menindie	12 Jan., 1877	17	20	2	39	48	7	3	58	...	...
Broughton J.	Wentworth Falls, Lawson	10 Jan., 1881	16	32	6	54	2	8	4	14	...	...
Busby W. F.	Molong	28 Jan., 1882	10	9	22	41	18	1	...	19	...	2
Bootle F. J. E.	Goonoo Goonoo	6 July, 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beatty S. R.	Dural	6 July, 1883	...	...	...	...	10	17	15	42	...	...
Chamier A. F.*	Summer Hill	22 Jan., 1878	6	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chcsterman A. H.	Sydney	28 Jan., 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chambers P.	Gilgunnia	2 Jan., 1880	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	4	...	...
Evans H. A.	Kempsey	19 Feb., 1883	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	5	...	...
Fariola O.*	Sydney	12 Jan., 1877	3	1	7	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
Folkard H.	Inverell	2 Jan., 1880	27	11	5	43	20	10	4	34	...	...
Flynn J. E.	Grafton	10 Jan., 1881	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	6	...	...
Foster W. H.	East Maitland	6 July, 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Garvan C. F.	Lismore	27 June, 1879	...	...	...	...	45	53	20	118	1	...
Graeme H. W.	East Maitland	19 Feb., 1883	...	...	...	...	9	1	...	10	...	...
Goodwin T. H. H.	Wilcannia	22 July, 1870	...	...	...	...	2	...	10	12	...	...
Glasson R. G.	Bega	28 Jan., 1882	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	13	...	...
Hogarth H., jun.*	Armidale	29 June, 1877	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hungerford M. O.	Bombala	22 Jan., 1878	48	16	9	73	23	25	5	53	...	...
Hawkins F. W.	Sydney	28 Jan., 1882	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...
Johnson E. H.	Lismore	27 June, 1881	54	32	17	103	2	19	25	46	1	1
Knibbs G. H.*	Petersham	22 Jan., 1878	13	4	2	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kelly J. B.	Lismore	7 Jan., 1879	20	3	14	37	12	27	27	66	...	...
Lewis W. A.	Lismore	19 Feb., 1883	...	...	...	...	6	7	25	38	...	...
Mackenzie R. B.*	Bondi	12 Jan., 1877	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mills W. W.	Sydney	2 July, 1880	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mylno H. J. M.†	Lithgow	29 June, 1877	32	15	9	56	...	...	...	...	...	...
M'Ewen J. H.	Singleton	2 Jan., 1880	29	18	1	48	20	3	...	23	...	...
MacCallum G.	Blayney	27 June, 1879	...	2	4	6	...	1	1	2	1	2
McCord T. C.	Queanbeyan	3 Feb., 1874	9	8	6	22	26	19	18	63	2	...
Mackay A. E.*	Rouse Hill	2 July, 1880	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manning H. C.	Woollahra	19 Feb., 1883	...	...	...	...	15	8	5	28	...	1
Murray D. H.	Sydney	30 June, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mann H. F. K.	Dubbo	21 Jan., 1878	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	8	...	...
North C. F. N.	Grafton	27 June, 1879	91	21	1	113	88	33	19	140	...	...
Nalder W. H.	Kempsey	27 June, 1879	4	4	1	9	38	25	48	111	...	...
O'Conner H. A. D.†	Dubbo	3 Feb., 1874	...	1	3	4	12	1	1	14	...	...
Parsons G.	Fernmount	7 Jan., 1879	6	13	8	27	12	14	4	30	1	1
Pennefather G.	Cooma	2 Jan., 1880	43	29	5	77	7	10	5	22	...	...
Perdriau S. E.*	St. Leonards	2 Jan., 1880	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pinnington S. J.	Gundagai	27 June, 1881	14	10	2	26	16	3	12	31	1	...
Pike H. M. L.	Hunter's Hill	27 June, 1879	1	...	...	1	2	2	1	5	...	...
Pring T.	Petersham	29 June, 1877	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Park A. J.*	St. Leonards	16 April, 1869	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pool J.	Tamworth	10 Jan., 1881	2	...	1	3	...	...	4	4	...	...
Peppercorn J. S.	Tumberumba	27 June, 1881	36	25	12	73	27	21	3	51	...	...
Richmond J.*	Woollahra	27 June, 1879	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riley V. B.*	Bowral	6 Feb., 1875	42	27	25	94	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robb A.	North Shore	28 Jan., 1882	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Sim W.	Forest Lodge	2 July, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Snyth P. F.	Arncliffe, Cook's River	27 June, 1879	5	4	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sellers D. B.	Hillston	12 Jan., 1877	19	10	4	33	42	29	...	71	...	...
Stafford G. M.	Double Bay	28 Jan., 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Steane S. A.	Sydney	19 Feb., 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Torry H. A.†	Wellington	27 June, 1879	40	26	24	90	35	5	3	43	...	...
Tuxen P. V.	Sydney	27 June, 1881	8	5	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thomas W. M.	Sydney	10 Jan., 1881	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1
Thompson W. M.	Sydney	2 July, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Terry H. M.	Dubbo	27 June, 1881	...	...	...	...	11	6	2	19	...	...
Thornhill W.	Sydney	25 June, 1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilson T. G.*	St. Leonards	2 July, 1878	8	3	7	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilkinson L. A.	West Maitland	27 July, 1879	...	...	...	...	67	23	...	90	...	...
			722	464	250	1,436	636	412	291	1,339	11	11

* Transferred to Permanent Staff.

the number on hand on 1st January and 31st December, 1883, and the cost of their Services during the year.

Missions issued during the year.									Instructions dealt with during the year.									Total cost of services, 1883.					
Feature surveys.	Reserves.	Conditional purchase.	Auction.	Government and public purposes.	Improved purchase.	Volunteer Land Orders.	Special leases.	Total.	Roads.	Reports.	Feature surveys.	Reserves.	Conditional purchase.	Auction.	Government and public purposes.	Improved purchase.	Volunteer Land Orders.	Special leases.	Total.	£	s.	d.	
...	...	3	...	1	8	18	10	4	10	4	3	9	34	...	3	95	817	1	0	
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...	5	4	1	1	1	2	9	501	1	9	
...	920	4	0
...	...	32	32	...	2	...	1	56	2	61	917	1	6	
...	...	1	3	11	1	6	6	62	5	5	5	...	1	102	907	3	0	
...	...	1	1	1	19	3	2	25	384	7	8	
...	347	15	11
...	1	1	2	...	2	1	7	2	...	2	...	1	17	421	10	4	
...	...	1	1	4	7	36	1	1	1	...	4	54	341	6	8	
...	705	16	10
...	20	20	670	17	6	
...	1	1	...	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	3	347	19	0		
...	...	96	...	1	...	...	...	97	5	2	...	4	99	4	1	1	...	111	945	10	0
...	1	5	2	...	4	8	2	9	1	...	32	621	17	0		
...	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	2	2	...	...	9	443	15	0
...	5	10	...	2	3	16	1	2	5	...	39	358	13	6		
...	1	1	
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	1	71	...	1	...	...	75	910	0	0
...	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	52	...	...	2	1	17	2	1	...	...	23	802	5	0
...	14	...	1	...	...	15	704	1	1		
...	
...	...	17	...	...	1	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	647	8	9
...	20	7	1	1	...	2	...	8	1	...	20	293	3	4		
...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	31	1	...	...	1	31	1	...	...	...	36	609	14	1
...	128	8	0		
...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	11	26	2	4	...	1	51	907	17	10
...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	19	6	...	1	2	...	29	546	16	8		
...	1	...	...	...	3	4	2	...	6	38	3	3	1	...	57	782	13	0		
...	...	40	...	...	2	...	...	42	5	3	3	5	95	2	1	3	...	117	903	18	0
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	7	2	21	10	1	4	7	...	65	821	3	6
...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	727	13	7		
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	531	17	4		
...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	937	17	6		
...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	423	7	9		
...	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	380	2	4		
...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	411	6	8		
...	162	11	6		
...	2	2	...	18	1	...	...	1	...	24	420	5	1		
...	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	321	1	3		
...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	552	16	2		
...	2	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	8	248	4	5		
...	215	7	2		
2	1	230	1	3	5	314	97	43	40	135	630	39	57	66	1	18	1,145	23,731	2	2	

† Deceased. ‡ Resigned.

SCHEDULE A.

Licensed Surveyors employed in charge of Districts in 1883.

Name.	Address.	Number of District.	Name.	Address.	Number of District
Allworth E. R.	Goulburn	86	Kecke E. J.	Dubbo	17
Anderson W.	Pilliga	15	Kelly J. M.	Tamworth	100
Arthur G.	Atholton, near Inverell	2	King C. W. B.	Canonbar	102
Barling J.	Casino	94	Landon A.	Walma, Walgett	92
Barling R.	Casino	114	Langstaff R. W.	Gulgong	104
Barton E. H.	Dubbo	18	Langtree J. S.	Bourke	20
Baylis, J. J.	Narrandera	41, 65	Lardner F. T.	Tamworth	8, 9
Bell T. H.	Cooma	57	Liddell A. J.	Pictou	40
Biddulph T. L.	Carcoar	113	Lipscomb W. A.	Yerong Creek	74, 75
Blacket J. R.	Bathurst	23	Lisle A.	Bathurst	19
Blair J. W.	Tamworth	11, 12, 13	Loder G.	Tamworth	96
Bray A. H.	Menindie	133	Love A. W.	Wagga Wagga	61, 80
Burgess A. P.	Wilcannia	143	Lupton J. H.	Cudal	135
Burgess E. J.	Hay	66, 116	Maitland A.	Forbes	45
Carter G. B.	Hillston	106	Martin J. C.	Delegat	81
Christie W. H.	Goulburn	42	Martyn J. G.	Armidale	5
Combes J. B.	Carcoar	26	Meldrum R. W.	Grenfell	101
Commins E. J.	Cooma	56	Mylecharane W.	Hartley	24
Commins G. W.	Wagga Wagga	63, 82	Mocatta C. V.	Currawang via Delegat	120
Conroy J. M.	Yass	49, 50	McDougall S. A.	Hay	67
Cowley W.	Albury	70, 77, 85	McEwen J. H.	Singletou	35, 36
Creed W.	Corowa via Albury	76	Nash H. M.	Yass	51A, 128
Davidson W. R.	Coonabarabran	16	Nicholson S.	Milton	112
Davis H. M.	Marengo	105	North C. F. N.	Grafton	28, 29
Dawson E. H.	Bahranald	69	Peppercorn J. S.	Tumberunba	60, 132
Dawson J.	Ilford	110	Pratt R. G.	Tumut	62
Dawson S. H.	Montefiores	134	Rae W. A.	Forbes	89, 108
Donaldson G. G.	Burrowa	43	Rigaut P.	Narrabri	138
Drummond W.	Tenterfield	4	Ronakl R.	Glen Innes	119
Duffy J. C.	Grenfell	44	Russell F.	Warialda	1
Farrer W. J.	Nevertire via Dubbo	118	Ryan J.	Trunkay	127
Fisher R.	Coonamble	95	Scott W. N.	Euabalong	126
Folkard H.	Inverell	6	Selars D. B.	Hillston	68
Garland B. C.	Wagga Wagga	64	Smith I.	Albury	78, 79
Granter J.	Bourke	139	Solling F. P.	Moree	121
Hall J.	Wingham	31	Tarrant J.	Wentworth	84
Harper C. A.	Moruya	51	Torry H. A.	Wellington	21
Herborn E.	Burwood	30	Tozer V. F.	Temora	46
Herborn O. A.	Mudgee	22	Trickett O.	Moree	3
Holmes H. C.	Glen Innes	93	Tricker J. J.	Newcastle	37
Hose H. C.	Young	47, 48	Turner E. W.	Gunnedah	14, 91
Hungerford M. O.	Bombala	58	Vernon J.	Scoue	33
Hunter F. V.	Ballina	115	White H. O'S.	Cresford	32
Irby F. W.	Armidale	129	Worth C.	Merriwa	84, 99
Isaac F.	Goulburn	53			

SCHEDULE B.

RETURN of Measurements made by Licensed Surveyors, including those on temporary salary, during the years 1882 and 1883, and the comparative cost of same.

Class of Measurement.	Area, 1882			Area, 1883.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Conditional Purchase	1,430,419	2	2	1,483,696	3	37
Measured for auction	1,632,878	2	6	973,564	2	27
Government and public purposes	75,585	1	34	62,110	1	24
In right of improvements	138,384	1	38	240,354	1	5
Volunteer Land Orders	3,443	0	0	2,987	1	0
Lineal measurements reduced to area by allowing 20 acres per mile, 3,901 miles 24 chains 50 links for 1882; 4,896 miles 47 chains 59 links for 1883	78,026	0	0	97,929	0	0
Special Leases				1,575	2	14
	3,358,737	0	0	2,862,218	0	27
Total amount of accounts rendered	£156,534	13	2	139,451	13	8
Average cost per acre		0	0 11½		0	0 11½

LATITUDE Observations made at Maroota.

T.C. signifies Trigonometrical Catalogue, N.S.W., 1880.

C.C. signifies Cape Catalogue, 1880.

Date.	Stars.	Observed Latitude.	Mean.	\sqrt{n}	$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\times}$ Mean.	ϑ .	ϑ^2 .
1883.		33° 28' 00"					
25 June	T.C. 451—C.C. 7,036	4.82	4.82	1.000	4.82	.73	.53
25 "	C.C. 7,052—	7,103	6.21				
26 "	" "	" "	4.88	5.54	1.414	7.83	.01
24 "	" 7,137	7,177	4.56				
25 "	" "	" "	5.15				
26 "	" "	" "	5.15	4.95	1.732	8.57	.60
24 "	" 7,206	7,241	5.76				
25 "	" "	" "	6.04				
26 "	" "	" "	4.72				
4 July	" "	" "	5.80	5.58	2.000	11.16	.03
24 June	" 7,285	7,317	5.48				
25 "	" "	" "	5.87				
26 "	" "	" "	5.49				
4 July	" "	" "	6.39	5.81	2.000	11.62	.26
24 June	" "	7,334	5.68				
25 "	" "	" "	5.90				
26 "	" "	" "	5.39				
4 July	" "	" "	6.06	5.76	2.000	11.52	.21
24 June	" 7,364	7,424	3.69				
26 "	" "	" "	5.02				
4 July	" "	" "	3.85	4.19*			
24 June	" 7,451	7,531	5.91				
25 "	" "	" "	5.63				
26 "	" "	" "	5.76				
4 July	" "	" "	6.03	5.53	2.000	11.66	.28
24 June	" 7,467	" "	5.42				
26 "	" "	" "	5.38				
4 July	" "	" "	5.59	5.46	1.732	9.46	.09
24 June	" 7,573	7,642	4.58				
25 "	" "	" "	5.43				
26 "	" "	" "	5.00				
4 July	" "	" "	5.96	5.39	2.000	10.78	.16
24 June	" 7,697	7,718	4.28				
25 "	" "	" "	5.25				
26 "	" "	" "	5.54				
4 July	" "	" "	4.93	5.00	2.000	10.00	.55
24 June	" 7,760	7,800	4.67				
25 "	" "	" "	5.38				
26 "	" "	" "	4.75				
4 July	" "	" "	5.05				
5 "	" "	" "	5.37	5.04	2.236	11.26	.51
24 June	" 7,760	7,813	4.48				
25 "	" "	" "	5.43				
26 "	" "	" "	4.54				
4 July	" "	" "	5.03				
5 "	" "	" "	6.73	5.04	2.449	12.34	.51
24 June	" 7,800	7,856	4.98				
25 "	" "	" "	5.69				
26 "	" "	" "	6.70				
4 July	" "	" "	6.03				
5 "	" "	" "	5.46	5.55	2.236	12.41	.00
24 June	" 7,813	7,856	4.80				
25 "	" "	" "	5.66				
26 "	" "	" "	5.49				
4 July	" "	" "	6.01				
5 "	" "	" "	5.81	5.55	2.236	12.41	.00
24 June	" 7,946	8,003	4.88				
25 "	" "	" "	4.65				
26 "	" "	" "	5.90				
4 July	" "	" "	6.23				
5 "	" "	" "	5.69	5.47	2.236	12.23	.08
24 June	" 7,946	8,074	5.13				
25 "	" "	" "	4.97				
26 "	" "	" "	5.60				
4 July	" "	" "	5.86				
5 "	" "	" "	5.24	5.36	2.236	11.98	.19
24 June	" 8,003	8,042	4.76				
25 "	" "	" "	5.42				
26 "	" "	" "	5.61				
4 July	" "	" "	5.64				
5 "	" "	" "	5.32	5.35	2.236	11.96	.20
24 June	" 8,042	8,074	5.00				
25 "	" "	" "	5.73				
26 "	" "	" "	5.30				
4 July	" "	" "	5.26				
5 "	" "	" "	4.87	5.23	2.236	11.69	.32
21 June	T.C. 552—T.C. 553		6.78				
24 "	" "	" "	4.80				
25 "	" "	" "	4.59				
26 "	" "	" "	4.38				
4 July	" "	" "	5.20				
5 "	" "	" "	5.15	5.15	2.449	12.61	.40
24 June	C.C. 8,165—C.C. 8,179		4.94				
25 "	" "	" "	5.13				
26 "	" "	" "	5.93				
4 July	" "	" "	5.66				
5 "	" "	" "	5.06	5.34	2.236	11.94	.21

*Rejected by Pierce's criterion

Date.	Stars.	Observed Latitude.	Mean.	\sqrt{n}	$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\times}$ Mean.	v .	v^2 .
1883.		33° 28' 00"					
21 June	C.C. 8,210—C.C. 8,240	5.48"					
24 "	" "	5.42					
25 "	" "	5.58					
4 July	" "	5.38					
5 "	" "	5.72	5.52	2.236	12.34	.03	.00
21 June	" 8,210 "	5.70					
25 "	" "	5.45					
4 July	" "	5.34					
5 "	" "	6.12	5.65	2.000	11.30	.10	.01
21 June	" 8,210 "	7.11					
24 "	" "	5.37					
25 "	" "	5.24					
4 July	" "	5.23					
5 "	" "	5.97	5.78	2.236	12.92	.23	.05
21 June	" 8,210 "	6.50					
24 "	" "	5.03					
25 "	" "	5.48					
4 July	" "	5.61					
5 "	" "	5.51	5.63	2.236	12.59	.08	.01
21 June	" 8,221 "	5.14					
24 "	" "	5.30					
25 "	" "	5.88					
26 "	" "	6.26					
4 July	" "	5.72					
5 "	" "	6.25	5.76	2.449	14.11	.21	.04
21 June	" 8,221 "	5.37					
25 "	" "	5.75					
26 "	" "	6.40					
4 July	" "	5.63					
5 "	" "	6.65	5.97	2.236	13.35	.42	.18
21 June	" 8,221 "	6.79					
24 "	" "	5.25					
25 "	" "	5.55					
26 "	" "	6.14					
4 July	" "	5.58					
5 "	" "	6.49	5.97	2.449	14.62	.42	.18
21 June	" 8,221 "	6.26					
24 "	" "	4.90					
25 "	" "	5.79					
26 "	" "	6.09					
4 July	" "	5.95					
5 "	" "	6.03	5.84	2.449	14.13	.29	.08
21 June	" 8,240 "	5.22					
24 "	" "	5.41					
25 "	" "	5.36					
26 "	" "	5.07					
4 July	" "	6.20					
5 "	" "	5.93	5.54	2.449	13.57	.01	.00
21 June	" 8,263 "	5.44					
25 "	" "	5.23					
26 "	" "	5.21					
4 July	" "	6.15					
5 "	" "	6.38	5.68	2.236	12.70	.13	.02
21 June	" 8,269 "	6.86					
24 "	" "	5.37					
25 "	" "	5.03					
26 "	" "	4.96					
4 July	" "	6.06					
5 "	" "	6.24	5.75	2.449	14.08	.20	.04
21 June	" 8,285 "	6.24					
24 "	" "	5.02					
25 "	" "	5.26					
26 "	" "	7.53					
4 July	" "	6.43					
5 "	" "	5.77	6.04	2.449	14.79	.49	.24
25 June	" 8,240 "	5.22					
26 "	" "	5.30					
4 July	" "	6.18					
5 "	" "	6.12	5.70	2.000	11.40	.15	.02
25 June	" 8,263 "	5.09					
26 "	" "	5.44					
4 July	" "	6.13					
5 "	" "	6.52	5.80	2.000	11.60	.25	.06
25 June	" 8,269 "	4.89					
26 "	" "	5.18					
4 July	" "	6.03					
5 "	" "	6.36	5.62	2.000	11.24	.07	.00
25 June	" 8,285 "	5.13					
26 "	" "	5.13					
4 July	" "	6.41					
5 "	" "	5.90	5.64	2.000	11.28	.09	.01
21 June	" 8,367 "	6.98					
24 "	" "	7.08					
25 "	" "	7.24					
26 "	" "	6.61					
5 July	" "	7.49	7.08*				
24 June	" 8,445 "	4.89					
25 "	" "	5.52					
26 "	" "	6.04					

* Rejected by Pierce's criterion.

Date.	Stars.	Observed Latitude.	Mean.	\sqrt{n}	$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\times}$ Mean.	v .	v^2 .
1883.		33° 28' 00"					
5 July	C.C. 8,445—C.C. 8,476	5 05"	5.38	2.000	10.76	.17	.03
24 June	" 8,476 " 8,516	5 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 "	" " " "	6 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 "	" " " "	5 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 July	" " " "	6 26	5.98	2.000	11.96	.43	.18
21 June	" 8,546 " 8,562	6 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 "	" " " "	6 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 "	" " " "	5 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 "	" " " "	5 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 July	" " " "	6 61	6.00	2.236	13.42	.45	.20
21 June	T.C. 582—T.C. 590	6 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 "	" " " "	5 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 "	" " " "	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 "	" " " "	5 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 July	" " " "	5 65	5.72	2.236	12.79	.17	.03
21 June	" 594 " 596	4 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 "	" " " "	4 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 "	" " " "	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 "	" " " "	5 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 July	" " " "	5 81	5.17	2.236	11.56	.38	.14
21 June	" 604 " 600	5 89
24 "	" " " "	5 04
25 "	" " " "	4 54
26 "	" " " "	6 11
5 July	" " " "	5 57	5.23	2.236	11.69	.32	.10
				89.482)	496.62	3.95
					5.55		

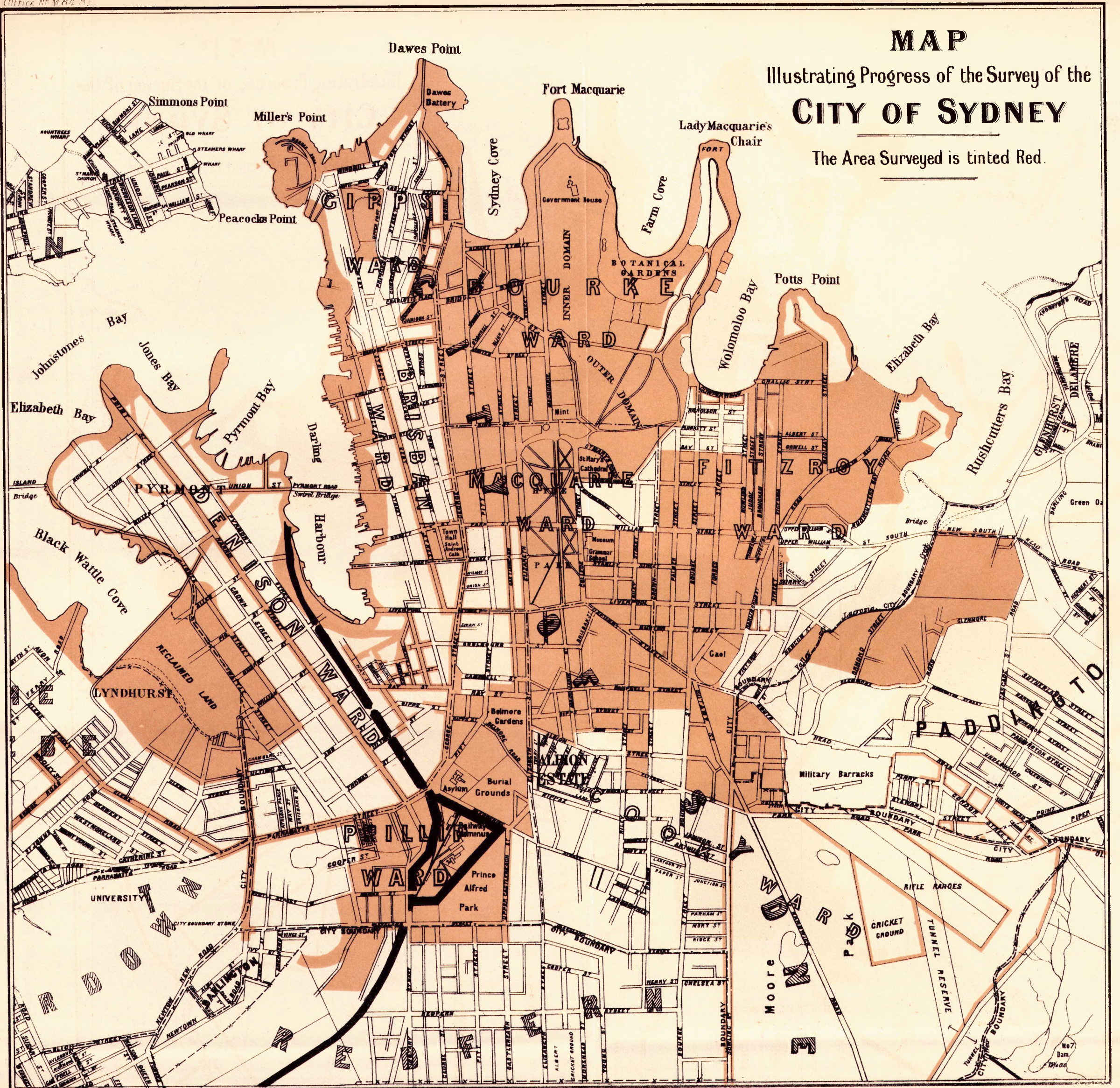
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MAP

Illustrating Progress of the Survey of the

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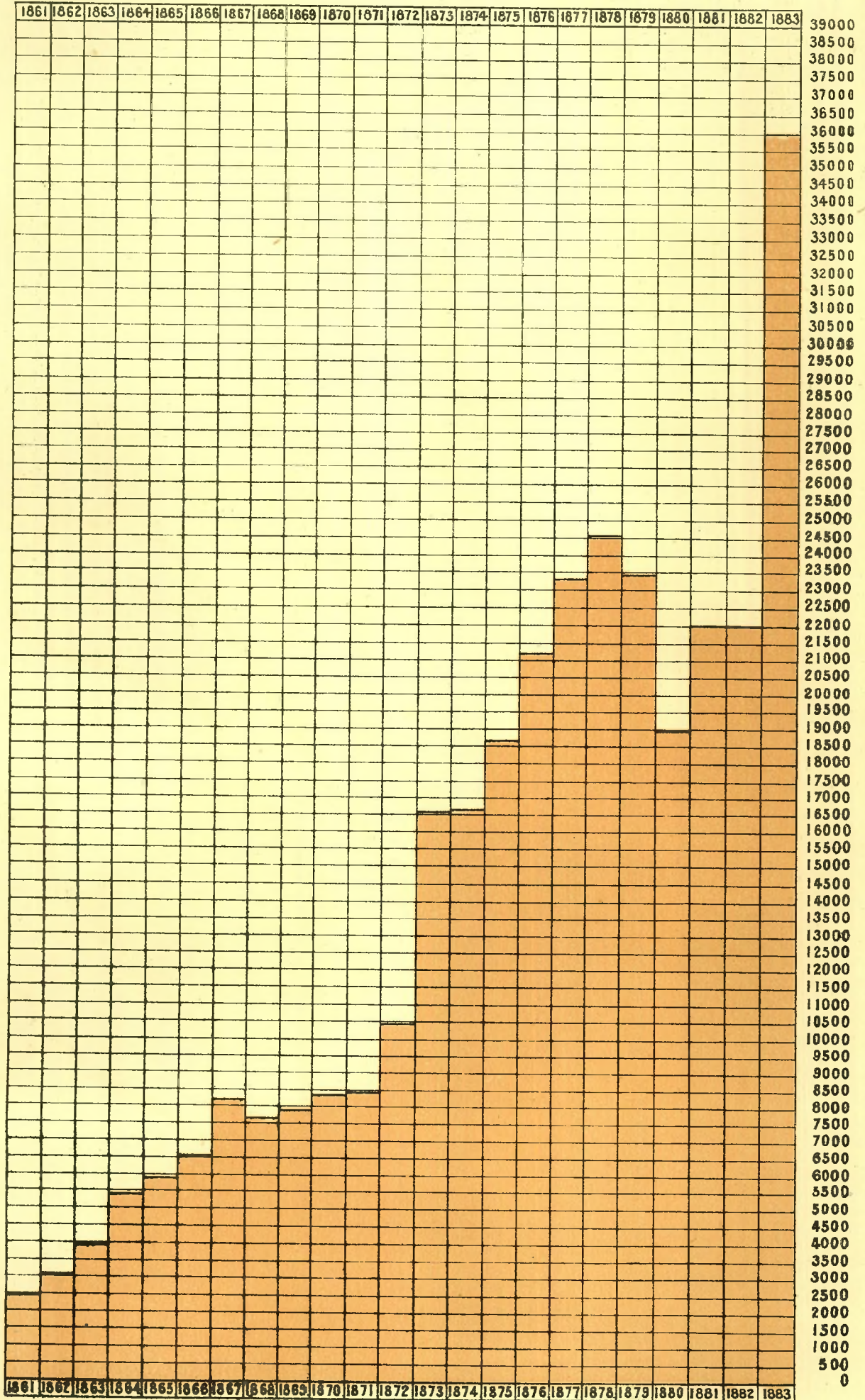
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DIAGRAM

shewing the total number of communications of all sorts received from Surveyors during the years 1861 to 1883.

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NOTE. Each tinted space represents 500.

The number of communications from Surveyors in 1882 was estimated.

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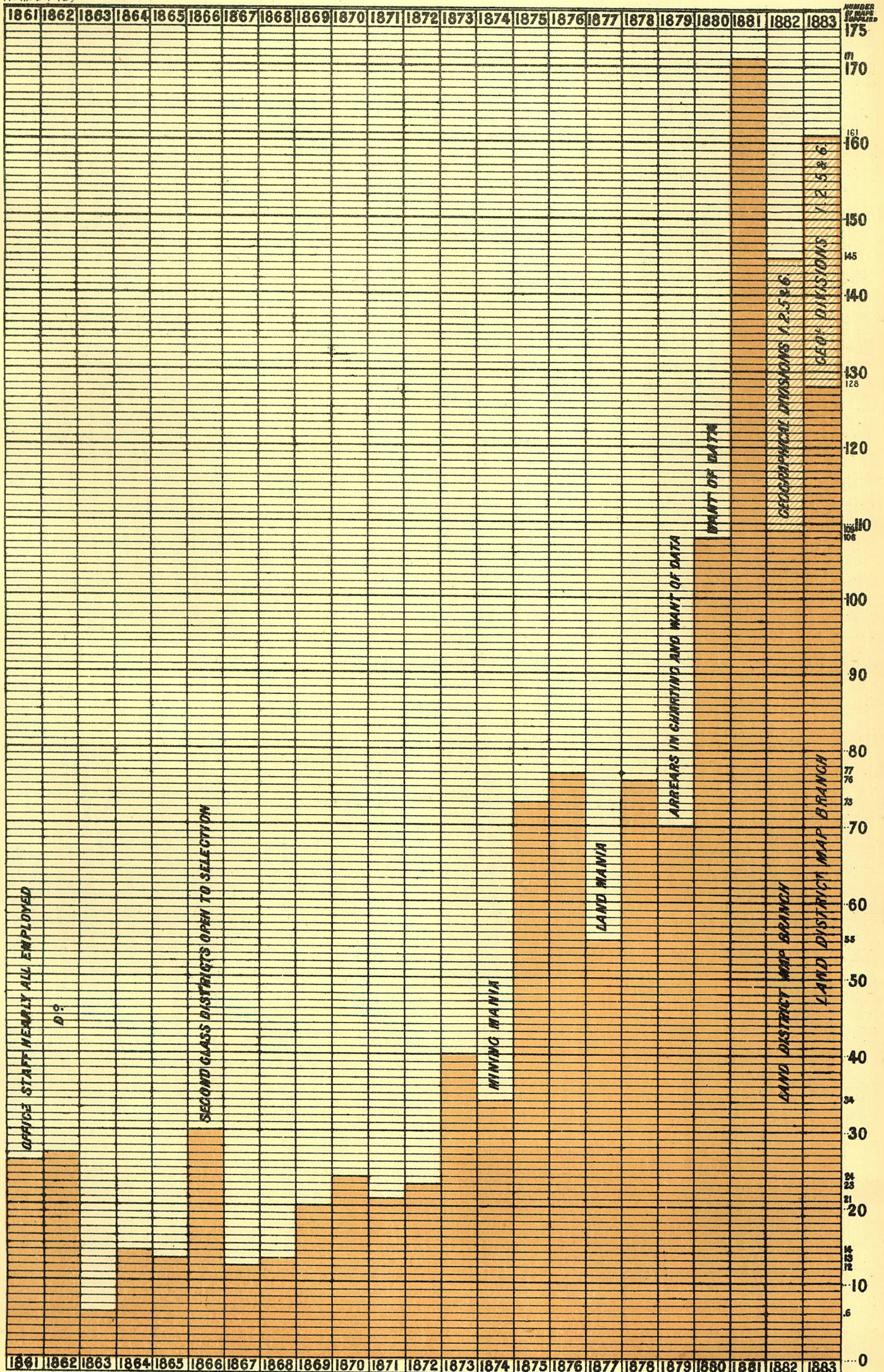
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DIAGRAM

Shewing the number of Land District Maps supplied to Land Agents each year from 1861 to 1883

(Office N^o M. 84-10)

The tint shows the number of maps supplied.



NOTE

There are at present 87 Land Districts in the Colony

DIAGRAM

Shewing the average annual salary paid to Officers
employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1861 to 1883

Each tinted space represents £10.

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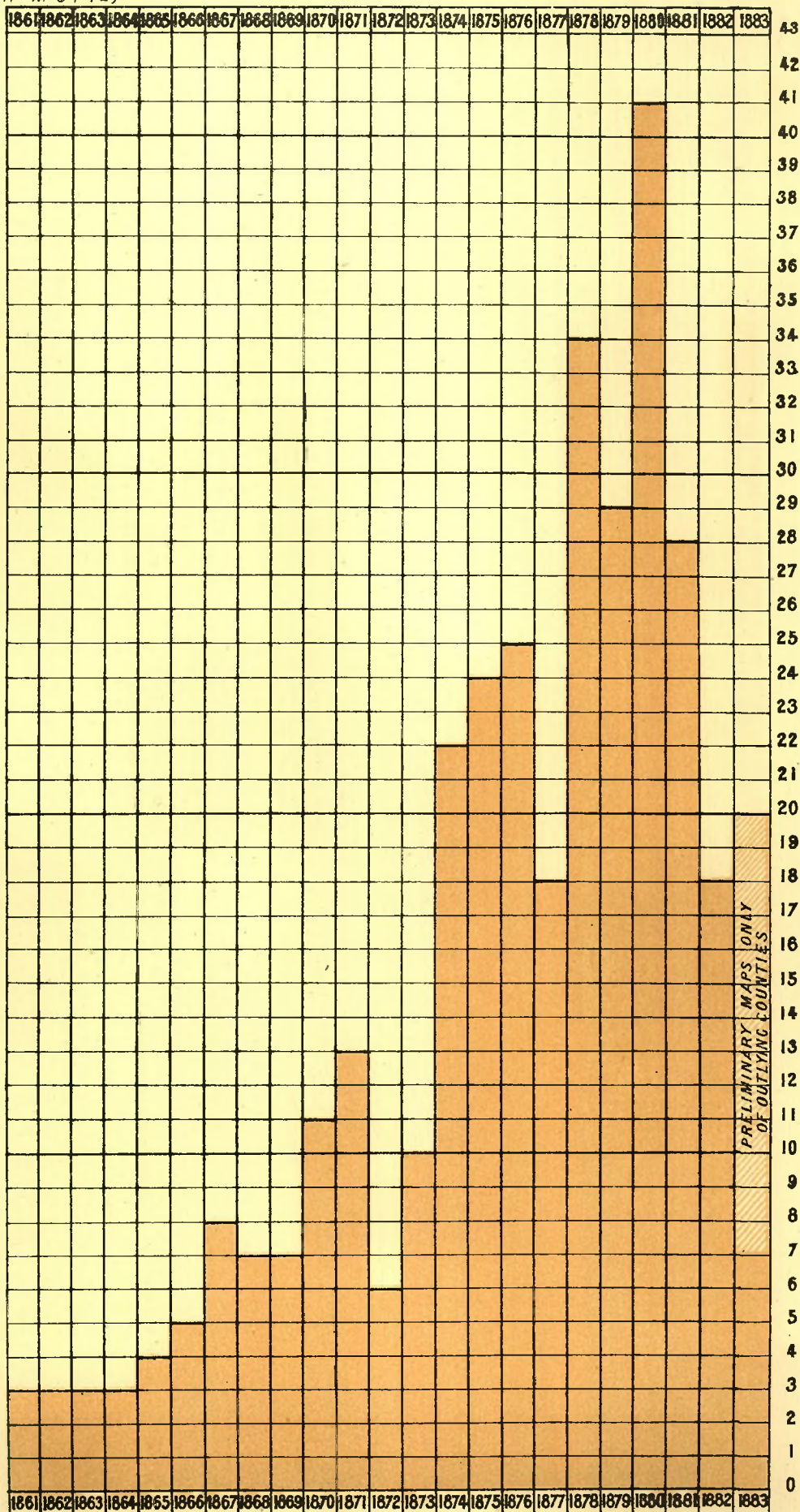
DIAGRAM

Shewing the progress made in Compiling new Maps
between the years 1861 & 1883

Each tinted square represents a County or its equivalent .50 Parish Maps

(In Compiling Branches)

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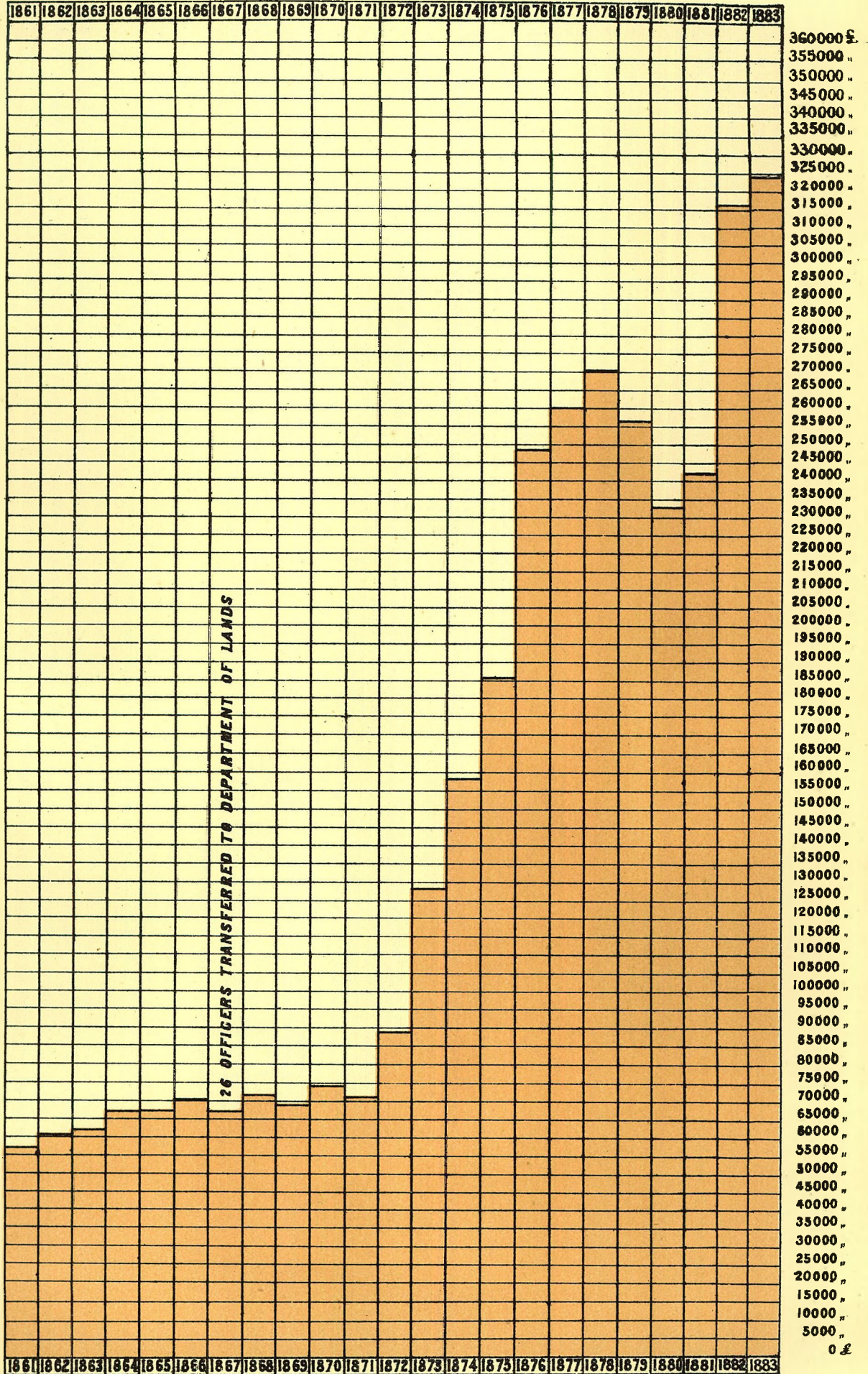


DIAGRAM

Shewing total cost of Surveyor Generals Department from 1861 to 1883

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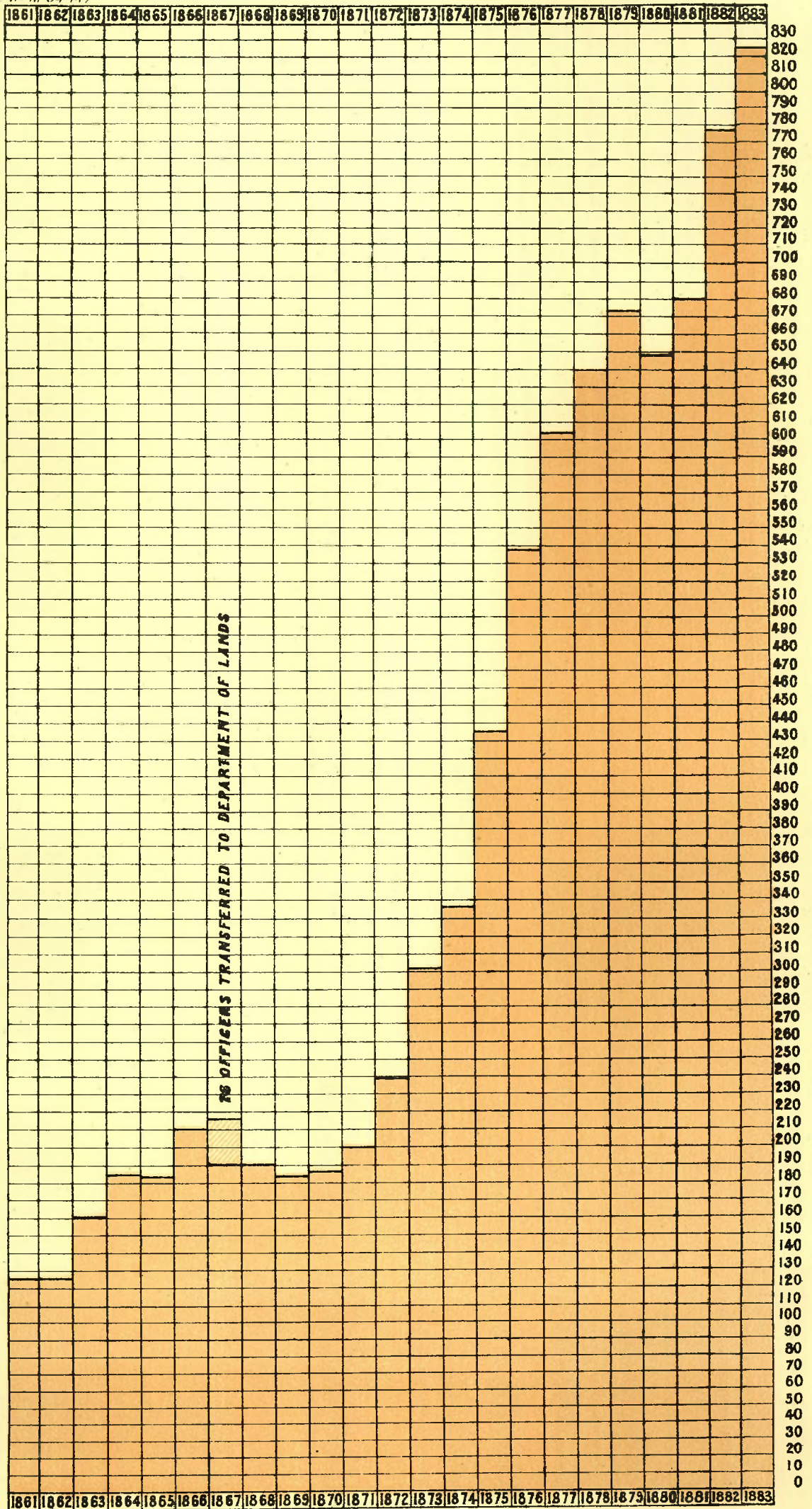


DIAGRAM

showing the number of persons (including Licensed Surveyors) employed in the Surveyor Generals Department from 1861 to 1883

Each tinted space represents 10 persons

(Office N° M 84-14)




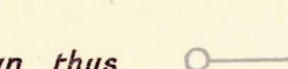


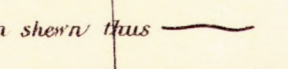
MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES

CHARTING SUBDIVISIONS GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS & COUNTIES COMPILED IN PARISHES WITH THOSE IN COURSE OF COMPILATION. 1883.



NOTE

- Counties completely compiled in Parishes shewn thus 
- Counties partly compiled in Parishes do 
- Boundaries of Charting Subdivisions shewn thus 
- Do. Geographical Divisions in 1883 shewn thus 

Note - Existing Railways and those in course of construction shewn thus 

MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES

SHEWING SURVEYORS' DISTRICTS AND THE OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THEM 1883

Scale 32 Miles to 1 Inch



DISTRICT SURVEYORS

- 1 J.S. Chard
- 2 P.R. Donaldson
- 3 A. Dewhurst
- 4 T.H. Smith
- 5 J.W. Allworth
- 6 H.A. Crouch
- 7 E. Twynam
- 8 W.A.B. Greaves
- 9 A.C. Betts
- 10 J.H. Wood
- 11 C.F. Bolton
- 12 F.B. Woolrych
- 13 E.G. Finley
- 14 E. MacFarlane

*Licensed Surveyors
Districts 40, 54, 67, 87 & 112 in charge
of Surveyor G.B. Sheaffe*

*Licensed Surveyors Districts 11, 72, 123, 124, 125
in charge of Surveyor W.D. ...*

*Licensed Surveyors Districts 62, 84, 106, 122
in charge of Surveyor T.M. Conolly*

Note - Existing Railways and those in course of construction shown in black

Boundaries of District Surveyors are shown thus
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LICENSED SURVEYORS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS

No.	NAME	No.	NAME	No.	NAME	No.	NAME
1	F. Russell	37	J.J. Tucker	73	Added to Dist 15A	109	Divided between
2	C. Arthur	38	Vacant	74	WA Lipscomb	110	22 and 110
3	O. Trickett	39	D.S. Woolrych	75	WA Lipscomb	111	J. Dawson
4	W. Drummond	40	A. Liddell	76	W. Creed	112	J.N. Nicholson
5	J.G. Martyn	41	J.J. Baylis	77	W. Cowley	113	T.L. Biddulph
6	H. Folkard	42	W.H. Christie	78	I. Smith	114	R. Barling
7	Vacant	43	G.G. Donaldson	79	I. Smith	115	F.V. Hunter
8	F.T. Lardner	44	J.C. Duffy	80	A. Love	116	E.J. Burgess
9	F.T. Lardner	45	A. Maitland	81	J.C. Martin	117	J.C. Barlow
10	Vacant	46	V.F. Tozer	82	G.W. Commins	118	W.J. Farrer
11	Vacant	47	H.C. Hosie	83	Vacant	119	R. Ronald
12	Vacant	48	H.C. Hosie	84	J. Tarrant	120	A.M.S. Carthy
13	Vacant	49	J.M. Conroy	85	W. Cowley	121	F.P. Solling
14	E.W. Turner	50	J.M. Conroy	86	E.R. Allworth	122	Vacant
15	W. Anderson	51	Included in Dist 86	87	G.H. Sheaffe	123	Vacant
16	W.R. Davidson	52	H.M. Nash	88	No District	124	Vacant
17	E.J. Keele	53	F. Isaac	89	W.A. Rae	125	Vacant
18	E.H. Barton	54	C. Harper	90	Added to 27 and	126	W.N. Scott
19	A. Lisle	55	Vacant	91	E.W. Turner	127	J. Ryan
20	J.S. Langtree	56	E.J. Commins	92	A. Landon	128	H.M. Nash
21	H.A. Torry	57	T.H. Bell	93	H.C. Holmes	129	F.W. Irby
22	O.A. Herborn	58	M.D. Hungerford	94	J. Barling	130	Vacant
23	Divided between	59	Vacant	95	R. Fisher	131	J.E. Hicks
24	W. Mylecharane	60	J.S. Peppercorn	96	G. Loder	132	J.S. Peppercorn
25	J. Blackett	61	A.W. Love	97	Vacant	133	A.H. Bray
26	J.B. Combes	62	R.G. Pratt	98	Vacant	134	S.H. Dawson
27	Part in Gordon, 311	63	G.M. Commins	99	C. Worth	135	J.H. Lupton
28	C.F.N. North	64	B.C. Garland	100	Vacant	136	H.A.D. O'Connor
29	C.F.N. North	65	J.J. Baylis	101	R.W. Meldrum	137	Vacant
30	Vacant	66	E.J. Burgess	102	G.W.B. King	138	P. Riégaud
31	J. Hall	67	S.A.M. Dougal	103	Divided between	139	J. Granter
32	H.O.S. White	68	D.B. Sellers	104	R.W. Langstaff	140	Vacant
33	J. Vernon	69	E.M. Dawson	105	H.M. Davis	141	Vacant
34	C. Worth	70	W. Cowley	106	G.B. Carter	142	C.E. Webb
35	J.H.M. Ewen	71	Vacant	107	No District	143	A.P. Burgess
36	J.H.M. Ewen	72	Vacant	108	W.A. Rae		

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

(APPOINTMENT OF MR. H. O. ROBERTSON AS TEMPORARY CLERK.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 14 November, 1883.

Mr. H. O. Robertson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 7 March, 1883.

I have the honor very respectfully to apply for employment in the Department of Lands, and in doing so beg to point out that I was for many years—viz., from 1869 to 1877—employed in your Department, and in all its various branches, the routine of which I am thoroughly conversant with.

Enclosed please find copy of letter from Mr. Under Secretary Stephen, showing that I left the Lands Office of my own accord, and without any stain on my character. Should you be pleased to appoint me to a position in your office or any other situation, I can assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to carry out any duties entrusted to me with the greatest care and attention.

I have, &c.,

H. O. ROBERTSON.

Minutes.

Mr. Robertson appears to have resigned his position on the staff of this Department, as indicated by the within copy of a letter addressed to him; the original papers on the subject cannot now be obtained. I am aware that Mr. Robertson has had some experience in the Department, and is a good clerk. At the present time I am much in need of a trained officer in the Pre-emptive Lease Branch, and, if the Minister approves, I should be glad to give Mr. Robertson a trial.—C.O., 15/3/83.

Approved.—J.S.F., 15/3/83.

Salary at 12s. 6d. per diem recommended. I have had satisfactory reports from Mr. Curry, the officer in charge of the Pre-emptive Lease Branch, as to Mr. Robertson's attention to his duties.—C.O., 22/5/83.

Approved.—J.S.F., 23/5/83.

[*Enclosure.*]

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. H. O. Robertson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 March, 1877.

With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, requesting permission to resign the appointment which you hold in this Department, I am directed to state that in accepting your resignation the Minister for Lands regrets that you have thought it necessary, for the reasons stated by you, to tender your resignation, especially as the place held by you in the Auction Sales Branch is one which at the present time cannot be easily filled.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

REMOVAL OF LANDS OFFICE FROM WINGHAM TO TAREE.

(PAPERS.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 November, 1883.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made on the 16th October, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all Petitions, Letters, Minutes, and other Papers having
“reference to the removal of the business of the Lands Office of the
“Manning River District from Wingham to Taree.”

(Mr. Young.)

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REMOVAL OF LANDS OFFICE FROM WINGHAM TO TAREE.

No. 1.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Justice, Sydney, 18 June, 1883.

It having been decided to complete the transfer of the head-quarters of Government business connected with the Administration of Justice from Wingham to Taree, in consequence of representations made of the rising importance of and settlement of population in the latter place, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to state, for the information of the Secretary for Lands, that a minute paper has lately been submitted to the Executive Council, recommending the appointment of Mr. Jasper Albert Creagh, at present Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., at Wingham (and who is also Land Agent), and for which no provision has been made on the Estimates of this year, to be Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Taree, with salary at the rate of £400 per annum, provided by Parliament for that office, and I am to request that you will invite Mr. Farnell's attention to the action of this Department in reference to the Land Agency at Wingham.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS E. MACNEVIN,
For Under-Secretary.

Minutes on No. 1.

I concur in the proposed arrangement; advertise the change in the local papers.—J.S.F., 20/6/83.
Crown Land Agent, Wingham, directed to advertise twice in each of the local newspapers that on and after the 1st proximo the business in connection with the Crown Lands Agency for the Manning River District will be transacted at Taree.—S.F., 21/6/83.

Apprise Under Secretary of Justice of concurrence of Secretary for Lands.—S.F., 21/6/83.

No. 2.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Crown Lands Agent, Wingham.

21 June, 1883.

ADVERTISE twice in each of the local newspapers that on and after the 1st proximo the business in connection with the Crown Lands Agency for the Manning River District will be transacted at Taree.

No. 3.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 June, 1883.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that on and after the 1st July next the business in connection with the Crown Lands Agency for the Manning River District will be transacted at Taree.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. 4.

J. H. Young and C. J. Roberts, Esqs., M's.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

My Dear Sir,

Sydney, 22 June, 1883.

We hear from Wingham that an advertisement has appeared in the local journals to the effect that the business of the Land Office will be removed from that town to Taree on the 1st proximo. Some short time ago Mr. Oliver assured us that there was no such change intended, and promised that we should be consulted before it was done. Will you please see us at your office at 11 a.m. on Monday on this subject, and oblige

Yours, &c.,

J. H. YOUNG,
For self and C. J. Roberts.

Minutes on No. 4.

Mr. MacNevin informed me this morning that it was intended by the Department of Justice to defer removing the business from Wingham to Taree till 1st August next.—J.R.E., 24/6/83. Submitted.—C.O., 25/6/83.

The arrangements made by the Department of Justice may in this instance be followed.—J.S.F., 26/6/83. Telegram to Land Agent to advertise three times in each local newspaper that date of removal has been deferred until 1st August.—S.F., 26/6/83.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 June, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, intimating that Mr. Jasper Albert Creagh, Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., at Wingham (and who also holds the position of Crown Lands Agent), has been appointed Police Magistrate, &c., at Taree, to which place it has been decided the head quarters for the conduct of the Government business for the Manning River should be transferred, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands concurs in the proposed arrangement, so far as this Department is concerned.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,
For the Under Secretary.

No. 6.

I knew nothing of it at the time. The change arose through action of the Justice Department, and was notified in my absence.—C.O., 25/6/83

No. 6.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Crown Lands Agent, Wingham.

26 June, 1883.

ADVERTISE three times in each local newspaper that date of removal has been deferred until 1st August.

No. 7.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 June, 1883.

REFERRING to the Gazette Notice of 22nd instant to the effect that, on and after the 1st July next, the business in connection with the Crown Lands Agency for the Manning River District would be transacted at Taree, it is hereby notified, for public information, that the 1st August be substituted for the 1st July, as formerly notified.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. 8.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary for Lands.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Justice, Sydney, 26 June, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the appointment of Mr. Jasper Albert Creagh as Police Magistrate, &c., at Taree, from 1st July next, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to state that Mr. J. H. Young, M.P., has represented that it would be a convenience to the residents of Wingham who have land agency business to transact, if Mr. Creagh be allowed to remain there till 1st August next, and the Minister of Justice sees no objection to this proposal, subject to the concurrence of the Secretary for Lands, and Mr. Creagh furnishing report that the arrangement can be carried out with due regard to the public business at Taree.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS E. MACNEVIN,

For the Under Secretary.

No. 9.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Wingham, to Under Secretary for Lands.

Wingham, 26 June, 1883.

RE telegram this day, I have made all arrangements for opening Land Office, Taree, 1st July, and the change is now well known in district. If you will permit would much prefer opening as first directed, especially as that date will be commencement of quarter, and no further delay at Wingham will be necessary to arrange matters. Please reply by Thursday, as local papers issued Friday.

Minute on No. 9.

The postponement of the transfer to Taree cannot be interfered with.—C.O., 27/6/83.

No. 10.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Wingham, to Under Secretary of Justice.

Wingham, 26 June, 1883.

RE telegram this day: Was absent at Court, or would have replied earlier. I have made all arrangements for opening Land Office at Taree 1st July, and the fact is now well known in district. Would prefer carrying out these arrangements if permitted, especially as commencement of quarter. Have wired Lands Department to this effect. Please reply before Thursday, as local papers issued on Friday.

Minutes on No. 10.

The Secretary for Lands,—Urgent.—H.E.C., 27/6/83.

The Under Secretary for Lands, B.C.—T.E. M'N. (for Under Secretary), 27/6/83.

No. 11.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Crown Lands Agent, Wingham.

27 June, 1883.

THE postponement of the transfer to Taree cannot be interfered with.

No. 12.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Wingham, to Under Secretary for Lands.

Wingham, 27 June, 1883.

SINCE my telegram 26th instant, re removal Land Office to Taree, have heard that generally known in district that removal not take place for the present. Shall I act on instructions of 26th, and advertise that transfer not take place till 1st August?

Minute on No. 12.

This telegram has evidently crossed the message sent to Mr. Creagh this morning.—S.F., 27/6/83.

No. 13.

No. 13.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Justice, Sydney, 4 July, 1883.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the proposed transfer of the Land-agency business from Wingham to Taree, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to forward, for the information of the Minister for Lands, the enclosed copy of a telegram received from Messrs. Dugdale, Boyce, and Laurie, J's.P., of Taree, upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,
Under Secretary.

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

Copy of Telegram from Messrs. T. W. Dugdale, Charles Boyce, and Joseph Laurie, J's.P., Taree, to the Minister of Justice.

Re Lands office, Manning district, a large and influential deputation waited upon our Members yesterday to complain of delay in establishing the Lands Office at Taree, the centre of population, and acquaint them that great astonishment and dissatisfaction are expressed on account of the suspension of decision after proclamation in local papers. We pray, on behalf of deputation, that the Lands Office be opened at Taree, in the office provided for it.

No. 14.

Telegram from T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Taree, 6 July, 1883.

THE committee representing Taree and Lower Manning earnestly request the establishment of Land Office at Taree, being most accessible to general public. It is the centre of population, seat of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, and place for holding District Court and Quarter Sessions, also situated on main Northern coast road from Newcastle to Port Macquarie and Kempsey terminus, ocean steamer.

Minutes on No. 14.

Submitted that Mr. Dugdale be informed that it is intended to open the Lands Office at Taree on 1st August.—E.H.S., 11/7/83. Inform.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 12/7/83.

No. 15.

The Under Secretary for Lands to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 July, 1883.

With reference to your telegram of the 6th instant, calling attention, on behalf of the Committee representing Taree and the Lower Manning, to the necessity for the establishment of the Crown Lands Office there, I have the honor to inform you that it is intended to open the Lands Office at Taree on the 1st proximo, as notified in the Government Gazette of the 26th June last.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 16.

Messrs. Young and Roberts, M's.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 17 July, 1883.

We have the honor to state that in our opinion it will be an injustice to the residents of the township of Wingham if the Lands Office is removed from that town to Taree.

Wingham is the Government township of the Manning, and allotments have been purchased there on the understanding that it was so, and with the full expectation that it would remain so.

It has been the seat of the Lands Office for over twenty-five years, indeed ever since the establishment of a separate Lands Office for the Manning River District, and it still remains the central town for the probable future dealing in land, as well as for such transactions as are necessary from past selections; and under these circumstances we hope that the intended removal of the Lands Office to Taree will not be carried out.

We are aware that the removal was only contemplated for the reason that the lately appointed Police Magistrate for the district was appointed to Taree, visiting Wingham, Tinonee, and Cundletown, who would thus probably be more at Taree than at either of the other townships, but we would point out that even were the Lands Office established at Taree this officer having to visit and hold Court at Wingham, Tinonee, and Cundletown, could not possibly have his office open every day for the reception of interest and purchase money for selections, as is intended by the Land laws, and we therefore trust you will see your way to the appointment of a Land Agent (independent of any other Government officer), for the Manning River District, and that such officer should be stationed at Wingham, we think that there can be no doubt.

We desire further to say that a deputation is coming up from Wingham to urge this matter on your consideration, and we trust that no decision adverse to their views may be come to in the meantime.

We have, &c.,

J. H. YOUNG,
C. J. ROBERTS.

No. 17.

Telegram from J. Cleaver, Esq., J.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Taree, 17 July, 1883.

REMOVAL of Lands Office to Taree would be a public convenience to this portion of district.

No. 18.

Memorandum by Mr. Stobo to The Chief Draftsman.

A DEPUTATION is to wait upon the Minister to-morrow, Friday, at 2 o'clock, with reference to the Manning River Land District, and the decision altering the Lands Office from Wingham to Taree.

The Minister wishes to see a map showing the boundaries of the above-mentioned district as now defined, and also if possible a map showing the district as it was about fourteen years ago.

E.H.S., 19/7/83.

Minutes on No. 18.

Mr. Long.—J.W.E., 19/7/83.

Chief Draftsman,—Maps herewith, viz. :—

1. Large map showing the whole of the district.
2. Small sketch map do.
3. Thirty-two parish maps, County Macquarie } All within the Manning River Land District.
4. Ten do., County Gloucester }

There has been no alteration of the boundaries of the Manning River Land District during the last twenty-five years.—G. LONG, 20/7/83.

No. 19.

Telegram from H. Beysler to The Secretary for Lands.

Taree, 19 July, 1883.

AM sure that removal of Lands Office to Taree would be public benefit for this part of district.

Minute on No. 19.

Mr. Stobo.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 19/7/83.

No. 20.

Telegram from G. E. Tilney to Secretary for Lands.

Taree, 19 July, 1883.

PROGRESS Committee Tinonee favourable to Lands Office being at Taree.

No. 21.

Telegram from Messrs. C. Boyce & T. W. Dugdale to Secretary for Lands.

Taree, 19 July, 1883.

RECEIVED your letter of 14th instant intimating that Lands Office will be removed to Taree on 1st proximo. We thank you on behalf of the Committee. A deputation had gone from us previous to receiving your letter.

No. 22.

Memorial from the Inhabitants of the Middle and Lower Manning to The Secretary for Lands.

The memorial of the inhabitants of the Middle and Lower Manning, including the townships of Tinonee, Taree, Cundletown, Ghinni, Croki, Cooperbrook, Laurietown, Camden Haven, and Forster,—

HUMBLY SHEWETH :—

That, in the opinion of your Memorialists, the establishment of the Lands Office at Taree, in charge of the officer appointed to perform all the duties pertaining to the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions would be a great boon to the public generally, for the following reasons, viz., Taree is situated on the Great Northern Coast Mail Road, and in the centre of the population of the Manning, with the best roads in the district diverging from it in all directions, and is therefore more easily accessible to the great majority of the inhabitants than any other township in the district. The Electoral Roll indicates that the population east of a line drawn midway between Taree and Wingham, and running north and south through the district, is to the population west of that line as 992 to 470. An examination of the list of conditional purchases for the year ending the 1st March, 1883, reveals the facts that out of 351 conditional purchases covering an area of 19,639½ acres and made by 258 selectors, 269 conditional purchases, covering an area of 15,507½ acres, were made by 198 selectors on land as near or nearer to Taree than Wingham; eighty-two conditional purchases, covering 4,132 acres, were made by sixty selectors on land nearer Wingham than Taree. The business of the Lands Office is not increasing, for during the quarter ending the 31st March, 1883, only forty-five selections were made as against sixty for the same quarter of 1882; for the quarter ending the 30th June, 1883, only seventeen selections were made as against ninety-two for the same quarter of 1882. Of these seventeen selections only two were nearer Wingham than Taree, six were equidistant from both places, and nine were nearer Taree than Wingham.

It is a fact well known to the residents of this district that the unalienated land west of Wingham is inferior and poor. Young men who have been born and bred on the Upper Manning, and who are acquainted with the whole country up to the borders of New England, go elsewhere to seek land fit for the plough. On the other hand a considerable portion of the unalienated land on the Lower Manning and in the neighbourhood, at Wollamba, Cooperbrook, John's River, Lansdowne River, and Camden Haven, is suitable for tillage, and will be taken up for that purpose. Taree is the largest and most important township in the district; it is the place of nomination for the electorate of the Hastings and Manning, for the offices of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Police Magistrate, for the holding of District Courts, and Courts of Quarter Sessions, &c. In it are the principal public buildings of the district, the head post and telegraph office, where daily mails are despatched to and received from several sub-offices, and telegrams to and from Croki, Harrington, and Wingham are repeated; the head police station, the grounds and pavilion of the Manning River Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and a fine commodious Court-house,

Court-house, equal to and suitable for the transaction of all business connected therewith, and containing a room specially provided for the Lands Office. It is worthy of notice, that Wingham had an existence as a township long before Taree, and enjoyed all the advantages of the Lands Office and other things of that kind which Taree did not enjoy, and yet Taree has far surpassed it in size, appearance, and importance. Its position gave it advantages which have brought it to the front and will keep it there.

Taree is most convenient for all the people interested in the timber trade, which is entirely confined to the Middle and Lower Manning, and is becoming very important. In the district named there are nine saw-mills in active operation, and one in course of construction, and from it during the half year ending the 31st March, 1883, 120,000 shingles, 40,000 posts and rails, 933,000 laths, 151,000 palings, 224,000 feet of girders, 230,000 feet of junk timber, 1,975,000 feet of sawn timber, were exported.

To all the people engaged in this business the sixteen additional miles to and from Wingham would be a great inconvenience, loss of time, and expense.

Your Memorialists most respectfully request that you will be pleased to take these premises into your most favourable consideration, and cause the Lands Office to be established at Taree with the other Government Offices for the convenience and benefit of the public, and your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CHARLES BOYCE, J.P.,

Chairman for the Committee representing the Middle and Lower Manning.

[Enclosure A to No. 22.]

J. Cleaver, Esq., J.P., to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours I cannot possibly leave home at present, and I am satisfied that if anything is to be done in the matter there is no time to delay.

Kundebeh, 12 July, 1883.

With kind regards,

I have, &c.,

JOHN CLEAVER.

[Enclosure B to No. 22.]

Mr. E. Perritt to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 12th. In reply thereto I am sorry to say I am unable to attend your meeting to-morrow evening as I am suffering from a severe cold, and therefore think it very unwise to be out at night, and as regards forming one of your deputation to Sydney I am sorry to say it is out of the question, but I deeply sympathise with the object of your meeting, and you will be quite at liberty to use my name to any requisition.

Clare View, Croki, 13 July, 1883.

I have, &c.,

EZRA PERRITT.

[Enclosure C to No. 22.]

Mr. W. Newton to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

My dear Mr. Dugdale,

In reply to your favour of 12th instant I am really sorry I cannot attend. I am now just starting away with one of my stockmen up the country with cattle; shall be happy to assist in any other way; please accept same.

Cooperook House, 13 July, 1883.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM NEWTON.

[Enclosure D to No. 22.]

Mr. H. Lee to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry I cannot attend the meeting this evening; will you kindly apologise to the meeting for me. I would suggest that you send a deputation to Sydney at once; I have been told the Wingham people are sending down to Sydney a strong deputation, Nailor being amongst them.

Cundletown, 14 July, 1883.

With kind respects,

I have, &c.,

HENRY LEE.

[Enclosure E to No. 22.]

Mr. H. Kitz to T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of the 12th instant concerning removal of Lands and other offices to Taree, I beg to say that rather than act individually I will bring the matter before our Progress Committee at our meeting on Monday next, which will I think be the wisest and speediest course; and I shall do myself the honor of sending you a reply which will represent the voice of the whole district from Steward's River to Jones Island.

Cooperook, 14 July, 1883.

I can predict now that that reply will most undoubtedly be in favour of Taree.

I have, &c.,

HENRY KITZ.

[Enclosure F to No. 22.]

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

	5th January, 1882 :—	40 acres, Camden Haven River, D. M'Leod.
40 acres,	Firefly Creek, Thomas Dodd.	40 " Minu Creek, Edward Parker.
40 "	Mimi Creek, John Dodd.	74 " Near Cattai Creek, William Newton.
	12th January, 1882 :—	9th February, 1882 :—
40 "	Firefly Creek, Thomas Kerr.	40 " Cedar Party Creek, Israel B. Richards.
50 "	Two-mile Creek, R. Johnston.	16th February, 1882 :—
57½ "	Near Bootoowa, John Hall.	50 " Cedar Party Creek, Israel Richards.
	19th January, 1882 :—	40 " Koribakh Creek, Charles Paff.
80 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, Lansdowne, Wm. Henry Minnett.	60 " " " Patrick Finlon.
	110 " Koppin Yarratt Creek, Lansdowne, Commercial Banking Company.	40 " Killabakh Creek, James M'Laughlin.
100 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, Lansdowne, George Minnett, senior.	40 " " " C. H. Ogden.
40 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, Lansdowne, Benjamin Sheather.	40 " " 23rd February, 1882 :—
40 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, Lansdowne, George Minnett, junior.	50 " Killabakh Creek, John M'Loughlan.
	2nd February, 1882 :—	40 " Pipeclay Creek, George Sydney Forster.
100 "	At the Big Swamp, Alexander Mackay.	40 " Koppin Yarratt Creek, George Minnett.
100 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, George Minnett, senr.	40 " " " B. Sheather.
40 "	Koolah Creek, Patrick Walsh.	40 " " " George Minnett.
40 "	Camden Haven River, G. Aldridge.	40 " " 2nd March, 1882 :—
60 "	Wollamba River, James O'Brien.	60 " Killabakh Creek, James M'Laughlin.
40 "	Juncurry Creek, George Riley.	60 " " " William Baines, junr.
100 "	Cross's Creek, Edward Wilkes.	40 " Cedar Party Creek, William Baines.
		50 " " " Ben. Green.
		40 " Near Two-mile Creek, D. Kean.
		40 " Cattai Creek, John M'Broom.
		9th March, 1882 :—
		40 " Nowendoc River, Ernest Calov.
		40 " Batar's Creek, John Fox.

16th March, 1882 :—		1st June, 1882 :—	
40 acres,	Khatumbuhl Creek, John Marooney.	40 acres,	Firefly Creek, Robert Kerr.
40 "	Cedar Party Creek, William Atkins.	40 "	Dawson River, Joseph Petrie.
40 "	" " " Thomas H. Miller.	100 "	Pipeclay Creek, Murdock Cowan.
40 "	" " " Thomas Gillogly.	40 "	Wallamba River, Richard Hardy.
40 "	Firefly Creek, Andrew Rumble.	40 "	Cooperbrook, Joseph Latham.
50 "	Rowley's River, George Moore.	15th June, 1882 :—	
23rd March, 1882 :—		60 "	Near Harrington, W. E. Shoemith.
40 "	Road to Nowendoc, Robert Somerville.	40 "	Rowley's River, J. K. Mackay.
40 "	Near Pipeclay Creek, Angus M'Donald.	60 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, Thomas Parker.
55 "	" " " Robert Johnstone.	60 "	Firefly Creek, Christopher Schneider, jun.
40 "	" " " Henry Juhl.	40 "	" " Francis Schneider.
40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, P. Connolly.	40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, Robert Nesbitt.
40 "	Camden Haven River, John Bird.	40 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, William Minns.
40 "	Holey Flat Creek, William Salisbury.	40 "	King's Flat Creek, Joseph Bidner.
40 "	Bungwall Creek, Augustus Smith.	50 "	Near Dawson River, John McDonald.
30th March, 1882 :—		40 "	Dingo Creek, John Summerville.
40 "	Pipeclay Creek, Angus M'Donald.	150 "	Near Dawson River, Patrick Landrigan.
50 "	Near Holey Flat, William Salisbury.	22nd June, 1882 :—	
50 "	Kelibakh Creek, A. H. Shoemith.	40 "	Firefly Creek, Jane Ann Cowan.
40 "	Near Pipeclay Creek, Hugh M'Donald.	40 "	Mooral Creek, Frederick Minnes.
80 "	Wingham and Tarce Road, Lewis Elliott.	50 "	Kilabakh Creek, William Stewart.
60 "	Western branch of Dingo Creek, J. J. Daintrey.	100 "	Khoribakh Creek, Robert Easton.
40 "	" " " John Daintrey.	40 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, Matthew Jarman.
6th April, 1882 :—		40 "	Camden Haven River, Michael Fagan.
40 "	Wallamba River, Samuel Newell.	29th June, 1882 :—	
40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Thomas Dyer.	60 "	Lansdowne River, Edward John Wynter.
40 "	Pipeclay Creek, John K. Pullen.	100 "	Pipeclay Creek, Alfred James Harris.
50 "	Camden Haven River, Robert Kelly.	100 "	Nowendoc River, William Andrews.
50 "	Near Wallamba River, Daniel Hickey.	40 "	Holey Flat, Joseph Kitz.
13th April, 1882 :—		40 "	Knorritt, Thomas Bradley.
40 "	Nowendoc River, William Donkin.	6th July, 1882 :—	
50 "	Camden Haven River, William Mahar.	60 "	Near Karook Flat, John Abbott, jun.
50 "	Nabiac Creek, Albert Hardy.	40 "	Wallamba River, James O'Brien.
40 "	Champion Creek, James Harlum.	40 "	Nowendoc River, Heathcote Dew.
40 "	Wallamba River, Henry Landers.	80 "	" " Francis F. Dew.
40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Laurence P. Gollagher.	70 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, W. H. Minnett.
40 "	Fattorini's Creek, Thomas Abbott.	40 "	" " " G. Minnett, jun.
270 "	Big Swamp, Charles Rose.	100 "	" " " W. T. Hammond.
70 "	" " William Newton.	60 "	Woolshed Creek, C. W. B. Cooper.
20th April, 1882 :—		100 "	Near Killawarra, A. and A. Wallis.
40 "	Nowendoc River, Alexander Moore.	50 "	Near Wallamba River, J. R. Nixon.
40 "	Khoribakh Creek, H. J. Wells.	13th July, 1882 :—	
40 "	" " " R. P. Roy.	50 "	Nabiac Creek, Albert Hardy.
40 "	" " " George Maurer.	50 "	" " Joseph Harman.
130 "	Lansdowne River, W. J. Wall.	50 "	Near Burrill Creek, James W. Monk.
100 "	Wallamba River, James Warr.	40 "	Near Connolly Creek, Thomas Dew.
40 "	" " William Trott.	40 "	Wallamba River, George Monk.
50 "	Near Pipeclay Creek, John Bennett.	40 "	" " James Warr.
60 "	" " " J. B. Beislor.	50 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, J. G. Green.
80 "	" " " William M. M'Donald.	40 "	" " " William Minns.
80 "	Lansdowne River, Thomas Moy.	40 "	" " " James Parker.
200 "	Near Kellawarra, Alfred and Albert Wallis.	200 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, John Delves.
128 "	Big Swamp, Charles Rose.	20th July, 1882 :—	
40 "	Two-mile Creek, Joseph Latham.	61 "	Rowley's River, James Moore.
40 "	New Cooperbrook, Henry Duck.	40 "	Nowendoc Road, Thomas Bradley.
40 "	Stewart River, William Trott.	3 August, 1882 :—	
27th April, 1882 :—		48½ "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, W. H. Minnett.
40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Laurence Gollagher.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Campbell Roy.
60 "	On road from Tinonee to Wallamba, John Breckenridge.	40 "	" " Robert Easton.
40 "	Firefly Creek, Ludwig Schlenart.	80 "	" " George Rowney.
50 "	Near King's Flat Creek, William Patterson, jun.	40 "	" " Theodore Paff.
50 "	" " " Joseph Harmon.	50 "	John's River, John Haydon.
40 "	King's Flat Creek, Dugald Drysdale.	40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, John Purcell.
40 "	Coondoomakh Creek, J. B. Smith.	40 "	Firefly Creek, Donald Cowan.
40 "	Nabiac Creek, William Smith.	17 August, 1882 :—	
40 "	Killawarra, Robert Moore.	40 "	Camden Haven River, Samuel Atkins.
40 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, Daniel Hickey.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, John Gollagher.
40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, P. Connolly.	45 "	" " Patrick Monaghan.
60 "	Crosse's Creek, Charles Avery.	40 "	Big Swamp, W. M. M'Donald.
80 "	Lansdowne River, Thomas Moy.	40 "	" " Hugh M'Donald.
140 "	Dawson River, Commercial Bank.	60 "	Killabakh Creek, James Evans.
40 "	Bobin Creek, Cooper Wallace.	24 August, 1882 :—	
40 "	Firefly Creek, Archibald Cowan.	40 "	Killabakh Creek, James McGilvray.
18th May, 1882 :—		40 "	" " William C. Yarnold.
80 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, M. Hogan.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, George Rowney, senior.
80 "	" " William Corrigan.	40 "	" " Joseph Weekes.
50 "	Khoribakh Creek, H. Mackayway.	40 "	" " John Kerr.
40 "	" " W. Mackayway.	60 "	Pipeclay Creek, David Bailey.
40 "	Nabiac Creek, W. Smith.	40 "	Camden Haven River, David Middlemiss.
70 "	Wallamba River, James Franklin.	60 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, John Rankin.
40 "	Koppin Yarratt Creek, B. Sheather.	40 "	Western Branch, Dingo Creek, William J. Brown.
40 "	Firefly Creek, R. Hanna.	50 "	Bimi Creek, Donald Cowan.
46 "	Fattorini Creek, W. Chapman.	40 "	Two-mile Creek, James Bayley.
60 "	Near Cattai Creek, Alexander Newton.	40 "	" " H. Burgmann.
100 "	Near Brimbin, John Petrie.	50 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, John Rankin.
40 "	Near Pipeclay Creek, Samuel Plummer.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, James Tattersall.
25th May, 1882 :—		40 "	Firefly Creek, John Lynch.
40 "	Firefly Creek, Sarah Kerr.	40 "	" " Thomas Dodd.
50 "	Nabiac Creek, Joseph Harman.	50 "	Mimi Creek, Emma Gilmore.
40 "	Bobin Creek, William R. Wallace.	31 August, 1882 :—	
50 "	Mitchell's Island, Charles Bennett, jun.	40 "	Killabakh Creek, Charles Bulley.
40 "	Nowendoc Road, Robert Somerville.	50 "	near Lansdowne, Edward Wilkes.
40 "	Knorritt Flat, Thomas Bradley.	60 "	" " Thomas Moy.
50 "	Wallamba River, Newell French.	40 "	Rowley's River, Ernest Calov.
		40 "	Camden Haven River, Robert Kelly.

7 September, 1882 :—		14th December, 1882 :—	
80 acres,	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, W. Corrigan.	50 acres,	Candoomnakh Creek, J. B. Smith.
500 "	" " " John Moylan.	40 "	Near Wallamba River, James Wara }
300 "	" " " F. Gillogley.	40 "	" " " Charles Tattersall.
40 "	Camden Haven River, Thomas Burgess.	40 "	Warwiba Creek, Joseph Shabert.
40 "	Two-mile Creek, John Flick.	50 "	Lansdowne River, James M'Donald.
80 "	Bunghwahl Swamp, W. Gleeson.	230 "	Big Swamp, near Two-mile, Charles Rose.
60 "	Firefly Creek, G. Schneider.	20th December, 1882 :—	
40 "	" " Robert Hanna.	40 "	Koppin, Yarratt Creek, Ben. Sheather.
40 "	Nowendoc River, A. Gibson.	40 "	Near Bootoowa, Thomas Murray.
40 "	Lewis Flat, W. Balton.	40 "	Nowendoc River, Thomas Westcott.
40 "	Killawarra, Robert Moore.	40 "	Camden Haven River, M. Williams.
40 "	Rowley River, Ernest Calov.	28th December, 1882 :—	
14 September, 1882 :—		40 "	Nowendoc River, Archibald Gibson.
50 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, D. Hickey.	261½ "	Camden Haven River, Thomas Maher.
100 "	Wallamba River, J. Mather.	40 "	Pipe-clay Creek, Robert Johnston.
80 "	" " J. F. Capper.	11th January, 1883 :—	
46 "	Pipeclay Creek, Wallamba, J. B. Beisler.	80 "	Little Run, Dingo Creek, Henry Bell.
50 "	Saville's Creek, William Newton.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Theodore Paff.
21 September, 1882 :—		40 "	" " Anthony Holstein.
40 "	Firefly Creek, Ludwig Schlenert.	40 "	" " Robert Easton.
40 "	Eastern Branch Dingo Creek, Matthew Jarman.	60 "	Candoomnakh Creek, James Bowers.
40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, P. Connolly.	40 "	Camden Haven River, W. Bonohego.
56 "	near Killawarra, B. Thurling.	40 "	" " Peter Fox.
28 September, 1882 :—		40 "	Bungwall Creek, Joseph Priestly.
40 "	Mitchell's Island, R. Richards.	18th January, 1883 :—	
100 "	Bunghwahl Swamp, W. Gleeson.	40 "	Near Firefly Creek, Andrew Rumble.
70 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, John Moylan.	40 "	Pipeclay Creek, Hugh Macdonald.
200 "	" " A. P. Gillogley.	40 "	" " W. M. Macdonald.
66½ "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, Daniel Hickey.	25th January, 1883 :—	
50 "	Nowendoc River, J. Brisbane.	40 "	Camden Haven River, John Robinson.
60 "	" " Thomas Bradley.	100 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, William Hoy.
40 "	Khoribakh Creek, James Tattersall.	40 "	Lansdowne River, Isabella Sharkey.
40 "	" " John Kerr.	1st February, 1883 :—	
40 "	Koppin, Yarratt Creek, Henry Hammond.	40 "	Wallamba River, George Easton.
80 "	" " George Minett.	100 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, M. Hogan.
40 "	Racecourse, Old Bar, W. Lec.	40 "	Wallamba River, William Helm.
40 "	Camden Haven River, Henry Thompson.	40 "	Port Macquarie Road, M. M'Cusker.
5 October, 1882 :—		40 "	Mitchell Island, Reuben Richards.
40 "	Mitchell's Island, R. Richards.	8th February, 1883 :—	
40 "	Saville's Creek, Michael Connor.	40 "	Killabakh Creek, William Wright.
40 "	Holey Flat, William Tasaker.	100 "	Rowley's River, George M'Pherson, junr.
100 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, A. P. Gillogley.	40 "	Mitchell's Island, Patrick Wall.
40 "	Racecourse, South Channel, William Lec.	44 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, Robert Moore.
40 "	Burrell Creek, James Weekes, senior.	22nd February, 1883 :—	
50 "	Koononghat Creek, James Pacey.	43 "	Killabakh Creek, James Yarnold.
40 "	Cross Creek, Charles Avery.	40 "	" " William Wright.
40 "	Watson's Taylor's Lake, John Moore.	40 "	" " S. Y. Potts.
40 "	Bo Bo Creek, George Wills.	80 "	Rowley's River, William H. Mackay.
80 "	Nowendoc River, Thomas Bradley.	60 "	Khoribakh Creek, James M'Rae.
40 "	Cattai Creek, William Newton.	40 "	Bimi Creek, Susan Homa.
12 October, 1882 :—		40 "	Wallamba River, James Newell.
40 "	Rowley's River, George Northam.	1st March, 1883 :—	
40 "	near Bo Bo Creek, A. J. Kelly.	40 "	Near Lansdowne River, James Wall.
40 "	Camden Haven River, A. E. Dark.	40 "	" " Robert James Smith.
40 "	Tuncurry Creek, Worthey Mann.	8th March, 1883 :—	
100 "	Wallamba River, George Stevens.	55 "	Pipeclay Creek, Alfred James Harris.
19 October, 1882 :—		40 "	Koolah Creek, William Blyth.
60 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba River, William Corrigan.	15th March, 1883 :—	
40 "	near Juncurry Creek, Wallamba River, Worthey Mann.	40 "	Camden Haven River, John Glyde.
92 "	Big Swamp, near Two-mile Creek, Charles Rose.	40 "	" " Michael Fagan.
26 October, 1882 :—		40 "	Near Koolah Creek, Patrick Walsh.
40 "	Two-mile Creek, Dennis Keane.	50 "	Tregolden, Manning River, R. Searle.
2 November, 1882 :—		60 "	Khoribakh Creek, Patrick Fenton.
40 "	Camden Haven River, William Maher.	52 "	Stewart's River, Thomas Cross.
60 "	Big Swamp, Michael Hogan.	29th March, 1883 :—	
40 "	Killabakh Creek, Robert Brown.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, J. J. Gallagher.
60 "	Nabiac Creek, W. P. Munro.	40 "	" " L. P. Gallagher.
50 "	Bungwall Creek, J. Priestly.	40 "	Camden River, B. Thurling, junr.
40 "	Cattai Creek, John M'Broom.	40 "	Firefly Creek, Ludwig Schlenart.
16th November, 1882 :—		50 "	Holey Flat Creek, William Wilkes.
40 "	Camden Haven River, Andrew Wade.	12th April, 1883 :—	
40 "	" " F. D. Ross.	40 "	Khoribakh Creek, Gilbert J. Wells.
120 "	Near Wallamba River, J. Breckenridge.	40 "	" " Edward Pilbeam.
40 "	" " M. Cowan.	100 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, William Corrigan.
23rd November, 1882 :—		40 "	Bungwall Swamp, William Gleeson.
40 "	Wallamba River, John Rankin.	40 "	Khatumbuhl Creek, W. and J. Brims.
100 "	" " John Breckenridge.	40 "	Rock Creek, John Warren, junr.
50 "	Bootoowa, J. B. Smith.	19th April, 1883 :—	
130 "	Cattai Creek, William Minard.	60 "	Camden Haven River, Frederick Thurling.
40 "	Stewart's River, Timothy Farrell.	26th April, 1883 :—	
40 "	Camden Haven River, John Bird.	40 "	Black Creek, Camden Haven River, Arthur Crook.
40 "	Champion Creek, James Harlum.	10th May, 1883 :—	
30th November, 1882 :—		249 "	Nowendoc River, Hickey Creek, William Somerville.
41 "	Bobin Creek, Cooper Wallace.	40 "	Wallamba River, William Helm.
40 "	Kooronghat Creek, Christian Dell.	40 "	Lansdowne River, Edward J. Wynter.
50 "	Khoribakh Creek, P. Monaghan.	31st May, 1883 :—	
7th December, 1882 :—		45 "	Khoribakh Creek, Robert Easton.
40 "	Big Swamp, Wallamba, Michael Hogan.	40 "	Kelbakh Creek, S. Y. Potts.
60 "	Khoribakh Creek, Henry Paff.	7th June, 1883 :—	
40 "	Eastern Branch, Dingo Creek, John Abbott.	40 "	Pipeclay Creek, Charles N. Pullen.
80 "	Rowley's River, W. H. Green.	60 "	Mitchell's Island, Reuben Richards.
90 "	Big Swamp, Two-mile Creek, Charles Rose.	90 "	Near Two-mile Creek, Henry Burns.
		21st June, 1883 :—	
		40 "	Killabakh Creek, Albert Yarnold.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Justice, Sydney, 23 July, 1883.

A deputation having called at this Department on Friday last to urge that Mr. Creagh, Police Magistrate at Taree, should enter upon his duties at that place on the 1st August next, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to inquire whether there will be any difficulty or objection on the part of the Lands Department in regard to Mr. Creagh's duties as Land Agent.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

Minutes on No. 23.

SUBMITTED that the Department of Justice may be informed that all necessary arrangements have been made by this Department for the transfer of the Lands Office business from Wingham to Taree on 1st August.—E.H.S., 24/7/83. Yes.—F.H.W., for the Under Secretary, 21/7/83.

The arrangement was initiated by the Justice Department, and I do not see any reason for interfering with the present arrangement. Taking all things into consideration I think, under the facts and circumstances, that Taree is the most eligible and convenient place for the Land Office.—J.S.F., 3/8/83.

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 July, 1883.

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, inquiring whether there is any objection on the part of the Department to Mr. Creagh, Police Magistrate at Taree, entering upon his duties as Crown Lands Agent at that place on the 1st proximo, I have the honor to inform you that all necessary arrangements have been made by this Department for the transfer of the Crown Lands Office business from Wingham to Taree on the date mentioned.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. H. Young and C. J. Roberts, Esqs., M'sP.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 August, 1883.

Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo on the subject of the removal of the Land Office for the Manning River District from Wingham to Taree, I have the honor to inform you that the arrangement was initiated by the Department of Justice, and the Secretary for Lands does not see any reason for interfering with it, as taking all things into consideration he is of opinion that Taree is the most eligible and convenient place for the Lands Office.

I have, &c.,

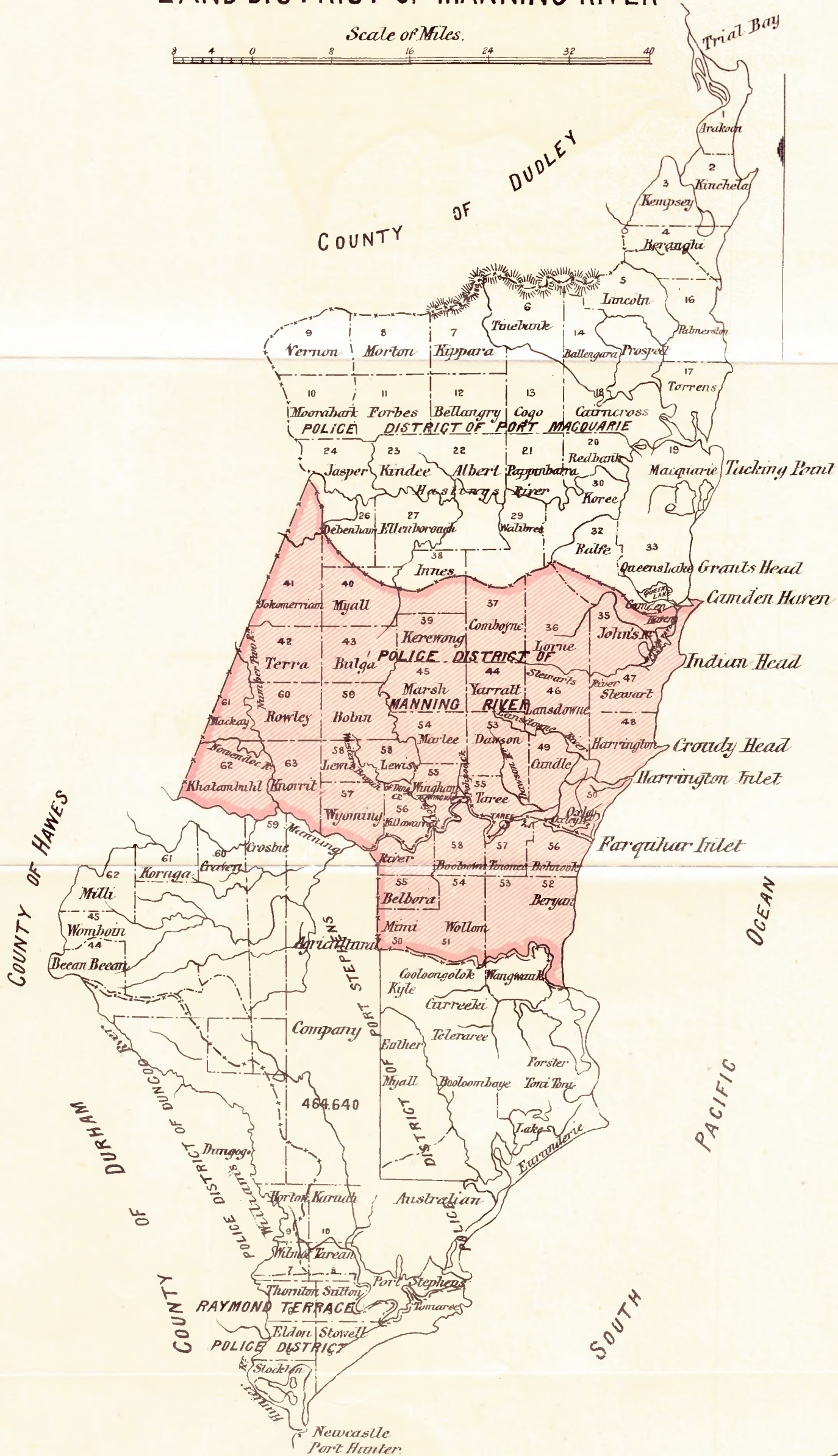
CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

[Plan.]

Sketch Map of
 COUNTY OF CLOUCESTER
 AND
 COUNTY OF MACQUARIE
 Shewing by pink tint the
 LAND DISTRICT OF MANNING RIVER

Scale of Miles.



1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. HANDSAKER, LATE INSPECTOR OF CONDITIONAL
PURCHASES.

(APPOINTMENT OF, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 26 February, 1884.

RETURN to an *Address* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 8 February, 1884, presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all documents relative to the appointment of J. H. Handsaker as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, including all recommendations of his applications by any persons, and the time the said Handsaker remained in the Government Service; also copies of all reports on his conduct, and cause of his leaving the Service; also copies of all vouchers for payment of said Handsaker’s salary, and orders (if any) presented and acknowledged on and in behalf of the said Handsaker for the receipt of his salary; also a statement as to the circumstances under which Handsaker became a conditional purchaser of Crown Lands in the Scone or Murrumbidgee Districts, and as to how the conditional purchases became forfeited.”

(Mr. Melville.)

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MR. HANDSAKER, LATE INSPECTOR OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

No. 1.

Mr. J. McElhone, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 12 May, 1877.
 Enclosed I have the honor to forward you an application from Mr. James Howard Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, applying for the appointment of C.P. Inspector.

If the Government intend to appoint any more Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as an honorable man, in every way qualified to fill the appointment, and know him to be a steady, sober man, who would do more work in one month than six of the present Inspectors.

Although an educated man he has been compelled to obtain his living by all sorts of bush work, and is therefore well qualified to value all sorts of improvements on selections. He at present holds a selection in the Scone district.

I have, &c.,
 J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Secretary for Lands:—To be noted.—R.D., 15 May, 1877.
 Mr. Thompson,—Note in Application-book.

[Enclosure to No. 1.]

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Minister for Lands.

Sir, Thompson's Creek, near Scone, 6 May, 1877.
 Having seen by the returns lately laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly that there are a great many cases still on the hands of the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, viz., upwards of 10,000, and thus supposing them to be in arrears with their work in consequence, I most respectfully beg to offer myself to your notice as a candidate for an office in connection with that department of employ.

I may, I think, without presumption, venture to state that I am capable of forming a pretty accurate estimate of the value of improvements made in selections, &c., having had a practical knowledge myself of all that is required in that regard, whether of building, fencing, clearing, or earthworks, and if you do me the honor to appoint me I shall endeavour to discharge my duties justly and efficiently so as to merit your approval.

Hoping you will take the matter into your favourable and worthy consideration,—

I am, &c.,
 JAMES HOWARD HANDSAKER.

No. 2.

Mr. J. McElhone, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 3 September, 1877.
 Some time since I had the honor to recommend Mr. James Howard Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, to the Honorable Richard Driver, for employment as a Conditional Purchase Inspector, and also to forward an application from him to Mr. Driver for employment as above.

If any new appointments of Conditional Purchase Inspectors are about to be made, I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker for an appointment of Conditional Purchase Inspector. He is well educated, and a steady, sober, honest man, and well up in the value of improvements, as he has for some time been a contractor for such work as fencing, dam and well-sinking, and hut-building in the country, and also well able to value ploughing, clearing, and stumping; and, as he is a practical farmer, I shall be pleased to hear of his obtaining an appointment as Conditional Purchase Inspector, if any appointments are made.

I have, &c.
 J. McELHONE.

Minute on No. 2.

By the Minister for Lands:—Submit this application when the question of filling up of next vacancy occurs.—T.G., 5/9/77.

No. 3.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. McElhone, M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 September, 1877.
 With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, recommending Mr. James Howard Handsaker for employment as an Inspector of Conditional Purchases, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that this gentleman's application will be taken into consideration when a vacancy occurs.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 4.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

[Immediate.]

Inspection of conditional purchases.

WITH reference to the enclosed papers, and to certain suggestions which I have had the honor of submitting to the Minister, for a change of system as to the verification of declarations of conditional purchases now largely and increasingly in arrear, I have the honor to state that, unless the Government should see fit to bring immediately into operation the amended system recommended, a considerable increase in the staff of Inspectors will be imperatively necessary, and in any event it is now impossible to carry on the duty without assistance, as will be seen from the enclosed statement of the duty in hand awaiting the action of these officers.

In October last, Mr. Secretary Garrett found it necessary to appoint, temporarily, eight additional Inspectors, whose employment was however, as explained in the accompanying papers, discontinued shortly

shortly afterwards Mr. Farnell has recently authorized one of those officers (Mr. Carne) to resume duty, under the former arrangement, during the illness of Mr. Lord (since deceased), and another, Mr. Meyer, to complete the duty entrusted to him by Mr. Garrett. I respectfully suggest that at least six additional Inspectors, including these gentlemen, be temporarily appointed on the same terms.

The provision for the service in the present year's Estimates now before Parliament has, as already pointed out, been, by misunderstanding, proposed at an amount below the Vote for 1877, and the Minister has already intimated an intention of including the deficit in a Supplementary Estimate. This may suffice for present requirements, but it will probably be necessary to obtain a further supply late in the year when Parliament is again in Session and the amount actually required can be estimated more accurately than at present.

A.O.M.,
22/2, 1878.

Minutes on No. 4.

By the Under Secretary:—[Urgent.] As the Additional Estimates have been urgently asked for by the Treasury, perhaps the Minister will decide as to the employment of these Inspectors. I would myself submit that, if such temporary appointments are to be made, it would be better to place an amount on the Additional Estimates at once, and thus prevent the very undesirable state of things which occurred in the case of the last appointments (and even with some of the permanent staff), when the officers were kept for weeks out of the money justly due to them. It is impossible to say when there will be another opportunity of making legal provision for the expenditure proposed to be incurred.—W.W.S., 4th March.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 4/3/78. Put on a lump sum.—J.S.F.

By the Under Secretary:—[Urgent.] Will Com. Sales insert in enclosed draft Estimate the probable sum required.—W.W.S., 4/3/78.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Returned as requested. Papers to be retransmitted to me for action.—A.O.M., 4/3/78.

No. 4A.

Mr. J. McElhone, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 4 March, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. J. H. Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, applying for the situation of temporary Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as a man well qualified in every way to perform the duties pertaining to the office, having been a contractor for all sorts of bush work.

I understand that several temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases will have to be appointed to do arrears of work. I shall be pleased if Mr. Handsaker receives one of the appointments.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

[Enclosure to No. 4A.]

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Thompson's Creek, near Scone, 2 March, 1878.

Having seen, by the Returns some time ago laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, that there are a great many cases still in the hands of the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, viz., upwards of 10,000, and thus supposing them to be in arrears with their work, and having also been advised that you are about to make several appointments of temporary Inspectors, I most respectfully beg to offer myself to your notice as a candidate for an office in that department of employ.

I may, I think, without presumption, venture to state that I am capable of forming an accurate estimate of the value of improvements generally made on selections and recognized as such, having had a practical knowledge myself, generally speaking, of these things; and if you do me the honor to appoint me, I shall endeavour to discharge my duties justly and efficiently, and shall also endeavour to bring up all arrears as soon as possible, so as to merit your approval.

Hoping you will take the matter into your favourable consideration,—

I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

No. 5.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Lands.

Conditional Purchase Inspectors Temporary Staff.

MEMORANDUM.—In reference to the recent approval by the Minister for Lands of the employment of six temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, and to the amount which it is intended to ask from Parliament for that service, I should be glad to know if it is desired that the persons to be appointed should be informed at once, with a view to their entering upon their duties (as to which they will as upon the last occasion be referred to the Commissioner of Conditional Sales), or whether the matter should remain in abeyance until the money has been voted.

If the former is the course to be adopted, I would ask whether the gentlemen whose names are noted in pencil on the margin of Mr. Moriarty's minute herewith are those to be employed, viz., Messrs. T. B. Carne, J. O'Hara, G. Spring, — Rogers, and J. A. Davies.

Mr. Carne is, I believe, at work already in the room of the late Mr. Inspector Lord.—W.W.S., 26 March, 1878.

Minutes on No. 5.

By the Secretary for Lands:—The persons whose names are in pencil on Mr. Moriarty's memorandum should be employed as Conditional Purchase Inspectors, as Temporary Inspectors, at the usual rates.—J.S.F., 27 May, 1878.

By the Under Secretary:—Perhaps, to save possibility of mistake, the Minister will kindly note in ink the names of the gentlemen he has finally decided on appointing.—W.W.S., 27 May, 1878.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Now inserted in ink, Patrick Cullen, William Spicer, J. H. Handsaker, T. H. Kendall, J. O'Hara, G. Spring, — Rogers, J. A. Davies.—J.S.F.

By the Under Secretary:—The Minister omitted Mr. Carne's name from this list, as he is already employed in the room of the late Mr. Lord. Write to the abovenamed persons in terms similar to letter addressed, on 10th October, 1877, to Messrs. Spring, Noake, and others.—W.W.S., 28 May.

No. 6.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 May, 1878.

I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands has approved of your being temporarily appointed Inspector of Conditional Purchases, with remuneration at the rate of 10s. 6d. for each case reported upon, and 25s. per diem for travelling expenses whilst actually employed on such duty.

Instructions, &c.
forwarded
separately by
post.
* Not necessary.

2. I am at the same time to forward herewith, for your information and guidance, an extract of the letter of general instructions issued to each of the permanent Inspectors, together with copies of the Crown Lands Act 1861,* the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861,* the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 and the Regulations thereunder.*

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 7.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Thompson's Creek, near Scone, 31 May, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 28th May, 1878, advising my temporary appointment to the office of Conditional Purchase Inspector, with the rates of remuneration allowed for such duties.

The packets containing instructions have also come to hand, and have my attention. I now beg respectfully to inform you that I hold myself in readiness to enter upon duty, and only await your further instructions.

I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

Minutes on No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner.—O.R.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Invite Mr. Handsaker to present himself at this office, with a view to the duties required of him being explained and the instructions issued.—A.O.M., 6/6/78.

No. 8.¹

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 June, 1878.

Referring to the letter of the Under Secretary for Lands of 28th ultimo, informing you that you have been appointed temporarily an Inspector of Conditional Purchases, I am now to invite you to present yourself at this office, with a view to the duties required of you being explained and the instructions issued.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 9.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Thompson's Creek, near Scone, 16 June, 1878.

I have the honor to apply that I may be advanced the sum of £50 sterling in connection with my appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, to provide equipments, &c., and enable me to proceed to my destination.

I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

Minute on No. 9.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 19/6/78.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 June, 1878.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker, who has been appointed temporarily an Inspector of Conditional Purchases, having applied for an advance to enable him to obtain proper equipment, &c., and to proceed to his district, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands has approved of Mr. Handsaker being allowed a sum not exceeding £50, on the usual guarantee being given.

Such advance to be repaid at the rate of £10 per month from his salary.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 11.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 June, 1878.

I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands has approved of your being allowed a sum not exceeding £50, on the usual guarantee being given, as an advance to enable you to obtain proper equipment, &c., and to proceed to your district.

2. Such advance to be repaid at the rate of £10 per month from your salary.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

General Circular.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 October, 1879.

The Minister has directed attention to the great falling off of the Land Revenue and consequent necessity for great economy in departmental expenditure, which must be adjusted to correspond with its diminution, as well as with the progress of the special duties in connection with which the staff of the Department has been from time to time increased.

It becomes my duty to intimate to you the probability of very considerable reductions taking place in this Division at or about the close of the year. You will therefore please receive this intimation as a notice of your services being probably dispensed with at that period.

You will be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of this communication at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

General Circular.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 2 January, 1880.

With reference to my letter of the 10th October last, advising you of a probable reduction at the present time in the staff of temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, I have now the honor, by direction of the Minister for Lands, to inform you that the special duty which led to your employment having been brought nearly to a close, your further services will not be required after the completion of the instructions at present in your hands, which I have to request you will be pleased to carry out with as little delay as possible.

It is proper that I should add that your services are about to be dispensed with, not in consequence of any complaint as to the manner in which you have performed your duties, with which I have every reason to be satisfied, but owing to a general reduction that has taken place in the Temporary Staff of the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 14.

Petition presented by Mr. Robert Barbour, M.P.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands,—

The petition of the undersigned conditional purchasers and inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding districts respectfully sheweth:—

- 1st. That your petitioners have learned with regret that it is your intention to remove Mr. Handsaker from the position of Conditional Purchase Inspector for this district.
- 2nd. That much inconvenience and delay is incurred, in many instances even at present, in consequence of the extent of the district and large amount of work to be performed by Conditional Purchase Inspector.
- 3rd. That the extent and importance of the district entitle it to the services of an Inspector, and that such services are absolutely necessary.
- 4th. That we have always found Mr. Handsaker a courteous, obliging, and efficient officer.

Your petitioners therefore trust that you will give these premises your careful consideration, and continue Mr. Handsaker in the inspectorship of this district.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray—

SAMUEL WILSON, J.P., Jerilderie,
And thirty-six other signatures.*Minute on No. 14.*

By Secretary for Lands:—The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases,—The petitioners should be informed that it has been found necessary to reduce the staff of Temporary Inspectors, hence Mr. Handsaker's services have been dispensed with, but that under any circumstances he would not have been retained as an officer of this Department.—J.H., 20/7/80.

No. 15.

Petition by seven Conditional Purchasers.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands, Sydney.

The petition of the undersigned conditional purchasers in the Colony of New South Wales humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners have been informed that it is the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of Mr. Conditional Purchase Inspector Handsaker.

That your petitioners having always received the utmost courtesy and attention from Mr. Handsaker in his public capacity, regret the step about to be taken by the Government of this Colony.

Your

Your petitioners therefore pray that you will be pleased to use your influence at the next Executive meeting to retain the services of Mr. Handsaker, either in this or some other Government appointment. And your petitioners, &c., &c.

JAMES HAMILTON,
And six other signatures.

Minute on No. 15.

By the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—The writers may perhaps be apprised to the same effect as the reply to a previous similar application.—A.O.M., 10/8/80.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Yes.—J.H., 11/8/80.

No. 16.

Mr. A. Armstrong to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Land Agency Office, 26, Bridge-street, Sydney, 3 August, 1880.

I have the honor to hand enclosed herewith a Petition from residents in the County of Urana, praying for the retention of Mr. Handsaker as Inspector of Conditional Purchases in that district, to which petition I beg to request the favour of your attention.

I am, &c.,
A. ARMSTRONG.

Minute on No. 16.

See memorandum of Chief Commissioner on 80-32/696 Conditional Sales.—13/8/80.

[*Enclosure to No. 16.*]

Petition from residents of Urana.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands,—

Having heard with regret that you are removing our present Inspector of Conditional Purchases, Mr. J. H. Handsaker, from this district, we, the undersigned, beg you to reconsider your decision.

The short time that he has been in this district we believe he has acted justly and impartially to all parties, viz.,—squatter, selector and the Government; and as there are plenty of selections urgently required to be inspected, we humbly hope you will reinstate him in his former position. He has a large district to travel over, but now he is acquainted with it.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

WALLACE BROWN,
And fifty other signatures.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to S. Wilson, Esq., J.P., and others.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 5 August, 1880.

In reply to the petition forwarded by you, without date, praying that the services, as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, of Mr. Handsaker may be retained for the benefit of your district, I am directed to inform you that it has been found necessary to reduce the staff of temporary Inspectors, and the appointment vacated by Mr. Handsaker will not be filled up.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 18.

Petition by twenty-five Conditional Purchasers.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands,—

Having heard with regret that you are removing our present Inspector of Conditional Purchases in this district, we beg to hope you will reconsider your decision.

Since the Inspector, Mr. J. H. Handsaker, has been in this district we believe he has acted fairly, justly, and impartially to both squatter, selector, and also the Government; and as he is acquainted with the district we hope you will reinstate him in his former position, there being yet a great number of selections urgently required to be inspected.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

JOHN MULDOON,
And twenty-four other signatures.

Minute on No. 18.

Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, 25/8/80.

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Armstrong.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 19 August, 1880.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, forwarding a petition from residents in the county of Urana, praying for the retention of Mr. Handsaker as Inspector of Conditional Purchases in that district, I am directed to inform you that it has been found necessary to reduce the staff of temporary Inspectors, and the appointment vacated by Mr. Handsaker will not be filled up.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 20.

No. 20.

Mr. G. O'M. Clarke to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Land Commissioner's Office, Young, 20 August, 1880.

I have the honor to report that, at the Land Court presided over by me at Urana on the 16th instant, Mr. Inspector Handsaker presented himself in a state of intoxication, and his demeanour and conduct were most insolent and offensive.

As this is not the first occasion on which Mr. Handsaker has been guilty of similar outrageous behaviour, I have to request that I may for the future be relieved of any official relations with a person whom I have no hesitation in designating a disgrace to the Public Service.

I have, &c.,
GEORGE O'MALLEY CLARKE.

Minutes on No. 20.

By Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—Attach to previous papers relating to Mr. Handsaker's case. Have the Commissioners not been advised of the discontinuance of the services of the temporary Inspector?—A.O.M., 23/8/80.

Commissioners have not yet been advised.—27/8/80.

By Chief Commissioner:—Why is this? Have intimation sent at once.—A.O.M., 2/9/80.

Mr. E. Brown, for correspondence, 7/9/80. Commissioners informed.—13/10/80.

No. 21.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Urana, 7 October, 1880.

I have the honor to call your attention to moneys due to me for services rendered as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, commencing June, 1879.

I need hardly say, by reference to your letter of January, /80, without number, that my duties have been performed to your satisfaction, and are now terminated.

I am anxious to leave the district and return home, and shall be glad if you will bring this before your subordinate officers as early as possible.

I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

Minutes on No. 21.

Mr. Handsaker might be requested to state which vouchers are still unpaid.—W.H.C., 22/10/80. Yes.—W.B. for C.C., 25/10/80.

No. 22.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. J. Bolding.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 October, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. J. H. Handsaker is no longer employed by the Government as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, his services having been dispensed with on the 12th of April last.

I have, &c.,
C. E. NEATE,
(Pro Chief Commissioner).

No. 23.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. S. Blythe.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 October, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. J. H. Handsaker is no longer employed by the Government as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, his services having been dispensed with on the 12th of April last.

I have, &c.,
C. E. NEATE,
(Pro Chief Commissioner).

No. 24.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. G. O'M. Clarke.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 October, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. J. H. Handsaker is no longer employed by the Government as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, his services having been dispensed with on the 12th of April last.

I have, &c.,
C. E. NEATE,
(Pro Chief Commissioner).

No. 25.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. G. King.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 October, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. J. H. Handsaker is no longer employed by the Government as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, his services having been dispensed with on the 12th of April last.

I have, &c.,
C. E. NEATE,
(Pro Chief Commissioner).

No. 26.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 October, 1880.
With reference to the claim made by your letter of the 7th instant for moneys due to you for services rendered as Inspector of Conditional Purchases since June last, I have the honor to request you to state which vouchers submitted by you are still unpaid.

I have, &c.,
W. H. CAPPER,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 27.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Urana, 5 November, 1880.
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your conditional sales 80-43,934 of 26th ultimo. With reference to moneys due to me, I beg to remind you that it is not from June last, as your letter implies, but from June, 1879.

Below I hand you amount of each voucher sent in and yet unpaid, and have the honor to remain,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

June, 1879	.....	Travelling expenses	.....	£16 5 0*
July, "	.....	do.	.....	6 5 0*
August, "	.....	do.	.....	21 5 0*
September, "	.....	do.	.....	30 0 0*
October, "	.....	do.	.....	23 15 0*
November, "	.....	do.	.....	21 5 0*
December, "	.....	do.	.....	23 15 0*
November, "	.....	Fees	.....	22 11 6*
December, "	.....	do.	.....	47 5 0*
March, 1880	.....	Travelling expenses	.....	6 5 0
April, "	.....	do.	.....	30 0 0
				£253 11 6

Minutes on No. 27.

This case should go to Mr. Capper.—11/11/80. The accounts starred within have been sent on for payment. Connect with other letters and put away.—H.V.H., 28/5/81.

No. 28.

[Special.] Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Urana, 30 November, 1880.
I have again to call your attention to my letter of 7th October, 1880, with reference to moneys due to me for services rendered in 1879 and 1880, for which vouchers were forwarded. Trusting to obtain your early attention,
I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

Minutes on No. 28.

The expenses that are due to Mr. Handsaker were incurred during the year 1879, and have been included in a schedule with a number of others in the same position, and submitted for the authority of the Minister to have them placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the past year.—W.H.C., 12/1/81. It has since been ascertained that the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade has been requested to place the amounts on the Supplementary Estimates.—W.H.C., 14/1/81. The amounts have all been paid, with the exception of one small item.—W.H.C., 20/5/81.

No. 29.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Thompson's Creek, Scone, 12 March, 1881.
I have the honor to again call your attention to my former repeated applications for moneys due to me by the Lands Department for 1879, while acting as Inspector of Conditional Purchases in Riverina District.
I have, &c.,
J. H. HANDSAKER.

Minutes on No. 29.

Mr Capper, 17/3/81. The papers relative to Mr. Handsaker's accounts are with the Accountant.—W.H.C., 22/3/81. The Accountant. The amount of Mr. Handsaker's accounts is contained in the sum placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1879, and will be paid after the passing of the Appropriation Act.—H.V.H., 28/3/81. Sent on to Treasury for payment, 20th April, 1881.—H.V.H., 28/1/81.

No. 30.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 March, 1881.
In reference to your communication of the 12th instant, inviting my attention to the non-payment of your accounts for travelling expenses, &c., while acting as Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the Riverina District during the year 1879, I am directed to inform you that the accounts in question will be paid as soon as the Appropriation Act for the current year has been passed.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 31.

No. 31.

Vouchers received from Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 26,068.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.

Period of Service.		No of days.	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.			
1, 2, & 3 July ...	For the undermentioned travelling expense:—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
23 July	Travelling from Sydney to Albury, and waiting for Inspector M'Phillamy	11	1 5 0	13 15 0
24 "	Waliandool Station	1	.....	1 5 0
25 "	Fagan's, on the Billabong	1	.....	1 5 0
26 "	" "	1	.....	1 5 0
27 "	" "	1	.....	1 5 0
29 "	" "	1	.....	1 5 0
30 "	R. Gibbs, senr., Walbundrie	1	.....	1 5 0
31 "	" junr., " .....	.....	.....	.....
	J. H. Mason	1	.....	1 5 0
	Terry M'Guire, Billabong	1	.....	1 5 0
	Total .....	£	.....	23 15 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,

Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank N. S. W., Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Received, on the 16th day of November, 1878, the sum of £23 15s.

For J. H. HANDSAKER,
W. R. BIRD.

Witness—J. FARRAN.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 26,067.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.

Contingent expenses—Department of Conditional Purchases.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
1878.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.		
23 July	For the undermentioned services:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
24 "	Timothy Ryan	0 10 6	0 10 6
25 "	James Fagan	0 10 6	0 10 6
26 "	Christopher Fagan	0 10 6	0 10 6
27 "	Mary Fagan	0 10 6	0 10 6
29 "	Marcella Fagan, two selections	0 10 6	1 1 0
29 "	Robert Gibbs, senr.	0 10 6	0 10 6
29 "	Jane Gibbs, two selections	0 10 6	1 1 0
29 "	Catherine McIntyre	0 10 6	1 1 0
29 "	P. Maher	0 10 6	0 10 6
30 "	Joseph H. Mason	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	Terry M'Guire, four selections	0 10 6	2 2 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	£ 8 8 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,

Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank N. S. W., Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Received, on the 16th day of November, 1878, the sum of £8 8s.

For J. H. HANDSAKER,
W. R. BIRD.

Witness—J. FARRAN.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 26,069.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.
 Contingent expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
1878.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.		
	For the undermentioned services:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 August	J. Black, Billabong	1 5 0	1 5 0
2 "	J. Riddell, Billabong	1 5 0	1 5 0
2 "	J. Habberman, Billabong	1 5 0	1 5 0
3 "	— Heckendorf, Billabong	1 5 0	1 5 0
3 "	W. J. Klinke, Billabong, two selections. Goods transferred to Douglass, Watta Watta.		
4 "	R. W. Gibbs, J. Steward, R. Bryndie, W. Macklin, Watta Watta	1 5 0	1 5 0
5 "	D. and P. Madden, Watta Watta	1 5 0	1 5 0
6 "	P. Madden, jr., Watta Watta	1 5 0	1 5 0
7 "	Hugh Scott, Watta Watta	1 5 0	1 5 0
8 "	Hannah Mitchell	1 5 0	1 5 0
9 "	J. Kirby, F. Kirbie, A. Machie, J. Fraser, J. Sutton	1 5 0	1 5 0
10 "	W. Gleeson	1 5 0	1 5 0
12 "	J. Gair, J. F. Sharp, G. L. Fisher, W. A. Sharp	1 5 0	1 5 0
13 "	C. F. Frauenfelder and others	1 5 0	1 5 0
14 "	Wallace Brown and others	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	Hartnett & Whybrow	1 5 0	1 5 0
17 "	W. R. Chapman, Urana		
19 "	Writing reports		
21 "	Alfred Thatcher, C.P. 76-323		
23 "	Wm. Innes, Billabong		
24 "	Bessie Innes, Billabong		
26 "	Wm. Irvine, Billabong		
27 "	Michael Doyle, Billabong, two selections		
28 "	M. Graham, R. F. & G. Rawlins	1 5 0	13 15 0
29 "	C. & E. Rawlins, two selections.		
30 "	James Mallon, Gum Swamp		
	George Allen, Gum Swamp		
	James Morris, Billabong		
	Samuel Wilson, Billabong		
31 "	Robert Wilkinson, Billabong		
	Pat Wilkinson, Billabong, eleven days		
	Total	£	31 5 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank N.S.W., Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Received, on the 16th day of November, 1878, the sum of £31 5s. sterling.

For J. H. HANDSAKER,
 W. R. BIRD.

Witness—J. PARRAN.

Min. 79-5,130, 18 Sept., 1879.

Dept. of Audit, Dec. 4, 1879.

To be returned with the least possible delay.

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Department of Audit, Sydney, 15 September, 1879.

Reference to account.	Observation or Query.	Explanation or Answer.
Vouchers 78-26,069, 79-20,924. Enclosed to be returned.	Treasury payment of 25 August, 1879. An amount of £2 10s. has been twice paid to J. H. Handsaker for travelling expenses on the 30th and 31st August, 1878, as per attached vouchers; it should therefore at once be refunded to the Treasury Surcharge. Note herewith. C. BOLLESTON.	

The Under Secretary for Lands.

Forwarded to Mr. Handsaker, who will be good enough to refund the sum of £2 10s. herein referred to.—J.H., for Ch. Comm, B.C., 19 Sept., 1879 To be returned. £2 10s was paid to the Treasury this day. per J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.—W. NEWCOMBE, Receiver, 21 Nov., 1879. A. O. Moriarty, Esq. The Auditor-General, B.C., 29 Nov., /79, 2 Dec.—J.P.C. W.W.S. Mr. G., 4.—C.R. Mr. Moppett, for verification.—D.W.G., 4/12/79. £2 10s. refunded, under D. You. 10,702-79.—T.J.M., T. D., 4/12/79. Mr. Notting.—D.W.G., 4/12/79. Noted.—D.E.N., 10/12/79.

NEW

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 5,931.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.
 Contingent expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection fees.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Place or District—Murrumbidgee. For the undermentioned services:—	Rate.	Amount
1878.	Selectors -		
30 August	James Morris, 77-64	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
30 "	Samuel Wilson, 77-63	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	Robt. Wilkinson, 75-167	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	Pat. Wilkinson, 75-168	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 September	A. P. Fenner, 73-4,821	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Wm. Geo. Avery, 75-228	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Emma Matilda Avery	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Robert Macrae, 77-56	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Geo. Brown, 77-107	0 10 6	0 10 6
3 "	Carl Reuber, 77-100	0 10 6	0 10 6
3 "	Robt. Beveridge	0 10 6	0 10 6
4 "	James Mills	0 10 6	0 10 6
4 "	Thomas Mills, 76-48, 77-19 (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
4 "	Sarah Cuffe Quin, 76-43	0 10 6	0 10 6
5 "	Edith Quinn, 74-9,903	0 10 6	0 10 6
6 "	Henrietta Quinn	0 10 6	0 10 6
9 "	George Munroe (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
9 "	David Munroe (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
10 "	D. M'Munroe	0 10 6	0 10 6
11 "	Jas. M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
11 "	Alex. M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
12 "	Annie M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
12 "	John M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
12 "	Margaret M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Jessie M'Donald	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	Wm. Robertson	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	Catherine Herwen	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	Catherine Robertson	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	James Blain	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	Wm. Calliew	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	Joseph Blain, 76-75	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Thos. Lang	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Jno. Blair	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Jno. M'Caughy, 76-98	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Gilbert Wm. Lamb, 77-66	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Michael Maylon, 76-96	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	Pat. Neylon	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	Wm. Tuckwell	0 10 6	0 10 6
23 "	Thos. Coutts, 77-40	0 10 6	0 10 6
24 "	Robt. Beveridge	0 10 6	0 10 6
25 "	Robt. M'Keown	0 10 6	0 10 6
	Place or District—Urana or Murrumbidgee.		
25 "	Edward English	0 10 6	0 10 6
27 "	James Anderson	0 10 6	0 10 6
28 "	Amelia Carter, 77-26 (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
28 "	George Smith	0 10 6	0 10 6
28 "	Hugh Finn	0 10 6	0 10 6
28 "	Lawrence Maher 76-88	0 10 6	0 10 6
30 "	Nixon (transferred to Underwood), 73-11,465	0 10 6	0 10 6
30 "	Jos. Harrington, 75-69	0 10 6	0 10 6
30 "	Mury A. Harrington	0 10 6	0 10 6
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	28 7 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 14th day of March, 1879, the sum of twenty-eight pounds seven shillings.

BANK N.S. WALES,
 J. B. DURHAM.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 5,930.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.
 Contingent expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Place or District—Urana or Murrumbidgee. For the undermentioned services:—	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	C. P. No.	s. d.	£ s. d.
2 October	75-142, 76-102, 77-103, 78-126—James Talbot		2 2 0
3 "	Robt. Ratke		0 10 6
3 "	Fisher		0 10 6
3 "	74-12,070—Thos. Bunn		0 10 6
4 "	77-62—James M'Frood		0 10 6
5 "	73-11,140—W. Robertson (2)		1 1 0
7 "	Frank <i>versus</i> Pike (3)		1 11 6
8 "	Hamilton (2)		1 1 0
9 "	W. F. Gibbons (2)		1 1 0
10 "	D. M'Laitly		0 10 6
10 "	Cato	10 6	0 10 6
12 "	76-323—A. G. Thatcher		0 10 6
14 "	} Writing reports. Delayed for want of forms.		
15 "			
16 "	Louisa Ann Quinn		0 10 6
16 "	Wm. A. Quin		0 10 6
16 "	Harriet Quinn		0 10 6
16 "	Julia Edwards		0 10 6
17 "	Sarah Thomas (now Quin)		0 10 6
	Ellen Thomas		0 10 6
	Wm. Cuffe Quin		0 10 6
19 "	76-71—R. J. Marshall		
21 "	76-194, 76-154—James Osborne, senr., G. Lester		
22 "	Alice J. Ramsay		
22 "	73-11,007—R. H. Ramsay		
	73-11,003—W. S. Ramsey		
23 "	76-153—George Pettiford		
24 "	M. C. Sanger		
25 "	75-82c—Jessie O'Brien		
	75-281—W. H. O'Brien	27 at	11 3 6
	74-6,859—John O'Brien, senr.	10s. 6d.	
	75-80—John O'Brien, junr.		
26 "	73-11,949—Lewis Brennan		
28 "	74-5,877, 5,874—E. and B. M'Culloch		
28 "	74-5,875, 5,876—Katie and Minnie M'Culloch, Wm. B. M'Culloch		
29 "	75-6,545, 74-10,634—John William, T. Moorhouse, S. M. Caines, Henry Williams, R. Caines.		
30 "	78-12,063, 78-12,069—Jane Moffatt, George Moffatt, A. Moffatt		
31 "	{ Edward J. Jackson, Henry G. Jackson, G. H. Jackson, John Jackson, G. E. Jackson, W. E. Jackson	6 at	3 3 0
		10s. 6d.	
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total.....	31 10 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana. Order attached.

Received on the fourteenth day of March, 1879, the sum of £31 10s. for Bank N.S.W.

J. B. DURHAM.

Inspecting C.P.s.
 Oct., '78..... £31 10 0
 do. Sept., '78 23 7 0
 £59 17 0

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to J. H. Handsaker, Esq.

Sir, The Treasury, New South Wales, 25 January, 1879.

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at this office. Particulars are given in margin. You are requested to state into which of the Banks you wish the amount to be paid, or how otherwise disposed of, by filling up the printed order at foot and returning this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,
 J. D. CRONIN,

(For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

The Paymaster, Treasury,—Please to pay the amount of the annexed order to the Collector, only.
 Bank New South Wales, Sydney, 13 March, 1879.

The Honorable the Treasurer,—I hereby authorize the sum of £59 17s., due to me at the Treasury, to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 5,932.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.

Contingent expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.'s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	Rate.	Amount.
	For the supply of the undermentioned services:—		
1878.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2 November	John Alexander, Brookong	0 10 6	0 10 6
4 "	James Alexr. Brown, Hebden	0 10 6	0 10 6
5 "	Wallace Brown, Urangi Line	0 10 6	0 10 6
6 "	John Gibb Ryan	0 10 6	0 10 6
7 "	Loverina, Walbandry (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
8 "	Henry Gibb, Walbandry	0 10 6	0 10 6
9 "	Patrick Fagan, Bulgandry	0 10 6	0 10 6
9 "	John Fagan, jun, Bulgandry	0 10 6	0 10 6
11 "	Catherine Fagan, Bulgandry	0 10 6	0 10 6
12 "	Christopher Fagan, Bulgandry	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Kate Catherine Ryan Ryan	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Grace Ryan, Mungabba	0 10 6	0 10 6
14 "	Timothy Ryan, Mungabba	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	Danl. Costigan, Mungabba	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	P. Birtles, Piney Range	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Eliza Emily, Whittaker Range	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Alexander McIntyre, Hindmarsh	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	James Whittaker, Hindmarsh	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Charlotte A. Whittaker, Hindmarsh (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
21 "	Mary Murphy, Walbandry (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
21 "	Pierce Murphy, Walbandry (2)	0 10 6	1 1 0
22 "	Michael Murphy, Hindmarsh	0 10 6	0 10 6
23 "	Wm. Murphy, Hindmarsh	0 10 6	0 10 6
23 "	Honora Murphy, Hindmarsh	0 10 6	0 10 6
25 "	Patrick Murphy, Hindmarsh (4)	0 10 6	2 2 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total.....£		£16 16 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,
Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana. Order attached.

Received, on the 14th day of March, 1879, the sum of sixteen pounds sixteen shillings sterling.

BANK N. S. WALES,
J. B. DURHAM.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 17 February, 1879.

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at this office. Particulars are given in the margin.

You are requested to state into which of the Banks you wish the amount to be paid, or how otherwise disposed of, by filling up the printed order at foot and returning this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,

J. D. CRONIN,
(For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

Inspecting C.P.'s
Nov., 1878,
£16 16s.

The Honorable the Treasurer,—

I hereby authorize the sum of £16 16s. due to me at the Treasury to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

The Honorable the Treasurer,—

Urana, 29 June, 1879.

I hereby authorize you to pay to Mr. McElhone, Upper William-street, Sydney (unless or until otherwise ordered), all moneys now due or which may hereafter become due to me from the Treasury, on account of the Public Service, taking his acquittance, or the acquittance of the Manager or other proper Officer of the said Bank, as my acquittance and discharge for any moneys so paid according to this authority.

Witness—JOHN McELHONE.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of Supply.
 Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimates—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Place or District—Murrumbidgee. For the undermentioned services:—	Rate.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1879.			
1 January	E. M. Macluska, Urana, 74-10,293	0 10 6	0 10 6
1 "	B. M. Macluska, N. Gunanbil, 74-10,295	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Jas. Green, Coreen, 74-8,237	0 10 6	0 10 6
2 "	Maria Green, Coreen, 74-8,236	0 10 6	0 10 6
3 "	Mary Ann Price, Gordon, 75-101	0 10 6	0 10 6
3 "	Thos. Price, Gordon, 75-100	0 10 6	0 10 6
4 "	Jno. Tenny, Bunaga, 74-7,206	0 10 6	0 10 6
4 "	Rt. Green, Corowa, 74-7,917	0 10 6	0 10 6
6 "	G. H. Tenny, Bunaga, 74-7,206	0 10 6	0 10 6
6 "	Thos. Tenny, Bunaga, 74-2,060	0 10 6	0 10 6
7 "	Margt. Clifton, Gray, 74-7,205	0 10 6	0 10 6
9 "	John Jefferies, Lowes, 74-1,463	0 10 6	0 10 6
10 "	Jno. Thompson, Burwaja, 77-57	0 10 6	0 10 6
11 "	Michl. O'Neil, Sandy Ridge, 74-10,415	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	W. C. Shelly, Turrarnia, 74-6,846	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	J. Woodward, " 75-214	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	M. A. Lee, " 75-145	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	H. A. Hough, " 75-405	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Annic E. Hough, " 75-404	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Wm. Oldbridge, " 75-181	0 10 6	0 10 6
13 "	Jas. Goodwin, Mulwalla, 74-7,720	0 10 6	0 10 6
14 "	Goo. Hillas, " 74-10,437	0 10 6	0 10 6
14 "	J. H. Hillas, " 74-6,245	0 10 6	0 10 6
14 "	Jemi. Murphy, " 74-6,250	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	Hugh C. Sloane, " 75-426	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	Lavinia Sloane, " 75-423	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	James Sloane, " 71-611	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	J. C. Turner, " 73-9,297	0 10 6	0 10 6
15 "	Janet J. G. Sloane, Mulwalla, 75-425	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	Annabella H. Sloane, " 75-424	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	Lucy J. Sloane, " 75-427	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	Alex. Sloane, " 73-337	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	Henry Hay, Turrarnia, 76-188	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	Wm. Thompson, " 76-113	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	Hy. Kingswill, " 76-180	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	Wm. Hay, Dry Forest, 76-85	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	Hy. Hay, " 76-86	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	Jas. Bacon, Carlyle, 75-185	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Hy. Levin, Waygunyah, 74-5,804	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	J. G. Witty, " 76-98	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Wm. Boyd, Nangunia, 76-130	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	Alfred Hay, " 76-129	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	Jno. Looney, Tocumwal, 73-11,974	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	Pat. Hennessey, " 73-11,975	0 10 6	0 10 6
22 "	Jas. Looney, " 73-11,460	0 10 6	0 10 6
23 "	Wm. Jarvics, " 73-11,464 and 73-11,976 each	0 10 6	0 10 6
24 "	Jno. Turner, " 73-11,944	0 10 6	0 10 6
25 "	Jno. Morris, " 73-1,730	0 10 6	0 10 6
27 "	M. M'Rae, Wooperana, 77-97	0 10 6	0 10 6
27 "	Helen Forsyth, " 75-124	0 10 6	0 10 6
28 "	J. F. Page, Tocumwal, 73-2,008	0 10 6	0 10 6
29 "	Jno. Morris, junr., Tocumwal, 73-1,729	0 10 6	0 10 6
30 "	Geo. Morris, " "	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	T. B. Carne, " 73-4,567	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	Chas. Peyton, " 73-9,244	0 10 6	0 10 6
31 "	Hy. Phillips, " 73-9,243	0 10 6	0 10 6
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	29 18 6

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 3rd day of July, 1879, the sum of twenty-nine pounds eighteen shillings and six pence sterling.
 (For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 J. McELHONE.

To be returned with the least possible delay.—A.G.
Q.B. Expenditure.

Treasury No. 347, 1 August, 1879.
Department of Audit, Sydney, 30 July, 1873.

Reference to the account.	Observation or query	Explanation or answer.
Vouchers. 16-109 16-110 16-111 16-112 16-113 16-136 1 paper 16-140 1 paper 16-151 1 paper 8 vouchers enclosed	Consolidated Revenue Fund. Pay Voucher, 3rd July, 1879. The following authorities are required, viz.:— J. McElhone, for J. H. Handsaker. A. G. Bloomfield, for Richards & Williams. W. Clark, for G. K. Clark. C. ROLLESTON.	Paymaster, 1st Aug.—G.E. Handsaker to McElhone received, and will be forwarded with general order. Richards & Williams to Broomfield was registered in Audit Office on 29/1/79. G. K. Clark to W. Clark now attached. J.H., 14/8/79. Treasury, B.C.—G.E., 19/8/79.

The Under Secretary Finance and Trade.
D.G. B., 19.—E.A.R.

The Auditor-General.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Pay Voucher No. 15,110.

Payable from Vote of Supply.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Place or District—Murrumbidgee. For the undermentioned services:—	Rate.	Amount.
1879.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 January	Macluska, Urana, 74-10,293	1 5 0	1 5 0
1 "	Macluska, N. Gunambil, 74-10,295	1 5 0	1 5 0
2 "	Green, Corcen, 74-8,237	1 5 0	1 5 0
2 "	Green, Corcen, 74-8,236	1 5 0	1 5 0
3 "	Price, Gordon, 75-101	1 5 0	1 5 0
3 "	Price, Gordon, 75-100	1 5 0	1 5 0
4 "	Jno. Jenny, Bunaga, 74-4,832	1 5 0	1 5 0
4 "	Robt. Green, Corowa, 74-7,917	1 5 0	1 5 0
6 "	Geo. Hy Tenny, Bunaga, 74-7,206	1 5 0	1 5 0
	Thos. Tenny, Bunaga, 74-2,060	1 5 0	1 5 0
7 "	Margt. Clifton Gray, 74-7,205	1 5 0	1 5 0
9 "	John Jeffreys, Lowe, 74-1,463	1 5 0	1 5 0
10 "	John Thompson, Bunaga, 77-57	1 5 0	1 5 0
11 "	M. O'Neill, Sandy Ridges, 74-10,415	1 5 0	1 5 0
13 "	Shelly, Turramia, 74-6,846	1 5 0	1 5 0
	Woodward, do., 75-214		
	M. A. Lear, do., 75-145		
	H. A. Haugh, do., 75-405	1 5 0	1 5 0
	Annie E. Haugh, do., 75-404		
	Wm. Oldbridge, do., 75-181		
	Jas. Goodwin, Mulwala, 74-7,720		
14 "	Geo. Hillas, do., 74-10,437	1 5 0	1 5 0
14 "	Jas. Hillas, do., 74-6,245	1 5 0	1 5 0
14 "	Tim. Murphy, do., 74-6,250	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	Hugh C. Sloane, do., 75-426	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	Lavinia Sloane, do., 75-423	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	James Sloane, do., 71-611	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	J. C. Turner, do., 73-9,297	1 5 0	1 5 0
15 "	Janet Sloane, do., 75-425	1 5 0	1 5 0
16 "	Annabella Sloane, do., 75-424	1 5 0	1 5 0
16 "	Lucy Sloane, do., 75-427	1 5 0	1 5 0
16 "	Alex. Sloane, do., 73-337	1 5 0	1 5 0
20 "	Levin, Wahgunyah, 74-5,804	1 5 0	1 5 0
20 "	Whitty, do., 76-98	1 5 0	1 5 0
20 "	Boyd, Nangmia, 76-130	1 5 0	1 5 0
20 "	Hay, do., 76-129	1 5 0	1 5 0
21 "	John Looney, Tocumwal, 73-11,374	1 5 0	1 5 0
21 "	Pat. Hennessy, do., 73-11,975	1 5 0	1 5 0
22 "	James Looney, do., 73-11,460	1 5 0	1 5 0
23 "	Wm. Jarvies, do., 73-1,164 and 11,976	1 5 0	1 5 0
24 "	Turner, do., 73-11,944	1 5 0	1 5 0
25 "	Jno. Morris, senr., 73-1,730	1 5 0	1 5 0
27 "	Margt. M'Rae, Woperana, 77-97	1 5 0	1 5 0
28 "	Page, Tocumwal, 73-2,008	1 5 0	1 5 0
29 "	Jno. Morris, junr., do., 73-1,729	1 5 0	1 5 0
30 "	Geo. Morris, do., 73-11,663	1 5 0	1 5 0
31 "	T. B. Carne, do., 73-14,567	1 5 0	1 5 0
31 "	Payten, do., 73-9,244	1 5 0	1 5 0
31 "	Phillips, do., 72-9,243	1 5 0	1 5 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	£30 0 0

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W. W. STEPHEN,

Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 3rd day of July, 1879, the sum of thirty pounds.

Authority to sign since seen.—D.G.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),

J. MCELHONE.

NEW

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 15,111.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of Supply, item No. of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Place or District—Murrumbidgee. For the undermentioned services :—			Rate.	Amount.
	C.P. No.	District.	Name of Selector.		
1879.					
16 February	72-6,586	Woperana	Johnson	25/	£ s. d. 1 5 0
17 "	70-1,141, 73-3,751-3,752	Tocumwal	Harrison	25/	1 5 0
18 "	77-15	Woperana	J. T. Pretious	..	1 5 0
19 "	76-145	Tongaboo	E. Fulton	..	1 5 0
19 "	76-28, 177	"	Alex. Fulton	..	..
20 "	76-208	"	J. W. Wheeler	..	1 5 0
21 "	76-192, 76-195	Gereldery	E. H. & W. Creed	..	1 5 0
22 "	78-46	Savernake	W. Hensman	..	1 5 0
24 "	77-95	Nanginia	W. Ford	..	1 5 0
25 "	76-96	"	G. Seymand	..	1 5 0
J. H. HANDSAKER.			Total	£	11 5 0

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W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

Received, on the 3rd day of July, 1879, the sum of £11 5s.
 Authority to sign since seen.—D.G.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 J. McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 15,113.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of Supply.
 Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina. For the undermentioned travelling expenses, as per authorized scale or per special authority :—	No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
1879.				
31 March	1 day, 77-115, 77-188	} 21.....	25/ ..	26 5 0
1 April	74-14,086			
2 "	75-139, 75-288			
3 "	74-6,546			
4 "	74-5,480, 74-5,479			
5 "	74-5,476, 74-5,477			
7 "	77-458			
8 "	77-71, 73-5,635, 72-7,629			
9 "	77-135, 77-134			
10 "	74-2,224			
11 "	74-9,651, 74-9,652			
12 "	74-9,649, 74-9,648			
14 "	74-12,649			
15 "	78-7			
18 "	76-6,978			
19 "	76-152, 74-9,445			
21 "	78-57			
23 "	74-7,938			
24 "	74-10,001			
25 "	74-12,067			
26 "	74-6,861			
J. H. HANDSAKER.			Total	£ 26 5 0

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W. W. STEPHEN,
 Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 3rd day of July, 1879, the sum of £26 5s.

Authority to sign since seen.—D.G.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 J. McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 15,112.

Head of Service.—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of Supply, Item No. of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Contingent Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-Head of Estimate.—Inspection of C.P.s.

Period of Service.	Claimant.—J. H. Handsaker, Murrumbidgee.	Rate.	Amount.
1879.	For the undermentioned:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
16 February	Thomas Johnson, Woperana, 72-1,586	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	J. Harrison, Tocumwall, 70-1,141	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	" " 73-3,751	0 10 6	0 10 6
17 "	" " 73-3,752	0 10 6	0 10 6
18 "	John T. Pictions, Woperana, 77-15	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Elizabeth Fulton, Tongaboo, 76-145	0 10 6	0 10 6
19 "	Alexander Fulton, " 76-177	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	E. H. Creed, Gereldery, 76-192	0 10 6	0 10 6
21 "	Wm. Creed, " 76-195	0 10 6	0 10 6
22 "	Wm. Hensmon, Savernake, 73-41	0 10 6	0 10 6
24 "	Wm. Ford, Nanjunic, 77-95	0 10 6	0 10 6
25 "	George Sycand, " 76-91	0 10 6	0 10 6
20 "	J. W. Wheeler, Tongaboo, 76-208	0 10 6	0 10 6
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	6 16 6

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W. W. STEPHEN.

Received, on the 3rd day of July, 1879, the sum of £6 16s. 6d. sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. McELHONE.

Authority to sign since seen.—D.G.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 15,240.

Head of Service.—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £29,100, item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.
 Contingent Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-Head of Estimate.—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant.—J. Handsaker.	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	For the supply of the undermentioned Articles or Services:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4 December	1 case. Finlay	0 10 6	0 10 6
5 "	2 cases. Wilson	0 10 6	1 1 0
6 "	1 case. Burrangong	0 10 6	0 10 6
7 "	1 " Osborne	0 10 6	0 10 6
9 "	3 cases. Mahonga and Urana	0 10 6	1 11 6
10 "	3 " Mahonga and Granville	0 10 6	1 11 6
11 "	2 " Granville	0 10 6	1 1 0
12 "	2 " "	0 10 6	1 1 0
13 "	2 " "	0 10 6	1 1 0
14 "	1 case. Wilson	0 10 6	0 10 6
16 "	3 cases. Urana and Piney Ridge	0 10 6	1 11 6
17 "	2 " Wilson	0 10 6	1 1 0
18 "	2 " "	0 10 6	1 1 0
20 "	3 " "	0 10 6	1 11 6
21 "	1 case. "	0 10 6	0 10 6
23 "	2 cases. North Gunambil	0 10 6	1 1 0
24 "	1 case. Hastings	0 10 6	0 10 6
27 "	1 " Buttherawa	0 10 6	0 10 6
28 "	1 " North Gunambil	0 10 6	0 10 6
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	17 17 0

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W. W. STEPHEN,

Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 4th day of July, 1879, the sum of seventeen pounds seventeen shillings sterling

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
JOHN McELHONE.

Since seen.—D.G. Authority to sign.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No, 15,582.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of Supply, item No. , of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Travelling Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina District.	No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
1879.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses :—			£ s. d.
28 April	Gibson, 74-13,055, 74-13,275, 75-30	26	25s.	32 10 0
29 "	Gombargna, 75-856, 74-3,003, 75-12			
30 "	Richmond, 74-10,038, 74-10,006			
30 "	Brocklesbury, 74-11,039			
1 May	" 74-3,892, 75-90, 74-11,796			
2 "	" 74-11,059, 74-8,252, 74-8,253, 74-8,254			
3 "	Morebringer, 74-13,980, 74-5,500, 74-4,659, 74-5,498, 74-3,895, 74-5,499.			
5 "	Morebringer, 74-13,746, 74-5,179			
6 "	" 74-3,792, 74-1,434			
	Howlong, 74-2,704			
7 "	Piney Range, 75-297, 75-398			
8 "	" 75-496, 75-497			
9 "	Walbandry, 75-77			
10 "	Piney Range, 74-5,491			
12 "	Brocklesbury, 76-170			
13 "	" 74-9,456, 74-772			
14 "	Morebringer, 77-52, 75-813			
15 "	Burrage, 74-8,797			
16 "	" and Lowes, 75-45, 75-1, 75-2, 74-6,244, 74-7925			
17 "	" 74-8,562			
19 "	" 75-66			
20 "	Gray, 74-11,042			
21 "	Lowes and Burrage, 74-1,462, 75-37			
22 "	Do do 76-94			
23 "	Parish unnamed, 73-2,996			
24 "	Granville, 75-626			
26 "	Mahonga, 73-4,183			
28 "	Osbonee, 78-45			
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total			£32 10 0

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W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Received, on the 8th day of July, 1879, the sum of £32 10s. sterling.

Witness—J. T. FARRAN.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),

WALTER WRIGHT.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 15,583.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of Supply, item No. of Appropriation Act of 1879.

Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina District.	Rate.	Amount.
	For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services:—		
1879.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
28 April	Gibson, 74-13,055		
28 "	" 74-13,275		
28 "	" 75- 30		
29 "	Gombargna, 75- 856		
29 "	" 74- 3,003		
29 "	" 75- 12		
30 "	Richmond, 74-11,038		
30 "	" 74-10,006		
30 "	Brocklesby, 74-11,039		
1 May	" 74- 3,892		
1 "	" 75- 99		
1 "	" 74-11,796		
2 "	" 74-11,059		
2 "	" 74- 8,252		
2 "	" 74- 8,253		
2 "	" 74- 8,254		
3 "	Morebringer, 74-13,980		
3 "	" 74- 5,500		
3 "	" 74- 4,659		
3 "	" 74- 5,498		
3 "	" 74- 3,895		
3 "	" 74- 5,499		
5 "	" 74-13,746		
5 "	" 74- 5,179		
6 "	" 74- 8,792		
6 "	" 74-14,434		
6 "	Howlong, 74- 2,704		
7 "	Piney Range, 75- 297		
7 "	" 75- 398		
8 "	" 75- 496		
8 "	" 75- 497		
9 "	Walbundry, 75- 77		
10 "	Piney Range, 74- 5,491		
12 "	Brocklesby, 76- 170		
18 "	" 74- 9,456		
13 "	" 74- 772		
14 "	Morebringer, 77- 52		
14 "	Brocklesby, 75- 127		
15 "	Bunaja, 74- 8,797		
16 "	" 75- 45		
16 "	Loves, 75- 1		
16 "	" 75- 2		
16 "	Bunaja, 74- 6,244		
16 "	" 74- 7,925		
17 "	" 74- 8,562		
19 "	" 75- 66		
20 "	Gray, 74-11,042		
21 "	Loves, 74- 1,462		
21 "	Loves and Bunaja, 75- 37		
22 "	" 76- 94		
23 "	Parish unnamed, 73- 2,996		
24 "	Granville, 75- 626		
26 "	Mahonga, 73- 4,183		
28 "	Osborne, 78- 45		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	£28 7 0

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W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Received, on the 8th day of July, 1879, the sum of twenty-eight pounds seven shillings sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
WALTER WRIGHT.

Witness—J. T. FARRAN.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 20,925.

Head of Service—Lands—Supply 1878.

Payable from Vote of Advance £250.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—			£ s. d.
October 2.....	1 day, Yanko	}	25s.	30 0 0
" 3.....	" "			
" 4.....	" "			
" 5.....	" "			
" 7.....	" "			
" 8.....	" "			
" 9.....	" "			
" 10.....	" "			
" 12.....	" "			
" 14.....	" "			
" 15.....	" "			
" 16.....	" as per telegram			
" 17.....	" "			
" 19.....	" C.P. 76-71, Hardie			
" 21.....	" " 76-194, Birigan.....			
" 22.....	" 74-11-610, Narrow Plain; 73-11,007, Palmer.....			
" 23.....	" Mathong... ..			
" 24.....	" Tooranganong, C.P. 78-16			
" 25.....	" Coreen, W., 75-482, 75-483.....			
" 26.....	" 74-6,859; 75-481.....			
" 28.....	" Piney Ridge, 74-5,877, 5,874, 5,875, 5,876.....			
" 29.....	" Piney Ridge			
" 30.....	" Warundah			
" 31.....	" Boree Creek			
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	24	£30 0 0

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W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 25th day of August, 1879, the sum of thirty pounds sterling.

JOHN McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Supply, 78.
Pay Voucher No. 20,924.

Head of Service—Lands.

Payable from Vote of £1,782, 7th March, 1879. Item No. 304 of Appropriation Act of 1878.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses, as Inspector of Conditional Purchases:—			£ s. d.
August 30	1 day.....	24	25s.	
" 31	"			
Sept. 2	"			
" 3	"			
" 4	"			
" 5	"			
" 6	"			
" 9	"			
" 10	"			
" 11	"			
" 12	"			
" 13	"			
" 16	"			
" 17	"			
" 18	"			
" 19	"			
" 20	"			
" 21	"			
" 23	"			
" 24	"			
" 25	"			
" 27	"			
" 28	"			
" 30	"			
	Less first instalment in payment of advance of £50			30 0 0 10 0 0
J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total.....	£		20 0 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 25th day of August, 1879, the sum of twenty pounds sterling.

JOHN McELHONÉ.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 20,926.

Head of Service—Lands.

Payable from Vote of Advance £250, Supply 1878.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount
1878.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—			£ s. d.
2 November	C.P. 74-903	19	25s.	23 15 0
4 "	" 74-894			
5 "	" "			
6 "	" 74-5,482			
7 "	" 74-5,474, 5,475			
8 "	" 74-5,472			
9 "	" 74-5,484, 5,487			
11 "	" 74-5,489, 5,490			
12 "	" 74-11,581			
13 "	" 73-7,593, 1,343			
14 "	" 73-4,503			
15 "	" 76-37			
18 "	" 76-242			
19 "	" 73-5,631			
20 "	" 73-1,184, 1,183, 12,889, 1,182			
21 "	" 75-271, 272, 74-6,854, 75,325			
22 "	" 75-117			
23 "	" 75-118			
25 "	" 73-9,274, 9,275, 9,276, 9,217			
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total			£23 15 0

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W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 25th day of August, 1879, the sum of £23 15s. sterling.

JOHN McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 20,927.

Head of Service—Lands.

Payable from Vote of Advance £250.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
1878.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—			£ s. d.
4 December	C.P.—75-99	19	25s.	23 15 0
5 "	" 73-6,730, 73-20			
6 "	" 73-588			
7 "	" 76-41			
9 "	" 74-7,559, 7,567, 73-8,124			
10 "	" 74-7,560, 73-7,805, 8,124, 8,127			
11 "	" 74-6,408, 6,049			
12 "	" 73-6,990, 8,050			
13 "	" 75-146, 146			
14 "	" 75-5,633			
16 "	Court of Inquiry, Urana			
17 "	C.P.—74-4,841, 4,842			
18 "	" 75-206, 73-6,979			
20 "	" 74-14,248, 14,250, 73-7,289			
21 "	" 74-14,251			
23 "	" 74-10,009, 73-4,979			
24 "	" 75-2			
27 "	" 77-38			
28 "	" 74-6,710			
	Less £10, second instalment of advance of £50	10 0 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total			£13 15 0

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W. W. STEPHEN.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 25th day of August, 1879, the sum of £13 15s. sterling.

JOHN McELHONE.

NEW

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 29,169.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £32,400, item No. 340 of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Contingent Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant.—J. H. Handsaker.	Rate.	Amount.
	For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services:—		£ s d.
3 September	A. M'Phoe, Stanley, 78- 104		
4 "	Bridget Kerwen, Goolgumbla, C.S. 25,984		
4 "	Katherine Kerwen, " 76- 77		
5 "	S. Martin, " 76- 99		
5 "	Jno. Blair, Waloona, C.S. 25,984		
5 "	Jas. Blair, " 76- 75		
5 "	Wm. Blair, " 76- 76		
6 "	Sarah Thompson, Waloona, C.S. 25,984		
6 "	Wm. Thompson, " " " " " "		
6 "	M. W. Thompson, Goolgumbla, 76- 32,147		
6 "	Wm. Taylor, " " " " " "		
8 "	Maliche Foley, Yanko South, 76- 226		
8 "	Jane Jackson, Yanko, 76- 86		
8 "	Wm. Jackson, " 76- 85		
9 "	Hy. English, " C.S. 25,984		
9 "	Ed. English, " 79- 30		
9 "	Giles Daniels, " 76- 83		
10 "	Mulholland, " C.S. 25,984		
10 "	R. M'Keown, " 79- 29		
10 "	J. K. M'Keown, " 79- 31		
10 "	Wm. Arnold, " C.S. 25,984		
10 "	H. H. Arnold, " 76- 321		
11 "	Ellen Meander, Waloona, C.S. 25,984		
11 "	Jno. Pearse, " 76- 36		
11 "	Thos. Beveridge, Yanko, C.S. 25,984		
12 "	Jno. Neylon, Waloona, " 25,984		
12 "	Pat. Neylon, " 76- 95		
12 "	Michl. Neylon, " 76- 96		
12 "	J. Anderson, Yanko South, C.S. 25,984		
12 "	Jane Holmewood, " " " " " "		
12 "	A. Anderson, " " " " " "		
13 "	J. Underwood, Argoon, " " " " " "		
15 "	Margt. Ann Bryne, Waloona, 76- 363		
15 "	Wm. Walden, sen., Yanko South, 77- 9		
15 "	J. Walden, junr., " C.S. 25,984		
15 "	Wm. Walden, " " " " " "		
15 "	C. Streeter, " " " " " "		
15 "	Alex. Ross, " " " " " "		
16 "	Jas. Nesbitt, Coleambally " " " " " "		
16 "	Jno. Ross, " " " " " "		
16 "	Wm. Ross, " " " " " "		
16 "	Jas. Walker, Yanko South, " " " " " "		
16 "	Saml. Moore, " " " " " "		
16 "	Rt. Ross, Coleambally, " " " " " "		
16 "	Jno. Snodgrass, Colcambally, " " " " " "		
16 "	Jas. Ross, " " " " " "		
17 "	J. H. E. Kendall, Yamma, " " " " " "		
17 "	Geo. Anderson, Yanko South, " " " " " "	10s. 6d.	49 7 0
17 "	Angus Robertson, " " " " " "		
17 "	" " " " " " 73- 1,136		
17 "	" " " " " " 73- 1,135		
17 "	" " " " " " 73- 1,134		
17 "	" " Douglas, C.S. 25,984		
17 "	Peter Robertson, Betts, 74- 6,467		
17 "	D. Sheriff Robertson, Betts, 74- 6,466		
17 "	Thos. Kaenan, Yamma, C.S. 25,984		
17 "	J. Lowe, Howell, 73- 11,361		
18 "	Joshua J. Fisher, Waugh, C.S. 25,984		
18 "	B. B. Bennett, " " " " " "		
18 "	Geo. Robertson, " " " " " "		
18 "	Jno. M'Caffrey, Colkmanen, 76- 3		
18 "	Thos. M'Caffrey " 76- 2		
18 "	Thos. Tranter, Wilson, C.S. 25,984		
18 "	Geo. Smith, Colkmanen, " " " " " "		
18 "	James Wyse, Yamma, " " " " " "		
18 "	Barbara A. Wyse, " " " " " "		
19 "	A. Nixon, Waugh, 73- 11,465		
19 "	— Underwood, Waugh, 76- 184		
19 "	A. Micales, Howell, 76- 181		
20 "	Robt. Ratke, Waugh, 78- 37		
20 "	Geo. Moffatt, " 74- 13,678		
20 "	C. Micales, Bingegong, C.S. 25,984		
22 "	Robt. Branyon, Waugh, " " " " " "		
22 "	Wm. Gardiner, " 74- 12,071		
22 "	G. F. Dunstan, " C.S. 25,984		
23 "	Hugh Finn, Colkmanen, 76- 21		
24 "	Michl. Kennady, Bingegong, C.S. 25,984		
24 "	Ann Harrington, " " " " " "		
24 "	Stephen Kennedy, Bingegong, 77- 114		
24 "	John Kennedy, " 75- 66		
24 "	Jos. Harrington " C.S. 25,984		
24 "	" " " " A.C.P. " " " " " "		

Pay Voucher, No. 29,169—*continued.*

Date or Period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
1879.			
25 September	Geo. Day, Howell, C.S. 25,984		£ s. d.
25 "	Peter Carroll, Howell, " "		
25 "	Jos. Framfelder, " "		
26 "	Thos. Harrington, Bingeong, " "		
26 "	Wm. Dunn, " 75- 70		
27 "	Thos. Harrington, " C.S. 25,984		
27 "	Ellen Harrington, " " "		
27 "	Morris Carroll, " " "		
29 "	Jas. M'Innerhenry, " 74- 1,725		
29 "	Jno. Burns, " 74- 1,726		
29 "	Jno. Adams, " 74- 1,727		
29 "	Jno. Webb, " 74- 1,728		
	J. H. HANDSAKER. 94 cases. Total.....		£49 7 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to John McElhone, Esq., Sydney.

Received, on the 20th day of November, 1879, the sum of forty-nine pounds seven shillings sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 29,352.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote £32,400, item No. 340 of Appropriation Act of 1879.

Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.	Rate.	Amount.
1879.	For the undermentioned services:—		
21 July	Jno. Newbourne, Widgiewa, 76-176	} 10s. 6d.	£ s. d.
22 "	T. G. Warren " 75-80		
23 "	Mary Ann Quin, Piney Ridge, 75-111		
23 "	Margaret Quin " 75-109		
23 "	Jerry Quin " 75-249		
23 "	Patk. Quin " 75-110		
24 "	Geo. Sutton " portion 76		
26 "	J. Williams " 74-10,633		
26 "	Hy. Williams " 75-95		
26 "	Thos. Williams " 75-47		
26 "	Jas. Williams " 75-48		
	J. H. HANDSAKER. 11 cases. Total.....		£5 15 6

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A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Jno. McElhone, Esq., Sydney.

Received, on the 21st day of November, 1879, the sum of five pounds fifteen shillings and six-pence sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 30,377

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £32,400, Item No 340 of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-Head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.

Period of Service.		No of days.	Rate.	Amount
	Claimant—G. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling services, as per authorized scale or per special authority.			£ s. d.
1879.				
3 June	C. D. Howard, Morebringer, 76-50, 75-947, Portion 14-69-1,115			
3 "	Ellen Howard, do 74-7,911, 7,912			
4 "	Court of Inquiry, Corowa			
5 "	Do do do			
9 "	Mary McVean, Morebringer, 77-145			
10 "	J. H. Cameron, Kentucky, 77,148			
11 "	Rosetta Gibbs, 74-14,433			
12 "	J. D. O'Sullivan, 74-32, 76, Geo. Rose, 74-9,106			
13 "	Catherine Fagan, Bulgundry, 74-12,857½			
14 "	Mary Ryan, Nemyabla, 75-283, 75-261			
14 "	Henry Williams, Bookory, Telegram 74-10,634			
16 "	Martin Matchuska, Urana, 75-65			
16 "	Thomas Quin, Brokong (Saw-mills)			
23 "	Court of Inquiry, Urana			
24 "	Ed. Kellen, Bolton, Telegram 76-44, Wm. Wilson Kelly, Telegram 76-45			
24 "	Annie Hune, do 76-46			
24 "	Thomas Mills, do 76-43, James Mill, Telegram 76-47			
24 "	S. C. Quinn, do 76-43			
24 "	J. Moran, do Sarah Quin Telegram			
24 "	Ellen Thomas, do 76-27			
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Cases.....	24	10 6	£12 12 0

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 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Jno. McElhone, Esq., Sydney.

Received, on the 4th day of December 1879, the sum of twelve pounds twelve shillings, sterling.
 (For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 JOHN McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 30,377 A.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £32,400, item No. 340 of Appropriation Act of 1879.
 Contingent Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services:—	Rate.	Amount.
1879.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4 Aug.	E. H. Brett, North Jerilderie, 75-159		
4 "	P. H. Brett " C.S., 25,984		
"	S. M'Loughlin " " "		
5 "	Lilly Russ, Bolton, 74-12,818		
5 "	Hy. Russ " 74-12,820		
5 "	A. A. Russ " 74-12,821		
5 "	A. P. Russ " 74-12,819		
5 "	A. Russ " 74-12,822		
5 "	A. Russ " C.S., 25,984		
5 "	Thos. Russ " 74-13,858		
5 "	Thos. Russ " C.S., 25,984		
7 "	Margt. Sexton " 76-90		
7 "	Do " C.S., 25,984		
8 "	J. Rawson " 76-33		
8 "	A. Faulkner " C.S., 25,984		
8 "	Jno. Lloyd " C.S., 25,984		
8 "	C. F. Thrupp, Wilson, 74-13,918		
8 "	F. Thrupp, Bolton, 74-13,925		
8 "	Peter Campbell, Bolton, 75-237		
8 "	Sarah Cruthers " 75-236		
9 "	Will. Innes, Nouraine, C.S., 25,984		
11 "	Ewan Cameron, Broome, 75-15		
12 "	J. Monahan, Hardie, C.S., 25,984		
11 "	Geo. Buchanan, Broome, C.S., 25,984		
12 "	R. R. Ross, Hardie " "		
12 "	J. Connors " " "		
12 "	P. Connell " " "		
12 "	J. Mallon " 75-176		
12 "	C. Mallon " C.S., 25,984		
12 "	S. Mallon " 75,175		
12 "	E. M. Mallon " C.S., 25,984		
12 "	Wm. Mallon " 75-177		
12 "	Rebecca Matchett, Nouraine, 74-11,595		
13 "	Jno. Norman, Yathong South, C.S., 25,984		
14 "	Geo. Knight " 75-464		
14 "	Do " 76-53		
15 "	D. M'Intyre, Jerilderie, 78-90		
15 "	Mary Williams, Bolton, 75-72		
15 "	Maud Williams " 75-73		
18 "	Catherine Kindlan, Thurrova, C.S., 25,984		
18 "	" " " 25,984		
18 "	Dani. Kindlan " " 25,984		
19 "	Sarah O'Shea " C.P., 76-332		
19 "	D. O'Shea " C.S., 25,984		
20 "	Jno. Mitchell " " 25,984		
20 "	" " " 25,984		
20 "	Jane Trainor " " 25,984		
20 "	Fanny D'Arcy " 76-845		
20 "	My. Ann Mitchell " 72-3,245		
20 "	Margaret Mitchell " 72-6,772		
26 "	C. N. Cavery, Wilson and Bolton, 75-226 & 227		
27 "	Dond. Murray, Wilson, 78- 89		
28 "	T. Woods " 76-101		
28 "	D. W. Johnie " 76-100		
28 "	J. Turner " 76- 11		
29 "	C. Roberts, Wood, C.S., 25,984		
30 "	Wm. Attree " " 25,984		
30 "	Do " 25,984		
30 "	M. A. Harte, Wilson, 77-106		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total.....£	30 19 6

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A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Jno. McElhone, Esq., Sydney.

Received, on the 4th day of December, 1879, the sum of thirty pounds nineteen shillings and six-pence sterling.
 (For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 JOHN McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 30,377 B.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £32,400, item No. 340 of Appropriation Act of 1879.

Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker.		
	For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services :—		£ s. d.
1879.			
1 October	Thomas Richards, Waugh	74- 254	
1 "	" " C.S., Waugh	25,984	
2 "	C. H. White,	73- 73	
3 "	Albert Mason, " C.S.,	25,984	
3 "	Thomas Spenser, "	25,984	
4 "	J. Wakely, Bingegong,	25,984	
6 "	Lawrence Brennan, Bingegong,	78- 32	
6 "	Johanna Brennan, " C.S.,	25,984	
6 "	Edward Brennan, "	25,984	
6 "	Martin Brennan, "	25,984	
7 "	William Beard, Betts,	76- 305	
7 "	James Innes, "	76- 138	
8 "	Susan M'Kinnon, " C.S.,	25,984	
8 "	William M'Kinnon, "	76- 124	
8 "	Alex. M'Kinnon, "	76- 15	
8 "	Mary Jane M'Kinnon, "	75- 25	
9 "	James Hamilton, Colombo, C.S.,	25,984	
10 "	John Martin, " "	25,984	
11 "	David Jenkins, " "	25,984	
11 "	Robert Jenkins, " "	25,984	
13 "	Wm. Barry, " "	25,984	
14 "	Thos. Corbett, Betts, C.S.,	25,984	
15 "	C. M'Laughlan, Nouranie,	74- 888, 74-1,119, 1,724 & 2,543	43 @ 10s. 6d. 22 11 6
15 "	Jas. Weir, Betts,	76- 140	
16 "	" Bingegong, C.S.,	25,984	
16 "	" " "	25,984	
17 "	A. J. Sutcliffe, Betts,	25,984	
17 "	J. A. Cochrane, Widgiewa,	25,984	
18 "	James Moore, Morundah South,	25,984	
20 "	Pat. Boylan, "	25,984	
21 "	J. Pike, Betts,	25,984	
21 "	" " "	76- 69	
21 "	J. M'Donald Stuart, Morundah South.	76- 351	
22 "	Jos. Weir, Colombo, C.S.,	25,984	
22 "	" " "	25,984	
22 "	" Betts, "	25,984	
22 "	" " "	25,984	
22 "	" " "	25,984	
23 "	" Coonong	76- 239	
25 "	Michl. M'Donald, Colombo,	77- 71	
29 "	Wm. Brown, Goolgamble,	76- 37	
30 "	St. Wilson, Jerclerie,	75- 3a	
30 "	Thos. Chapman, Cooen West,		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total..... £	22 11 6

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A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to John McElhone, Esq., Sydney.

Received, on the 4th day of December, 1879, the sum of twenty-two pounds eleven shillings and sixpence sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
JOHN McELHONE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher, No. 20,449.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,850; item No. 350 of Appropriation Act of 1880.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of C.P.s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
1880.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
7 February	Urana, Gombargna, 1		
11, 12, 13	Gombargna, Gray, and } 3		
14, 15, 16, 17, 18...	Burruga, } 5		
19	Burruga, Corowa, 1		
24, 25, 26, 27	Corrowa, Lake & Waugh, 4		
28	Waugh, Howell, 1		
	— 15 —	1 5 0	18 15 0
	34 cases reported upon. Progress Report, 80-18,367.		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	18 15 0

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A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Order attached.

Received, on the 13th day of August, 1880, the sum of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. B. DURHAM.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 28 July, 1880.

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at this office; particulars are given in margin. Should you desire the amount paid into a bank you will please state so, and further, if the money is to be transmitted to a branch you will have the kindness to give the name of the place. If you should make the amount payable to an individual, you will please direct such person to call at or communicate with this office.

An order is attached at foot which you can fill up in accordance with the above instructions and return this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,

J. D. CRONIN,

(For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

The Honorable The Treasurer,—

I hereby authorize the sum of £18 15s. due to me at the Treasury to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Inspecting C.P.s.
Feb., 1880.
£18 15s.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 22,964.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
Payable from Vote of £29,850, item No. 350 of Appropriation Act of 1880.
Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
Sub-head of Estimate—Conditional Sales.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina District. For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services :—	Rate.	Amount.
1880.			£ s. d.
7 February	79-79. Gombargua, Jacob Leische		
7	76-55. " "		
11	75-34. Gray, David Clifton		
11	75-35. " (transferred to W. Clifton)		
11	74-9,439. " W. A. Clifton		
11	75-104. " Mary Clifton		
12	74-1,078. " Thos. Clifton, senr.		
12	74-1,077. " T. Clifton, junr.		
12	20. " Arthur Clifton		
12	24. " "		
12	76-153. " Margt. Clifton to W. A. Clifton		
12	76-154. " W. A. Clifton		
13	75-117. " J. D. Jeffery		
13	75-121. " "		
13	75-118. Burraja, Thos. Gill		
13	75-30. " R. Buchanan		
13	74-12,640. " M. A. T. Brown		
13	271-66-2,642 Burraja, Wm. Thompson		
13	237-69-519. " "		
13	75-362. " "		
14	75-119. " Thos. Gill		
14	118. " "		
14	74-12,513. " Eliza J. Carson		
14	74-12,582. " "		
14	75-33. " R. H. Hickson		
16	77-70. Gray, John Leighton		
16	74-4,343. " Owen Conroy		
16	75-105. " Pat. Conroy		
16	77-36. " "		
16	70-531. Burraja, John Robinson		
16	70-1,619. " "		
16	75-89. " "		
16	75-115. " Alice Robinson	64 @ 10s. 6d.	33 12 0
16	75-52. " Harriet Robinson		
17	76-23. " S. Barnes		
17	76-182. " "		
17	73-759. " J. W. Thompson		
17	74-8,789. " Jas. Buchanan		
18	74-1,450. " Jno. Brown		
18	75-26. " C. B. R. Perrett		
18	" J. Norman		
18	71-203. " "		
19	74-2,061. " Thos. Jenny, junr.		
19	78-3. " J. W. Darby		
19	76-136. Corowa, B. Macartney		
26	Lake, A. A. Jackson (transferred to Pascoe Fenwick, 58-5-25 ; thence to J. J. Wakely, 45 and 75).		
26	78-68. Lake, C. T. Heywood		
26	74-79. " Fred. Watts		
26	76-15. " R. Johnson, thence to J. J. Wakely		
26	75-51. " R. Johnson		
27	78-70. " R. Meadows		
27	78-67. " H. C. Heywood		
27	76-12. " Jno. Callaghan		
27	281. " J. J. Wakely		
27	39, 40, and 41. Waugh, Robt. Flemming		
27	156. Waugh, Robt. Flemming		
27	157. " "		
28	76-179. " Howell, Jno. Monks		
28	76-288. " Edwin Monks		
28	76-178. " C. J. Monks		
28	22 and 28. Betts, Jas. Franks		
28	107. Colombo, T. W. Bull		
28	76-382. " S. A. Bull		
28	120 and 121. Colombo, Jno. Carroll		
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total.....£		33 12 0

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A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of N. S. Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 10th day of September, 1880, the sum of £33 12s. sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. B. DURHAM.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to J. H. Handsaker, Esq.

1880—March..... £8 5 0 Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales.

April..... 30 0 0

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at this

Travelling expenses.. 36 5 0 office. Particulars given in margin.

Should you wish the amount paid into a bank you will please state so, and further, if the money is to be transmitted to a branch you will have the kindness to give the name of the place.

If you should make the amount payable to an individual, you will please direct such person to call at or communicate with this office.

An order is attached at foot, which you can fill up in accordance with the above instructions and then return this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,

J. D. CRONIN,
(For the Under Secretary for Finance).

The Honorable the Treasurer,—

I hereby authorize the sum of £36 5s., due to me at the Treasury, to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher, No. 23,770.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,850, item No. 350 of Appropriation Act of 1880.

Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-Head of Estimates—Conditional Sales.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.		Rate.	Amount.
1880.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina district.		
	For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services:—		£ s. d.
18 March	76-235. Howell, D. M'Lennan	} 17, 1b 10s. 6d.	
18 "	76-308. Colkmanan, J. R. Cooke		
18 "	76-319. " H. J. Cooke		
18 "	51-52 and others, Nov. 2/76. Crommelin, Jas. Cooke		
18 "	76-317. Crommelin, J. M'Leish		
18 "	76-306. Colkmanan, N. H. Whitelow		
20 "	774. Bingecong, Jas. Brennan		
31 "	79- 10. Morundah, Jno. Rudd		
31 "	75- 8a. " "		
31 "	91. " Geo. Shearswith		
31 "	75- 93. " Transferred to Geo. Rudd		
31 "	79. " R. Logan		
31 "	74-6,955. " Rose Caine		
31 "	75- 94. " Sarah M. Cain		
31 "	75- 87. " John Rudd		
31 "	75- 86. " James Rudd		
31 "	75-250. " Isaac Rudd		
31 "	79- 10. " John Rudd		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total..... £	8 18 6

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A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 21st day of September, 1880, the sum of £8 18s. 6d. sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. B. DURHAM.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina. For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services:—	Rate	Amount.
			£ s. d.
1880.			
1 April	79-41,39 Rand, Murdock McKenzie		
1 "	79-40,38 " Thos. McKenzie		
3 "	79-47 " C. J. M'Bride		
3 "	78-100 Urana, Hy. Culver		
5 "	75-27 " M. A. Cameron		
5 "	75-26 " Ann Cameron		
5 "	75-31 " John Cameron		
5 "	75-29 " Angus Cameron		
5 " Portion	62-30 " Cathorine Cameron		
5 "	60-28 " C. Maria Cameron		
5 "	92-32 " Ellen Cameron		
5 "	93-33 " Mary Cameron		
5 "	94-34 " Jessie Cameron		
5 "	97-35 " Jane Cameron		
6 "	75-247 " Donald M'Donald		
6 "	75-14 " C. Hy. F. Kohn		
8 "	200 " Hy. L. Culley		
12 "	75-167 " E. L. Framfelder		
12 "	75-168 " J. L. Framfelder		
12 "	73-5,535 " Fred. Micales		
12 "	74-13,234 " Mary A. Framfelder		
12 "	74-13,235 " Fred. Micales		
13 "	79-25 " Jno. Goldsmith		
13 "	79-24 " Wm. Goldsmith		
14 "	76-7 " Andrew Brown		
14 "	A. C. P., May 13, 75-92 Urana, Jno. Alexander		
14 " Portion	30, Mar. 11, 75-353 " Mary E. Gleeson		
14 "	31, April 29, 75-78 " " "		
14 "	4, July 3, 73-6,713 " Danl. Clancey		
15 "	75-102 Urana, Hy. M'Coy		
15 "	75-103 " Wm. M'Coy		
15 "	75-100 " Chas. Kirby		
15 "	75-98 " F. J. Kirby		
15 "	75-99 " Frank Kirby		
15 "	75-101 " Jane Kirby		
15 " Portion	3 " R. W. Kirby	70, @ 10s. 6d.	36 15 0
15 "	78-80 " F. J. Kirby		
16 "	74-6,705 " Willm. Holker		
16 "	75-298 " " "		
16 " Portion	70, Mar. 30, 76 Urana, Timothy Ryan		
16 "	75-672 " Michl. Ryan		
17 "	74-1,046 " Eliza J. Lerong		
19 "	75-1A " James Verdon		
19 "	75-19 " John Verdon		
19 "	75-36 " Pat. Verdon		
19 "	75-20 " W. J. Verdon		
21 "	75-111 " Mary Ann Quinn		
21 " Portion	76 " Thos. Quinn (transferred to Geo. Sutton, thence to Jeremiah Quinn).		
22 "	75-90 " C. J. C. Peek		
22 "	A C.P. 159 " " "		
22 "	75-88 " H. Fitz. E. Peek		
22 "	89 " Carl F. A. Peek		
22 "	A C.P. 76-4 " " "		
22 "	370 " " "		
23 "	73-10,327 " E. Smith		
23 "	74-4,289 " " "		
26 "	75-76 " M. Domeschang		
26 "	75-4A " A. Jos. M'Culloch		
26 "	79 " Fanny E. M'Culloch		
26 " 17-6-75	7 " Eva E. Smith		
26 " 17-1-75	6 " F. C. Smith		
26 " 15-6-76	76-72 " W. H. Smith		
26 " 12	76-131 " W. H. Smith		
27 " 30-3-76	" W. C. Jackson		
28 "	75-241 " Anna J. Munroe		
28 "	75-149 " W. Thos. Munroe		
28 "	75-239 " D. G. Munroe		
28 "	75-240 " D. M'C. Munroe		
28 "	75-238 " Geo. Alex. Munroe		
29 "	78-36 " William Tucher		
J. H HANDSAKER.		Total.....	£ 36 15 0

I hereby certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 21st day of Sept., 1880, the sum of £36 15s. sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. B. DURHAM.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Inspecting C.P.S. { March, 1880 £3 18 6
April " 36 15 0

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sept. 7, 1880.

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at £45 13 6 this office. Particulars are given in the margin.

Should you desire the amount paid into a bank you will please state so; and further, if the money is to be transmitted to a branch you will have the kindness to give the name of the place.

If you should make the amount payable to an individual, you will please direct such person to call at or communicate with this office.

An order is attached at foot, which you can fill up in accordance with the above instructions and then return this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,

J. D. CRONIN,

(For Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

The Honorable the Treasurer,—

I hereby authorize the sum of £45 13s. 6d., due to me at the Treasury, to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. HOWARD HANDSAKER.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 31,205.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,850; item No. 350 of Appropriation Act of 188.

Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Conditional Sales Division.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—	Rate.	Amount.
1880.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
18 March	Howell, Colkmanan, and Crommelin—2 days } 60 miles To Bingegong 1 day } Bingegong, Morrunda South..... 2 days 65 "		
19 "			
20 "			
29 and 31 March			
	5	1 5 0	6 5 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	£	6 5 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been carefully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. BLACKMAN, for Chief Commissioner.

CHARLES OLIVER,
Head of the Department.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 21st day of December, 1880, the sum of six pounds five shillings, sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. R. DURHAM.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher, No. 31,206.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £29,850; item No. 350 of Appropriation Act of 1880.

Travelling Expenses.—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Conditional Sales Division.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses, as per authorized scale or per special authority.	No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
1880.				
1 April	Momah, S. Rand	7	25s.	£ s. d.
2 "	Do			
3 "	Do			
5 "	Do			
6 "	Do			
8 "	Do			
10 "	Raud, Bookong				3	25s.	30 0 0
12 "	Do			
13 "	Do			
14 "	Bookong	2	25s.	30 0 0
15 "	Urangeline			
16 "	Urangeline, Wallandool	1	25s.	30 0 0
17 "	Wallandool, Mahonga	1	25s.	
19 "	Mahonga to Lake and	2	25s.	30 0 0
21 "	Piney Ridge			
22 "	Do	5	25s.	30 0 0
23 "	Do			
24 "	Do			
26 "	Do			
28 "	Piney Range	3	25s.	30 0 0
29 "	Browne			
30 "	Cromelin			
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total.....	24	£ 30 0 0

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 29/11/80

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. BLACKMAN, for Chief Commissioner.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 21st day of December, 1880, the sum of thirty pounds sterling.

(For J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. E. DURHAM.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to J. H. Handsaker, Esq.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 25 August, 1880.

I beg to inform you that an order in your favour is payable at this office. Particulars given in margin.

Should you desire the amount paid into a Bank you will please state so; and further, if the money is to be transmitted to a branch, you will have the kindness to give the name of the place. If you make the amount payable to an individual, you will please direct such person to call at or communicate with this office.

An order is attached at foot, which you will fill up in accordance with the above instructions and then return this paper to the Treasury.

I am, &c.,

J. D. CRONIN,

(For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

The Honorable the Treasurer,—

I hereby authorize the sum of £33 12s., due to me at the Treasury, to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

J. HOWARD HANDSAKER,
Urana.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 10,693.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d.; item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses, Inspector C.P.

Period of Service	Places visited.	No. of days	Rate.	Amount.
1879.	Claimant.—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses, as per authorized scale:—			£ s. d.
21 July	Bolton to Widgiewa	2	25s.	6 5 0
22 "	"			
23 "	Widgiewa to Piney Ridge	3		
24 "	"			
26 "	"			
	J. H. HANDSAKER. Total	5	...	6 5 0

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.
 CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of six pounds five shillings sterling.

(p. J. HANDSAKER),
 J. ALF. MANNING.

Witness—(p. G. H. Holmes) J. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 10,694.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from vote of £434 19s. 6d.; item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses, Inspector C.P.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—		No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
	From	To			£ s. .
1879.					
3 June	Piney Range	Morebringer	1	25s.	16 5 0
4 "	Morebringer	Corowa	2		
5 "	Court of Inquiry		1		
9 "	Corowa	Morebringer	1		
10 "	Morebringer	Kentucky	1		
11 "	"	"	2		
12 "	"	"	1		
13 "	Kentucky	Bulgandry	1		
14 "	Bulgandry	Munyabla	1		
16 "	Munyabla	Brokong, Telegram	1		
17 "	Brokong	Urana	1		
23 "	Court of Inquiry, Urana	"	1		
24 "	Urana	Bolton, Telegram	1		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	13	...	16 5 0

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.
 CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of sixteen pounds five shillings sterling.

Order attached.

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),
 J. G. MANNING.

Witness—(p. G. H. Holmes) H. H. BROWN & Co.

To the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,—

Scone, 14 April, 1881.

I hereby authorize the amount of two hundred and fifty-one pounds one shilling and sixpence, payable to me at the Colonial Treasury, New South Wales, for services performed in Riverina District as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, to be paid on my behalf to J. H. Brown & Co., 21 Exchange Buildings.
£251 1s. 6d.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Colonial Treasurer,—

Sydney, 19 April, 1881.

Please pay bearer, Mr. J. A. G. Manning, the amount, £251 1s. 6d., due Mr. Handsaker.

H. H. BROWN & CO.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., Sydney.

Gentlemen,

Thompson Creek, Scone, 14 April, 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of both your letters of the 11th and 12th instant, and return you authority signed. It does not require a witness; the signature is known at the Treasury.

Kindly remit me cheque on the Commercial Bank when you receive it from Treasury, and oblige

Your obedient servant,

J. H. HANDSAKER.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 10,695.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.
Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d., Item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses of Inspectors.

Period of Service,	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—	No. of days.	Rate.	Amount
1879.				
1 October	Waugh	3	25s.	£ s. d. 28 15 0
2 "	"			
3 "	"			
4 "	" to Bingegong	2		
6 "	"	2		
7 "	Bingegong to Betts			
8 "	"	4		
9 "	Betts to Colombo			
10 "	"	2		
11 "	"			
13 "	"	1		
14 "	Colombo to Morundah and Betts			
15 "	"	1		
16 "	Betts to Bingegong			
17 "	Bingegong to Betts and Widgewai	1		
18 "	Widgewai to Morundah and	3		
20 "	" Betts			
21 "	"	3		
22 "	Morundah to Colombo, Betts, and Coonong			
23 "	"	1		
25 "	"			
29 "	Colombo to Goolgumbra	1		
30 "	Goolgumbra to Jerelderie	1		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	23			25/	28 15 0
	Total			

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81.

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of twenty-eight pounds fifteen shillings sterling.

p. J. H. HANDSAKER,

J. A. G. MANNING.

WITNESS—(p. G. H. Holmes) J. A. G. Manning.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 10,696.

Head of Service.—Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d., Supplementary Estimates 1879 of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling Expenses of Inspectors.

Period of Service.	Claimant.—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina District. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—		No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
	From	To			£ s. d.
1879.					
31 October	Bolton.....	Yathong South.....	1	} 25s.	21 5 0
4 November	"	At "	1		
5 "	"	"	1		
6 "	"	Caruarney	1		
7 "	Yathong S.....	Burrangong	} 3		
8 "	"	"			
10 "	"	"			
11 "	Burrangong	Walbundrie	1		
12 "	Walbundry.....	Yambia	} 3		
13 "	"	"			
14 "	"	"			
17 "	Court of Inquiry	Albury	1		
18 "	Albury.....	Finlay	1		
26 "	Finlay	Gombargna & Gibson	} 2		
27 "	Gibson.....	Brocklesby			
28 "	"	"	1		
29 "	Brocklesby.....	Richmond.....	1		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	17		21 5 0

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81.

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of £21 5s. sterling.

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),

J. A. G. MANNING.

Witness.—(p. G. H. Holmes) J. A. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No., 10,697.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Supplementary Estimates, 1879.

Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d. Item No. of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling expenses, Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses of Inspectors.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—		No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.
	From	To			
1879.					£ s. d.
December 1.....	Richmond.....	Brocklesbury, Kentucky, and Gombargana.	1	} 25s.	23 15 0
" 2.....	} Gombargana.....	} Richmond.....	} 5		
" 3.....					
" 4.....					
" 5.....					
" 6.....	} Richmond.....	} Brocklesby.....	} 5		
" 8.....					
" 9.....					
" 10.....					
" 11.....	} Brocklesbury.....	} Hindmarsh.....	} 1		
" 12.....					
" 13.....	} Hindmarsh.....	} Lowes and Corowa.....	} 2		
" 15.....					
" 16.....	} Corowa.....	} Hardie.....	} 2		
" 17.....					
" 18.....	} Hardie.....	} Thurrowa.....	} 1		
" 19.....					
" 20.....	} Hardie.....	} Thurrowa.....	} 1		
" 21.....					
" 22.....	Thurrowa.....	Curren.....	1		
			19		
Specially approved,—J. H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81.					
J. H. HANDSAKER.					Total.....£ 23 15 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of twenty-three pounds fifteen shillings sterling.

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. A. G. MANNING.

Witness—

(p. G. H. Holmes),
J. A. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands. Pay Voucher No. 10,698.
 Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d., item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation
 Act of 1881.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling Expenses of Inspectors.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses :—		No of days.	Rate.	Amount
	From.	To.			
1879.					£ s. d.
4 August	Piney Ridge	Jerelderie ..	2	} 25s.	21 5 0
5 "		Jerelderie ..	Bolton .....			2
7 "	Bolton	Nouramie ..	1		
8 "	Nouramie ..	Broome	1		
9 "	Broome	Hardie	1		
11 "	Hardie	South Yathong ..	2		
12 "	S. Yathong ..	N. Jerelderie ..	1		
13 "	Jerelderie ..	Yathong	1		
14 "	Yathong	Thorowa	2		
15 "	Thorowa	Bolton	1		
18 "	"	"	1		
19 "	Bolton	Wilson	1		
20 "	Wilson	Thulkie	1		
25 "	Specially approved,—J. H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81. J. H. HANDSAKER.				
26 "	Total.....		17	25s.	£21 5 0
27 "					
28 "					

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.
 CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of twenty-one pounds five shillings.

Witness—(p. G. H. Holmes),
 J. A. G. MANNING.

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),
 J. A. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands. Pay Voucher No. 10,699.
 Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d., item No. Supplementary Estimates 1879, of Appropriation
 Act of 1881.
 Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Conditional Sales.

Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned services:—				Rate.	Amount.
Date or Period of Supply or Service.	C.P. No.	District.	Name of Selector.		
1879.					
1 December	75-13a	Bucklesby	H. C. Boyd		£ s. d.
"	74-132	"	"		
"	75-8a	"	J. McFarlane		
"	75-196a	Richmond	John Baker		
2 "	74-913	Kentucky	H. C. Howard		
"	73-1,687	"	J. T. Alexander		
"	73-1,674	"	"		
"	75-34a	Gombargna	E. A. Howard		
"	76-144	"	"		
"	75-33a	Richmond	S. A. Howard		
"	76-34	"	"		
"	75-16	"	Fred. Howard		
"	75-150	"	J. Howard, junr.		
"	78-63	"	"		
"	75-28a	"	"		
"	75-17	"	G. J. Howard		
"	75-149	"	"		
"	75-35	"	"		
4 "	75-72 & 73	"	R. Howard		
"	75-21a	"	W. Howard		
"	66-77	"	"		
"	76-119	"	"		
"	76-126	"	"		
5 "	74-7,906	"	G. F. Howard		
"	75-211	"	"		
"	75-31a	"	George Howard		
"	74-6,255	"	G. Carnes to R. M'Gorman		
"	76-9	"	R. Smith, junr.		
"	75-140	"	George Hall		
6 "	78 106	"	O. Whitehead		
"	75-26	"	E. Schnog		
"	78-103	"	W. Graeber		
8 "	78-105	"	Jas. Grogan		
"	75-16a	Brocklesbury	R. Kinna		
"	75-17a	"	John Matthews		
"	74-7,722	"	Jas. Deven		
"	75-18a	"	"		
"	76-103	"	"		
"	75-88	"	P. Shanahan		
"	75-89	"	"		
"	76-8	"	"		
"	75-1a	"	James Campbell		
"	76-105	"	"		
"	76-51	"	R. to D. Campbell		
9 "	76-1	"	F. A. Maxwell		
"	A.C.P. 119	"	W. Maxwell		
"	75-131	"	A. E. Price		
"	75-430	"	E. A. Price		
"	70	"	"		
"	77-82	"	"		
"	75-198	"	F. A. Maxwell		
"	199	"	"		
"	76-132	"	"		
10 "	75-38a	"	W. Gagie		
"	75-85	"	G. R. Parnaby		
"	75-84	"	George Ellis		
11 "	75-180	"	Henry Burrows		
"	181	"	Sophia Burrow		
"	87	"	Thos. Burrow		
"	12a	"	Robt. Gagie		
"	15a	"	"		
"	22a	"	"		
"	76-129	"	Thos. Burrow		
12 "	75-93	"	A. Hannel to T. Berry		
"	74-4,886	"	Jos. Perry		
"	64-6,732	"	"		
"	75-173	"	W. D. Perry		
18 "	133	Hindmarsh	Alex. Seby		
"	77-91	"	"		
"	75-934	Brocklesby	W. F. Middleton		
"	943	"	"		
"	76-83	"	"		
"	76-142	"	"		
15 "	76-70	Lowes	J. Kirkup		
"	57	"	E. Edols		
"	78-92	"	Violet Edols		
16 "	73-5,375	"	George Howell		
"	74-10,857	Corowa	Hy. Dye		

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Pay Voucher No. 10,699—*continued.*

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	C.P. No.	District.	Name of Selector.	Rate.	Amount.
1879.					
19 December	75-175	Hardie	Sarah Mallen		
"	178	"	E. M. Mallen		
"	176	"	James Mallen		
"	177	"	William Mallen		
20 "	72-6,772	Thorrova	Mary Mitchell		
22 "	74-6,861	Coreen	R. O'Brien		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.		Total—84 @ 10/6	£ ...	44 2 0

Appd.—J.H., 7/8/80.

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana. Order attached to voucher for £16 5s.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of forty-four pounds two shillings sterling.

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. A. G. MANNING.

Witness—

(p. G. H. Holmes),
J. A. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 2,788.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £134 19s. 6d., item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation Act of 1881.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses of Inspectors.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. For the undermentioned travelling expenses:—		No. of days.	Rate.	Amount.		
	From	To					
1879.							
3 Sept.	Kulkie	Stanley	1	25s.	£ s. d. 30 0 0		
4 "	Stanley	Goolgumbra and Walooma	3				
5 "		Goolgumbra	Yanco South			3	
6 "			"				
8 "	Yanco South	Walooma	2				
9 "		"					
10 "	Walooma	Argoon	1				
11 "		Yanco South	1				
12 "	Argoon	Coleambally	1				
13 "		Yamma and	1				
14 "	Douglass Betts	Yanco South	1				
15 "		"					
16 "	Yanco	Waugh	3				
17 "		"					
18 "		"					
19 "	Waugh	Colkmanon	1				
20 "		Bingegong	1				
21 "	Bingegong	Howell	5				
22 "						Bingegong and Waugh	
23 "		"					
24 "		"					
25 "		"					
26 "	J. H. HANDSAKER.		Total			24	30 0 0

Specially approved,—J.H., Minister of the Crown, 27/4/81

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received, on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of thirty pounds sterling.

Witness,—(p. G. H. Holmes),

(p. J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. A. G. MANNING.

J. A. G. MANNING.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 2,789.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d.—Item No. , Supplementary Estimates, 1879—Appropriation Act of 1881.
 Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Conditional Sales.

Date or period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Riverina District. For the supply of the undermentioned Services:—				Amount.
	Portion.	District.	Name of Selector.	Rate.	
1879.					
Sept. 27.....	83-130, 132, 133, & 134	Bingegong.....	Hy. Taylor.....		} 22 11 6 10s. 6d. each
Oct. 31.....	76- 219	Bolton.....	J. M. Cillen.....		
" 31.....	76- 223	Yanko South.....	R. M'Dowal.....		
" 31.....	76-99 & 100	Yathong South.....	George Graham.....		
" 31.....	76-92 & 93	".....	Martin Graham.....		
Nov. 4.....	76- 346	".....	Fredk. Edwards.....		
" 4.....	76- 353	".....	John Clarke.....		
" 4.....	76- 356	".....	James Evers.....		
" 4.....	76- 220	Caruarney.....	J. M'Grogan.....		
" 4.....	76- 76	".....	".....		
" 5.....	76- 337	Yathong South.....	Ellen Quin.....		
" 5.....	74- 727	".....	Mary Brennan.....		
" 5.....	74-12832	".....	Caroline Brennan.....		
" 5.....	12833	".....	J. T. Brennan.....		
" 6.....	75- 221	".....	J. Cohen, thence to Wilson.....		
" 6.....	223	".....	Jno. Norman.....		
" 6.....	{ 101 & 102 } 76- 64	".....	".....		
" 10.....	73- 6,448	Burrangong.....	R. V. Looker.....		
" 10.....	74- 7,709	".....	A. J. Looker.....		
" 10.....	75- 42	".....	John Walker, thence Gell.....		
" 11.....	76- 23	Walbundrie.....	Mary Murphy.....		
" 14.....	75- 304	Yambla.....	James Mitchell.....		
" 18.....	75- 5a	Finlay.....	Archibald Crawford.....		
" 26.....	75-914 & 23	Gombargna.....	John Quirk.....		
" 26.....	Por. 22	Gibson.....	Eliza Quirk.....		
" 26.....	21	".....	Margt. Quirk.....		
" 26.....	75- 132	".....	M. Quirk to Grace Quirk.....		
" 26.....	76- 69	".....	Grace Quirk.....		
" 27.....	31	Brocklesby.....	Pat. Cosgrove.....		
" 27.....	150	".....	".....		
" 27.....	225	".....	".....		
" 27.....	52	".....	J. Elliott to P. Cosgrove.....		
" 27.....	75- 136	".....	Thomas Cosgrove.....		
" 27.....	75-Urana 140	Gibson.....	Thos. Dunleary.....		
" 27.....	138	".....	Mary Dunleary.....		
" 27.....	141	".....	Houora Dunleary.....		
" 28.....	75- 25a	Brocklesby.....	J. B. Shepard.....		
" 28.....	75-Corowa 90	".....	H. C. Shepard.....		
" 28.....	76- 23	".....	".....		
" 29.....	75- 177	Richmond.....	Erskine Bank.....		
" 29.....	75- 178	".....	T. S. Banks.....		
" 29.....	76- 66	".....	T. S. Banks.....		

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Bank of New South Wales, Urana.

Received on the 2nd day of May, 1881, the sum of twenty-two pounds eleven shillings and six-pence sterling.

(Pro J. H. HANDSAKER),
J. A. G. MANNING.

Witness—R. G. H. Holmes.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £100,000; item No. 201 of Appropriation Act of 1880.
 Contingent Expenses.—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Fees for Inspection of C.P.'s.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Riverina. For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services.				Rate.	Amount.
	C. P. No.	Date of Selection.	District.	Name of Selector.		
1 May	76- 371	30 Nov., 1876	Urana, Widgiewa	John Williams	25 @ 10/6 each.	13 2 6
"	75- 83	6 May, 1875	Wagga Wagga	J. Berryman		
"	75- 84	" "	Urana	Jane Moffatt		
"	73-12,204	20 Nov., 1873	"	Angus Moffatt		
"	76- 280	26 Oct., 1876	Bingegong	C. F. Framfelder		
"	76- 201	19 " "	"	Minnie Micales		
3 "	79- 46	17 July, 1879	Yamma	P. Currie		
"	77- 25	" "	"	T. J. Kennedy		
"	79- 41	19 June, 1879	"	Thos. Keenan		
4 "	76- 115	" "	South Corree	John Morris		
"	78- 94	24 Oct., 1878	Booroobanilly	Pat. Kean		
"	78- 63	5 Sept., 1878	"	W. W. Magill		
"	78- 87	10 Oct., 1878	Urana	W. Robertson		
"	78- 76	19 Sept., 1878	"	Hy. Salmon		
"	79- 1	9 Jan., 1879	"	"		
"	79- 5	" "	"	"		
"	77- 77	28 June, 1877	"	Alex. Wilson		
"	77- 95	30 " "	"	"		
"	77- 98	13 Sept., "	"	"		
"	77- 63	17 May, "	"	S. Parker Wilson		
"	79- 19	10 April, 1879	"	James M'Grogan		
"	75- 23	28 June, 1875	"	Robert Murdech		
"	73- 5,968	" 1873	"	John Shackleton		
"	76- 189	19 Oct., 1876	"	Henry Jones		
"	76- 180	" "	"	Thomas Hayes		
J. H. HANDSAKER.				Total	...	13 2 6

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
For the Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to H. H. Brown & Co., Sydney.

Received on the 22nd day of May, 1881, the sum of thirteen pounds two shillings and sixpence sterling.
 (For J. H. HANDSAKER),
 H. H. BROWN & CO.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 20,753-81.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £100,000—Item No. 201 of Appropriation Act of 1880.
 Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Travelling expenses of Inspectors Conditional Purchases.

Period of Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina District. For the undermentioned Travelling Expenses :—		Approximate distance travelled daily.	No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
	From	To				
1880.						£ s. d.
1 May	Urana	Widgiewa, Bingegong, and Morundah	70	7	25s.	8 15 0
2 "			Bingegong .....				Yamma .....	10
3 "	Yamma	Corce	65			
4 "	Corce	Jerilderie and Carnarrie	45			
5 "	Carnarrie	Widgiewa, Watt, and Kendall	40			
6 "	Kendall	Howell	35			
7 "	Howell	Urana	50			
8 "	Total number of days .....		...				7	25s.	8 15 0
	J. H. HANDSAKER.	Total	8 15 0

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to H. H. Brown & Co., Sydney.

Received on the 22nd day of August, 1881, the sum of eight pounds fifteen shillings sterling.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

H. H. BROWN & CO.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Pay Voucher No. 54.

Head of Service—The Minister for Lands.
 Payable from Vote of £434 19s. 6d., item No. Supplementary Estimates, 1879, of Appropriation Act of 1881.
 Contingent Expenses—Department of Lands.
 Sub-head of Estimate—Inspection of Conditional Purchases.

Date or Period of Supply or Service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker, Riverina. For the supply of the undermentioned Articles or Services.				Rate.	Amount.
	C. P. No.	Date of Selection.	District.	Name of Selector.		
1879.						£ s. d.
3	69- 2,836	29 July, 1869	Urana	G. J. Howard	} 5 at 10s. 6d.	2 12 6
3 "	68- 1,878	30 " 1868	Corowa	J. Howard, jun.		
3 "	75- 150	23 Sept., 1875	"	"		
4 "	71- 3,467	21 " 1871	"	C. J. Morgan		
20 "	72- 3,425	13 Jan., 1872	Urana	John Mitchell		
	J. H. HANDSAKER.			Total		2 12 6

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

CHARLES OLIVER.

W. BLACKMAN,
 For the Chief Commissioner.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to H. H. Brown & Co., Sydney.

Received on the 12th day of September, 1881, the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence sterling.

J. H. HANDSAKER,
 Per H. H. BROWN & Co.
 Per H. H. NORTON.

The Accountant, Department of Lands, to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co.

No. 81-36,558 C.S.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1881.

Order attached.
A 2d. duty stamp
will be required.

I am to inform you than an account for the sum of £2 12s. 6d, in favour of J. H. Handsaker, and payable to yourselves or order, awaits payment in this Department.

On applying for payment be good enough to produce this communication.

I have, &c.,

H. V. HARRIS, Accountant,
(For the Under Secretary).

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

I HEREBY authorize the amount of £2 12s. 6d., payable to us at the Department of Lands, New South Wales, for inspection fees of J. H. Handsaker, to be paid on our behalf to Mr. Herbert Norton.
£2 12s. 6d. H. H. BROWN & Co.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Land Sales.

Pay Voucher No. 22,601-81.

Head of Service—Minister for Lands.

Payable from Vote of £100,000, Item No. 210 of Appropriation Act 1880.

Contingent expenses—Department of Lands.

Sub-head of Estimates—Travelling Expenses of Inspectors Conditional Purchases.

Date or period of supply or service.	Claimant—J. H. Handsaker. Riverina. For the supply of the undermentioned services.				Rate.	Amount.
	C.P. No.	Date of selection.	District.	Name of selector.		
1880.						£ s. d.
14 February	76- 5,320	— April, 1876.....	Corowa	J. Jeffrey	} 3 at 10s. 6d.	1 11 6
17 "	73- 8,122	7 Aug., 1873.....	"	J. W. Thompson ...		
17 "	10,177	25 April, "	"	"		
			J. H. HANDSAKER.			

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct, that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

W. BLACKMAN,

For the Chief Commissioner.

CHARLES OLIVER.

I hereby authorize the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to H. H. Brown & Co., Sydney.

Received on the 12th day of September, 1881, the sum of one pound eleven shillings and sixpence sterling.

J. H. HANDSAKER.

Per H. H. BROWN & CO.

Per H. H. NORTON.

The Accountant, Department of Lands, to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co.

No. 81-36,557 C.S.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1881.

Order attached

I am to inform you that an account for the sum of £1 11s. 6d. in favour of J. H. Handsaker, and payable to yourselves or order, awaits payment in this Department. On applying for payment be good enough to produce this communication.

I have, &c.,

H. V. HARRIS, Accountant,
(For the Under Secretary).

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 81/36,557 C.S.

I HEREBY authorize the amount of £1 11s. 6d., payable to me at the Department of Lands, New South Wales, for inspection fees of J. H. Handsaker, to be paid on my behalf to Mr. Herbert Norton.

£1 11s. 6d.

H. H. BROWN & CO.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

APPENDIX.

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1883-4.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 65. TUESDAY, 4 MARCH, 1884.

15. THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which J. H. Handsaker was appointed Acting Inspector of Conditional Purchases; and also upon the circumstances under which the salary, or any part of it, of the said J. H. Handsaker was paid to John McElhone, Esquire, one of the Members for The Upper Hunter.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Targett, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Moses, Mr. Day, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Copeland, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
- And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 86. THURSDAY, 17 APRIL, 1884.

4. THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER:—Mr. Melville, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 4th March, 1884; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
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1883-4.

THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 4th March, 1884,—“with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which J. H. Handsaker was appointed Acting Inspector of Conditional Purchases; and also upon the circumstances under which the salary, or any part of it, of the said J. H. Handsaker was paid to John McElhone, Esquire, one of the Members for The Upper Hunter,”—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list and considered the evidence, find:—

- (1.) That a contested election took place for the Upper Hunter Electorate during the month of June, 1875, the candidates being Thomas Hungerford, Esq., and John McElhone, Esq., and that during the said contest John McElhone, Esq., first became acquainted with J. H. Handsaker and Thomas Handsaker, and that J. H. and Thomas Handsaker were employed by John McElhone, Esq., as paid canvassers at the rate of 30s. (thirty shillings) per diem.
- (2.) That on or about the 10th day of July, 1875, John McElhone, Esq., lent to J. H. Handsaker the sum of £100 (one hundred pounds), bearing interest at the rate of 9 (nine) per cent. per annum, and that J. H. Handsaker gave John McElhone, Esq., a promissory-note for twelve months as security.
- (3.) That a second contested election took place for the Upper Hunter Electorate during the month of August, 1875, when Thomas and J. H. Handsaker were employed as paid canvassers, in the interest of John McElhone, Esq., at the rate of 30s. (thirty shillings) per diem.
- (4.) That on or about the 12th day of July, 1875, J. H. Handsaker selected 240 acres of land, immediately adjoining land held and owned by John Henry Davies, paying the deposit £60 out of the £100 lent to him by John McElhone, Esq., M.P.

(5.)

- (5.) That John McElhone, Esq., M.P., applied in the following terms to the late Hon. Richard Driver, Minister for Lands :—

(No. 1.)

Sir, Sydney, 12 May, 1877.
Enclosed I have the honor to forward you an application from Mr. James Howard Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, applying for the appointment of C.P. Inspector.

If the Government intend to appoint any more Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as an honorable man, in every way qualified to fill the appointment, and know him to be a steady, sober man, who would do more work in one month than six of the present Inspectors.

Although an educated man he has been compelled to obtain his living by all sorts of bush work, and is therefore well qualified to value all sorts of improvements on selections. He at present holds a selection in the Scone district.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Secretary for Lands :—To be noted.—R.D., 15 May, 1877.
Mr. Thompson,—Note in application-book.

and to the Hon. Thomas Garrett, Minister for Lands :—

(No. 2)

Sir, Sydney, 3 September, 1877.
Some time since I had the honor to recommend Mr. James Howard Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, to the Honorable Richard Driver, for employment as a Conditional Purchase Inspector, and also to forward an application from him to Mr. Driver for employment as above.

If any new appointments of Conditional Purchase Inspectors are about to be made I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker for an appointment of Conditional Purchase Inspector. He is well educated, and a steady, sober, honest man, and well up in the value of improvements, as he has for some time been a contractor for such work as fencing, dam and well-sinking, and hut-building in the country, and also well able to value ploughing, clearing, and stumping; and as he is a practical farmer I shall be pleased to hear of his obtaining an appointment as Conditional Purchase Inspector, if any appointments are made.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

Minute on No. 2.

By the Minister for Lands :—Submit this application when the question of filling up of next vacancy occurs.—T.G., 5/9/77.

and to the Hon. J. S. Farnell, Minister for Lands :—

Sir, Sydney, 4 March, 1878.
I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. J. H. Handsaker, of Thompson's Creek, Scone, applying for the situation of temporary Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as a man well qualified in every way to perform the duties pertaining to the office, having been a contractor for all sorts of bush work.

I understand that several temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases will have to be appointed to do arrears of work. I shall be pleased if Mr. Handsaker receives one of the appointments.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

and in consequence of such applications, J. H. Handsaker was temporarily appointed as Inspector of Conditional Purchases by the Minister for Lands on the 28th day of May, 1878.

- (6.) That on the various dates, from the 3rd day of July, 1879, to and inclusive of 4th December, 1879, by authority given by J. H. Handsaker, John McElhone, Esq., M.P., drew from the public Treasury the sum total of £330 17s. 6d., forwarded to J. H. Handsaker and Mrs. Handsaker the total sum of £196 7s., refunded to Treasury the sum of £2 10s., and retained the sum of £100 for repayment of loan which he advanced to J. H. Handsaker, and the sum of £32 0s. 6d. for interest on said loan, thus accounting for the total sum of £330 17s. 6d.

(7.)

- (7.) That on the dates of John McElhone, Esq., M.P., applying for the appointment of J. H. Handsaker, there was due by Mr. Handsaker the original loan of £100 and two years interest.
- (8.) That at the time J. H. Handsaker was appointed there was a lien upon the selection by one Little, as security for debts incurred, and that J. H. Handsaker, shortly after his appointment, transferred all his interest in the selection to his brother, Thomas Handsaker.
- (9.) That the reasons assigned by J. H. Handsaker for applying for and accepting the appointment was that he was in pecuniary difficulties, in consequence of severe losses arising from various causes.
- (10.) That J. H. Handsaker appeared before your Committee in such a state of intoxication as to necessitate the adjournment of the Committee to another day.

2. Your Committee are of opinion that the evidence of Messrs. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., J. Wilshire, J.P., J. H. Davies, J.P., J. Sullivan, and Dr. Creed, establishes the fact that the intemperate habits of J. H. Handsaker, before his appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases and during his tenure of office, rendered him an unfit and improper person to receive such appointment.

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman.

*No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 17th April, 1884.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Melville,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Targett.

Mr. Melville called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That Mr. J. H. Handsaker, Mr. Thomas Handsaker, and Dr. Creed be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Wednesday, 19 March, 1884, at *Eleven o'clock.*]

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Melville in the Chair.

Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burns.	

Mr. Thomas Handsaker called in, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Burns objected to the mode of examination.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Witness recalled, and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Dr. John Mildred Creed called in, sworn and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. James Howard Handsaker called in, sworn and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That C. N. J. Oliver, Esq., J. D. Cronin, Esq., and Mr. J. H. Handsaker, be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Friday next, at 11 o'clock.]

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Melville in the Chair.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Day.

James D. Cronin, Esq. (*Paymaster at the Treasury*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* the original vouchers of Mr. J. H. Handsaker, also authority of Mr. Handsaker for Mr. McElhone to receive moneys due to him.

Witness withdrew.

C. N. J. Oliver, Esq. (*Under Secretary for Lands*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* papers in the case of Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. James Howard Handsaker called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Joseph Carroll, Esq. (*Accountant*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *handed in* a statement of account between Mr. McElhone and Mr. Handsaker, drawn from Mr. McElhone's ledger, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix A*), and also *produced* the ledger.

Witness withdrew.

William Blackman, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That George O'Malley Clarke, Esq., A. O. Moriarty, Esq., and Victor Cohen, Esq., be summoned, and John McElhone, Esq., M.P., be requested, to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at *Eleven o'clock.*]

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Melville in the Chair.

Mr. Day,	|	Mr. Burns,
Mr. William Clarke,	|	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Merriman.		

Clerk laid before the Committee a claim for expenses by Mr. J. H. Handsaker for £9 3s.

Resolved,—That the sum of £9 3s. be allowed to Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

George O'Malley Clarke, Esq., S.M., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

John McElhone, Esq., M.P., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in promissory-notes dated 10 July, 1875, and July 16, 1875, respectively, which were ordered to be appended. (*See Appendices B1 and B2.*)

Witness withdrew.

Victor Cobon, Esq. (*Accountant, Lands Department*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in copy of a Report he had written for the information of the Under Secretary for Lands,—in reference to certain statements made by Mr. Handsaker in a letter to the *Evening News*—which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix C.*)

Witness withdrew.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Thursday, 3 April, 1884, at *Eleven* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Melville,	|	Mr. Day.
In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.		

FRIDAY, 4 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Melville,	|	Mr. Copeland.
In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.		

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Melville in the Chair.		
Mr. Moses,	|	Mr. Burns,
Mr. William Clarke,	|	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Merriman.		

Chairman handed in a declaration made by Mr. James Wilshire in reference to Mr. J. H. Handsaker, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix D.*)

John H. Davies, Esq., J.P., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. John Sullivan called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. J. J. Lawler called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Clerk laid before the Committee claims for expenses from Thomas Handsaker, J. H. Davies, and John Sullivan.

Resolved,—That the following sums be allowed :—Thomas Handsaker, £1 14s., J. H. Davies, £10 1s. 8d., and John Sullivan, £3 18s.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Thursday, 17 April, 1884, at *Eleven* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Melville in the Chair.

Mr. Burns,	|	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Targett.		

Mr. Burns called attention to certain questions standing in his name which he had asked at the request of Mr. McElhone, and which he wished should be so printed.

Committee deliberated, and decided that it would be irregular to recognize the interference of any stranger with the proceedings of the Committee.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH, 1884.

Present:—

MR. MELVILLE,	MR. MERRIMAN,
MR. DAY,	MR. W. CLARKE,
MR. BURNS,	MR. FARNELL,
MR. MOSES,	MR. COPELAND.

NINIAN MELVILLE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thomas Handsaker called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] About what date did you first become acquainted with Mr. McElhone? I cannot recollect the date; it was at the time he put up as a Member the first time.
2. That was in June, 1875. Mr. Hungerford was a candidate for the Upper Hunter, and Mr. McElhone opposed him. That was the first time you became acquainted with him? Yes.
3. Did you take any part in that election at all on that occasion? Very little.
4. What do you call very little;—did you take any part at all? I voted for Mr. McElhone.
5. Did you assist him in any other way? No.
6. Did you canvass for him? I went about with my brother; my brother was canvassing for him.
7. You are quite sure your brother was canvassing? Yes.
8. Did Mr. McElhone gain the election on that occasion? No, I do not think he did on that occasion.
9. Do you remember any other occasion after that when Mr. McElhone contested an election? Yes, shortly after.
10. Was Mr. McElhone successful on the second occasion? Yes.
11. Did you take any part in the second election? No.
12. None at all? I acted as scrutineer for Mr. McElhone on the second occasion.
13. Do you not think that is taking part in the election? Certainly.
14. Did you do anything else;—did you attend meetings or canvass? I might have attended meetings, but not to take any active part.
15. You swear you did not endeavour to induce people to assist you in securing Mr. McElhone's election? No, I will not swear that; possibly I did speak to some, but not to many.
16. Why did you tell us you did not take any part. Had you selected any land at that time? Me and my brother selected between us.
17. Where was the land you selected situated? At Thompson's Creek.
18. Was it then in the possession of anybody for pastoral purposes? It was in the possession of a person named Worrard.
19. In what way had he possession of it? He had it on a prelease, I believe.
20. What was Mr. Worrard; was he a free selector or a squatter? I could hardly define what he was. He had ground which he had selected, and he had more ground. I do not know how he became possessed of the other ground.
21. *Mr. Day.*] Whose run was he on? He joined Mr. Davis's run.

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22. Whose run was it? He was renting some land from some gentleman.
23. *Mr. Burns.*] Was Mr. Davis a squatter? Yes.
24. And this land adjoined his? Yes.
25. You do not know whether the person who held the land you selected, was a squatter or a selector? I think he was a small squatter.
26. *Chairman.*] Was Mr. Worrard a free selector or a squatter? I suppose he may be termed a squatter; I believe he was both.
27. *Mr. Day.*] What was the name of his run? I never heard it.
28. To your knowledge, did Mr. Worrard or Mr. Davis take any part in this election? Not to my knowledge.
29. *Chairman.*] Do you recollect the date of your selection, the date on which you made the selection? No, I do not.
30. Do you recollect the year? I think it was in 1874 or 1875; I am not sure which.
31. *Mr. Clarke.*] Was it the year of the election? I believe it was in June the selection was taken up, but I cannot say what month the election was held. It was the same year, I believe.
32. *Chairman.*] Will you swear it was not between the first and second election? No, I cannot swear that; I cannot recollect whether it was or not.
33. Will you swear it was not in the month of July, 1875?
[*Mr. Burns objected to the mode of examination. Witness withdrew. Committee deliberated. Witness recalled.*]
34. *Chairman.*] With regard to this selection—I want to fix the date, if I can. Was the selection made about the 22nd July, 1875? I think that was the date; I am not certain about it.
35. What money did you pay, and in what way did you pay it, at the Lands Office, when the selection was made? £60, I think.
36. How did you pay it—in notes, gold, or cheques? In notes. My brother paid it.
37. Were you there when your brother paid it? Yes, I was in the office.
38. Did you during the month of July, 1875, you, and your brother conjointly, or your brother separately, receive on loan a sum of money from Mr. McElhone? I did not.
39. You did not? No.
40. Do you know if the £60 paid for the land was part of a loan made to your brother? Yes.
41. What was the total amount of money which your brother borrowed and from whom? He borrowed £100 from Mr. McElhone.
42. About the time the selection was made? Yes.
43. Do you know what security he gave for that money, or whether he gave any? A pro-note, I believe.
44. Did you give your brother any security for the £30 which would be your share of the selection money—you were jointly interested? No, I did not.
45. Did you go into possession of this selection, you and your brother? Yes.
46. How long did you remain in possession? About four years.
47. And you then disposed of it. When did you receive your appointment on the Railway? Twelve months ago last February.
48. Did your brother give you a half share in this ground without any responsibility for the payment? I would have been a great deal better without the share.
49. Did your brother give you a half share in the selection without any responsibility for the £60 that was paid for it? Yes, he did.
50. *Mr. Burns.*] Was the selection made in your brother's name? Yes.
51. *Chairman.*] As a matter of fact, you have not paid any portion of the £60? No.
52. You were about during the elections in 1875, both of them—one in June and the other in August—mixing with the public when they were taking place? Yes.
53. You had an opportunity of observing your brother's conduct? Yes.
54. Did your brother take any part in Mr. McElhone's interest? Yes, he canvassed for Mr. McElhone.
55. On both occasions? Yes.
56. At the time of these elections, when you had an opportunity of observing your brother's demeanour, was he steady and sober in his habits? Yes.
57. During these elections? Yes.
58. Did you ever see him the worse for liquor? Yes.
59. Did you see him the worse for liquor during the elections at any time? No.
60. After the elections? No, nor after the elections not till after he had left his appointment; after he left his appointment I saw him when he was not sober; after he quitted the appointment I have seen him tipsy.
61. You are quite sure you never saw him tipsy during the elections or before he received the appointment? Before he received the appointment I have seen him so, but it was some time before the elections.
62. The elections were some time previous to the appointment? Certainly.
63. What I want to ask is this:—During the time of the elections, and up to the time of his receiving the appointment, did you ever see him the worse for liquor? No, I cannot recollect that I did.
64. Do you know if for this £100 lent to your brother there was any interest to be paid? Yes.
65. What amount? 9 per cent.
66. When you took this joint selection up on Mr. Worrard's pre-lease, did it interfere at all with his business that he was carrying on, taking this land from him? No, except the loss of the ground.
67. What use was he putting this ground to when he selected it? Grazing sheep upon it.
68. Do you know if any part of that £100 was paid while you were in joint possession of the selection? Paid back, do you mean?
69. Yes? Not to my knowledge.
70. Do you know if any part of it has been paid back? I believe it is all paid. My brother told me so in his letters.
71. How did he pay it back;—in what way? I do not know.
72. Did he say in his letters in what way he paid it. I do not mean in notes or gold;—was it paid back while you were on the selection? I was on the selection, I believe, when it was paid back.
73. You remained in possession of the selection when your brother went out as conditional purchase inspector? Yes; I put the improvements on it.

74. Do you know whether the money was paid back out of your brother's salary? It must have been, I think. Mr. T.
Handsaker.
75. Did your brother, in any of the letters he wrote to you, say it was paid back out of his salary? No; he never told me how it was paid back. 19 Mar., 1884.
76. Could you fix the time your brother wrote and told you it was paid back? No.
77. Do you think it was paid back in the year 1879? I could not fix the date.
78. You know the year your brother was out as a conditional purchase inspector? No.
79. It was in the year 1879 he was out as inspector of conditional purchases; can you fix in your mind whether it was paid during that year? It was paid while he was out.
80. With 9 per cent. interest? With 9 per cent. interest.
81. Did Mr. McElhone ever have any conversation with you about the matter? No. I do not know when I saw him last—it is a long time ago.
82. The loan was absolutely to your brother, for which you were in no way responsible, and your brother paid it back? Yes.
83. You paid no share of it? No.
84. Who received the proceeds of the selection? It went to liquidate a debt of my brother's.
85. The selection was sold after this loan of £100 was repaid? Yes.
86. *Mr. Clarke.*] Did you sign the promissory-note for £100? No.
87. Was the £100 Mr. McElhone lent to take up this selection? Yes.
88. Lent to take up this particular selection? It was lent to take up a selection; it was lent to my brother to take it where he liked.
89. Did you take up the selection jointly with your brother, and hold yourself responsible for the loan? No.
90. You were to have a half interest in the selection without any responsibility for the loan? Yes.
91. Were you in the same district with your brother when he was acting as inspector of conditional purchases? No, I was on the selection.
92. From the date of the selection up to 1879 was any demand made by Mr. McElhone for the payment of this £100 and interest? No, I do not think there was.
93. Upon you or your brother? Not that I am aware of.
94. *Mr. Burns.*] How long were you residing on the selection? About four years.
95. During that time did you give your personal services for the improvement of it? Yes.
96. Did you receive any wages from your brother? None at all.
97. What improvements did you make? It was principally fenced in, but it was not quite finished, a well sunk, and two houses built upon it.
98. Where these built under your supervision? I did the work myself; my brother assisted me at first.
99. When he got his appointment you took charge of the selection? Yes.
100. What was the selection sold for finally? £120.
101. Had you left the place before it was sold? Yes.
102. How did that come to pass? I did not think it was any use stopping; I was doing no good on it.
103. How long have you been in the Government service? Fifteen or sixteen months.
104. In the Railway Department? Yes.
105. Who received the proceeds of the sale of the selection? The Bank.
106. Who was the money paid to? The Bank put it up, and sold and received the money.
107. It was used to cover an advance from the Bank? Yes.
108. And your labour on the selection went for nothing? It went for nothing.
109. You got no return for it? None at all.
110. *Mr. Merriman.*] Did you have any conversation with Mr. McElhone about the loan yourself? None at all.
111. You only know of it from your brother? That is all.
112. Did he ever say to you that Mr. McElhone had made any demand upon him for the money? No.
113. You know Mr. McElhone recommended him for the appointment he received? Yes.
114. You say it was in 1875 you took up the selection;—do you remember the date of your brother's appointment? No.
115. In 1878 I think it was—did your brother at any time live upon the selection with you? Yes.
116. Up to when? Up to the time he went away to Albury.
117. To take up his appointment? Yes.
118. During that time what was his conduct as to sobriety? He was steady and sober, as far as I know during that time; he had not much means to do anything else with.
119. He was steady up to the time of his appointment? Yes.
120. *Mr. Moses.*] Did Mr. Worrard take part in the election when Mr. McElhone opposed Mr. Hungerford? No, I do not think so.
121. Who recommended you for your appointment? Mr. McElhone.
122. *Mr. Burns.*] What are you now? A Railway porter.
123. *Chairman.*] You did not see the promissory-note at any time that your brother gave Mr. McElhone? No, I did not.
124. Your brother told you he had given it? Yes.
125. *Mr. Day.*] Were you under any obligation to Mr. McElhone when he recommended you for appointment in the Government service? None at all.
126. You owed him no money? None at all.
127. Who found the money to carry on the improvements on the selection? I used to go out and work till I made some money, and then come back and work upon the selection till I was short again, and then I went and made some more.
128. *Chairman.*] Have you received any letters from Mr. McElhone since this matter was brought before Parliament? None.
129. Have you written any to him? I wrote one.
130. Have you communicated with your brother about this matter since it has been before the House? Yes, I wrote to him last Friday.
131. Did you write before that? I sent him the papers.

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- Mr. T. Handsaker. 132. Did you communicate anything to your brother with reference to Mr. McElhone when writing to him? I believe I told him the case was brought before the House, or words to that effect.
- 19 Mar., 1884. 133. Mr. Merriman.] Did you or your brother know Mr. McElhone before these elections? No.
134. Chairman.] Your first acquaintance with Mr. McElhone was made during the first election? Yes.

John Mildred Creed, Esq., called in and examined:—

- J. M. Creed, Esq. 135. Chairman.] Do you know Mr. James Howard Handsaker? I do.
- 19 Mar., 1884. 136. Do you know his brother, Thomas Handsaker? Yes.
137. Had you any acquaintance with them in Scone? Yes, for some years.
138. Were you at any time medical attendant to the family of J. H. Handsaker? Yes.
139. Did you receive payment of your fees as such medical attendant? I did not in one case.
140. Was any reason assigned by Mr. or Mrs. Handsaker for non-payment of your account? I rendered accounts on various occasions; but on one particular occasion, after Mr. Handsaker had been appointed inspector of conditional purchases, I met Mrs. Handsaker on the road between Thomson's Creek and Scone —
141. Mr. Merriman.] Was Mr. McElhone present? He was not.
142. Chairman.] What answer did Mrs. Handsaker make to you when you applied for payment of your account? I said to her, "I did not bother you for the money when you were hard up, but you might pay me that small sum now that your husband has got an appointment." She said, "We have not much means now; Mr. McElhone draws the money from the Treasury and sends me a pound or two occasionally, but I will write to him and see if I can get the money for you."
143. Has that account since been paid? No.
144. Have you applied to Mr. Handsaker for it? No, it was no use doing so. I happen to have that account in my pocket now.
145. Were you at Scone at the time of the contested elections between Mr. Hungerford and Mr. McElhone? Yes.
146. Both elections? Yes.
147. During that time had you any opportunity of observing Mr. Handsaker's general demeanour and conduct? I was not mixed up much with the election, but I saw him, as is usual with many people at such times, very excited over the election, and I consider that he was at times the worse for liquor.
148. Did you see him at any time after the election, between the time of the election and his receiving his appointment, the worse for liquor? I have seen him so at various times, but I do not remember the dates or instances. I was continually meeting him about the district.
149. Is the Committee to understand that Mr. Handsaker's general conduct and demeanour was not that of a steady man—in fact that he was frequently drunk? I have seen him the worse for liquor, and I have heard of his being so in instances.
150. Had you been called upon to recommend him for any position, would you have done so in language of this kind: "I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as an honorable man, in every way qualified to fill the appointment, and know him to be a steady, sober man?" I would not have recommended him at all; I do not think he was a man fit for the appointment; I was astonished when I heard he had been appointed.
151. Mr. Day.] Were you at the election? I was in Scone at the time, but I do not know that I took any part in it.
152. Did you notice Mr. Handsaker the worse for liquor during the election? Yes.
153. Many times? No, I cannot say many times; I noticed that he was excited, and had had drink.
154. Mr. Burns.] Were you in the habit of seeing Mr. Handsaker frequently in the Scone district before his appointment? Yes, I saw him every month or so, perhaps oftener.
155. What was the result of your observation of his habits? I did not think him a steady man.
156. And you say you were astonished when you heard of his appointment? Yes.
157. Was that partly on the ground of his being unsteady? Yes.
158. Or on the ground of want of education and fitness? No, the man is sufficiently educated.
159. Your objection was as to his habits? Yes.
160. Mr. Merriman.] How long have you known Mr. Handsaker? I knew him about three years before that, in 1872.
161. What was he doing? Bush work.
162. You say he was excited at the time of the election? Yes.
163. People do get excited at elections, do they not? Yes.
164. Was he taking any part in the election? Yes, he was travelling about with Mr. McElhone; at least I believe so—I understood so.
165. When did you first commence to attend the Handsaker family? Probably about 1873 or 1874 I attended a child, and that account was paid at once.
166. In reference to this unpaid account, when was that attendance given? I cannot tell you the exact date, probably in 1876 or thereabouts.
167. When did you make demand for the money? About every three months I think.
168. How long after Mr. Handsaker got the appointment? I do not know; it was before he had the appointment. I had got sick of asking him for it, but when he got the appointment I thought there might be a chance.
169. But you cannot say when you first made the demand upon him? No.
170. Chairman.] You are quite positive you made a demand for payment on Mrs. Handsaker during the time Mr. Handsaker was in the Government service? Perfectly positive. If he had not had the appointment I should not have thought it was the slightest use to ask for it.

Mr. James Howard Handsaker, called in and examined:—

- Mr. J. H. Handsaker. 171. Chairman.] When did you first become acquainted with Mr. McElhone? Well, you are asking me now what I really cannot possibly answer, because my books are not here.
- 19 Mar., 1884. 172. Do you remember an election taking place between Mr. Hungerford and Mr. McElhone? Yes, well.

173. Was that the first time you knew him? No, I knew Mr. McElhone long before that; I knew him at Breeza and at Cliff's, while I was only a working man; I knew him well.
174. Did you take any part in the election? I did.
175. In whose interest? In Mr. McElhone's.
176. Do you recollect the second election? I do.
177. Did you take any part in that? I did.
178. In whose interest? In Mr. McElhone's.
179. Between the first and second elections did you select any land? I did not, not to the best of my knowledge; mind you, I will not be sure to a day.
180. *Mr. Day.*] Perhaps you do not understand the question? Yes, I understand the question well; it simply means in this way: Did I receive the cash from Mr. McElhone? I know what it means well enough.
181. *Chairman.*] I asked if you had made a selection? Yes, I did.
182. You say you remember the first election between Mr. Hungerford and Mr. McElhone? Yes, I do, well.
183. You say you also recollect the second election when Mr. McElhone was successful? Yes.
184. Between these elections did you select any land? I won't swear that; I don't think I did; neither did I; I did not.
185. When did you select the land? After these elections.
186. It was after the elections? Yes.
187. Did you make any selection on 22nd July, 1875? Of course if you have it there you know I did select on that day, myself and my brother; it is that long ago that I had forgotten all about the date.
188. You did select on the 22nd July, 1878? I will not swear it, for I do not know that I did; I have not got the deeds.
189. You do not remember the date? No.
190. Did Mr. McElhone advance you any sum of money, and what amount? Yes, he did lend me money before this; he had lent me money at various times.
191. Did Mr. McElhone between the first and second elections, in both of which you took part, lend you any money, and what amount? You are asking me things that I can't swear to; he lent me money.
192. Did you give Mr. McElhone, at any time between these elections, or about the time of these elections, a promissory-note? I did; I will admit owing the money to him, but as to the date I will not say that.
193. What amount was the promissory-note for? It was for money lent.
194. What was the amount? Do you mean the amount in full?
195. Yes? The amount in full at first was £100, and I paid him 9 per cent. interest on that.
196. Did he lend you any more money after that? No.
197. Did that £100 cover all you owed him? I owed him nothing.
198. Did the £100 for which you gave him a promissory-note represent all you owed him? Either you are working at the wrong end of the stick or I am; he lent me £100; he lent it to me out of pure good nature.
199. I must have a straightforward answer? I can't answer no more straightforward than I am doing.
200. *Mr. Burns.*] Did that £100 represent all that was due by you to Mr. McElhone? Yes, fully, and more so, because there was the interest added to it.
201. *Chairman.*] The interest was added to the promissory-note? Yes, of course it was.
202. The promissory-note for £100 included the interest, and you did not actually receive £100? I received £100 from Mr. McElhone.
203. Will you tell the Committee in what way you received that money—in cash or by cheque? By cheque; I put the cheque through the Bank of England.
204. *Mr. Moses.*] The Bank of England? The Bank of New South Wales, I mean.
205. *Mr. Burns.*] Was the interest added on to the promissory-note? The interest was not added on at all; I paid the interest.
206. Why did you not say so before? You bother me here; I would rather be somewhere in the bush.
207. *Chairman.*] Did you borrow that money to take up the selection? I did.
208. On whose ground did you take it up;—who was the Crown tenant of the land on which you selected? There was none; it was waste land.
209. Do you know Mr. Worrard? I do.
210. Has he any land there? Yes.
211. Was your selection on his pre-lease? No, he never owned a pre-lease; he was not worth it.
212. Do you know Mr. John Davis up there? Yes.
213. Was your selection on any land he held? No.
214. Was it near any land he held? No, indeed, it was not.
215. During these elections to which we have just referred, do you remember going to Denman with Mr. McElhone? No.
216. Do you remember going to Gundy with Mr. McElhone? No.
217. Were you at Merriwa with him? I was not—at none of those places.
218. Did you accompany Mr. McElhone at all during the elections? I did not—not one foot. I never went one inch with him anywhere.
219. During either or both of these elections were you at any time intoxicated? Me! Well, gentlemen, I thought you were insulting me when you spoke to me as you did. As to intoxication, I never drink at all—not intoxicating liquors. I may take a drink, but not of alcohol. I never drink alcohol—never. I have not done so for years.
220. Will you kindly tell the Committee now how much interest you paid for the £100 you borrowed at 9 per cent.;—how much did you pay? 9 per cent.
221. For how many years? I could not tell you without referring to my books. I will tell you as near as I can tell you. I did not pay it long, you may be sure. I am not in the habit of borrowing without paying. I do not think I paid it above five years altogether—I did not pay it five years.
222. Did you pay the interest for seven years? I do not think I did. I do not think I ever paid it that long.
223. Do you remember receiving an appointment as conditional purchase inspector? Yes.
224. Do you remember authorising Mr. McElhone to receive your salary? Most decidedly. I recollect it well.

- Mr. J. H. Handsaker.
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225. Have you repaid this £100? Of course it was repaid straight away, as soon as I got the money.
226. Have you repaid it? Yes.
227. How did you repay it? By cheque from the Treasury. It was paid to Mr. McElhone by cheque from the Treasury.
228. Did Mr. McElhone deduct it from the amount of money he drew on your behalf from the Treasury? He did not deduct it all at once. I think he deducted first one £10 and then another. I cannot say, because I have not got my books. This is confusing--this is.
229. With the £100 so taken he also took the interest, did he? The interest was paid, begging your pardon. The interest was already paid beforehand.
230. Paid beforehand? If you have a bill due, I suppose the interest must be paid.
231. Will you tell the Committee how you paid the interest? Gentlemen of the Committee must know that if you have a bill running due the interest must be paid.
232. How was that interest paid;—I want a straightforward answer? It was paid in hard cash.
233. At what time? Before the bill came due the money was paid in hard cash at the Bank of New South Wales. Good God Almighty, what do you mean? You try to make a man a liar. I cannot suffer this, gentlemen.
234. I want you to understand that you are to answer the questions put to you the same as if you were before a Court? I think if I was before a Court the gentlemen would use more courtesy to me than what you are doing now.
235. What I want to get at is this:—You say Mr. McElhone lent you £100, for which you gave him a promissory-note, and that £100 Mr. McElhone deducted in various sums out of the money he drew for you from the Treasury. Is that correct? It is as near as you may call it.
236. Did Mr. McElhone deduct any money for interest on this promissory-note? Never.
237. Mr. Burns.] When you gave that promissory-note to Mr. McElhone I understood you to say you paid the interest? Yes, I did.
238. How did you pay it? Through the Bank of New South Wales, by cheque; I sent him a cheque.
239. For how long? For twelve months.
240. You sent Mr. McElhone a cheque to pay the interest for twelve months? I did.
241. Did you go to the Bank and ask the Bank to give you a draft? That is what I mean; I gave them the money, and they gave me a draft.
242. For the first twelve months? The first and second I paid in a similar way.
243. For how long was that? I paid in the amount for the twelve months.
244. The second year? Yes.
245. Mr. Copeland.] For about five years, do I understand? No, for four years.
246. Chairman.] You paid the interest for four years in this way;—what reason had you for paying the interest separately? Mr. McElhone never drew a penny except what I authorized.
247. You authorized Mr. McElhone to draw your money from the Treasury? Yes. Let us come to the point at once; tell me really what you want and I will speak the truth; I do not understand this beating about the bush; I do not understand this humbugging about; I do not understand what you mean.
248. Have you written any letters to the newspapers about this matter? I have.
249. Will you kindly look at that letter (*handing to witness the Evening News of the 6th March*), and tell the Committee whether it is the substance of what you wrote to the *Evening News*? Yes, that is my own letter; a copy of my own letter at any rate.
250. Then what is the meaning of this;—recollect you have told the Committee that Mr. McElhone deducted the money due to him from the money drawn by him on your account from the Treasury:—“After my appointment as Inspector of C.P.’s, I found there was no money coming in for services rendered, and after several months of working and waiting I applied to Mr. McElhone to collect the moneys due to me. He did so, and forwarded the money collected intact, except for stamps.” Will you kindly tell me which statement is correct, the one you have made to the Committee, or the one you have made to the public through the *Evening News*? I hold that my statement is correct; he forwarded the money to me; I asked him to pay himself; I received the money; I consider I did receive it in cash.
251. Then you consider you told the truth to the public? Most decidedly.
252. At the same time you tell the Committee Mr. McElhone deducted the money to pay himself. Did you receive £330 from the Treasury through Mr. McElhone? Yes, I received some money; I cannot say just the amount.
253. Will you kindly look at this (*authority for payment to Mr. McElhone, page 13 of the printed papers*)? I will admit all this at once; I authorized Mr. McElhone to collect the money.
254. You recollect writing this authority? Yes, more than once I have written it.
255. Do you recollect writing that authority, dated Urana, 29th June, 1879? No, I do not recollect just that one; I have written scores.
256. Was Mr. McElhone present when you wrote that authority? No, he was not; how could he be when I wrote to him from Urana.
257. Will you kindly tell the Committee how his name comes to be signed as a witness to your signature? I know nothing about that. How can I know anything about that?
258. (*Authority read*) Now I ask you do you remember writing that? I recollect writing all my vouchers.
259. Will you say you did not write that authority? No, I will not; of course I did write it.
260. Was Mr. McElhone present when you wrote it? No; it is well known he was not present. I made these documents payable to Mr. McElhone.
261. Here is a special authority written by you and sent to the Treasury;—will you say Mr. McElhone was not present when you wrote it? Yes, most decidedly I say he was not present.
262. Will you give the Committee any reason why Mr. McElhone’s name appears there as a witness to your signature? No, I can give no reason.
263. Mr. Farnell.] Was this authority or letter, authorizing Mr. McElhone to receive your salary, written at Urana or in Sydney? At Urana. After I had been in the service six or seven months I could not get a penny-piece from them, and I began to get stumped.
264. Mr. McElhone did not sign this document as a witness in your presence? Never.
265. Mr. Burns.] When you signed any document similar to that did you send it to the Department or to Mr. McElhone? My vouchers were all made payable at the Bank of New South Wales branch Bank at

at Urana. There was six or eight months' going on when I wrote to Mr. McElhone, and he got the money for me.

266. When you signed that document did you give it to the Bank or send it to Mr. McElhone? I sent it with the vouchers to Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner, to the office, made payable to Mr. McElhone, of course to go through the regular routine.

267. You sent that document straight to the Department? Yes, straight to the Department.

268. Not to Mr. McElhone? No.

269. *Chairman.*] You say you had to employ Mr. McElhone's services on account of the delay in the Department? Yes.

270. Why did not Mr. McElhone continue to draw all your salary? He can tell you best himself.

271. Did he tell you why? No; he was not satisfied with me, or something. I had something like £300 owing from the Department after leaving the service.

272. You cannot tell us why Mr. McElhone ceased to draw your money? No; they paid it into the Bank of New South Wales just as they liked, now and again.

273. The last money Mr. McElhone drew for you was on the 4th December, 1879—£22 11s. 6d.? Right you are.

274. The next money was paid into the Bank on the 13th August, 1880. Can you give any reason why Mr. McElhone did not draw this money? No reason. The simple reason why he drew any of it was that I could not obtain it.

275. Has Mr. McElhone returned you the promissory-note? Yes; of course it was returned at the time when I paid him the balance.

276. You have already said he took the money out of your salary, which he drew? No, I told the Committee nothing of the kind. I had paid a portion already.

277. How much did he keep out of your salary. Give us the amount approximately? I might have paid him £50 or £60, or something like that.

278. Are we to understand that he kept £50 out of your salary? You can understand it in a way that he did.

279. You must give a direct answer? I will give a direct answer if you ask me straightforward.

280. I want you to tell the Committee what amount Mr. McElhone kept out of your salary? He kept nothing, not in that way, except that he got paid for stamps.

281. Did Mr. McElhone keep any sum of money from £330 he drew on your account towards liquidating the debt of £100 which you owed him? Yes, he did.

282. How much? I cannot tell you how much.

283. *Mr. Burns.*] Was there any statement of account between you and Mr. McElhone after his drawing this money. Had you any account from him? Long before this I had.

284. Was this promissory-note in point of fact discharged out of the moneys received by Mr. McElhone from the Treasury on your account? Yes, most decidedly it was.

285. *Chairman.*] Do you remember how much? I will not say anything of that unless I am positive about it.

286. *Mr. Farnell.*] Is not this the fact, that the whole of the £100 you owed Mr. McElhone was liquidated by him stopping instalments from the money he received on your account from the Treasury. Is not that a fact? It is a lie, begging your pardon. Oh, God help me!

287. How was this money paid back to Mr. McElhone? (*No answer.*)

288. *Chairman.*] Is it a fact or not a fact as Mr. Farnell has stated? It is a lie distinctly.

289. You do not seem to understand the question? I think I do understand it too well. I owed him £100, and I paid him £20 or £30 before I was appointed.

290. Will you tell the Committee how you repaid Mr. McElhone the £100? Have I not told you already. I paid one £10 and another £10; I cannot tell you, not to a trifle; I paid him by instalments, but there was nothing less than £10.

291. At the time of your receiving your appointment do you remember how much of the £100 you still owed? No, I do not exactly; something like £50 or £60.

292. Then that £50 or £60 was paid out of the moneys which Mr. McElhone drew from the Treasury on your account? Of course it was.

293. *Mr. Copeland.*] He deducted the money and sent you the balance? No, there was no deduction at all; it was at my own request he did it.

294. *Mr. Merriman.*] He took it out of the money he received from the Treasury? Yes, he took a certain portion at a time.

295. Have you written Mr. McElhone any letters about this matter since it has been before Parliament? Yes, I have.

296. How many? I cannot tell you; I have not written him many; I have only written one I cared about, and that was to ask him a simple question.

297. *Chairman.*] How many acres did you select? 240.

298. Did you pay for the selection by cheque or in notes? I paid in cash.

299. Do you recollect appearing before Mr. O'Malley Clarke at any time when you were a conditional purchase inspector? Yes.

300. Did he at any time when you appeared before him object to the state in which you appeared? He did once; twice I believe. Perhaps we had better have a thorough understanding; I never knew of this before.

301. Did he in your presence at any time —? Once he told me I was not in a fit state; I was not in the service then at all; I had left it. I was there, and I was dragged into the room in spite of myself; I did not wish to go in. At the same time there was no love lost between Mr. O'Malley Clarke and myself.

302. You received an advance of £50 from the Government when you entered on your appointment;—how much of that advance have you repaid—is any of it still owing? I do not think there is, for I think there is money owing to me yet.

303. Have you repaid the Government the £50? Yes, twenty times over.

304. Do you know anything of Mr. McElhone paying £10 of that on account? No, and he never did, never in his life; he never paid nothing for me.

305. Did any of the persons who drew money for you at the Treasury pay any portion of that £50? There was no one drew any money for me except Mr. McElhone and Mr. Herbert Brown.

Mr. J. H. Handsaker. 306. Will you look at page 21 of the printed papers—pay voucher, No. 20,924? I cannot see how you can make anything out of that. The Department deducted the £10, and paid the balance to Mr. McElhone.
19 Mar., 1884.

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH, 1884.

Present:—

MR. BURNS,	MR. MOSES,
MR. DAY,	MR. TARGETT,
MR. MERRIMAN,	MR. COPELAND,
MR. FARNELL,	MR. WM. CLARKE.

NINIAN MELVILLE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Present in the Room: John McElhone, Esq., M.P.

James Daniel Cronin, Esquire, called in and examined:—

J. D. Cronin, Esq. 307. *Chairman.*] You are Paymaster at the Treasury? Yes.
308. Do you produce some original documents? Yes, the vouchers in the case of Mr. J. H. Handsaker, and also a general order from Mr. Handsaker to pay Mr. McElhone moneys due to him. (*Papers referred to produced.*)
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309. *Mr. Day.*] Mr. McElhone appears to have signed this order as a witness? No, that is not Mr. McElhone's signature; the party who made out the voucher simply inserted the name here as well as there; it is a mistake.
310. *Chairman.*] How many payments did Mr. McElhone receive from the Treasury on Mr. Handsaker's account? The payments made from the Treasury to Mr. McElhone on behalf of Mr. Handsaker were as follows:—

3 July, 1879	£30 0 0	
	29 18 6	
	11 5 0	
	6 16 6	
	26 5 0	
	—	£104 5 0
4 July .. ..	.. ..	17 17 0
25 August	20 0 0	
	30 0 0	
	23 15 0	
	13 15 0	
	—	87 10 0
20 November ... ..	.. ..	49 7 0
21 November ... ..	.. ..	5 15 6
4 December	22 11 6	
	12 12 0	
	30 19 6	
	—	66 3 0
		—
		£330 17 6

311. There is a minute amongst these papers by the Auditor-General, dated 30th July, 1879, asking why vouchers 15,109 to 15,136 inclusive had been paid without the authority being produced? The authorities were in my hands when I made these payments, and were sent to the Auditor-General from time to time.

Charles Nicholson Jewell Oliver, Esquire, called in and examined:—

C. N. J. Oliver, Esq. 312. *Chairman.*] You are Under Secretary for Lands? Yes.
313. You produce some papers in connection with the application and appointment of Mr. J. H. Handsaker? Yes. (*Papers produced.*)
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314. Are the papers here with regard to the selection? I have been unable to trace the selection. The papers I produce have been printed; there is nothing in these papers that is not in the printed documents.
315. Have you any knowledge at all of the appointment of Mr. Handsaker? None whatever. At the time he was appointed I think I was Inspector of Land Offices.

Mr. James Howard Handsaker called in and further examined:—

Mr. J. H. Handsaker. 316. *Chairman.*] This is a copy of the *Evening News* of the 6th March, 1884. There is a letter there which bears your signature? Yes, I think we had that before.
317. You wrote that letter? I did.
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318. Will you explain now a sentence which appears in that letter to this effect: "I applied to Mr. McElhone to collect the moneys due to me. He did so, and forwarded the money collected intact, except for stamps." Will you kindly explain what you mean by that, when you admit that Mr. McElhone repaid himself the money you owed him? Of course he repaid himself what I requested him to retain; he kept instalments that I told him to keep. My bill was not due at the time, but I paid the instalments, and of course I have his receipt for what he kept.
319. Under those circumstances do you consider you stated the truth to the public in this letter? Most decidedly; I have received the cash from Mr. McElhone.
320. Let me understand you distinctly: The letter states that all the moneys Mr. McElhone had drawn from the Treasury on your behalf you received intact? Most decidedly; I still hold to that.
321. *Mr. Burns.*] Did Mr. McElhone send you an account showing what he had received and deducted? Yes. There were no deductions; he was authorized to keep a certain amount off me. 322.

322. *Chairman.*] What I want from you is this: Was any portion of the money which Mr. McElhone drew from the Treasury—the money due to you by the Government—retained by him as payment of the money you owed him? I have told you that I authorized him to retain a certain amount of money towards the bill I owed Mr. McElhone. Mr. J. H. Handsaker.
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323. Did he retain that money? Yes, what I told him.
324. Then do you consider you told the truth to the public when you said he forwarded the money intact? Most decidedly, because I received that money that he retained before. I fail to see where I have made an error. I received the cash from Mr. McElhone. Mr. McElhone did not detain it from me except by my authority.
325. What I want to call your attention to is, that you tell the public in that letter that all the moneys Mr. McElhone drew on your behalf you received intact? I still hold to that statement; I cannot alter it.
326. Can you tell the Committee how much Mr. McElhone retained out of the moneys drawn by him to complete the payment of the money borrowed? No, I cannot.
327. What employment were you in at the time of your receiving this appointment? The same as I am now; anything that I can earn an honest living by.
328. What occupation were you following then? How do you mean?
329. Were you on the selection? Yes, of course I was; but still I was following many occupations, either by selling or dealing, in any way to earn a pound if possible.
330. Provided you had not received an income through the appointment would it have been any matter of difficulty to you to have repaid the balance of this loan? No, it would not; it would not have been any matter of difficulty at all, for the simple reason, I believe, that I paid a portion of it before I had the appointment.
331. Do you remember how much you paid before you had the appointment? No, I do not.
332. What became of the selection; you lost the selection; it was sold? No, I did not lose it; when I received the appointment I transferred it to my brother, because I was supposed not to hold one while I was in the Government service.
333. Did he take it with all its liabilities? There were no liabilities attached to it.
334. If your brother has stated that the selection was sold by the Bank for debts you were responsible for, is that the truth? I was not responsible for anything except what I owed personally myself. I do not hold that I am at any rate.
335. *Mr. Day.*] Did anything take place between you and Mr. McElhone at the time he lent you this money, to show that it was in consideration of your assisting him politically? No, there was nothing passed between me and Mr. McElhone in that respect.
336. Was the money lent to you in consideration of political services to Mr. McElhone? No, it was not. Mr. McElhone lent it to me to do me a service, as I explained.
337. I do not want an explanation; if I do I will ask you for it. The money was lent to you as a friend? Yes, between man and man, a pure commercial transaction.
338. Had it anything to do with the Upper Hunter election; was it in consideration of anything you had done at the election? I cannot say it was; I can only answer for myself; I did not expect it.
339. Was it a condition of your services? No.
340. Did you canvass for Mr. McElhone? Yes.
341. And your brother? Yes.
342. Did Mr. McElhone pay you for that? Yes.
343. How much a day? I cannot recollect. It was an independent concern altogether.
344. *Chairman.*] Of your own knowledge do you know that your brother canvassed for Mr. McElhone? Yes.
345. And of your own knowledge do you know that Mr. McElhone paid him for his services? I could not say that.
346. Did you receive a cheque for yourself and your brother for services during the election? I cannot speak positively about it; but at any rate I know I was paid, and my brother was paid.
347. With regard to the letter which appeared in the *Evening News*, did you mean by the statement there made that Mr. McElhone had not charged you any commission? Most decidedly; no commission, nor anything at all; he paid the money to me.
348. Will you tell the Committee where the selection was made—on whose run? I cannot tell you; I do not think it was on a run at all.
349. Where was it made? At Scone. It was no run at all.
350. It was not on Mr. Worrard's run? No, it was not.
351. Was it not made on a pre-lease held by Mr. Worrard? No; distinctly I tell you, no.
352. Then if your brother has sworn that it was, has he sworn the truth? He speaks wrong, for he does know. It was not on Worrard's run.
353. You told the Committee just now that you transferred the selection to him? I did, but it was not on Worrard.
354. *Mr. Day.*] When Mr. McElhone lent you the £100, had you any understanding as to where you were to go to select? No, not the slightest.
355. *Chairman.*] Did Mr. McElhone in any way induce you to make this selection on any person's run or pre-lease? No, never.
356. Did Mr. McElhone ever ask you for any security for the money lent? No, except a simple note-of-hand.
357. He never asked you for any security? No, except a note-of-hand.
358. Well, that is a security? It is not negotiable at any rate. We all know what that means.
359. When you got your appointment did Mr. McElhone ask you, or suggest in any way, that he should be repaid the money owing to him? Never, by hint, word, or form.
360. How did Mr. McElhone come to pay himself? Simply at my request; my written authority asking him to do it.
361. Did you receive any money from Mr. McElhone, after you got your appointment, to pay your expenses to Albury? No.
362. Did you receive any sum or sums from Mr. McElhone after receiving your appointment? It is so long ago I cannot speak from memory.

Mr. J. H.
Handaker.
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363. Did you receive a sum of £5 from Mr. McElhone on the 15th November, 1877? I do not remember it, and I do not think I did.
364. How did Mr. McElhone come to apply for a situation for you;—did you ask Mr. McElhone to recommend you? Yes, I did.
365. Was it in consequence of the loss of your stock through drought that you applied to Mr. McElhone to get you a situation? That was the reason.
366. In consequence of these losses were you placed in anything like pecuniary embarrassment? It was embarrassing in every way, but still it was got over. It was not embarrassing to any extent.
367. Had you recovered from that pecuniary embarrassment when you received the appointment? Yes, decidedly. I recovered it quickly.
368. Then, as you had recovered from this pecuniary embarrassment, how did the necessity arise for your applying for a loan of £50 to equip yourself? I required money, but I did not apply to Mr. McElhone.
369. Was it in consequence of this pecuniary embarrassment that you applied for a temporary loan of £50 from the Government? It was an advance on my salary.
370. Did you apply for an advance of £50 in consequence of your pecuniary embarrassment at that time? Yes.
371. What were the circumstances which led Mr. McElhone to lend you this money—did you apply to him for the loan of it? I did.
372. *Mr. W. Clarke.*] Was the loan made between the first and second elections in the year 1875? I cannot speak positively as to that.
373. Was the loan made between the first and second elections? I cannot say when that loan was made. Being sworn, I cannot speak positively as to the time when it was made.
374. Was the loan of £100 made to you directly after the defeat of Mr. McElhone? He was a defeated candidate when I borrowed the money; but as to the date when I had it I will not speak positively.
375. He was elected the second time? He was elected after I had received the loan.
376. Then you received the money between the first and second elections? I must have. Mr. McElhone sent me a cheque to my own home.
377. Did you receive any loan on or about the 13th July, 1875? I will not speak positively to the date.
378. You say you received the money collected by Mr. McElhone at the Treasury in cash? Yes.
379. What do you mean by those words "in cash"? That I received the full sum from Mr. McElhone. There were no charges nor anything, except stamps.
380. What you mean is this: That having received the amount of this sum originally as a loan, you considered the retention by Mr. McElhone merely as payment of money owing to him? I do not understand the question. I simply received the cash from Mr. McElhone.
381. Mr. McElhone received a certain amount of money at the Treasury? Yes.
382. Well then, you could not have received that money in cash if he retained instalments of your debt to him? I received Mr. McElhone's own cheque.
383. Did Mr. McElhone receive thirteen instalments on your order at the Treasury and keep the amount of money represented by those orders? I do not understand you.
384. You gave Mr. McElhone an order to collect money at the Treasury? To collect all moneys due to me.
385. And Mr. McElhone kept back some of the money? He kept back nothing but what I authorized him to keep.
386. He kept certain money you authorized him to keep? Yes, what I told him to do; he did not keep anything back from me.
387. He kept money on your order? From what he received he paid a certain amount, what I authorized him to pay; he kept what I told him and no more.
388. *Mr. Burns.*] After taking this office from the Government did you experience some difficulty in getting what was due to you? Yes.
389. Was it owing to that that you communicated with Mr. McElhone? Yes, that was the sole reason.
390. Did you also communicate with H. H. Brown & Co. with regard to the delay in paying over to you the sum owing to you by the Government? I did.
391. When you wrote to Mr. McElhone about what was due to you by the Government did you tell him that you wished him to pay himself, out of these moneys, the amount you were indebted to him? I told him to pay himself, I will not say whether it was £10 or £20 at different times, and I told him when and how to pay it, to keep so much, and of course he did so; he kept the amount I authorized him to keep.
392. But the origin of your writing to him on the subject was the difficulty you had experienced in getting paid by the Treasury? Of course. I got nothing from the Treasury until I got Mr. McElhone to get it.
393. You state in this letter you wrote to the *Evening News* that you had great difficulty in getting payment from the Government;—was it owing to that you wrote to Mr. McElhone? That was the reason.
394. And in doing that you suggested to him to retain, out of the money he might receive from time to time, certain sums to pay himself what you owed him? Yes.
395. What you meant by saying that Mr. McElhone had accounted for all moneys "intact" was that he had obeyed your directions in collecting the moneys and retaining the sums you told him to retain on account of the loan he had made to you, and the only deduction was for stamps? Yes; what I meant by the word "intact" was simply that there was no commission and no charge at all; it was simply a question of payment; he charged me nothing.
396. Did H. H. Brown and Co. make any collection for you? Yes.
397. They did that as agents? Yes.
398. I presume they charged a commission for their services? Yes.
399. When Mr. McElhone made collections for you did he give you an account of those collections? He did. Mr. McElhone, at the time he received the money from the Treasury, sent me a debtor and creditor account of what he received from the Treasury. There was a certain amount kept back in the Treasury for deductions or something; the voucher was not always fully paid; but he gave me every particular as he received it.
400. Did he account to you in full for all he received? Yes.
401. And made no charge for commission and services? Never. He made no charge at all, and I never paid him any money for any services in any way.

402. Now as to this selection. Was your brother present when you made the selection of this land at Scone? I cannot recollect whether he was or not; he might have been; I believe he was, but I would not like to swear it.
403. Are you clear upon the point that this selection was not made upon a run belonging to Mr. Worrard? Positive. He had no run.
404. Then if your brother made a statement that your selection was on Mr. Worrard's pre-lease, he was in error? Yes; he had no run.
405. Did the whole business of making the selection and payment of the money devolve upon you? Yes.
406. Did your brother interfere in any way? No.
407. You were the active agent in making the selection and in conducting the business? Yes.
408. Any knowledge he got of the matter was through you? Of course it was all through me.
409. Did Mr. McElhone ever visit your selection? No.
410. Do you know whether he has ever been there? No.
411. Did he make any suggestion to you as to where you should select? No, never.
412. When you borrowed the money from him did you state that you had made, or intended making, a selection at some place such as that? No, I did not state the place to him.
413. Had you seen the land previously? Yes.
414. You had paid a visit of inspection for yourself? Yes, I knew the land well.
415. It was not at Mr. McElhone's suggestion that you made this selection? No, Mr. McElhone never knew it, and I don't think he knows any one round the district.
416. Did you know, at the time you selected this land, that it was not on the run of Mr. Worrard? He has no run at all.
417. Were you aware at the time you made the selection that it was not on any run? Yes, of course I was; it was Crown Land in small lots.
418. You knew at the time you made the selection that it did not form part of Mr. Worrard's run? Mr. Worrard has no run; it is no better than a selection.
419. Did it form any part of the pre-lease of Mr. or Mrs. Worrard? Well, I don't think it would in any shape or form.
420. *Mr. Merriman.*] Did any letters pass between you and Mr. McElhone at any time, from the time you borrowed the money up to now, in reference to this matter? I have had letters, certainly.
421. Have you them with you? No. Mr. McElhone did not know where I was till he saw my letter in the paper.
422. Did you write any letters to Mr. McElhone? Yes.
423. Were you and your brother living in the district together? Yes.
424. For how long before the first election—about two months or three months? For years.
425. Did you know Mr. McElhone before the first election? I knew him by hearsay, not personally.
426. Do you remember saying, the first day you were here, that you did know him before that? I knew him, but not personally—only by name, by repute—for the simple reason of being on the different stations where he was.
427. You were asked what you were doing for a living? I used to contract for fencing or whatever I could get to do.
428. Were you in the employ of anybody about the time of the first election or for any time before? Whether it was Mr. Thomas Cook I will not be positive—no. I think it was Mr. Mackenzie.
429. You know Dr. Creed? Yes.
430. Did Dr. Creed have many opportunities of seeing you? Yes, often.
431. For any time before the election what were your habits. Is it true you were in the habit of drinking to excess? Never, never.
432. Have you and Dr. Creed had a falling out at any time? Often, very often, on the same question of alcohol.
433. Did he charge you with taking too much? No, simply argument; we would quarrel over it.
434. It is not true you were given to drinking habits? No. I will tell you; I am very easily excited; but as to anything else I do not drink.
435. Did you make an application to Mr. McElhone for this loan? Yes, of course I did.
436. Where was that? At Scone; in the district of Scone anyhow.
437. You got the money to select? Yes.
438. And you say it was not on anybody's run that you selected? It was not.
439. Did Mr. McElhone know at all where you were going to select? He did not, not to my knowledge; he did not know through me; he might know, but not through me.
440. At the time you received the money you gave him a promissory-note? Yes.
441. For how long was the promissory-note? For twelve months.
442. Is that the promissory-note (*handing paper to witness*)? Yes; that is my signature.
443. You wrote that promissory-note? I did.
444. Do you remember the date of your appointment—the 28th May, 1878, I think it was. Can you tell us when you wrote to Mr. McElhone, desiring him to pay himself out of the moneys to be received by him from the Treasury? I did not authorize him to pay himself. I wrote and authorized him to collect the money owing to me and retain a certain amount, whatever it was.
445. Did Mr. McElhone ever make any application to you for the money before you wrote and authorized him to get your money from the Treasury? No, he did not.
446. Did you suggest that Mr. McElhone should deduct the money and pay himself? I think I have answered that question often enough. I repeatedly wrote to him to collect the money and retain a certain amount; I will not be positive as to the amount, whether it was £10 or £20 at a time; but he obeyed my instructions to the letter; he collected the money and retained whatever I authorized him to, and he accounted even for the stamps.
447. He deducted some and sent you the balance? Yes.
448. Did you look upon the balance only as your money, and the other portion which was retained as belonging to Mr. McElhone? What was retained was a payment by me to Mr. McElhone.
449. Do you mean, by saying that the money was sent to you intact, that the balance was the only money you looked upon as your own proper money, and that what was retained by Mr. McElhone belonged to him.

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- him. You say in your letter in the *Evening News* that he sent you the money intact;—you did not receive the whole of the amount Mr. McElhone received from the Treasury? No; but still the way I looked at it was this, that I had received the money I asked him to retain, therefore I received the full amount.
450. The money he retained you did not look upon as yours? No, of course not; it was Mr. McElhone's.
451. The balance was the only money you looked upon as yours? Certainly.
452. Do you know whether there was any feeling or any opposition shown by Dr. Creed to Mr. McElhone during the election? Yes, I do know that.
453. Do you know whether Mr. McElhone spoke of Dr. Creed? No, I cannot say, except that I saw some account in the papers where Mr. McElhone moved for something.
454. Did you hear Mr. McElhone speak on the hustings; did you hear him ridiculing Dr. Creed? What I heard on the hustings I would not like to say; a man does not recollect what passes there.
455. Do you remember Mr. McElhone moving for some papers in reference to the postmistress at Waverley; do you know whether Dr. Creed was annoyed about that? I am sure he would be annoyed.
456. Since this matter has been brought before Parliament have you ever seen Mr. McElhone, or had any conversation with him? I never spoke to him till I saw him outside the door here.
457. The authority which was produced is signed by you, is it not? Yes, that is my signature.
458. What is the date? 29th June, 1879.
459. Fourteen months after your appointment? Yes.
460. Did not a Mr. Bird receive money for you? No.
461. *Chairman.*] Did you give more than one promissory-note for this money which you borrowed from Mr. McElhone? Yes, I renewed the bill when I could not meet it.
462. Do you remember how many times you renewed it? Only twice, I believe.
463. Were any of the bills you gave for this £100 dishonoured? They were renewed.
464. I ask whether any of them were dishonoured? Of course they were dishonoured when they were not met; they must have been dishonoured if they were not met, and I did not meet them; in fact I could not.
465. Do you know Mr. Davis, a squatter or selector in the Scone district? Yes.
466. Was your selection anywhere near his property? No, except some rented property he rented from Mr. Terry; it was near no property of his own.
467. Did you write Mr. McElhone's name there as a witness to that document? No.
468. At the time Mr. McElhone recommended you for appointment to the Government service had any of these bills of yours been dishonoured? I cannot say when he recommended me.
469. Were they dishonoured on the 28th of May, 1878? I cannot say when he recommended me.
470. Do you recollect writing, asking for the appointment yourself? Yes, I did to Mr. Fitzpatrick, when he was Lands Minister.
471. Your first letter is dated 6th May, 1877;—do you remember writing that letter? No, I cannot recollect writing that letter.
472. Did you know when you wrote that letter whether Mr. McElhone had recommended you or not? No.
473. Did he recommend you without your knowledge? I asked him to recommend me, but I could not say that he had done so; it is an impossibility.
474. Did Mr. McElhone not tell you that he had written to the Department recommending you for an appointment? Probably he might have done that.
475. At that time had any of these bills been dishonoured? There was only one pro.-note, renewed from time to time.
476. Do you remember being at Merriwa with Mr. McElhone during the election? No.
477. Were you at any places in the district with him during the election? Yes, I was with him at Muswellbrook and Scone; I do not think I was with Mr. McElhone at Merriwa; I went in as a listener.
478. Were you there with him during the time of the election? No, I was not.
479. You say you were at what places with him? Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi; I was not with him at Merriwa.
480. The other day, when you were examined here, you stated that the money paid as a deposit for this land was paid in notes? Yes.
481. £60? Yes.
482. Was that part of the £100 Mr. McElhone lent you? Yes.
483. Did you in any way intimate to Mr. McElhone what you proposed doing with the money you were borrowing from him? I think I explained that I borrowed money off him to select.
484. Did you tell Mr. McElhone you were going in for breeding store pigs and a lot of other things? Yes.
485. Are you at this time indebted to Dr. Creed for any sum of money for medical attendance? No; I should like to contradict that at once; I was never indebted to Dr. Creed in my life, not one single sixpence; he never attended my family, except one child once, and I took the child in and paid for it at once; never in any other instance has he visited my family.
486. You are positive of that? Yes.
487. You stated just now that some of the vouchers were not paid to Mr. McElhone in full—that deductions were made at the Treasury? Yes, they were.
488. Did you give any security or bond at the Treasury for the money advanced to you? Yes.
489. Who were the sureties? My brother was one and my brother-in-law, Robert Wood, was the other.
490. Did Mr. McElhone repay any part of that money so advanced? I cannot tell what was repaid.
491. *Mr. Merriman.*] Do you know anything of a complaint being made against you by Mr. O'Malley Clarke? No, I do not.
492. On the 20th August, 1880, a report was sent to the Chief Commissioner by Mr. O'Malley Clarke, complaining of you appearing at the Land Court in a state of intoxication? I was not in the Service at the time; I was not in the Service after May.
493. *Chairman.*] If Mr. O'Malley Clarke has stated to the Chief Commissioner at any time, with reference to your appearance before him at Urana on the 16th August, 1880, that it was "not the first occasion on which Mr. Handsaker has been guilty of similar outrageous behaviour," did he state the truth or otherwise? No, he was not speaking the truth. The simple question on the same day was that I refused to swear to a thing that I could not really know. I was not in the Service at the time, and had not my books. I was passing through Urana and was called in unexpectedly.

Joseph Carroll, Esquire, called in and examined:—

494. *Chairman.*] You are an accountant? Yes.

495. Do you present to the Committee a statement of account between Mr. McElhone and Mr. Handsaker? Yes, which I drew out from Mr. McElhone's ledger. (*Statement handed in. See Appendix A.*)

496. Is that a true and correct copy from the ledger? Yes.

497. Did you keep that ledger for Mr. McElhone? I did; I observe my handwriting there from 1875. (*Ledger produced.*)

498. *Mr. Burns.*] That paper contains a correct statement of the account between Mr. McElhone and Mr. Handsaker? Yes, no doubt about it.

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William Blackman, Esquire, called in and examined:—

499. *Mr. Burns.*] What position do you hold in the Lands Department? Chief Clerk in the Conditional Sales Branch. W. Blackman,
Esq.

500. Are you aware that Mr. Handsaker made some complaint of delays in getting paid his salary? I am.
501. Did Mr. McElhone see you on different occasions to request the payment of Mr. Handsaker's salary? He did; he very frequently saw me. He complained strongly of the man not getting his money, and said he thought he should be compelled to advance the money himself.

502. Did you remind Mr. McElhone recently of that circumstance? Yes.

503. You reminded Mr. McElhone that he had repeatedly seen you on this subject? Yes.

504. And he asked you to send the money to Mr. Handsaker? Yes.

505. *Mr. Day.*] What was the cause of the delay in payment of Mr. Handsaker's salary? He was not irregular in doing his work, but he was irregular in sending in his reports on conditional purchase applications; and he was irregular in sending in his progress journals. His accounts could not be adjusted until these were received. All this increased the delay by the complication that arose out of it.

506. *Mr. Farnell.*] Mr. Handsaker was not paid a salary, was he? No, he got 10s. 6d. a case reported on and travelling expenses.

507. And all this had to be adjusted? Yes. It was partly his own fault. He was a good inspector for what he did, but he was irregular in sending in his progress journals to enable his accounts to be adjusted.

508. *Mr. Day.*] Had you any complaints sent to you with regard to his incompetency? Latterly there was some complaint made by Mr. O'Malley Clarke as to his being intoxicated, but there was never any complaint about his efficiency as an inspector; on the contrary he was a good inspector, and knew thoroughly whether a man was a *bonâ fide* selector or not.

509. At the time Mr. O'Malley Clarke sent in that report Mr. Handsaker did not belong to the Department? It was about the time his connection with the Department terminated; I think some months previously he had been written to by the Department to say he would not be any longer employed than would be necessary to complete the cases in his hands.

510. Was a petition sent in, after he was dismissed, to have him reinstated? Yes, there were several petitions.

511. What was your impression of Mr. Handsaker, was it that he was a steady sober man? He was a very good man, but he was irregular in his communications with the department.

512. Had you any fault to find with him? No. If he had been more regular in furnishing his progress journals he would have got paid.

513. *Mr. Merriman.*] Were there any complaints as to his conduct? Never that I recollect, except the one in question.

514. *Mr. Copeland.*] Was this complaint of Mr. O'Malley Clarke's inquired into? I do not think it was, because six months previously it was determined that there should be some reduction in the staff, and he had been told he would not be required.

515. *Chairman.*] He was in the actual service of the Government at the time? Yes, I think he was.

516. *Mr. Burns.*] Were all the temporary inspectors at that time under notice that their services would not be required? Yes, I think so. The Chief Commissioner wrote to say he was perfectly satisfied with the mode of his performing his duties.

517. *Mr. Copeland.*] Will you explain this minute of Mr. Hoskins':—"The petitioners should be informed that it has been found necessary to reduce the staff of temporary inspectors, hence Mr. Handsaker's services have been dispensed with, but that under any circumstances he would not have been retained as an officer of this Department.—J.H., 20/7/80?" I think Mr. O'Malley Clarke's letter was the cause of that, as well as I recollect now.

518. This letter of Mr. O'Malley Clarke's is dated from Young, 20 August, 1880; therefore it could not have come to the Minister's hands at the time he made this minute stating that under any circumstances Mr. Handsaker would not have been retained? I have not looked up the papers in the case ever since; I did not know I was to come here until the moment before I came up.

519. *Chairman.*] Mr. O'Malley Clarke states that the occasion of which he complained was not the first of the kind? I am not aware that any other complaint was made. Certainly Mr. Handsaker did give a good deal of trouble in the department by his irregularity in sending in his reports.

520. Might this irregularity have occurred from want of knowledge how to draw up his reports? His reports were very well drawn up, but he did not send them in as he should have done; he ought to have sent them in oftener than he did.

521. The consequence of which was that his payments were delayed? Yes, and he was always in difficulties as to money.

W. Blackman,
Esq.
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WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH, 1884.

Present:—

MR. BURNS,
MR. DAY,MR. W. CLARKE,
MR. MERRIMAN,

MR. MOSES.

NINIAN MELVILLE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

George O'Malley Clarke, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined:—

G. O'Malley
Clarke, Esq.

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522. *Chairman.*] Will you kindly inform the Committee what opportunity you have had of observing the conduct of one James Howard Handsaker while he was Inspector of Conditional Purchases? I was Commissioner for Conditional Sales for the Central South-western District, and Mr. Handsaker held the appointment of Inspector of Conditional Sales for a portion of the district, and he attended several Courts of Inquiry that I held at Urana—I forget how many. On two of those occasions he appeared in a state of intoxication, and I deemed it my duty to report him to the head of my Department. I observe by the papers that only one report is included in this return, but I reported him twice.

523. You reported him previously to the report given in the return? Yes. No notice whatever was taken of the first report—I presume it must have miscarried or been mislaid. On the second occasion his conduct was so bad that I wrote in strong terms requesting that any further official relations between us might cease. I declined to recognize him.

524. About what period of time would your observations of him cover? I think about twelve months, or perhaps more.

525. Did you consider him, from the opportunities you had of observing him, a fit person to hold that appointment? His conduct before me was bad. When a man appears before me in Court in a state of intoxication I do not think anything can be worse.

526. Had you opportunities of observing him during twelve months? I do not say he was intoxicated on every occasion, but on two.

527. What impression did what you observed of him make upon you as to his fitness for the position he held? His demeanour conveyed to my mind that he was a man of very violent prejudices, which were calculated to warp his judgment in the execution of his duty. At the date of my second report it appeared that he was not then in the Service, but I did not know that at the time.

528. Still he was officially before you on that occasion? Yes, he was subpoenaed by me.

529. You have seen the minute from the Department in this return, page 5;—do you know that that minute was written in consequence of your first letter? It could not have been on account of the second. It might have been in consequence of the first. Of course I could not say.

530. *Mr. Burns.*] Are you sure you made a complaint of the misbehaviour of Mr. Handsaker in the first instance? Yes, I am quite sure of that.

531. Did you keep any copy of your complaint? There may be a record of it in my office, I will not be certain. My first report was written from Urana. The second I did not write until I reached head quarters.

532. Was there another Commissioner in the district besides yourself? Not for Urana. I had the Central South-western District.

533. And who preceded you? I was the first; I was appointed in 1875.

534. Was Mr. Rose located in the same district? He had the South-western District.

535. I presume Mr. Handsaker's reports came under your observation? Some of them. He was under two Commissioners you understand. His inspector's district extended into Mr. Rose's district. He attended Mr. Rose's Courts as well as mine.

536. Were any complaints made in respect to Mr. Rose's Court that you are aware of? No.

537. Is Mr. Rose still in the Service? No, he is dead. He died about eighteen months ago.

538. What is your impression of the reports furnished by Mr. Handsaker with regard to improvements made by selectors? Of course I had no opportunity of checking them. I always accepted his evidence unless it was contradicted. I am not aware that it was ever contradicted. The only check would be when another inspector travelled over the same ground.

539. You said he was a man of violent prejudices, liable to warp his judgment? He exhibited that in Court in his demeanour towards a certain class of witnesses. That was the impression conveyed to my mind.

540. Do you think that Mr. Handsaker took some particular side? He appeared to have a very strong bias.

541. In what direction? Against the lessees of runs.

542. Did he show any antipathy to dummy selections? I do not know. I have no doubt he exposed dummyism on some occasions in some of his reports.

John McElhone, Esq., M.P., called in, sworn, and examined:—

J. McElhone,
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543. *Chairman.*] Do you know one James Howard Handsaker? Yes.

544. Can you tell the Committee about what time you first made his acquaintance? In 1875, when I was a candidate for the Upper Hunter electorate; I think somewhere about June. I went up to contest the election about May or June.

545. Mr. Hungerford was the successful candidate on that occasion? Yes. I got him unseated.

546. In consequence of that there was a second election? Yes.

547. Which took place about August? I think in August, 1875.

548. Between the first and second elections did you advance any sum of money, and if so, what amount, to Mr. James Howard Handsaker? Mr. Handsaker and his brother were employed canvassing for me, I think by Mr. Hopper, who was a sort of leading man in the electorate.

549. What was the name of the brother? Thomas, I think.

550. If Mr. Thomas Handsaker has sworn before this Committee that he was employed by you, did he swear the truth? I paid all of them, I know that. I got returns from the person at the head of each place, and I paid all those accounts, every one of them.

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551. To the best of your belief James Handsaker was employed by you, and paid by you? I believe so. I think the amount they got was about £42. I paid Mr. Hopper, who paid all these other people. I think we paid at the rate of 30s. a day.

552. *Mr. Day.*] Was that at the first election or the second? The first, I think; it might have been at the second; I am not quite sure. It was early in the contest when I first met them, and I think it was the first contest. In the course of conversation he asked me if I would lend him some money for the purpose of selecting. He stated that he had had a contract for fencing a large run of Mr. Farnell's, that his horses had died, and that he had had to leave his drays and harness on the plains and make his way home. He had some cattle left, he said, and his idea was to go in for breeding store pigs for market, and raising root crops, turnips, maize, and so on. I told him that when the election was over I would lend him the money to give him a start. I said, "Do not ask me now, because it might be brought up as a charge of corruption, but when the election is over I will lend you the money." When the election was over, and I was defeated, Mr. Handsaker saw me at Smith's Hotel, in Muswellbrook, and he said, "I don't suppose you care to lend me the money now, as you are beaten." I said, "I am not in the habit of breaking my word; I will lend you the money." He asked me to lend him £200. I said, "No; but I will lend you £100;" and I did so.

553. Did you receive any security whatever? Nothing, only as in other cases I took his promissory-note. The original one he sent me was this [*Handed in promissory-note, dated July 10, 1875 (see Appendix B 1)*]. I wrote to him that he had forgotten to make it payable to any Bank, and that the interest was not added. I afterwards got a fresh one from him [*Handed in promissory-note, dated July 16, 1875 (see Appendix B 2)*]. There were several promissory-notes passed between us.

554. You think this is the second one? This is the second one. It was renewed several times, I think.

555. You recommended Mr. Handsaker, I believe? I did. I had forgotten until you referred to it the other day that I had written to Mr. Garrett and Mr. Driver about it.

556. You recommended Mr. Handsaker for an appointment? I did.

557. In a letter dated the 12th May, 1877? Yes.

558. You said in the letter that you could strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as a steady sober man, who would do more work than the present inspectors. Do you profess to be a judge of character? I met him every time I went up. I met him repeatedly, and men whom I knew well in the district gave him a very high character. I believed he was well qualified to report upon all manner of improvements, such as wells, tanks, fencing, and so on.

559. The money was lent in 1875, and this letter was written in 1877. At the time you wrote the letter had any portion of the money been repaid? No.

560. Had any interest been paid? On one occasion; I think on the first bill.

561. Did you apply to more than one Minister of the Crown for the appointment of this gentleman? Yes. I wrote to Mr. Driver and to Mr. Garrett, but I was at first under the impression I had only applied to Mr. Farnell. I am under the impression that when I saw Mr. Farnell I told him all about the man's position.

562. The papers show that he received the appointment on the 28th May, 1878, a temporary appointment? Yes. There was a number of temporary appointments.

563. At that date, the 28th May, 1878, had any portion of the principal money, or any portion of the interest, except this £9, been paid? No.

564. Do you remember how long it was after he entered upon his duties that you commenced to draw money on his behalf from the Treasury, and what it was that caused you to do so? Mr. Handsaker wrote to me and asked me to get him these things, as in consequence of the very dry season he had lost nearly all his stock, and he was as bad off, or worse, as when he started. His letters are here, printed on page 4.

565. At the time of his recommendation, and up to the time of his appointment, had you any opportunity of knowing his financial position? I thought he was doing very well until the dry season set in, when I believe from his letters and from what he stated to me, that nearly all his stock had died.

566. At the time of his receiving that appointment was he in the same pecuniary embarrassment? I believe he was. He owed me this money all through.

567. If Mr. Handsaker has sworn before this Committee that a sum of £30 or £40 was repaid before he received the appointment, would such a statement be true? No. I believe I only got interest on one bill. I am only speaking from memory. I think he only paid me £9, the interest on one bill.

568. On the 3rd July, 1879, you commenced to draw on behalf of Mr. Handsaker the money due to him? On the 3rd July, 1879.

569. Can you tell the Committee the total amount that you drew? On July 3, £104 5s.; on July 5, £17 17s.; August 26, £87 10s.; November 21, £52 12s. 6d.; December 8, £66 3s. Those are the items, as I received them from the Treasury. I think there were refunds, which would make up the balance.

570. A total of £330 17s. 6d.? I do not know.

571. Out of this £330 17s. 6d. how much did you deduct as for the debt which Mr. Handsaker owed you? On July 3 I paid him £34 5s., and on the 4th, £7 17s. On the 3rd to Mrs. Handsaker £20, which was paid by cheque. On September 6 I paid £3 16s. 2d. to Mr. Gallagher, and on November 1 to Mrs. Handsaker again, £17. On the same day I deducted £35 12s., with stamp 3d. And on December 8 I paid his wife £16 2s. 6d. with stamp 6d., and I paid myself £50 the same day.

572. That is according to the document handed in by Mr. Carroll? Yes.

573. You admit that document? Yes, as being perfectly correct. That shows the whole of the transactions from beginning to end. I may explain how I came first to appear in this matter was that I had gone to the Lands Office on different occasions to have the money sent direct to Mr. Handsaker. He had written to me to say that he could not get his money paid to him, to pay his way as he went along. I went several times to complain that he had not got his money, and asked them to send it. Afterwards, I recollect, Mr. Handsaker wrote to me, asking if I would collect these moneys, and pay myself so much out of each one, and pay his wife and Gallagher and himself balance.

574. Out of the money you drew from the Treasury you repaid the total amount that was due to you? Yes, by instalments.

575. If Mr. Handsaker had not received this appointment what prospect had you of receiving this money? I could have got security over his selections if I had asked him.

576. But what prospect had you of getting this money if he had not received this appointment? I should have got his selection, which was improved according to Mr. Lawler, to the extent of £300. 577.

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J. McElhone, 577. Are you aware that the selection was sold by the Bank for money owing to the Bank? I think it was sold about the time he left the Government service, but not certainly for three or four years after I lent him the money. I never asked him for security.

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578. In the event of his not having received this Government appointment, what probability was there of your being repaid, seeing that you know of his financial position? I should have got his selection transferred to me if I had asked.

579. Was his selection mortgaged at that time? You cannot mortgage a selection.

580. Were there any liabilities on it? I had not any idea as to how he stood with anybody but myself. There were a good many more owed me money; some paid, and some did not. The bulk of them paid, and others did not pay at all.

581. Then the only way open to you would have been to have had the selection transferred to you? To the best of my belief.

582. Do you know whether the brother had any interest in that selection? I do not think so. I think he had it in his own name, but from my knowledge of the brother, if I had asked for it I should have got it.

583. What led you to cease drawing money on behalf of Mr. Handsaker? I refused to have anything more to do with him in consequence of what I heard from Mr. J. M'Phillamy, who told me that on one occasion about two years after this man was appointed, at a Court held by Mr. Commissioner Rose, Handsaker was drunk, and the Commissioner was drunk, and that all hands were pretty well drunk about the Court; and he said to me—"I know you were the means of getting this man the situation, so I write to let you know that he has disgraced you, and you can write to him about it, and put a stop to it if you can." I then wrote him a very strong letter, calling attention to the fact that I had heard that he was drunk at the Court, and I felt very bitter about it, as I was the means of getting him the position, that he should disgrace me by drinking at all; and I told him if the attention of the Minister was called to the fact that he was drinking he would dismiss him without mercy, and that he need not look to me to help him, as I would not try to help him in any shape or form.

584. *Mr. Day.*] Did you get a reply to that letter? He sent back a card, calling my attention to the fact that it was untrue about his drinking, and that he was a Son of Temperance. I then replied, mentioning the person who gave me the information, and again warned him that the result would be that if he drank he would be dismissed, and that I would not try to save him. I felt so annoyed that I had no more communication with him.

585. *Chairman.*] Did you draw any more money for him? I drew no more money. He applied to me afterwards. I made several applications for his money after he left the Government service.

586. Immediately you ceased to draw his money it was drawn by other persons? I wrote to refuse to have anything more to do with him, because I considered he disgraced me, as I was the means of getting him the appointment.

587. Did you stop any portion of the last payment you drew from the Treasury as the completion of the amount due to you? I suppose so. The last payment was £63 3s., out of which I stopped £50, and his wife got a cheque for the rest. That was on December 8, 1879.

588. The last payment you drew from the Treasury completed his payments to you for his indebtedness? Yes.

589. You then ceased to draw any more money for him? I suppose so.

590. *Mr. Day.*] You could have stopped that £50 long before? Yes.

591. *Chairman.*] Would that have been a sufficient cause, that all your money had been repaid? I suppose I got no more vouchers from him.

592. You had a general order from him? He might have countermanded that order for all I know. If he did that any power I had to draw money would cease. After he left the Service I applied for money, but failed to get it.

593. You say you wrote to him in consequence of having heard complaints of his conduct;—at the time of writing that letter all the debt had been repaid? I cannot say. I think it was some time afterwards he paid me, but I am only speaking from memory.

594. If it was some time afterwards that you ceased to draw his money there must have been some other reason why you stopped? The account, so far as I was concerned, was closed on September 8th, 1879, and on November 21st I paid Mrs. Handsaker the whole amount I received, £52 12s. 6d.; and then again, on December 8th, I paid them the whole amount, £66 3s. So far as I was concerned the account was paid off in September, 1879. The account was paid by instalments. On August 26th I received £87 10s. That was balance brought down, £77 11s. 3d.; interest to date, 17s. 6d.; cash paid to Gallagher, £3 16s. 2d.; and self for balance, £5 5s. 1d.; that closed the account, and my account was paid. On November 21st I received £52 12s. 6d. for Mr. Handsaker, which was paid, Mrs. Handsaker, £17, and Mr. Handsaker, £35 12s. 6d., being the full amount, without any deduction at all. On December 8th I received £66 3s., of which I paid cash to Handsaker, £50, and to his wife, £16 3s. This last payment I paid direct to Mr. Handsaker and his wife, without any deduction at all. Each time an account was sent to Mr. Handsaker, showing how it was appropriated.

595. Have you ever seen Mr. Handsaker the worse for liquor? Never until yesterday morning. I gave him some money to enable him to go home, but he came to my house drunk, and I told him to go to the devil.

596. I place a copy of the *Evening News* in your hand, in which there is a letter signed by Mr. Handsaker. In that he states that he received all the moneys which you drew, except the payment of stamps. Is that a true statement. Will you kindly tell the Committee how that statement can be correct, when you produce a balance sheet which shows that you deducted £195 11s. 3d.? In this way: if you owed me £200, and you wrote to me to collect £500, and pay yourself, I suppose you would consider that you received it all?

597. Would that be the impression conveyed to your mind, as one of the public, by reading that letter? I do not know that this has got anything to do with it. I am not responsible for what the public think.

598. Had you read that letter, what impression would it have made on your mind—that all the money was sent to Mr. Handsaker, or only a portion? I do not see what that has got to do with me.

599. Did you know anything of that letter appearing in the paper? Certainly not. I never saw Mr. Handsaker for a long time. I wrote to his brother. I did not know where he was. He wrote to me to get his brother-in-law a situation. I asked this man to bring my letters down in case they were wanted, but he did not do so. His letters show nothing without my letters which drew forth my replies in the matter.

600. Is the Committee to understand, that having read that letter, you think it conveys the meaning that you only sent him a portion of the money you received? I should say it means that this man had paid Mr. Handsaker all the money he had received. J. McEllhone
Esq., M.P.
26 Mar., 1884
601. Knowing to the contrary of what the letter conveys, do you consider you have done rightly in not contradicting it? I never took the trouble to read the letter in the Press. I treated the whole thing with contempt. I thought it was beneath my notice altogether.
602. *Mr. Day.*] Did you ever write to Mr. Handsaker after he had got into the Public Service, to pay you this money? I never asked him. I never suggested that he should pay me any money at all.
603. How did he come to communicate with you to get his money? Because he could not get it from the Department. I spoke to the Lands Office to send the money to him direct over and over again.
604. And then he asked you to get it for him? I do not know whether he received any money before.
605. There was no communication from you that you wanted payment of this money out of his salary? None whatever. All I wrote to him about was that I advised him when he was travelling on duty to take a tent with him so as to be under no compliment either to selector or squatter.
606. You gave evidence that you received £66 3s. from the Treasury on the 8th December, and that you kept £50 and paid £16 3s. to his wife;—did you keep any of that money? No, it all went to Handsaker.
607. Then virtually you received money from the Treasury on the 8th December, and the whole amount went to Handsaker and his wife? Yes.
608. And you were paid long before that? I was paid on August 26th. [*Balance Sheet (Appendix A) shown to witness by Mr. W. Clarke.*] I was speaking from memory. I should not have noticed it if Mr. Clarke had not called my attention to it. I instructed Mr. Carroll to draw up this account, but I never looked at it.
609. *Mr. Burns.*] When you agreed to make this advance to Mr. Handsaker to enable him to select, did he tell you where the land was? No; I do not know now where it is.
610. You have heard it stated that you advanced him money to select on the runs of gentlemen who were opposed to you in this election? It is utterly untrue. There are no runs in the district.
611. Were you on the selection yourself? Never; I knew it was on Thompson's Creek, but as to the locality I know no more than the man in the moon. He asked me for money to select on Cook's land, and I refused distinctly. I would not be a party to it.
612. *Mr. Merriman.*] Do you know a Mr. Worrall? Never knew that there was such a man. I never heard his name until I heard it here the other day.
613. Do you know a man named Davis? Yes; he is a brother-in-law of Sir John Robertson.
614. Did you know anything about selecting on his land? Decidedly not. If ever I fight a man I will fight him fairly.
615. When did you receive the first amount on behalf of Mr. Handsaker? July 3, 1879.
616. Did you deduct anything from that amount? £34 5s. is what I deducted for myself.
617. Did you know Mr. Handsaker before either of your elections? No, I did not, but I knew old Jack Ashford, his relative.
618. Did you know him by sight? I do not think I ever met him until he was introduced to me at the election.
619. You never saw him under the influence of drink until yesterday? Never, and I saw him repeatedly during the election. From all I could learn he was a thoroughly steady, sober, hard-working fellow. The first I heard was when Mr. McPhillamy wrote to me about him.
620. *Mr. W. Clarke.*] I think there is some confusion about these accounts. You received in all from the Treasury £330 17s. 6d., out of which you made a refund to the Treasury of £2 10s.; that left £328 7s. 6d. with which you credited Mr. Handsaker? Yes.
621. You charged interest on that loan of £100 from July 13, 1876, the sum of £32 0s. 6d. You handed cash to Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker, £196 7s., and that left £100, which was repayment to you of the principal advanced by you to Mr. Handsaker. That balances the whole account? Yes.
622. What evidence have you besides the ledger accounts, shewing that you paid these several amounts to Mr. Handsaker? I could bring my bank book.
623. *Mr. Merriman.*] You did not receive any money from Mr. Handsaker before he got the situation? Only £9 interest.
624. *Chairman.*] Mr. Handsaker in evidence has sworn that you did not take the whole amount owing to you out of the money you drew, but that he paid a portion of it previously? He never paid me anything but the £9 interest. I never received any money from him but that £9, except what I deducted from the amounts I got from the Treasury.
625. Were the amounts forwarded in your own cheque? Yes.
626. Then the bank book would show? Yes. I swear distinctly that every item here was paid by me by cheque. I went to the bank and asked them to find the original cheque I gave him for the £100. They told me that they could not get the cheque.
627. Did you recommend him with the ulterior object of getting your money back? I never thought of it. My object was to give the selectors fair play; that was my only object.
628. Were you, during the three years, pressing Mr. Handsaker for this money? I never pressed him at all.
629. Is that in Mr. Handsaker's handwriting (*showing letter to witness*)? Yes. (*Letter put in as evidence.*)
630. When you received the authority from Mr. Handsaker to draw these moneys, did he forward it to you by a letter? I cannot say. I have no such letter in my possession now. To the best of my belief I handed whatever documents there were to the Treasury. I tried to get the moneys which Mr. H. H. Brown afterwards got, and I could not get them.
631. At the time you got the authority from Mr. Handsaker you got a letter? I should say so.
632. Do you know where that letter is now? Unless I handed it to the Treasury I cannot say where it is. Those moneys that Mr. Brown got I had to get, and I was told there was no money to pay it out of. Mr. Hoskins told me the reason he dismissed these men, Handsaker and other temporary inspectors, was because there was no money to pay them.
633. *Chairman.*] Are you aware that Mr. Handsaker immediately made the money payable to the Bank of New South Wales? No; I have no knowledge at all until he applied to me to get this money. It was after he left the Service.

Victor Cohen, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined :—

- V. Cohen,
Esq.
26 Mar., 1884.
634. *Chairman.*] What are you, Mr. Cohen? Accountant in the Lands Department.
635. Were you acting as accountant during the years 1878–9? No. I commenced in the Lands Office in December, 1881. I know nothing about Mr. Handsaker myself, but Mr. Handsaker wrote a letter to the *Evening News*, and I was asked to investigate it, which I did. I have made a report to the Under Secretary on the subject. (*Report handed in and ordered to be appended. See Appendix C.*)
636. Your attention was called to a letter in the *Evening News*? Yes.
637. Your attention was officially called to it by whom? By the Under Secretary for Lands.
638. What instructions did he give you? He asked me to investigate the statements made in that letter as to the accounts, and the delay in payment of them, and the reasons for the delay.
639. And this report which you hand in now is the result of your investigations? Yes.
640. Is the Committee to understand from this report that the delay in the payments was to a great extent due to Mr. Handsaker's own irregularity? Certainly.
641. *Mr. Burns.*] Were not some accounts paid twelve months after he left the Service? Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. received some, I believe.
642. What was the cause of the delay with regard to the amounts that were not received until twelve months after the services had been performed? The vouchers were sent to the department in due time in such a condition that they could not be passed. They were sent back, and not returned for twelve months, and he was called upon to explain. He said he was without forms, and could not send them earlier.
643. *Chairman.*] Is it not a fact that the reason a number of these amounts were not paid was because there were no funds to pay them? Some were not paid apparently on that account, but I cannot speak from my own knowledge. The papers will show that.
644. Do you know that Mr. McElhone made application to the Treasury for these moneys that Mr. Brown afterwards received? No, I do not.

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined :—

- A. O.
Moriarty,
Esq.
26 Mar., 1884.
645. *Chairman.*] Do you remember the appointment of James Howard Handsaker in your department? Yes. I think he was appointed Temporary Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the middle of the year 1878.
646. Was Mr. Handsaker in any way under your supervision? He was entirely under my supervision.
647. What opinion did you form of him as an officer in your department? During the time that he was employed under me, which was about eighteen months, I had no reason whatever to doubt his efficiency as an officer or the steadiness of his conduct. No official complaint whatever was made respecting him. I had been privately told that he was given to intemperance, and I was therefore on the watch for evidence of it, but I saw none.
648. He was under your control the whole time? Yes.
649. Will you kindly look at this minute, on the fifth page of the Return, No. 14—(*shows it to witness*). Have you any knowledge of what led to the writing of that minute? Yes. Mr. Handsaker's services had been dispensed with at the beginning of January, 1880. After that some complaints became known from the Commissioner. Mr. O'Malley Clarke, in particular, made a complaint. Mr. Handsaker's services were dispensed with on the 1st January, 1880, but having been engaged as inspector he was employed to give evidence in some inquiries subsequent to his removal from office.
650. Do you remember Mr. O'Malley Clarke making a complaint? Yes.
651. Did he make more than one? Not more than one, I think; but he had mentioned some circumstances previously. His official complaint is dated the 20th August.
652. He informed the Committee that he had made more than one complaint? I think not. If it had been made it would have been here with the other papers. No doubt he and other Commissioners had had conversations with me, but my impression is that this must have been subsequent to Mr. Handsaker's services being dispensed with.
653. Why do you think it was after that? Because I see a statement in a letter of mine to Mr. Handsaker which I would not have made if I had had any reason to question his conduct. It is in page 5, and it is a circular addressed to him and four other inspectors whose services were dispensed with at the same time. I should not have written that if it were inconsistent with the facts within my knowledge. I know that some circumstances came to my knowledge later than that, which led me to form a not so favourable an opinion. I had been told privately, soon after his appointment, that he was intemperate, but I did not feel warranted in taking any action to his prejudice upon complaints not made in a way that would have admitted of his answering them.
654. Was your informant reliable? Yes; I think so.
655. You had no reason to doubt the information, although not coming officially? No; but I thought it possible my informant might be prejudiced.
656. Mr. Handsaker says in a letter to the *Evening News* that he had to apply to Mr. McElhone to draw these moneys in consequence of the continual delay in the department. Can you give evidence as to what led to that delay? I have not looked into the matter, but my impression is that there was no departmental delay whatever, but there was considerable delay in his transmission of the vouchers and returns. The nature of his employment was a contingent one; it was impossible to know what was coming to him until the accounts were sent in.
657. If those complaints of Mr. Handsaker had been made to you before his appointment would you have represented them to the Minister? Yes; probably I should have done so.
658. If those unofficial complaints had been made officially you would have been disposed to have accepted them? Yes.
659. The complaints referring to his drinking? Certainly.
660. Did those statements refer to his conduct previous to or after his appointment? It was about the time of his appointment that a friend of mine made some remarks, but I believed him to be very strongly opposed to Mr. McElhone.
661. Did that fact cause you to doubt the accuracy of his statement? I have no doubt he told me the truth, and Mr. Handsaker's subsequent conduct verified it.

662. You feel certain that the delay in his papers was due to irregularities of his own? I have no doubt of it. I am very clear that there were no official delays. Perhaps it was his want of official knowledge. I believe that some of these transactions extended over the period when I was ill and away from duty. I ceased to have official control in August, 1880, about which time Mr. Blackman took charge of the department. I was ill for three months. The reduction of Mr. Handsaker took place at the close of 1879, because the Estimates for 1880 made reduced provision for the service.

663. *Mr. Day.*] If Mr. O'Malley Clarke had sent in a complaint as to Mr. Handsaker's incompetency, would it be possible to have lost it? Hardly; but I do not think any complaint was made before January, 1880.

664. All complaints made against him were kept with the papers? I think so; I have no doubt these printed papers are correct.

665. If a complaint reached the office while you were ill would it be likely to be lost? Not at all likely. I believe it must have been subsequent to the letter which is here.

666. You think the document in these papers of the 12th April was the first? Yes; I think these inspectors were allowed to complete the work which they had in hand.

667. And when Mr. Handsaker appeared before Mr. O'Malley Clarke he was before him officially? He was giving evidence merely as a witness. I have a very strong impression, owing to the precise character of it, that this report of Mr. O'Malley Clarke was the first official intimation of the kind.

668. How does Mr. Handsaker stand in your department; is he clear, or does he owe you anything? I have heard that there is an advance made to him not adjusted.

669. Who advanced that money? It would be advanced from the Treasury, or from the Under Secretary, after the Minister had approved of it. Perhaps the application would have been made through me.

670. Was this made through you? I think not; it does not seem to have passed through my hands.

671. *Chairman.*] Do you know of your own knowledge whether all that money has been repaid or not? I have no personal knowledge of it.

672. *Mr. Day.*] Who could give us information on that point? Some of the Treasury officers.

A. O.
Moriarty,
Esq.
28 Mar., 1884.

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1884.

Present:—

MR. BURNS,
MR. W. CLARKE,

MR. MERRIMAN,
MR. MOSES,

MR. TARGETT.

N. MELVILLE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

John Henry Davies, Esq., J.P., called in and examined on oath:—

673. *Chairman.*] I believe you are a resident of the Scone district? Yes.

674. Do you know Mr. James Howard Handsaker? Yes; I believe I know the man you refer to.

675. He lives at Scone? He did live near Scone.

676. He received an appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases? Yes, that is the man.

677. Do you know his brother, Thomas Handsaker? Yes.

678. Of your own knowledge are you aware of their having made a selection in the district of Scone at any time? Yes.

679. Can you say on whose ground that selection was made? I cannot be positive that the land was Crown land at the time, or whether it was under lease to a person named Worrard. It had been Robertson's, then it became Laidlaw's, then it was looked upon as my land.

680. It was looked upon as your land at the time the selection was made? Yes; I leased the freehold land adjoining; in fact they had been Laidlaw's auction leases.

681. But at the time the selection was made the land upon which the Handsakers selected was recognized or looked upon by people in the district as being in your possession? Yes, it was looked upon as being mine for various reasons—really not mine, but looked upon as mine.

682. What is your occupation? I am a freehold grazier.

683. You have been a squatter in your time? No, never a squatter.

684. The land had been in your possession? Well, the land had been in my possession from my connection with Laidlaw; by my advice he dropped his leases.

685. Those are matters of which the general public would have no knowledge? Very little knowledge. I held all the adjoining purchased land from Mr. Samuel Terry. The land selected was a piece in the corner.

686. Do you know Mr. John McElhone, a Member of the Legislative Assembly? Yes.

687. Do you remember an election in the month of May or June, 1875, which was contested by Mr. McElhone and Mr. Hungerford? I remember an election, but cannot remember the date.

688. Did you see Mr. McElhone during that election? Yes.

689. Did you see James Howard Handsaker at that election? Yes.

690. On any occasion did you see them together? Yes.

691. During the first election, on any occasion did you see James Howard Handsaker under the influence of drink? I saw him, I believe, under the effects of drink; but it was in a place where he might very easily be affected by drink; it was in the bar of a public-house. Men at election times are apt to get excited. It was after the election I saw him under the influence of drink, not during the election.

692. On one occasion you saw him under the influence of drink? On one occasion.

693. Was Mr. McElhone there on that occasion? No.

694. Did you on any other occasions between that and the second election, which took place shortly afterwards—you recollect Mr. McElhone petitioning against Mr. Hungerford's return? Yes.

695. Do you recollect the election that took place in consequence of that petition? Yes.

696. Did you between these occasions see Handsaker under the influence of drink? I cannot say that I did.

697. Did you see him under the influence of drink at any time during the second election? No; only upon the first occasion I mentioned.

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J. H. Davies,
Esq., J.P.
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- J. H. Davies, Esq., J.P.
9 April, 1884.
698. Have you ever seen Mr. Handsaker under the influence of drink? Yes.
699. On more than one occasion? Well, I have seen him on more than one occasion, but I cannot call the times; it was only upon one occasion that it was so prominently brought under my notice as to enable me to recollect it.
700. Have you had an opportunity of observing Mr. Handsaker's general conduct in the district? Yes.
701. From the opportunity you have had of observing his conduct, do you consider him a man of temperate habits? No; it is simply a matter of supply and demand.
702. Supply and demand? Yes, the demand was always there, the supply was wanting.
703. Are the Committee to understand that whenever he could procure drink he would take it? He would take as much as he could get—that is my opinion of the man.
704. From the opportunities you have had of judging of his conduct do you consider him a fit person to have been recommended for appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases? There are some very bad appointments, but I consider his was the worst possible appointment that could have been made.
705. Do you know of any circumstance occurring just about the time of his receiving the appointment, on his returning from Sydney on one occasion? Yes, I remember of my own knowledge that he was under the influence of liquor when going down to Sydney.
706. That was just previous to his going down to receive the appointment? Just previous to his going down to receive the appointment, or else just previous to his starting away to fulfil his duties; I cannot say which.
707. It was immediately upon his entering upon his duties? Yes.
708. Did nothing particular occur on that occasion? I could see that he was drunk from the way in which he rolled about on his horse. I heard at the time that he had gone over my paddocks roaring drunk.
709. I do not mean when he returned after entering upon his duties? No, he had to go to Sydney upon some business and had returned. He got out at a man named Sullivan's and was in a generally uproarious state altogether.
710. Whilst the second election was proceeding did you meet Mr. McElhone at any time? Yes.
711. Did he make any reference at the time you met him to his having lent any money to anybody? Yes, an altercation took place between myself and some people at the gates; something was said during the polling. I was bringing up a voter, and I said, consequent upon some action that had been taken, that I defied W. C. Browne, or John McElhone into the bargain, to do me any injury. McElhone replied: "I gave one man a hundred notes to select on you, and you won't be so flash when I put a couple more on you." I cannot at this distance of time remember the exact words, but those are the words he used as nearly as I can remember them.
712. Handsaker had selected previous to that? I cannot tax my memory now, but it was spoken of, for the dates show that the selection was made previous to that. It was publicly talked about that Handsaker had taken up 200 acres. I had a laugh at McElhone, because it really did not give me the cut.
713. When that statement was made to you did the circumstance connect in your mind anything about the money having been lent to the Handsakers? Yes, I knew the man he referred to, because the Woods's had told me that Handsaker had got £80. I was told £80, but the amount was really £100. It was publicly talked about.
714. Then you have no doubt whatever that when Mr. McElhone made that statement to you he referred to the loan he had made to the Handsakers? Most decidedly.
715. As having been lent for that purpose? Most decidedly; I have not the slightest doubt about that.
716. Have you any knowledge of how the selection passed out of Handsaker's possession? Yes.
717. Please state it? The Handsakers were indebted to Mr. James Little, a miller and storekeeper, and James Handsaker transferred his interest to his brother Thomas. Little became insolvent, and the official assignee sold Thomas Handsaker's interest in the place.
718. Do you know if that took place before, or about the time that James Handsaker received his appointment? No, long afterwards; they were heavily in debt.
719. Of your own knowledge are you aware that he was in debt to Mr. Little at the time he received his appointment? I cannot say that.
720. Do you know what the selection was sold for, what amount it realised? I think it was £113. I am not sure, but I think that was about it. I was at the sale I know.
721. Do you know whether the Handsakers possess any other property in the district? No, they do not; they are not in the district now.
722. Are you a magistrate? Yes.
723. Do you know if Handsaker was at any time, whilst in the Scone district, tried for drunkenness? I am under the impression that he was once locked up for it. It was before I was a magistrate.
724. Mr. Burns.] I think you stated that the selection made by Handsaker was upon land which adjoined your leased land? It was purchased land, leased by me from Mr. Terry.
725. It adjoined your leased land? Yes.
726. Did Handsaker's making a selection put you to any inconvenience? Not a bit.
727. Then it in no way prejudiced you his making the selection? Not in the slightest degree.
728. Did you suffer any inconvenience from Handsaker and his brother locating themselves there? Not the slightest.
729. In whose occupation had the land been before it was selected by the Handsakers? Immediately before I believe it was in the occupation of the Worrards. It was either Laidlaw's forfeited lease, or it was in the occupation of the Worrards.
730. Had the Worrards left the district? No, they are there still.
731. Were they using the land at the time it was first selected by the Handsakers? Yes.
732. Running cattle and sheep over it? Sheep.
733. Was Mr. Worrard alive at the time the selection was made? No.
734. The widow was residing on the purchased land? Yes, on her own purchased land.
735. Was that far from the land that was selected by the Handsakers? About 2 miles.
736. Who was inconvenienced or prejudiced by the Handsakers' making a selection? No one at all; except that the Worrards' might have been to the extent that they could not run through the selected land, they would have to keep on their own purchased land.

737. *Mr. Moses.*] Did you use the land at all—did you cross over it? No, I did not use any of it, I leased it, but used to allow the Worrards' to run over it. I kept it in my own hands.
738. Was it thought in the district that you were the possessor? Yes, it was known that I leased it.
739. Were you opposed to Mr. McElhone on that first election you spoke of? Yes.
740. Do you think Mr. McElhone intended to do you an injury by lending Handsaker the money to select? I think so. I think Handsaker worked Mr. McElhone upon that point. I do not think he cared particularly whether he did me an injury or not.
741. Did you know the Handsakers' for any length of time? He had only recently arrived in the district.
742. Was he considered to be a respectable man? I had very little knowledge of the man except what you would gather from his general manner and looks; from his general knocking about you soon gather the character of a man.
743. What was generally thought of his appointment in the district? It was thought by some people that it was a very good thing for him; others thought it would be a very good thing for those who wanted to get dummy selections put through, and that sort of thing. I thought that a £5 or £10 note would buy him at any time.
744. But was it thought to be a good appointment? No, it was thought to be a very bad appointment.
745. *Mr. Targett.*] Did Handsaker live in your neighbourhood? No.
746. Did you meet him about that time? Yes.
747. Were you ever on bad terms with him? Only because between the first election and the second election an effort had been made to show that some selections of mine were illegal, were wrong; and between times these matters had been cleared up and decided in my favour without my knowledge at the time. I was rather wrath at the time.
748. Was it at Handsaker's instance? It was at the instance of a man named Collins.
749. Did you ever have any personal quarrel with Handsaker? Not the slightest; never had a word with him in my life.
750. *Chairman.*] Provided the land was in your possession this selection would have interfered with your grazing? Yes, because it would have caused a lot more fencing.
751. Then had the land been in your possession the object would have been accomplished by the selection? Yes, I should have had to buy him out, or something. He would have been a nuisance; he was right on the track, in the jaws of everything.
752. Then it was not his fault that inconvenience was not caused to you? Not his fault.
753. It was an error in making a selection of this particular land? Yes.

I J. H. Davies,
Esq., J.P.
9 April, 1884.

Mr. John Sullivan called in and examined on oath:—

754. *Chairman.*] You live in the Scone district, I believe? Yes.
755. Do you know James Howard Handsaker? Yes, I know him.
756. Do you remember his receiving a Government appointment? Yes, he told me he received it; he came to my place one Sunday morning and told me he had got a Government situation.
757. Came to your place on a Sunday morning? Yes.
758. Did you see him again before he went away to discharge the duties of the appointment? No.
759. Had you seen him previous to his coming to you on the Sunday morning? Yes, I used to see him off and on in Scone.
760. Have you ever seen him under the influence of liquor? I never saw him drunk, but I have seen him under the influence of liquor slightly. He was under the influence of liquor slightly when he came to me on the Sunday morning. He had lost his hat, and had lost himself.
761. That was the morning he gave you news of his appointment? Yes.
762. Had he been to Sydney? Yes, it was after his going to Sydney. I think he came up in the mail train.
763. And he reached your place on the Sunday morning? Yes, he had lost himself.
764. On Saturday night? Yes, on Saturday night.
765. You say he lost his hat? Yes, he lost it in my paddocks.
766. Did he inform you on the Sunday morning that he had been out all night? Yes.
767. Unable to find his way about? Yes, my place is in quite the reverse direction to where he lived.
768. The Committee are to understand by the statement you make that he was under the influence of liquor on the Sunday morning you speak of, that he was suffering a recovery? Yes, a recovery after the night.
769. Have you seen him at any other time under the influence of liquor? Yes, on one occasion, slightly; I could not call him drunk at the time.
770. From the opportunities you have had of judging of his conduct, should you consider him a man of temperate or intemperate habits? A man of intemperate habits.
771. What occupation do you follow? I am a farmer.
772. Do you think he was a proper person to receive such an appointment as he did receive? I had no knowledge of his qualifications; but I should not think so.
773. You say he was a man of intemperate habits;—do you think he was a fit man to be appointed Inspector of Conditional Purchases? I never saw him drunk. You could not call him drunk on the morning he called on me; he was suffering a recovery.
774. He left almost immediately afterwards to enter upon his duties? Yes; I invited him into my place; he seemed very cold, and sat by the fire, and I gave him some breakfast. He asked me to try and make him as respectable looking as I could. I said, "The best thing you can do is to come along with me; I am going down the road, and you had better come down with me"; and he did so.
775. Then you made him look respectable, and put him on his road? Yes.
776. Do you recollect the election that took place between Mr. Hungerford and Mr. McElhone, when Hungerford was successful? Yes.
777. Did you see Mr. Handsaker taking part in that election? Yes; that is the only time he did assist him to my knowledge.
778. Did you see him at the second election? Yes, I think so. He was a stranger in Scone.

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J. Sullivan.
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- Mr. J. Sullivan. 779. Did he tell you how he came to receive the appointment, through whose influence he obtained it, on the Sunday morning he called at your house? No; he did not tell me how he got it.
780. Did he say anything about the nature of his appointment on the morning he called at your place, after losing himself? Yes; he told me he had been appointed Inspector of Conditional Purchases, and was going on the Dubbo side.
781. Did he tell you that anyone had recommended him for appointment? I cannot tell; I don't remember.
782. Did he say anything about having a selection in the district at that time? Oh, he had a selection. I asked him if he was going to take his family with him, and he said no; he should leave them on his selection.
783. Have you seen him since he returned, after leaving his duties? Yes, once in Scone.
784. From the opportunities you have had of observing him, do you still consider him a man of intemperate habits? I do not think I would depend much upon the fellow at any time.
785. Mr. Burns.] Do you still reside in the Scone district? Yes; I have lived for twenty-eight years in the district.
786. How long had you known Mr. Handsaker before his appointment? I dare say about twelve months.
787. Were you in the habit of seeing him frequently? No; except I saw him in Scone. The first time I saw him was in a blacksmith's shop.
788. What opportunities had you of forming an impression as to his habits? I often saw him. On the occasion when I saw him in the blacksmith's shop, he appeared to be slightly under the influence of drink.
789. What was his character in the district? That I could not say.
790. With respect to his habits? I never heard much about the man; he was a stranger.
791. Mr. Moses.] Do you remember him selecting? I cannot tell the time he selected.
792. You remember he did select? Yes; the land belonged, I think, to Mrs. Worrard.
793. Did you ever hear who advanced him the money to select with? Yes, I heard that Mr. McElhone advanced him money. But it was only hearsay.
794. Did you hear that it was to do any person an injury—that the money was advanced to Handsaker to select with the view of doing some one an injury? Yes, I think so; I heard that it was to do Mr. Davies an injury.
795. Mr. Targett.] Did you hear that at the time? Not at the time.
796. Soon afterwards? Soon afterwards; but it was merely hearsay.
797. Did you hear Mr. McElhone say anything to the effect that he had advanced money to Handsaker for the purpose of annoying Davies? No.
798. Mr. Merriman.] You say you knew Mr. Handsaker twelve months before his appointment? Yes, twelve months as near as possible.
799. But you say you knew him twelve months before his appointment? Yes.
800. How many times did you see him during that twelve months? Two or three times.
801. Was it from what you observed during those two or three times that you formed the opinion that he was a man guilty of intemperate habits? I think twice I saw him under the influence of liquor.
802. Is it because you saw him drunk twice that you say he is a man of intemperate habits? I saw the man a couple of times.
803. Is it because you saw him drunk twice, and from what you heard, that you say he is a man of intemperate habits? From what I saw twice, and the time he came to my place on the Sunday morning.
804. And from that you think he is a man of intemperate habits? I think so.
805. Chairman.] Did you form your opinion from what you saw and what you heard in the district? Yes.

Mr. J. J. Lawler called in and examined on oath:—

- Mr. J. J. Lawler. 806. Chairman.] You know Mr. John McElhone, Member of the Legislative Assembly? Yes.
807. You know Mr. James Howard Handsaker, late an Inspector of Conditional Purchases? Yes.
808. Where do you reside? I reside in Sydney, but at the time I knew Mr. Handsaker I was Inspector of Conditional Purchases at Scone. In fact I gave him his instructions when he got the appointment.
809. Had you an opportunity of observing his general conduct before he received the appointment? Only slightly. I met him several times.
810. Did you on any of those occasions see him under the influence of liquor? No.
811. How many times may you have seen him? Altogether about eight or nine times. Through having to go in and out of town so much I had not much opportunity of observing him. Though I never saw him under the influence of drink I heard he had been so.
812. Was it generally reported in the district that he was a man of intemperate habits? After he went away I heard it spoken of. After he received the appointment I heard he had been carrying on very badly.
813. The selection was taken up in the name of the two brothers? Yes, James and Thomas Handsaker. I have a copy of my report. The report is very favourable, and shows that the improvements were well up to the requirements.
814. Was the land in the possession of any person, by lease or otherwise, at the time the Handsaker's selected? No.
815. Had it been previously? I cannot tell you that. In the papers supplied to me from the Lands office there was no indication whatever that the land had been previously occupied, nor could I trace it on the map.
816. I see you value the improvements at £330? Yes, £330 or £320—I forget which. My report went in on the 4th November, 1879. That is the date of my report.
817. Do you know if the selection was sold? I cannot tell.
818. You do not know what it was sold for? No.
819. Mr. Burns.] Had you any official information as to whether the land which was selected by the Handsakers was in the possession of other persons at the time they selected it? No, none whatever. I was supplied with a tracing and a letter. My duty then took me to the Lands Office to look for particulars. I then went out and traced the selection from marks on my papers, and I distinctly recollect that I was very careful about them. There was no indication whatever that the land was in the possession of anyone else.

820. As far as you could obtain information was the land Crown land held by no person in particular, and open to selection? Open to selection. Otherwise it would have been referred to me to report upon.
821. As far as you are aware there are no conflicting rights with respect to the land? None whatever.
822. *Chairman.*] Have you any evidence whatever to offer? None whatever. Some time after Mr. Handsaker's appointment I heard that he had been carrying on very badly. In fact I thought it was a strange thing that I was struck off and he was kept on.
823. What made you think so? I afterwards heard that he had been mixed up in company.
824. Are you aware of your own knowledge that he was a man of intemperate habits? No. He was sober at the time he received instructions from me. In fact he rode away with me to his brother's.
825. *Mr. Clarke.*] At whose instance did you come here to give evidence? I was subpoenaed by the Chairman.
826. Did you volunteer to give evidence? No, I was asked by Mr. McElhone.
827. Had you any conversation with Mr. McElhone as to the evidence you were to give? No.
828. No letter from him? No.

Mr.
J. J. Lawler.
9 April, 1884.

CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER.

APPENDIX.

[To the Evidence of Joseph Carroll, 21 March, 1884.]

A.

Mr. James Howard Handsaker in a/c with John McElhone.

DR.				CR.		
1875.		£	s. d.	1875.	£	s. d.
13 July ...	To Cash, loan for twelve months on p.-note £109	100	0 0	13 July ...	By P.-note @ twelve m. d., due 13th July, 1876	109 0 0
	„ Interest on do	9	0 0			
1876.				1876.		
13 July ...	„ P.-note due and dishonoured ...	109	0 0	12 July ..	„ Cash for interest	9 0 0
	„ Interest on p.-n., £109	9	0 0	13 „ ...	„ P.-note at twelve m. d., due 16th July, 1877	109 0 0
24 Aug. ...	„ Cash paid, Anderson, Hall, & Co., for seeds	1	8 3	1878.		
1877.				13 Mar. ...	„ P.-note @ twelve m. d., due 19th July, 1878	126 4 3
16 July ...	„ P.-note due and dishonoured ...	109	0 0			
15 Nov. ...	„ Cash loan	5	0 0			
1878.						
25 Feb. ...	„ Interest on p.-note for twelve months	10	16 0			
		£	126 4 3			£ 126 4 3
19 July ...	„ P.-note due and dishonoured ...	126	4 3	3 July ...	„ Cash from Treasury	104 5 0
1879.				5 „ ...	„ Do do	17 17 0
3 July ...	„ Cash out of £104 5s.	34	5 0	13 „ ...	„ Balance down	77 11 3
4 „ ...	„ Do do £17 17s.	7	17 0			
3 „ ...	„ Do to Mrs. Handsaker	20	0 0			
13 „ ...	„ Interest on £126 4s. 3d. for twelve months @ 9%	11	7 0			
		£	199 13 3			£ 199 13 3
13 July ...	„ Balance brought down	77	11 3	1879.		
26 Aug. ...	„ Interest on do. to date	0	17 6	26 Aug. ...	„ Cash from Treasury	87 10 0
6 Sept. ...	„ Cash paid, D. Gallagher	3	16 2			
8 „ ...	„ Do self for balance	5	5 1			
		£	87 10 0			£ 87 10 0
21 Nov. ...	„ Cash paid Mrs. Handsaker	17	0 0	21 Nov. ...	„ Do do	52 12 6
	„ Do self £35 12s.; stamps 6d. (balance)	35	12 6			
		£	52 12 6			£ 52 12 6
8 Dec. ...	„ Cash to self	50	0 0	8 Dec. ...	„ Do do	66 3 0
1 „ ...	„ Do wife, £162s. 6d.; stamps 6d.	16	3 0			

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the current account of Mr. James Howard Handsaker with Mr. John McElhone, as appears in Mr. McElhone's ledger; and that each and every entry was made by me in the ledger at or about the respective dates set against the same; and that I was employed by Mr. McElhone as his book-keeper for a period of about twelve years up to the present time.—Dated at Sydney, 20th March, 1884.

JOSEPH CARROLL,
City Auditor and Professional Accountant.

[To

[To the Evidence of John McElhone, Esq., 26 March, 1884.]

B 1.

TWELVE months after date I promise to pay to John McElhone, Esq., Sydney, the sum of one hundred pounds sterling for value received.
£100.

Scone, July 10, 1875.

JAS. HOWARD HANDSAKER.

B 2.

Due 16 July, 1877.
TWELVE months after date I promise to pay Mr. John McElhone or order the sum of one hundred and nine pounds sterling, value received.
Payable at the Australasian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney.

Sydney, New South Wales, July 13, 1876.

JAS. HOWARD HANDSAKER.

[To the Evidence of Victor Cohen, Esq., 26 March, 1884.]

C.

Respecting accounts of Mr. J. H. Handsaker.

Memo.—In obedience to your request to investigate the statements contained in a letter (copy herewith) published in the *Evening News* of the 6th instant, and signed by J. H. Handsaker, at one time temporarily employed as an Inspector of Conditional Land Sales, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

1. Mr. Handsaker states that "after my appointment as Inspector of C.P.'s. I found there was no money coming in for services rendered, and after several months of working and waiting I applied to Mr. McElhone to collect moneys due to me." It might be inferred from the opening words of this statement that no accounts were paid to Mr. Handsaker until he applied to Mr. McElhone. As a matter of fact Mr. Handsaker's appointment was made in May, 1878, but he does not appear to have entered actively upon his duties until July of that year. The first vouchers were received from Mr. Handsaker on the 19th October, 1878, being for travelling expenses incurred and inspection fees earned during July and August. The work of examination took till the 12th November, when they were sent to the Treasury, and at which office they were paid on the 16th November, or within one month from the date of their receipt by this Department. I enclose a statement shewing the date of service, the date of receipt, and date of payment of vouchers rendered by Mr. Handsaker, and it will be found that in the majority of instances Mr. Handsaker is to a very great extent responsible for the delays that took place. Mr. Capper, the officer whose duty it was to examine the inspectors' work, informs me the vouchers of Mr. Handsaker's that came under his notice were prepared in such a manner as to render their examination both difficult and tedious. Frequently he found it a saving of time to prepare the forms himself and return them to Mr. Handsaker for signature. The books of the office shew correspondence to have been carried on, in which information was sought to enable the vouchers to be passed.

With respect to the second portion of the statement, the inference to be drawn is that the general order issued to Mr. McElhone was given in consequence of delay in receiving payment of accounts rendered. This order is dated the 29th June, 1879, and upon that date there had been rendered, but unpaid, the accounts enumerated in the following statement:—

No. of Voucher.	Period of Service.	Nature.	Received at Department of Lands.	Sent to Treasury.	Date of Payment.	To whom paid.
			1879.	1879.	1879.	
1	Sep., 1878	Travelling expenses	Mar. 27	April 17	Aug. 25	Jno. McElhone, Esq., M.P.
2	Oct., 1878	" "	April 15	" 28	" "	
3	Nov., 1878	" "	Mar. 27	" "	" "	
4	Dec., 1878	" "	" "	" "	" "	
5	Dec., 1878	Inspection fees	Jan. 21	Mar. 17	July 4	
6	Jan., 1879	" "	Mar. 6	" "	" 3	Bank N.S.W.
7	Jan., 1879	Travelling expenses	" "	" "	" "	
8	Feb., 1879	" "	" "	" "	" "	
9	Mar. & April, 1879	Inspection fees	May 10	June 6	" "	
10	April & May, 1879	Travelling expenses	June 17	July 1	" 8	
11	" "	Inspection fees	" "	" "	" "	

It will be observed from this statement that a period of from one to six months intervened between the date of service and the date the vouchers were received here. For this delay Mr. Handsaker is alone responsible.

It will also be seen that, with one exception, these vouchers were despatched to the Treasury within one month from their receipt; it therefore only remains now to explain the cause of delay in paying the accounts. The four first-mentioned accounts were held over by the Treasury as the votes against which they were chargeable were exhausted. On the 8th August, however, funds were available, and they were paid to Mr. McElhone on the 25th August; had the claims been preferred earlier they would no doubt have been paid earlier than they were, as there would have been money to meet them. The cause of the deficiency in the vote will be found alluded to in the printed papers (p. 3, paper No. 4).

Mr. Handsaker was apprised on the 26th March, 1879, by the Treasury that the vouchers Nos. 5 to 8, as per statement, were ready for payment. The first instructions for payment were contained in the general order made to Mr. McElhone, and which, as before stated, was dated 29th June, 1879. It was therefore within Mr. Handsaker's power to direct payment of the accounts on receipt of the notice from the Treasury; his failure to do so until three months afterwards is not attributable to either the Treasury or this Department, but rests entirely with himself. There are other instances where instructions had been issued by the Treasury which remained unattended to for a considerable period; orders for payment to the Bank of New South Wales, for instance, being received in response to notices issued two and three months previously, and it is not likely that the delay was with the banking institution.

With respect to the amounts collected by the Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., it is pointed out that the vouchers were not received until twelve months after the first service had been performed. Mr. Handsaker was called upon to explain the cause of the delay in transmitting vouchers, and on the 15th July, 1880, replied to the effect (C.S. 80-31452)—"that the vouchers were sent in due course to the Department and returned with specimen copies, and that, being without forms, he was unable to furnish vouchers earlier." There is no especial difficulty in obtaining forms, and it is somewhat hard to reconcile the anxiety for payment of outstanding accounts that one would be led to believe existed, after reading Mr. Handsaker's letter to the *Evening News*. Had Mr. Handsaker's work been in a satisfactory condition some ground for his complaint might have been established; but he had not on the 6th August, 1880, returned his progress reports upon selections inspected from June to October, 1879. The vouchers could not therefore have been examined or passed on for payment. However, the votes for 1879 were then fully expended, and Parliament, on the 6th April, 1881, voted a sum to cover these and other accounts, and on the 2nd May, 1881, they were duly paid over to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. on behalf of Mr. Handsaker.

15th March, 1884.

VICTOR COHEN.

Submitted for the information of the Secretary for Lands.—C.O., 15/3/84.

RETURN of Vouchers paid on account of services rendered by J. H. Handsaker.

Period of Service.	Nature of Service.	When received at Department of Lands.	When sent to Treasury.	Date of payment.	To whom paid.
1878.					
July	Travelling expenses	1878, October 19	1878, November 12	1878, November 16	Bank N. S. Wales.
"	Inspection fees	" "	" "	" "	" "
August	Travelling expenses	" "	" "	" "	" "
September	"	1879, March 27	1879, April 17	1879, August 25	J. McElhone.
Aug. & Sept.	Inspection fees	1878, December 9	" January 21	" March 14	Bank N. S. Wales.
October	"	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	Travelling expenses	1879, April 15	" April 28	" August 25	J. McElhone.
November	Inspection fees	1878, December 9	" February 11	" March 14	Bank N. S. Wales.
"	Travelling expenses	1879, March 27	" April 28	" August 25	J. McElhone.
December	Inspection fees	" January 21	" March 17	" July 4	" "
"	Travelling expenses	" March 27	" April 28	" August 25	" "
1879.					
January	"	" " 6	" March 17	" July 3	" "
"	Inspection fees	" "	" "	" "	" "
February	Travelling expenses	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	Inspection fees	" "	" "	" "	" "
March & April	Travelling expenses	" May 10	" June 6	" "	" "
April & May	Inspection fees	" June 17	" July 1	" 8	Bank N. S. Wales.
"	Travelling expenses	" 7	" "	" 8	" "
June	"	1880, June 7	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	1879, November 15	1879, November 26	1879, December 4	J. McElhone.
July	Travelling expenses	1880, June 7	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	1879, November 15	1879, November 19	1879, November 21	J. McElhone.
August	Travelling expenses	1880, June 7	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	1879, November 15	1879, November 26	1879, December 4	J. McElhone.
September	Travelling expenses	1880, June 7	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	1879, November 15	1879, November 19	1879, November 20	John McElhone.
October	Travelling expenses	1880, June 7	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	1879, November 15	1879, November 26	1879, December 4	J. McElhone.
Oct. & Nov.	Travelling expenses	1880, June 26	1881, April 28	1881, May 2	H. H. Brown & Co.
Sep., Oct., Nov.	Inspection fees	" "	1880, August 13	" "	" "
December	Travelling expenses	" "	1881, April 28	" "	" "
"	Inspection fees	" "	1880, August 13	" "	" "
"	"	1881, August 17	"	" September 12	" "
1880.					
February	"	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	Travelling expenses	1880, June 26	" July 21	1880, August 13	Bank N. S. Wales.
"	Inspection fees	" "	" August 13	" September 10	" "
March	Travelling expenses	" July 21	" October 8	" December 31	" "
"	Inspection fees	" "	" August 24	" September 21	" "
April	Travelling expenses	" "	" October 8	" December 21	" "
"	Inspection fees	" "	" August 24	" September 21	" "
May	Travelling expenses	1881, June 23	"	1881, August 22	H. H. Brown & Co.
"	Inspection fees	" " 27	"	" "	" "

Letter referred to in report herewith.

Evening News, 6 March, 1884.

A McELHONIAN RECOMMENDATION.

Sir,

To the Editor.

As several paragraphs under the above heading have appeared in your papers, will you kindly allow me, as an act of justice to Mr. McElhone, to say a few words in explanation. After my appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases I found there was no money coming in for services rendered, and after several months of working and waiting I applied to Mr. McElhone to collect the moneys due to me. He did so, and forwarded the money collected intact, except for stamps. I had also to employ Mr. H. H. Brown, Member for the Paterson, to collect moneys—between £200 and £300—that had been owing by the Crown Lands Department for over two years; and I believe that gentleman had trouble enough to obtain it, though it was admitted I was entitled to it. Your paragraphs would lead the public to infer that Mr. McElhone had collected the moneys on his own account, but such was not the case; it was at my repeated request for him to do so, and therefore there is no blame attached to that gentleman but rather to the Crown Lands Department, when, through their negligence, Civil Servants have to resort to such methods to obtain their money. I may add that the moneys collected by Mr. H. H. Brown had been owing for twelve months when I left the Service, and then over another twelve months elapsed before I obtained it. Your insertion of the above will oblige

Manilla, March 3.

Yours, &c.,

J. H. HANDSAKER.

[*Handed in by the Chairman, 9 April, 1884.*]

D.

I, JAMES THOMPSON WILSHIRE, a Justice of the Peace of the Colony, being about to leave the Colony this day by the s.s. "Ballarat," do solemnly and sincerely declare that I knew one James Howard Handsaker, late of Scone, previous to his receiving an appointment as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, and that he, with his brother, Thomas, made a conditional purchase about the month of July, 1875, in that district, and that I had opportunities of observing his conduct on various occasions, when I saw him in a state of intoxication, which was notorious throughout the district. I heard an altercation on one occasion during the month of August at the hustings at Scone, and heard Mr. McElhone say in reply to a statement from some one among the electors, that "if I have lent him (meaning Handsaker) money, I have his promissory-note," slapping his pocket at the time; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

J. T. WILSHIRE.

Declared and sworn before me, this 4th day of April, }
in the year of our Lord 1884,— }
A. STOKES, J.P.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. FRANK HOBBS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

(DISPUTE BETWEEN MESSRS. W. BLACKMAN AND E. H. STOBO.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 June, 1884.

RETURN showing copies of the correspondence relative to the dispute between Messrs. W. Blackman and E. H. Stobo, of the Lands Department, in connection with the Conditional Purchase of 640 acres, made by Mr. Frank Hobbs at the Crown Lands Office, Glen Innes.

[Laid upon the Table of the House in accordance with the verbal promise of the Honorable the Secretary for Lands.]

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No. 1.

Application by F. Hobbs.

D [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Application by Frank Hobbs for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 26th day of October, 1876, at 10 o'clock,—

G. MARTIN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

Sir,

26 October, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

his

FRANK × HOBBS,

mark.

Witness to mark—HENRY C. A. WEAVER.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

Wellingrove.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Waterloo, 640 acres, on Waterloo Run, embracing the land marked on map as Waterloo Plains, south of reserve No. 95, starting about 10 chains south from the south-western corner of said reserve; thence by lines east, south, west, and north along creek to which it has frontage, to point of commencement.

Minute on No. 1.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor W. Christie to measure, if unobjectionable.—D.W. (for Surveyor-General) 5th December, 1876.

No. 2.

Mr. J. Eckford, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

“Eckford's Family Hotel,” corner York and Margaret Streets, Sydney, 29 November, 1878.

Sir,

In August last Mr. J. A. M'Intyre applied to the Land Agent, Glen Innes, for the purchase of 400 acres of land. The Land Agent, as the accompanying letter shows, would not take the deposit money, but stated he would forward on his (M'Intyre's) application to the Lands Office, Sydney.

I find, on application at the Lands Office, he did forward the application which was returned to him, the Land Agent, Mr. Martin, for his report, and he denies having received it back, which the accompanying letter and telegram will show.

I think it is a hard case upon Mr. M'Intyre; the land has been taken up by Vivers, as you will see, at Inverell, which is not in the proper district.

I am, &c.,

JOSEPH ECKFORD.

[Enclosure to No. 2.]

Dear Sir,

Waterloo, 14 October, 1876.

I wish you to take the following matter in hand for me and see me righted by the Minister for Lands.

Some time ago, in August last, Carl Shutz's selection of 320 acres was forfeited. It was taken up by him at the Land Office at Inverell, and described as in the parish of Buckley, when it was not in that parish, but in the parish of Waterloo, and land district of Glen Innes, about 20 acres of it may be in the parish of Buckley, but it was forfeited to Shutz for non-residence. I then applied for it at the Land Office, Glen Innes, as an additional conditional selection of 400 acres, including the said 320 acres; the Land Agent said he did not understand whether I could do so or not, but he would take my application and send it to head quarters, but he would not then take my money, although offered to him, but said that he would not allow any one to take the land in the meantime. I saw Mr. Martin, Land Agent at Glen Innes, yesterday, and he said he had sent my papers down to Minister for Lands, but had not received an answer; and he wishes me to push the matter at once for this reason. Mr. L——— took up the land at Inverell, I do not know how or in what way, but you could see at the Land Office; but he took it after I had applied for it, at the proper office, Glen Innes. I understand he took it up under regulations of Land Act, page 52, in virtue of intended improvements (see Act), that the land was never under lease to him, Vivers, so he could not take it, as far as I can see, under this regulation on my run which he has done.

Trusting you will understand what I wish done.

I am, &c.,

J. A. M'INTYRE.

Vivers' Application:—Application made 16th August, 1876, county of Arrawatta, parish of Buckley, being portion No. 145, Carl Shutz's forfeited selection.

Minute on Enclosure to No. 2.

By Chief Commissioner:—Mr. Blackman,—The Minister wishes for information as to the state of the additional conditional purchase of J. A. M'Intyre, Glen Innes, within referred to.—Urgent. A.O.M., 29/4/76.

No. 3.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson to Mr. J. Eckford, M.P.

Dear Sir,

Inverell, 16 December, 1876.

Re J. A. M'Intyre.

On the 26th October last Frank Hobbs applied to the Land Agent at Glen Innes to conditionally purchase 640 acres of land on Waterloo Run, description as applied for herewith, marked A, by which you will see it was to commence 10 chains south from south-western corner of reserve 95 (plan herewith, marked

marked B). When the surveyor went to measure the land, found Hobbs' land, as he intended to take it up, embraced part of the reserve; the surveyor now says he must survey the land to Hobbs which Mr. M'Intyre and Honfrie has taken up since Hobbs' application. M'Intyre and Honfrie both have possession, neither of them will give it up until they are ejected by the Supreme Court.

Surveyor Christie wants to take M'Intyre's 60 acres, being the 10 chains between reserve and Hobbs' selection, and Honfrie's 222 acres, and leave them none. He says he must give Hobbs his 640 acres, which he can't get without taking M'Intyre's 60 acres, which he has applied to purchase in virtue of intended improvements; he has paid the deposit to the Land Agent, and Honfrie's 222 acres. It is submitted that as Hobbs' description is so vague he cannot claim the other two. The surveyor is measuring for Hobbs the 10 chains between reserve and Hobbs', also taking Honfrie's 222 acres, which will give Hobbs a boundary of about 2 miles, which is contrary to the Land Act, and eighth regulation, which says no boundary shall exceed 80 chains in a direct line. By the survey of Christie, Hobbs will get about 160 chains back. Even supposing (which I hold he can't) he is allowed to take M'Intyre's 60 acres, it would still throw him back over a mile and three-quarters. By Hobbs' description he can only get about 340 acres measured him, and the surveyor has no right to take other people's land to give to another as he thinks proper.

Will you kindly see the Minister and explain to him the position, and get him to instruct Christie not to take M'Intyre's or Honfrie's land to make up Hobbs' 640 acres.

Land marked with red dots is the description as intended by Hobbs, which includes about one-fifth of the reserve.

Land as marked on plan with red line round it is the land applied for by M'Intyre.

Land marked on plan in pencil applied for by Honfrie.

Get Minister to telegraph Christie not to take in M'Intyre's or Honfrie's land.

I have, &c.,

W. J. FERGUSSON.

(Presented by Mr. Eckford.)

No. 4.

Mr. J. Campbell to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Waterloo, near Wellingrove, 18 December, 1876.

On the 26th October last one Frank Hobbs made application for a conditional purchase of 640 acres on the Waterloo Run, taking starting-point 10 chains south of water reserve No. 95.

On the 2nd November last I also applied for an additional conditional purchase of 159 acres of land in no way interfering with Hobbs' description.

Mr. Surveyor Christie is now measuring Frank Hobbs' conditional purchase, and as his survey includes part of my additional conditional purchase, I therefore pray that the present survey be not passed until the matter has been looked into.

I have, &c.,

JOHN CAMPBELL.

(Presented by Joseph Eckford.)

No. 5.

Mr. H. W. Honfrie to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 18 December, 1876.

I have taken up a conditional purchase of 222 acres on the Waterloo Run in no way interfering with any previous selections; but Mr. Surveyor Christie is now measuring my land to Frank Hobbs, because the land, or part of it that he applied for was swallowed up by water reserve No. 95 or 93.

I therefore submit to your consideration if it is right, because he did not get the land he applied for as it was a reserve he should now be thrown back upon my land.

Trusting that you will have the matter inquired into.

I am, &c.,

H. W. HONFRIE.

(Presented by Joseph Eckford.)

Minutes on No. 5.

By the Surveyor-General:—It is recommended that the later conditional purchases of Campbell, 76-117, and Honfrie, 76-135, be declared void, as there is no land available after satisfying the previous conditional purchase, 76-116, of Frank Hobbs. Then to Miscellaneous Branch to the conditional purchase of Mackenzie, of 60 acres (shown in sketch herewith), which it is believed will be found to be inadmissible hereafter.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 23/1/77. The Under Secretary for Lands.

By the Chief Commissioner:—For cancellation of 76-117 and 76-135.—A.O.M., 7/2/77.

No. 6.

Mr. J. A. M'Intyre to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Waterloo, Wellingrove, 18 December, 1876.

One Frank Hobbs made application for 640 acres as a conditional purchase on Waterloo Run, and according to his description commenced 10 chains south of water reserve No. 95. These 10 chains, amounting to 60 acres, I have since applied for under the 31st clause, and this land cannot therefore interfere with his selection.

I have had the reserve and these 60 acres surveyed at my own expense by Mr. Surveyor Wener.

Mr. Surveyor Christie is now on the ground surveying, and is including my 60 acres into Hobbs' selection, entirely contrary to his description.

Trusting that you will have this matter investigated at your earliest convenience, as I wish to go on with my improvements during the summer months.

I have, &c.,

J. A. M'INTYRE.

No. 7.

No. 7.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Christie to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Glen Innes, 22 December, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge from you the telegram sent by Mr. Solicitor Ferguson, of Inverell, on behalf of Mr. J. M'Intyre, to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, making certain allegations with reference to my survey of F. Hobbs' conditional purchase, which by telegram on the 19th instant I informed you were false; and I now do myself the honor to send you a rough plan showing what I have done in the matter of this survey, that before I proceed further I may have your approval or otherwise, and the benefit of your advice as to how I had better act if what I have done is not satisfactory to you.

I enclose all the applications for land in this vicinity, and may state that on the District map in the local Lands Office, reserve No. 93 is shown fully 90 chains north of No. 41, and embraces that portion of Waterloo Plains between dotted line on plan and land measured by me for Hobbs. The land known as Waterloo Plains is that embraced between the water frontage and the timber line, which I have shown with as much accuracy as I can, and as Hobbs' application, which is the first, distinctly applies for the "land marked on the map as Waterloo Plains," and as the reserve is shown on the map alluded to, viz., that in the Lands Office—so far north of its true position as to make the latter part of the description tally exactly with the former part—that is to say, 10 chains south of reserve—I consider that the applicant is entitled to the land as measured, and that he is not, as Mr. M'Intyre wishes to make him, bound by that part of the description which is erroneous, owing to the error in the District Land Office maps.

I am perfectly satisfied that the land intended by Hobbs is that shown by dotted blue line, and M'Intyre first informed me of the error with respect to the reserve, and of his intention to apply for 60 acres under 31st clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, adjoining the southern boundary of the reserve, and if possible hold Hobbs to the erroneous part of his description.

Previous to M'Intyre making his application, I informed him that under the circumstances I did not consider that Mr. Hobbs would be held responsible for any mistake in the map, more especially as he distinctly mentioned the Waterloo Plains as being embraced by him, and that his (M'Intyre's) application would be subject altogether to Hobbs' survey.

Mr. M'Intyre therefore has not been put to loss or inconvenience, having effected no improvements on the land, and he has not made his application without a full knowledge of the doubt that existed as to his getting it.

This is the case, so far as I know, with respect to the clashing between Messrs. M'Intyre and Hobbs.

Regarding Honfrie's applications, I do not know their area, but they are made to start 80 chains back from the river, with the view to prevent Hobbs getting his full amount of land. Mr. M'Intyre pointed this out to me, and from his remarks respecting it, I have every reason to believe that Honfrie's selections are not *bona fide*, but are made on behalf of Mr. M'Intyre, who is lessee of the run. That gentleman informed me that he had selected the land, and I certainly was under the belief that it was selected in his own name till Honfrie came on the ground with a tent while I was surveying it.

This is the whole case respecting this land, which I beg to submit to you, and venture to hope that you will direct me by design or otherwise as soon as possible. If you can make it convenient to do so by 2nd January, 1877, I will at once carry out your instructions.

A great amount of ill-feeling is being engendered between the parties interested, and as litigation appears to be inevitable, it will, I think, be of importance to have the departmental portion of the case placed on a proper footing as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

W. CHRISTIE,

Licensed Surveyor.

P.S.—When returning instructions and design to me, will the Surveyor-General be good enough to enclose description of this reserve, No. 93, as there is not one in the Lands Office here.—W.C.

No. 8.

Telegram from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie to Surveyor-General.

Glen Innes, 22 January, 1877.

PLEASE send me design for surveys of Hobbs and Seville's applications, Waterloo Run, as soon as possible. The matter is urgent, and if I have it soon can attend to it at once.

Minutes on No. 8.

By Surveyor-General:—Telegraph to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie, that the measurement for F. Hobbs of the 640 acres applied for by him appears unobjectionable, and may be transmitted. The conditional purchase applications of M'Intyre, under twenty-first section, 76-117, and that of Honfrie for 22 acres, 76-135, have been recommended to be declared void. Copy of reserve will be sent by post.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 24 January, 1877.

Mr. Landers.—Return to Mr. Rutter, Charting Branch, at once, please. Telegram accordingly, 24 January, 1877.

No. 9.

Telegram from Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie.

Sydney, 24 January, 1877.

THE measurements for F. Hobbs of the 640 acres applied for by him appears unobjectionable, and may be transmitted. The conditional purchase application of Mr. M'Intyre, twenty-first clause, 76-117, and that of Honfrie for 76-135 have been recommended to be declared void. Copy of reserve will be sent by post.

No. 10.

No. 10.
Declaration.

I, HENRY WILLIAM HONFRIE, of Waterloo, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that the complaint marked A, hereto appended, touching the matter noted in the margin hereof, is true to the best of my belief, and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits.

Re conditional purchase of Frank Hobbs, county Gough, parish Waterloo, 640 acres, made at Glen Innes on 26th October, 1876.

H. W. HONFRIE.

Made and signed before me at Glen Innes, this 26th day of February, 1877,—

G. MARTIN, J.P.

Received from Henry William Honfrie the sum of £10 as security for any costs that may be awarded against the said Frank Hobbs by the Commissioner of Inquiry, on the hearing of the abovenamed case.—G. MARTIN, Crown Lands Agent.

[Enclosure to No. 10.]

A.

The declaration of Henry William Honfrie declareth that Frank Hobbs has never resided on his conditional purchase of 640 acres from the time of his taking up the selection, 26th October, 1876, to the present time, 26th February, 1877, being in contravention of clause 24, cap. 2 of the Lands Act Amendment Act.

And this declaration further declareth that Frank Hobbs is the servant or agent of John M'Master, of Glendon, and has not taken up this conditional purchase of 640 acres on Waterloo Run on his own account, as required by clause 19, cap 2 of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.

This declaration of Henry William Honfrie is made in accordance with clause 47, cap 2 of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.

H. W. HONFRIE.

Minute on No. 10.

This is the paper referred to in the annexed declaration of H. W. Honfrie, made before me at Glen Innes, this 26th day of February, 1877.—G. MARTIN, J.P.

No. 11.

Mr. F. Hobbs to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Wellington, 9 March, 1877.

Having been informed that one H. W. Honfrie has sent in a report with accompanying Declaration, under the 25th clause of Amended Land Act with reference to my (asserted) non-residence on a conditional purchase of 640 acres, in the parish of Waterloo and county of Gough, taken up by me at Glen Innes, on the 26th October, 1876. I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, the attached declaration, and to request an early settlement, by inquiry or otherwise, of my title, in order that I may proceed with necessary improvements before the winter sets in.

I have, &c.,

his
FRANK + HOBBS.
mark.

[Enclosure to No. 11.]

Declaration.

I, FRANK HOBBS, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that I conditionally purchased 640 acres of land in the parish of Waterloo and county of Gough, at the Land Office, Glen Innes, on the 26th day of October, 1876, and that I immediately took possession of the same land and built a temporary residence thereon, but that I was disturbed in my quiet possession by the interference of Messrs. M'Intyre and Honfrie, who claimed the said land. Since then the land has been surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Christie in accordance with my application, though he was not at the time aware whether such application had been allowed, and in consequence of which uncertainty of tenure I did not go on with further improvements.

Since I took up the land I have continued in permanent possession, having only been absent when necessary business required my attention at Inverell or elsewhere. Having this day been made aware of the cancellation of Honfrie and Campbell's application for a portion of the same land, I now proceed with my intended improvements.

I, Frank Hobbs, do make the foregoing declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

his
FRANK x HOBBS.
mark.

Made and signed before me, at Wellington, this 5th day of March, 1877,—

P. C. CAMPBELL, J.P.

No. 12.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Trust Fund, Conditional Purchases.

Deposit under 25th clause of Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.

£10 deposited by H. W. Honfrie, against a purchase made by Frank Hobbs, at Glen Innes, on 26th October, 1876. Credited 20th March, 1877.

The Treasury, B.C., 21st March, 1877.

G. E.

No. 13.

No. 13.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie.

Sir,

Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, 6 April, 1877.

In reference to your telegram of the 3rd instant, requesting transmission of Hobbs' and Zuill's applications, I have to inform you that Hobbs' conditional purchases were sent to Licensed-Surveyor Drummond in October last, and that there is no record of any selection by Zuill in 1875, 6, or 7.

In connection with the above-mentioned request, for recent conditional purchase instructions, I beg to state that, having so many old instructions on hand, I must request that you will carry them out first.

I am, &c.,

P. F. ADAMS.

Minutes on No. 13.

There is some extraordinary mistake about this matter. Frank Hobbs' conditional purchase, 76-116, of 640 acres; Thomas Hobbs' conditional purchase, 76-115, of 200 acres; James Zuill's conditional purchase, Nos. 76-111 and 76-118, of 320 acres each, were sent to me in accordance with my telegraphic request of 5th December last, with your letters of 6th December, Nos. 71, 73, 72, 74 respectively.

They were in connection with a disputed case, and, as litigation was very likely to ensue, I telegraphed for instructions with the view to stopping the dispute. I measured conditional purchase 76-116, F. Hobbs' 640 acres, and, owing to telegraphic complaint from Mr. Solicitor Ferguson, of Inverell, on behalf of one Onfrei, I considered it my duty to submit to you what I had done, and enclosed a rough plan of my survey of conditional purchase 76-116, together with all the above-mentioned applications, requesting you to either approve of my action, or direct me as to how I should proceed; this was on 23rd (?) December last.

On or about 27th January you telegraphed that my survey was satisfactory, and that I could transmit it; also, that Onfrei's conditional purchases were recommended to be declared void.

Subsequently you informed me by wire that the papers were under reference to the Honorable the Minister for Lands.

Expecting them almost daily, after that, I held over survey of several conditional purchases in their vicinity, instructions for which I held since August last; but, not receiving them, I proceeded thence last month, and effected all other conditional purchases near the vicinity of Wellingrove.

A mistake appears in your letter as to name of one of applicants—it is Zuill.

Respecting the last paragraph it is certainly very much in error. I have not a single conditional purchase application on hand, and I do not think there are any unmeasured conditional purchases in my district, as during the past three months I obtained copies of all applications that I was near, and surveyed in anticipation; consequently, at the present time, everything is worked right up to date.

I have three auction applications and two improvement purchases for O. Bloxsome, which I purpose completing during this month, and the early part of next. This, together with alignment of Glen Innes, which is nearly half completed, will leave me entirely without work on hand.

In view of the above explanation, please send me the applications mentioned, or, at any rate, that of Hobbs', 76-116, which I went some 21 miles out of my way to survey, believing that by so doing I was really serving the interests of the Department.

9th April, 1877.

WM. CHRISTIE, L.S.

There appears to be every reason why the applications of Thomas and Frank Hobbs' conditional purchases 76-115 and 76-116 respectively; also those of James Zuill, 76-111 and 76-118, should be sent, as report has been made on the former by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie, and measurement submitted and approved of, and Zuill's conditional purchases are affected by them as to position.

Henry Hobbs' conditional purchases, 76-6 and 49, have been sent to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Drummond, the division line of whose district and Mr. Christie's is at this locality.

The confusion has arisen from the ambiguity of Mr. Christie's telegram of 29th May herewith.

17th April, 1877.

F. W. R.

By Surveyor-General:—Let the instructions be sent at once.—P.F.A., 18th April, 1877.

By Surveyor-General:—These papers should be despatched as directed. Separate plans of the conditional purchases in question (Hobbs' and Zuill's) should be forwarded to the Department.—D.W. (for Surveyor-General), 18th April, 1877.

No. 14.

Mr. J. Bridge to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 19 May, 1877.

Referring to Mr. John A. M'Intyre's application of 3rd November, 1876, for 60 acres of land on Waterloo Run, under the 31st clause of the Land's Act Amendment Act, I now beg leave, on behalf of Mr. M'Intyre, to object to the measurement of the land applied for. About the 26th October, 1876, one Frank Hobbs applied for 640 acres as a conditional purchase, to commence at a point 10 chains from the south-west corner of water reserve No. 93 or 95. Mr. M'Intyre's application, dated 3rd November, 1876, was for 60 acres, to commence at the south-west corner of water reserve No. 93, and to extend along that reserve easterly 60 chains by a width of 10 chains; but it appears that as measured now, Hobbs' 640 acres lot extends all along and up to the water reserve No. 93, thus leaving no land to satisfy Mr. M'Intyre's application, which is the point now objected to, and which is, as you will see, a serious matter to Mr. M'Intyre, and I trust you will at once see the matter adjusted.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN BRIDGE.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 14.

By Surveyor-General:—The writer may be informed that as the conditional purchase is of prior date to the conditional purchase referred to, measurement must be made in satisfaction of the former, according to the description, if such is shown to be in conformity with the law. The conditional purchase must also be measured in accordance with the regulations, if practicable; or, if not, modification can be made in survey under the 13th clause of the Act of 1875. Then to District Surveyor Greaves, in connection with instructions to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie on the conditional purchase application, and with reference to the subject matter of this letter, and for his observation and return. The conditional purchase has also been sent to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie (about June, 1877).—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 6th August, 1877.

The Under Secretary for Lands. Inform.—3/9/77. Conditional Sales Branch—Any action on Hobbs' conditional purchase. If not, refer papers to Mr. Landers for despatch to Mr. District Surveyor Greaves, and return for his information.—F.W.R., 26th November, 1877.

I gather from the correspondence that Ministerial decision is required. The points involved being: 1st.—True position of reserve 93; 2nd.—Whether Hobbs shall not be confined to his description, and start 10 chains south of reserve; 3rd.—As there has been an inquiry; Is Hobbs' conditional purchase forfeited? As M'Intyre's conditional improvement purchase has been declared void, that matter need not crop up again.—W. A. B. GREAVES, 11th December, 1877.

No. 15.

Mr. Commissioner Blythe to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT of an Inquiry held at Glen Innes, on the 27th and 28th August, 1877, by Sydney Blythe, Commissioner for the Northern Division, respecting the conditional purchase of Frank Hobbs, made at Glen Innes, on the 26th October, 1876, county Gough, parish of Waterloo, area 640 acres.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 10th July, 1877, in the matter of the above described conditional purchase.

The claimant, having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, namely:—

This was on inquiry as to residence.—The selector applied for his land on 26th October, 1876, and on the 26th February, 1877, one Henry William Honfrie deposited £10, in accordance with Act, together with a statutory declaration as to non-fulfilment of conditions by selector. Upon a perusal of the evidence I think the Honorable the Minister will coincide in my opinion that it is most unsatisfactory. The parties to the inquiry were both represented by attorneys. I will take first the evidence of Honfrie. He makes a solemn declaration that Hobbs has never resided on his land from the 26th October, 1876, to the 26th February, 1877. He then goes on to charge both M'Master, the employer of Hobbs, and also Hobbs himself, with what under the 9th and 10th clauses of the Amendment Act would be a misdemeanour. In cross-examination by attorney and myself, he admits that Hobbs might have resided on the land up to 16th December, from which date he appears to have kept a watch on the selection, at all events in the day time. In explanation of this discrepancy between his solemn declaration and his evidence on oath in open Court, he blames the clerk who drew up the declaration. Showing the reckless manner in which declarations are very frequently signed. As to the second portion wherein a misdemeanour is asserted, I was particularly careful to elicit no evidence on either one side or the other, as a charge of this kind, whether unfounded or not, is not, I deem, matter for inquiry in the Court held by me, but possibly the subject of proceedings to be taken elsewhere. I would now direct attention to this witness, Honfrie, being in the employment of J. A. M'Intyre, the lessee of Waterloo Run, on which this selection exists, and it may not be amiss to also point out that Hobbs is in the employment of Mr. John M'Master, who is a very large free selector on the same run, Waterloo. Allsopp, next witness, saw Hobbs on the land on 30th November, when surveyor was there, and admits, although he never saw him near his humpy, he may have been there. M'Intyre, the lessee of the run, thinks humpy was put up on Hobbs' selection within a month of date, has very frequently been there, never saw Hobbs in occupation of humpy, although he may have been. This is briefly the case of the complainant, Honfrie (or in reality M'Intyre). The defence for Hobbs is most unsatisfactory. He may be a very honest man, but I think, without exception, he is one of the most extraordinary witnesses I have ever had to deal with. He contradicted himself over and over again, does not know whether October is before or after Christmas, is very foggy on many other matters; however, after making due allowances for his crass stupidity and his being unaccustomed to any examination in Court, I think it may be fairly presumed that he did occupy the land by living in the humpy within the three months, in fact, Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie quite bears this view of the case out, as Hobbs was on the selection at date of survey, 19th December, and occupying the humpy as much as humpys are occupied at that stage of selection. Here then Honfrie's solemn declaration as to Hobbs never having occupied the land from 26th October utterly fails, and, but for the manner in which both Hobbs and his brother gave evidence, I should have recommended costs against Honfrie. I will now draw special attention of the Honorable the Minister to my cross-examination of this witness, Hobbs. I was careful, as I have before stated, not to put any questions that might in any manner involve an admission on the part of the witness that the 9th section of the Amendment Act had been violated, but I read these sections aloud in open Court before cross-examination, and the result of that examination was, that Hobbs is a servant of M'Master's, a shepherd, at £26 a year; that he had on the 26th October last saved up in his master's hands exactly £160; he can't
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read or write, but his master told him so; he used to get his wages paid regularly, spent a little, and gave the rest back to his master. That he has no sheep of his own, but is now shepherding M'Master's sheep, at wages, on his selection; that he paid for the deposit on the selection £160, partly in notes and partly in cheques (I have since ascertained, although it does not appear in evidence, that it was one cheque of M'Master's that paid for the deposit, although, with so stupid a witness that would not greatly weigh with me). These various statements of Hobbs are, if it be assumed he is a *bona fide* free selector, and not acting entirely as the servant or agent of another, certainly extraordinary. Mr. M'Master, although near the Court throughout the whole case, did not offer any evidence in support of Hobbs' statements, nor did the attorney for Hobbs call him. On the whole, I have to report that the declaration of Honfrie lodged with the £10 is not sustained by the evidence. That Hobbs did occupy the land within the three months, and, except when prevented by M'Intyre or his agents, who set up a claim to a portion of the land, has continued to fairly occupy the land by living on it in a humpy, and by shepherding sheep over the land for his master, Mr. John M'Master. Whether his so occupying the land may be considered a breach of the 9th section of the Amended Act, I submit any opinion of mine might be construed into presumption.

Having now, as I think, fairly epitomized the evidence for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister, I leave the decision in his hands.

I have, &c.,

SYDNEY BLYTHE,

Commissioner, Northern District.

[Enclosure A to No. 15.]

MINUTES of proceedings taken at a Court of Inquiry held at Police Office, Glen Innes, on Monday the 27th day of August, 1877, before Sydney Blythe, Esq., J.P., Lands Commissioner, Northern District.

In the matter of Frank Hobbs, date of selection, 26th October, 1876, area 640 acres, district Glen Innes, county Gough, parish Waterloo.

Henry William Honfrie appeared in person and by his attorney, Mr. Kearney.

Frank Hobbs appeared in person and by his attorney, Mr. Melville.

This witness on oath states:—My name is Henry William Honfrie; I am the person who made the statutory declaration in this case now shown to me, and deposited the £10 in accordance with the Act; I know a person of the name of Frank Hobbs: I know that he took up a selection of 640 acres; I applied for some land, I think about the 16th December, and found that in consequence of Hobbs having made a prior selection I could not get mine; I saw that Hobbs had made a selection but did not know that it would interfere with mine until the surveyor came on to the land; I paid my deposit, but it was afterwards returned; at the time I made my application there was a humpy on Hobbs' land, but Hobbs was not living in it; on looking at my declaration I now know that the date of Hobbs' selection was on the 26th October, 1876; Hobbs might have resided on that ground a short time before I went on to the land in December; he might have resided without my observing him; Hobbs works for M'Master, who is a large selector, and I believe a relation of his; I can swear that from the 16th December up to the time I made my declaration Hobbs never was on the ground, except riding by it, as any one else might; I was never off the land, shepherded sheep on it; I did so by virtue of the belief that it was my land until I was informed by letter that I had lost the land.

Cross-examined by Hobbs' attorney:—Hobbs has come on to the land. In fact, he has come and spoken to me, and told me I was on his land, and I would have to go. I have gone into a humpy that was on Hobbs' land; there were signs of its having been occupied so far as an old bed or blanket was concerned, and a pot and shovel. I was constantly keeping my eyes on that humpy in the day time, and went sometimes there at night and never saw anybody there; I dare say I was there a dozen times; I am not aware of Hobbs' pursuits at all; I believe he is a labouring man like myself; I never saw a light near the humpy in the night; I was shepherding sheep on the land.

Cross-examined by Commissioner:—I have known this land and been in the habit of riding over it, in pursuit of my occupation as an employé of J. A. M'Intyre, of the Waterloo Station, on which this selection exists, for about three years; the humpy was on the land for some time previous to my making application for it; a few weeks, might have been a couple of months; I don't think I saw that humpy above a couple of times before I made my application, as it was shearing time, and I was busy; Hobbs might have resided in the humpy during this time, that is from the time of my first seeing the humpy until December 16th; I now look at my declaration; I did not intend in my declaration to state that Hobbs never resided from 26th October, 1876; I did not observe that date when I made the declaration, what I intended to say in my declaration was that Hobbs had never made it his *bona fide* residence, and I suppose the clerk understood me to say had never resided.

Mr. Kearney desired here to state that he had nothing whatever to do with the drawing up of the declaration which was evidently prepared by some unprofessional man who did not understand the obligations of a declaration of this character.

Examination of witness continued:—Knowing that this case was coming on, I watched most carefully, as stated, that he had not resided from 16th December, 1876, to 26th February, 1877, and to these dates I swear, I intended to say I believe he had not resided prior to December; the clerk made the mistake in taking it down.

H. W. HONFRIE.

Sworn at the Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

And this witness on oath saith as follows:—My name is Henry Alsop; I reside at Waterloo Run; I know Henry William Honfrie and Frank Hobbs; I am aware Honfrie has made some objection to Hobbs' 640-acre selection; I have seen Hobbs from time to time; I have seen him on his selection; I saw him there whilst some surveying was going on on the 30th November of last year; there was a humpy there at that time; there was no sign of his living there then; I have been on his selection day after day, every day I think up to yesterday; I never saw the humpy occupied at all by Hobbs; it (the humpy) was removed about 9th March, and re-erected the following week; Hobbs may have slept in the hut, there was no sign of any fire or utensils; I saw Hobbs on the 19th of December on his ground with the surveyors; the two times named are the only ones that I have seen Hobbs on his selection.

Cross-examined by Hobbs' attorney:—I was shepherding a flock of sheep for Mr. M'Intyre on the ground from July 10th last year, up to present time; from where I was stationed at night I could not see the humpy, nor any smoke from it, if there were any; I should not know if Hobbs came to the humpy at night, except from appearances in the morning; the appearances would be the remains of fire; there was a possum rug in the humpy, remained there in the same position from day to day; there was a long-handled shovel; I was warned off the ground by Hobbs on 1st April last.

Cross-examined by Commissioner:—I have been in the employment since some six or eight weeks before 10th July last year; my sheep used to camp on part of the land; I remember seeing the bark deposited on the land; heard some one at work at the bark; humpy was erected; it was sufficient for a man to occupy as a residence; if Hobbs went there at night and went away in the morning without cooking, he might have done so without my knowledge.

HENRY ALSOP.

Sworn at the Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

This witness on oath, saith as follows:—My name is John Archibald M'Intyre; I am a grazier and reside at Waterloo; I am aware of an objection lodged by Henry William Honfrie against a selection of Frank Hobbs' 640 acres, Waterloo Run; I have been served with a summons to appear on behalf of Honfrie in this case; I could not say the date when Honfrie selected this land; it was towards the end of last year; I know of a bark humpy erected on the land said to be selected by Hobbs; I never saw Hobbs on the selection; I am in the habit of going frequently; I never saw Hobbs in occupation of the humpy; in November last I had a private surveyor surveying a reserve and some land I took up under

31st clause ; he (Hobbs) claimed part of the land ; I did not see him near the humpy ; there was no fire at the humpy ; I never was in it, but have ridden round it ; the part that would correspond with the door, and I could see through it ; the humpy was only forked sticks and a ridge-pole with bark laid ; I have known men live in similar humpys.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hobbs' attorney :—I was not constantly on this land ; I should have seen traces of a fire if there had been one ; I examined the humpy, but was never in it ; there was a rug in the humpy ; I would not swear that there was nothing else ; I have frequently passed over the selection at night quite close to the hut, between the 26th of January and 26th February, 1877 ; no one could be in the humpy unless they were trying to keep out of my sight ; when I was there with the surveyor, Hobbs had been with us off and on all day, and we came to his selection after lunch in the afternoon ; I claimed 60 acres of the land measured to Hobbs prior to the 26th January, 1877 ; I know Hobbs brought some sheep on to the land—at least I was informed so, and saw traces of sheep having been there.

Cross-examined by Commissioner :—I don't think the land was taken up a month before the humpy was up ; don't know who put it up ; persons might have been there when I was not there ; it might not be necessary to have a fire except for cooking purposes ; most men would.

J. A. M'INTYRE.

Sworn at Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

This was Honfrie's case.

[Enclosure B to No. 15.]

For the selector Hobbs.

This witness on oath saith as follows :—My name is Frank Hobbs ; I am a shepherd ; I recollect I took up a selection of 640 acres on the 26th of October last year, on Waterloo Run ; I put a humpy on the land about two months after I took it up, a sheeppard and humpy just after Christmas ; I stopped there shepherding some sheep about two months after I put the humpy up ; I slept in the humpy from the first night I put it up, and continued to sleep there every night until I brought the sheep on, and then slept every night ; I had sheep eight months on the selection ; Mr. M'Intyre told me to keep sheep off a part of the selection as he claimed it ; I took the sheep off to another place ; I first put the sheep on the land about a fortnight after taking up the selection ; Mr. M'Intyre told me he would impound them ; I then took them off and did not bring them back again until the land was surveyed to me ; I resided on the land after the sheep were first taken away, sleeping on it every night, going back in the morning.

Cross-examined by Honfrie's attorney :—I cannot read or write ; I have heard the declaration read ; it is true ; I made the application in the office in Glen Innes ; my brother Tom and Mr. M'Master were with me ; I recollect that was on 26th October ; I think that was after Christmas ; I was not in the hut till after Christmas ; I did not sleep in the humpy for a week after I put it up ; I was staying at M'Master's for a week ; I had a flock of sheep for M'Master shepherding on the land before Christmas, and that was the lot ; Mr. M'Intyre said he would impound them ; my mother used to cook for me ; I went down to sleep there, walking 2 miles from her house, sleeping on my selection, and going back to breakfast ; left the sheep in yard at mother's place ; there was a talk of the survey of the land ; I did not know nothing about it ; I recollect the surveyor being at Mr. M'Intyre's ; I was with them part of the line of my land.

Cross-examined by Commissioner :—I got puzzled ; I never was in Court before ; I mean to tell the truth ; I can't read or write ; I am twenty-seven years of age ; the sheep I have mentioned belong to Mr. John M'Master ; I am still in his employment as a shepherd ; I have no sheep of my own ; I get £26 a year ; I put my mark to a paper when I took the selection up ; there were 640 acres ; I had saved up £160 shepherding ; I have been shepherding sixteen or seventeen years ; have been with Mr. M'Master nearly all the time ; I was paid every three months and used to draw my wages regularly ; spent very little, and used to give the rest back to take care of for me ; Mr. M'Master used to put it down on a bit of paper for me ; Mr. M'Master gave me so much cheques and so much notes, and told me I had £100 in his hands ; I gave that money to Mr. Rodgeron, who was acting as Land Agent ; I got a paper ; I did not bring it with me ; it is at home in the humpy ; I live there now and am shepherding.

FRANK × HOBBS.
mark.

Sworn at Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

This witness on oath states :—My name is John Hobbs ; I am a brother of Frank Hobbs ; I know his selection well ; I was working for my brother on the selection, cutting burrs on it, after Christmas about a month or so ; I came up either two or three weeks before Christmas, and my brother was then living on his selection in a bark humpy ; I was living with my mother at the time.

Cross-examined by Honfrie's attorney :—I was away at work, and used to see my brother every Saturday night ; I lived about a mile and a half away with my mother ; when we were cutting burrs we took our grub with us ; we were a fortnight or three weeks there, and used to sleep together in the humpy ; I went to Mr. M'Master's on 1st January ; my brother and I used to carry our grub, but we used to boil the tea and light a fire every night ; this was after Christmas.

Cross-examined by Commissioner :—I worked two or three weeks with Mr. M'Master, and then went out to my brothers' to cut burrs ; the same humpy is on the ground now, but is shifted nearer to the water ; I had been away down country nine months before I came up at Xmas ; I know that my brother is in Mr. M'Master's employment, shepherding his sheep ; could not say anything about my brother saving up money ; don't know.

JOHN × HOBBS.
mark.

Sworn at Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

This witness on oath states :—My name is William Christie ; I am a licensed surveyor ; I have seen the selector, Hobbs, before I surveyed his selection on the 19th December ; it took me part of two days ; after the survey was completed I saw Hobbs on the land, and put the usual questions to him as to his being the applicant. The humpy appeared to be occupied as much as humpys are at that stage of selection ; I did not report as to residence, as the applicant did not require to be in occupation until 26th January ; at the time I surveyed the land Hobbs had complied with the conditions.

Cross-examined by Mr. Honfrie's attorney :—I have not been on the land since the date of survey.

W. CHRISTIE.

Sworn at Police Office, Glen Innes, this 27th day of August, 1877, before me,—

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P., Commissioner.

The case was adjourned until the 28th day of August, 1877.

Police Office, Glen Innes, 28 August, 1877.

No further evidence being tendered on either side, and the evidence heard before me yesterday, being to my mind, very far from satisfactory on either the one side or the other, I decline to award any costs under 47th clause of Regulations.

SYDNEY BLYTHE, J.P.,
Commissioner.

This closed case.

Minutes on No. 15.

By Chief Commissioner :—I see no grounds for the forfeiture on these proceedings, but it seems desirable that the attention of the inspector should be called to this selection, with regard to the future observance of the conditions being scrutinized.—A.O.M., 19/11/77.

By Minister for Lands :—Approved.—E.A.B.

No. 16.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Glen Innes, 31 August, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 640 acres, numbered 15, in the parish of Wellingrove, county of Gough, applied for by Frank Hobbs, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 5th December, 1876, No. 73.

Applicant resides on the land, and at time of survey, had erected a gunyah, value £1.

The soil is basaltic, chiefly open. The timber consists of peppermint, gum, and stringy-bark; the latter to the north-west, where the rock is cevanite.

This land has been the subject of a Commissioner's inquiry.

I return all papers in connection with it.

I have, &c.,

W. CHRISTIE,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 16.

With papers 77-4,928 miscellaneous is also a plan of this conditional purchase furnished by Mr. Christie, it appears to me that it should have been furnished with this letter. As the above papers have been with Mr. Greaves some time, I am inclined to think the plan has been placed with them in his office, instead of being placed with this paper; there is therefore no blame to be attached to this Branch for the second plan having been furnished.—H.P.B., 19/12/77.

The telegram of 24th January, 1877, upon 76-45,753 alienation, was written at a time when the conflicting conditional purchase 1,131 was cancelled; as however it appears that in May following the action on that conditional improvement purchase application was reversed, as it was proven that the cancellation was erroneous; re-measurement must now be made of this conditional purchase in order to allow of the conditional purchase being measured as described, and without any interference with any previous outstanding claim.—F.W.R., 31st May, 1878.

Accounts may be paid.—R.D.F., 31st May, 1878. To pass accounts and return.—F.W.R., 31st May, 1878. The gazette description of this reserve does not give 1 mile in rectangular distance from the north boundary for the width of the reserve, but gives the width by the course of the creek, vide description by local commissioner, and gazette 3rd August, 1866. Therefore between portion 15 and the the boundary of the reserve as it should have been shown on plan, there is a vacant slip of land about 11½ chains.—J. W. ELLIS, 7th June, 1878.

There is therefore no conflict with the conditional purchase, as supposed, which will of course now be measured north of portion 15, and in the position applied for, namely, adjoining the south boundary of the reserve which is about 11 chains north of portion No. 15. With respect to the account for the connection, attention is drawn to the memo. on the account. The plan may now, I presume, be accepted as in satisfaction of Hobbs' conditional purchase.—F.W.R., 1st October, 1878. Plan may be received.—R.D.F., 4th October, 1878.

[Enclosure to No. 16.]

Description.

640 acres, county of Gough, parish of Wellingrove, portion 15: Commencing on the right bank of Wellingrove Creek, at the southern end of the western boundary-line of portion 41 of 320 acres, parish of Waterloo; and bounded thence on the east by that boundary-line and a line crossing a road 1 chain wide, in all bearing north 45 chains 56 links; on the south by a road 1 chain wide and a line in all bearing east 85 chains and 71 links; again on the east by a line bearing north 56 chains; and on the north by a line bearing west 105 chains and 9 links to Wellingrove Creek; and on the west and south-west by that creek upwards, to the point of commencement, exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land in a south-easterly direction, and of a road 1 chain wide in an easterly direction, the areas of which have been deducted from the total area.

No. 17.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Bridge.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Branch, 19 September, 1877.

In reference to your letter of the 19th May last, objecting to the measurement of 640 acres of land taken up under 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by Mr. Frank Hobbs, on the ground that it would be detrimental to the interests of Mr. J. A. M'Intyre who has applied to purchase 60 acres in the same locality, under the 31st clause of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, I am directed to inform you that as the conditional purchase is of prior date to Mr. M'Intyre's application, measurement must be made in satisfaction of the former according to the description, if such is shown to be in conformity with the law. The land applied for in virtue of intended improvements must also be measured in accordance with the regulations, if practicable, or if not a modification can be made in the survey.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHENS.

No. 18.

Mr. W. H. Honfrie to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Forest Lodge, Wellingrove, 8 February, 1878.

I lodged a complaint against one Frank Hobbs, and at the same time deposited £10, as required by clause 25 of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875. The case was heard by Mr. Commissioner, Blythe, when he recommended the refund of my £10, which I have not yet received. I therefore pray that the amount may be handed over to my agent, Mr. John Bridge, Sydney.

I have, &c.,

H. W. HONFRIE.

No. 19.

Conditional purchase 76-116, 26th October, 1876, county Gough, parish Waterloo. Conditional improvement purchase 1,131, 3rd November, 1876. 60 acres, county Gough, parish Waterloo.

No. 19.

Mr. F. Hobbs to The Crown Lands Agent, Glen Innes.

H. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of Alienation of conditional purchase under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Frank Hobbs in the District of Glen Innes.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the District of Glen Innes, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to John M'Master, of Glendon, the 640 acres of land, situated in the county of Gough, parish of Wellingrove, which I selected at Glen Innes, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 26th October, 1876.

his
FRANK + HOBBS,
mark Wellingrove.

Dated at Glen Innes this 18th day April, 1878.—

Witness,—G. MARTIN, J. P.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

I have duly registered the above notification of Alienation in the Records of this Office.
District of Glen Innes, Land Office, Glen Innes, 18th April, 1878.

G. MARTIN,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 20.

Mr. Inspector Trollope to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by F. Trollope, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Frank Hobbs, made at Glen Innes on 26th October, 1876.

Sir,

Grafton, 7 June, 1878.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 2nd June, 1878, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land which consists of undulating country, part forest part open, and comprises 640 acres, is occupied and used by as and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut	£35 0 0
About 60 chains fencing being erected, worth when complete	72 0 0
Other fencing commenced, falling, &c.	5 0 0
11 acres ploughed, at £2 10s.	27 10 0
	£139 10 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

From information I have received, I have no doubt that Frank Hobbs was a continuous resident upon this ground until he transferred this selection to John M'Master on 18th April, 1878. (*Vide* conditional purchase register, Glen Innes.)

Upon my visiting the selection on 2nd June, 1878, I found the house or hut inhabited by one Wm. Breunby, who informed me that he came to live here about six weeks before the time of my visit, and that Frank Hobbs left the hut to make room for him; also that since he first came to live here nobody else has lived in the hut besides himself and his wife.

Mr. John M'Master, of Glendon, to whom this conditional purchase has been transferred, lives some 6 miles distant from this selection, and has certainly not as yet made it his home. But as I am informed Mr. J. M'Master has been absent in Sydney on business until a few days ago, perhaps another inspection of this selection would be advisable.

In event of the Commissioner deeming a second inspection necessary, may I request that the usual tracing should accompany the application paper.

I have, &c.,

FRED. TROLLOPE,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 21.

Declaration by Mr. J. M'Master.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

I, JOHN M'MASTER, of Wellingrove, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, cultivation, house, dam, &c., and to the value of £450, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of Frank Hobbs and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the above-named holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year, each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made). And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled

"An

"An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

J. M'MASTER.

Taken and declared at Glen Innes this 20th day of December, 1879, before me,—

G. MARTIN, J.P.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Waterloo, acres at Wellingrove, being conditional purchase No. 116 of 1876, in the district of Glen Innes, made on the 26th October, 1876.

Minutes on No. 21.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £32.—G.M., 31/12/79. Correct in form as to residence, 11/6/80. By Sir H. Parkes, Acting Minister for Lands:—Approved.—H.P., 17/5/81.

No. 22.

Mr. Inspector Trollope to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by F. Trollope, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Frank Hobbs, made at Glen Innes, on 4 December, 1877.

Sir,

Grafton, 9 March, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 22nd January, 1881, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of open undulating downs and forest, and comprises 640 acres, is occupied and used by John M'Master as farm and pasture, and the selector, who follows the avocation of shepherd, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£75	0	0
Hayshed, £40; barn, £20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
250 chain fence, at 4s. per rod	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
40 acres cultivated, at £2 per acre	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	0	0
10 acres cultivated, at £2 10s. per acre	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Dam, 500 yards, at 1s. 6d. per yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	10	0
Sheep troughs, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Ring-barking, burning off, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
										£492	10	0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Nobody at present living here. For residence, see my former report, dated 7th June, 1878. I am of opinion that it would be well to inquire into the residence of this conditional purchase.

I have, &c.,

FRED. TROLLOPE,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 22.

Section 13; area, 640 acres; improvements, £492 10s; residence.—Inspector says it would be well to inquire into it. But by former report no doubt about original selector's residence. It is the transferee's residence that is doubtful. Declaration correct, but simply submitted.

Memo. by Mr. Stobo,—May pass.—17/5/81.

No. 23.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. M'Master.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 June, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by you at Glen Innes, on the 20th December, 1879, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money, has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister of Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The Deed of Grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of one shilling per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner.)

Conditional Purchase No. 76-116, section 13, district Glen Innes, 26 October, 1876; county of Gough, parish of Waterloo; No. of portion, 15; area, 640 acres; original applicant, Frank Hobbs; present holder, John M'Master.

No. 24.

Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

126, Pitt-street, 2 April, 1883.

I have the honor to ask for a final inquiry into the application of Mr. Frank Hobbs for a certificate of title for the conditional purchase set out in the margin.

Conditional purchase.
Applicant, Frank Hobbs; 640 acres.
26 October, 1876.
Glen Innes.

If ever there was a clear case of dummifying this case will be found to be one. The applicant was a shepherd at the time he made the conditional purchase. He obtained the purchase money from his employer. He continued in his employment as a shepherd during the twelve months succeeding his purchase, running his employer's sheep over the land, and he has transferred the land to his employer. The papers in the case will show that the Inspector, Mr. Trollope, did not believe he had *bona fide* occupied the land, and that you never authorized or approved of the certificate being issued. All this, I am instructed to say, can be proved from the papers of the case, which I respectfully ask you to peruse.

This application is made on behalf of Mr. J. A. McIntyre, the lessee of run.

I have, &c.,

T. F. DE COURCY BROWNE.

Minutes on No. 24.

By Mr. Blackman:—Mr. Fergusson, M.P., called on me last week about this case, stating that it was a notorious dummy affair, and that the Department had passed it—notwithstanding the evidence of the non-fulfilment of the condition of residence. I assured him his statement could not possibly be the fact, and on his reiterating it I sent for the papers and carefully went through them with him, when I was surprised to find the matter exactly as he had represented it, that is, that the selection of Frank Hobbs, transferred to John McMaster, had been passed by the Department, and that it ought not to have been passed. It ought to have been sent to the Commissioner for inquiry in open Court, but it was not sent because it was intercepted on its way by an officer of this Department, Mr. Stobo, who, without any authority whatever, wrote on the Inspector's report "May pass" on 17/5/81, in the face of the Inspector's advice; and that after a second report, "it would be well to inquire into the residence of this conditional purchase," and without any authority submitted it himself to Sir Henry Parkes (then acting for Mr. Hoskins), who signed it on the same day, 17/5/81. Of course when the signature of Sir Henry Parkes was seen on the declaration everything was assumed to be correct. There was no further examination or scrutiny of the case, and as usual the certificate was duly prepared and forwarded. It was my business to deal with all Inspectors' reports, and mine alone; and I need hardly say that a case of this kind could not be dealt with in any way than by public inquiry. I sent thousands of reports forward for the approval of Mr. Hoskins, but he never signed one, and never would sign one, unless it was vouched for by my signature, and no one knew this fact better than Mr. Stobo.—W.B., 9/4/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—Submitted. The matter occurred during my absence from the Colony, and was certainly acted upon irregularly.—A.O.M., 9/4/83.

By Secretary for Lands:—It appears that by a memorandum of Mr. Stobo's that "this may pass," that Sir Henry Parkes approved of the conditions of the selection having been fulfilled. It now appears that the condition of residence was not completed. It will be well therefore that Mr. Stobo should explain how it was that he initialed the paper that the case might pass, more particularly as the Inspector's reports in all cases should be passed by Mr. Blackman.—J.S.F., 17/4/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—Mr. Stobo is employed under the direction of the Under Secretary, to whom the papers are forwarded.—A.O.M., 17/4/83.

By Under Secretary:—Mr. Stobo.—C.O., 17/4/83. Memorandum herewith.—E.H.S., 18/4/83.

By Minister for Lands:—There appears to be no reason for interfering with this conditional purchase. If evidence can be adduced to prove a violation of the 9th section of the Act of 1875, it may be done.—J.S.F., 18/5/83.

No. 25.

Memorandum.

Frank Hobbs' Conditional Purchase at Glen Innes, No. 76-116.

FURTHER papers in this case, which were put away in the Conditional Sales Records, are enclosed, and it will be seen that they contain information as to the character of the selection, and as to a dispute between Hobbs and the lessee of the run and his dummy—Honfrie, as to the ownership of the land which was decided in favour of Hobbs by the memo. of the Deputy Surveyor-General, on 23rd January, 1877, on 76-45,550 Alienation. E.H.S., 18/4/83.

[Enclosure to No. 25.]

1. Letter dated 16th December, 1876, from W. J. Fergusson, per Mr. Eckford, M.P., as Solicitor for the Lessee of the run, asking that Hobbs' conditional purchase may be reduced in area, so that an application of the lessee's and H. A. Honfrie, (his dummy, according to Commissioner Blythe) may be allowed.

2. Report from Surveyor Christie, showing the *bona fides* of Hobbs, and proving that Honfrie is the lessee's dummy.

3. Letter from John Campbell from Wellingrove, per Mr. Eckford, M.P., in December, 1876, asking for reduction of Hobbs' area.

4. Similar letter from Honfrie, per Mr. Eckford, M.P.

5. Letter from Surveyor Christie, transmitting plan of Hobbs' conditional purchase, and reporting "applicant resides on the land."

6. Recommendation of the Deputy Surveyor-General that Hobbs' conditional purchase be sustained against the applications of the lessee and Honfrie, and they were therefore declared void.

MEMO.—The papers here mentioned are now in their proper places according to date.

No. 26.

Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne to The Chief Commissioner

Sir,

126, Pitt-street, 2 May, 1883.

On the 2nd April last I addressed you in reference to the irregular issue of a "Certificate of Title" to one Frank Hobbs for a conditional purchase in the Glen Innes District during your absence on leave. As I learn that the Inspector of Conditional Purchases for that district has more than once reported antagonistic to Hobbs' fulfilment of the conditions of residence, and as I am instructed that the case is one of undoubted dummying. I shall deem it a favour to be informed, at the earliest date, whether my request for a final inquiry before the Commissioner will be granted. I beg further to request that this and my letter of 2nd April, be laid before the Minister for his consideration.

The case appears to me to be one of such a peculiar character as to demand a final inquiry, as asked for, to vindicate the law.

Trusting to be excused for again addressing you on the case.

I have, &c.,

T. F. DE COURCY BROWNE,
Agent for Mr. J. A. McIntyre.

Minutes on No. 26.

Other papers with Under-Secretary. Submitted.—W.B., 4/5/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—Inform that the certificate having issued, the matter cannot be re-opened—A.O.M., 8/5/83.

No. 27.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 9 May, 1883.

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, requesting to be informed as to whether your application for a final inquiry before the Commissioner, in the case of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, would be granted, I have the honor to inform you that the certificate having issued the matter cannot be re-opened.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Glen Innes,
C.P. 76-18, 640
acres. Frank
Hobbs (now
Bank of New
South Wales).

No. 28.

Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

126, Pitt-street, 4 June, 1883.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 83-3,744 correspondence, dated 9th May last, informing me in reply to a letter requesting a final inquiry into the conditional purchase noted in the margin, "that the certificate having issued the matter cannot be re-opened."

In reply, I must express my respectful astonishment at the decision arrived at. I can readily understand that when a certificate is issued in a regular way after the usual consideration and recommendation of the responsible officers of the Department that the validity of the certificate should not be questioned, but when, as in this case not only have the conditions upon which the certificate is issued not been fulfilled, as is incontestably proved by the papers of the case, but it was similarly proved that Hobbs was a dummy for his employer. I repeat that I must express my respectful astonishment at the refusal of the Honorable the Minister to accede to my request.

This case has become a public scandal in the district of Glen Innes, and has had a most pernicious effect upon the public mind, as everybody is so thoroughly conversant with its details, and freely give vent to their opinions on the action of the Department issuing a certificate. It is unnecessary for me to enter into details of the case, beyond stating that the papers of the case clearly prove that from the date of Hobbs' conditional purchase of the land up to the issue of the certificate for the conditional purchase there has been a deliberate violation of the law, and instead of the certificate issuing, the case should have been sent for inquiry before the Commissioner. Why this case was not so dealt with is, I respectfully submit, the duty of the Minister to cause a searching inquiry into. The issue of the certificate was a flagrant violation of the law which, while it does not validate the title of Hobbs or his alicnee, is a grave reflection upon the Lands Department, in this way:—The issue of this document is surrounded with circumstances that point to the inevitable conclusion that it was obtained by a subterfuge. It was not the result of a mistake, but in my opinion the deliberate act of an irresponsible subordinate possessing facilities, from his official position, for usurping the functions of the Chief Commissioner for Crown Lands. Its issue seriously affects the honor and integrity of the officers of the Conditional Sales Branch, entrusted with the onerous duty of recommending the issue of such documents, and it is the bounden duty of the Minister to take such steps as will prove who it was dared to prostitute his position for the venal purpose of endeavouring to alienate Crown Lands in violation of the law. If public confidence is once shaken in the integrity of the Department in dealing with the public lands, I need not point out the grave results.

For the many reasons herein set forth, which includes dummyism, evasion, and misrepresentation, I respectfully renew my request for a final inquiry, for which the sum of £10 is now in the hands of the Department, and has been for some time past. My request should be promptly granted, as much to uphold unsullied the character of the officers of the Conditional Sales Branch, as protecting the public estate from being filched by means which luckily have been brought to light in this humiliating case. It will be much more gratifying to me for the Minister to thus deal with it than for an investigation to be made by a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, or perhaps a suit in the Supreme Court.

I have &c.,

T. F. DE COURCY BROWNE,
Agent for Mr. J. A. McIntyre.

Minute on No. 28.

By Chief Commissioner:—For re-submission at the termination of the inquiry now pending.—A.O.M. 27/6/83.

Paid to Land
Agent, at Glen
Innes, 11/12/82.

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No. 1.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Deeds Branch, Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 February, 1873.

Having passed the Civil Service Examination, I most respectfully beg to apply for an increase of salary, viz., 5s. 6d. per day, as extra clerk in this Branch, which was the pay the last two gentlemen received who performed that duty.

I may perhaps here be permitted to state that for nearly eight months I have been working in this Department, first with Mr. Blackman, of the Alienation Branch, and since with Mr. Thurlow, and venture to hope that both these gentlemen will admit that I have given satisfaction in the performance of my duties.

I have, &c.,
EDYE H. STOBO.

Minutes on No. 1.

By W. Blackman:—I was very well satisfied with Mr. Stobo's industry and attention while he was under me.—W.B., 20/2/73.

By Mr. Thurlow:—I beg strongly to recommend Mr. Stobo to the kind consideration of the Under Secretary, as being very deserving.—C.A.T., 20/2/73.

By Under Secretary:—Mr. Stobo is well deserving of promotion, and I beg to recommend that his salary should now be raised to £100 per annum, to be paid from the vote for Preparation of Deeds, and that such increase take effect from the 1st January last.—W.W.S., 23/5/73.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 23/5/73.

No. 1A.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to Mr. C. A. Thurlow.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 October, 1873.

Having learnt that the present engrosser, Mr. Rodd, has been promoted, and that Mr. Ormiston has refused the contract on account of certain deeds being given to Mrs. Kendall, I respectfully request that you will recommend me to the Under Secretary for the vacancy; as I shall be quite satisfied with the deeds remaining to be engrossed after Mrs. Kendall has taken the number required by her per month from them.

I beg to submit a specimen deed for your inspection herewith appended.

I have, &c.,
EDYE H. STOBO.

Minutes on No. 1A.

By Mr. Thurlow:—Recommended for the favourable consideration of the Under Secretary. Mr. Stobo is well up in the office work as to the general minutiae required for preparation of deeds, and has engrossed several.—C.A.T., 17 October, 1873.

By Under Secretary:—Mr. Stobo has been appointed.—W.W.S., 21 November, 1873.

No. 1B.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 September, 1874.

Having heard that several changes are about to be made in this Department, and being desirous of obtaining an appointment on the permanent staff in lieu of the situation of Engrosser of Deeds which I now hold, I would most respectfully beg to apply for any vacancy that may occur which I may be considered competent to fill.

I have, &c.,
EDYE H. STOBO.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 1b.

By M. Thurlow :—Recommended.—C.A.T.
 By Mr. Moriarty :—There will be, with the vacancy previously existing, three vacant salaries of £150 per annum on the transfer of Messrs. Herring and Smithers, and promotions consequent thereon. For one of these I beg to recommend Mr. Stobo's application. His services in the Department, though on the temporary and contingent staff, are of longer date than (with the exception, perhaps, of Mr. Rich) those of any of the gentlemen now receiving £100 per annum, and his remuneration earned by piece-work has been at a rate considerably beyond the salaries now disposable.—A.O.M., 22/9/74.
 By Under Secretary :—Mr. Stobo has been appointed to one of the recent vacancies at £150. See recent minute.—W.W.S., 13 November, 1874.
 By Minister for Lands.—Seen.—J.S.F., 14.

No. 1c.

Minute by Minister for Lands.

Promotions.

* * * * *
 To £200 grade from £150. W. H. Tunks, Wallis, Arnold, Stobo, and H. Rich.—T.G., 29/9/76.

No. 2.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 June, 1879.

As I understand that there is at present a vacancy on the £250 per annum grade, caused by the disrating of Mr. Macdonald, senr., I beg most respectfully to apply that I may be appointed to fill the same, and trust that you may consider my application favourably, as from my position on the staff, it would appear that I have a claim for the increase here applied for.

I have, &c.,
 EDYE H. STOBO.

Minutes on No. 2.

Mr. Stobo stands senior but one on the £200 grade, and I consider that he is well deserving of the promotion he asks for. I beg therefore to recommend his application for the approval of the Minister for Lands.—W.W.S., 21st June.

By Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 21/6/79.

No. 3.

The Chief Commissioner to The Secretary for Lands.

Conditional Sales Division, 27 October, 1880.

In accordance with the directions of the Secretary for Lands, I beg to recommend the following promotions, consequent upon the death of the late Mr. Harper, to be made, viz. :—

* * * * *
 Mr. E. H. Stobo, who is next to Mr. Edmond Brown, to receive the vacant £300 a year.
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The gentlemen now referred to are among the most efficient and reliable clerks in this Department.

WM. BLACKMAN,
 (For Chief Commissioner).

Minute on No. 3.

By Secretary for Lands :—Approved, have an Executive Minute prepared for Friday next to give effect to these recommendations.—J.H., 27/10/80.

No. 4.

Minute-paper for the Executive Council.

Subject :—Promotion of certain officers in the Conditional Sales Branch, Department of Lands, consequent on the death of Mr. H. S. Harpur.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 November, 1880.

In consequence of the decease of the late Mr. H. S. Harpur, the following promotions in the Conditional Sales Branch of this Department are recommended for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, namely—

* * * * *
 Mr. Edye Hayles Stobo, the senior on the £250 grade, to receive the vacant salary of £300 per annum, vice Mr. Fitzpatrick promoted.
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JAMES HOSKINS.

Minutes on No. 4.

The Executive Council approve of the promotions in the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Department herein recommended.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council, 2/11/80. Approved—A.L., 2/11/80.

No. 5.

Extract from Memorandum by The Under Secretary.

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 Holding this opinion, it is my duty to recommend the acknowledgment of services rendered and duties now performed. Mr. Stobo, who is at present in receipt of £300 per annum, performs duties of no mean responsibility, and he occupies a position entitling him to a higher salary, and I therefore recommend that he should receive one of the available salaries of £350 per annum. Subject, however, to his being transferred to my principal division, and bringing with him his present salary; if this were not done, I should be suggesting an arrangement which would deprive officers on the £250 per annum, and other grades of promotions they are entitled to.
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CHARLES OLIVER, 3/5/81.

Minute on No. 5.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H.—4/5/81.

No. 6.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Memo.

1. As directed, I will explain how it was that I wrote on the papers that this case might pass.
2. In the first place I desire to refer to the statement in Mr. Blackman's memo. of the 9th instant that I intercepted this case on its way to the Commissioner for inquiry, and I beg to state most emphatically that there is not the slightest foundation for that statement.
3. Mr. Blackman further states that I wrote on the papers the words "may pass," and submitted the case to Sir Henry Parkes without any authority whatever. That statement is entirely incorrect, as I shall proceed very easily to prove, by the evidence of official documents, &c.
4. Also the other statement of Mr. Blackman, that Mr. Hoskins never dealt with any reports unless he (Mr. Blackman) had initialed them, is at variance with truth, as many hundreds, not less than a thousand, were dealt with by Mr. Hoskins without Mr. Blackman having ever looked at them, let alone write on them. They were taken out of Mr. Moriarty's and Mr. Blackman's room in bundles by Mr. Hoskins' instructions. I produce a number of such cases, which speak for themselves, in support of my remark (see Schedules herewith). It will be observed that in no way did Mr. Blackman take any action on them; and the way they were dealt with was that I looked through them, and then Mr. Hoskins, having also gone through them, dealt with them finally himself. These facts are well known to yourself, and I trust that you will see fit to corroborate my statement.
5. The circumstances under which I dealt with the case here in question are these: At the time I "passed" this conditional purchase Mr. Moriarty was absent from the Colony on sick leave, Mr. Hoskins was laid up sick in bed, Sir Henry Parkes was acting for him as Minister for Lands, and all cases, including conditional purchase cases, were submitted by the Under Secretary to him. Mr. Blackman, who was acting for Mr. Moriarty, did not submit any cases to Sir Henry Parkes except through the Under Secretary.
6. I usually at that time sat in the Minister's room, but while Sir Henry Parkes was acting as Minister for Lands, I sometimes sat in the Under Secretary's private room, but chiefly in Mr. Moriarty's room, with Mr. Blackman's concurrence, and while there I dealt with a large number of conditional purchase cases, principally Inspectors' reports in which approval or disapproval was not directly recommended, and which were marked "Submitted by Dr. Barsanti," and I gave various directions thereon, either for them to pass for approval or to go to Commissioner for inquiry, or for further reports from inspector, or otherwise. This was all done with Mr. Blackman's full knowledge and consent, and my memoranda were in every case acted upon without the least question being raised from that time forward by anyone. I can refer to any of the officers of the Department, say Mr. S. Freeman, or to any of the public who visited the office in May and June, 1881, as to whether I did not occupy Mr. Moriarty's room and act on cases in the way I have stated, and the cases which I produce herewith (Schedule No. 1) fully corroborate my statement.
7. I noted the case "may pass" and then indorsed the declaration for the Minister's initials at the same time. I wrote both notations on 17/5/81, but Sir Henry Parkes did not probably initial the declaration until some days after, when he must have done so with heaps of others that I had prepared for him in the same way. I had prepared about 25,000 for Mr. Hoskins to initial before then, and thousands since. Sir Henry Parkes approved of 2,500 declarations in exactly the same way while he was acting on that occasion, in April, May, and June, 1881 (Mr. Hoskins was away ill about three months).
8. So there was not the slightest irregularity or unauthorizedness in my acting upon an inspector's report, and submitting it myself to the Minister or Sir Henry Parkes.
 Now as to the case itself. I think I can satisfy the Minister that the action of approval of the declaration was quite correct. The facts are as follows:—
 Frank Hobbs selected 640 acres of land at Glen Innes, on 26th October, 1876, under section 13.
 H. W. Honfric made a complaint to the Department that Hobbs was not residing on the selection, and that he was a dummy for one John M'Master, and so an inquiry was held into the case by Commissioner Blythe, who reported that the evidence did not support Honfric's complaint but the contrary, and that the residence clause appeared to have been fairly complied with, so far also that the charge of dummyism was not proved in the least, the only thing being that Hobbs was an employé of M'Master (who Mr. Commissioner Blythe states is a selector on the same run), but Mr. Blythe also states and calls attention to the fact that Honfric (the complainant) was an employé of the lessee of the run, Mr. M'Intyre, and had acted as his dummy in lodging the complaint and paying the £10 fee for the inquiry.
 On Mr. Blythe's report Mr. Moriarty wrote "I see no ground for a forfeiture on these proceedings, but it seems desirable that the attention of the Inspector should be called to this selection with a view to the future observance of the conditions being scrutinized"; that memo. was approved by Mr. Baker, then Minister for Lands, and the case was referred to Inspector Trollope, and a letter was received from Honfric asking for the refund of the £10 investigation fee that he had lodged.
 Then

Then in April, 1878, Hobbs transferred the conditional purchase to M'Master, and the transfer was duly registered.

And in June, 1878, Mr. Trollope inspected the selection and reported that he had no doubt that Hobbs had been continuously resident until he transferred the conditional purchase, but that M'Master had not at the date of inspection six weeks after transfer commenced to reside as (so Mr. Trollope's report states) he had been absent in Sydney on business, and Mr. Trollope suggested that he might be instructed to make a further inspection, but no action was taken on his report.

In December, 1879, M'Master made the necessary declaration as to residence and improvements, and then the case remained in abeyance until 19th July, 1880, when instructions to report were again issued to Mr. Trollope.

In March, 1881, he sent in the report, valuing the improvements at £492 10s. (15s. an acre) their character being from the details of his report of a very high order, in fact like those of a *bona fide* selector, also reporting that M'Master was occupying and using the land as "a farm and pasture," but that no one was on the day of his (Mr. Trollope's) visit residing there, (residence then was, of course, unnecessary, the three years having long before expired). He (Mr. Trollope) referred to his former report as to residence and expressed an opinion that it would be well for an inquiry to be held into the fulfilment of the conditions of residence, he being under the misapprehension that the three years had just expired, as shown by the date given in his report as the date of the conditional purchase, namely, 4th December, 1877, whereas it was taken up in October, 1876, and he was therefore in error as to the period for residence. I noticed that when dealing with the report as shown by my pencil figures at the top of it, and the line drawn by me through the date (4th December, 1877.) put there by Mr. Trollope, and I therefore treated Mr. Trollope's remark about an inquiry as to residence as a mistake because when he made the report the time for residence was nearly eighteen months past, and he could of course not be expected to have any idea as to what had been done by M'Master in the last twelve months of the three years towards residence, and so as Hobbs' residence had been certified to by Mr. Trollope in his former report, and as the improvements were 5s. an acre over the sum required by law, and unquestionable in character, 50 acres of cultivation, a house valued by Mr. Trollope at £75, a barn, hayshed, fencing, dam, &c. I considered them and now submit that there was no reason to doubt M'Master's declaration as to his residence for twelve months of the three years, which was the only fact not certified to by the inspector, and it was impossible for him to controvert M'Master's declaration, or for him to have any knowledge of the matter, as his visit, was made so long after the three years had expired.

As to Hobbs being M'Master's dummy, as is so confidently stated by Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Fergusson, M.P., Mr. Honfrie (the dummy of the lessee of the run according to Mr. Commissioner Blythe's reports) and by Mr. Blackman, there is not any proof of that, only a slight suspicion, and Hobbs swore before Mr. Blythe that he selected the land with his own money. This is not I imagine by some thousands the only suspicious case of supposed dummyism since 1875 in which, after an inquiry before a Commissioner, as in this case, proof has been found impossible, or in which the alleged dummy having been found to reside, and the improvements complete, a certificate of approval has issued.

In conclusion, I must express my great surprise at the memorandum of Mr. Blackman, referred to in the first part of this explanation.

It is difficult to realise that he has made such statements as it contains, so erroneous are they and contrary to facts well known to him, and I can only consider that his memorandum and the submission of the case to the Minister have been inspired by malice and spite against me.

E.H.S., 18/4/83.

Schedules.

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No. 3	1 case.
No. 4	3 cases.
No. 5.	5 bundles of cases submitted for approval by Messrs. Wilson, Neate, E. Brown, and W. Ardill and Stobo, to the Minister.							
No. 6	...	Two letters,—one from Mr. Hoskins, and one from Sir John Robertson.						
No. 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Various cases as precedents.

Minutes on No. 6.

By Under Secretary for Lands :—It is I think a matter for considerable regret that the case complained of was not referred, as it certainly ought to have been to me, before submission to the Minister. Now, however, there is no course open to me but to invite the special attention of the Minister to the apparently malicious and unfounded charges made against Mr. Stobo, whose integrity as an officer of this Department has been questioned and brought under the notice of the Ministerial head of the Department.—C.O., 18/4/83.

By Secretary for Lands :—This matter has assumed a very serious aspect, and before I express any opinion this may be referred to the Chief Commissioner and Mr. Blackman for any further remarks they may desire to make. The papers to be returned without unnecessary delay.—J.S.F., 19/4/83.

By Under Secretary for Lands :—Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 19/4/83.

[Enclosure A. to No. 6.]

A QUESTION having arisen as to whether I used to sit in Mr. Moriarty's room in the old building during the period when he was absent through illness, and when Mr. Hoskins was also absent from the same cause, I desire to refer to Mr. S. Freeman as to whether he recollects the circumstances of my sitting in Mr. Moriarty's room, and acting upon conditional purchase cases at the time above-mentioned.—E.H.S., 24/4/83.

I certainly remember that Mr. Stobo generally sat in Mr. Moriarty's room during the absence through illness of Mr. Secretary Hoskins, in or about May and June, 1881. In fact whenever I wanted to find Mr. Stobo I looked for him in the Chief Commissioner's room. As to what work he then did I cannot of my own knowledge say. Mr. Stobo, however, frequently spoke of the great delay which had occurred in acting upon conditional sales cases which, as I understood, he was then dealing with.—S.F., 25/4/83.

[Enclosure B. to No. 6.]

A question having arisen as to whether I used to sit in Mr. Moriarty's room in the old building, and act on conditional purchase cases during the time that Mr. Moriarty was absent through ill health, and when Mr. Hoskins was also absent from the same cause, I desire to refer to Mr. M'Kern, clerk in charge of the Deeds Branch, as to whether he recollects the circumstances of my sitting in Mr. Moriarty's room, and acting upon conditional purchase cases at the time above-mentioned.—E.H.S., 24/4/83.

I clearly recollect that I had with you many interviews respecting Deeds of Grant, during, as I believe, the first half of 1881, in Mr. Moriarty's room, in the absence of that gentleman and Mr. Hoskins through illness, and that you were on those occasions almost invariably engaged on conditional purchase cases.—F. M'KERN, Deeds Branch, 26/4/83.

[Enclosure C to No. 6.]

A question having arisen as to whether I used to sit in Mr. Moriarty's room in the old building, and act on conditional purchase cases during the time that Mr. Moriarty was absent through illness, and when Mr. Hoskins was also absent from the same cause, I desire to refer to Mr. Ardill, in the Conditional Sales Division, as to whether he recollects the circumstances of my sitting in Mr. Moriarty's room and acting upon conditional purchase cases at the time above-mentioned, which was during or between April, May, and June, 1881.—E.H.S., 25/4/83.

I have no hesitation in stating that at intervals during the Chief Commissioner's absence I have seen Mr. Stobo in the room referred to, but I cannot say whether he sat there during the whole of the time, nor do I know what work he was engaged upon.—W. ARDILL, 26/4/83.

Marginal Memo on Enclosure C to No. 6, by W. Blackman.

Certainly every one knows Mr. Stobo was constantly backward and forward with or for cases, but no more in my room than the messenger. Everyone saw him in this capacity.—W.B.

[Enclosure D to No. 6.]

A question having arisen as to whether I sat in Mr. Moriarty's room in the old building, during the time that he was absent through illness, and when Mr. Hoskins was absent from the same cause, I desire to refer to Mr. W. H. Capper as to whether he has any recollection of my sitting in Mr. Moriarty's room at the time above-mentioned, namely, Mr. Hoskins' absence at the same time that Mr. Moriarty was absent, and of my taking or directing action on various cases of inspectors' reports.—E.H.S., 26/4/83.

My visits to the head office during the season Mr. Stobo refers to were not frequent, but on one occasion I recollect seeing him in the Chief Commissioner's chair in the old building. The occasion was impressed upon my memory by him referring to the cases that he had worked off, and directing my attention to a batch of cases on his right with which he stated he would not deal. As regards his directing action upon inspectors' reports, I may state that at the period in question, I prepared a Schedule of cases for investigation by the local Commissioners, some of which bearing the initials E.H.S. as authority for that course. Of course it must be understood that object for being in the room at the time was to see Mr. Blackman on official business, and although I have met Mr. Stobo in the room on other occasions he appeared to me to be on errands similar to those that took me there, namely, to consult Mr. Blackman, or in search of papers.—W.H.C., 26/4/83.

Minute on No. 6.

Quite true, and I asked Mr. Capper how he came to remember Mr. Stobo having done so, he said it was because it was so unusual. I should think so, it was the first and last time, about fifty-two cases were noted in all.—W. BLACKMAN.

[Enclosure E to No. 6.]

My dear Mr. Stobo,

As I have resigned the office of Secretary for Lands, I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing to you by this means the high esteem I entertain for you both as a personal friend and as an officer of the Department of Lands.

It is now upwards of three years since I first secured your services to assist me in preparing cases for my decision as the Minister in charge of the Department of Lands. I can bear testimony to the zeal and assiduity with which you discharged this very important and responsible duty, indeed I have on several occasions been very much impressed with the great intelligence you evinced in placing before me all the salient points of the many difficult and complicated cases with which I had to deal and to give a decision upon. During the period your conduct and the service you rendered was brought under my immediate observation. I hope that you may in future be placed in such a position in the Department of Lands as your abilities and conduct will justify your being appointed to, and I venture to predict from my general knowledge of your character and qualifications, that you will creditably fill any office to which you may be appointed.

I remain, &c.,
JAMES HOSKINS.

[Enclosure F to No. 6.]

My dear Mr. Stobo,

Although I have delayed it, I have by no means ever contemplated leaving unsaid how much I appreciated your great ability, high character, and integrity in the high office which you hold.

On retiring I feel a comfort in finding young men of the stamp of yourself and Mr. Oliver taking high places, it is a warrant as it seems to me, that Ministers will hereafter, at any rate have the advice of able, accomplished, and honourable officers, whether or not they accept it that will be for them to determine.

I feel that I could not say "good-bye" to the old office and its surroundings without expressing the high admiration I feel for you all.

Yours, &c.,
JOHN ROBERTSON.

No. 7.

Memorandum by Mr. Blackman.

Lands Department, Conditional Sales Division, 21 April, 1883.

I REGRET that at the earliest moment, and without awaiting any adequate inquiry, personalities of the worst kind should have been imported into this case, my connection with which is plainly shown on 83-2,590. I think it would have exhibited better taste if the Under Secretary had reserved the imputation of my having made "an apparently malicious and unfounded charge" until circumstances proved whether it was real and not merely apparent. As to Mr. Stobo, his charge of "malice" and "spite" is simply preposterous. During the twelve months the Chief Commissioner was absent he was on the best of terms with me; when the Chief Commissioner returned he of course resumed charge. Shortly after Mr. Stobo left the Conditional Sales Division and went into the Under Secretary's, and from that time to the present, I have never had anything to say or do with him. It will be seen then that conditions could hardly exist more obviously excluding malice, and I leave for the present the responsibility of the imputations on the gentlemen who have made them. I only ask—was it open to me to submit or suppress this matter as I chose? Were the preliminary remarks I addressed to the Chief Commissioner within the legitimate scope of my duty?

I am astonished Mr. Stobo should "emphatically" state that the case was not intercepted by him on its way to the Commissioner. That he does so is self-evident. Had he not taken it out of the bundle on the

the 17th May, and got Sir Henry Parkes to sign it on the same day, it would have been dealt with by me in its order, and sent to the Commissioner. I would have had no option in the matter, and could not do otherwise. No similar case has ever been recommended for approval by the Chief Commissioner or myself. No similar case has ever failed of being sent before a Commissioner for inquiry. Any other course would make inspecting a complete farce. No doubt I am allowed to take a great range of action in this Department, but I act on my own responsibility; I act subject to the observance of the rules and precedents of the Department; and one of our best established rules is that every case in which the inspector reports "non-residence," after the expiry of the three years, must go for inquiry. Another rule is that no doubtful case can be dealt with without being first submitted for the revision or concurrence of the Chief Commissioner or his representative; and, above all, that it must not be submitted to the Minister without his special attention being called to the circumstances. Not one of these conditions was conformed to by Mr. Stobo, who was simply Mr. Hoskins' assistant to keep his papers in order and get him information whenever he wanted it, but who had no commission or authority whatever to deal with matters of such moment as the titles to conditional purchases. Mr. Stobo was not appointed by the Minister, or by the Chief Commissioner, or by me. He was appointed by himself, and then proceeded, without any reference to me as head of the division, to write "may pass" on a case which ought to have been rigorously scrutinized.

I don't quite understand what Mr. Stobo means by preparing the 2,500 cases which Sir Henry Parkes signed. These cases were all examined by me, submitted for approval, and signed as correct. Every one of them bears my signature except those interpolated by Mr. Stobo, and about which I knew nothing. If I had I would have taken immediate steps to have stopped his presumption. Mr. Stobo refers to several submissions made by him to Sir Henry Parkes, but this does not prove he was authorized, and he never mentioned the fact to me.

With respect to my statement, "that it was my business to deal with all inspectors' reports, and mine alone," and further that Mr. Hoskins "never signed one, and never would sign one unless it was vouched for by my signature," the apparent discrepancy can be easily explained. Mr. Stobo fancies that he has completely confuted me by producing Schedules of reports which Mr. Hoskins approved without my signature, and in fact without reference to any one. Well, I have gone through all these reports, and admit them to be as he states—cases approved by the Minister without reference to me, as already specified. But, even so, this won't help Mr. Stobo, it won't prove he had the right of doing the work of the Chief Commissioner without his privity, and it won't in any way invalidate my statement. Let us see. The reports referred to by Mr. Stobo are Commissioners' reports, not Inspectors, which were the ones I mentioned, but I waive the point. Mr. Moriarty, when there was any accumulation of Commissioners' reports, generally sent for Commissioner Johnston to assist him in making an analysis of the evidence before submission to the Minister. When Mr. Moriarty was absent I took the same course; but Mr. Hoskins, not expecting me to do both my own work and the Chief Commissioner's, frequently studied and worked up these reports himself whenever he had a spare hour, or in the occasional lull of the general business. My signature was not wanted in these cases. Mr. Hoskins was himself an expert in matters of this kind, and in order to help was willing to sign on his own responsibility. But Mr. Hoskins had seldom any time to spare for such purposes, and being therefore, as to the state of the vast majority of conditional purchases, entirely dependent on the staff by way of security for himself, required my signature for all these cases which it was impossible for him to read, and which he was obliged to initial, and did initial as rapidly as they could be put before him by Mr. Stobo, signing thus and sending 500 or 1,000 cases in a couple of hours to me for issue of certificates.

Besides the sort reports just referred to, there was a residuum of conditional purchase cases that, according to the varying exigencies of the hour or the solicitations of land agents found their way to Mr. Hoskins, and were almost always brought to him by Mr. Stobo. The cases, as he fairly states that I never initialed, and in fact never saw. But how were they dealt with? Mr. Stobo shows, "I looked through them, and then Mr. Hoskins having also gone through them, dealt with them finally himself," exactly so. My signature is not on these documents, and there is therefore, no signing without going through the papers and seeing for himself. These cases then fall into the category of those for which the Minister alone is answerable.

I shall now amend the imperfect statement I made in my memo., that Mr. Hoskins never did and never would sign any inspector's reports unless it was vouched for by my signature; by adding these words, except those reports whether of Commissioners or Inspectors which he had time to go through and act on himself. Mr. Stobo's position is now defined, and it is plain that in Mr. Hoskins' system of doing business his services (intelligent, zealous, and useful as he was) were of a subordinate character, and that he had no status whatever as the ultimate, visible, and permanent authority at all times ascertainable, and responsible for the final dealing with titles of conditional purchases, and which consisted of the signature of the Minister to all cases he had time to study himself, and my signature as acting Chief Commissioner for the vast majority which he had no time to read, and signed without reading and on trust as already mentioned. For this view of the position there is an infallible test. Suppose anything irregular, and therefore leading to complications hereafter, arose in any case which Mr. Hoskins approved and signed without reference to anyone, who would be answerable? Most assuredly Mr. Hoskins. But suppose anything illegal or culpable came to light in any one or more of the thousands of cases I signed and sent on for approval, who would be held accountable? Undoubtedly I would. The Minister would say, Mr. Blackman, I signed my approval on your assurance as official head, that everything was regular. There would be no accountability for Mr. Stobo, for if the 25,000 cases he prepared for Mr. Hoskins, and the thousands since were searched through, it would be found that in 999 out of every 1,000 the only trace of Mr. Stobo having ever seen one of them would be the solitary word "approved," which it was his business to put on the declaration in order that, as time was so precious, the Minister might not have to write more than his bare initials.

I now come the justifiableness of Mr. Stobo's recommendation. I have already said no similar case was ever recommended to a Minister for approval, or ever failed in being sent on for public inquiry. I hold it belongs to a palpably suspicious order of purchases. Here are the decisive facts: The selection was made on the 26th October, 1876, at Glen Innes, for 640 acres. There was an inquiry in August, 1877, at Glen Innes, as to fulfilment of the residence conditions, no grounds for forfeiture; but the Chief Commissioner

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wrote on the papers "that the future observance of the conditions should be scrutinized." A strong word. The case went to Inspector Trollope. In June, 1878, he reports non-residence by the alienee, M'Master, and only knows of the residence of the original selector, Hobbs, by hearsay, although he has no doubt of its being continuous. This result being unsatisfactory he visited the selection again in January, 1881, when he again found the selector non-resident. On his first visit there was neither original purchaser, nor alienee, but there was a man in charge. On his second visit even the man in charge had left. "Nobody at present living here" are his significant words, and he winds up his report by recommending inquiry. "It would be well, he says, to inquire into the residence of this conditional purchase;" oh! but Mr. Stobo says in his explanation, "he (the inspector) was in error as to the period for residence," being under the misapprehension that the three years had just expired. Let us suppose the inspector did make this mistake,* and then it comes to this, that if he had visited and reported the selector non-resident in January, 1880; that is, at the expiration of the three years and three months his case would have been sent on for inquiry; but, as he made his visit and report thirteen months after the signing of the declaration, the selector is to be exonerated from all obligation or necessity to prove residence, although he owed proof of it for eighteen months, and was once during that period reported non-resident. The Minister will easily see that an inspector's report, made thirteen months after the declaration, is a much more decisive test of *bona fides* than one just made at the end of the three years, for obvious reasons. It is during that period that residence is obligatory and purchases liable to forfeiture; therefore, whatever efforts are to be made will be made then to keep up appearances. But if a selector is reported resident, and improvements complete at the end of twelve months from the expiration of the three years, then our experience is that he has most likely been a *bona-fide* resident all through, and still more so if the report is favourable at the end of one-and-a-half years, two years or three, when the chances of settlement being genuine are perfectly reliable, and notwithstanding subsequent transfers. On the other hand, our experience is that all abrupt, or, as in this case, early terminations of residence are suspicious; they are clear indications not necessarily of insufficient improvements, but of nominal or fictitious residence. Therefore it is that the Chief Commissioner has laid it down as an inflexible rule that all such cases must go on for public inquiry, rendered still more inevitable in this instance by the fact that the original selector was an employé of the alienee. And that the alienee, a man of well-known local standing had a residence 6 miles distant from this selection, whereas the inspector says in his report "he lives."

I mean visit, and count from the date of the visit, and not from that of the report, which is sometimes sent in much later.

Mr. Stobo says "I considered then, and now submit, that there was no reason to doubt M'Master's declaration as to his residence for twelve months (Mr. Stobo should have said eighteen) of the three years, which was the only fact not certified to by the inspector." The only fact!! and that the most important one not certified to! and there need be no inquiry! for have we not the declaration of M'Master to clear up all doubt! Mr. Stobo continues: "It was impossible for him (the Inspector) to controvert M'Master's declaration, or for him to have any knowledge of the matter, as his visit was made so long after the three years expired." His visit was made thirteen months after, and that is not so long, and no stronger reasons could be stated for having a strict inquiry than these. The inspector might not be able to "controvert" or "have any knowledge," but his function is to verify the statements of the selector, and if he cannot, then there are but two courses to choose from; either to send the case on for public inquiry, or accept the paper declaration, and thus relapse at once into the old round of immoralities and frauds. Mr. Stobo went in for the latter course, and he now asks the Minister to say if he was not right.

In the sixth paragraph of his memo., Mr. Stobo says that "he sat chiefly in Mr. Moriarty's room with Mr. Blackman's concurrence, and while there I dealt with a large number of conditional purchase cases," &c., and further on he says: "I can refer to any of the officers of the Department, say Mr. Freeman, or to any of the public who visited the office in May and June, 1881, as to whether I did not occupy Mr. Moriarty's room, &c." I invite special attention to this statement, because there is not one atom of truth in it. It is a falsehood pure and simple. I accept the appeal to the Department and the public, and I make this brief statement. The Chief Commissioner's room was always occupied by me the whole day, except when I had to visit and inspect the outlying branches, and from the day the Chief Commissioner left till he returned, Mr. Stobo never sat five minutes in this room; never did any work in it, and never came into it except to bring me papers from the Minister, or take mine away. The room was small; had but one desk; the public were hardly ever out of it, and it was the last place in the world Mr. Stobo could sit in. It is not however necessary, I think, for me to say more on this point just now.

The only other point I have to notice is the statement contained in the same paragraph, No. 6, as to my knowledge of and consent and concurrence in his acting on reports, &c., I absolutely deny it. The whole paragraph is a tissue of lies. I was peculiarly situated as acting Chief Commissioner. Mr. Moriarty was absent, and there was no equivalent allowed for his services. I had six clerks less than he had; the working power of the office was therefore greatly reduced, while the business was largely increasing. Here was a state of things clearly inviting abuse and petty usurpations of authority. Various clerks complained of Mr. Stobo being constantly intermeddling, and asked me to stop it. I said "No." Mr. Stobo is only helping. Mind, Mr. Stobo never offered to help me, and I never asked him; indeed, he had, I thought, plenty to do to attend to his own work, and I was quite willing to accept aid from any quarter in so far as it was subordinate help, help that did not determine or compromise matters; help, in fact that was effective in pushing on this class of cases or that through their appointed preliminary stages. But between tolerating or tacitly accepting help of this kind, regardless of the motives of the helpers, and concurring—with whom did I concur?—in Mr. Stobo's exercise of the extraordinary powers he claims there is an enormous difference. Will any one who knows me believe I so forgot the responsibilities of my position as to agree that Mr. Stobo should deal finally with titles to conditional purchases independently of me, much less deal finally with "doubtful cases" without the prescribed public inquiry, by setting me aside and the Minister aside, whose attention any more than mine was not called to the special facts? What indiscretion, even if a person were invested with authority, and then clandestinely slipping it into the 2,500 cases which I had prepared and signed, and which Sir Henry Parkes signed without reading, relying, of course, that no documents of that character would be placed before him that were not authenticated by the highest authority.

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* The Inspector did not make any such mistake. There is a clerical error in the date given in his last report, but the previous one gives the date correctly.—A.O.M.

As a matter of fact I do possess all the necessary powers to deal with such business with the knowledge, consent, and concurrence of the Minister and Chief Commissioner, but I have no power to deal with doubtful cases without reference to the Chief Commissioner, and the Chief Commissioner has no power to close them without a public inquiry or the express sanction of the Minister specially applied for.

Wm. B.

Minutes on No. 7.

By Chief Commissioner:—Submitted. As before stated I have no personal acquaintance with the arrangements under which these matters were transacted. I am indebted to every person concerned in the performance of my duties during my illness and absence, and cannot be a party to any misunderstanding arising out of them, especially when involving such painful and apparently unnecessary imputations and reflections as these papers contain. I have looked again at the case as submitted and I cannot see any evidence therein of malice such as is now attributed to Mr. Blackman. The matter did not originate with him. His attention was called to it personally by the member for the district, and officially by a land agent. *Prima facie*, his own integrity and that of the Department were questioned, and it was his duty first to deal with it. He does not appear to me to have thrown out any charge of misconduct against Mr. Stobo, or imputed to that gentleman more than perhaps indiscretion or an undue assumption and unwise exercise of a discretion not properly attaching to his position. I greatly regret that Mr. Stobo should not have confined himself to the explanation that the circumstances called for (and the papers did not exhibit) of the action taken by him on the case; and that he should have suffered himself to be hurried into counter charges of malice and spite, as well as misrepresentation, by which the matter has been made very much worse. The case of the conditional purchase was obviously one which should have been strictly investigated, but as the declaration was finally approved two years ago I cannot recommend that it should be re-opened.—A.O.M., 23/4/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—I transmit this to the Under Secretary, by the Minister's direction, as relating to the conduct of an officer under his control.—A.O.M., 27/4/83.

* See enclosure to No. 6.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Re-submitted. Herewith are now some further memoranda* from officers of the Department, which Mr. Stobo desires to be enclosed.—C.O., 26/4/83.

No. 8.

Memorandum by Mr. E. H. Stobo.

Department of Lands.

WITH reference to the statements made by me as to Mr. Hoskins having dealt with large numbers of inspectors' reports and declarations without any memo. or initials of Mr. Blackman's, I have reason to believe that in addition to the cases instanced by me in my memorandum of 18th instant, as having been so dealt with, that a large number of such cases were submitted by Mr. F. H. Wilson (now clerk in charge of the Miscellaneous Branch) direct to the Minister, Mr. Hoskins, and that they were all approved or dealt with by Mr. Hoskins without ever passing through Mr. Blackman's hands or being initialed by him.

Mr. Wilson may also be aware of my having acted on and submitted such cases to the Minister, and of my having sat in Mr. Moriarty's room during his absence at the time of Mr. Hoskins' illness.

E.H.S., 23/4/83.

Minutes on No. 8.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Mr. Wilson will please say what he knows in reference to the statement now made by Mr. Stobo.—C.O., 25/4/83.

In the year 1879, when I was in charge of the Iron-room (Conditional Sales Division) there were several thousands (I think about 7,000) of inspectors' reports left unacted on by Mr. Blackman when he went away on leave. On this being represented to the Chief Commissioner he instructed Mr. Wiseman and myself to examine and submit them. Mr. Wiseman dealt with the preliminary cases where the declarations had not been received, and I examined and initialed the remainder (over 4,000) where the three years had expired. The declarations were then submitted to the Secretary for Lands without any other initials on the papers. On Mr. Blackman's return from leave I continued for several months to examine all the inspectors' reports (about 400 a week I think) and these were, almost without exception, submitted similarly to the Minister without the initials thereon of either Mr. Blackman or the Chief Commissioner. During the period Mr. Hoskins was laid up and the Chief Commissioner was absent from the Colony, I used day by day to see Mr. Stobo sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room engaged in trying to clear up the cases left by Mr. Moriarty when laid up by illness. I know that he did clear up almost all of them and submit them, and while he was so employed I scarcely ever saw Mr. Blackman in Mr. Moriarty's room. I would also add that Mr. Stobo worked with the Chief Commissioner's door open, and on several occasions drew my attention to the great delays that had occurred in dealing with some of the cases he was then acting on.—F.H.W., 26/4/83.

No. 9.

Memorandum by The Secretary for Lands.

I WILL first consider the statement relative to the conditional purchase of Hobbs being what is commonly termed a dummy selection. I cannot discover that there is any speciality in this case that classes it more in the category of a dummy selection than thousands of others of a similar character which have been passed and approved. The evidence does not disclose that there has been an infraction of the ninth section of the Land Act of 1875. Judging from the evidence and other statements I do not consider that the conditional purchase was forfeitable.

I have carefully read the papers in this case, and have come without difficulty to the conclusion that Mr. Stobo has not only vindicated himself, but that there is no foundation whatever for the imputation made

made on him by Mr. Blackman. Mr. Blackman's statement has been, as will be seen by the papers herewith, shown to be entirely erroneous. I cannot help expressing my regret that in the midst of my important public duties my time should be occupied by the investigation of charges groundlessly preferred, and by the perusal of a voluminous correspondence on a matter which has no public interest whatever, and which is not at all desirable that the officers of Government should engage on to the manifest disadvantage of the public, by the loss of time which should be devoted to the public duties of such officers. Mr. Blackman will be required to withdraw his imputations forthwith, and I trust that I may hear no more of this very unpleasant matter.

I understand that these kind of matters should be submitted through the Under Secretary. Had that been done in this case I might have been relieved of a large amount of trouble.

J.S.F., 18/5/83.

Minute on No. 9.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—The Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 18/5/83.

No. 10.

Memorandum by The Under Secretary for Lands.

I BEG to recommend the following increases of salaries to officers on the permanent staff, to take effect from the 1st January last.

Mr. Stobo from £350 to £400.

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The foregoing promotions are suggested in accordance with seniority, when combined with merit, and when seniority has been disregarded it is consequent upon senior officers being ineligible for promotion.

C.O., 22/5/83.

Minute on No. 10.

Approved.—J.S.F., 23/5/83.

No. 11.

Memorandum by Mr. Blackman.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 26 May, 1883.

THE Minister for Lands justly deprecates the waste of his time in dealing with correspondence of this kind. I feel I am not in any way responsible for it. A very simple matter has been complicated by claims of authority that never existed, and of concurrence never accorded, by which it has been sought to implicate me by the Under Secretary for Lands divesting himself of the judicial impartiality and official decorum belonging to his office, and meeting me in the discharge of an imperative duty with imputations of the basest motives previous to any inquiry, and summing up my case beforehand as "Unfounded," thus taking sides as a partizan at the outset.

Under these circumstances, as also that the Minister has required me to withdraw certain charges, I think no one will dispute my right to deal with the whole matter.

As to the opinion given on Hobbs' case, as a dummy selection, I beg to point out that I made no reference to it as such, or to any infraction of the 9th section of the Act of 1875. And it is not, as the Minister states, a forfeitable one. No case is forfeitable unless after public inquiry before a Commissioner, and unless the Minister concur in his recommendation. I am afraid then that in the press of his engagements, I failed to make my point clear, namely, that when all we know about an original conditional purchaser's residence is heresay, and all we know about his alienee and master's residence is that he was found non-resident on the two occasions on which his selection was visited by the inspector, and further, that the inspector recommended public inquiry because he knew such alienee and master was living 6 miles off at his own home with his family, then I say it would be contrary to invariable rule, contrary to the reason of the case, and contrary to the decision of the Minister to submit it for approval without a public inquiry, as was done by Mr. Stobo without authority, and without any reference to me as official head of the division.

I may add that on various occasions the present Minister, even when a selector was found on his land, required corroborative proof of his being a *bona fide* resident, when it was known that his family were living elsewhere, and the papers were sent back to the Commissioner for that purpose.

The Minister now requires me to withdraw my imputations against Mr. Stobo. I made but one imputation against him, that of untruthfulness, and I regret that it is not in my power to withdraw it. I made no such charge as a matter of mere opinion, but of fact and evidence, and I have no doubt when the Minister knows what that evidence is, he will come to the same conclusion.

The Minister states "Mr. Stobo has vindicated himself, that there is no foundation whatever for the imputations made on him by Mr. Blackman." "Mr. Blackman's statement has been, as will be seen by the papers herewith, shown to be entirely erroneous," "charges groundlessly preferred." But why has all this been shown? Simply because evidence was taken on one side only, and a decision given without evidence being asked for on the other side. Anything can be proved or disproved in this manner. But I did not expect that the evidence of Messrs. Wilson and Freeman, so compromising to me, would be accepted and acted on without reference to me for any observations I might have to make, and I certainly did expect that I, who have never been in a controversy before in this Department would, after making such a serious imputation, as a matter of official courtesy, have been invited to submit any corroborative evidence I might choose, in support of the allegations I made, and again repeat that Mr. Stobo never occupied the Chief Commissioner's room, and never worked there for five minutes with my knowledge and concurrence during the whole period of his absence.

I now beg to submit an instalment of such evidence for the consideration of the Minister.

No. 1. Mr. Thomas Garrett, M.P.; No. 2. Mr. H. H. Brown, M.P.; No. 3. Mr. A. Armstrong; No. 4. Mr. Ollivier; No. 5. Mr. James Carroll; No. 6. Mr. Holmes; also Officers of the Conditional Sales Division; No. 7. Mr. Neate; No. 8. Mr. Lackey; No. 9. Mr. Yorke; No. 10. Mr. Ward; No. 11. Mr. Wiseman; No. 12. Mr. Wiseman; as a No. 13, I beg to add Mr. Farnell (Minister for Lands).

Now

Now leaving out for the moment Mr. Farnell and Mr. Wiseman, who was not one of my staff at the time; the statements of the first ten gentlemen will speak for themselves. Their statements are in reply to interrogations addressed to them by me, and which I endeavoured to make as decisive as I could. Here are the ten witnesses who had the very best opportunities of knowing the fact, the ablest and most experienced land agents connected with this Department; the men who have the largest amount of business; the men who know all our arrangements and all our officers. Here, too, are the officers of this division who were daily associated with me in the performance of my duties in the Chief Commissioners' room; and what do they all say? That they never once saw Mr. Stobo so occupied and working there; that he could not have been so occupied without their knowledge; and that of such a circumstance they never once heard. In fact Mr. Stobo is never seen except passing to and fro like the messenger. I beg to call special attention to the statements of Mr. Carroll. Mr. Ollivier and Mr. Holmes, who affirm Mr. Stobo could not be there without their immediate knowledge Mr. Holmes' statement is in the form of a statutory declaration addressed in a letter to Mr. Farnell, and left with me the day he left for England, and is as will be seen in the highest degree emphatic on all points. I may also note that as all these witnesses were with me one at a time, and the land agents frequently every day, their observations extend over so large a space of time as to render it impossible for any one to be engaged in any way whatever in my room without certain detection. A room which was my head office, where the traffic of land agents, officials, and the general public was so great that I could hardly attend to any office work, on account of their interruptions, where there was hardly room for myself, and but one desk. Yet it was here Mr. Stobo was working unseen by the keenest of eyes and sharpest of men, while he had his own room and another one at his disposal to work in, and where by the bye he is always seen. But the truth is Mr. Stobo knows well he never had my concurrence. If he had it did not matter where he worked. But he foolishly thinks if he could only prove he occupied my room, that my concurrence would be inferred as a matter of course. This however does not follow, my concurring in his remaining in my room would not mean my concurring in wrong doing.

I have taken the liberty of putting Mr. Farnell's name in my preliminary list of witnesses, and I do so in the interests of truth. Mr. Farnell very frequently called on me at my head office, and I now most respectfully ask him, if he ever once saw Mr. Stobo so occupied and occupying my room during the whole period the Chief Commissioner was absent? If he ever wanted Mr. Stobo would he ever once have thought of looking for him there? Could he have been located and working there for any perceptible period without his knowing it? I respectfully leave the Minister for Lands to reply to these questions, as I did the other gentlemen, as he may deem fit.

Of course I am perfectly aware that as I myself occupied the head office, which I never left unless for a while in the morning to sign correspondence in Gresham-street office, or at occasional brief intervals in the day to visit the several branches in adjoining streets under my control, I can assert with an authority that cannot be ignored, and which the statements I have put in fully confirm, that Mr. Stobo never for a moment occupied my room, much less worked in it, which I could not do myself, but I wish to bring this out in the light of facts, and at full length; because it is plain that if Mr. Stobo never occupied my room, there he never was seen occupying it, and if this be true as it undoubtedly is, there it will follow that the statements made by Messrs. Wilson and Freeman, that they saw him there "day by day engaged" working and knew where to find him whenever they wanted him are sheer inventions.

A memo. of mine, written in reply to reports called for by Mr. Hoskins, on the state of the Conditional Purchase Division, and recently laid before Parliament with Mr. Freeman's reports, will show the excellent condition of the division at the time. By unremitting industry, energy, discipline, and subordination, under great difficulties, the whole work of the Conditional Purchase Division was brought up to date; a task seldom or ever accomplished in the Civil Service. Indeed, at various times during the half-year it was so up, a fact of which the Minister for Lands is a witness, not merely through what he knows himself, but because Mr. Hoskins told him I had done so. I requested Mr. Farnell, who informed me on three separate occasions, not to forget Mr. Hoskins' statement to him, and he said "Certainly not; I am glad to be able to tell you." About the end of May I asked Mr. Fitzgerald if he had any submissions for me. I said, if not, I shall in a few days be run ashore for cases to submit, and I did not want to see things wound up so nicely until the day before the Chief Commissioner came back.

I allude to the state of the Conditional Purchase Division in order that I may conclusively show that from the state of the work I had no need whatever of Mr. Stobo's services. I never asked his help; never wanted, or once thought of it. If it had been offered, which it was not, I should have declined it. I had clerks who would have given me any amount of assistance, and far better than Mr. Stobo. If any one had told me Mr. Stobo was submitting any cases, much less "prohibited" ones, to Sir Henry Parkes, behind my back, I should have at once flatly contradicted him.

As the work in May and June was substantially up, there was nothing for Mr. Stobo to do, (for he was not on my staff). I knew well he did nothing for me or the division; and the proper course to test the matter was to have our records carefully searched to get up all the work he did, and bring all the cases he took action on together again. I accordingly instructed the gentlemen named in the margin to go through our records from June, 1880 (seven months before the Chief Commissioner left), to the end of July, 1882, twelve months after he came back, and bring me all cases he noted to Commissioners for inquiry; all cases noted by him to inspectors? All miscellaneous cases of any kind on which he made any remark, or notation, or direction; and finally, all cases submitted and recommended by him to Sir Henry Parkes without my knowledge, that is, without my initials.

I now submit the results:—Mr. Capper made a special search through the Commissioners' reports to see who sent them during the period specified. Surprised at the fewness of the cases, I told him to make a further search for six months longer, to the end of December, 1882, and try to get a few more. But there were only fifty-two cases. I asked him if he recollected Mr. Stobo noting any to Commissioners. He said: "Yes." "Why do you recollect so well?" "It was so unusual." He replied: "I should think it was unusual; it was both the first and last time it ever occurred." A smart clerk would note them all off to the Commissioner in an hour; say an hour and a half.

Twenty-one cases noted by him for inspectors' report. Time required, half an hour.

Of miscellaneous cases there were only thirty-six. Not more than twenty belongs to the time in question. Time required to act on them, one hour. The whole of this work is of the most petty and routine character. As for cases noted to inspectors, they are sent in thousands by a junior clerk, at £150 a year, as a matter of course, and without any supervision.

Thirty-six

Mr. Capper,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Ballie,
Mr. Yorke,
Mr. Chambers,
Mr. MacDonnell,
junr.

Thirty-six cases were found submitted in his handwriting to Sir Henry Parkes without my knowledge, and not either initialed or examined by me. Time required to act on them, one hour.

Of these thirty-six cases, the only important part of the work, fourteen or fifteen were among those prohibited by the practice of the Department, and as many of them were bad cases, ought to have been sent on for public inquiry. No such cases were ever submitted as routine matters for the approval of any Minister. Three or four might be "claim cases" for the interested parties to bring on themselves before such Commissioners.

I am not surprised at Mr. Stobo's audacity in this matter. I know that gentleman of old; under me for years, he was the most unbelievable individual I ever met. So much so that he was at last officially disrated in this Department for frequent falsehood in the discharge of his duties, and was stationed at the counter as the only means that could be devised to counteract his propensities. Now he comes up again with the old assurance and states he occupied and worked in my head office; an office thronged by the public who never saw him, by all the land agents of Sydney, not one of whom are on his side; thronged by the principal officers of this division who contradict his statement; frequented by Mr. Farnell, who never saw him so occupied. I write in anticipation of his inevitable confirmation, and yet I am told that my charge is "without any foundation whatever," and "groundlessly preferred," "shown to be entirely erroneous," by the papers herewith. The papers herewith mean the statements of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. McKern. But if I had been allowed to see them before the Minister gave his decision on them, I don't think they would have been worth altogether the smallest coin in Her Majesty's Dominions. I shall glance through them shortly now. What does Mr. Wilson say? "During the period Mr. Hoskins was laid up and the Chief Commissioner was absent from the Colony, I used, day by day, to see Mr. Stobo sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room engaged in trying to clear up the cases left by Mr. Moriarty. I know he did clear up almost all of them and submitted them."

Mr. Stobo gives a list of the papers he acted on. His statement is worth attention. "I dealt with a large number of conditional purchase cases, principally inspectors' reports, in which approval or disapproval was not directly recommended, and which were marked submitted by Dr. Barsanti, and I gave various directions thereon, either for them to pass for approval or to go to Commissioner for inquiry, or for further report from inspector or otherwise."

Very true, and I have got them all, the number is 133*, but not one is Chief Commissioner's arrears (the existence of which I now learn for the first time), and all but four or five are cases registered and turning up after the Chief Commissioner left the Colony. So much to begin with for Mr. Wilson's veracity about the Chief Commissioner's arrears. I invite inspection of papers.

All the above papers are dated by Mr. Stobo on the day on which he acted on them.

Mr. Freeman's statement is this.—"I certainly remember that Mr. Stobo generally sat in Mr. Moriarty's room during the absence of Mr. Hoskins through illness, about May and June, 1881. In fact whenever I wanted to find Mr. Stobo I looked for him in the Chief Commissioner's room.

Now let Mr. Wilson and Mr. Freeman's statements, as to Mr. Stobo occupying my room, be compared with those of the ten witnesses I have produced to the contrary, and I ask are the former credible? Can they possibly be true? Messrs. Wilson and Freeman were not in any way connected with my room or the Conditional Purchase Division. It was the daily business of all the others to attend on me at the head office.

Compare them with the amount of work done by Mr. Stobo; altogether a four hour's job! "Day by day," says Mr. Wilson, "I used to see Mr. Stobo engaged" when there was not half a day's work in all that was done during the months of May and June.

Compare these statements further with Mr. Stobo's dates on the papers. Nothing done during the first sixteen days of May. How does the "day by day" theory harmonize with that? On the 17th thirty-two cases, a very busy day; five cases on the 18th; nothing on the 19th; five cases on the 20th; nothing on the 21st and 22nd; three cases on the 23rd; nothing on the 24th; one case on the 25th; twenty cases on the 26th; one case on the 27th; nothing on the 28th and 29th; thirteen cases on the 30th; two cases on the 31st.

Here is June, 1881.

Two cases on the 1st; eleven cases on the 2nd; eight cases on the 3rd; nothing on the 4th and 5th; three cases on the 6th; nothing on the 7th and 8th; one case on the 9th; nothing on the 10th; one case on the 11th; nothing on the 12th, 13th, and 14th; one case on the 15th; one case on the 16th; nothing on the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th; one case on the 21st; nothing on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th.

"Day by day" says Mr. Wilson (during May and June, and his statement includes April), "I used to see Mr. Stobo sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room, engaged, &c." What! here are forty-one days that Mr. Stobo was not working, and not in my room, on his own showing. How does the day by day theory coincide with that? Seven days—one case a day. Does it coincide with that? Day by day was Mr. Stobo engaged, according to Mr. Wilson, clearing off Mr. Moriarty's arrears*, and forty-one times in May and June alone that statement breaks down according to Mr. Stobo's dating of his own work.

On forty-one days (in May and June) Mr. Stobo's own dates show he did no work of this kind. Yet, on these forty-one days, Mr. Wilson, ignorant of this dating, certifies that he saw him "sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room" engaged in this very work, and Mr. Freeman certifies to finding him there whenever he wanted him.

"Whenever" (that is at any hour) Mr. Freeman wanted to find Mr. Stobo, he looked for him in the Chief Commissioner's room. How did he find him on the forty-one days, he was not there? On the seven days he did one case a day. Did Mr. Freeman just hit the moment in which the one case was being prepared.

Mr. Stobo, it will be seen, did not work up all his cases by one grand administrative effort, but ckd them out somewhat economically until the small hoard was exhausted, but all will see the bad spirit which led him while doing so to libel and misrepresent the Conditional Purchase Division, frequently speaking of great delay in acting on conditional purchase matters, as Messrs. Wilson and Freeman confess, and so willingly re-echo, although the very cases in his hands were demonstrations of his untruthfulness, and of the excellent state of the division. Inspection of cases invited.

When I said Mr. Hoskins never signed any inspectors' reports without my initials, that general statement admitted of two obvious exceptions which proved it; first, if Mr. Hoskins choose to act on any case on his own responsibility and experience, as he did in his spare time to help me, he did not want any initials, as I said before; secondly, when I was unavoidably absent from Sydney, of course temporary provision

Reports—	
81-12,412	
11,384	
80-48,813	
52,529	
40,324	
81-2,354	
2,750	
3,053	
9,457	
5,575	
9,486	
6,255	
11,433	
11,346	
9,828	
9,507	
9,174	
7,766	

*About 113; the rest don't belong to the period.—W. B.

*Which had no existence.—W. B.

provision had to be made to perform my duties until I returned, the same thing must be done if the Minister is away. The utter absurdity of Mr. Wilson's argument is clear. He examined inspectors' reports during the month I was absent (September, 1879), but it was by the arrangement and appointment of the Chief Commissioner, through whom alone his cases were submitted to the Minister. Mr. Wilson states (and this is his strong point) that after my return, he still continued to act for several months, examining reports, which at the rate of 400 a week, were "almost without exception" submitted to Mr. Hoskins for approval without the initials thereon of either Mr. Blackman or the Chief Commissioner" not even is this statement of Mr. Wilson's true in the smallest particular, for on my return the reports were submitted to me by Mr. Wilson himself, as Mr. Wiseman and others know. They were all initialed by me, and by me submitted as usual to the Minister through the Chief Commissioner. All discussion is useless, as I gave instructions to have the papers got up out of records, and they are now in my office open to inspection.

As to Mr. McKern's statements they must go with the rest. He speaks of many interviews in the Chief Commissioner's room between himself and the Deed Stamper, Mr. Stobo, during May and June, 1881. Absolute nonsense. A junior clerk forwarded all deeds to the Under Secretary, in order that they might be stamped, and Mr. Stobo stamped them. That is the whole transaction, and it does not admit of interviews, consultations, or anything of the sort. Did anyone ever hear of such interviews before? Did Mr. Neate, when head of the Deeds Branch, ever have one interview? Did Mr. Wiseman? Is Mr. Newman, who now stamps, ever interviewed? Of course I am aware that interviews like other things may turn up quite providentially, and in the nick of time. But when here? Not on any of the forty-one days Mr. Stobo was not in the Chief Commissioner's room, according to his own dates. Not on the seven days he did but one case a day; hardly on the two days he did two cases, and the two days he did three cases a day. Scarcely on the five days, he was doing real work in twenty cases, eleven cases, thirteen cases, eight cases, thirteen cases, thirty-two cases; for he was then disposing of Chief Commissioner's arrears; also all delayed and neglected reports, and "preparing" prohibited and debatable cases, as routine matters for the signature of Sir Henry Parkes without consulting me; and I am afraid the balance left excludes the many interviews, and even the few.

I should like to know how Mr. McKern, a clerk who never had any training in the Conditional Purchase Division, could tell at a glance that when he came Mr. Stobo was almost invariably engaged in conditional purchase cases. After all he must have come during the five days' session, which would be very curious, the dates being at varying intervals, the 17th May, 26th of May, 30th of May, 2nd June, and 3rd of June. Then the words "almost invariably" betoken a fine discrimination, which we cannot compete with, for our conditional purchase experts, Capper and Ardill, cannot be sure of what Mr. Stobo is doing even after he enlightened them; perhaps for the best, as since I have written my first memorandum I have learned that Mr. Stobo was found once in my room, sitting in my chair (there being no other accommodation) industriously, very industriously, "striving" to do his own work, of which fact I should be quite sure, even though Mr. Ollivier, who came to see me and was an eye-witness and taxed him with it, had not just now informed me.

I now beg to hand you this memorandum. However, as the Minister has given a decision and these papers, evidences, and arguments were not before him at the time, I beg to apply for a Board of Inquiry in order that a searching investigation may be made.

WM. BLACKMAN.

Minutes on No. 11.

By Chief Commissioner:—Forwarded to the Under Secretary. This matter as submitted by me to the Minister bore primarily and chiefly on the irregular issue of a certificate, and but incidentally upon the conduct of the officer to whose agency it was attributable. The issue has now become one of credit and evidence, and apart from the very disadvantageous position in which Mr. Blackman has been placed, his long and unquestioned services and high position in the Department would have, I think, entitled him to the inquiry he demands, even without the overwhelming evidence which he offers in rebuttal of that on which the matter has been decided so adversely to him. As already stated, I should personally have been very glad to have been spared participation in any such matter as this, the more especially as the difficulty is traceable ultimately to the illness which so long interrupted my own discharge of duty. I should also have been glad could I have moderated the tone of the discussion, but I cannot feel that I have any right to prescribe terms and language to those who are upon their defence.—A.O.M., 30/5/83.

By Secretary for Lands:—Upon a perusal of Mr. Blackman's memo. of the 20th of May last, I find that he states, among other things, that he made but one imputation against Mr. Stobo, namely, that of untruthfulness. The memo. of Mr. Blackman's of the 9th April last contains serious and grave imputations, and I so concluded when I wrote my minute on the 17th April last calling upon Mr. Stobo for an explanation. Mr. Stobo furnished an explanation, together with statements made by other officers of the Department in corroboration thereof. Mr. Blackman demurs to these statements, and he states that they are untrue. Mr. Blackman requests that a Board may be appointed to inquire into the matter. I think, under the circumstances and aspect of the matter, that there should be an inquiry into the allegations contained in Mr. Blackman's memos. of the 9th and 17th of April and the 20th of May, and the replies thereto by Mr. Stobo; that is to say, that there should be a full inquiry into the whole matter. I therefore desire that a letter be written to my Honorable Colleague the Minister for Justice, requesting him to appoint Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke, one of the Stipendiary Magistrates, to inquire into the subject matter and report thereon. The evidence or statements referred to in Mr. Blackman's memo. of the 20th May last I have just seen, with the papers, but have not had time to peruse them; and I find that they have been attached to the papers with the above last-mentioned memo., and since my minute of the 18th of May last.—J.S.F., 5th June, 1883.

[Enclosure A to No. 11.]

Mr. Garrett,

You frequently, that is, frequently every day, attended at my office, *i.e.*, the Chief Commissioner's old room in the old building, from January, 1881, to July, 1881. Did you upon any one occasion ever see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in it, occupying it, and transacting business there? Do you think he could have been so engaged without your knowledge? Did you ever hear such a thing once spoken of?—W.B., 26/4/83.

I can reply in the negative to each one of the above questions, so far as my observations extended.—THOMAS GARRETT.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 11.]

Mr. Brown,

You frequently attended on business at my office in the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building, from January, 1881, to July, 1881, inclusive. Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in that room, occupying it, and in any way whatever transacting any business in it? Do you think he could be so employed without your knowledge of the fact? Did you ever hear the circumstance once remarked or alluded to?—W.B., 30/4/83.

With reference to the above, I was with you on numerous occasions during the time you were performing duty in the absence of Mr. Moriarty. I never saw Mr. Stobo doing work in your room; he was generally at Mr. Hoskins' elbow, or in the small room off the Under Secretary's room.—H. H. BROWN, 30/4/83. The last two questions I answer in the negative.—H.H.B. This is certainly an error.—C. G., 31/5/83.

[Enclosure C to No. 11.]

Mr. Armstrong,

You frequently, that is, frequently every day, attended at my office, *i.e.*, in the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building, from January, 1881, to July, 1881. Did you ever, upon any one occasion, see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in it, occupying it, and transacting any business in it? Do you think he could have been so engaged without your knowledge? Did you ever hear such a circumstance once spoken of?—W.B., 26/4/83.

I was frequently, almost daily, at the Lands Department between January, 1880, and July, 1881. I never observed that the room generally used by the Chief Commissioner was occupied by any other officer with regularity other than yourself. If any person occupied it frequently I believe I must have observed it. I never heard such a circumstance spoken of or in any way alluded to.—A. A. ARMSTRONG.

[Enclosure D to No. 11.]

Mr. Ollivier,

You were clerk in charge of the iron room in this Department from about February, 1879, to about the first of June, 1881, when you joined the firm of Brown & Co., land agents. After that period you were in the habit of seeing me at various times every day. Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in my office in the room of the Chief Commissioner in the old building; occupying it, and transacting any business in it? Could any one, and especially Mr. Stobo, be so engaged without your knowledge of the fact? Did you ever hear such a circumstance even once spoken of?—W.B., 26/4/83.

From my position in the iron room, conditional sales, I was in the habit of seeing you to answer queries on an average every half-hour of the day, these calls made upon my time were the subject of remark by the officers in the iron room. Subsequent to my leaving the office I have seen you in your position of acting Chief Commissioner three times a day; I can assure you that I never saw or knew of any person performing such duties as you refer to. The officer I saw on these occasions was yourself. It would be quite impossible that any officer could have been working in your room at any time within the period without my immediate knowledge. I have frequently seen Mr. Stobo coming in and out getting papers from you for the Minister, or returning papers to you dealt with by the Minister. In conclusion, I would state that from 4 o'clock till 5 or half-past, I was in the habit of sitting with Mr. Blackman submitting the various papers, the result of the work of the day.—W. M. OLLIVIER, 27th April, 1883.

[Enclosure E to No. 11.]

Mr. Carroll,

You frequently, that is, frequently every day, attended at my office, *i.e.*, in the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building, from January, 1881, to July, 1881, inclusive. Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in it, occupying it and transacting any business in it? Do you think he could have been so engaged without your knowledge of the fact? Did you ever hear such a circumstance once spoken of?—W.B. 27/4/83.

In answer to the above queries, I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony to the truth, as far as my memory serves me. In the first place I must state that my business has frequently brought me into contact with Mr. Blackman and the Chief Commissioner in their respective offices; but during the term particularized in the above query, *viz.*, the temporary absence of the Chief Commissioner, whose office for the time being was held and his room occupied by Mr. Blackman. I have had occasion to interview Mr. Blackman much more frequently than previously to Mr. Moriarty's absence or since that gentleman's return; for I had to do business with Mr. Blackman during the period specified in his twofold capacity of acting Chief Commissioner and chief officer of the Conditional Sales Division. I must therefore have had occasion to consult with Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room every day almost without exception, and very often two or three times daily, and sometimes, no doubt, oftener. In view of these circumstances, I believe no one could be in a better position, to say whether or not any person, other than Mr. Blackman himself, occupied the Chief Commissioner's room, and transacted any business therein, than myself, and this brings me now to state, and I beg to do so most emphatically, that during the period mentioned I never saw any person occupying Mr. Blackman's room—the Chief Commissioner's proper—but Mr. Blackman; and most certainly I say I have no recollection of Mr. Stobo occupying that room in conjunction with Mr. Blackman. No person could have regularly occupied the room, for even a short period, without my knowledge. Furthermore, I must add that I never heard of this circumstance once spoken of before.—JAMES CARROLL, 27th April, 1883.

[Enclosure F to No. 11.]

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Secretary for Lands.

My Dear Sir,

21, Exchange-buildings, Pitt-street, 17 May, 1883.

On the eve of my departure for England I beg to enclose a declaration respecting the case of Mr. Stobo, which with letter I leave with Mr. Blackman for any use he may wish to make of it.

I do so in case that there may be any inquiry, which I should be glad to attend if here.

I feel sure you know me long and too well to question my knowledge of all the arrangements of the Lands Department, and therefore my competency to give a decided opinion on the subject, and also the truthfulness and credibility of any statement I may make.

I am, &c.,
G. H. HOLMES.

[Sub-enclosure to Enclosure F to No. 11.]

Declaration.

I, GEORGE HENRY HOLMES, of Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that between the month of January, 1881, and July inclusive, I attended at Mr. Blackman's office, in the Chief Commissioner's room, in the old building, five or six times a day on an average, and never saw Mr. Stobo there on any occasion, unless coming in and out with papers for the Minister or messages for Mr. Blackman, and he could not have been engaged in occupying or sitting in said room for any purpose without my immediate knowledge, and I never heard the circumstance once spoken of. I always knew where to find Mr. Stobo when I wanted him, that was either in the Minister's room or in the little room off the Under Secretary's; and I make

make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

C. H. HOLMES.

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, this 5th day of May, 1883.—

ROBERT B. WILKINSON, J.P.

[Enclosure G. to No. 11.]

Mr. Neate,

You frequently, that is frequently every day, attended at my office in the Chief Commissioner's room, in the old building, from January, 1881, to July, 1881. Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in it, occupying it, and transacting any business in it? Do you think he could have been so engaged without your knowledge? Did you ever hear such a circumstance once spoken of?—W.B., 26/4/83.

I never saw Mr. Stobo in the room referred to; he could not have been in the room other than bringing papers backwards or forwards without my knowledge. I never heard it once spoken of.—C. E. NEATE, 26/4/83.

[Enclosure H to No. 11.]

Mr. Lackey.

You frequently, I dare say every day, attended at my office in the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building, from January 1881 to July 1881, inclusive. Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in it, occupying it, and transacting any business in it? Do you think he could have been so engaged without your knowledge of the fact? Did you ever hear such a circumstance once spoken of?—W.B., 30/4/83.

1. I do not remember the exact time, but during the time I had charge of the Iron-room (some two or three months), and during the Chief Commissioner's absence, I had occasion to submit cases to you personally, nearly every day, either in the Chief Commissioner's room or in Gresham-street room. 2. I certainly do not recollect seeing any officer of the Department, other than yourself, occupying the Chief Commissioner's room. 3. I do not think so. 4. No.—M.L., 30/4/83.

[Enclosure I to No. 11.]

Mr. Yorke,

You frequently, that is, frequently every day, attended on office business at my office in the Chief Commissioner's room, in the old building, from January 1881 to July 1881, inclusive? Did you ever upon any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in that room, occupying it, or transacting any business in it whatever? Do you think he could be so employed without your knowledge? Did you ever hear the circumstance once spoken of?—W.B., 30/4/83.

During the Chief Commissioner's tour to England, and the occupation by you of his room, as acting Chief Commissioner, I remember having occasion to submit my work to you daily for your concurrence, but do not recollect at any time seeing Mr. Stobo occupying that room. I however remember distinctly, upon two or three occasions, when waiting for your arrival, you being engaged elsewhere, meeting Mr. Stobo in the room, and he appeared to me to be either waiting for you or searching for papers. As I often had to see you more than once during the day, and not to my knowledge having ever heard the fact of Mr. Stobo's occupation of the Chief Commissioner's room, during that gentleman's absence in England, spoken of, I think it very improbable that he could have done so without my having in some way observed it.—J.R.Y., 30/4/83.

[Enclosure J to No. 11.]

Mr. Ward,

You frequently, that is frequently every day, attended at my office in the Chief Commissioner's room, in the old building, from January 1881 to July 1881, inclusive? Did you ever on any one occasion see any officer of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in that room and occupying and transacting any business in it whatever? Do you think Mr. Stobo could be so employed without your knowledge of the fact? Did you ever hear the circumstance once spoken of?—W.B., 30/4/83.

I remember the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building, and am aware that you occupied it during his absence in Europe. I was frequently there during the period stated (my position on the public inquiry counter rendered it necessary), and I have no recollection of any occasion on which I saw any officer of the Department, other than yourself, transacting business in the said room, and I never heard of such a circumstance happening. As to whether it is probable that it could have happened, without my knowledge, I respectfully submit that I do not think it could.—T.W.W., 30/4/83.

[Enclosure K to No. 11.]

Mr. Wiseman,

A few days ago you mentioned to me, of your own accord, that in the course of some conversation you had with Mr. Stobo, on Mr. Hoskins' method of doing business with regard to approval of conditional purchase declarations, that gentleman stated to you that Mr. Hoskins would not sign any declarations, as approved, without my initials—have you any objection to stating this in writing.—W.B., 30/4/83.

Certainly not.—J.W., 30/4/83.

[Enclosure L to No. 11.]

Mr. Wiseman,

You were not on the staff of the Conditional Purchase Division between January and June, 1881, inclusive, but I often saw you during the whole of that period in my office in the Chief Commissioner's room in the old building. Did you ever, upon any one occasion, see any clerk of this Department—say, Mr. Stobo—sitting in my room and occupying and transacting any business in it.—W.B., 26/5/82.

1. This must have taken place during my daily visit to the Under Secretary's room, when I often saw you and conversed with you. 2. No.—J.W., 27/5/82.

No. 12.

Memorandum by The Under Secretary.

WERE it not for Mr. Blackman's opening observations—which are I think, highly improper—I should have merely re-submitted the within papers. However, it appears to me now necessary to place the position assumed by Mr. Blackman as regards Mr. Stobo in what I conceive to be its proper light, and as I viewed it when writing my memo. of the 18th ultimo. The question of whether the conditional purchase was one for forfeiture or not is immaterial, as a submission either way by Mr. Stobo may have been the

the result of an error of judgment, and if merely brought under notice by Mr. Blackman there could have been no possible ground for taking exception to the course pursued. Mr. Stobo is however charged with "intercepting," and after so doing improperly passing on for approval, a conditional purchase case. This is a charge, I take it, of so serious a nature that if substantiated should result in Mr. Stobo's removal from the Public Service,—the accusation being one of dishonorable conduct as a public officer of an aggravated form. No one can be better aware than Mr. Blackman that Mr. Stobo was with Mr. Hoskins' consent, indeed by his direction, in the habit of passing similar cases in the way the one in question was dealt with. Also, that during the whole term of Mr. Hoskins' administration, Mr. Stobo occupied an exceptionally confidential position, one perhaps unequalled by any officer of the Department. Whether it was wise to place so young an officer in such a position, undefined by documentary authority, is not for me to say. The fact, however, remains, and in that position Mr. Stobo perused nearly every case submitted to the Minister, and wrote a précis of those of a complicated character. Mr. Stobo possessed Mr. Hoskins' utmost confidence, as evidence of which attention is drawn to a copy of the latter's letter, dated the 29th December, 1881. For these reasons I could not write otherwise than I did when submitting the papers by memorandum before referred to. It was my duty to place the then apparent position of the matter before the Minister. The charge of "intercepting" the case is, in my opinion, without foundation, and being so could not have been advanced upon the ground of "duty" or public good.

Much weight has been attached to the point of whether or not Mr. Stobo usually sat in the Chief Commissioner's room during the period Mr. Hoskins was absent through illness. That he did so I can positively assert. While Sir Henry Parkes was acting for Mr. Hoskins, and at the time now referred to, I requested Mr. Stobo not to take his usual seat in the Minister's room, as Sir Henry objected to any one but the Minister sitting there. For a few days I allowed Mr. Stobo to occupy a small private room adjoining my own; but this arrangement proving inconvenient to me I told him to sit in the Chief Commissioner's room, which was seldom at that time ever used, and he did so, and then prepared précis of and perused conditional purchase cases for submission, as he was in the habit of doing during the whole period of Mr. Hoskins' administration of the Department. Of course Mr. Stobo was not always in the room, because his duties frequently took him to various parts of the office including the branches, I refer now to searches for information in reference to conditional purchase matters. Many gentleman, especially those who were only admitted to the Department from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and not at all on Saturdays, may not have observed him in the room; yet his occupancy was none the less a fact. It is only as an act of common justice to Mr. Stobo that I now make these latter statements and deem it unnecessary to write further, except to add that, so far as I am able to judge, there is no objection to the inquiry as to the accuracy of the representations made by the different officers and others sought by Mr. Blackman, being instituted, if the Minister sees fit to permit it.

C.O., 31/5/83.

No. 13.

Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 4 July, 1883.

I have the honor to inform you that in obedience to the instructions conveyed to me at your instance, an inquiry was duly held by me into certain charges made by Mr. Blackman against Mr. Stobo, and a counter charge by the latter gentleman, and I now beg to submit my report thereon, accompanied by the minutes of evidence.

The charges preferred by Mr. Blackman may be stated as—

1. Intercepting public document in transit to the officer whose duty it was to deal with the same.
2. Untruthfulness and the counter charge that the foregoing allegations were prompted by malicious motives. Before setting forth the conclusions I have arrived at from the evidence I have adduced at the inquiry, I deem it necessary to give an outline of the surrounding circumstances which here combined to bring the gentlemen referred to into antagonism.

It appears that in January, 1881, Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, obtained leave of absence for the period of six months, and Mr. Blackman, the Chief Clerk, became the responsible head of that division of the Department. Mr. Hoskins was the Minister for Lands, having Mr. Stobo for his private secretary or clerk. Mr. Stobo had occupied that position since December, 1878, (having been previously counter clerk in the Conditional Sales Division), and from the confidence evidently reposed in him by the Minister it was doubtless one requiring the display of the greatest tact and discretion in his relation with the other officers of the Department, and the Surveyor-General in his evidence aptly describes it to have been "extraordinary, difficult, and unprecedented." He sat in the same room as the Minister, whose papers he arranged, and for whom he prepared précis of all cases submitted; and as is apparent from his own statements, to which I shall draw attention further on, in some instances he assumed authority which when exercised by one in such a peculiar and undefined position is difficult to reconcile with etiquette, official routine, or proper organization in any public department, and than which, under such circumstances, it is scarcely possible to conceive anything more calculated to create confusion, dissension, and insubordination. In April, 1881, Mr. Hoskins, from ill health, was compelled to absent himself from his office, and he remained away for some months, during which period Sir Henry Parkes generally acted as Minister for Lands.

It would appear that Sir Henry Parkes did not approve of the occupation of the Minister's room by Mr. Stobo, who consequently had to seek an office elsewhere. With the concurrence of Mr. Oliver he sat for a short time in a small room next the Under Secretary's, but this proving inconvenient, at Mr. Oliver's direction he occupied and worked in the Commissioner's room. It will be observed from the evidence that the occupation of this room is a matter of dispute between Mr. Blackman and Mr. Stobo, each contending that the other did not occupy it at that particular period as an office, and they each called a number of witnesses to support their respective assertions. This disputed point, for the purposes of this inquiry, would be unimportant had it not some bearing on the charge of untruthfulness which has been preferred against Mr. Stobo. The only conclusion that can be arrived at, however, is that both these gentlemen occupied the room, but at different hours of the day. Mr. Blackman had other branches under his supervision, which he frequently visited and inspected, and while so engaged it is quite likely that Mr.

Stobo

Stobo worked in the Chief Commissioner's room, and when Mr. Blackman was in possession of it Mr. Stobo had to suit himself elsewhere. It is a matter of fact, and is somewhat remarkable, that Mr. Blackman was never made aware of the Under Secretary's direction that Mr. Stobo was to occupy that room.

It was while Mr. Stobo was thus using the Chief Commissioner's office that circumstances transpired which led to the recriminations necessitating this inquiry, and his own evidence may be accepted as a narrative of what occurred. He states that he still continued to be Mr. Hoskins' private secretary, and that he was also employed by the Under Secretary, at the instance of that Minister, in preparing papers and cases connected with land purchases. While so engaged in Mr. Moriarty's room he observed a number of cases relating to conditional purchases unacted upon. He informed the Under Secretary of the fact, and that gentleman instructed to work them off. Mr. Hoskins also directed him in the same manner. Mr. Stobo proceeded at once to obey these instructions, as may be gathered from his own words at page 49 of the evidence. He says, "I therefore noted in these cases what action I thought should be taken, and sent the papers on to have such action carried out. Cases requiring to be dealt with by the Under Secretary were sent to him, and the others to Mr. Blackman's subordinate officers in order that my instructions should be carried out. I was instructed to do this in consequence of Mr. Blackman's frequent absence from the room. It was in this manner that I took action in Hobbs' case."

I must here remark that Mr. Stobo's authority to interfere in the work of the Chief Commissioner's office is veiled in a mist of circumlocution. He claims the Under Secretary's instructions to "work off" the cases he had drawn attention to. The Under Secretary denies having given him any such instructions, but states that Mr. Hoskins told him that he had directed Mr. Stobo to do so. In like manner both these gentlemen say that Mr. Hoskins stated that he had told Mr. Blackman that Mr. Stobo was to do this work, &c.

It is proper now to explain the particulars of Hobbs' case.

Frank Hobbs, on the 26th October, 1876, conditionally purchased 640 acres of land, at Glen Innes—conditional purchase 76-116. This selection was transferred to John M'Master on 18th April, 1878. On 7th June, 1878, Mr. Inspector Trollope reported that no doubt Hobbs had been a continuous resident, but that the alienee had not resided, and detailed circumstances which involved grave suspicion of the *bona fides* of the alienee, and suggested another inspection. On the 9th March, 1881, the same officer reported that no person was then residing on the selection, and wrote as follows:—"I am of opinion that it would be well to inquire into the residence of this conditional purchase." On this report Mr. Stobo noted the words "may pass." On 17th May, 1881, and the declaration of the transferee was consequently approved by Sir Henry Parkes on the same day or soon after.

There can be no doubt that Mr. Stobo is responsible for the ultimate course pursued with regard to this selection, and it is also quite evident that his recommendation was erroneous as the case was not ripe for final disposal. The officer specially directed to inspect the selection entertained such doubts as to the fulfilment of the conditions of the law, that he recommended an inquiry. Mr. Stobo disposed of the matter in the two words already quoted. He justifies his action by stating that it was in accordance with the custom of the Department, and produced two cases in which Mr. Blackman recommended approval when fulfilment of the conditions was not verified by the inspector. It is incredible that such can have been the practice of the Department, and the cases quoted are not in point; as in regard to them, the inspector merely expressed a doubt, but made no special recommendation. I arrive therefore at the conclusion that Mr. Stobo is solely to blame in this matter.

Mr. Blackman's charge against Mr. Stobo of "intercepting" this case may now be disposed of, and I am of opinion that it is not sustained by the facts disclosed. Mr. Stobo's right or authority to deal with it in the manner he did is very questionable, but that he "intercepted" it in the ordinary acceptation of the term, or that he "clandestinely slipped it into a bundle of other cases," cannot be maintained.

In the course of his evidence Mr. Stobo was very desirous of showing that from his position as private secretary to the Minister he held some superior rank, and consequently was vested with authority in the Department. In demonstrating this he spoke plainly, and it is clear that retiring modesty is not a prominent feature in his character. At page 54 he says, "I produce a case 82-18,688, which was acted upon by me after it had been referred to the Chief Commissioner for report. I was not instructed to do so as the Minister was absent at Tumut. I submitted it afterwards to the Minister, who approved of it. At page 55 he continues: I also frequently sent cases back that had been submitted by Mr. Blackman for approval. I considered I was justified in doing so, as I was superior in authority to Mr. Blackman. I was private secretary to the Minister, and I had general instructions to act as I did." This assumption of authority reaches absolute audacity when he says further on, "I was in the habit of revising the Chief Commissioner's reports and minutes, and suggesting a different course of action to that recommended by that officer." It would be worthy of inquiry whether Mr. Stobo's revisions and suggestions in these matters were characterized by the same sagacity and efficiency that he displayed in Hobbs' case. It will thus be apparent that in a race for authority in which the Minister's private secretary was a competitor, Mr. Blackman was simply nowhere.

The second charge preferred against Mr. Stobo is that of untruthfulness and Mr. Blackman bases it on the assertion of Mr. Stobo, that he was acting in cases of conditional purchases with his, Mr. Blackman's, knowledge and concurrence. There is no direct evidence of such knowledge and concurrence, and Mr. Stobo can only have inferred such to have been the case. It is very certain, however, that no intimation was given to Mr. Blackman, either by the Under Secretary or Mr. Stobo, that the latter was to occupy the Chief Commissioner's room, or to "work off" the cases remaining there; and Mr. Blackman states in the most positive manner that he was not aware that Mr. Stobo was so employed. Mr. Stobo may be acquitted of wilful untruthfulness, but his conduct at this juncture was certainly disingenuous, and was not free from a taint of suspicion that he had some sinister motive in his anxiety to interfere in the business of the Chief Commissioner's office. He took upon himself to bring the alleged arrears of work under the notice of the Under Secretary, and also called the attention of other officers of the Department to the delay in dealing with cases there; but to Mr. Blackman, the responsible head of the division, he was silent.

The counter charge of malice against Mr. Blackman is a very grave one. From the tone of his memoranda on the papers in this controversy it is plain that he writes very impulsively when his feelings are aroused, and is then unguarded and strangely indiscreet in the language he employs, but it is not therefore to be concluded that he so expresses himself from malicious motives. He was doubtless indignant

nant at Mr. Stobo's assumption of authority, and at what he regards as presumptuous interference in the responsible duties of his office. I do not think, however, that he was actuated by malice in the charges he brought against Mr. Stobo, but the impropriety of some of his remarks must, I feel assured, be apparent even to himself.

In my remarks respecting Mr. Stobo's claim to the possession of authority in the Department, I do not wish it to be understood that I attribute any great degree of blame to him for his aspirations in that direction. It is probable enough that the Minister's marked confidence and preference, and the undefined position he held may have induced him to believe that he thereby acquired large discretionary powers. His case, however, points a moral which suggests that when it may be found necessary to place a junior and subordinate officer in an "extraordinary, difficult, and unprecedented" position, it may at the same time be advisable to define the nature of his duties and the limits of his authority.

I have, &c.,

G. O'MALLEY CLARKE,

Stipendiary Magistrate.

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

MINUTES of Evidence taken at an inquiry directed by the Honorable the Minister for Lands into the conduct of Messrs. Blackman and Stobo, and respecting certain charges and counter-charges made by these officers.

First day—18th June, 1883. Messrs. Blackman and Stobo are present.

William Blackman states:—I am chief clerk in the Conditional Sales Division of the Department of Lands, and am next in authority in that division to Mr. Moriarty; I have occupied that position for the past five or six years; I have been in the Public Service for the last twenty-four years, having entered it in 1859, and during the whole of that period have been connected with the Department of Lands; I first became officially acquainted with Mr. Stobo in July, 1872; he then entered the service as a junior clerk; he was under my direct supervision for a long time, and was for some time occupied in the Deeds Branch; when Mr. Hoskins became Minister for Lands he employed Mr. Stobo to assist him in arranging his papers and in obtaining information for him in matters requiring Ministerial action, and in making him useful in the various matters coming before the Minister; Mr. Stobo has thus no official standing, and his position was of a personal and private character; he was there to assist Mr. Hoskins; Mr. Stobo, as a rule, at that time and during Mr. Hoskins' tenure of office, sat in the Minister's room; this position in which Mr. Stobo was placed was a very unusual one, and without precedent in this Department; in the end of January, 1881, Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, was compelled by ill-health to go away on leave, and during absence I acted as Chief Commissioner; Mr. Hoskins appointed me to that position, and it was well known that I occupied that position as head of the Conditional Sales Division; I then had entire charge of all matters connected with conditional sales; as far as any other officer in the Department was concerned, no action could properly be taken with reference to conditional purchases except through me; no other officer had any authority to submit any papers connected with conditional purchases except through me; the Minister at times used to peruse papers in cases and make his own minutes thereon without reference to me, of course that was on his own responsibility; Mr. Hoskins was well acquainted with the routine of the business connected with the Department, and thus at times materially assisted in working off the cases; during the time that Mr. Hoskins administered the Department Mr. Stobo had no authority that I was aware of to direct any action to be taken in reference to conditional purchases, except in connection with the Minister; he had no authority to deal with cases for submission to the Minister; on the 23rd June, 1880, Mr. Hoskins, in a memorandum submitted to him by the Chief Commissioner, clearly defined the duties of the Chief Commissioner and myself, and the course of procedure respecting conditional sales; the terms of that memorandum were always strictly adhered to by me, and I always acted in accordance therewith; about the end of April, 1881, Mr. Hoskins was compelled by sickness to temporarily absent himself from his Ministerial duties, and Sir Henry Parkes for that period acted as Minister for Lands; on the 17th May, 1881, while Sir Henry Parkes was so acting, a case, conditional purchase 76-116, respecting a selection by Frank Hobbs, at Glen Innes, on 26th October, 1876, was submitted by Mr. Stobo to Sir Henry Parkes, marked by him (Mr. Stobo) "May pass," and it was approved of by the Minister either on the same day or subsequently; Mr. Stobo had no authority so to submit and mark any cases; his action in so doing was in direct contradiction to the rules in such cases made by Mr. Hoskins himself; in such a case as that acted on by Mr. Stobo, the Chief Commissioner himself could not submit it for approval, as further inquiry was necessary into the fulfilment of the conditions of the law by the conditional purchaser; Mr. Stobo must have been aware that Mr. Hoskins would not pass cases unless they had passed through my hands and were vouched for by me, except those he went into himself personally; the papers connected with the case in question must have been obtained by Mr. Stobo from my room; such papers would necessarily have been sent to me, and must have been in my room or on their way thither; in my memorandum of the 9th April, 1883, I have charged Mr. Stobo with "intercepting" this case; by the term "intercepting" I mean that he took the case out of its proper course and submitted it to the Minister without my authority to do so; by the term "intercepting" I do not impute any improper motive to Mr. Stobo, but simply allege that by his action he prevented the case being dealt with in the usual manner; his action I consider to have been excessively irregular and improper, and he thereby assumed authority without any justification; I can only account in this way for Mr. Stobo's possession of this case and his action therein, viz., that he must have taken the papers in this case from my room, and then placed them in a batch of many hundreds of cases that I had prepared for the Minister's approval; by thus acting "clandestinely," as I have asserted in one of my memoranda, he placed the case before Sir Henry Parkes for approval, whereas the case was of such a character that had the Minister known the facts connected with it he would never have signed it; if I had placed that case before the Minister without pointing out the proper facts connected with it, I should have been acting "clandestinely," the more especially with Sir Henry Parkes, who was new to the work of the Department; in doubtful cases it is the duty of the officer submitting them to point out the facts to him; I have charged Mr. Stobo with untruthfulness; I make this charge in consequence of his having stated that he was acting in matters of the foregoing kind with my concurrence and knowledge; this is untrue; I never gave him any such authority; Mr. Stobo was not under me, and I never gave him any instructions, as he was under the immediate direction of the Minister; he was in the habit of coming to me for papers for the Minister, but I never interfered with him or gave him any work to do; as a matter of fact, I had nothing for Mr. Stobo to do; he never minuted cases for me, or with my consent or knowledge; he was the Minister's assistant, and was so regarded by me; I had no knowledge that Mr. Stobo ever minuted or marked papers, except, perhaps, noting them in an unimportant manner; Mr. Stobo generally sat in the Minister's room, or in a small one off the Under Secretary's room; he never occupied at any time the Chief Commissioner's room, or sat in it or worked in it; I mean that he never occupied in the sense of working there or performing his duties there; I was always in occupation of that room myself except when absent on business at the other branches; the room is a very small one, and no two persons could occupy it officially at the same time.

Second day—19th June, 1883.

Mr. Blackman continues:—The Chief Commissioner's room was the one in which I received any of the public who had business to transact with that division of the Department; land agents and public officers having business with me I also received in that room; I never saw Mr. Stobo working in that room or occupying it as an office; Mr. Stobo had his other rooms to perform his duties in both of them vacant at the period in question; the work in that division was not in arrears; so well forward was the work that I had applied to the Deputy Surveyor-General to send me in some cases; Mr. Stobo's assistance, therefore, to work off arrears was not then required; papers may have accumulated in the Minister's room not acted on; a lull had taken place in the press of work in the Department; Mr. Stobo had told me that if Mr. Hoskins had remained in good health for another week, and had been able to attend to business, the whole of the work in the division would have been completed up to date; when I say that Mr. Stobo never minuted papers I mean that he had no authority to do so from me, or to submit cases on his own responsibility to the Minister; the Minister may have employed him to make précis of cases for his guidance, but he was never so employed by me; I had plenty of clerical assistance at that time, and did not require Mr. Stobo's services; I have since found out that Mr. Stobo had minuted other cases for submission to the Minister (Sir Henry Parkes), but I was not aware at that time that he was doing, or had done so; any action taken on Mr. Stobo's minutes or recommendations could only have been on the responsibility of the Minister; whatever

whatever latitude or extension of authority was vested in Mr. Stobo by Mr. Hoskins, would not, I presume, continue when the Department came to be controlled by another Minister; his peculiar position with respect to Mr. Hoskins would then cease, and action in Departmental matters could or should only take place through the proper channel.

By Mr. Stobo:—I am not aware that Mr. Stobo was in the habit of writing précis of nearly all the cases submitted to the Minister; I am aware that he wrote many précis of cases and minutes at the dictation of the Minister; formal notations were marked on many papers which only required the Minister's initials; such cases should previously have been initialed by me, and generally were so initialed by me; all final certificates for conditional purchases came to me for signature and of course those also that may have been passed on the recommendation of Mr. Stobo; there were three branch offices connected with the Department; I was in the habit of visiting them whenever I had spare time, or when particular business required me to do so; while Sir Henry Parkes was acting for Mr. Hoskins, I never had an interview with him; he transacted business only with the Under Secretary; Mr. Trollope reported on Hobbs' conditional purchase in June 1878; I cannot say why action was not taken on his report, or whether any action was taken upon it; action ought to have been taken upon it before the three years expired; when Mr. Trollope made his second report, I cannot say that he knew the selection had been transferred; Mr. Moriarty was absent from ill-health from about September, 1880; he visited the office occasionally.

WM. BLACKMAN.

Wilbey Morton Ollivier states:—I was a clerk in the Conditional Sales Division in 1881, and had been so employed since 1878; I knew Mr. Stobo from 1878 to the end of May 1881; I remember the Chief Commissioner being absent on leave; Mr. Blackman performed his duties during his absence, and occupied the Chief Commissioner's room; my position called me to that room very often; I never saw Mr. Stobo occupying the room as an office; I saw him come there for papers and take large bundles of cases away to the Minister; if Mr. Stobo had occupied the room as an office, I must have known it; I am aware that Mr. Stobo had a table in the Minister's room, and I believe he also occupied a small room off the Under Secretary's room; I visited Mr. Stobo in that room on three or four occasions; my attendance at the Chief Commissioner's room was very frequent during each day, so much so as to have been the subject of remark among the clerks in the office; I never saw any person there except Mr. Blackman and persons having business to transact there; land agents and Members of Parliament were constantly there; Mr. Blackman used to send for me whenever he required me; I never saw two officers working together in that room; it was a very small room and possessed very limited accommodation; I remember that in November, 1880, the work of the division had been brought up to date; in January it was up to date, and also on 31st March, 1881; Mr. Blackman had an office in Gresham-street, in April and May, 1881; I have seen him there before 11 o'clock in the morning; I have seen him signing papers there; I sometimes saw other officers of the Department either in the Chief Commissioner's room or outside it waiting to see Mr. Blackman; my attendance at the Chief Commissioner's room was chiefly between the hours of 11 and 3; before 11 in the morning Mr. Blackman was chiefly to be found at his office in Gresham-street; after that hour he was constantly at the Chief Commissioner's room; I am not now in the Public Service; I am a land agent and am connected with the firm of H. H. Brown and Company; if I had wished to see Mr. Stobo I would not have expected to find him in the Chief Commissioner's room; I should have expected to find him in the Minister's room; after leaving the Department I had frequent interviews with Mr. Blackman on the subject of the preparation of the returns of Ways and Means; I on those occasions attended him in the Chief Commissioner's room; whenever I wanted to see Mr. Stobo on business, I found him in the Minister's room.

W. M. OLLIVIER.

Third Day.—20th June, 1883.

Joseph Eckford states:—I have been for many years in the habit of visiting the Department of Lands for information on public matters, I remember when Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner, and during that period was frequently at his office during the time that Mr. Hoskins was ill; sometimes I visited Mr. Blackman's office four or five times a day; I sometimes, when I went to his office early in the day, found him absent; this was before the public were admitted, but Mr. Blackman had consented to my being admitted before the usual hour; I often saw officers of the Department with Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's office, Mr. Ollivier and Mr. Wiseman among others; I know Mr. Stobo; I never saw him occupying the Chief Commissioner's room as an office; I never saw him in that room at any time; I always saw him in the Minister's room; I have often seen land agents and others in the Chief Commissioner's room; if I had seen Mr. Stobo in the Chief Commissioner's room I would have remembered it; I should think I visited the office twenty times a week; I forget the matters that I visited the office about; the papers produced, 45,253, 45,549, and 45,550, I know are connected with a case that I was requested to make some inquiries about.

JOSEPH ECKFORD.

Frederick William Rutter states:—I was for many years one of the chief draftsmen in the Survey Department; I remember when Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner; I was in the habit of visiting Mr. Blackman in that room; he always appeared to occupy it as his office; I never saw Mr. Stobo occupying that room; I visited that office frequently during Mr. Moriarty's absence; two persons could not occupy it as an office; it was a very small room; if I had wanted to see Mr. Stobo I should have searched for him in the Minister's room, or in a small room off the Under Secretary's room; I have seen Mr. Stobo going to the Chief Commissioner's room for papers; I left the Department in the end of 1881; Mr. Stobo occupied an important position, but it was undefined; he was assistant to the Minister, and had doubtless to attend to special cases; I am quite sure I never saw Mr. Stobo working in the Chief Commissioner's room; he could not have worked there continuously without my knowledge; he may have worked there occasionally or for an hour at a time without my knowledge. Mr. Hoskins was ill in May and June, 1881; I was frequently in the Minister's room, and saw Mr. Stobo there; I do not remember when Mr. Stobo commenced to occupy the room near the Under Secretary's office; I do not know what room Sir John Robertson occupied while he was Minister for Lands; I believe Mr. Stobo commenced to occupy the room next the Under Secretary's room about the period Sir John Robertson became Minister for Lands; I am now engaged in the business of a land agent.

FREDK. WILLM. RUTTER.

R. D. Fitzgerald states:—I am Deputy Surveyor-General; I remember when Mr. Blackman was acting Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, and was frequently in the Chief Commissioner's room during that time; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill, and being then absent from the Department; I never saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room; if I wanted him I always looked for him in the Minister's room, and afterwards he occupied a small room next to the Under Secretary's office; before and while Mr. Hoskins was ill I knew the state of the work in the Department; I remember Mr. Blackman saying that he had no more work for the Minister, and asking me to send some cases on; Mr. Stobo, so far as I understood, occupied the same position after the Chief Commissioner went away on leave as before; I never heard that he had any authority in the office; I looked upon him as private secretary to the Minister; I do not think I should have forgotten the fact of Mr. Stobo's occupation of the Chief Commissioner's room.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD.

H. H. Brown states:—I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly; I remember Mr. Blackman acting as Chief Commissioner during the absence in England of Mr. Moriarty; my business as a land agent frequently necessitated my visiting the Chief Commissioner's office; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill; I never saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room; I never saw him sitting there; I have frequently seen Mr. Stobo in the Minister's room; if he had regularly occupied the Chief Commissioner's room I must have known it; I never heard that Mr. Stobo was co-equal with the Chief Commissioner or with Mr. Blackman in authority; I always understood he was Mr. Hoskins' assistant; he used to prepare cases for Mr. Hoskins; I was in Sydney during the whole of the month of May, 1881; I left Sydney in June; I never saw Mr. Stobo sitting in the Under Secretary's private room.

H. H. BROWN.

James Carroll states:—I am a land agent; I remember when Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner during Mr. Moriarty's absence from the Colony; my business as a land agent frequently brought me to the Chief Commissioner's office during Mr. Moriarty's absence and while Mr. Hoskins was ill; I have no distinct recollection of ever seeing Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room; I have seen him there coming and going with papers; that room was not adapted to be the office of two persons; if I had wanted Mr. Stobo I would have gone to the Minister's room for him; sometimes when I went to see Mr. Blackman he was not at the office; I sometimes went to see him at the office in Gresham-street; I may have seen him there.

JAMES CARROLL.

John

John Wiseman states :—I have been in the Department of Lands for upwards of twenty years, and was for many years in the Conditional Sales Branch under Mr. Blackman ; I remember when he was acting as Chief Commissioner during Mr. Moriarty's absence from the Colony ; I used frequently to visit Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room, often in the morning on my way to the Under Secretary's office ; I generally saw Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's office ; I knew that was Mr. Blackman's head-quarters ; I have seen Mr. Stobo in the room looking for papers ; he did not occupy it as an office ; I sometimes saw Mr. Blackman going to the Gresham-street office ; when I had business with Mr. Stobo I saw him in the Minister's room, and also in the small room near the Under Secretary's office ; he appeared to me to do his work in these rooms ; I would not have gone to look for him in the Chief Commissioner's room ; I recollect Mr. Stobo telling me that the Minister would not sign inspectors' reports without Mr. Blackman's initials ; that was when Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner, and before Mr. Hoskins' illness ; I was in the Deeds Branch until March, 1881, and was afterwards in the Records Branch ; I generally saw Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room before 11 a.m.

JOHN WISEMAN.

Fourth Day—21st June, 1883.

Thomas Garrett states :—I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly ; I remember Mr. Moriarty being absent in 1881 on leave ; during his absence I nearly every day had business at the Chief Commissioner's office with Mr. Blackman, who was acting for Mr. Moriarty ; I sometimes visited his office four or five times a day ; I sometimes saw Mr. Stobo in that office coming for papers in the same way that any other clerk would have done ; I never saw him sitting in that office or using it as his room or office ; I never heard until recently that he claimed to have done so ; if I had required Mr. Stobo I should not have expected to find him in the Chief Commissioner's office ; occasionally I had business with Mr. Stobo, and always on those occasions found him in the Minister's room ; I think I so had occasion to see him once or twice ; I never regarded Mr. Stobo as having any authority in the Department ; he had no administrative authority that I was aware of ; I regarded him as the private secretary of the Minister ; in June, 1881, I was engaged in the land agency business ; I did not visit the office every day ; I generally found Mr. Blackman in the office ; the visits I have referred to took place during the whole period that Mr. Moriarty was away ; it is quite likely that I sometimes saw Mr. Blackman in the Gresham-street office ; I never saw him at work there.

THOMAS GARRETT.

Edward Brown states :—I am at present in charge of the Conditional Sales Registry Office ; I remember Mr. Moriarty being absent from the office in 1881 ; I had charge of the Gresham-street building and offices ; while Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner he came occasionally to the Gresham-street office and gave me instructions ; he used to come there in the morning up to the month of April, 1881 ; after that I had sole charge of the office ; the work at that time was generally up to date ; Mr. Blackman then gave me the sole charge of the office, and authorized me to sign letters and attend generally to the business of the office ; after that I used to have interviews with the public in the room previously used by Mr. Blackman ; after this arrangement Mr. Blackman seldom visited that office ; when I had occasion to see Mr. Blackman at other times I always went to the Chief Commissioner's office ; that would not be often ; I saw Mr. Stobo in that office on one occasion ; that was in the afternoon ; that was during the illness of the Minister ; at that period Mr. Blackman did not visit the Gresham-street office frequently before 11 a.m. ; I complained to Mr. Blackman of Mr. Stobo writing on papers ; I did not consider that Mr. Stobo had any authority to minute papers for my instructions ; in cases coming to me I acted on any minutes that had been made on the papers, if I found on perusal of the facts disclosed that the course indicated in such minutes was right without reference to the officer directing it.

EDWARD BROWN.

John Ronald McDonald states :—I have been in the Department of Lands for the past ten years ; I remember Mr. Blackman acting as Chief Commissioner during Mr. Moriarty's absence in 1881 ; I recollect the period of Mr. Hoskins' illness when Sir Henry Pakes was acting for him ; I was then engaged in assisting Mr. Blackman in preparing papers for him, and consequently was very frequently in his office, sometimes several times a day ; I never saw Mr. Stobo working in the Chief Commissioner's room ; I frequently had occasion to go to Mr. Stobo for papers, and generally found him in the Minister's room ; on one occasion I found him in a small room next the Under Secretary's office ; I very frequently saw him in the Minister's room ; that is where I always expected to find him, and not in the Chief Commissioner's room ; I frequently saw Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room in the forenoon ; two or three clerks were similarly engaged as myself, but Mr. Blackman generally sent for me.

J. R. McDONALD.

William Lavender states :—I am chief messenger in the Department of Lands, and was in that capacity during the period that Mr. Hoskins was Minister for Lands ; I remember Mr. Moriarty being absent on leave, and also when Mr. Hoskins was ill ; during that period I cannot say whether Mr. Stobo ever worked in the Chief Commissioner's room ; he might have done so without my knowledge ; Mr. Stobo had a place in the Minister's room, and also in the Under Secretary's room ; if wanted I would have looked in the Minister's room for him ; I was laid up for about three weeks while Mr. Hoskins was ill.

W. LAVENDER.

Major Lackey states :—I am a clerk in the Department of Lands, in the Conditional Sales Division ; I remember when Mr. Blackman was acting Chief Commissioner ; I never during that period saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room as his office ; I frequently visited the Chief Commissioner's room to see Mr. Blackman, nearly every day on those occasions ; I do not recollect ever seeing Mr. Stobo sitting there or working there ; I sometimes saw Mr. Blackman there and sometimes in the Gresham-street office ; if I had wanted Mr. Stobo I should have looked for him in the Minister's room ; I never heard that Mr. Stobo occupied the Chief Commissioner's room ; if Mr. Stobo had been transferred to the Chief Commissioner's room those having business there must have been aware of it ; I do not recollect ever having had occasion to look for Mr. Stobo in the Minister's room ; my visits as a rule did not exceed once a day to the Chief Commissioner's room ; Mr. Blackman used to go to the Gresham-street office to sign papers.

M. LACKEY.

Abvram Orpen Moriarty states :—I am Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales ; I was away on leave of absence from January to July, 1881 ; Mr. Blackman discharged my duties during my absence ; he was so acting on my return to the office ; no other person that I am aware of divided the Chief Commissioner's duties with Mr. Blackman ; he was solely in charge, and I found that important recommendations by him in that capacity had been acted upon by the Minister ; I am aware that as Acting Chief Commissioner, Mr. Blackman had taken action in the case of an inspection of conditional purchase without referring to the Under Secretary ; on my return I found Mr. Blackman in full possession of my room, and the papers there bearing evidence of his acting as Chief Commissioner ; when I left as before stated Mr. Stobo was employed as private secretary to Mr. Hoskins, to which capacity he had been appointed by that Minister ; I am not aware that Mr. Stobo had any departmental or ministerial authority ; on my return I did not learn that Mr. Stobo had been in occupation of my room ; he always had access to that room but only to search for papers, and I am not aware that he had any right there or authority to occupy it ; I remember submitting a memorandum to Mr. Hoskins with reference to the conduct of the business in the Conditional Sales Division ; the terms of that memorandum were approved by the Minister, and the routine therein prescribed has been adhered to ever since ; I have perused the papers in Hobbs' case ; I should not have passed that case under the circumstances, as it was one demanding rigid inquiry ; with reference to Mr. Wilson's memorandum of 26th April last, he was never authorized by me to decide any question, but merely was instructed to examine papers in cases, more especially inspectors' reports, and submit them ; when I returned to the office Mr. Hoskins was in the Department ; I never heard that Mr. Stobo had written instructions in cases on his own responsibility ; had he done so, I should have concluded that he so acted under instructions from the Minister.

A. O. MORIARTY.

Fifth Day—22nd June, 1883.

Eddie Hayles Stobo states :—I am at present clerk in charge of the Ministerial Branch of the Department of Lands, and am also frequently employed preparing procès of cases for the Minister and the Under-Secretary for Lands, and I also prepare papers which have to go before the Cabinet ; I have been in the Department for nearly eleven years, having entered it in July, 1872, at the time that Mr. Hoskins became Minister for Lands ; I was employed at the public counter in the Department as clerk ; on 23rd December, 1878, Mr. Hoskins appointed me his private secretary, and I occupied the Minister's

Minister's room with him; when I became his private secretary I was relieved of all other departmental duties, and as no person had any control over me but the Minister, I had no authority to take any action in any matter connected with the Department, except through the verbal or written instructions of the Minister; I was in the habit of preparing a précis of papers in cases for the Minister; all papers in cases coming before him passed through my hands; during the most part of April, May, and June, 1881, Mr. Hoskins was absent from the Department, through illness, and Sir Henry Parkes acted in his stead; generally when Sir Henry Parkes acted as Minister for Lands I ceased to occupy the Minister's room, and Mr. Oliver told me to sit in a small room off his own, which I did; after a short time this arrangement was found to be inconvenient, and Mr. Oliver told me that as he did not think Mr. Blackman frequently or continually occupied the Chief Commissioner's room, I could sit there when Mr. Blackman was not there; as I thought I could do so without inconveniencing Mr. Blackman, I then sat in the Chief Commissioner's room; during this period I continued to be Mr. Hoskins' private secretary, and was in the habit of daily visiting him at his lodgings; Mr. Oliver also employed me, at the instance of the Minister, to prepare papers and cases for him connected with land purchases; while occupying Mr. Moriarty's room I observed a number of cases connected with conditional sales unacted upon; I informed the Under Secretary of this fact, and he told me to work them off; Mr. Hoskins also directed me in the same manner; I thereupon noted in these cases what action I thought should be taken, and sent the papers on then to have such action carried out; cases requiring to be dealt with by the Under Secretary were sent to him, and others to Mr. Blackman's subordinate officers in the various branches in order that any instructions should be carried out; I was instructed to do this in consequence of Mr. Blackman's frequent absence from the room; it was in this manner that I took action in Hobbs' case, as I found it there with various other cases that had been reported on by Inspector Trollope, and which had been received in the Department on the same date; I found many other cases of earlier dates also requiring action, some of which had been submitted to the Chief Commissioner some two years before; I produce about ninety cases noted by me as I have stated; it was in this manner that I noted Hobbs' case; Mr. Hoskins told me that he had spoken to Mr. Blackman about my occupying the Chief Commissioner's room; I did not "intercept" these papers, as stated by Mr. Blackman, neither did I "clandestinely" shift them into any bundle of papers in transit to the Minister; in Hobbs' case I acted in accordance with the custom of the Department in similar cases; I produce two similar cases in which Mr. Blackman recommended approval, where the fulfilment of the conditions by the selectors was not verified by the inspector; the cases are:—(1): Conditional Purchase 77-85, Glen Innes; No. of papers, 81-11,437; (2). Conditional Purchase 75-151, Bombala; papers 81-26,496; I submitted no cases to Sir Henry Parkes, except through the Under Secretary; I am aware that Mr. Hoskins passed many thousands of cases that were not vouched for or initialed by Mr. Blackman, but which had been initialed by Messrs. C. Neate, E. Brown, W. Ardill, F. R. Wilson, and myself; I produce about 600 of such cases; most of these cases were submitted during Mr. Blackman's absence from the office through illness, the rest, however, were submitted while he was in attendance at the office; many of these cases were so submitted subsequent to the date of Mr. Moriarty's memorandum respecting the routine to be observed in the work in the Conditional Sales Division; Mr. Hoskins did not take any exception to these cases not being vouched for by Mr. Blackman; I was never reduced or disgraced since I entered the Public Service; I produce the Blue Books which show that such could not have taken place; I produce a Parliamentary return showing the history of my office life as to promotion since I entered the Service; Mr. Blackman recommended me for promotion on 27th October, 1880, and I produce the papers; I produce all the papers connected with my appointment and promotion in the Service; on the 1st of May, 1876, Mr. Blackman reported me to the Under Secretary for delaying cases, and on my making an explanation, Mr. Blackman characterized the chief point in it as untrue; nothing came of that matter.

EDYE H. STOBO.

Sixth Day—25th June, 1883.

Mr. Stobo continues:—I was never reduced or disgraced; the Minister of the day directed that I should be disgraced,* but it was never carried out;† shortly after this I was placed in charge of the public counter in the Lands Department, and my salary was also subsequently increased by the same Minister to date from the first of the same year;‡ I produce a case, S2-18,688, which was acted upon by me after it had been referred to the Chief Commissioner for report; I was not instructed to do so, as the Minister was absent at Tumut; I submitted it to Mr. Hoskins afterwards from Mr. Moriarty's room, that gentleman being ill; my action was approved by the Minister; I also submitted other cases to Mr. Hoskins in the same manner as I did in Hobbs' case, and he approved of my doing so; this was subsequent to Hobbs' case; I also frequently sent cases back that had been submitted by Mr. Blackman for approval; I considered I was justified in doing so, as I was superior in authority to Mr. Blackman; I was private secretary to the Minister, and I had general instructions to act as I did; Mr. Blackman took subsequent action in a case that I had already dealt with; I was in the habit of reviewing the Chief Commissioner's reports and minutes, and suggesting a different course of action to that recommended by that officer; while Sir H. Parkes was administering the Department all cases were submitted by the Under Secretary; Mr. Blackman's recommendations were not always carried out; I was frequently visited by the public in the Chief Commissioner's room during Mr. Hoskins' illness, and by land agents and Members of Parliament, Mr. Farnell among the number; Mr. Blackman frequently saw me sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room, and spoke to me at all hours of the day, during the months of May and June, 1881; all the cases that I dealt with at that time were found by me in that room; when Mr. Blackman was inquired for, I sent the inquirers to the Gresham-street office to look for him; when Mr. Blackman came to the Chief Commissioner's office I sometimes did not leave my chair; I frequently spoke to Mr. Blackman respecting cases I had acted upon in that room; Mr. Blackman's subordinate officers must have been aware that I was acting in conditional purchase cases; Mr. Blackman at this time was a great deal absent from the Department, and a great part of his work was done by other officers; when I commenced to sit in the Chief Commissioner's room I am not sure that I told Mr. Blackman that I had been instructed to sit there; I do not think I told him I had been directed to deal with conditional purchase cases in the Chief Commissioner's room; as he saw me there I concluded that Mr. Hoskins had told him that I was dealing with them; I am not aware whether any intimation was ever given to Mr. Blackman that I was to occupy the Chief Commissioner's room; Mr. Blackman never asked me my authority for sitting there nor for acting in cases.

EDYE H. STOBO.

Seventh Day—26th June, 1883.

Francis Henry Wilson states:—I am the head of the Miscellaneous Branch in the Department of Lands; I remember Mr. Moriarty going away on leave in the early part of 1881; I heard that Mr. Blackman was to do the Chief Commissioner's work during his absence; I cannot say whether Mr. Blackman did so act as Chief Commissioner, I seldom saw him at that period; the Chief Commissioner's room was then chiefly occupied by Mr. Stobo in the forenoon, which was the time I usually attended on the Under Secretary; this was up to the end of April, 1881; after that I occupied an office in the main building, and I then saw Mr. Stobo more frequently, at various hours of the day, occupying the Chief Commissioner's room; he was engaged in work connected with conditional sales; Mr. Stobo on several occasions spoke to me about the work he was doing, and drew my attention to some of the cases, and to the great delay that had taken place in dealing with them; I do not know under what authority he was acting, nor to what extent his authority went; he had been previously private secretary to the Minister, so I understood; I am not aware, beyond what Mr. Stobo told me, whether any large arrears of work then existed in the Conditional Sales Division; I do not know what amount of work Mr. Stobo did while he occupied the Chief Commissioner's room; I do not know where Mr. Blackman was engaged at that time, or what room he occupied; I thought he was principally in the Gresham-street office; if Mr. Blackman had been frequently at the Chief Commissioner's room at that time I must have seen him; during May and June I passed by the Chief Commissioner's room very frequently, at all hours of the day; I am not aware that Mr. Stobo was occupied in any other room than the Chief Commissioner's room after he left the Under Secretary's private room; I was at one time in the Conditional Sales Branch, and while there submitted conditional purchaser's declarations to the Minister for approval with only my own initials vouching for the action recommended; this happened at first when Mr. Blackman was away on leave; there were then large arrears of such work unacted upon;§ I continued to do so after Mr. Blackman's return to the office; I was engaged in this work by direction of the Chief Commissioner: the papers I marked were sent to the Chief Commissioner's room, and from there went on to the Minister.

F. H. WILSON.

Charles

* No. 1 Memo.—This was in connection with Mr. Blackman's report of 1st May, 1876

† No. 2 Memo.—By the Minister's order.

‡ No. 3 Memo.—1876.

§ Yes, Mr. Wilson continued to do this work after my return; but as I have already shown, all these cases were submitted by him to me and initialed by me.—W. B.

Charles Oliver states :—I am Under Secretary for Lands ; I remember Mr. Hoskins being Minister for Lands ; Mr. Stobo was by him employed as clerk or secretary ; previous to that he had been a clerk in the Conditional Sales Division ; Mr. Stobo, while Mr. Hoskins was in the office, sat in the Minister's room with him ; I am not aware that at that time Mr. Stobo possessed any authority in the Department ; I recollect Mr. Hoskins becoming incapacitated from attending his office through illness, and Sir Henry Parkes acting for Minister for Lands for some time ; Mr. Stobo continued in the same position, but left the Minister's room and, for a day or two, occupied a small room adjoining my own, and that proving inconvenient I directed him to occupy the Chief Commissioner's room, which he did, and continued to do, during Mr. Hoskins' absence, for a period of nearly three months ; at that time Mr. Blackman usually occupied an office in Gresham-street ; he did not occupy the Chief Commissioner's room ; he may have been there occasionally ; he was at that time in charge of the Conditional Sales Division, but I am not aware that he was Acting Chief Commissioner ; he was the responsible head of the Conditional Sales Division. During Mr. Hoskins' absence Mr. Stobo continued to prepare cases for the Minister as before ; Mr. Hoskins told me that he had instructed Mr. Stobo to do any work that was required, and to assist generally in the Conditional Sales Division ; I was aware that Mr. Stobo was so engaged while he occupied the Chief Commissioner's room ; I believe Mr. Hoskins told him to act in any cases that he could ; I gathered this from conversations I had with Mr. Hoskins ; he received no direct instructions from me ; I believe Mr. Stobo did act on his own responsibility in some cases, and that the action directed by him was carried out under the authority that Mr. Hoskins had given Mr. Stobo in respect of the work he did in the Chief Commissioner's room ; he could not be charged with "intercepting" papers in cases that he so dealt with ; nothing of the kind came under my knowledge, and I was aware that he was acting in these cases ; the papers that Mr. Stobo dealt with in any way would, according to the routine of this office, subsequently pass through Mr. Blackman's hands ; I do not know that Mr. Blackman was ever informed that Mr. Stobo was employed as I have stated, in the Chief Commissioner's room ; whenever I inquired for Mr. Blackman I was told that he was generally in Gresham-street ; I had occasion to complain to Mr. Hoskins of the inconvenience occasioned by Mr. Blackman's continued absence from the head office ; while Sir Henry Parkes was acting Minister for Lands, all papers and cases were submitted through me as Under Secretary ; while Sir Henry Parkes was so acting, I was brought more in immediate contact with the officers of the Conditional Sales Division, and at Mr. Hoskins' request, I, at that period, took more direct interest in the work of that division than formerly ; I am not aware that Mr. Stobo ever personally submitted any cases to Sir Henry Parkes ; Mr. Blackman submitted all cases connected with conditional sales to Mr. Hoskins, when that Minister was in the office ; and also received his instructions from him ; when Sir Henry Parkes was acting he insisted that all cases and papers should be submitted through me as Under Secretary ; I did not apprise Mr. Blackman of this alteration, nor did I think it necessary to do so ; when Mr. Hoskins returned everything reverted to the former practice.

CHARLES OLIVER.

Stephen Freeman states :—I am Inspector of Land Offices ; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill in the months of May and June, 1881 ; I was then in charge of one of the branches in the Department of Lands ; Sir Henry Parkes acted for Mr. Hoskins during his absence ; Mr. Stobo then sat in the Chief Commissioner's room ; he did not sit in the Minister's room ; he sat for a short time in a small room next the Under Secretary's room ; I frequently saw Mr. Stobo sitting at work in the Chief Commissioner's room ; I once saw Mr. Blackman sitting in that room, about the early part of that time ; during the greater part of the time that Mr. Hoskins was ill, if I had wanted Mr. Stobo I should have looked for him in the Chief Commissioner's room ; Mr. Stobo frequently spoke to me about conditional purchase cases in the Chief Commissioner's room, and referred to delays that had taken place in regard to them.

STEPHEN FREEMAN.

Eighth Day—27th June, 1883.

Frederick M'Kern states :—I am in charge of the Deeds Branch in the Department of Lands, and was so in May and June, 1881 ; I had at times, business with Mr. Stobo frequently ; Mr. Hoskins was then absent through ill health, and Sir H. Parkes was, I believe, acting Minister for Lands ; when I had business with Mr. Stobo I either found him in the Minister's room or in Mr. Moriarty's room ; I saw him frequently in Mr. Moriarty's room ; he appeared to be dealing with conditional purchase cases ; I sometimes saw Mr. Blackman there ; I generally saw Mr. Stobo in the Chief Commissioner's room in the early part of the day, as it was then that I had to see Mr. Stobo officially ; this was before the hour that the public were admitted.

F. M'KERN.

Mr. William Henry Capper states :—I am clerk in the Conditional Sales Branch of the Department of Lands ; I remember Mr. Hoskins when Minister for Lands was absent from his office through ill-health ; Mr. Moriarty was absent at the same time ; I at that time saw Mr. Stobo sitting in the Chief Commissioner's room ; this was on one occasion ; I have seen him there on other occasions to obtain papers, and to see Mr. Blackman ; I was then in the Gresham-street office ; Mr. Blackman was in the habit of visiting that office occasionally during the week ; I used to prepare the Schedules of cases to be sent before the Inquiry Courts ; some of the cases so included in the Schedules were sent for inquiry on the recommendation of Mr. Stobo, who initialed papers "for Commissioner" ; I did not at that time frequently visit the Chief Commissioner's room ; at that time I understood that Mr. Blackman chiefly occupied the Chief Commissioner's room ; when Mr. Blackman was absent from the Chief Commissioner's room on the occasion of my visits, I used to wait for him until he came in ; I would not have expected to find Mr. Stobo sitting there.

WILLIAM HENRY CAPPER.

Mr. George Lewis states :—I am in charge of the Reserves Branch in the Surveyor-General's Office ; I remember when Mr. Hoskins was absent from his office through illness ; Mr. Moriarty was also absent ; Sir Henry Parkes was then acting for Mr. Hoskins ; when Mr. Hoskins was in attendance at his office Mr. Stobo occupied the Minister's room with him ; when Sir Henry Parkes was acting Minister for Lands, Mr. Stobo was sometimes in the Minister's room, the Under Secretary's small room, and occasionally in the Chief Commissioner's room ; I frequently visited that part of the Department ; I also saw Mr. Blackman occupying the Chief Commissioner's room about the same period ; I saw him there frequently ; I saw Mr. Stobo writing at the Chief Commissioner's table when Mr. Blackman was not there.

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G. LEWIS.

Mr. David Miller states :—I am clerk to the Surveyor-General ; I remember Mr. Hoskins being away from his office when Minister for Lands ; at that time the Chief Commissioner was also absent ; Sir Henry Parkes acted for Mr. Hoskins ; on several occasions I had business with Mr. Stobo, and I always then saw him in the room that had been occupied by Mr. Moriarty ; this was at various hours of the day ; before that period Mr. Stobo occupied the Minister's room ; I never saw Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room.

DAVID MILLER.

Mr. Joseph Donovan states :—I am a clerk in the Department of Lands ; I remember Mr. Hoskins being Minister for Lands, and being absent through illness in 1881 ; Mr. Moriarty was also absent ; Sir Henry Parkes was acting for Mr. Hoskins ; at that time I saw Mr. Stobo sitting in Mr. Moriarty's room on three or four distinct days ; I knew that before this Mr. Stobo occupied the small room near the Under Secretary's office ; at that period I do not remember seeing Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room.

JOSEPH D. DONOVAN.

Mr. Thomas Newman states :—I am a clerk in the Ministerial Branch of the Department of Lands ; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill when Minister for Lands ; Mr. Moriarty was absent at the same time that Mr. Hoskins was ; Sir Henry Parkes was acting for some time as Minister for Lands ; at that time, on two or three occasions, I saw Mr. Stobo sitting at the table in the Chief Commissioner's room ; these occasions were on different days ; I went to see Mr. Blackman, and saw Mr. Stobo and obtained papers from him ; I did not see Mr. Blackman there at that time ; I went there generally between 11 and 12 in the morning.

THOMAS E. L. NEWMAN.

Mr. M'Lean gives similar evidence as to seeing Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room.

Mr. Adams, Surveyor-General, states :—I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill while Minister for Lands ; I went to see Mr. Stobo about that time on two or three occasions in the Minister's room, but did not find him there, and I then sent the messenger to let him know I had called to see him ; I have known Mr. Stobo particularly since he was made secretary to Mr. Hoskins ; I have a very high opinion of his integrity and efficiency, and I have observed his conduct, more especially because I considered he was placed in a very extraordinary, difficult, and unprecedented position.

P. F. ADAMS.

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Ninth Day—28 June, 1883.

Mr. Joseph Sutton states:—I am in the land agency business; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill while Minister for Lands, and Mr. Moriarty was absent from the Department at the same time; at that period I saw Mr. Stobo in the Chief Commissioner's office during the ordinary hours for admission to the public; I saw him on business connected with conditional purchase matters; Mr. Stobo furnished me with the information I required; Mr. Stobo was alone in the room at the time; I also saw Mr. Blackman in that room on several occasions; I also saw him in the Gresham-street office during the hours, between 11 and 3.

JOSEPH SUTTON.

Mr. George Greville states:—I am a land agent, and am connected with the firm of Bloomfield and Dickson; I remember Mr. Hoskins being ill and absent from office while Minister for Lands; Mr. Moriarty was away on leave at the same time at that period; I saw Mr. Stobo on more than one occasion in the Chief Commissioner's room; he was working there, and I saw him on business connected with conditional purchase matters; I did not see Mr. Blackman there at the same time; I saw him in the Chief Commissioner's office on other occasions; I also saw him in the Gresham-street office.

GEORGE GREVILLE.

Mr. Arthur Henry Bray states:—I am a land agent; I remember when Mr. Hoskins was Minister for Lands; he was absent from his office for some time; at that time I recollect seeing Mr. Stobo in the Chief Commissioner's office with reference to a conditional purchase in dispute between Forster and Pring; that was at the end of May, 1881; I may have been with Mr. Stobo for about ten minutes on that occasion.

A. H. BRAY.

Inquiry closed.—G.O.M.C.

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

Referred to by Mr. Stobo in his evidence.

Appointments in the Department of Lands, made by Messrs Driver, Baker, Farnell, and Hoskins.

Name.	By whom appointed.	Rate of pay per annum.	Present position.	Salary per annum.	By whom promoted.
Edye H. Stobo	Minister for Lands.	£50	Permanent Clerk, C.S. Branch, Lands Department—(Acts as Private Secretary to the Minister for Lands.)	£250.	Mr. Farnell to £100; Governor and Executive Council (Parkes Government) to £150; Governor and Executive Council (Robertson Government) £200; Mr. Hoskins to present position.

No. 14.

Memorandum by Mr. E. H. Stobo.

Department of Lands.

I DESIRE respectfully to protest against some of the conclusions arrived at in this report, for the following reasons:—

1. Though acquitted of the charge of having intercepted the papers in Hobbs' case, I am nevertheless, in Mr. Clarke's opinion, blamed for the action recommended by me thereon; but as Mr. Secretary Farnell has decided that "judging from the evidence and other statements he does not consider that the conditional purchase was forfeitable," I am satisfied with the Minister's decision as compared with Mr. Clarke's opinion.

2. That the charge of untruthfulness against me, and subsequently against those officers of the Department who asserted that they had seen me at work in the Chief Commissioner's room, has not been satisfactorily dealt with, excepting in so far as Mr. Clarke's remarks that "it is quite likely Mr. Stobo worked there," whereas I contend that the evidence given by the Under Secretary and other gentlemen, both in and out of the office, proves that this charge is groundless, and I do so with great respect, seeing that on this point Mr. Blackman has appealed to the personal knowledge of the Secretary for Lands for corroboration of his statement.

3. That as regards the counter-charge of malice preferred by me, I submit that Mr. Clarke has gone out of his way to try and shield Mr. Blackman, for while he "does not think" that Mr. Blackman was actuated by malice in the charges he brought against me, though "he writes very impulsively and is unguarded and strangely indiscreet in the language he employs," and the "impropriety of some of his remarks must be apparent even to himself" (referring, I suppose, to such remarks as "tissues of lies," "falsehood pure and simple," "sheer inventions," "absolute nonsense," "most unbelievable individual," "audacity of Mr. Stobo," "clandestinely slipping it into," "simply preposterous," "immoralities and frauds," &c., &c., &c.), he is silent as to the fact that Mr. Blackman never made this charge against me until some time had elapsed since I ceased to act as private secretary to the Minister for Lands, and that when he did so he not only made use of the language complained of by me (of which specimens have been given above), but also added the statement that I have always been an unbelievable person. When on the 27th October Mr. Blackman recommended me for promotion to £300 a year, adding as a postscript to his recommendation, "the gentlemen now referred to are among the most efficient and reliable clerks in the Department" (leaving, I am sorry to have to say, only one inference to be drawn from the incongruity of his statements); and further, the tone of Mr. Blackman's memoranda with respect to my position under Mr. Hoskins (reducing it to that of a messenger when he knew better), all appear to justify and add force to the counter-charges I made.

4. As regards Mr. Clarke's report as to my want of modesty, I would state that my inexperience in such matters as "Inquiries" has perhaps led me into appearing to be presumptuous, while I was only endeavouring to defend myself by stating simple facts; also that I may have made use in my evidence of words which, treated by me as representing their primary meaning—such as "review" or "revise" (to look over again)—which was one of my duties during Mr. Hoskins' tenure of office (see his letter to me, with the papers), have been made use of by him, to my detriment, under a different interpretation attached to them. In conclusion, I respectfully contend that the official papers and evidence directly contradicted Mr. Blackman's original statements and his evidence, and fully support the Minister's decision of 18th May last.

E.H.S.—23/8/83.

No. 15.

No. 15.

Opinion given by The Minister for Mines.

Blackman v. Stobo.
Stobo v. Blackman.

At the request of my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Lands, I have most carefully read all the papers relating to these cases and I shall as shortly as possible deal with them and the charges involved. Before doing so I cannot refrain from expressing my deep regret that the public time should be wasted by the petty squabbles of the officers in the Lands Department, which are now almost proverbial.

Mr. Blackman has charged Mr. Stobo with intercepting certain papers in connection with a conditional purchase of one Frank Hobbs, and thereby preventing the case from being dealt with in the usual manner, in accordance with the practice of the office, and as this charge appears to me not to depend on the others I deal with it first.

Mr. Blackman explains this charge in his evidence at page 8, and he says that by the term "intercepting" he means that Mr. Stobo took the case out of its proper course and submitted it to the Minister without any authority to do so. He also says that he does not impute any improper motive to Mr. Stobo, but he considers his action to have been excessively irregular and improper, and that he thereby assumed authority without any justification.

Mr. Stobo's defence to this charge is substantially that he acted under the authority of the Minister for Lands, and he further says that in passing the papers in Hobbs' case he acted in accordance with the practice of the Department in similar cases.

It appears that in December, 1878, Mr. Hoskins appointed Mr. Stobo as his private secretary, and he continued to act as such until the resignation of Mr. Hoskins. Mr. Stobo's duties appear to have been to prepare cases for the decision of the Minister, and the fact that Mr. Hoskins considered those duties of a very important and responsible nature, and that he entertained the highest opinion of Mr. Stobo's intelligence and capabilities is evidenced by a letter, dated 29th December, 1881, from Mr. Hoskins to Mr. Stobo, written on the resignation by the former of the position of Minister for Lands; and it is stated by Mr. Blackman himself that the position in which Mr. Stobo was placed was a very unusual one and without precedent in the Department. In January, 1881, Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, left the Department for England on leave of absence, and there can be no doubt that Mr. Blackman exercised all the duties of Chief Commissioner in his absence, and that as such Acting Chief Commissioner he was head of the Conditional Sales Division.

About the month of April, 1881, Mr. Hoskins was temporarily absent from his ministerial duties, and during the most part of April, May, and June, Sir Henry Parkes acted as Minister for Lands in his stead.

Usually Mr. Stobo in the performance of his duties occupied the same room as Mr. Hoskins, but when Sir Henry Parkes began to act as Minister for Lands Mr. Stobo, although he appears to have continued to act in his capacity of private secretary to Mr. Hoskins, he was obliged to leave the Minister's room, and for a day or two he occupied a small room adjoining Mr. Oliver's. Up to this point the facts that I have stated may be taken to be uncontradicted.

I now come to disputed facts, and before proceeding to weigh the evidence *pro* and *con* I may here state that it appears to me inasmuch as Mr. Stobo admittedly had no authority in the Department, and only acted under direct instruction from the Minister, and as he did in fact submit the conditional purchase case in question direct to Sir Henry Parkes for his final approval, which conditional purchase, in the ordinary routine of the Department, ought to have been submitted (if at all) by Mr. Blackman, that a *prima facie* case has been made out, and the onus of showing that he did act with the direct authority of the Minister is on Mr. Stobo, and his statement is that it was found to be inconvenient for him to occupy the small room adjoining Mr. Oliver's room. Mr. Oliver told him that as he did not think Mr. Blackman frequently or continuously occupied the Chief Commissioner's room he could sit there, when Mr. Blackman was not there, and that he consequently sat in the Chief Commissioner's room, and that during this period he was daily in the habit of visiting Mr. Hoskins at his lodgings, and he says that Mr. Oliver also employed him, at the instance of the Minister, to prepare papers and cases for him connected with conditional purchases.

While occupying the Chief Commissioner's room he observed a number of cases connected with the conditional sales unacted upon, and he informed the Under Secretary, Mr. Oliver, of this fact and Mr. Oliver told him to work them off, and Mr. Hoskins also directed him in the same manner, and he thereupon noted on these cases what action he thought should be taken in respect thereof, and sent the papers on to have such action carried out. Cases requiring to be dealt with by the Under Secretary were sent to him and others to Mr. Blackman's subordinate officers in various branches; he was instructed to do this in consequence of Mr. Blackman's frequent absence from the room, and under these circumstances he took action in Hobbs' case on the 17th May, 1881, by submitting the case to Sir Henry Parkes, marked by him (Mr. Stobo) "may pass," and it was approved by the Minister in due course. Mr. Stobo's statement is entirely borne out by the statements of Mr. Oliver, and he also states that Mr. Blackman at this time was usually occupied in an office at Gresham-street, and though Mr. Oliver states that Mr. Stobo received no direct instructions from him, he says that he gathered from conversations with Mr. Hoskins that he (Mr. Hoskins) had instructed Mr. Stobo to do any work that was required and to assist generally in the Conditional Purchase Division, and to act in any cases that he could.

Francis Henry Wilson, Stephen Freeman, Frederick M'Kern, William Henry Capper, George Lewis, David Miller, Joseph Donovan, Thomas Newman, Mr. M'Lean, Joseph Sutton, George Groville, and Arthur Henry Bray, all make positive and direct statements that they saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room during the time Sir Henry Parkes was acting Minister. Mr. Blackman on the other hand asserts that Mr. Stobo never occupied the Chief Commissioner's room, or sat in it, or worked in it, and that he (Mr. Blackman) was always in occupation of that room, except when absent on business at the other branches; that the room is a very small one and no two persons could occupy it efficiently at the same time; that the Chief Commissioner's room was the one in which he received any of the public who had business to transact with that division of the Department; that at the period in question the work in the Conditional Purchase Division was not in arrear, and that Mr. Stobo's assistance to work off arrears was not then required; that Mr. Stobo had told him if Mr. Hoskins had remained

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remained in good health for another week, and had been able to attend to business, the whole of the work in the division would have been completed up to date; that he (Mr. Blackham) had since discovered that Mr. Stobo had minuted other cases for submission to the Minister, Sir Henry Parkes, but that he was not aware at that time that he was doing or had done so. Mr. Blackman also presumes, as a natural conclusion, that when the Department came to be controlled by another Minister, Mr. Stobo's peculiar position with respect to Mr. Hoskins would cease, and that action in Departmental matters could or should only take place through the proper channel.

In support of his statements Mr. Blackman has called numerous witnesses whose statements are substantially as follows:—Mr. Ollivier states that he was a clerk in the Conditional Purchase Division in 1881, and knew Mr. Stobo from 1878 to May, 1881; and that although his attendance at the Chief Commissioner's room was frequent during each day he never saw Mr. Stobo occupying the room as an office. If he (Mr. Stobo) had done so Mr. Ollivier says that he must have known it. Joseph Eckford also states that he was frequently in Mr. Blackman's room while he was acting as Chief Commissioner, and while Mr. Hoskins was ill; that he knows Mr. Stobo, and never saw him occupying the Chief Commissioner's room. Mr. Rutter gives evidence to the same effect, and further states that Mr. Stobo could not have worked in the Chief Commissioner's room continuously without his knowledge. Mr. R. D. Fitzgerald, Deputy Surveyor-General, remembers when Mr. Blackman was acting Chief Commissioner of conditional purchases, and was frequently in the Chief Commissioner's room during that time; remembers Mr. Hoskins being ill and absent from the Department; he never saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room. H. H. Brown states to the same effect, and thinks that if Mr. Stobo had regularly occupied the Chief Commissioner's room, he must have known it. James Carroll states in effect that he has no recollection of ever seeing Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room, though he frequently visited it in his capacity of land agent during Mr. Moriarty's absence, and while Mr. Hoskins was ill; Mr. Wiseman, who has been in the Lands Department for twenty years, used frequently to visit Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's room during Mr. Moriarty's absence from the Colony; generally saw Mr. Blackman in the Chief Commissioner's office; he knew that was Mr. Blackman's head quarters; has seen Mr. Stobo in the room looking for papers; he did not occupy it as an office when he had business with Mr. Stobo; he saw him in the Minister's room, and also in the small room near the Under Secretary's office; he appeared to do his work in these rooms, and he recollects Mr. Stobo telling him that the Minister would not sign inspectors' reports without Mr. Blackman's initials. Thomas Garrett, who frequently visited the Chief Commissioner's room during the absence of Mr. Moriarty, sometimes four or five times a day; sometimes saw Mr. Stobo in that office coming for papers in the same way that any other clerk would have done; he never saw him sitting in that office, or using it as his room or office. Edward Brown remembers Mr. Moriarty being absent from the office in 1881; had charge of the Gresham-street building while Mr. Blackman was acting as Chief Commissioner; that Mr. Blackman came occasionally to the Gresham-street office, and gave him instructions; used to come there in the morning up to the month of April, 1881; that after that he had sole charge of the office; that after Mr. Blackman so gave him charge, he seldom visited that office when he had occasion to see Mr. Blackman; at other times he always went to the Chief Commissioner's office, but that was not often; saw Mr. Stobo in that office on one occasion in the afternoon, during the illness of Mr. Hoskins; Mr. Blackman did not visit the Gresham-street office frequently before 11 a.m. John Ronald McDonald recollects the period of Mr. Hoskins' illness, when Sir Henry Parkes was acting for him; he was then engaged in assisting Mr. Blackman in preparing papers for him, and consequently was very frequently in his office, sometimes several times a day; never saw Mr. Stobo working in the Chief Commissioner's room; frequently had occasion to go to Mr. Stobo for papers; generally found him in the Minister's room; on one occasion found him in a small room next the Under Secretary's office. William Lavender, chief messenger in the Department remembers Mr. Moriarty's absence, and Mr. Hoskins being ill; during that period he cannot say whether Mr. Stobo ever worked in the Chief Commissioner's room; he might have done so without his knowledge. Major Lackey, a clerk in the Department, remembers when Mr. Blackman was acting Chief Commissioner, and never during that period saw Mr. Stobo occupying the Chief Commissioner's room at his office; frequently visited the room to see Mr. Blackman, nearly every day; sometimes saw Mr. Blackman there, and sometimes at the Gresham-street office. Mr. A. O. Moriarty confirms Mr. Blackman generally as to his position and authority in the Department during Mr. Moriarty's absence, and he says at the end of his statement that he never heard that Mr. Stobo had written instructions in cases on his own responsibility. *Had he done so he should have concluded that he so acted under instructions from the Minister.*

The only conclusion which I am able to come to in any way reconcilable with these conflicting statements is that Mr. Stobo did occasionally occupy the Chief Commissioner's room as an office when Mr. Blackman was absent therefrom. To find the contrary would be to say that the gentlemen whom Mr. Stobo has called as witnesses have made wilful mis-statements, whereas it is consistent with the fact that Mr. Stobo used the Commissioner's room occasionally as his office. That none of the witnesses called by Mr. Blackman were aware of the fact or had their attention called thereto, and I think that the explanation may be that the various witnesses who were called for Mr. Blackman were only in the habit of going into the Chief Commissioner's room to see Mr. Blackman, and when he was there, and Mr. Stobo admittedly never worked in the room while Mr. Blackman was there. I do not see how I can avoid coming to the conclusion on the evidence that Mr. Stobo acted in Hobbs' case with the direct authority of the Minister, to find the contrary would be, I think, to discredit the statements of Mr. Stobo and Mr. Oliver, and I can see no reason for so doing; and, on the contrary, all the probabilities appear to me to point to the fact that Mr. Stobo did all with direct authority. Mr. Hoskins appears, from Mr. Blackman's statement at page 4, to have been occasionally in the habit of dealing with cases on his own responsibility and out of the general routine of the office, and he appears to have placed the utmost confidence in Mr. Stobo's ability to deal with conditional purchase cases, and Mr. Stobo appears, at the time he dealt with Hobbs' case, to have been in daily communication with Mr. Hoskins. Then again, Mr. Blackman does not suggest that Mr. Stobo acted with any improper motive, and it is hard to believe that any Government clerk, or in fact anyone else, would knowingly undertake work on his own responsibility without any authority and without any apparent motive for so doing, and the fact that Mr. Stobo did note other cases besides Hobbs' case is admitted by Mr. Blackman in a memorandum to the Chief Commissioner, dated the 26th May, 1883, wherein he states that Mr. Stobo noted twenty-one cases for Inspectors' reports and twenty miscellaneous cases, and thirty-six cases were found submitted in his hand-writing to

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Sir Henry Parkes without Mr. Blackman's knowledge, and not either initialed or examined by him, and Mr. Stobo states in his evidence that he produces about ninety cases so dealt with by him. If I am right in my conclusion that Mr. Stobo was acting with the direct authority of Mr. Hoskins in noting these cases, it does not appear to me to be of very much importance so far as this inquiry is concerned whether Hobbs' case was or was not a proper case for submission. I think that, judging from the terms of the memorandum of the 20th June, 1880, submitted to Mr. Hoskins by the Chief Commissioner, which is among the papers, Mr. Blackman may be, strictly speaking, right when he says that "in strict accordance with the rules of the Department under the circumstances of the case, further inquiry was necessary into the fulfilment of the conditions of the conditional purchase before submission"; however this may be, I gather from the papers sent to me that Mr. Blackman himself submitted two cases for approval:—(1), condition purchase 77-85, Glen Innes, No. papers 81-11,437; (2), conditional purchase 75-151, Bombala, No. of papers 81-26,496; in both of which cases the inspector had reported the selector as non-resident; it would appear therefore that if any such hard and fast rule as that to which Mr. Blackman alludes is in existence it is apparently "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

Mr. Blackman has also charged Mr. Stobo with "untruthfulness," and in his evidence at page 9, he states that he makes this charge in consequence of Mr. Stobo having stated that he was acting in the matters before mentioned with Mr. Blackman's concurrence and knowledge which Mr. Blackman says is untrue.

I presume that "untruthfulness" in such a charge as this must mean wilful untruthfulness, and I think it sufficient after what I have said simply to refer to the evidence of Mr. Stobo at page 50, where he states that Mr. Hoskins told him that he (Mr. Hoskins) had spoken to Mr. Blackman about his occupying the Chief Commissioner's room, and with regard to this evidence, while I absolutely discard it as evidence against Mr. Blackman of the fact that he was spoken to on this subject by Mr. Hoskins, yet I think that Mr. Stobo in the absence of evidence to the contrary is entitled to be believed when he says that such a conversation did take place and if so, Mr. Stobo may have *bonâ fide* believed that he was acting and occupying the Chief Commissioner's room with Mr. Blackman's consent, upon this point I must decide also in Mr. Stobo's favour. I now come to the counter-charge, namely, that the two charges made by Mr. Blackman were prompted by malicious motives, and here I must express my great regret that this charge was made. I do not think that counter-charges of this nature ought to be countenanced, and I see no evidence in support of it. At the time the charges were made Mr. Blackman had ascertained for the first time that cases for which he was in the ordinary course responsible had been submitted to the Minister for approval without any authority from him, and further, that the officer who had submitted them alleged that in so submitting them he had acted with Mr. Blackman's authority. Under these circumstances I think that Mr. Blackman had every reason to feel somewhat indignant, and I think the circumstances were such as to demand an inquiry and an explanation from Mr. Stobo.

Mr. Blackman has no doubt written a memorandum to the Chief Commissioner, dated the 21st April last, in which he speaks in very strong terms of Mr. Stobo, and no doubt accuses him of falsehood (for which accusation, as I before stated, there was on the facts no foundation), this letter was, however, written after the date of the charges made, and no doubt at the time of writing, Mr. Blackman was smarting under the accusation of having made an apparently malicious and unfounded charge, and I do not regard it as any evidence of malice in making the charges. I have no hesitation therefore in stating that Mr. Stobo's charge is not supported by the evidence.

27 December, 1883.

J. P. ABBOTT.

Minutes on No. 15.

By Secretary for Lands:—Read by me, and I cannot see any reason for altering my previous decision given on the statements then submitted to me. But as a further inquiry and report has been had, and as my Honorable Colleague the Minister for Mines has (during my illness) exhaustively dealt with the case, I think the matter may well rest upon its merits, as disclosed by these papers and documents.—J.S.F., 15/1/84.

No. 16.

Mr. Blackman to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division, Lands Department, 9 April, 1884.

I request that you will do me the favour to return for re-submission to the Minister for Lands the enclosed papers in *re* my dispute with Mr. Stobo, and for the present have no remarks to make on the subject, further than to point out that the decision of the Minister, which is dated the 15th of January last was not communicated to for nine weeks after.

My object in desiring to have these papers re-submitted is to apprise Mr. Farnell that I have recently obtained evidence which enables me to place the charge of untruthfulness which I made in the strongest terms against Mr. Stobo beyond further question.

It is well known that Mr. Hoskins, the late Minister for Lands, returned to this Colony many months ago, and has since been constantly resident in Sydney. It was therefore nothing but reasonable to expect that Mr. Stobo would take the very earliest opportunity to procure from that gentleman complete confirmation of the authority he claimed over and independently of me, the head of the division, an authority never heard of by me, and never heard of by any one of the officers under me, or land agents, M.P's., or the public daily frequenting my office for two years after the said authority was said to have been exercised, and then only on the sole statement of Mr. Stobo, when the Glen Innes case turned up, and I called his action and authority into question. But when week after week and month after month passed by, and no reference was made to Mr. Hoskins, who might have settled the whole matter in ten minutes, I called a few days ago on that gentleman myself, told him all that had taken place, and asked if under any circumstances whatever he had given any authority to Mr. Stobo of the character I referred to. Mr. Hoskins told me that the Under Secretary, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Stobo had called on him, but had never made a single remark on the subject, and that all he knew about it was the little he gleaned from the debate in Committee of Ways and Means, as reported in the *Herald*; he further said: I never gave Mr. Stobo any authority of the kind; I never intended to give him any authority of the kind; I never intended for a moment that he should submit any cases to Sir Henry Parkes on his own responsibility, or that such cases should

should be submitted otherwise than through you as the responsible head of the division so appointed by myself; and if any officer had submitted for my approval, and written "may pass" on such a case as you tell me the Glen Innes was, I have no doubt I should (if it was done intentionally) have called on him to show cause why he should not be dismissed the Public Service.

With respect to Mr. Stobo, Mr. Hoskins' said his position was one personal to himself alone, that he had no departmental charge; and, therefore, no departmental authority, and was simply employed by him to help in all those subordinate matters that a smart junior clerk would do as well as himself. I did this, said Mr. Hoskins, to economise my time for all those difficult matters I had to determine and work out myself, and if called before a Committee of Inquiry shall be happy to say so. However, he added, you have now my authority to deny that I ever gave any authority to Mr. Stobo.

Mr. Hoskins ended by reminding me that when he was beginning to be convalescent, but not able to deal with complex and difficult cases, he gave Mr. Stobo direction to bring him a number of inspectors' reports, which, however, he examined and worked off himself.

I may add that when Mr. Hoskins was well, and had an hour or two to spare, he generally asked me if I had any commissioner or inspectors' reports he could help to dispose of, and these he used to examine himself.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN.

Minutes on No. 16.

By Chief Commissioner:—I understand that this further statement is made with the Minister's permission.—A.O.M., 9/4/84. Under Secretary.

Memorandum by Under Secretary:—Submitted.—C.O., 16/4/84.

By Minister for Lands:—I think this letter should be referred to Mr. Stobo, in order that he may have an opportunity of making any remarks he may please in the matter.—J.S.F., 16/4/84.

By Under Secretary:—Mr. Stobo is on leave, but this letter may be sent to him. The other papers may remain in the Ministerial Branch awaiting his reply.—C.O., 16/4/84.

Mr. Stobo:—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary).—B.C., 16/4/84.

No. 17.

Mr. E. H. Stobo to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Department of Lands.

In reference to Mr. Blackman's letter of the 9th instant, I have to state that I showed the same, together with other papers, to Mr. Hoskins, in accordance with the permission granted to me by the Minister on the enclosed memorandum, and that gentleman then wrote and handed to me the letter which I herewith forward.

Mr. Hoskins, it will be seen, states most clearly, in writing, that he did instruct me to deal with conditional purchase cases, and he denies having used the language attributed to him by Mr. Blackman, and not only completely contradicts Mr. Blackman's charge against me, but supplies still further conclusive evidence in addition to that previously given, of my authority to deal with and submit cases from the Conditional Sales Branch.

I respectfully submit that the letter of Mr. Hoskins to me of 29th December, 1881, which is with the papers in the case, and his letter of the 22nd instant, define clearly my position in the Department during the period that he filled the position of Secretary for Lands, and completely refute Mr. Blackman's mis-statements on this point; and taken in connection with the discrepancy between his memorandum of the 27th October, 1880, when he grounded his recommendation for my promotion on the fact, that I was "one of the most efficient and reliable clerks in this Department," and his letter of 26th May, 1883, wherein he states that I "was the most unbelievable individual he ever met," does, I respectfully contend, prove that the untruthfulness shown in these papers is not on my part.

E.H.S., 23/4/84.

[Enclosure B. to No. 17.]

Department of Lands.

In connection with Mr. Blackman's memo. S4-2,602, I request permission to lay that paper and a few other papers in the case before Mr. Hoskins, with a view to obtaining from him a written statement of his recollections of the matter now in dispute.—E.H.S., 22/4/84.

Minutes on above.

By Under Secretary:—Mr. Stobo may see the Minister in reference to this matter.—C.O., 22/4/84.

By Minister for Lands:—I see no objection.—J.S.F., 22/4/84.

[Enclosure C. to No. 17.]

Memorandum.

MR. BLACKMAN did call upon me, and in reference to a leading article in the *Herald* about a conditional purchase, he stated that the action in respect to it took place during the period when I filled the office of Secretary for Lands, and was absent from the Department through illness.

I told Mr. Blackman that Mr. Stobo had not made me acquainted with the subject matter of this conditional purchase case, but had merely stated that there had been a quarrel between himself and Mr. Blackman, relative to a conditional purchase upon which Sir Henry Parkes had given a decision, which I have since ascertained is the case to which reference is made in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

In reference to the statements in Mr. Blackman's letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, I have to state, that I never gave Mr. Stobo an authority either in writing or verbally over and independent of any officer in the Department of Lands, but that during my illness I gave the Under Secretary and Mr. Stobo instructions to bring any urgent cases before Sir Henry Parkes, who was acting for me, without any unnecessary delay, so that that Minister could promptly deal with them, and especially to see that arrears of work did not accumulate in the Conditional Sales Branch, and frequently made inquiries from Messrs. Oliver and Stobo upon the subject, with the view of ascertaining whether my instructions were being attended to; indeed, when I was convalescent, but before I was able to resume duty at the Department of Lands, I dealt with and disposed of a large number of conditional purchase cases which were brought to me at my residence by Mr. Stobo.

I did not tell Mr. Blackman that I never intended that Mr. Stobo should submit cases to Sir Henry Parkes on his own responsibility, but I did request Mr. Stobo to submit urgent conditional purchase cases to the Under Secretary, with the view of having them disposed of without any unnecessary delay.

I did state to Mr. Blackman that Mr. Stobo's position was to prepare cases for my decision, as well as to perform other duties in the Department which I required him to do.

22 April, 1884.

JAMES HOSKINS.
No. 18.

No. 18.

Memorandum by The Secretary for Lands.

As Mr. Blackman wishes to see Mr. Hoskins' recent memo., it will be found in the enclosed copies of papers. J.S.F., 2/5/84.

The Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 2/5/84.

No. 19.

Memorandum by The Secretary for Lands.

I SENT Mr. Blackman a copy of Mr. Hoskins' letter and Mr. Stobo's explanation for any remarks that he might choose to make. I would like the papers completed so that I may lay them on the Table of the House as promised by me. J.S.F., 30/5/84.

Memo. now herewith.—W.B., 3/6/84.

No. 20.

Mr. W. Blackman to The Chief Commissioner.

Memo., Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 3 June, 1884.

In submitting a memo. from Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Stobo refers to an alleged discrepancy in the characters I gave him at different times. All I shall now say on the matter is this, that I certainly gave him a bad one, as by reference to the records in this Department will fully appear. When, subsequently, he endeavoured to retrieve, I gave him a better one. For the first he must blame himself, for the last he can hardly blame me unless he admits it was undeserved. That it would be very convenient for Mr. Stobo to be allowed to define his own position to suit himself is clear. But while Mr. Hoskins sufficiently defines his personal and temporary relation to himself, his position as an officer on the staff can only be defined by the Governor and Executive Council, and so defined was that of a junior clerk. With regard to Mr. Hoskins' memo. to Mr. Stobo I am quite satisfied to let the whole case rest so far as I am concerned upon his emphatic repudiation of having ever given the authority claimed by Mr. Stobo over my staff; and independently of myself as acting Chief Commissioner "I never (Mr. Hoskins says) gave Mr. Stobo an authority, either in writing or verbally, over and independently of an officer in the Department of Lands," thus corroborating the statement he made to myself:—"You have now my authority to deny that I ever gave any authority to Mr. Stobo, thus extinguishing the claim he made to general authority before Mr. Clarke. That Mr. Hoskins never gave Mr. Stobo, as he states, any authority to deal with conditional purchase cases is plain. Mr. Hoskins says "I dealt with and disposed of a large number of conditional purchase cases which, he adds, Mr. Stobo brought to me at my residence." Precisely so. The Minister dealt with them. Mr. Stobo brought them. Mr. Hoskins says, "during my illness I gave the Under Secretary and Mr. Stobo instructions to bring any urgent cases before Sir Henry Parkes, who was acting for me, without any unnecessary delay, and especially to see that arrears of work did not accumulate," &c.; now as acting Chief Commissioner all cases came previously to me or should do so; and such as I thought required the Minister's action I put, when otherwise completed and passed through their necessary stages, into his pigeon-hole in my office. It is work of this kind which accumulated for the first two weeks he was ill that Mr. Hoskins refers to; and it was always Mr. Stobo's business (and since the messenger's) to submit these papers; that is, take them out of the Minister's pigeon-hole in the Chief Commissioner's office or mine, for Mr. Hoskins to deal with when he was well, and for Sir Henry Parkes (through the Under Secretary) to deal with when he was ill. The "arrears" Mr. Hoskins refers to were the Minister's own arrears; not the business of the Conditional Purchase Division, which he well knew was in first rate order, as will appear (inter alia) from a remark he made to Mr. Farnell, which that gentleman mentioned to me at my office the following day—"I must admit that Mr. Blackman has kept up to date the whole business of this division." On one point alone Mr. Hoskins contradicts my report; "I did not," he says, "tell Mr. Blackman that I never intended that Mr. Stobo should submit cases to Sir Henry Parkes on his own responsibility." Well Mr. Hoskins forgets and indeed might reasonably forget having given an assurance which I thought superfluous and outside the matter, for we don't want to know what men's intentions are, when they let us know their actions; and Mr. Hoskins' action, as recorded by himself is decisive; "I never gave Mr. Stobo an authority, either in writing or verbally, over and independently of any officer in the Department of Lands."

WM. BLACKMAN.

Minutes on No. 20.

By Chief Commissioner:—Forwarded with reference to the Minister's note of the 30th ultimo.—A.O.M., 5/6/84. The Under Secretary for Lands.

By Under Secretary:—Submitted to the Minister.—C. O., 5/6/84.

By Minister for Lands:—Mr. Garrett having urged that papers in this matter should be laid upon the Table of the House at once, let the return be completed to-day by the addition of the recent papers. I have not had time to consider the memoranda in reference to Mr. Hoskins' letter of the 22nd April last, I think the latter speaks for itself.—J.S.F., 11/6/84.

APPENDIX A.

Papers submitted by Mr. Stobo as Supplementary Evidence.

PAPERS submitted by Mr. Stobo as evidence of action taken by him Supplementary to evidence given by him.

Minute by Mr. Curry.

Thomas Broughton.

The portions under consideration are:—71, parish Muttama, 100 acres; 72, parish Muttama, 120 acres; 73, parish Muttama, 100 acres. In March and April, 1874, they were conditionally purchased by Thomas Broughton, a minor, 3½ years old, on the 14th July 1876, the selections upon the recommendation of Mr. Commissioner Clarke were declared forfeited, and steps were taken for the sale of the land by auction. Mr. T. Broughton, lessee of the Muttama Run, on 19th July, 1876, applied

applied for the land under the 2nd clause. At this instance the land was withdrawn from auction, and as he personally stated his willingness to pay for the improvements made during the currency of the selections referred to by Mr. Inspector Street in his evidence, Mr. Secretary Garrett decided that upon fulfillment of the agreement this claim might be dealt with, and that in default of payment the land should be again submitted to auction.

The Inspector upon being communicated with forwarded on two different occasions two reports, which though both alluding to the one inspection, differ from each other materially.

In the letter of 12th January, 1877, the improvements are described as portion 71—

66 acres grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£264	0	0
Portion 72—											
Grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0
Ringbarking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Gunyah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
									£74	0	0
Portion 73—											
Grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0
Ringbarking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
									£70	0	0

In his report of 30th March, 1877, they are stated to be—

Portion 71—									£180	0	0
Grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portion 72—									65	0	0
Grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portion 73—									65	0	0
Grubbing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
With Ringbarking and a Gunyah upon portions 72 and 73 worth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	0	0

The larger valuation was communicated to Mr. Broughton by whom it was disputed, and who appealed for a reference of the matter to appraisement. No action was however taken to comply with this request, and upon the 24th October, 1878, portion 72 and 73 were conditionally purchased by R. L. McManus, although Mr. Garrett decided that Mr. Broughton should pay for the improvements sworn to by Mr. Street, there would appear (especially in view of the discrepancy between the reports) no objection to the appraisement.

This inquiry would however be confined to the value of the improvements prior to forfeiture, and as two of the portions have been conditionally purchased, and the improvements on them do not appear to be of sufficient value to confer a right of purchase, this investigation would seem to be premature.

Without refusing the claim to purchase on the ground of insufficiency of the improvements or voiding the selection on the ground of their existence, it would perhaps be desirable to refer the matter to appraisement as to the value of the improvements at the date of conditionally purchasing, when, if the matter results in favour of Mr. Broughton, the question to their value at date of forfeiture may be determined in a similar manner.

H.A.G.C., 20/1/80.

Minutes on above.

Submitted in reference to the Under Secretary's previous minute.—L.G.T., 31/1/80.

By Under Secretary for Lands :—I think that under the circumstances set forth in this minute, the course suggested in the last par. may be adopted.—W.W.S., 9 February, 1880.

By Minister for Lands :—These papers should be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases for an early report thereon.—J.H., 17/2/80.

By Chief Commissioner :—I cannot see that any material has been made towards the settlement of this case during the past three years. The improvements on the forfeited conditional purchase were inspected prior to forfeiture by Mr. Street, whose description of them on his several reports is substantially the same; except that in the latter of the two reports he estimates the prices at a somewhat lower rate. The surveyor's report, made at a later date, agrees in the main with the inspector's previous reports.

By Mr. Stobo :—In July, 1876, three conditional purchases, at Gundagai, by Thomas Broughton junr., were declared forfeited for non-residence. They comprised three portions, Nos. 71, 72, and 73, in parish of Mutiama, of 100 acres, 120 acres, and 100 acres respectively, 320 acres in all; and these portions were advertised to be sold by auction on 6th December, 1876. Mr. Broughton had, however, made application for the land in question, under the 2nd clause, and it was withdrawn from sale by the then Minister (Mr. Garrett), on 5th December, 1876; and Mr. Garrett also approved of Mr. Broughton being allowed to purchase the land under 2nd clause, provided he paid for the improvements that had been made during the currency of the conditional purchases, the value of such improvements to be ascertained by the Conditional Purchase Inspector. A report was then obtained from Mr. Inspector Street, and the value of the improvements was stated to be £408. Mr. Broughton was called upon to pay that amount in pursuance of Mr. Garrett's decision, but he declined to do so, as he did not consider that the improvements were worth that amount; and in June, 1877, he paid £1 ls., per A. G. Bloomfield, for an appraisement of their value. The case then remained in abeyance for some time, and in October, 1878, Rebecca L. McManus applied for 239 acres 3 roods as an additional conditional purchase, being part of the land herein referred to, and paid subdivision fee for the subdivision of the portions, so as to exclude the improved area. Special reports on each portion have recently been received from Mr. Inspector Evans as to the value of the improvements at the date of selection by McManus. Mr. Evans' reports are herewith, and as it appears that the improvements on portion No. 71, of 100 acres, were worth £95 5s., and those on portions 72 and 73, 120 and 100 acres respectively, only £29 and £33, the conditional purchase should, it is submitted, stand for portions 72 and 73, and portion 71 should probably be sent to auction, with the value of the improvements, as estimated by Mr. Evans, added to the upset price, the £1 ls., paid by Mr. Broughton in 1877, to be refunded, and the improvement purchase application refused.—E.H.S., 19/11/80.

By Minister of Lands :—I find from a perusal of the terms of a previous Minister (Mr. Garrett) a decision on paper, 76-10,933, miscellaneous, dated 5/12/76, that that gentleman decided, in consequence, as alleged by Mr. Broughton, that he was willing to pay the value of the improvements on Mr. Broughton, junior's, forfeited conditional purchase, sworn to by Mr. Inspector Street, that upon Mr. Broughton doing so he would be allowed to purchase the land under the 2nd clause; but that if he did not pay for such improvements the value sworn to by the inspector, the land was to be sent on for sale by auction, with the value of the improvements added to the upset price. Mr. Broughton, in contravention of his agreement with Mr. Garrett, disputed the value of the improvements as made by Inspector Street, and paid the usual fee to have them appraised. In my opinion, this Department erred in even admitting Mr. Broughton's right to apply for an appraisement of the value of these improvements, which clearly belong to the Crown, through having been made on forfeited conditionally purchased land. No appraisement has taken place; and as in my opinion Mr. Broughton had no legal status to apply for such appraisement, the fee paid should be returned to him. The portions have since been applied for as additional conditional purchases, and Mr. Inspector Evans has been required to report the value of the improvements on portions 71, 72, and 73, at the date of conditional purchase by McManus. And it appears from such report that portion 71 was improved to a sufficient amount to bar selection, and that portions 72 and 73 were not improved to sufficient value to be conditional purchase; therefore portion 71 should be sent on for sale, with the value of the improvements thereon added to the upset price. And as far as this Department has been officially appraised, portions 72 and 73 must remain as part of the additional conditional purchases of McManus.—J.H., 6/12/80.

Conditional Sales Branch.—For action on conditional purchase 78-314, then to Auction Branch, re-sale of portion 71.—M. A. McLEAN, per J.F., 10/1/81.

APPENDIX B.

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Cases submitted for approval by Mr. W. Blackman.

C. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Application by Andrew Stewart for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 160 acres, unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
Received by me, with a deposit of £40, this 20th day of May, 1875, at 10 o'clock,—

JAMES GILES,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Bombala.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 160 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £40, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

ANDREW STEWART,
By his Agent, ARCHIBALD STEWART,
Bibbenluke.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Bombala.

Description.

County of Wellesley, parish of Pickering, 160 acres, situated on Bombala River, at Hawkins' Flat, adjoining the north side of John Stewart's conditional purchase of 40 acres.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Palmer to the Surveyor-General.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 160 acres, numbered 156, in the parish of Pickering, county of Wellesley, applied for by A. Stewart, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated August 27th, No. 75-268, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Harpur, and transferred to me.

Applicant was resident at time of survey, and had erected a hut and fencing worth respectively £25 and £5. There is a difference in Mr. Harpur's chaining and mine.

I have, &c.,

J. A. PALMER,
Licensed Surveyor.

Description.

160 acres, county of Wellesley, parish of Pickering, portion No. 156: Commencing on the right bank of the Bombala River, at the north-eastern corner of portion No. 94 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the south by part of the northern boundary of that portion bearing west 55 chains 28 links; on the west by a road 1 chain wide, bearing north 26 chains 90 links; on the north by a line bearing east 64 chains 2 links to the Bombala River; and on the east by that river downwards, to the point of commencement, exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land in a south-easterly direction. The area of which has been deducted from the total area.

D.

[Alienation Act.]
Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
I, ANDREW STEWART, of Bibbenluke, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of dwelling-house and fencing, and to the value of £100 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of myself, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

ANDREW STEWART.

Taken and declared at Bombala, this 15th day of August, 1878, before me,—

JAMES GILES, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Wellesley, parish of Pickering, 160 acres, at Pickering, being conditional purchase No. 151 of 1875, in the district of Bombala, made on the 20th May, 1875.

Minutes on above.

Interest credited at Treasury, £3 14s 4d.—W.H.B., 23/8/78.

Examined and found correct in form and improvements.—W.B., 17/7/79.

By Minister for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 25/7/81

Mr. A. Stewart to The Minister for Lands.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply for an extension of time for the erection of my improvements on my conditional purchase of 160 acres, parish of Pickering, county of Wellesley, taken at Bombala by me on 20th May, 1875.

I have this day made the usual declaration respecting residence and partial improvements; but the improvements are not complete, owing to the land not having been surveyed during the twelve months after date of application, the land having only been surveyed during the last six months.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW STEWART.

For usual letter.—E.H.W., 6/9/78.

Minute on above.

H. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]
Notification by Mr. A. Stewart.

Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by Andrew Stewart, in the district of Bombala.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Bombala, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) in consideration of the sum of ten shillings sterling, and natural love and affection, this day alienated to Margaret Stewart, of Twyine, widow, the 160 acres of land, situated in the county of Wellesley, parish of Pickering, which I selected at Bombala as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 20th day of May, 1875.

Dated at Bombala, this 29th July, 1880.

ANDREW STEWART,

Bombala.

Witness,—JNO. EDWD. BENNETT, J.P.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Bombala.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office. Fee of 10s. paid, including 7s. 6d. for registration fee, and stamp duty, 20s.

District of Bombala, Land Office, Bombala, 30th July, 1880.

JAMES GILES,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Received into the office of the Registrar-General, at Sydney, this 11th day of September, 1880, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Frederick Murray, of Sydney, a copy of the above transfer verified by David Moss Meyers, of Bombala, and numbered 451 Book.

JAMES BOSCAWEN DUFF,

Deputy Registrar-General.

Mr.

Mr. Insepctor Mulligan to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by F. B. Mulligan, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Andrew Stewart, made at Bombala on 20th May, 1875.

Sir,

Bega, 11 June, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 26th May, 1881, and that I found the selector then non-resident upon his selection.

The land which consists of grass land, and comprises 160 acres, is occupied and used by selector as grazing land, and the selector, who follows the avocation of sheep farmer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Near S.E. corner, weatherboard hut, 24 ft. x 12 ft., floored and rough-shingled	... ..	£40	0	0
7 acres at S.E. corner, grubbed and cleared and ploughed	... ..	21	0	0
15 chains, say, packed and dog-leg fence, enclosing same	... ..	4	10	0
At south line, 55 chains top-rail and five-wire fence @ 6s.	... ..	34	7	6
Clearing about hut	... ..	4	0	0
		£103	17	6

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection.

There is no one living on this conditional purchase. Selector's brother informed me that he (selector) is a single man and a drover; that he is frequently absent from home and away from the district, often for several months at a time. The hut is used by the selector's brother as a hay house. The site of a camp alongside the hut, where the selector is said to have resided for some time, has the trace of apparently a good deal of use; the hut itself, however, has but very little appearance of occupation as a place of residence; the fireplace seems to have been but little if at all used, and has not been filled in. I think that *bona-fide* residence in this case is at least doubtful.

I have, &c

F. B. MULLIGAN,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on above.

By Mr. Blackman:—Section 13, area 160 acres; improvements, £103 17s. 6d.; residence doubtful under this report. But it must be borne in mind that this conditional purchase belongs to May, 1875, and in May, 1878, surveyor reported selector resident, and no question was raised as to residence. On the strength of surveyor's report, declaration correct. For approval.—W.B.

D.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land.

No. 85 of 1877.

District of Glen Innes.
Application by John Archibald McIntyre for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 200 acres, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £50, this 6th day of September, 1877, at 10 o'clock, a.m.—

G. MARTIN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

6 September, 1877.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 200 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £50 being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

J. A. MCINTYRE,

Wellingrove.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Waterloo, 200 acres, on northern side of Inverell and Glen Innes Road, and about 2 miles west from Wellingrove Creek: Commencing at a tree marked M; thence north, then east, then south and westerly to the point of commencement.

D.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

Application for the Conditional Purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land.

No. 20 of 1878.

District of Glen Innes.
Application by John Ross, senior, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 400 acres, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £100, this 24th day of January, 1878, at 12:45 o'clock,—

G. MARTIN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

24 January, 1878.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 400 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £100, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN ROSS,

Glen Innes.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Waterloo, 400 acres, commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion No. 12, on the Inverell and Glen Innes Road, and on the east side of that portion with frontage to the road.

Minutes on above.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ronald:—In measurement or report as the merits of the case require.—D.W. (for Surveyor-General), 21st March, 1878. See 78-4,556 Conditional Sales, herewith. Returned to the Surveyor-General with my letter dated 16th May, 1871, 78-42.—ROWAND RONALD, Licensed Surveyor, Glen Innes, 16 May, 1878.

Mr. J. Ross to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Balaclava, Wellingrove, 5 February, 1878.

I have the honor to state that on the 24th January, 1878, I applied for 400 acres of land situated at Waterloo (particulars as per margin), which land I find has been previously conditionally purchased by J. A. McIntyre and Isabella Martha Murison, on 6 September, 1877.

I have the honor to apply for a refund of the deposit, viz., £100, paid by me on above application.

I have, &c.,

JOHN ROSS.

Minutes on above.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E., B.C., Treasury, 12 February, 1878. Copies of applications, then to Mr. Rutter.—J. W., 13/5/78. Original application herewith, and all papers in case.—W.R.S.

Mr. J. Ross to The Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Balaclava, Wellingrove, 5 February, 1878.

I have the honor to state that on the 24th January, 1878, I applied for 400 acres of land situated at Waterloo (particulars as per margin), which land I find has been previously conditionally purchased by J. A. McIntyre and Isabella Martha Murison, on 6 September, 1877.

I have the honor to apply for a refund of the deposit, viz., £100, paid by me on above application.

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JOHN ROSS.

Minutes.

400 acres, county of Gough, parish of Waterloo, No. 20-78.

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Copies of application then to Mr. Rutter.—J.W., 20/2/78.

The indefinite character of both M'Intyre's, as also the writer's description, precludes a statement as to their relative positions. Action must therefore await surveyor's report. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ronald accordingly.—J.W.E. (for Surveyor-General), 22/3/78.

Refund applied for by John Ross recommended for the favourable consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands. Papers referred to the Surveyor-General with my letter dated 16 May, 1878.—R. RONALD, Licensed Surveyor, Glen Innes, 16/5/78.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ronald to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Glen Innes, 16 May, 1878.

In compliance with your instructions to me, dated 22nd March, 1878, No. 36, I do myself the honor to report that yesterday I visited the land, parish Waterloo, county Gough, 400 acres, conditional purchase, 78-20, 24th January, 1878, conditional sales 78-4, 556, 9th February, 1878, applied for by John Ross under the 13th section of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and found that the said 400 acres included 200 acres of land, conditional purchase 77-85, 6th September, 1877, which has been previously applied for by John Archibald M'Intyre, under the 13th section of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I now beg to recommend that John Ross be granted a refund of the £100 deposit which he paid upon his conditional purchase 78-20, 24th January, 1878, as requested by him in his letter of 5th January, 1878.

I have to report for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that yesterday, upon my visiting the land, conditional purchase 77-85, 200 acres, applied for by John Archibald M'Intyre, the applicant was upon the land, but to all appearances, and to the best of my belief, the said conditional purchase is not his permanent residence. He was on horseback, and I may further state that when I asked him to show me the corner tree M, mentioned in his application, conditional purchase 77-85, he could not do so, although I rode about with him for fully half an hour; he said the tree was within a chain or two of the south-east corner of Mary M'Intyre's portion No. 12, 96 acres 2 roods, and that it was a dark night when he marked it; I thought it rather strange he could not find the tree M again.

The only improvements upon the land applied for by John Archibald M'Intyre on the date of my inspection, 15th May, 1878, consisted of a hut, slab and iron, which I value at £15, and there was a brush fence being erected, but I do not believe the hut referred to is the permanent residence of the applicant, but believe that he resides at the Waterloo Head Station, distant some 2 miles or further from the conditional purchase 77-85, which he has applied for.

In conclusion I beg to recommend for the favourable consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands that a refund of £100 on conditional purchase 78-20, be granted to John Ross, and that a Government surveyor be sent to report upon John Archibald M'Intyre's 200 acres, conditional purchase 77-85, and to measure the same, as I do not believe it to be a *bona fide* conditional purchase, and there are also several other conditional purchases in the locality which I do not consider to be *bona fide*, and I think it would be well to inspect.

I have, &c.,
ROWAND RONALD,
Licensed Surveyor.

Messrs. Wilson and Rankin to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 227 George-street, Sydney, 18 June, 1878.

On behalf of Mr. John Ross, who conditionally purchased at Glen Innes 100 acres on the the 24th January, 1878, we beg respectfully to request that the amount of his deposit may be refunded to him, as the land applied for had been previously selected.

We have, &c.,
WILSON AND RANKIN.

Minutes on above.

Mr. Rutter to deal with surveyor's report.—W.A., 25/6/78. In view of the surveyor's report it is recommended that refund be made as requested; these papers may then be returned to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ronald for action upon the previous conditional purchase application of M'Intyre's.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 1st July, 1878. For refund.—A.O.M., 23/7/78.

Notification by Mr. J. A. M'Intyre.

H. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by John Archibald M'Intyre, in the district of Glen Innes. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Glen Innes that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Cosgrove, of Waterloo, the 200 acres of land, situated in the county of Gough, parish of Waterloo, which I selected at Glen Innes, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 6th September, 1877.

Dated at Glen Innes, this 26th September, 1878. J. A. M'INTYRE,
Glen Innes.

Witness,—G. MARTIN, J.P.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Glen Innes, Land Office, Glen Innes, 26th September, 1878. G. MARTIN,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Mr. Surveyor Metcalfe to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Glen Innes, 16 January, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 200 acres, numbered 81, in the parish of Waterloo, in the county of Gough, conditionally purchased by John Archibald M'Intyre, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and measured by me on the 10th and 12th December, 1879, in compliance with your instructions by B. C., No. 26, dated the 10th January, 1878, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ronald,—transferred to me in July, 1879.

I have to report that at time of survey improvements had been effected on this portion, consisting of a slab cottage, with roof of corrugated iron, containing two rooms, worth £30; a small slab hut, £5; brush fencing worth £5; a good well 50 feet deep, worth £50. Total value of improvements, £90.

A man named James Cosgrove is resident, to whom I am informed this conditional purchase has been transferred. I have to report that a difference exists in two particulars, from the tracing of portion numbered 12, supplied to me. A road divides this portion from east boundary of portion 12, which was remeasured by me in course of survey. I found a peg at south-east corner of portion 12, with remains of stones piled round it, but the bearing and distance from reference trees varied considerably from that given on tracing (see plan). As this peg bore every appearance of being the original corner, I adopted it, and from it ran the east boundary of portions 12 and 10. A considerable difference exists in the length of east boundary of portion 12 as measured by me, and a considerable variation, 19E in same boundary of portion 10, which variation would have been increased had the reference to south-east corner of portion No. 12 been correct on tracing supplied to me.

The gully running across this portion from east to west boundaries intersects the east boundary of portion 12, about 11 chains south of its position on tracing of that portion supplied to me. Its correct position is shown on my plan.

I have, &c.,
C. F. METCALFE,
Surveyor.

Description.

200 acres, county of Gough, parish of Waterloo, portion 81: Commencing on the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, at a point bearing N. 73° 36' east, and distant 1 chain 4 links from the south-eastern corner of portion 12 of 96 acres 2 roods; and bounded thence on the west by that road, dividing it from that portion and from portion 10 of 92 acres

acres 2 roods, bearing north 46 chains 40 links; and thence N. 19' E. 25 chains and 12 links; on the north by a line bearing east 29 chains and 56 links; on the east by a line bearing south 61 chains and 75 links; and on the south-east and south by lines bearing S. 41° 58' W. 3 chains 61 links, S. 76° 46' W. 16 chains 24 links; and thence S. 73° 36' W. 11 chains and 98 links, to the point of commencement.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
I, JAMES COSGROVE, of Wellngrove, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, stable, well, fencing and clearing, and to the value of £135, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself and J. A. M'Intyre from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Glen Innes, this 23rd day of November, 1880, before me,—

JAMES COSGROVE.

HENRY R. SANDERS, Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Waterloo, 200 acres, at Waterloo, being conditional purchase No. 85 of 1877, in the district of Glen Innes, made on the 6th September, 1877.

Minutes on above.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £10.—8 December, 1880. Correct in form.—W.B., 21/3/81. By Sir H. Parkes (Acting Minister for Lands)—Approved.—H.P., 1/7/81.

H.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification by Mr. J. Cosgrove

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Cosgrove, in the district of Glen Innes.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Glen Innes, that I have, in consideration of the sum of £600, this day alienated to John Archibald M'Intyre, of Waterloo, the 200 acres of land situated in the county of Gough, parish of Waterloo, which was selected at Glen Innes by J. A. M'Intyre, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation of 1861, on the 6th September, 1877, as also the following additional purchases. Dated at Glen Innes, this 23rd November, 1880,—

HENRY R. SANDERS, Crown Lands Agent.

JAMES COSGROVE,

Wellngrove.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Glen Innes.

I have duly registered the above Notification of Alienation in the records of this office. Fee of 10s. paid, including 7s. 6d. for Registration Fee, and £3 Stamp Duty.

District of Glen Innes, Land Office, 23rd November, 1880.

HENRY R. SANDERS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Received into the Office of the Registrar-General, at Sydney, this 18th day of February, A.D., 1881, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Frederick Murray, of Sydney, a copy of the above transfer verified by John Archibald M'Intyre, of Walcha, and numbered 460, Book 214.

JAS. BOSCAWEN DUFF,

Deputy Registrar-General.

Mr. Inspector Trollope to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by F. Trollope, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Archibald M'Intyre, made at Glen Innes on 6th September, 1877.

Sir,

Grafton, 9 March, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 18th January, 1881, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of undulating forest land, and comprises 200 acres, is occupied and used by John M'Intyre as pasture, and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Hut.....	£30 0 0
Stable.....	10 0 0
Well, dug through rock and slabbed, 42 feet deep, at 25s. per foot.....	52 10 0
Clearing and burning off.....	10 0 0
Twenty-two sheep-troughs, at 5s. each.....	5 10 0
20-chain sheep brake, at 1s. per rod.....	4 0 0
	£112 0 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has *not* been continuously resident upon the selection.

I found one James Cosgrove living here at the time of my visit. J. A. M'Intyre informs me that he lived here until he transferred the land to Cosgrove. How this may have been I cannot say. I am of opinion that the residence has been properly done by Cosgrove, though that of M'Intyre is I should say more questionable.

I have, &c.,

FRED. TROLLOPE,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on above.

By Mr. Blackman:—Section 13, area, 200 acres; improvements, £112; residence right as to transferee, but rather questionable as to original selector; declaration correct. For approval.—W.B.

Dealt with in Charting Branch. Mr. Underwood for description.—E.S., 2nd September, 1881.

APPENDIX C.

Specimen cases submitted by Mr. Stobo, as evidence of Mr. Blackman's knowledge of Mr. Stobo taking action on conditional purchase cases before he drew attention to Hobbs' case.

Mr. Inspector Street to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by P. W. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Wilham Duff, made at Cowra on 13th December, 1877, 13th clause.

Bathurst, 28 December, 1880.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 24th May last, and that I found the selector then resident upon this selection.

The

The land, which consists of portion 22, Merongla, Forbes, and comprises 100 acres, is now occupied and used by the selector as a farm; and the selector, who follows the avocation of a farmer and labourer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Slab hut of one room, with bark roof	£5 0 0
7 acres grubbed, at £5.....	35 0 0
60 chains of dog-leg, 5s., inferior.....	15 0 0
	£55 0 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. I have, &c.,

P. WOOD STREET,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on above.

Section 13; area, 100 acres; improvements, £55; residence, inspector does not say whether selector has completed residence. The land is now used as a farm, and in the absence of written remarks the word (this selection) means nothing. He should report again. Submitted meanwhile. Declaration may be asked for.

Memo. by Mr. Stobo :—Report satisfactory. Records attach, declaration if received.—E.H.S., 17/5/81.
Memo. by Mr. Blackman :—Declaration to be examined, and then for approval.—W.B.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Land Alienation Act of 1861. I, WILLIAM DUFF, of Back Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of 24 acres grubbed ground, cleared and fenced, and one house, and to the value of £120, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the abovenamed holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year.) And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

WILLIAM DUFF.

M. T. PHILLIPS, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Bathurst, parish of Merongla, 100 acres at Back Creek, being conditional purchase No. 171 of 1877, in the district of Cowra, made on the 13th December, 1877.

Minutes on above.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £5.—7/3/81. Correct in form.—W.B., 20/10/81.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved—J.H., 4/11/81.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, GEORGE M'LEAN, of Paradise Creek, Inverell, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of buildings, fencing, and cultivation, and to the value of £600, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the abovenamed holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year.) And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

GEORGE M'LEAN.

Taken and declared, at Inverell, this 10th day of July, 1879, before me,—

W. CLARE CARDEN, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Paradise, 600 acres, at Paradise Creek, being conditional purchase No. 40 of 1876, in the district of Inverell, made on the 20th April, 1876. Reduced to 440 acres.

Minutes on above.

The declarant tendered instalment on the whole 600 acres, but the Land Agent declined to accept instalment except on the reduced area. The Land Agent, at declarant's request, begs to record his protest to the reduction of the area.—W. CLARE CARDEN, Land Agent, Inverell, 10/7/79. The Chief Commissioner, Sydney. Instalment credited at Treasury, £22.—G.M., 18/7/79. Correct in form.—11/2/81. The plan was accepted on 11th February, 1880, and the plan bears no evidence of any conflicting claim, but the papers should be referred to. They are probably in Lands.—F.W.R., 12/2/81. CHAS. ED. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 26/2/1881. Approved.—J.H., 16/8/1881.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, GEORGE M'LEAN, of Paradise Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of buildings, cultivation, and fencing, and to the value of £700, have been made on such land; (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the abovenamed holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year.) And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

GEORGE M'LEAN.

Taken and declared, at Inverell, this 9th day of February, 1880, before me,—

W. C. CARDEN, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Gough, parish of Paradise, 40 acres, at Paradise, being conditional purchase No. 109 of 1876, in the district of Inverell, made on the 23th December, 1876.

Minutes on above.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 17/7/80. Examined and found correct in form.—W.B., 31st May 1880. Approved.—J.H., 16/8/81.

Mr.

Mr. Inspector O'Hara to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by John S. O'Hara, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of George M'Lean, made at Inverell on 20th April, 1876.

Sir,

Paradise, 28 December, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 15th April, 1881, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of cultivation and bush, and comprises 440 and 40 acres, is now occupied and used by selector as his home, and the selector who follows the avocation of farmer and grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

House, sawn slab sides and shingle roof, hall and verandah, floor boards...	£300 0 0
Kitchen, slab sides, iron roof	40 0 0
Fruit orchard, vineyard, and vegetable garden, enclosed by split fence.....	60 0 0
Barn, slab sides and floor, shingled roof	120 0 0
Hayshed and dairy	40 0 0
40 acres cultivated, enclosed three-rail split fence.....	320 0 0
	£880 0 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Selector and his wife and family appear to be making this land their home, and the improvements that have been made must have occupied the selector fully from the date the land was taken up.

I have, &c.,

J. S. O'HARA,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on above.

Records for papers.—W.H.C., 22/6/81. Two sections; two declarations; selections 13 and 21; area, 480 acres; improvements, £880; residence complete; declarations correct. For approval.—W.B. See Mr. Finch's memo., declaration conditional purchase 76-40. The selector has not apparently received the notice of reduction of area of first conditional purchase of 440 acres. Some action is required in that matter. See also date of declaration, 1876, should be 1879.—E.H.S. Date correct. Refund has been made. Now for approval.—W.A., 28/7/81.—W.B.

D.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

Application by Thomas O'Brien.

District of Cootamundra.

No. 72 of 1880.

Application by Thomas O'Brien for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 258 acres 1 rood, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £64 11s. 3d., this 29th day of April, 1880, at 10:30 o'clock,—

C. H. B. PRIMROSE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Cootamundra.

Sir,

29 April, 1880.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 258 acres 1 rood; and I herewith tender the sum of £64 11s. 3d., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS O'BRIEN,

Stockinbringle, Cootamundra.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Cootamundra.

Description.

County of Bland, parish of Yeo Yeo, 258 acres 1 rood, being measured portions Nos. 32, 44, 92, 93.

Minutes on above.

The inspector in reporting on the residence of the applicant, should at the same time report whether any of these lands were improved at the date of this conditional purchase to an extent to bar any one of them from conditional purchase.—F. W. RUTTER (for Surveyor-General), 15 January, 1880. Tracing for Inspector herewith.—W.H.McL., 15th September, 1880.

Mr. Inspector Spring to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by Gerald Spring, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Thomas O'Brien, made at Cootamundra on 29th April, 1880.

Sir,

Yeo Yeo, 19 October, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 19th October, 1880, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of heavy forest, and comprises 258½ acres, is now occupied and used by selector as a farm, and the selector, who follows the occupation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

140 acres ringbarked, at 1s. 6d.	£3 15 0
Hut, slabs and bark	8 0 0
14 chains log fence	7 0 0
	£23 15 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The hut, which is now going to ruin, shows no sign whatever of having been inhabited at any time.

Portion 44 of 100 acres is ringbarked, and portion 32 of 40 acres is also ringbarked, and has 7 chains of log fence upon it. Portion 93 of 40 acres has also 7 chains of log fence upon it. There is no new building of any description upon the place.

I have, &c.,

GERALD SPRING,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on above.

Section 13.—No residence under this report. But, owing to the late date of selection, and the early date of inspection, the benefit of another inspection may be granted to selector. Submitted.

By Mr. Stobo:—The tracing which was sent to the inspector in this case refers to conditional purchases in a different country and land district to the one to which the enclosed papers relate, but the report and tracing will be useful in connection with conditional purchase 80-72, Cootamundra, not 80-72, Gundagai.—J. O'Brien. E.H.S., 20th May, 1881.

Memo. by Mr. Capper:—Correct instruction and tracing was issued Mr. Inspector Spring. Mr. Evans was instructed on the 6th October last to report upon the land represented by the application (80-72, Gundagai), now herewith. It should be separated and placed with the Inspector's reports, and the proper application (80-72, Cootamundra) placed herewith. W.H.C., 30/5/81.

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REPORT by Gerald Spring, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Bartholomew Cooney, made at Young on 1873.

Yeo Yeo, 23 November, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd November, 1881, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of open forest, and comprises 100 acres, is now occupied and used by run lessee as a sheep walk, and the selector, who follows the avocation of , had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sum respectively stated, viz.:-

Ringbarked £6 5 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

I did not find any sign of improvements on this conditional purchase more than ringbarking, and I am informed that it has been taken up by the late Thomas O'Brien as an additional conditional purchase to 255½ acres, selected on 29th April, 1880, and transferred by him, just before his death, to Henry Dunn, who now resides upon it in a bona-fide manner.

I have, &c., GERALD SPRING, Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on above.

By Mr. Blackman :—Under this report, conditional purchase 73-4,053 lapsed, and re-selected by Thomas O'Brien as an additional conditional purchase to his original 80-72, and transferred by him before his death to Henry Dunn, who is a bona fide resident. Papers to be connected, and then no further interference necessary at present. W. B.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, SOPHIA ANN CARTWRIGHT, of Cootamundra, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of hut and fencing, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the bona fide residence, continuously, of myself, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the abovenamed holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year.) And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

SOPHIA ANN CARTWRIGHT.

Taken and declared at Wallenbeen, this 28th day of October, 1880, before me,—

A. N. TAYLOR, J.P.

Description.

County of Harden, parish of Cootamundra, 40 acres, at Cootamundra, being conditional purchase No. 23 of 1877, in the district of Cootamundra, made on the 2nd August, 1877.

Minute on above.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—2 November, 1880. Examined and found correct in form.—26/11/80. Approved.—H.P., 17/5/81.

Mr. Inspector Spring to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT by Gerald Spring, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Sophia Ann Cartwright, made at Cootamundra on 2nd August, 1877.

Sir,

Cootamundra, 24 February, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 24th February, 1881, and that I found the selector then not resident upon her selection.

The land, which consists of thick forest, and comprises 40 acres, is now occupied and used by the alienee as a sheep farm, and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier and farmer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:-

Hut 10 x 9 feet, slabs, sleepers, iron roof, walls papered, glazed window ...	£15 0 0
All ringbarked	2 10 0
40 chains best log fence	25 0 0
	£42 10 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence on this conditional purchase was in good condition and had been very comfortable. It was in sight of R. B. Cartwright's place (selector's brother), and near enough for protection.

I cannot speak positively of the appearances being those of constant residence, nor can I say who completed the residence.

I have, &c., GERALD SPRING, Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on above.

Section 13, area 40 acres. Improvements £42 10s.; residence not verified. Declaration correct, but submitted. May pass.—E. H. S., 17/5/81. Memo.—Inspectors should be requested by circular to institute inquiries in the neighbourhood, whenever by the surroundings they cannot verify residence. The omission is traceable in many reports. Submitted. Original conditional purchase approved. Total area, 80 acres. Improvement, £42 10s. Declaration on conditional purchase, 77/78. Submitted for approval.—W. A., 3/8/81. W. B.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JOHN McCINTOCK, of Cootamundra, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, &c., &c., and to the value of £20, have been made on such land (and that no alienation of the land has been made by the abovenamed holder, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year.) And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue

virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

JOHN McCLINTOCK.

Taken and declared at Cootamundra, this 26th day of March, 1881, before me,—
A. N. TAYLOR, J.P.

Description.

County of Harden, parish of Cootamundra, 40 acres, at Cootamundra, being conditional purchase No. 78 of 1877, in the district of Cootamundra, made on the 20th of September, 1877.

Minutes on above.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—9th June, 1881. Examined and found correct in form.—W.B., 15/8/1881.
—Approved.—J. H., 5/9/1881.

Sydney: Thomas Richards, Government Printer.—1884.

[Is. 9d.]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. FRANK HOBBS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

(PETITION OF JOHN A. McINTYRE.)

—
Received by the Legislative Assembly, 19 June, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That a Select Committee has been appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into the conditional purchase of Frank Hobbs, made at the Glen Innes Lands Office, as also the circumstances attending the issue of a certificate of conformity for the said conditional purchase.

2. The said conditional purchase is situated on the pastoral run leased by your Petitioner.

3. Your Petitioner is desirous of being represented before the Select Committee by counsel or agent, and prays for permission so to appear.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

JOHN A. McINTYRE.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. FRANK HOBBS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.
(PETITION FROM JOHN McMASTER.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 4 July, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That a Select Committee has been appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into the conditional purchase of Frank Hobbs, made at the Glen Innes Lands Office, as also the circumstances attending the issue of a certificate of conformity for the said conditional purchase.

2. That the said conditional purchase is alleged to be a dummy of your Petitioner's.

3. Your Petitioner is desirous of being represented before the Select Committee by counsel or agent, and prays for permission so to appear.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated this 4th day of July, A.D. 1884.

JOHN McMASTER

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(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(SHOWING TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPOSED CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1884.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 16 October, 1883.

(Mr. Farnell.)

MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Shewing Territorial Divisions for purposes of the proposed Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Scale of Miles



NOTE
Existing Railways & those in course of construction
shewn thus

The Boundaries of Land Districts are shewn thus

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS IN THE DARLING, ALBERT,
AND WARREGO DISTRICTS.

(AREA, CARRYING CAPACITY, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 24 October, 1883.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 18th October, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return of all Runs appraised during 1883, in the Darling, Albert, and
“ Warrego Districts, showing the area appraised and the estimated number
“ of Sheep such Runs will carry in their natural state; and also, where
“ claims for extension of lease in virtue of improvements have been granted,
“ the estimated number of Sheep such Runs will carry in their improved
“ state, showing the Appraiser's name in each case.”

(*Mr. Quin.*)

APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS IN THE DARLING, ALBERT, AND WARREGO DISTRICTS.

RETURN to Order of the Legislative Assembly, of 18 October, 1883, of all Runs appraised in 1883 in the Albert, Darling, and Warrego Districts, showing the area appraised, and the estimated number of Sheep such Runs will carry in their natural state; and also, where claims for extension of lease in virtue of improvements have been granted, the estimated number of Sheep such Runs will carry in their improved state, showing the Appraiser's name in each case.

NOTE.—The fractional denominator of the number of stock which the area is estimated to carry in its natural state indicates the proportion of the year during which such number could be carried.

Run	Estimated area under lease.	No. of Stock the estimated area under lease will carry in its natural state	Estimated capabilities as improved.	Name of Appraiser.	No. of Acres per Sheep		Remarks.
					Natural.	Improved.	
Albert District.							
Ardfert	67,800	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	13.56	8.475	Lease extended.
Avenel	58,000	$\frac{10,000}{4}$	.....	J. W. Edmonds	23.2		
Do ^s No. 2.....	58,000	$\frac{10,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	23.2		
Do. No. 3.....	46,000	$\frac{8,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	23.		
Badjerigarn South-west	23,000	$\frac{2,500}{4}$	4,000	"	9.2	5.75	
Ballina	45,000	$\frac{8,000}{4}$	6,000	W. P. Mylecharane	11.25	7.5	"
Berawinia East	16,000	$\frac{3,500}{4}$	4,500	"	4.57	3.5	"
Do. West	29,000	$\frac{5,000}{4}$	7,500	"	5.8	3.86	"
Blenalben No. 1.....	52,000	$\frac{11,000}{4}$	6,000	J. W. Edmonds	18.9	8.6	"
Do. No. 2.....	62,000	$\frac{14,000}{4}$	7,000	"	17.7	8.85	"
Boulka South No. 7.....	58,000	$\frac{10,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	23.2		
Do. No. 8.....	32,000	$\frac{6,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	21.3		
Campbell's Creek	52,000	$\frac{6,000}{4}$	9,000	"	8.6	5.7	"
Do. East.....	15,400	$\frac{1,500}{4}$	2,500	"	10.26	6.16	"
Chow Chowera	25,600	$\frac{5,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	5.12		"
Cobham	40,000	$\frac{4,000}{4}$	6,000	"	10.	6.6	"
Dungarran	84,600	$\frac{16,000}{2}$	16,000	W. P. Mylecharane	10.67	5.28	"
East Cowary	30,000	$\frac{6,500}{4}$	3,500	J. W. Edmonds	18.46	8.57	"
Effluence No. 1	25,000	$\frac{4,500}{4}$	7,000	W. P. Mylecharane	5.5	3.57	"
Do. No. 2	22,000	$\frac{4,500}{4}$	7,000	"	4.8	3.14	"
Evelyn Creek, Block C	47,950	$\frac{6,000}{4}$	9,000	J. W. Edmonds	7.99	5.32	"
Glenmore	58,000	$\frac{10,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	23.2		"
Grassmere	42,000	$\frac{8,000}{3}$	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	15.75	5.25	"
Greenough's Hill No. 1, Block A	30,000	$\frac{6,000}{3}$	6,000	"	15.	5.	"
Do. do. do. B	57,000	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	8,000	"	11.4	7.125	"
Do. No. 3, do. B	48,000	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	8,000	"	9.6	6.	"
Kandie	63,980	$\frac{6,000}{2}$	9,000	J. W. Edmonds	10.6	7.1	"
Do. North	43,180	$\frac{5,000}{2}$	8,000	"	8.63	5.3	"
Kerriree	72,000	$\frac{12,000}{2}$	.....	W. P. Mylecharane	12.		"
Koorninbirry South	29,320	$\frac{7,000}{4}$	3,500	J. W. Edmonds	16.75	8.03	"
Lenwin Klip West	16,000	$\frac{2,000}{4}$	3,200	"	8.	5.	"
Lismore	79,700	$\frac{15,000}{2}$	15,000	W. P. Mylecharane	10.62	5.313	"
Manatoo East	57,000	$\frac{9,000}{2}$	7,000	"	12.6	8.142	"
Do. West	35,000	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	7,000	"	10.	5.	"
Mount King East.....	56,000	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	.....	J. W. Edmonds	8.		"
Mullawoolka South	49,100	$\frac{10,000}{3}$	8,500	W. P. Mylecharane	14.73	5.7	"
M'Culloch's Range East.....	60,000	$\frac{10,000}{3}$	6,000	J. W. Edmonds	24.	10.	"
No. 1,607	62,720	$\frac{10,000}{4}$	.....	" .....	12.54		"
No. 1,623	47,500	$\frac{6,000}{2}$	7,000	"	15.8	6.7	"
No. 1,684	64,000	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	.....	" .....	9.1		"
No. 1,690	62,720	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	11,000	"	8.96	5.7	"
No. 1,767	33,080	$\frac{3,500}{2}$	.....	" .....	9.4		"
Nungo.....	64,000	$\frac{8,000}{2}$	12,000	"	8.	5.3	"
Otako	45,000	$\frac{10,000}{3}$	6,000	W. P. Mylecharane	13.5	7.5	"
Outer Kelly East	27,000	$\frac{5,000}{2}$	5,000	"	10.8	5.4	"

Run.	Estimated area under lease.	No. of Stock (the estimated area under lease will carry in its natural state.	Estimated capabilities as improved.	Name of Appraiser.	No. of Acres per Sheep.		Remarks
					Natural.	Improved.	

Albert District—continued.

Parro Plains No. 2	44,000	8,000	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	11	5.5	Lease extended
Porirua E.	64,000	10,000	8,000	"	19.2	8	"
Do. F.	40,000	7,000	7,000	"	11.4	5.7	"
Rankin's Hill No. 3, Block D.	64,000	10,000	5,000	"	19.2	12.8	"
Do do. E.	64,000	10,000	5,000	"	19.2	12.8	"
Stanley, Block A	58,000	10,000	10,000	J. W. Edmonds	23.2		"
Takeiwa No. 5	9,600	1,200	2,200	"	8	4.3	"
Terawinda	63,770	8,000	12,000	"	7.97	5.3	"
Thagoara	30,000	6,000	4,000	W. P. Mylecharane	15	7.5	"
Thoulconna East	37,581	5,000	8,000	"	7.5	4.6	"
Do. West.	20,000	3,500	4,500	"	5.7	4.4	"
Tongowoko	64,000	8,000	8,000	J. W. Edmonds	8		"
Do. West.	64,000	8,000	8,000	"	8		"
Torowoto North	32,250	4,000	4,000	"	8		"
Wanalla	32,000	6,900	3,700	"	18.5	8.6	"
Wanga East	66,000	10,000	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	13.2	8.25	"
Do. West.	64,000	12,000	9,000	"	10.6	7.1	"
Wentworth No. 1.	66,000	12,000	7,000	"	16.5	9.4	"
Do. No. 2	52,000	10,000	10,000	"	10.4	5.2	"
Do. No. 3	52,000	8,000	8,000	"	19.5	6.5	"
Do. No. 4	60,000	12,000	10,000	"	10	6	"
Wortago	43,160	4,000	6,000	J. W. Edmonds	10.79	7.1	"
West Warrego No. 6.	21,000	4,000	6,500	W. P. Mylecharane	5.25	3.2	"
Do. No. 7.	22,000	4,000	6,500	"	5.5	3.3	"
Do. No. 8.	24,000	4,500	7,000	"	5.3	3.4	"
Do. No. 9.	38,000	5,000	8,000	"	7.6	4.75	"
Yamaranie	45,960	9,000	6,500	"	15.32	7	"
Yuongnulgra East	34,400	3,000	5,000	J. W. Edmonds	10.4	6.88	"

Darling District.

Amoskeag	64,000	100		Arthur Nixon	64.0		
Ana Branch	15,222	1,500		"	10.1		
Do. East	48,355	4,835	6,660	"	10	7.2	
Arlington Plains, Block A	20,000	5,000	3,000	J. W. Edmonds	16	6.6	"
Back Brunella, Block A	50,000	12,000		"	16.6		
Barrawanna	45,000	5,080		Arthur Nixon	8.8		
Blenalben No. 7	30,000	4,000	6,600	J. W. Edmonds	7.5	4.5	"
Do. No. 8	29,000	4,000	6,500	"	7.25	4.46	"
Do. No. 10	61,000	7,800	11,700	"	7.8	5.2	"
Do. No. 11	62,000	8,000	12,000	"	7.75	5.1	"
Boollonkeena	28,000	2,800	4,000	Arthur Nixon	10	7	"
Buckalow	50,000	1,500	7,157	"	33.3	6.9	"
Do. No. 2	64,000	3,200	8,000	"	20	8	"
Do. No. 3	64,000	500		"	128		"
Do. No. 4	64,000	500		"	128		"
Do. No. 5	72,000	500	7,000	"	14.4	10.2	"
Do. No. 9	74,000	7,400	12,333	"	10	6	"
Bundawingee	23,192	4,000		"	5.7		"
Burta	56,000	2,000	10,000	"	28	5.6	"
Candaba	32,000	2,200		"	14.5		"
Coonoog	15,000	4,000		J. W. Edmonds	15		"
Coultra	48,000	1,500	6,900	Arthur Nixon	32	6.9	"
East Cambillia	24,800	2,200		"	11.2		"
East Illawla	52,880	4,800	7,550	"	11	7	"
East Rufus	22,247	4,000		"	5.5		"
Enid	61,440	14,000	8,000	J. W. Edmonds	17.5	7.68	"
Loocalle	36,000	1,000	5,000	C. G. N. Lockhart	36	7.2	"
Lower Pernolingay	59,370	800		Arthur Nixon	74.2		"
Magenta	62,580	3,000	7,000	C. G. N. Lockhart	20.86	8.94	"
Mallara	47,636	7,042		Arthur Nixon	6.7		"
Mandy	31,960	7,000	3,500	J. W. Edmonds	18.2	9.1	"
Marma	26,500	1,000	4,000	C. G. N. Lockhart	26.5	6.6	"
Mendook	45,960	1,000		"	45.96		"
Mitta	51,000	3,400	5,666	Arthur Nixon	15	9	"
Moorna	50,965	6,500		"	7.8		"

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					Natural.	Improved.	

Darling District—continued.

Mullojiana	acres. 29,880	3,500	Arthur Nixon	8.5		Lease extended.
Mundybah	25,600	2,000	4,000	J. W. Edmonds	12.8	6.4	
North Mythis, Block C	68,000	15,000	9,000	J. W. Edmonds	18.1	7.5	"
North Turlee	53,160	4,000	.....	C. G. N. Lockhart	13.29		
Do. Block A	60,150	3,500	.....	" .....	17.1		
North Willilbah	45,704	3,000	.....	" .....	15.2		
Oberwells	27,481	1,000	.....	" .....	27.4		
Outer Cuthro	63,000	4,500	.....	Arthur Nixon	14.		
Outer Eurilla	60,000	6,000	10,000	"	10.	6.	"
Outer Gunpanoola	45,000	11,000	6,000	J. W. Edmonds	16.3	7.5	"
Outer Paringi Gaari	48,000	3,200	6,000	Arthur Nixon	15.	8.	"
Do. do. West	48,000	3,200	.....	" .....	15.		
Outer Wallara	63,000	3,000	.....	" .....	21.		
Outer Waneba	42,000	3,500	6,000	"	12.	7.	
Pelwalka	24,300	4,000	.....	" .....	6.		
Police	34,605	5,787	.....	" .....	6.		
Putta	62,960	3,050	9,000	"	20.6	6.9	"
South Porcupine	54,000	12,500	7,000	J. W. Edmonds	17.2	7.7	"
South Turigo	18,000	1,500	.....	Arthur Nixon	12.		
South Waneba	18,000	1,800	.....	" .....	10.		
Southern Outer Yaltolka	32,000	3,000	.....	" .....	10.6		
Sturt's Billabong	28,033	3,400	5,000	"	8.2	5.6	
Tapco West	8,939	1,000	.....	" .....	8.9		
Tara	50,560	5,500	.....	" .....	9.1		
Tarangara	53,240	5,324	.....	" .....	10.		
Titeclulta	35,840	4,000	.....	" .....	8.9		
Urnah North-west	42,240	5,280	.....	" .....	8.		
Waneba	64,000	3,194	7,985	"	20.	8.	"
Wanga	61,000	3,050	6,100	"	20.	10.	"
Wannawanna	40,560	5,500	.....	" .....	7.3		
Wendi	32,000	2,000	4,000	"	16.	8.	"
West Mallara	39,000	2,500	5,520	"	15.6	7.	"
West Mitta	45,000	3,740	6,000	"	12.	7.5	"
West Rufus				"			
Winda	72,819	6,500	10,402	Arthur Nixon	11.2	7.	"
Winnebaga	64,000	100	.....	" .....	6.40		
Yantaralla	51,200	3,600	5,000	"	14.2	10.24	

Warrego District.

Back Coronga Peak East	58,300	10,000	10,000	W. P. Mylecharane	17.49	5.83	"
Back Kigwigil	52,000	10,000	10,000	S. W. Daniel ..	15.6	5.2	"
Back of Back Gumhall	70,000	12,000	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	17.5	8.75	"
Block C or Loonden	36,000	6,000	10,000	S. W. Daniel	6.	3.6	"
Bogeira East A	22,850	4,500	.....	" .....	5.		
Do. B	12,750	3,000	.....	" .....	4.25		
Booroomma Back	15,000	4,000	4,000	"	7.5	3.75	"
Cawwell West	16,720	4,000	.....	" .....	4.18		
Cobram Back	10,000	3,000	.....	" .....	10.		
Collywarry Back Run	50,000	10,000	.....	" .....	15.		
Combattery Back	20,360	3,500	.....	" .....	5.8		
Diemunga	19,360	4,000	5,000	"	9.68	3.872	"
East Bogan No. 15	40,643	6,500	.....	" .....	6.2		
Extended Old Boundary	10,600	1,500	3,000	"	7.06	3.53	"
Extremity Back No. 1	21,800	3,500	.....	" .....	6.2		
Frederick's Land	8,000	3,000	2,500	"	8.	3.2	"
Grawin Addendum	25,400	5,000	.....	" .....	5.		
Gunningladdy	12,000	3,000	3,000	"	8.	4.	"
Lower Nilgie	10,000	2,000	.....	" .....	5.		
Maroona	53,195	10,000	10,000	"	10.630	5.3195	"
Minna Back Block	22,800	4,000	4,000	"	17.1	5.7	"
Muckeravena Back	22,500	4,000	6,000	"	5.625	3.75	"
Mount Derinna	57,000	10,000	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	17.1	7.125	"
Mount Grenfell No. 2	48,180	9,000	7,000	"	16.06	6.88	"
Mulga No. 2	97,870	18,000	20,000	"	16.311	4.8935	"
Do. No. 3	93,000	16,000	12,000	"	17.4	7.75	"
Do. No. 4	55,000	9,000	.....	" .....	18.33		
Do. No. 5	64,000	12,000	.....	" .....	16.		

Run.	Estimated area under lease.	No of Stock the estimated area under lease will carry in its natural state.	Estimated capabilities as improved.	Name of Appraiser	No of Acres per Sheep.		Remarks.
					Natural.	Improved.	
Warrego District.—continued.							
Mulga No. 6	50,000	$\frac{10,000}{3}$	10,000	W. P. Mylecharane	15'	5'	Lease extended.
Mundabah	6,400	1,000	2,000	S. W. Daniel	6'4	3'2	"
North Darling Back Run No. 1	52,200	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	9,000	W. P. Mylecharane	10'44	5'8	"
Do. No. 2	46,400	$\frac{9,000}{2}$	9,000	"	10'3	5'15	"
Do. No. 17	64,000	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	6,000	S. W. Daniel	12'8	10'6	"
Do. No. 18	79,960	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	8,000	"	15'992	9'995	"
Do. No. 22	58,000	$\frac{8,000}{2}$	6,000	"	14'5	9'6	"
Popperton Back	14,500	$\frac{4,000}{2}$	4,000	"	7'25	3'625	"
Plumbolah No. 5	12,980	$\frac{3,000}{2}$	5,000	"	4'326	2'596	"
Do. No. 6	12,980	$\frac{3,000}{2}$	5,000	"	4'326	2'596	"
Do. No. 7	13,960	$\frac{3,000}{2}$	5,000	"	4'653	2'792	"
Rankin's Hill No. 3, Block C.	64,000	$\frac{12,000}{3}$	8,000	W. P. Mylecharane	16'	8'	"
Terra Walka	52,000	$\frac{10,000}{2}$	.....	S. W. Daniel	10'4		
Thully Springs	13,000	$\frac{2,000}{2}$	4,000	"	6'5	3'25	"
Ulah Back Run	14,560	$\frac{4,000}{2}$	4,000	"	7'28	3'64	"
Unumbah West	12,200	$\frac{3,000}{2}$	.....	" .....	8'13		
Wee Warra	20,420	$\frac{4,000}{2}$	6,000	"	5'105	3'4	"
West Bogan No. 19	22,160	$\frac{4,500}{2}$	7,000	W. P. Mylecharane	4'924	3'165	"
West Bunnawanna	16,650	$\frac{5,000}{2}$	.....	S. W. Daniel	3'33		
West Warrego No. 10	52,000	$\frac{8,000}{2}$	13,000	W. P. Mylecharane	6'5	4'	"
Do. No. 11	21,000	$\frac{3,500}{2}$	4,500	"	6'	4'66	"
Do. No. 13	43,730	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	11,000	"	6'247	3'975	"
Do. No. 14	49,860	$\frac{8,000}{2}$	12,000	"	6'23	4'155	"
Do. No. 15	34,000	$\frac{7,000}{2}$	11,000	"	4'857	3'09	"
Do. No. 16	17,600	$\frac{4,000}{2}$	6,000	"	4'4	2'93	"
Wilby Wilby Back Block	15,000	$\frac{4,000}{8}$	4,000	S. W. Daniel	11'25	3'75	"

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(AREA, RENTAL, &c.)

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RUNS IN ALBERT AND DARLING DISTRICTS.

Albert District.

Station.	Runs.	Area	Rents paid for the last ten years.										Leases extended or not extended.	Sheep depastured.	
			1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.			
		Acres.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Nelyambo	Basin Bank	58,000	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	Extended	100,948
	Boorborowie	63,000	53 0 0	53 0 0	53 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	do	
	Donald's Plains, Block B	37,040	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	do	
	do C	38,400	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	do	
	do D	64,000	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	do	
	do E	64,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0	do	
	do F	38,400	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	do	
	do G	64,000	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	do	
	Greenough's Hill, No. 3, Block D	63,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	do	
	Keilor North, Block C	47,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	do	
	Mount M'Pherson East	43,000	73 0 0	73 0 0	73 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0	do	
	Outer Mount M'Pherson East	60,000	45 0 0	45 0 0	45 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	do	
	Rankin's Hill No. 4, Block B	64,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	do	
	do C	64,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	do	
	do D	64,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	do	
do E	61,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	do		
Tankarook	34,000	35 0 0	35 0 0	85 0 0	35 0 0	35 0 0	35 0 0	43 0 0	43 0 0	43 0 0	43 0 0	43 0 0	Not extended	68,750	
Corona	Badjerigarn South-west	23,000	Tender accepted, 5 Dec., 1876.			11 0 0	11 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0		do
	No. 1,607	62,720	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0		Extended
	No. 1,623	47,500	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0		Not extended
	No. 2,241	59,633	*	*	*	*	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0		Extended
	No. 2,242	30,000	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	36 0 0		Not extended
	No. 2,243	64,000	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	75 0 0		do
	No. 2,246	64,000	*	*	*	*	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0		Extended
	No. 140 of 1872	75,000	*	*	*	*	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	70 0 0		Not extended
	No. 141 of 1872	64,000	*	*	*	*	13 0 0	13 0 0	13 0 0	13 0 0	13 0 0	13 0 0	70 0 0		do
	No. 180 of 1872	64,000	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	55 0 0		do
	No. 181 of 1872	64,000	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	55 0 0		do
	No. 182 of 1872	35,200	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	29 5 0		do
	No. 183 of 1872	64,000	*	*	*	*	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	55 0 0		do
	No. 52 of 1873	65,920	*	*	*	*	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	76 10 0		do
	No. 53 of 1873	64,000	*	*	*	*	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	75 0 0	do	
	South Tanyarto	41,400	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	Extended	
	Wa Ya Boorla Plains	63,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	123 15 0	Not extended	
	do South	64,000	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	Extended	
Sturt's Meadows	Badjerigarn	48,200	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	do	52,553
	East Tanyarto	25,700	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	do	
	Gairdner's Creek	44,500	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	do	
	Sturt's Meadows	63,360	19 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0	13 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0	122 0 0	122 0 0	do	
	do North	38,220	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	do	
Tareela	Waverly, No. 4	43,180	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	do	Not extended
	Coontwundy	26,400	10 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0	do	
	Germano East	28,400	20 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	36 0 0	36 0 0	36 0 0	36 0 0	do	
Tareela	Kerndombie	64,000	21 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	do	Not extended
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	Questa	98,700	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	177 0 0	do	
	do South	120,000	10 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	do	48,407

* These Runs were formerly assumed to be within the limits of South Australia, but have since been ceded to New South Wales, and were appraised in 1877, leases to commence 1st January, 1878.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(MOONBUCCA, GROGAN, AND LITTLE NARRABURRA RUNS, RESERVES, ACREAGE, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 2 September, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated the 20th December, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- “ (1.) The total acreage of the following Runs, respectively, in the County of Bland, viz. :—Moonbucca, Grogan, and Little Narraburra.
- “ (2.) The number of Reserves, why so reserved, and the acreage in each case and on each Run respectively.
- “ (3.) The names, residences, and acreage, including the pre-leases held by conditional and improvement purchases, in each case and on each Run respectively.
- “ (4.) The respective boundaries and area of the said Runs.
- “ (5.) The names of the lessees of the said Runs respectively.”

(*Mr. Poole.*)

Name of Run.	Description.	Lessee.	Estimated area.	Reserves.		
				Reserves.	Purpose of Reservation.	Area of Reserve.
Moonbuka..	Moonbuka is situated on a creek of the same name, which divides the run, leaving about 12,800 acres on the south side and 27,200 acres on the north side. The former bounded on the east by a line commencing at the creek 3½ miles east of the Moonbuka hut, and running south 4 miles; on the west by a line commencing at the said creek, and running 2 miles west of the said hut; on the south by a line running nearly east and west from the termination of the eastern to the termination of the western boundary. The land on the north side of the creek is bounded on the east by a line commencing 3½ miles east of the hut, and running in a northerly direction to a spring at about the south point of the Weedallion Plain; on the west by a line commencing 2 miles west of the hut, and running nearly north to the Balabla Creek; along that Creek to a point about 2 miles from the Blacksmith's or Croker's Creek; on the north by a line commencing at the termination of the west line, and extending to the termination of the eastern line, including the Weedallion Plain.	William Caldwell.	acres 40,000	W.R. No. 2,747 " 2,749 extn. " 2,749 " 160 S. extn. R. No. 940 " 1,386 W.R. No. 939 " 2,748 " 1,261 " 2,774 " 2,745 " 1,263 " 1,264	Access and driftway ... do Water supply do do do Travelling stock do do do Camping do	acres 640 150 160 450 985 65½ 384 720 1,088 1,440 2,816 40 60
Grogan ...	Bounded on the south by a line running east and west across Grogan Creek, 1½ mile south of the station which divides it from Mr. Ryan's run Geraldra; north by a line commencing at Mr. Beckham's marked tree about 4½ miles from (my) house, and crossing Grogan Creek, the western point of this line commencing at the eastern boundary of Narraburra Station, and running in an easterly direction about 8 miles to the eastern point of Moonbuka Station; east by a line commencing at the point of the Weedallion Mountain, and running south until it joins the lagoon on the head of Bushy Creek; west by a line running north and south which divides it from Mr. Bray's station Narraburra.	The Commercial Banking Company.	23,040	W.R. No. 2,292 W.R. (pt. of) No. 1,186 W.R. No. 1,061 " 1,061 extn. " 2,792 2,791 2,226	Water supply do do do do Driftway for trav. stock Public purposes	40 50 2,016 270 90 120 210
Narraburra Creek.	Bounded on the south by a line commencing 1 mile north of Mrs. Bray's hut on Narraburra Creek, and running west 4 miles; north by a line commencing 5 miles north of Mr. Bray's hut on the Narraburra Creek, and running west 4 miles; east by the Narraburra Creek; and west by a line running from the north to the south boundary lines.	The Oriental Bank Corporation.	10,400	R. (pt. of) No. 2,783 2,052 " 1,470	Preservation of timber... Water supply Travelling stock	3,526 864 1,843
Grogan Creek.	Bounded on the south by a marked tree line east and west across Grogan Creek, 1 mile south to the hut which divides it from John Lovatt's; north by a line east and west across Grogan Creek, 1 mile south of Imlay's run Moonbooca; extends 5 miles back from the creek east and west.	R. B. Smith ...	16,000	W.R. No. 2,793 " 901 " 2,053B " 2,054A " 2,955 " 2,246 " 2,944	Water supply do do do do do Travelling stock	80 80 677 480 308 500 2,040

NOTE.—The above information is only approximate, and is supplied from the best particulars available. The boundaries of the

Reserves.			Pre-emptive Leases.							
Total Number and Area of Reserves.			Number of Lease.	Area.	Holding.	No. of Portions.	Parish.	Lessee.	Address.	
No.	Area.	Purpose of Reservation.								
	acres		year	No.	acres					
2	790	Access and driftway.	1882	5	120	Conditional purchase..	28	Moonbuca..	W. M'Keown	Morangarell
			1881	18	1,800	do	24	do	do	do
			1881	12	1,920	do	25	do	W. Caldwell.....	do
			1881	7	960	do	11	do	H. A. Smith.....	Carumbi, Grogan
			1883	7	300	Auction purchase.....	10	do	Union Bank of Australia.	Cootamundra
6	2,764	Water supply.	1882	7	1,818	Conditional purchase..	14, 15, 16	Yerai	Thomas G. Murray...	Young
			1882	11	1,879	do	19, 20, 60	do	William Trudgett ...	Morangarell
			1880	35	537	Auction purchase.....	5	do	Steel Caldwell	Young
			1881	20	1,710	Conditional purchase..	23, 24	do	David Weir	Morangarell
3	5,344	Travelling stock.	1880	34	407	Auction purchase.....	7, 8	do	Steel Caldwell	Young
2	100	Camping.	1882	4	1,920	Conditional purchase..	23	Morangarell.	John D. Grant	Morangarell
			1879	1	600	do	15	do	R. Hill and R. Halls..	Grenfell
			1878	46	300	do	11, 33	do	Charles George	do
			1879	2	300	do	16	do	S. Posey, junior	do
			1880	10	300	do	17	do	S. Posey	Morangarell
			1878	44	1,920	do	13	do	James Grant, junior...	Grenfell
			1880	8	1,182	do	20	do	J. A. M'Gregor	Morangarell
			1880	9	1,920	do	37	do	John Mahon.....	do
			1880	6	960	do	9	do	John M'Gregor	do
			1880	7	1,920	do	18	do	Jane M'Gregor.....	do
			1880	5	960	do	28, 29, 31	Eurabba	J. A. M'Gregor	do
			1878	48	480	Auction purchase.....	10	do	Steel Caldwell	Grenfell
			1880	29	617	do	7	do	do	do
			1878	43	960	Improvement purchase	6	do	do	do
			1878	49	369	Auction purchase	11	do	do	do
			1878	42	960	Improvement purchase	5	do	do	do
			1878	40	1,920	Conditional purchase..	13	do	do	do
			1878	45	120	do	30	do	W. Maguire	do
			1878	54	1,920	do	2, 25	do	Steel Caldwell, senior...	do
			1881	7	640	do	38	do	Steel Caldwell, junior...	Morangarell
			1882	10	160	do	43	do	do	do
			1882	6	1,170	do	30, 32	Weedallion..	William Lewis.....	do
			1881	8	820	Auction purchase.....	3	do	Steel Caldwell	Young
			1880	22	960	do	3	do	do	do
			1878	7	1,920	Conditional purchase..	20	do	T. A. Batkin.....	Morangarell
			1878	6	1,920	do	18	do	A. C. Hutchings	do
			1884	1	590	do	Not measured	Carumbi	A. J. J. Elliott.....	Grogan
			1882	7	480	Auction purchase.....	24	do	Union Bank of Australia.	Cootamundra
			1882	8	926	do	27	do	do	do
5	2,466	Water supply.	1881	17	987	do	10	do	do	do
			1881	15	3,296	do	19, 21, 22, 10,	do	R. Goldsborough.....	do
1	120	Driftway for trav. stock.	1883	9	1,920	Conditional purchase..	11, 12	do	James Elliott	do
1	210	Public purposes.	1883	14	302	Auction purchase.....	31	Geraldra	Davidson Bros. and Robertson.	Sydney
			1880	25	717	do	29	Yarran	Commercial Bank ...	Young
			1880	32	208	do	13	do	do	do
			1880	29	564	do	8	do	do	do
			1880	30	405	do	51	do	do	do
			1880	26	969	do	45, 46	do	do	do
			1883	1	1,920	Conditional purchase..	Not measured	do	H. Buttershaw	do
			1881	4	300	do	73	do	John M'Grath	Wombat
			1881	5	600	do	71, 72	do	Gideon Rutherford ...	Young
			1880	27	1,350	Auction purchase.....	61, 62	do	Commercial Bank ...	do
			1880	28	1,350	do	57, 58	do	do	do
1	3,526	Preservation of timber.	1881	4	1,920	Conditional purchase..	4	Boginderra..	Julian M'Gregor	Morangarell
1	864	Water supply.	1881	16	960	Auction purchase.....	2	Narraburra..	Union Bank of Australia.	Cootamundra
1	1,843	Travelling stock.	1884	2	1,920	Conditional purchase..	Not measured	do	M. J. Byron	do
			1883	16	1,920	do	do	do	E. J. Cullen	do
			1881	26	240	do	2	do	D. O'Keefe	West Temora
			1884	1	597	do	7	do	Thomas Kite.....	Temora
			1881	25	960	do	3	do	John Standen	Cootamundra
			1878	27	1,440	do	1, 21, 19, 20	do	D. O'Keefe	West Temora
			1881	11	1,500	do	65, 66	Yarran	H. A. Smith	Cootamundra
			1881	12	960	do	64	Eurabba	Francis Smith	do
6	2,125	Water supply.								
1	2,040	Travelling stock.								

Runs are in dispute, and cannot be at present determined. A tracing showing the locality referred to is appended herewith.

[Tracing.]

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PLAN OF PART OF THE COUNTY OF BLAND

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(THIRD SESSION.)

—
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
 NEW SOUTH WALES.

RINGBARKING ON CROWN LANDS.

(PARTICULARS OF PERMISSIONS GRANTED.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 October, 1883.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated the 13th February, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- “ (1.) The names of all persons who have obtained the Minister’s permission
 “ to ringbark timber on Crown Lands since the Ringbarking Bill became
 “ law.
- “ (2.) The name and area of each run, the name of the owner, the district
 “ in which it is situated, and the area allowed in each case to be ringbarked.
- “ (3.) The kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked, and the description of
 “ timber exempt from same; the penalties for any breach of the conditions
 “ under which the Minister allowed the timber to be ringbarked.”

(Mr. Day.)

RINGBARKING ON CROWN LANDS.

Names of persons who have obtained permission.	Run.	Area of Run.	Lessee.	Area allowed to be ringbarked.	Kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked.	Description of timber exempt from ringbarking.	Penalties for breaches of conditions.
BLIGH DISTRICT.							
O'Donoghue, Ann ..	Bourbah	acres. 19,500	O'Donoghue, Ann ..	6,300 acres	Belar, budda, yarran, white wood, and stunted scrubby pine under 5 inches diameter at butt.	Pine over 5 inches diameter; the best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards where growing. Timber not named in authority—box and wilga.	None reported
Buchanan, W. F. ..	Breclong New	38,400	Buchanan, W. F. ..	12,300 ,,	Scrub pine, scrub oak, stunted box, stunted gum, and crooked matured ironbark.	All straight-growing pine over 5 inches diameter, and all pine or oak useful for drop fences.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Burway	54,000	Commercial Bank ..	6,200; excepting timber within 10 chains of boundary-line.	Crooked or stunted box, ironbark, scrub pine, oak, and budda.	Pine and all straight trees ..	do.
Australian Joint Stock Bank.	Colliburri or Narramine Nyrang.	9,000	Australian Joint Stock Bank.	4,000 acres	Box, bull oak, and budda.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—pine, gum, and wattle.	do.
Cooper and Buckland.	Coonabarabran ..	15,300	Cooper and Buckland	5,500 ,,	Stunted hollow box, stunted gum, pipy ironbark and stringy-bark.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—pine, apple-tree, and currajong.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Emogundry	30,720	Commercial Bank ..	130 acres; excepting timber within 10 chains of boundary-line.	Crooked or stunted box, ironbark, scrub pine, oak, and budda.	All straight trees and pine ..	do.
Australian Joint Stock Bank.	Greenbar Creek ..	33,920	Australian Joint Stock Bank.	12,000 acres; excepting all timber within 5 chains of the road along T.S.R. 362, within 5 chains of boundary fences, and a fence running south from Greenbar Creek at a point about 1½ miles above its junction with the Castlereagh River.	Stunted and scrubby ironbark, stringy-bark, white gum, white box, and black pine.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—apple-tree, yellow-box, yarran.	do.
Patrick, J. W. and H. A.	North Tucklan ..	10,240	Patrick, J. W. and H. A.	4,060 acres; excepting all timber on the east side of the Gulgong Road within a distance of 10 chains thereof, and within 5 chains of run boundary	Hollow box, stunted gum, and yarran.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—ironbark, stringy-bark, currajong.	do.
Australian Joint Stock Bank.	Old Harbour	17,500	Australian Joint Stock Bank.	3,050 acres	Record lost in the Garden	Palace; particulars not yet ascertained.	do.
Atkinson, J.	Tucklan Creek	20,500	Atkinson, J.	1,440 ,,	White and yellow box ..	Four of the best trees on each acre.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Walla Walla	12,800	Commercial Bank ..	5,400 acres; excepting timber within 10 chains of boundary-line.	Crooked or stunted box, ironbark, scrub pine, oak and budda.	All straight pine, ironbark and box trees.	do.
CLARENCE DISTRICT.							
Smith, T. H.	Dome Mountain ..	18,008	Smith, T. H.	3,070 acres	All worthless timber, consisting of crooked ironbark, stringy-bark, gum, and apple-tree.	All straight and good trees of ironbark, stringy-bark, gum, and apple-tree. Timber not named in the authority—mahogany, forest oak, box, and bloodwood.	do.
Do.	do.	18,008	do.	1,000 ,,	Crooked or stunted apple tree, ironbark, gum, and stringy-bark.	do.	do.
Ogilvie, E. D. S.	East Yulgilbar	88,293	Ogilvie, E. D. S.	1,280 ,, Excepting all timber within 1 chain of the road.	Stunted apple-tree, stringy-bark, and gum.	Trees fit for sawing or splitting purposes. Timber not named in the authority—mahogany, ironbark.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Head of Richmond ..	16,000	Commercial Bank ..	4,560 acres	Stunted and decayed ironbark, gum, and box.	All straight-growing box, useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, beech, and cedar.	do.
Bank of New South Wales.	Koreelah	44,500	Bank of New South Wales.	4,750 ,,	Gum and box	Any trees fit for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—apple-tree, ironbark, bloodwood, box, pine, and cedar.	do.
Spark, G. (the representatives of)	Roseberry	82,560	Spark, G. (the representatives of.)	18,750 ,, Excepting all timber within 1 chain of any road.	Gnarled or decayed gum, ironbark, stringy-bark, peppermint, and forest oak.	All timber fit for building or fencing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—apple-tree and box.	do.
Smith, T. H.	Tempe	10,141	Smith, T. H.	4,260 acres	Crooked or stunted apple tree, ironbark, and stringy-bark.	All straight and good trees excepted. Timber not named in the authority—box, mahogany, forest oak, and bloodwood.	do.
Ogilvie, E. D. S.	West Yulgilbar ..	106,240	Ogilvie, E. D. S.	340 ,, Excepting all timber within 1 chain of the road.	Short and stunted apple-tree, ironbark, and gum.	Trees fit for sawing or splitting purposes. Timber not named in the authority—mahogany.	do.
DARLING DISTRICT.							
Phelps, J. J.	Albermarle	16,630	Phelps, J. J.	3,130 acres	Stunted and hollow box only.	Timber not named in the authority—gum.	do.
Do.	Blenheim	10,300	do.	2,080 ,,	do.	do.	do.
GWYDIR DISTRICT.							
Union Bank	Boolooroo	28,100	Union Bank	2,037 acres	Stunted and crooked box and belar only.	Timber not named in authority—Apple-tree and myall.	do.
Bank of New South Wales.	Callyn or Umbry ..	36,450	Bank of New South Wales.	300 ,,	Stunted belar, coolibar, or box.	Timber not named in the authority—Willowree and sandalwood.	do.
Pearse, W.	Collymungool	39,680	Pearse, W.	5,600 ,, All timber within 5 chains of the track along the Barvon towards Caidmurra, and within 1 chain of the creeks.	Leaf-box or bibil	Timber not named in the authority—Belar, budda, and gum.	do.

Names of persons who have obtained permission.	Run.	Area of Run.	Lessee.	Area allowed to be ringbarked.	Kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked.	Description of timber exempt from ringbarking.	Penalties for breaches of conditions.
GWYDIR DISTRICT—continued.							
Doyle, J. F.	Currah	42,000 acres.	Doyle, J. F.	5,700 acres	Stunted belar and coolibar.	Trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—rosewood and White-wood.	None reported
Bank of New South Wales.	Direlmability	23,000	Bank of New South Wales.	650 ,,	Hollow stunted box only	Timber not named in the authority—Stunted belar and coolibar.	do.
Pearse, W.	Keelo	23,300	Pearse, W.	800 ,, excepting all timber within 1 chain of the creeks.	Belar, stunted coolibar, and stunted box.	Round leaf box. Timber not named in the authority—gum, myall, oak, and sandalwood.	do.
Do.	do.	23,300	do.	4,600 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the track from Collymungool to Keelo.	Stunted hollow gum, box, and oak.	Timber not named in the authority—bibli or broadleaf box, myall, and sandalwood.	do.
M'Mullen, J. F.	Mungie Bundie	15,600	M'Mullen, J. F.	1,746 acres	Box, belar, and ironbark.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—stunted pine and sandalwood.	do.
Campbell, J.	Trigamon	84,480	Campbell, J.	17,300 ,,	Brigalow, box, and stunted ironbark.	Trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—broadleaf and tumbledown gum.	do.
Doyle, J. F.	Upper Warrana	62,080	Doyle, J. F.	5,300 ,,	Hollow, stunted, and scrubby belar, and coolibar or box	Timber not named in the authority—broadleaf, box, carben, myall, rosewood, and willowtree.	do.
Russell & Black	Wallangra	27,670	Russell & Black	6,950 ,,	Stunted box and worthless ironbark.	Narrow-leaf ironbark. Timber not named in the authority—pine, apple-tree, currawong, tumbledown gum.	do.
Commercial Bank	Werrina	63,120	Commercial Bank	6,400 ,,	Hollow, crooked, and stunted belar, and stunted coolibar.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—rosewood.	do.
Bucknell Bros.	West Ghingham	16,000	Bucknell Bros.	2,750 ,,	Stunted belar only	Timber not named in the authority—coolibar.	do.
M'Mullen, J. F.	Yagaba	10,880	M'Mullen, J. F.	5,230 ,,	Stunted and pipy ironbark, box, and belar.	All timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, apple-tree, and currawong.	do.
Cooper, J. & T.	Yagobi	42,880	Cooper, J. & T.	4,400 ,,	Stunted and crooked box, broadleaf ironbark, and coolibar.	Round-leaf box, and timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, apple-tree, gum, ironbark, and currawong.	do.
Bank of New South Wales.	Yarraua	31,360	Bank of New South Wales.	3,140 ,,	Coolibar or stunted box, and belar.	All straight timber. Timber not named in the authority—sandalwood and mullora.	do.
LACHLAN DISTRICT.							
Ghinn, H.	Bullandry	32,000	Ghinn, H.	6,430 acres, excepting timber within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Box, yarran, and scrub. Pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine, over 5 inches diameter; trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes; all timber on areas of 12 acres to each square mile. Timber not named in the authority—dogwood and oak.	do.
Flood, E.	Bengamby	21,700	Flood, E.	16,100 acres, excepting all timber on mountains or ranges and within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Box, dogwood, yarran, scrub pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine, over 5 inches diameter; any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and all timber on areas of 12 acres to each square mile. Timber not named in the authority—currawong.	do.
Faviell A. E.	Bent's Hill	6,680	Faviell, A. E.	6,400 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the boundary fences.	Box and oak	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, dogwood, and yarran.	do.
The Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Co. (Limited.)	Billabong	16,040	The Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company (Limited.)	6,500 acres, except all timber on ridge on block 1, and running parallel to its S.W. boundary.	Belar, box, bull-oak, and dogwood.	Useful timber excepted. Timber not named in the authority—pine and yarran.	do.
Gibson, F. F.	Bland East	12,800	Gibson, F. F.	3,500 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundaries of block.	Belar, bull-oak, and box.	Four of the best box or belar trees on each acre.	do.
Drummond T.	Bogolong	2,500	Drummond, T.	1,240 acres	White-gum, white-box, and apple-tree only.	Timber not named in authority—stringy-bark, yellow box, and red gum.	do.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	Bolagany Gulman	29,100	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	18,400 ,,	Dwarf-scrub-pine under 4 inches diameter, bimbex-box, and bull-oak.	Pine, over 4 inches diameter; all Lachlan or Forest pine and yellow box. Timber not named in authority—iron-bark.	do.
Do.	Budd gower	60,800	do.	20,480 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundaries of the run.	White and yellow box	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—black and white pine, ironbark, currawong, and quandong.	do.
Bank of New South Wales.	Bungumbil	44,800	Bank of New South Wales.	15,000 acres	White-box, yellow-jacket or box, bull-oak, useless pine scrub.	Forest pine or timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—oak.	do.
The Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Co. (Lmtd.)	Billabong Back	36,100	The Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company (Limited.)	10,400 ,,	Belar, box, bull-oak, and dogwood.	Useful timber excepted. Timber not named in the authority—pine, ironbark and yarran.	do.
Ghinn, H.	Bingar No. 1.	32,000	Ghinn, H.	2,300 acres, excepting all timber on areas of 12 acres on each square mile, and within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, and yarran.	Pine, over 5 inches diameter at butt. Timber not named in authority—dogwood and belar.	do.

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LACILAN DISTRICT—continued.							
Leonard W.	Binya	37,000	Leonard, W.	4,502 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of each boundary fence. Timber to remain undisturbed in blocks of 40 acres to each 2,500 acres	Pine and other scrub, yarran, currawong, and dogwood.	All timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—oak and currajong.	None reported
Do.	do.	37,000	do.	2,600 acres	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt and box	Pine; over 5 inches diameter at butt, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—yarran, she-oak, and currajong.	do.
Do.	Cocopara	25,000	do.	11,000 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of east boundary fence. Timber to remain undisturbed on blocks of 40 acres in each 2,500 acres.	Yarran, currawong, dogwood, pine, and other scrub.	Timber not named in authority—oak and currajong.	do.
Do.	do. North ..	12,000	Do.	6,600 acres, exceptions same as Cocopara.	do.	do.	do.
Do.	do. East ..	94,720	Do.	70,400, exceptions same as Cocopara.	do.	Pine excepted on 12,000 acres. Timber not named in authority—oak and currajong.	do.
Haley, A. T.	Collerooy	35,600	Haley, A. T.	17,500 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundary fences.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, yarran, and dogwood.	Pine, over 5 inches diameter, the best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards and not less than three of the best box-trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—silver wattle, wilga, and currajong.	do.
Cox and Hore	Coolaburragong ..	10,000	Cox and Hore	3,400 acres	Bull-oak, bimboc box, and belar.	Timber not named in authority—pine, white and yellow box.	do.
Gibson, F. F.	Caragabal	21,120	Gibson, F. F.	6,350 acres	Belar, bull-oak, and box.	Four of the best belar or bull-oak trees per acre.	do.
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	Cowal North.	9,616	New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	6,400 acres; excepting all belar timber in clumps on the plains, and within 10 chains of edge of said plains.	Belar.	Four of the best trees per acre on the country operated upon. Timber not named in the authority—gum, myall, yarran.	do.
Do.	Cudgemy Country	1,950	do.	2,600 acres; excepting the timber on the flints and other ridges, and within 10 chains of the north and west boundaries.	White and yellow box and bastard wattle.	Four of the best box trees to each acre. Timber not named in the authority—pine.	The Forest Ranger reported the conditions have been fairly observed; but a belt 1 chain wide has been left on west side of W.R. 1,117 instead of one 10 chains wide along the west boundary of block.
The Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Co.	Garoolgan East ..	33,920	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co.	11,600 acres; excepting all timber upon areas of 12 acres to each square mile, and within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box and belar	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—oak and currajong.	None reported
Davidson Bros., and Robertson	Gerakdra	10,240	Davidson Bros., and Robertson.	3,500 acres; excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundary of the run.	Stunted white and yellow box only.	Not less than four of the best box trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—bull oak and blackwattle.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Grogan or Koroggin.	10,880	Commercial Bank ..	6,220 acres.	White and yellow box.	Not less than five of the best box trees per acre, any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and all trees within 10 chains of the west boundary of Block No. 2. Timber not named in the authority—Lachlan pine and belar.	do.
Flood, E.	Heifer Station ..	6,760	Flood, E.	3,531 acres.	Box, dogwood, bull-oak, yarran, and scrub pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—currajong.	do.
The Australian Joint Stock Bank.	Ironbong	26,880	The Australian Joint Stock Bank.	9,100 acres; all timber in belts 10 chains wide, extending from east to west through the centre of Block 1, and extending south from portion No. 32, parish of Ironbark, and within 10 chains of the main ranges on Block No. 2.	Yellow and white box, gum and scrub pine, under 5 inches diameter at butt.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and all forest pine, and four of the best box trees per acre.	do.
M'Phillamy, C.	Jemelong	10,380	M'Phillamy, C.	20,000 acres	White and yellow box, bull oak, yarran, and scrub pine only.	All forest or Lachlan pine. Timber not named in the authority—wattle.	do.
Ogilvie, J. L.	Kangarooby	48,000	Ogilvie, J. L.	1,730 acres.	Apple-tree, white and yellow box.	Excepting three of the best box trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—pine, iron-bark, and stringy-bark.	do.
The Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Co.	Lower Billabong ..	24,000	The Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Co.	6,400 acres.	White box, belar, dogwood scrub, bull-oak, and scrub pine.	Useful timber excepted. Timber not named in the authority—pine, ironbark, and yarran.	do.
Moore & Blackwood	Lower Mythul Creek.	21,270	Moore & Blackwood	4,700 acres	Stunted white and yellow box.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pink, ironbark and wattle.	do.
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company.	Mandamar	33,000	New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company.	3,440 acres; excepting both large and small trees within 10 chains of the north and west boundaries of the run; and in belts 10 chains wide, at intervals of 70 and 40 chains running parallel to the west boundary of the run.	Lachlan pine under 3½ feet in height, oak under 5 inches in diameter and box.	Pine over 3½ feet in height, oak over 5 inches diameter, four of the best and largest box trees on each acre throughout the whole of the area. Timber not named in the authority—ironbark.	do.

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LACHLAN DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>							
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	Mandamar	33,000	New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	9,000 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the summit of Victor's Hill, the boundaries of the run, and in belts 10 chains wide, running south and west from the S.W. corner of P. R. 2,538.	White and yellow box and bull-oak.	Four of the best box trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—forest pine, ironbark, she-oak, myall, and currajong.	None reported.
Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).	Merool Creek	51,840	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).	14,400 acres, excepting all timber on the ironbark ridges and within 6 chains of the paddock fences.	White and yellow box.	Timber not named in the authority—ironbark.	do.
Rankin, J. A. G. and H.	do.	33,800	Rankin, J. A. and G. R.	18,000 acres, excepting timber on areas of 12 acres to each sq. mile and within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, currawong, bastard wattle, and yarran only.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Brewer and Hines	Merri Merrigal	24,000	Brewer and Hines	1,000 acres	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, and box.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt; four of the best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, and three of the best box trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—currajong and wilga.	do.
Australian Joint Stock Bank, Goldsbrough and Parker.	Milbeg	31,240	Australian Joint Stock Bank, Goldsbrough and Parker.	6,400 "	Box, yarran, bull-oak, bellar, scrub pine.	All forest or Lachlan pine	do.
	Monument Flats	73,590		5,000 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the boundary fences.	White bastard box and scrub pine.	All useful timber for splitting or sawing purposes or for shade, and pine. Timber not named in the authority—bull-oak, ironbark, yellow box, and bellar.	do.
Oriental Bank	Morungarell	10,840	Oriental Bank	3,000 acres	Oak under 9 inches diameter, and box.	The best oak saplings at intervals of 4 yards apart, and four of the best box trees, per acre. Timber not named in the authority—Lachlan pine.	do.
Australasian Agency and Banking Company (Limited).	Mouramba No. 1.	63,000	Australasian Agency and Banking Company (Limited).	14,400 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundary fences.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white box and gum.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, the best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, two of the best box trees and four saplings, three of the best gum and four saplings per acre, where growing. Timber not named in authority—ironbark, she-oak, and currajong.	do.
Do.	do. No. 2.	48,000	do.	17,000 acres; exception same as No. 1.	do.	do.	do.
Davis and Smith	Naradhan East	195,000	Davis and Smith	10,400 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the summit of the ranges, within 10 chains of the Cudgellico Road, and on areas of 40 acres in extent in the centre of each block.	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, and box.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, best pine saplings at intervals of 10 yards.	do.
Flood, E.	Narrandara	40,060	Flood, E.	31,000 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of 12 acres to each square mile, and all timber on the mountain ranges and within 10 chains of the boundary fences.	Box, dogwood, bull-oak, yarran, scrub pine under 5 inches diameter.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and pine over 5 inches diameter at butt. Timber not named in the authority—currajong.	do.
Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company.	North Barellan	33,000	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company.	11,760 acres, excepting all timber upon areas of 12 acres to each square mile, or within 10 chains of the boundary fences.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, and bellar.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—oak and currajong.	do.
Mitchell, T.	North Bolaro, block A.	30,720	Mitchell, T.	3,820 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary fences and on blocks of 12 acres in each square mile.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, bull-oak, and yarran scrub.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—currajong.	do.
Do.	do.	30,720	do.	7,450 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary-fence.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, and bellar.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and pine over 5 inches diameter at butt. Timber not named in the authority—oak and currajong.	do.
Ghinn, H.	North Tubbeta	29,600	Ghinn, H.	3,375 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary-fence.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, yarran and scrub.	Pine over 5 inches diameter, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—dogwood and bellar.	do.
City Bank	Paddy's Plains or Cudgelong.	16,000	City Bank	600 acres	White and yellow box and mountain gum only.	Five of the best box or gum trees per acre. Timber not named in authority—pine and ironbark.	The forest ranger reported the most useful trees have been left, though not in the exact numbers specified in the permit, there being in some parts more than the required number, in others not so many.
Flood, E.	South Stumpy Paddock.	7,080	Flood, E.	2,502 acres	Box, dogwood, bull-oak, yarran, and scrub pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine over 5 inches diameter, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—Currajong.	None reported.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	Tara V.	31,960	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	9,700 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the boundary fence.	Pine under 5 inches diameter of butt, stunted crooked box, and yarran.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, best pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards, and straight box. Timber not named in authority—silver wattle, currajong, and wilga.	do.

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LACHLAN DISTRICT—continued.							
Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company (Limited).	Temora	101,120	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company (Limited).	30,050 acres, excepting all timber within 20 chains of the boundaries of the run, and the Narraburra and Trigalong Creeks, and within 10 chains of the summits of the leading ranges.	Gum box and dwarf pine.	All Black Forest pine, and any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and at least four of the best box or gum trees, and four of the best saplings per acre. Timber not named in the authority—ironbark and bull-oak.	None reported.
Commercial Bank ..	Top Lagoon	30,000	Commercial Bank ..	300 acres	Record lost in Garden Palace: particulars not yet ascertained.		do.
McPhillamy, C	Towel	23,080	McPhillamy, C.	1,080 acres	Box, yarran, bull-oak, and scrub pine only.	Forest or Lachlan pine	do.
Ghinn, H.	Tubetta	34,000	Ghinn, H.	5,750 acres, excepting all timber on areas of 12 acres to each square mile and within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter, box and yarran.	Trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—belar and dogwood.	do.
Barber and Burcher	Uglo	21,600	Barber and Burcher	1,600 acres.	Pine under 5 inches diameter, bimbce box, bull-oak, belar, yarran, and wild sandalwood.	Best pine saplings at about 10 feet apart. Timber not named in authority—ironbark and yellow box.	do.
Jeffray, R. J	Ungaree	70,700	Jeffray, R. J.	35,910 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundaries of the run.	Dwarf scrub pine, bimbce box, bull-oak, and yarran.	All forest or Lachlan pine, and all timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—belar and ironbark.	do.
Blyth, J.	Upper Wyalong ..	100,992	Blyth, J.	13,000 acres	White and yellow box, pine under 4 feet high.	Pine over 4 feet high, and two box trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—ironbark and oak.	do.
Knox, T. F.	do. No. 2	40,920	Knox, T. F.	30,000 acres, excepting all timber growing within 10 chains of the run boundaries.	White box, bull-oak, and belar.	Three of the best box trees and three of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—pine, ironbark, and black wattle.	do.
City Bank	Upper Wyalong, No. 3.	40,000	City Bank	13,500 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundaries of run and summit of range forming county boundary, and in a belt 10 chains wide extending from east to west through centre of block.	White box, white gum, and bull-oak.	Four of the best box-trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—forest pine, ironbark, currajong.	do.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	Wargumbegal	27,000	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	3,700 acres	Pine under 5 inches in diameter at butt, crooked or stunted ironbark, box, and yarran.	Pine over 5 inches in diameter at butt, the best pine saplings at intervals of 5 yards where growing, and all timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes, including not less than ten of the best ironbark trees per acre.	do.
M'Millan, A.	Warry	23,160	M'Millan, A.	20,200 acres, excepting all timber on the ranges adjoining Ariah Run, and within 10 chains of run boundary.	White and yellow box and bull-oak.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, ironbark, she-oak, spotted gum.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	West Mandamar ..	46,000	Commercial Bank ..	17,480 acres	Stunted box only	Timber not named in authority—oak and pine.	do.
Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company.	Wombine	28,800	Australian Mortgage Co. (Limited).	5,000 ,,	White box, belar, dogwood scrub, bull oak, and scrub pine.	Any useful timber, including all Lachlan or forest pine. Timber not named in the authority—ironbark and she oak.	do.
Dangar and Macdonald.	Wantabadgery ..	8,840	Dangar and Macdonald.	840 ,,	Stunted box only	Timber not named in the authority—gum.	do.
Do.	do.	3,840	do.	290 ,,	do.	do.	do.
Do.	do.	3,840	do.	440 ,,	do.	do.	do.
Von Laubenfeld, H. G.	Youngara Creek ..	40,000	Von Laubenfeld, H. G.	10,300 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the run boundaries and summit of the range forming the county boundary.	Stunted box, bull-oak, and yarran.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—forest pine, belar, currajong, and ironbark.	do.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	Younger Plain....	20,100	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).	5,000 acres	Belar, oak under 6 inches diameter, Lachlan pine under 3½ feet in height, and box.	Timber not named in authority—ironbark.	do.
LIVERPOOL PLAINS DISTRICT.							
M'Rae, D.	Bullerawa	33,000	M'Rae D.	3,800 acres	Oak, rosewood, ironbark, and box.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine.	do.
Blackwood, Benn, Simpson, and Ibbotson.	Bundalla	7,040	Blackwood, Benn, Simpson, and Ibbotson.	4,000 ,,	Record lost in Garden Palace: particulars not yet ascertained.		do.
Simpson, J. M.	Burindi	12,100	Simpson, J. M.	4,800 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the range forming the county boundary.	Stunted or hollow box, gum, and scrubby apple-tree.	Timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and at least four of the best apple-trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—yellow box, stringy-bark, and peppermint.	do.
Commercial Bank ..	Cuirindi, North ..	8,920	Commercial Bank ..	7,220 acres, excepting all timber on leading ranges.	Common box only	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—apple-tree and stringy-bark.	do.
Baldwin, C.	Dinnawarindi ..	10,000	Baldwin, C.	1,700 acres	Stunted ironbark, white box, and yellow jacket.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, currajong, and apple-tree.	do.
Shanahan & Jennings	Girrawillie	12,100	Shanahan & Jennings	1,160 ,,	Hollow white and yellow box.	Any trees of value for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine and apple-tree.	do.
Do.	Gorriagilla	7,040	do.	300 ,,	do.	do.	do.

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LIVERPOOL PLAINS DISTRICT—continued.							
Shanahan & Jennings	Nomby	12,200	Shanahan & Jennings	700 acres	Hollow white and yellow box.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine & ironbark.	do.
Buchanan, W. F.	Narrabry	62,030	Buchanan, W. F.	19,380	Scrub pine, ironbark, white gum, and box.	Pine, straight pine, saplings 30 feet apart, and all timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—apple-tree, bloodwood, carbeon, spotted gum, oak.	do.
Walker, T.	The Manilla	61,000	Walker, T.	1,700	Stunted box only	Timber not named in the authority—pine, apple-tree, and currajong.	do.
Jacques, C. E.	Theribry	13,440	Jacques, C. E.	36	Stunted pine, box, ironbark, hopbush scrub.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—currajong and apple-tree.	do.
Mosely, J.	Turrawan	7,680	Mosely, J.	1,480	Stunted box, sandalwood, and yarran.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, ironbark, and she-oak.	do.
MACLEAY DISTRICT.							
Wilson & Wilson	Boonighii	13,911	Wilson & Wilson	2,960	Grey, blue, and red gum, ironbark, bloodwood, stringy-bark, tallow-wood, and forest oak	All healthy timber, suitable for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—apple-tree, box, mahogany, and turpentine.	do.
MURRUMBIDGEE DISTRICT.							
Turner, Jones, & Blackwood.	Hanpool	30,720	Turner, Jones, & Blackwood.	7,000 acres	Stunted box only	Timber not named in the authority—gum and pine.	do.
The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co. (Limited).	Barham or Palm	23,200	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co. (Limited).	450	do.	Timber not named in the authority—red gum.	do.
Wragge, T.	Boremead	6,400	Wragge, T.	4,300	do.	Timber not named in the authority—gum and pine.	do.
M'Bain & Ronald	Hillabong Forest	1,920	M'Bain & Ronald	1,700	Box only	Timber not named in the authority—pine and oak.	do.
The Bank of New South Wales.	Blowering East	7,530	The Bank of New South Wales.	870 acres	Stringy-bark and scrub	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—messmate and white box.	do.
Halliday, W.	Brookong	30,030	Halliday, W.	7,630	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white and yellow box.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, not less than forty of the best pine saplings over 4 inches diameter per acre where growing, and the yellow box within 3 chains of the main road.	do.
Miller, H.	Buckinbong and Gillenbah.	23,040	Miller, H.	3,630 acres	Box, bull-oak, scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, and yarran.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—red gum.	do.
Commercial Bank	Gullenbong	12,800	Commercial Bank	4,230 acres	White and yellow box and bull-oak.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Goldsbrough and Parker.	Gurryjae	9,370	Goldsbrough and Parker.	2,700 acres	Box only	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, bull oak.	The Forest Ranger reported that he considered more timber suitable for splitting purposes might have been left upon portion of area operated upon. Lessees warned that conditions must be strictly observed.
Childe and Grant	Chah Sing	6,400	Childe and Grant	1,160 acres	Bastard box only	Timber not named in the authority—gum and pine	None reported
Wragge, T.	Chowar	29,440	Wragge, T.	1,630	Stunted box only	do.	do.
English, Scottish, & Australian Chartered Bank.	Emu Plains	23,775	English, Scottish, & Australian Chartered Bank.	90	Stunted white and yellow box, and scrub pine under 6 inches diameter at butt.	Pine over 6 inches diameter at butt.	do.
McMullen, J. F.	East Mittagong	9,600	McMullen, J. F.	1,730	Stunted white and yellow box, and pine under 5 inches diameter at butt.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, the best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards where growing, and any timber fit for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
The Colonial Bank of Australia of Melbourne.	Gorm	31,360	The Colonial Bank of Australia of Melbourne.	1,220	Stunted box only	do.	do.
Buchanan and Mort	Hillside	1,400	Buchanan and Mort	1,260 acres	Stringy-bark and white gum.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Childe and Grant	Joegur	24,000	Childe and Grant	2,800 acres	Bastard box only	Timber not named in the authority—gum and pine.	do.
Goldsbrough and Parker.	Klalat	12,800	Goldsbrough and Parker.	1,350	Stunted box only	do.	do.
Miller, H.	Little Swamp	47,454	Miller, H.	1,880 acres	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box and belar.	Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—oak and currajong.	do.
McMullen, J. F.	Mittagong	12,800	McMullen, J. F.	1,350	Box, bastard or bull-oak and bastard wattle.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Colonial Bank of Australia of Melbourne.	Mooroomgatta	15,360	Colonial Bank of Australia of Melbourne.	3,400	Stunted box only	do.	do.
McVeen, J.	Mooloomoon	7,680	McVeen, J.	1,020	Stunted box and mallee.	Timber not named in the authority—pine, belar, bull-oak, and red gum.	do.

Names of persons who have obtained permission.	Run.	Area of Run.	Lessee.	Area allowed to be ringbarked.	Kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked.	Description of timber exempt from ringbarking.	Penalties for breaches of conditions.
MURRUMBIDGEE— <i>continue 2.</i>							
Scottish Australian Investment Company.	Mundawadera	7,040	Scottish Australian Investment Company.	6,570 acres	White and yellow box only.	Any trees useful for fencing or sawing purposes, and the best saplings in clumps.	None reported
Commercial Bank	Nanangroe	6,308	Commercial Bank	1,655 "	Yellow box	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—red gum and stringy-bark.	do.
Turner, Jones, and Blackwood.	Nyang	29,300	Turner, Jones, and Blackwood.	12,970 "	Stunted box only	Timber not named in the authority—gum and pine.	do.
Chambers, V. A.	Pevensey	9,000	Chambers, V. A.	690 "	Stunted or bastard box only.	Timber not named in the authority—gum.	do.
Westby, E. J.	Pulltop	14,720	Westby, E. J.	3,800 "	Stunted box, apple-tree and white gum.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—stringy-bark.	do.
Sawyer, M.	West Blowering	6,120	Sawyer, M.	1,140 "	Useless stringy-bark, apple-tree, white gum, and peppermint.	At least four of the best stringy-bark or gum trees per acre.	do.
Rudd, J. J.	Wagangobramby.	10,000	Rudd, J. J.	5,200 "	All useless timber, including white and yellow box and bull-oak, and all pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine over 5 inches diameter, any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and six of the best box saplings per acre.	do.
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT							
McElhone J.	Barry Station	62,289	McElhone, J.	2,400 acres, excepting all timber within 5 chains of the river, creeks, and summit of the main range, and within 5 chains of the fences.	Crooked stringy-bark, apple-tree, box, white gum, and peppermint	Any tree useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Cooper, T.	Beverley	46,290	Cooper, T.	9,300 acres; excepting all timber within 10 chains of the summit of the main range on the west of Block.	Stunted red and white gum and peppermint, crooked ironbark and stringy-bark.	Any straight stringy-bark trees and saplings.	do.
Dodd & Lee	Bukkulla	6,490	Dodds & Lee	3,620 acres; excepting all timber within 1 chain of the road, and in clumps of 5 acres in extent at intervals of 20 chains on travelling stock reserve 327.	Crooked and unsound white box and gum only.	Timber not named in the authority—wattle and ironbark.	do.
Hargraves, R.	Hernani	44,160	Hargraves, R.	900 acres.	Forest oak, peppermint, black sally, white gum, stunted stringy-bark, and blue gum.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes, and all straight stringy-bark saplings.	do.
Darby, A. J.	Long Reach	16,000	Darby, A. J.	6,180 acres; excepting all timber along leading range and within a width of 5 chains along fence, and within 4 chains of the Quyangga Creek and Bundalla River.	Stunted iron bark and white gum only.	Timber not named in the authority—apple-tree, yellow-jacket, stringy bark.	The forest ranger reported that the value of the timber has been unringbarked on part of the run. Lessee's explanation was deemed sufficient, but he was warned that the conditions must be strictly observed.
Bank of New South Wales.	Nullamana	20,490	Bank of New South Wales.	3,250 acres	Stunted or crooked ironbark, white gum, and unsound box.	Any straight ironbark or white box, or any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—apple-tree and red gum.	None reported
Nivison, A.	Western Yarrowich	20,548	Nivison A.	2,880 "	Stunted oak, white gum, and box scrub only.	Timber not named in authority—stringy-bark.	do.
WARREGO DISTRICT.							
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Co (Limited).	Booroomugga No. 1 East.	65,240	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. (limited.)	12,300 acres	White box, carbeen, muiga, and yarran.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in the authority—pine, ironwood, currawong, budda, wattle, mallee.	do.
Do	Back do	65,600	do	12,800 "	Box, carbeen, and ironwood.	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not mentioned in authority—pine, yarran, and mallee.	do.
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.							
Bank of New South Wales.	Albert Waterhole	15,040	Bank of New South Wales.	6,030 acres; excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary-fence	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, stunted box, and white gum	The best pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards. Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, also two of the best box-trees and six saplings, and two of the best gum-trees per acre throughout where growing. Timber not named in authority—ironbark, bull-oak, wilga, and currajong.	do.
London Chartered Bank of Australia	Back Gangarry North.	12,160	London Chartered Bank of Australia.	1,000 acres	Stunted box and bejar	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Do	do South	12,160	do	1,000 "	Stunted hollow box	do.	do.
Olliver W. R. R., & A.	Boona East	64,000	Olliver W. R., R., & A.	600 "	Lachlan pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white box, and bejar.	Straight pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards where growing. Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and two of the best box-trees and four of the best box-saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—ironbark, currawong, and wilga.	do.
Brown, H.	Boona West	78,080	Brown, H.	39,000 acres, excepting all timber on the stony ridges, and within 10 chains of the existing fences.	Scrub pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white box, and bejar.	The best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, two of the best box-trees, and four of the best box saplings per acre where growing. Timber not named in authority—black Lachlan pine, ironbark, and currajong.	do.

Names of persons who have obtained permission.	Run.	Area of Run.	Lessee.	Area allowed to be ringbarked.	Kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked.	Description of timber exempt from ringbarking.	Penalties for breaches of conditions.
WELLINGTON DISTRICT—continued.							
Commercial Bank	Blowclear West	20,880	Commercial Bank	5,280 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundaries of the run.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, crooked and hollow white box.	The best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, and pine over 5 inches diameter at butt. Timber not named in authority—oak.	None reported
Nash, C.	Brolgan Plains	16,000	Nash, C.	6,600 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the boundary fences, and within 5 chains of the north side of the old road to Purkes; and in a belt 10 chains wide extending from north to south through the centre of the block.	Forest oak under 5 inches diameter, and white box.	Forest oak over 6 inches diameter. Timber not named in the authority—yellow box.	do.
Temple, G.	Camp Hole	21,480	Temple, G.	5,000 acres	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, bull oak under 8 inches diameter at butt, white box, and white gum.	Pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, pine over 5 inches and bull-oak over 9 inches diameter at butt, two of the best box-trees, six of the best box saplings, and three gum-trees per acre. Timber not named in authority—ironbark, wilga, and curra-jong	do.
Mercantile Bank	Canomadne or Woolshed.	19,840	Mercantile Bank	2,200 acres	White box.	Any timber useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—pine and curra-jong	do.
Australian Joint Stock Bank.	Carlisle	29,000	Australian Joint Stock Bank,	10,110 acres	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, and white box.	The best pine saplings over 3 inches in diameter at intervals of 4 yards. Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, two of the best box-trees, and two of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—ironbark and curra-jong	do.
Close, S. E.	Curra	18,000	Close, S. E.	6,000 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundaries of the run, and the eastern boundary of the block.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, and bull-oak.	The best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards. Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes.	do.
Do.	Currawinna	10,700	do.	5,860 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary fences.	do.	The best pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards. Pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and three of the best box-trees per acre.	do.
The Trust and Agency Company of Australasia.	Emu Plains	26,000	The Trust and Agency Company of Australasia.	8,870 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the base of Ghost Hill.	Pine under 5 inches diameter, and bull oak under 8 inches diameter at butt, and box.	The best pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards. Pine over 5 inches diameter, and bull-oak over 3 inches diameter at butt, two of the best box-trees, and six of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in the authority—bolar, curra-jong, ironbark, wilga, and quandong.	do.
Fink, B. J.	Hermitage Plains block II.	39,000	Fink, B. J.	6,400 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of boundary fences.	Useless box, carbeen, ironwood, budda, and yarran.	Timber not named in authority—pine, curra-jong, and wilga.	do.
Do.	do. block I.	48,000	do.	6,400 acres, same exceptions as block II.	do.	do.	do.
Do.	do.	64,000	do.	12,800 acres, exceptions same as block I.	do.	do.	do.
Bank of New South Wales.	do. block L.	64,000	Bank of New South Wales.	7,000 acres, excepting any timber within 10 chains of boundaries of run.	Hollow bastard box only.	Timber not named in the authority—Pine, ironwood, yarran, and budda.	do.
Olliver, W. R. R. & A.	Melrose	64,000	Olliver, W. R. & A.	3,430 acres	Lachlan pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white box and belar.	Straight pine saplings, over 3 inches in diameter, at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt; two of the best box-trees and four of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in the authority—curra-wong, ironbark, and wilga.	do.
Do.	Miamely	64,000	do.	900 acres	do.	do.	do.
Oriental Bank	Melrose Plains, block D.	63,360	Oriental Bank	12,000 "	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white and bimbee box.	Best pine saplings, 3 to 5 inches diameter at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt; three of best white box-trees and four saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—white and red gum, and ironbark.	do.
Elder, D.	Mowable	64,000	Elder, D.	10,088 acres, excepting all timber within 10 chains of the fences.	Scrub-pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white box, and yarran.	Best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards, pine over 5 inches in diameter at butt; two of the best box-trees and four of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—wilga and curra-jong.	do.
Turner, G. N.	New Babinda	45,000	Turner	640 acres	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, and box.	Pine saplings over 3 inches diameter at 4 yards apart were growing; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and straight box-trees fit for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—budda, carbeen, curra-wong, mallee, and wilga.	do.
City Bank	New Bumbaldehy	40,920	City Bank	7,300 "	Belar, white box, white gum, bull-oak under 8 inches diameter; pine under 5 inches diameter.	Pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches, and bull-oak over 3 inches diameter; two box trees and six box saplings per acre	do.

Names of persons who have obtained permission.	Run	Area of Run.	Lessee	Area allowed to be ringbarked.	Kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked.	Description of timber exempt from ringbarking.	Penalties for breaches of conditions.
WELLINGTON DISTRICT—continued							
Turner & Moodie ..	North Burra Burra.	acres. 26,000	Turner & Moodie ..	5,700 acres	Pine under 5 inches, bull-oak under 14 inches, and ironbark under 12 inches diameter, and white box.	Pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter, bull-oak over 14 inches, ironbark over 12 inches diameter, five ironbark saplings per acre, and two box-trees and four box saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—Wilga, quondong, and currajong.	None reported
Do.	South do	97,500	do.	80,500 ,,	do. and belar ..	do.	do.
Campbell, Kennedy, Middleton, & Pearson.	Walker's Hill	64,000	Campbell, Kennedy, Middleton, & Pearson.	13,680 acres, excepting all timber on the high stony ridges.	Scrub-pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, yellow jacket, and white box.	Best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt; two of the best yellow-jacket or box, and four of the best saplings per acre. Timber not named in the authority—currajong, ironbark, and wilga.	do.
Colman, J.	Wicklow, block B	64,009	Coleman, J.	20,930 acres excepting all timber 10 chains of the boundary fences.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, white and yellow box, and belar.	Same as Walker's Hill Run, and four of the best white box-trees per acre. Timber not named in authority—Wilga, currajong, and ironbark.	do.
Kinnear, R. S.	do. block C	64,000	Kinnear, R. S.	28,723 acres, exceptions same as block B	do.	do.	do.
Walker & Porter	do. block K	25,000	Walker & Porter ..	9,920 acres, exception same as block C.	Pine under 5 inches diameter at butt, box, belar, and yarran.	Best pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt, and at least three of the best box-trees per acre. Timber not named in the authority—Currajong, she-oak, and wilga.	do.
City Bank	Woodlands	37,800	City Bank	20,760 ,,	Pine under 5 inches diameter, bull-oak under 8 inches diameter at butt, box and belar.	Pine saplings at intervals of 4 yards; pine over 5 inches diameter at butt; bull-oak over 8 inches diameter at butt; two of the best trees and six of the best box saplings per acre. Timber not named in authority—red-gum and ironbark.	do.
Melbourne Banking Corporation.	Woodstock	16,640	Melbourne Banking Corporation.	13,360 ,,	Worthless box only	Any trees useful for splitting or sawing purposes. Timber not named in authority—pine, mulga, belar, and bull-oak.	do.

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(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LIVERPOOL PLAINS DISTRICT.

(AREA AND RENT OF UNALIENATED CROWN LANDS IN.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 November, 1883.**[Laid upon the Table in accordance with promise made in answer to Question 2, Votes No. 13.]**Question 1.* The quantity of acres of unalienated land in the Liverpool Plains District on the 31st December, 1882?*Answer:* 7,793,445 acres.*Question 2.* The total amount derived by way of rental from all unalienated Crown Land situated within the ten Counties comprised in the Liverpool Plains District, for the years 1872 and 1882 respectively?*Answer:* Rents of Runs—1872, £13,684 10s. 9d.; 1882, £17,330 7s. 9d. Pre-emptive Lease Rents—1872, £803 12s.; 1882, £3,771 4s. 9d.*Question 3.* The number of registered Crown tenants in the Liverpool Plains District, and the total area* of land held by them under pastoral lease during the years 1872 and 1882?*Answer:* Run Lessees—1872, 93; 1882, 119. Pre-emptive Leaseholders—1872, 312; 1882, 1,617.

* This information cannot be obtained, the records of the Occupation Branch having been destroyed.

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(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALIENATION OF, IN PARISHES OF WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 29 November, 1883.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made on the 28th November, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ Copies of all applications, minutes, and other papers in connection with
 “ the alienation to various persons, in the year 1877, of certain Crown
 “ Lands in the parishes of Willoughby and Gordon, in the County of
 “ Cumberland, which lands had been offered at auction about the year
 “ 1858.”

(Mr. Griffiths.)

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CROWN LANDS.

No. 1.

Application by Patrick Dunn.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands. No. 1 of 1876.

Received this 4th day of March, 1876, at 10 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

HERBERT CROFT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Corowa.

Sir,

Land District of Corowa, 4 March, 1876.

I hereby tender the sum of £84, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Albury; date on which last advertised, 15th March, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 13th May, 1858; lots at last sale, 14, 15, 16, and 17; county, Denison; parish or place, Mulwala; portions, 74, 75, 76, and 77; extent of the lots, 20 acres each; price of the lots, £20 each (£80 in all); fee on the deeds, £4.

I am, &c.,

PATRICK DUNN,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Corowa.

Mulwala.

Minutes on No. 1.

Police District of Corowa, 4 March, 1876.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Patrick Dunn, the sum of £84, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—HERBERT CROFT, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa. Lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, sale at Albury, 13th May, 1858.—W.C.E., 24/4/76. The purchase should, perhaps, be cancelled, and the money refunded.—29/5/76. Yes.—W.C.E., 29/5/76. Cancellation revoked, 19/8/76. Deed prepared, 14/3/79. Mr. Day, M.P., informed deeds prepared and forwarded to Colonial Secretary, for Great Seal and signature of His Excellency, this 14th March, 1879.

No. 2.

Application by Patrick Dunn.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands. No. 2 of 1876.

Received this 4th day of March, 1876, at 10 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

HERBERT CROFT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Corowa.

Sir,

Land District of Corowa, 4 March, 1876.

I hereby tender the sum of £84, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Albury; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 28th January, 1858; lots at last sale, 33, 34, 35, and 36; county, Denison; parish or place, Mulwala; portions 69, 70, 71, and 72; extent of the lots, 20 acres each; price of the lots, £20 each (£80 in all); fee on the deeds, £4.

I am, &c.,

PATRICK DUNN,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Corowa.

Mulwala.

Minutes on No. 2.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Patrick Dunn, the sum of £84, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—HERBERT CROFT, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa. Mr. Day, M.P., informed deeds prepared and forwarded for Governor's signature, &c., this 14/3/79. Mr. Edwards,—Lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, sale at Albury, 28th January, 1858, allowed to be selected by W. O'Bryan, 14th October, 1859 (*vide* 59-25), 24/4/76. As these lands were previously selected, this purchase should perhaps be cancelled and money refunded.—29/5/76. Get papers in connection with O'Bryan's purchase.—W.C.E. Withdrawn from selection (*vide* 59-25), afterwards allowed to be selected by William O'Bryan.—Oct. 14th, 1859. Cancel purchase and refund money, the land to which this application refers having been alienated to William O'Bryan, in the year 1859.—W.C.E., 8/6/78.

No. 3.

Patrick Dunn to M. Fitzpatrick, Esq.

Sir,

Mulwala, 22 June, 1876.

I received from the Department of Lands, by yesterday's post, the enclosed notification informing me that the lots therein mentioned were, previous to my purchasing of them, withdrawn from selection. This, in my opinion, is a mistake, as those lots were certainly at one time supposed to have been purchased by a person named William O'Bryan, but in drawing out the Crown Grants an error crept in and the deeds of other lots were drawn out instead, so that those lots were open for selection at the time I purchased them. I may also mention that O'Bryan signed a document renouncing all right to them, and that the lots granted are now the property of Mr. A. Sloane.

Will

Will you be good enough to call at the Lands Office and explain this matter, as no doubt there is a mistake in the matter; at all events, if I am to lose them it will be a very serious thing for me, as I have, since I purchased this land, had it securely fenced with a very substantial chock and log fence, for which I paid at the rate of £45 per mile; the fence is complete all round, making 2 miles altogether. You will please also to inquire for what purpose the land is reserved and how long, as the officers at both Albury and Corowa know nothing about it being withdrawn. You will please let me have an answer as early as possible; at the same time it would be as well to take no steps about those roads I wrote you about until I see how this affair is to end, as the roads I want to purchase runs through those lots.

Trusting you will give this matter your very best attention,—

I am, &c.,

PATRICK DUNN.

P.S.—Return the Secretary's letter to me—I mean the one herein enclosed.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Papers No. 76-7,801, Aln.

Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Lands Department, Sydney, 30 June, 1876.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. Patrick Dunn, of Mulwala, the sum of £84, being the amount paid by him on 4th March, 1876, for selection, after auction, of lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, portions 69, 70, 71, and 72, of sale at Albury on the 28th of January, 1858, his application having been cancelled, as the lands were selected by W. O'Bryan on the 14th October, 1859.

I have, &c.,

W. C. EDWARDS,

Pro Under Secretary.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Patrick Dunn.

No. 76-7,801, Aln.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1876.

I am directed to inform you that the Colonial Treasurer has been authorized to refund to you, or your order, the sum of £84, being the amount paid by you, on the 4th March, 1876, for selection, after auction, of lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, portions 69, 70, 71, and 72, of sale at Albury on the 28th January, 1858, your application having been cancelled, as the lands were selected by W. O'Bryan on the 14th October, 1859.

2. I am to add, that when the money is ready for payment, notice to that effect will be forwarded to you from the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

W. C. EDWARDS,

Pro Under Secretary.

No. 6.

Patrick Dunn to G. Day, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Mulwala, 26 July, 1876.

May I take the liberty of requesting you to do me a favour in connection with some land that I purchased a few months ago. The following are the facts of the case:—

On the 4th March last I purchased, after auction, the lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, also the lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, each containing 20 acres, situate in the parish of Mulwala, county of Denison. The sale took place at the Corowa Lands Office, on the 4th day of March last, and the price I then paid for the land was £1 per acre; but about six weeks afterwards I received a letter from the Crown Lands Agent at Corowa, stating that he received instructions from the Auditor-General to collect a further sum of 10s. per acre, as the land had never been offered under 30s. I accordingly paid in the balance on the 16th day of May, and of course then thought the matter was at an end; but I received a letter from the Under Secretary for Lands, some time about the 20th June, informing me that lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 were withdrawn from selection, and on July 5th I received another letter, stating the remaining lots, 33, 34, 35, and 36, were purchased previously by a person named William O'Bryan.

I was aware at the time I purchased this land that there was a mistake in connection with the last four lots. O'Bryan was supposed to have purchased them, but in drawing out the Crown grants an error crept in, and the deeds of other lots were made out instead of those. I was informed in each case that the amount of purchase money, £84, would be returned. That was only £1 per acre, whilst I paid £1 10s. per acre for the ground.

Now I want, if you will be good enough, to inquire at the Lands Office for what purpose, or when, the lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 were reserved, as I am under the impression there must be some mistake about this matter; at all events I hope there is, for if the authorities persist it will be a very hard case for me, as I have, previously to receiving notice, had this land securely fenced in with a very substantial chock and log fence, for which I paid £90; therefore, if you will kindly use your influence to set this matter right you will do me a very great service.

Your obedient servant,

PATRICK DUNN.

N.B.—This was not an advertised sale; the land was previously offered on the 28th of January and 13th May, 1858, and not offered for sale since, and I purchased it at the price it was then offered at, viz., £1 10s. per acre; whilst in the office in Sydney they seem under the impression that I only paid £1 per acre; and if the land is reserved as stated, I trust you will use your endeavours to have the reserve cancelled. Of course if I had not gone to the expense of fencing I would not much care.

No. 7.

Memorandum by Mr. W. C. Edwards.

THE lands herein referred to were offered for sale at Albury as follows, viz. :—Lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, on the 28th January, 1858; and lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, on 13th May, 1858, and not bid for. The whole of these lots were withdrawn from auction selection in 1858, but the paper on which they were withdrawn cannot be found, and no reason is given for their withdrawal, either in the auction selection register or on the original plan. Lots 33, 34, 35, and 36 were allowed to be selected after auction by William O'Bryan, on the 14th October, 1859, but there is nothing to show on what grounds O'Bryan's selections were sanctioned.

W.C.E., 7/8/76.

Minutes on No. 7, by the Minister for Lands.

Under the circumstances, I think the sale to Patrick Dunn, of lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, should be upheld, there appearing no reason for the withdrawal from selection; and O'Bryan having been allowed a few months after the lands were first offered for sale, to select lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, leads me to the conclusion that no valid reason existed for the withholding of the portions at the time; indeed I am inclined to the conclusion that the record of the withdrawal from selection is an error.—T.G., 10/8/76. Mr. Evans,—Let the auction selection for lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 go to Noting Branch at once.—H.O.R., 19/8/76. Noted in selection register and sent on for deeds.—23/8/76. Papers to be returned to Mr. Edwards as early as practicable.—W.C.E., 24/8/76.

No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Patrick Dunn.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 August, 1876.

In reference to the correspondence which has taken place respecting the cancellation of the auction selections made by you of lots 33, 34, 35, and 36 of the sale at Albury, on the 28th January, 1858, and lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 of the sale at the same place, on the 13th May, 1858, and requesting that the same may be revoked, I am directed to inform you that as lots 33, 34, 35, and 36 were previously alienated to Mr. Wm. O'Bryan, the cancellation of the sale of those lots to you cannot be disturbed, but as regards the selections of lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 the Secretary for Lands has decided that they shall be sustained.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Pro Under Secretary.

No. 9.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 August, 1876.

In reference to my letter of the 16th June last, requesting you to refund to Mr. Patrick Dunn, of Mulwala or his order the sum of £84, being the amount paid by him, and credited on 13th March last, for lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 of the sale at Albury on the 13th May, 1858, as the purchases in question were cancelled, I am now directed to inform you that, as the cancellation in question has been revoked, Mr. Dunn is no longer entitled to the refund alluded to.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Pro Under Secretary.

No. 10.

Application by Lancelot E. Threlkeld.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 16th day of July, 1877, at 11 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 16 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £75 16s. 3d. as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described :—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lots at last sale, 4, 5, 6; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; portion 4, 20a.; 5, 20a.; 6, 18a. 1r.; equal, 58a. 1r.; extent of the lot, 58a. 1r.; price of the lot, £72 16s. 3d.; fees on the deeds, £3.

£1 5s. per acre. 4, £25; 5, £25; 6, £22 16s. 3d.

I am, &c.,

LANCELOT ERNEST THRELKELD,

By his Agent, THOMAS GARRETT, Sydney.

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Minutes on No. 10, by Officers of the Lands and Survey Offices.

Police District of Sydney, 16 July, 1877.

Received by me, this day, from the above-named Lancelot Edward Threlkeld, the sum of £75 16s. 3d., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deed—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W.

This

This selection was tendered by Mr. Garrett, as agent for Mr. Threlkeld. I declined to accept the application, on the ground that the lands in my "Register of Lands" open to selection after auction were marked as withdrawn. Mr. Garrett, however, insisted on lodging the application, for the reasons that I could not assign any reason for their withdrawal, and that, according to the map, the lands were open to selection. I then received the selection, intimating at the time that I accepted it subject to ministerial approval. I have paid the purchase money into the suspense account at the Treasury, subject to any decision that might be arrived at in the case.—W.C.E., 18/7/77.

Under the decision of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, *vide* 77-10,071 (see No.), the land in question is open to selection and may go on for deed.—P.F.R., 2/1/78.

Mr. Edwards,—Be kind enough to give the separate amount of purchase money for each lot.—C.A.T., 5/2/78. Deed prepared.—5/2/78.

No. 11.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at o'clock, by me.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, July 24, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £87, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 23; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion 37; extent of the lot, 43 acres; price of the lot, £86; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 11.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £47, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 12.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £103, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale; Sydney, date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 21; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 34; extent of the lot, 51a.; price of the lot, £102; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN CAMPBELL LOGAN RANKEN),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 12.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-mentioned John Bowie Wilson and John Logan Campbell Ranken, the sum of £103, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

No. 13.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Sir, Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
I hereby tender the sum of £99, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 22; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 35; extent of the lot, 49 acres; price of the lot, £98; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),
The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney. Sydney.

Minute on No. 13.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £99, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

No. 14.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir, Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
I hereby tender the sum of £44, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 24; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion 38; extent of the lot, 21a. 2r.; price of the lot, £43; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),
Sydney.

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Minute on No. 14.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £44, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 15.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir, Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
I hereby tender the sum of £43 as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 25; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 39; extent of the lot, 21 acres; price of the lot, £42; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney. Sydney.

Minute on No. 15.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £43, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

No. 16.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at _____ o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £46 as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 26; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 40; extent of the lot, 22 acres 2 roods; price of the lot, £45; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 16.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £46, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

No. 17.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at _____ o'clock, by me.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £42 10s. as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 4th February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 27; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 41; extent of the lot, 20 acres 3 roods; price of the lot, £41 10s.; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 17.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and John L. C. Ranken, the sum of £42 10s., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 18.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at _____ o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £42 10s. as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 29; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 43; extent of the lot, 20 acres 3 roods; price of the lot, £41 10s.; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute

Minute on No. 18.

Police District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.
 Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £42 10s., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 19.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 24th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £44 as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 31; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 45; extent of the lot, 20 acres 3 roods; price of the lot, £43; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN),
 J. L. C. RANKEN,
 Sydney.

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Minute on No. 19.

Police District of Sydney, 1877.
 Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £44, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

No. 20.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £87, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 17; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 25; extent of the lot, 43 acres; price of the lot, £86; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,
 (for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and GEORGE SUTHERLAND CAIRD),
 The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney, Sydney,

Minute on No. 20.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.
 Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £47, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 21.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at o'clock, by me,

W. C. EDWARDS,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25th July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £54, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 18; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 31; extent of the lot, 26 acres 2 roods; price of the lot, £53; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and GEORGE SUTHERLAND CAIRD),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 21.

Police District, Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £54, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 22.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at o'clock, by me,

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £44, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 18; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 32; extent of the lot, 21 acres 3 roods; price of the lot, £43 10s.; fee on the deed £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and GEORGE SUTHERLAND CAIRD),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 22.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £44, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 23.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.—

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £49, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 20; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 33; extent of the lot, 24 acres; price of the lot, £48; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and GEORGE SUTHERLAND CAIRD),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 23.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £49, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 24.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £43, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 12; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; extent of the lot, 21 acres; price of the lot, £42; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

WILSON & CAIRD,

(by J. L. C. RANKEN),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 24.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £43, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 25.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £65, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 14; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; extent of the lot, 32 acres; price of the lot, £64; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

WILSON & CAIRD,

(by J. L. C. RANKEN),

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 25.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £65, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 26.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and G. S. Caird.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 25th day of July, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at o'clock, by me,—

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £101, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 23rd November, 1857; date on which last offered for sale, 31st December, 1857; lot at last sale, 15; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; extent of the lot, 53 acres; price of the lot, £100; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and GEORGE SUTHERLAND CAIRD.)

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sydney.

Minute on No. 26.

Police District of Sydney, 25 July, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken, the sum of £101, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 27.

Memorandum by Mr. W. C. Edwards.

I HAVE not registered or submitted the enclosed applications made by Messrs. Wilson, Caird, & Ranken, as I have been waiting for a decision upon an application (herewith) made by L. E. Threlkeld under similar circumstances, but which I have not yet been able to obtain.

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The circumstances of the case are these, viz. :—In the year 1858 it appears from my registers that several portions of land were withdrawn from auction selection by a paper numbered 58-10,350, which paper has been lost for some years past, but the original plans do not show the land as withdrawn, nor can it be traced that they were ever gazetted as withdrawn. In looking carefully over my registers, I find that in several instances the withdrawal has been struck out and purchasers' names entered opposite the lots, some of them as far back as the year 1859.

When the present Minister for Lands was last in office he, it will be seen from the enclosed papers, looked upon the withdrawal in question as an error, and allowed certain selections to stand of portions that had been withdrawn by this number.

The enclosed applications were refused by me when tendered, but the applicants insisted upon my accepting them, as I could assign no reason whatever for the withdrawal of the land from selection. I then accepted them provisionally, subject to any Ministerial decision that might be arrived at hereafter; and I would now respectfully request that the Honorable the Minister for Lands will direct whether these applications are to be received or not, and that I may have definite instructions as to how I am to act for the future when similar applications are tendered to me.

23 August, 1877.

W. C. EDWARDS.

Minutes on No. 27.

By the Under Secretary.

It appears to me that the decision given by the Minister for Lands, in his minute of the 10th August, 1876, on papers will justify the acceptance of these applications, provided there are none for the same portions of previous date. The action for withdrawal does not seem to have been formally completed, and, unless it is considered desirable to submit the land again to public auction, I see no legal objection to the selections being upheld.—W. W. S., 23 Aug., 1877.

By the Minister for Lands.

As I have an interest in one of the applications herewith (acquired before I lately assumed office) I wish my Honorable Colleague the Colonial Secretary would kindly consider the matter and decide it.—T. G., 24 August, 1877.

By the Colonial Secretary.

The provisions of the Act of 1861 authorize the withdrawal of past auction land from selection, for the purpose of submittal again to auction.

It should be ascertained whether or not these lands were so offered at auction after their withdrawal. If not, the supposition is strengthened that the withdrawal was not intended to be completed.

The supposed withdrawal, however, appears to have taken place in 1858, when the old law was in force. The 12th clause of that law is stronger in favour of the right of the purchaser than the 25th clause of law of 1861, for it does not appear to justify withdrawal, but says "shall and may be sold, &c."—JOHN R.

I should like to see the register Mr. Edwards refers to and any other proof there may be, whether absolutely or by implication, that there was Ministerial authority for withdrawal given.—JOHN R.

Mr. Edwards has brought me the register alluded to, and I find that on it is merely the words "Withdrawn, 58-10,350," and I am informed that the paper alluded to cannot be found. I should like to know now at what time the paper was last seen, and whether or not such an entry in the register has been heretofore considered a proof of Ministerial authority for withdrawal. There are several inquiries of mine above written to which no replies have been given. I should like each of them to be answered, as well as those I have now added.—JOHN R., 10/9/1877.

By Mr. Edwards.

For the information of the Colonial Secretary the following particulars are given :—

1st. The lands referred to in the enclosed applications have never been re-offered since withdrawal, and the withdrawal was not completed, as the land agents were never informed.

2nd. The paper 58-10,350 was last seen in 1873; but the withdrawal of the portions enumerated in the schedule accompanying that paper must apparently have been incomplete, as in many cases, even so far back as in 1859, lands withdrawn by that paper have been selected, and the selections have not been questioned.

3rd. I find on further examination the registers show that in some cases a subsequent withdrawal has been made of certain portions withdrawn by 58-10,350, in order that they should be brought again to auction; therefore I conclude the withdrawal under the missing paper has been ignored and the selectors upheld in their rights, and there can be no reason why, I presume, the remaining lands in the schedule attached to the missing paper should be withheld from selection.—W. C. E., 14/9/77.

By the Colonial Secretary.

These papers have unfortunately been mislaid for some considerable time, otherwise (I) should have written upon them that the land must be considered to have been open to past auction selection at the time the past auction selection occurred. I think, however, that the Secretary for Lands would act wisely if in future all lands past auction, say for two years, should be again submitted for auction, and that on an intimation of that intention they should be withdrawn from past auction selection until again offered at auction.—JOHN R.

No. 28.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, with price of lot and deed fee, at 10-30 o'clock, by me.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £16 19s. 9d., as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described :—

Place

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 24th August, 1858; lot at last sale, 7; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 12 acres 3 roods 6 perches; price of the lot, £15 19s. 9d.; fee on the deed, £1—£16 19s. 9d.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,
Singleton.

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

By his Agent,—H. O. ROBERTSON.

Minutes on No. 28.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexander Bowman, the sum of £16 19s. 9d., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deed—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071 Aln., 15/1/78.

No. 29.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

G.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, at 10:30 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £21 15s. 8d., as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lot at last sale, 10; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 20 acres 3 roods 8 perches; price of the lot, £23 7s. 10d., less £2 12s. 2d. forfeited; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,

Singleton,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Per H. O. ROBERTSON.

Minutes on No. 29.

Police District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexander Bowman, the sum of £21 15s. 8d., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deed—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071, Alienation.

No. 30.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

G.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, at 10:30 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £150, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lots at last sale, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 115 acres and 32 perches*; price of the lot, £144; fee on the deed, £6.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,

Singleton,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Per H. O. ROBERTSON.

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Minutes on No. 30.

Police District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexander Bowman, the sum of £150, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

Mr. Edwards,—The plan of these portions shows them to be withdrawn.—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071, Alienation, 15/1/78.

No. 31.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

G.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, at 10:30 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £12 9s. 9d., as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lot at last sale, 8; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 11 acres 1 rood 38 perches; price of the lot, £12 18s. 6d., less deposit £1 8s. 9d. forfeited; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,

Singleton,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Per H. O. ROBERTSON.*Minutes on No. 31.*

Police District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexander Bowman, the sum of £12 9s. 9d., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deeds—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071 Alienation, 15/1/78.

No. 32.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

I.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, at 10:30 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £13 15s. 5d., as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lot at last sale, 9; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 12 acres 3 roods 6 perches; price of the lot, £14 7s. 7d., less £1 12s. 2d. forfeited; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,

Singleton,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Per H. O. ROBERTSON.*Minutes on No. 32.*

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexr. Bowman, the sum of £13 15s. 5d., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney. Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deed—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071 Aln., 15/1/78.

No. 33.

Application by Mr. A. Bowman.

G.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 17th day of September, 1877, at 10:30 o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £235 5s., as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 19th July, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 25th August, 1858; lots at last sale, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Manly Cove; extent of the lot, 179 acres, 2 roods, 16 perches*; price of the lot, £225 5s.; fee on the deed, £10—£235 5s.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER BOWMAN,
Singleton.

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Sydney.

Per H. O. ROBERTSON.

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27	14	1	24
28	14	1	24

Minutes on No. 33.

Police District of Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named Alexander Bowman, the sum of £235 5s., being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney. Mr. Edwards,—Should these go on for deed—they are noted on plan as withdrawn?—J.J.W. *Vide* decision on 77-10,071, Alienation, 15/1/78.

No. 34.

Application by Messrs. J. B. Wilson and J. L. C. Ranken.

L.

Application to select Crown Lands.

Received this 11th day of December, 1877, at o'clock, by me, with price of lot and deed fee.

W. C. EDWARDS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, District of Sydney.

Sir,

Land District of Sydney, 24 July, 1877.

I hereby tender the sum of £44, as the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands hereunder described:—

Place of sale, Sydney; date on which last advertised, 1st February, 1858; date on which last offered for sale, 10th March, 1858; lot at last sale, 28; county, Cumberland; parish or place, Willoughby; portion, 42; extent of the lot, 21 acres 2 roods; price of the lot, £43; fee on the deed, £1.

I am, &c.,

J. L. C. RANKEN,

The Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands,
District of Sydney.

Sydney,

(for JOHN BOWIE WILSON and JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RANKEN.)

Minute on No. 34.

Police District of Sydney, 11 December, 1877.

Received by me this day, from the above-named John B. Wilson and John L. C. Ranken, the sum of £14, being the price by selection (and deed fee) of the Crown Lands above described.—W. C. EDWARDS, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Sydney.

No. 35.

Mr. J. McElhone, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 8 February, 1879.

I have the honor to advise you that I was informed by Mr. Coonan that a large quantity of land somewhere in the Manly Beach District was taken up as after auction selections, I believe, through Dr. Wilson, and that different people had applied for the same land and were refused it, on the ground that it was withdrawn from sale, to which effect there was a memorandum in the Land Office books; and that after the sale this memorandum—"withdrawn from sale"—was erased, and that the book shows such to be the case.

I have the honor to request that you will cause a strict inquiry to be held in this matter, with a view to the dismissal of the party who allowed this to be done.

I have, &c.,

J. McELHONE.

Minutes on above.

(By Minister for Lands.)

Urgent. Under Secretary for Lands,—I wish Mr. Stephen to appoint two of his most reliable and trustworthy officers to investigate this case, by the inspection of the records and after auction register in the Auction Branch, &c., with the view of ascertaining whether the charge embodied in this letter can be substantiated, and afterwards to report to me.—J.H., 12/2/79.

(By Under Secretary.)

Urgent. Messrs. Thompson and Blackman have, with the approval of the Minister, been appointed to make the above inquiry. It should be attended to at once.—W.W.S., 13/2/79.

No. 36.

Memorandum by Mr. L. G. Thompson.

Mr. Edwards,

Mr. McElhone's charge is "that a large quantity of land somewhere in the Manly Beach district was taken up as an after auction selection, through Dr. Wilson, and that different people had applied for the same land and were refused it on the ground that it was withdrawn from sale."

Will you, in furtherance of the inquiry which Mr. Blackman and I have been instructed to make into the matter, please furnish tabulated particulars of the land selected through Dr. Wilson, and of the previous applications referred to.

L.G.T., 14/2/79.

There was no land in the Manly Beach district taken up as an after auction selection by Dr. Wilson. The lands that were open to selection in the district of Manly Beach were taken up by C. E. Threlkeld and Alexander Bowman, who were the first applicants for the land in question.

My register can be inspected as to the facts stated, if it is thought necessary.

W. C. EDWARDS,
Crown Lands Agent, Sydney.

No. 37.

Memorandum by Messrs. Blackman and Thompson.

We beg to say that, in compliance with the directions of the Minister for Lands, we have investigated the charges made in Mr. McElhone's letter of 8th February, 1879, by the inspection of the records and registers of the Auction Branch, and by the examination of Mr. Edwards, the officer in charge, and have the honor to submit the following statement of facts and report.

In 1858 allotments of land in various districts of the Colony, which had been put up to auction sale and not bid for, were noted in the registers of the Auction Branch as "withdrawn," on the authority of a memo. 58-10,350, which has been lost since 1873, and the purport of which cannot now be ascertained; but in October, 1859, William O'Bryan was allowed to take up some of these allotments at Corowa as after auction selections, and it is hardly probable that he would have been allowed to do so if there was any intention to take further action on the memo. of 1858, in which case an explanatory memo. would have been indorsed on O'Bryan's application, as to why the authority of 1858 had been so far set aside in his favour; but nothing of this kind was done, and no steps were taken to instruct the several Land Agents to note these allotments as "withdrawn" in their registers, or to have them so recorded on the plans of the Survey Department.

In March, 1876, Patrick Dunn took up at Corowa, as after auction selections, more of the allotments "withdrawn" by the memo. of 1858.

His application was afterwards cancelled in this Department, on account of the lands being noted in the registers "withdrawn," but his case was submitted to Mr. Secretary Garrett, who decided that he should be allowed to hold the allotment, "there appearing no reason for the withdrawal from selection; and O'Bryan having been allowed a few months after the lands were first offered for sale to select lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, leads me (writes Mr. Garrett) to the conclusion that no valid reason existed for the withholding of the portions at the time, indeed I am inclined to the conclusion that the record of the withdrawal from selection is an error."

On the 16th July, 1877, Mr. Garrett, as agent for L. E. Threlkeld, lodged an application with Mr. Edwards for certain allotments at Manly Cove, also "withdrawn" by the memo. of 1858, and Messrs. Wilson and Ranken, on the 24th and 25th July, lodged similar applications for allotments at Willoughby (and it is presumed that these are the ones referred to by Mr. McElhone, although they are not in Manly but in the next parish), but their applications were refused on the ground that the lots applied for were noted "withdrawn" in the registers; but as these gentlemen insisted on their applications being received, Mr. Edwards accepted them provisionally, subject to the decision of the Secretary for Lands.

On the 17th September, 1877, Mr. Alexander Bowman lodged applications for certain allotments at Manly Cove, also withdrawn by the memo. of 1858, and these various applications embrace all the allotments included in the schedule to the memo. of 1858, so far as it can be known by inspection of the registers.

On the 23rd August Mr. Edwards informed the Under Secretary that he had not registered or submitted Wilson and Ranken's application, as he was waiting for a decision on Threlkeld's application, made under similar circumstances, and then proceeded to state the general question, and apply for definite instructions in all similar cases. Mr. Secretary Garrett admitted that he had acquired an interest in one of the applications previously to his assuming office, and therefore directed that the decision of the matter should be referred to the Colonial Secretary; and after due inquiry and consideration Sir John Robertson decided that "the land must be considered to have been open to past auction selection, at the time the past auction selection occurred."

There are no erasures in the registers, but in all those instances in which applicants were allowed to hold the land as after auction selections, the word "withdrawn" is scored out, and properly scored out, in order that the names of the purchasers might be written or inserted instead.

Some months before Wilson and Ranken applied for the lands referred to, several individuals did apply to Mr. Edwards, not to purchase the same lands at Willoughby, but to know how they stood, and were informed by him that they were "withdrawn" and could not be taken up as after auction selections, and the word "withdrawn" was shown to them in the registers noted against them. It is probable these are the gentlemen referred to in Mr. McElhone's letter as having been refused the land, as Messrs. Threlkeld and Bowman were the only applicants for the lands they sought to take up.

These being the material facts, it is clear that a serious oversight took place in the Auction Branch. Mr. Garrett's decision on Dunn's case in 1876 did not merely determine that the land applied for by him should not be considered "withdrawn," but that all the allotments in the schedule to the memo. should not be considered as "withdrawn," for all these lands were so far in the same category; and if there was no real or apparent reason why one lot should be held to be "withdrawn," there was no reason why any of them should. The lands dependent on the memo. of 1858 should have been dealt with as a whole, and the

the word "withdrawn" scored out against each allotment; or if formal authority was thought necessary, it ought, as a matter of course, to have been immediately applied for, and would have been as readily and inevitably given in 1876 as it was subsequently in 1877 by Sir John Robertson, when Mr. Edwards did apply, but too late; as some individuals had been informed by him already that the Willoughby allotments were not open to selection, when, if the notations in the registers had been duly rectified, in 1876, these allotments would have stood open to selection, and the parties in question might have purchased, if so disposed, several months before Wilson and Ranken tendered their applications.

WM. BLACKMAN.
LINDSAY G. THOMPSON.

21 February, 1879.

Minute on above, by the Under Secretary.

Submitted for the information of the Minister.—W.W.S., 22nd February, 1879.

No. 38.

Minute by Secretary for Lands.

THE report of the gentlemen who were appointed by me to investigate the charges made by Mr. McElhone, M.P., in his letter of February 8th, 1879, confirms the impression I had previously formed, that the mode of transacting business in the Auction Branch has hitherto been very unsatisfactory.

It appears that allotments of land in different districts of the Colony were noted in the registers of the Auction Branch as "withdrawn," on the authority of a minute or memorandum which it is stated has been lost, and the precise terms of which cannot now be ascertained. The loss of this official document affords striking evidence of the carelessness and laxity of supervision which have prevailed in the transaction of business in this branch of the Department.

It further appears that two persons, Mr. William O'Bryan and Mr. Patrick Dunn, were allowed to make after auction selections which had been included in a Schedule of lands "withdrawn," by virtue of the minute or memorandum alluded to, notwithstanding that this authority had been adduced as a bar to such purchases on applications previously made by other persons. Not only is this course indefensible in itself, but there is no justification for acting at all on a document which is said to have existed but is now lost, and which has never been shown to have received Ministerial authority or sanction.

No explanation is afforded of how Messrs. Wilson and Ranken obtained a knowledge of the alleged existence of that document, but it is perfectly clear that these gentlemen must have known of the action taken in the cases of Messrs. O'Bryan and Dunn, or otherwise they would not have insisted on their applications for the allotment at Willoughby being received, when (as the result of the investigation into this case has disclosed) several other individuals had previously applied to Mr. Edwards to know in what position these same allotments stood (and it might have been reasonably conjectured that they did so with the view of applying to purchase them), and were informed that they could not be taken up as after auction selections, and the word "withdrawn" was shown to them in the register noted against them.

I am constrained, from a careful consideration of the report before me and all the circumstances, to believe Messrs. Wilson and Ranken must have had opportunities afforded them either of inspecting the register of after auction selections, by which they became aware of the fact that Messrs. O'Bryan and Dunn had been allowed to purchase some allotments of land which were included in the schedule with the allotments at Willoughby, or otherwise that they had been furnished by some officer employed in the Auction Branch, with such information as warranted them in insisting on their applications for the allotments of land at Willoughby being received.

It appears to me that Mr. Edwards, the officer in charge of the Auction Branch, has been guilty of an oversight amounting to a grave neglect of duty, in not submitting the whole matter (after the decision in O'Bryan's and Dunn's cases) for the determination of the Minister for Lands for the time being, and obtaining Ministerial authority for the revocation of the withdrawal of the allotments at Manly and Willoughby from after auction selection before acting further, seeing that, from his own statement, these lands were included in the same Schedule with the allotments previously purchased by Messrs. O'Bryan and Dunn.

I regret that, with these facts before me, I cannot allow Mr. Edwards to remain in charge of the Auction Branch.

J. H., 10/3/79.

No. 39.

Messrs. Wilson & Ranken to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 15 March, 1879.

Mr. Edwards having shown us an extract from a minute laid before the Cabinet, in which you state, with the apparent object of casting blame on Mr. Edwards as head of the Auction branch, that "Messrs. Wilson & Ranken must have had opportunities afforded them either of inspecting the register after auction selections, by which they became aware of the fact that Messrs. O'Bryan and Dunn had been allowed to purchase some allotments of land which were included in the Schedule with the allotments at Willoughby or otherwise, that they had been furnished by some officer employed in the Auction Branch with such information as warranted them in insisting on their applications for the allotments of land at Willoughby being received."

Now sir, in justice to Mr. Edwards and other gentlemen in the Auction Branch, we beg respectfully to give the above statement the most *unqualified denial*. No information of any kind was received by us from any officer of the Department, nor were we allowed to examine any register or books; in short that not only Mr. Edwards, but all the other officers in the Branch are absolutely blameless as regards the matter, and in no way amenable to the implied censure contained in the above statement.

If, sir, the records of the Lands Office had been searched, you would have found that we acted as Mr. Dunn's agents in the case after the selections had been made by him. Thus, in the legitimate course of business, becoming acquainted with the circumstances connected with the case, and the simple fact is that we knew our rights and acted upon them.

Our

Our attention was drawn to the state of the Willoughby lots by Mr. A. Armstrong, who has furnished us with a statutory declaration on the subject, which we now enclose, entirely clearing the officers of the Branch of any complicity or underhand conduct in the matter.

In conclusion, we would beg respectfully to state that if you will take the trouble to make the necessary inquiries from the officers of the Department, you will find that whatever other land agents may have done, Messrs. Wilson and Ranken have never condescended to resort to underhand means to acquire information, but have always acted in the most straightforward and open manner.

Seeing that this matter has been brought so prominently before the Cabinet, we have particularly to request that you will be pleased, not only on Mr. Edwards' account, but also on ours, to lay this letter before the Cabinet also.

We have, &c.,
WILSON & RANKEN.

[Enclosure to No. 39.]

Statutory declaration.

I, ANDREW ARMSTRONG, of 26, Bridge-street, Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have heard that it is alleged that certain clerks in the Department of Lands have acted erroneously in conveying information respecting certain lands in parish of Willoughby, alienated to J. B. Wilson, J. C. L. Ranken, and G. S. Caird; that the information that the lands referred to were available was conveyed by me to the parties who have since purchased; that no item of any such information was conveyed to me by any clerk or person in the Department of Lands; that I obtained such information by inspection of plan in the Survey Department, which showed the land as having passed auction, and had no notification of withdrawal noted thereon; that I attended with Mr. J. C. L. Ranken at the time such applications were made, and that the Sydney Land Agent refused acceptance of application and price of land, and only provisionally received the same upon the acceptance being insisted on by Mr. J. C. L. Ranken. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

A. ARMSTRONG.

Made and signed before me, at
this fourteenth day of March, 1879,—

GEORGE R. DIEBS, J.P.

No. 40.

Memorandum by Mr. Edwards.

Sir,

In reference to the enclosed report of Messrs. Blackman and Thompson respecting certain charges made by Mr. McElhone, M.L.A., in the management of the Auction Branch of your Department, the result of which has been to condemn me unheard, and to cause my removal from the charge of that important Branch, I desire that leave may be given to me to reply to the main features of that report.

Messrs. Thompson and Blackman, it is well known, fill their important positions in the Department with credit to themselves and with general satisfaction to the public, but I respectfully submit that their duties have confined their knowledge of the working of the Department strictly to those positions with which they have been immediately connected, and, as is clearly shown by their report, they do not exhibit the possession of knowledge respecting Branches over which the course of their duties has brought them into immediate connection.

The deduction drawn by you from this report is clearly expressed, and is in effect that Messrs. Wilson and Ranken, purchasers of land at Willoughby, must have had information conveyed to them which enabled them to know that, by insisting upon their applications for the purchase of that land being received by the Department, they would be placed in a position to claim legal title to the land.

The land referred to was noted in the books of the Lands Department as withdrawn. *Vide* 58-10,350.

During my connection with the Department, on several occasions parties applied to me for information in the usual course, as to whether such land was available for alienation under the 25th section of the Act of 1861. To all the reply was given that the land had been withdrawn from sale.

I have no recollection of ever conveying any further information respecting these or any other lands withdrawn by the same paper; in fact, events which took place at the time applications were tendered clearly prove that any information respecting the land had not been obtained at my branch of the department. On the day the applications were tendered, Mr. J. L. C. Ranken, accompanied by Mr. Armstrong, waited upon me with forms of application filled in in every detail, describing two of the lots, date of sale, and price, and tendered the same to me in the usual manner. I refused to receive the application, and Mr. Armstrong asked on what grounds, as the official plans showed the land available. I said, because my books show that they have been withdrawn. He said that the official plans in the Survey Office showed the land as available, and insisted upon the application being provisionally received and the matter submitted for Ministerial consideration, the same as Mr. Garrett on behalf of Mr. Threlkeld had previously done. This is all that took place respecting the alienation of the land at Willoughby to Messrs. Wilson and Ranken. The withdrawal of these lots is supposed to have taken place many years before my connection with the Department. No officer at present in the Department, I believe, ever saw the paper which it is supposed directed their withdrawal. It appears to have been noted in the books of the Auction Branch in the year 1858 against some hundreds of lots; and I have reason to believe that but little further action was taken during that year with reference thereto, as the result of the action in the case of O'Bryan and Dunn shows that the respective country Land Agents in that instance had no instructions to note withdrawal shown by my books to have been directed, and action in Messrs. Wilson and Ranken's case shows that no notification of withdrawal had been made on original plans of the land.

Had Messrs. Blackman and Thompson possessed a general knowledge of the working of the Lands and Survey Departments, it is possible that they would have seen the probability of an inspection of the plans of survey conveying the information, which no doubt led to Messrs. Wilson and Ranken insisting upon their applications being received.

Their report shows also that, in their opinion, I must have allowed examination of my books to be made and the information to have been thus conveyed. In this case no examination of the books was made; but I have yet to learn that it is the duty of any Public Servant to refuse to the public the fullest information conveyed by the books in his charge—even in certain cases to the examination of an entry; and that even if an inspection by Messrs. Wilson and Ranken of the notation opposite the entries of the Willoughby lots, I would have been wrong in admitting examination of such entry.

17th March, 1879.

I have, &c.,

WM. CONWAY EDWARDS.

Minute on above.

(By Under Secretary.)

Submitted.—W.W.S.

No. 41.

Minute by Secretary for Lands.

MR. EDWARDS has furnished a further explanation, although not in his own handwriting, but to which his signature is appended, having reference to the report of Messrs. Blackman and Thompson, the officers of the Department of Lands deputed by me to inquire into the allegations embodied in a letter of Mr. McElhone, M.P., in which he is charged with having allowed Messrs. Wilson and Ranken to obtain allotments of land in the parish of Willoughby, although these portions had been previously entered on the registers of the Auction Branch as having been withdrawn from after auction selection, while other persons who had previously applied at the Auction Branch to ascertain the position of this land were informed that it had been withdrawn; indeed Mr. Edwards, in his last explanation, admits that on several occasions parties applied to him for information relative to these allotments of land at Willoughby, and that in reply to their inquiries they were informed that the lands had been withdrawn from sale.

I scarcely deem it necessary to advert to the opinion expressed by Mr. Edwards that Messrs. Blackman and Thompson were not acquainted with the usual routine of duties performed in the Auction Branch, seeing that they have both been officers of the Department of Lands for many years; and it appears to me that, judging from the report they have made on this matter, they were fully qualified to undertake the responsible duty with which I entrusted them.

Mr. Edwards states that Mr. J. L. C. Ranken, of the firm of Wilson and Ranken, land agents, accompanied by Mr. Armstrong, another land agent, applied for the land at Willoughby, which application he (Mr. Edwards) declined to receive, but that the applicant insisted upon his application being taken, on the ground, as alleged, of the plans in the Survey Office showing the land as available; and Messrs. Wilson and Ranken in an accompanying letter have confirmed that statement, which Mr. Armstrong by a statutory declaration has indorsed.

Assuming, therefore, that Messrs. Wilson and Ranken's statement cannot be doubted, while it may be accepted as a correction of my previous surmise that they had been made acquainted with the fact of the previous withdrawal of the several allotments included in a schedule from after auction selection having been revoked, the explanation in no way exonerates Mr. Edwards from the charge of being guilty of a serious oversight in respect to this matter, in not seeing that the register of after auction selections did not correspond with the plans in the Survey Office and ascertaining which was correct, seeing that Messrs. Wilson and Ranken and Mr. Armstrong state that the allotments at Willoughby were shown as being open to after auction selection on the plans, while the register in the Auction Branch showed that the same allotments were withdrawn from auction selection; and further, Mr. Edwards' neglect appears to me inexcusable, for another reason, viz., that he had the precedent in Messrs. O'Bryan's and Dunn's cases of the portions at Corowa, which are said to have been included in the same schedule, for his guidance, inasmuch as in the first instance the revocation of the withdrawal from after auction selection took place in 1859, and in the latter case in 1876. These are precedents which Messrs. Blackman and Thompson in their report say ought to have led Mr. Edwards to have obtained Ministerial authority for the revocation of the withdrawal of the whole of the portions included in the Schedule, more especially seeing that so many persons had made inquiries at the Auction Branch for information relative to the land at Willoughby, previous to Messrs. Wilson and Ranken having applied for it.

I brought the subject matter of Messrs. Wilson and Ranken's letter before the Cabinet, and Mr. Edwards' written explanation relative thereto; but, for the reasons stated in this and in my previous minute upon the same subject, combined with the experience I have acquired since I filled the position of Secretary for Lands, of what appears to me to be the very unsatisfactory manner in which Mr. Edwards has conducted the business of the Auction Branch during the period that it was under his charge, has constrained me to reaffirm my previous decision in respect to his removal from that position.

Department of Lands,
Sydney, 31 March, 1879.

J. H.

Minutes on No. 41.

(By the Under Secretary.)

Mr. E.,—For information. When obtained, send to Auction Branch for necessary action.—W.W.S., 10 April. Seen.—W.C.E., 15/4/79. Now for Auction Branch, for action on the applications herewith.—O.R. No action for Auction Branch—deeds have issued.—C.O., 28/4/79.

No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Wilson & Ranken.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 April, 1879.

I am directed to apprise you that the Minister for Lands has had under consideration your letter of the 15th ultimo, touching the investigation made in reference to the allegations embodied in a letter of Mr. McElhone, M.P., in which Mr. Edwards (until lately in charge of the Auction Branch of this Department) is charged with having allowed you to obtain allotments in the parish of Willoughby, although these portions had been previously entered in the register kept in that Branch as having been withdrawn from after auction selection, while other persons who had previously applied as to the position of this land were informed that it had been withdrawn.

2. In a further explanation Mr. Edwards has furnished in the matter, he states that you and Mr. Ranken, accompanied by Mr. Armstrong (land agent), applied for the land at Willoughby, which application he (Mr. Edwards) declined to receive, but that Mr. Ranken insisted on his application being received, on the ground, as alleged, of the plans in the Survey Office showing the land as available, which statement has been confirmed by your letter now under reference, and indorsed by the statutory declaration of Mr. Armstrong therein enclosed.

3. Accepting, however, your statement as correct, and admitting that you did not receive information from the Department, I am to inform you that Mr. Secretary Hoskins, after having, as requested by you, submitted to the Cabinet the subject-matter of your letter, together with Mr. Edwards' further explanation, is compelled to adhere to the decision already arrived at as to the removal of that gentleman from his position as Clerk in charge of the Auction Branch.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

1883-4.

—
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
 NEW SOUTH WALES.

—
COUNTRY AND SUBURBAN LAND.
 (AREA ALIENATED SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE COLONY.)

—
Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 27 February, 1884.
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[Laid upon the Table of the House in terms of promise made to Mr. Garrett by the Colonial Secretary for the Colonial Treasurer. See Votes No. 49, of 1st February, 1884.]

RETURN showing the quantity, in acres, of Country and Suburban Land alienated since the foundation of the Colony:—

Alienated up to 31st December, 1883—

	acres.
Area within Municipalities	1,163,520
	acres.
Suburban and Town Land not within Municipality ...	100,000
Country Land not within Municipality	34,842,254
	— 34,942,254
Total alienated	36,105,774

NOTE.—It is observed, however, that these figures must not be held to be strictly accurate, owing to the fact that in the early days of the Colony no records appear to have been kept of the various kinds of lands alienated.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

(APPOINTMENT OF, AS A LICENSED SURVEYOR.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 16 January, 1884.

The Surveyor-General to The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 11 July, 1854.

I have the honor to state with reference to the advertisement in the Government Gazette respecting Licensed Surveyors, that Mr. P. Francis Adams, who has applied for such employment, has on examination been found qualified satisfactorily to perform the duties required of him, and to request that you will therefore submit my recommendation to His Excellency the Governor-General, that Mr. Adams should be appointed a Licensed Surveyor accordingly, and be gazetted as such in the usual manner.

I have, &c.,

T. L. MITCHELL.

1883-4.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.
 (UNSURVEYED CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 22 April, 1884.

[Laid upon the Table of the House, in accordance with promise made in answer to Question 1, Votes No. 55, Thursday, 14 February, 1884.]

**RETURN showing the number of Unsurveyed Conditional Purchases in the years
 1882 and 1883.**

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Number of conditional purchases taken up in 1882—in hands of surveyors...	...	926
Number of conditional purchases measured—plans not in	...	345
Actually unmeasured	...	581
1883.		
Number of conditional purchases taken up in 1883—in hands of surveyors...	...	2,661
Number of conditional purchases measured—plans not in	...	542
Actually unmeasured	...	2,119

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT OF 1861.

(OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AS TO RESERVATIONS FOR MINING PURPOSES.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 May, 1884.

Subject:—*Re* application of section 4 of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 to the reservation of large areas from sale for Mining purposes.

I HAVE the whole of the papers in this case submitted to me, and have also had the advantage of perusing and considering the case on which this question originally arose (that of reserves from sale for mining purposes) in 1879. I have patiently read and considered the report in that case of the Deputy Surveyor-General, the memorandum of the Secretary for Lands, and the opinion of the Attorney-General. I have come to the conclusion that the view of my colleague the Minister for Lands is the true one—that under the 4th section of the Act of 1861 such reserves were not contemplated. The public purposes contemplated by this section were necessarily of the same kind as those specifically mentioned, namely, sites for cities and towns, and for preservation of water supply. I think the reasoning of the Deputy Surveyor-General, in his memorandum of date 24th September, 1882, is unanswerable.

14/4/84.

W.B.D.,
A.G.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY PAUPERS FROM ASYLUMS.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 30 September, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 3rd July, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all minutes, correspondence, and other documents having
 “reference to Conditional Purchases made on Pockataroo and other Runs
 “in the names of certain paupers from the Asylums, during the years 1882,
 “1883, and 1884.”

(*Mr. Suttor.*)

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No. 1.

Application by Hugh Dick.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 154 of 1882.

District of Narrabri.

Application by Hugh Dick, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 22nd day of June, 1882, at 11:35 o'clock,—

LAMBART S. GORDON,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Sir,

22 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

Witness—

LAMBART S. GORDON,
Crown Lands Agent.his
HUGH × DICK,
mark

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Millie.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Christie, 640 acres. Commencing at a stake marked A on the south side of travelling stock reserve 657, about 40 chains east from John Robert Walsh's conditional purchase of 640 acres, bearing easterly 80 chains along travelling stock reserve 657; then south, west, and north to reserve.

Minute on No. 1.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon for measurement, if unobjectionable.—M. CANBY, 12th July, 1882.

[Enclosure

3.

[Enclosure to No. 1.]

13th section.

Conditional purchase No. 82-154; land agent's No., 82-154; land district of Narrabri; application by Hugh Dick; area, 640 acres; date, 22nd June; time, 11:35.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Christie, 640 acres. Commencing at a stake marked A on the south side of travelling stock reserve 657, about 40 chains east from John Robert Walsh's conditional purchase of 640 acres, bearing easterly 80 chains along travelling stock reserve 657; then south, west, and north to reserve.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY (for the Surveyor-General), 12th July, 1882. Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Cowper.—ARTHUR LANDON, Licensed Surveyor, 14th November, 1882. Plan transmitted with my letter of this day, No. 12.—H. PERCIVAL COWPER, Licensed Surveyor, 1st August, 1883.

No. 2.

Application by John Smith Jones.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 157 of 1882.

District of Narrabri.

Application by John Smith Jones, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 22nd day of June, 1882, at 11:50 o'clock,—

LAMBART S. GORDON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Sir,

22 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN SMITH JONES,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Millie.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Christie, 640 acres. Commencing on the south side of travelling stock reserve 657, at a stake marked v, about 20 chains easterly from water reserve 1351, bearing easterly 80 chains along travelling stock reserve 657; then south, west, and north.

Minute on No. 2.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon for measurement, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 12th July, 1882.

No. 3.

Application by John Cook.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 159 of 1882.

District of Narrabri.

Application by John Cook, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 22nd day of June, 1882, at 11:55 o'clock,—

LAMBART S. GORDON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Sir,

22 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN COOK,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Millie.

Description.

County of Jamieson, parish of Oreel, 640 acres: Commencing at a box-tree marked O on the south side of travelling stock reserve 657, opposite David Walsh's conditional purchase of 640 acres, Moree district, and opposite water reserve 248, to run along travelling stock reserve 80 chains westerly, then south, east and north.

Minute on No. 3.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst for survey, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 14th July, 1882.

No. 4.

No. 4.

Application by R. Whittle.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 160 of 1882.

District of Narrabri.

Application by Robert Whittle, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 22nd day of June, 1882, at 11.55 o'clock,—

LAMBART S. GORDON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Sir,

22 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

R. WHITTLE,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Narrabri.

Millic.

Description.

County of Jamieson, parish of Oreel, 640 acres: Commencing at a box-tree marked *n* on the south side of travelling stock reserve 657, about 40 chains easterly from John Cook's conditional purchase of 640 acres, bearing 80 chains easterly, then south, west, and north.

Minute on No. 4.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst for survey, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 14th July, 1882.

No. 5.

Application by R. L. Dunn.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 37 of 1882.

District of Walgett.

Application by Robert Laddell Dunn, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 29th day of June, 1882, at 10.37 o'clock,—

HUBERT DILLON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Sir,

29 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

R. L. DUNN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Walgett.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Roberts, 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek, to start from a tree marked *n* about 1 mile or 1½ mile below reserve No. 1,210, the line to run thence about 1 mile south; thence about 1 mile west; thence north to the creek; thence up the creek to the starting point, Pokataroo Run.

Minute on No. 5.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 25th July, 1882.

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

13th Section.

Land district of Walgett; application by Robert Laddell Dunn; area, 640 acres; date, 29 June; time, 10.37.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Roberts, 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek, to start from a tree marked *n* about 1 mile or 1½ mile below reserve No. 1,210, the line to run thence about 1 mile south; thence about 1 mile west; thence north to the creek; thence up the creek to the starting-point, Pokataroo Run.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY (for the Surveyor-General), 25 July, 1882. Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon, 16 August, 1882.—F. G. FINLEY, Acting District Surveyor. Dealt with by survey, under letter of 20 September, 1882,—ARTHUR LANDON, Licensed Surveyor, 20/9/82.

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No. 6.

Application by William Thomas Jones.

District of Walgett. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 No. 38 of 1882.
 Application by William Thomas Jones, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of
 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 29th day of June, 1882, at 10:45 o'clock,—
 HUBERT DILLON,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Sir, 29 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM THOMAS JONES,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Walgett.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Dewhurst, 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek, to start from a tree marked J about 1 mile from the north-east corner of John Waugh's conditional purchase of 640 acres; the line to run thence about 1 mile south; thence about 1 mile east; thence north to the creek; and thence down the creek to the starting-point, Pokataroo Run.

Minute on No. 6.

A certified copy has this day been forwarded to Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 24th July, 1882.

No. 7.

Application by Samuel Henry Britton.

District of Walgett. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 No. 39 of 1882.
 Application by Samuel Henry Britton, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of
 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 29th day of June, 1882, at 11 o'clock,—
 HUBERT DILLON,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Sir, 29 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

SAMUEL HENRY BRITTON,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Walgett.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Dewhurst, 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek, to start from the north-east corner of William Thomas Jones' conditional purchase of 640 acres, 82-38, and to run south to the south-east corner of the said conditional purchase; thence east about 1 mile; thence north to the Thalaba Creek; and thence down the Creek to the starting-point, Pokataroo Run.

Minute on No. 7.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 24th July, 1882.

No. 8.

Application by Joseph Smith.

District of Walgett. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 No. 40 of 1882.
 Application by Joseph Smith, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres
 unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 29th day of June, 1882, at 11:10 o'clock,—
 HUBERT DILLON,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Sir, 29 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOSEPH SMITH,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Walgett.

Description.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Dewhurst (supposed), 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek, to start from a tree marked s, about 5 miles up the creek from John Waugh's conditional purchase of 640 acres; the line to run from the said tree about 1 mile south; thence about 1 mile east; thence north to the creek; thence down the creek to the starting-point, Pokataroo Run.

Minute on No. 8.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 24th July, 1882.

No. 9.

Application by Hugh M'Ivor.

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[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 41 of 1882.

District of Walgett.

Application by Hugh M'Ivor, full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres-unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 29th day of June, 1882, at 11.12 o'clock,—

HUBERT DILLON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

29 June, 1882.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

HUGH M'IVOR,

Walgett.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Walgett.

Description.

County of Denham, parish of Merrywinbone (supposed), 640 acres, situate on the south side of the Thalaba Creek; to start from the north-east corner of Joseph Smith's conditional purchase of 640 acres; the line to run thence south to the south-east corner of said conditional purchase; thence about 1 mile east; thence north to the creek; thence down the creek to the starting-point, Pokataroo Run.

Minute on No. 9.

A certified copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Finley to measure, if unobjectionable, and his attention directed to the proximity of reserve 432, south extension.—M. CANTY, 24th July, 1882.

No. 10.

Memorandum.

Samuel Henry Britton	...	...	...	Walgett, 29 June, 1882.
John Smith Jones	...	...	...	Narrabri, 22 "
Hugh M'Ivor	...	...	...	Walgett, 29 "
Joseph Smith	...	...	...	do. 29 "
Hugh Dick	...	...	...	Narrabri, 22 "
William Thomas Jones	...	...	...	Walgett, 29 "

Pokataroo Run, county Denham, parishes Christie and Dewhurst.

Minute on No. 10.

Pokataroo Run, Liverpool Plains District. John Walsh, Thomas Elliott, and John Rennie are the present lessees.—L.M.E., 6/7/82.

No. 11.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

My dear King,

Can you give me any particulars from your books about the undermentioned old men, who, I am told, have recently been taken out of the Asylum to be employed as dummies in selecting land:—Samuel Henry Britton, John Smith Jones, Hugh M'Ivor, Joseph Smith, Hugh Dick, William Thomas Jones.

F. King, Esq.

Yours, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY.

Minute on No. 11.

These men left our Erysipelas Hospital at their own request and against our advice, as they were infirm. I had nothing to do with their object in leaving, though I was informed some days afterwards that they were to be employed as dummies.—F. KING, 7/7/82.

No. 12.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Narrabri, to Chief Commissioner.

15 July, 1882.

THE money for Jones' and Dick's selections was tendered by applicants in usual manner. The office crowded at time:

No. 13.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Walgett, to Chief Commissioner.

17 July, 1882.

RICHARD DEVINE MORRIS, stock agent, Walgett, accompanied McIvor, Smith, Britton, and Jones, and handed money to each of them as applications were lodged, telling them to call at his office for their receipts. He waited and took receipts.

No. 14.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

ATTENTION is respectfully invited to the statement opposite,* which appears to call for action to arrest and perhaps punish the abuses and breach of the law which the parties here named have obviously concocted.

It is impossible to resist the conclusion that these paupers have been employed with the design of securing land for the persons at whose expense they have been taken, and who have supplied the funds to enable them to select large areas of land by conditional purchase.

Such a design is rendered unlawful by the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, and I submit that the parties who have combined for this purpose are liable to be dealt with criminally for the conspiracy.

I would invite attention to the enclosed telegram from the Land Agent at Walgett, from which it will be seen that the money paid for the selections of Hugh McIvor, Joseph Smith, S. H. Britton, and W. T. Jones was handed to each man as he selected, by Mr. R. D. Morris, stock and station agent at Walgett, who waited for the receipts. I presume this person would be available as a witness, and could be made to state from whom he obtained the money so employed.

It seems probable that the design is that the selections should pass to the persons for whose benefit the affair has been contrived, by will, on the decease of the nominal selectors, one of whom is ninety-two years of age (Samuel Henry Britton).

Measures can probably be taken to scrutinize any such wills, and prevent probate being obtained without due investigation. Transfers of the selections could only be obtained on production of the Crown Solicitor's certificate after probate had been granted, and in the event of any breach or failure in the conditions of selection, or at the expiration of the prescribed term for their observance, an investigation could be held before a Commissioner under the Act before mentioned. At least the Minister would have to be satisfied of the due fulfilment of the conditions *bona fide*. I therefore apprehend that the law would have been found sufficiently strong to prevent any other than a temporary advantage being obtained by the persons concerned (at a cost hardly remunerative) at the worst.

The question as affecting the selections will be separately submitted; but the more immediate concern is to deal with the conspiracy which has, I believe, been concocted and carried out in this matter, and as to which I would respectfully suggest that the Crown Law Officers should be referred to.

I would call attention to the enclosed memoranda of statements voluntarily made to me at the Erysipelas Hospital on Saturday, from which it will be seen that offers were made to at least four other inmates to go up the country, no doubt with the same objects.

A. O. M.,
24/7/1882.

[Enclosure A to No. 14.]

Extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

*(Statement referred to in Mr. Moriarty's memo. of the 24th July, 1882.)

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES EXTRAORDINARY.

It is said that an Act of Parliament has never yet been passed through which it is not possible to drive a coach and six. Certainly, since the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, a very large amount of ingenuity has been exercised to take advantage of its provisions in a manner contrary to the intention of its framers. Instances of dummying have been numerous, and not always successful, for in many cases those who have employed dummies have lost both money and land. The number of forfeited dummy selections is great, and the revenue received from that source amounts to upwards of a quarter of a million sterling. The legal records show in some celebrated cases how the law has been violated; but the most remarkable instances of selection that have ever taken place in New South Wales occurred a few weeks ago, when six paupers were taken from a public asylum and placed in possession of a square mile of land each. The men, delighted with the prospect of so rosy a change, could not refrain from singing the praises of dummyism and the disinterested generosity of their patrons. This is not a fancy picture. On learning what was taking place, our reporter first visited the Liverpool Asylum to ascertain all the facts of the case, but failed to elicit the desired information. Parramatta was next tried on the 27th ultimo, and with success. At the Erysipelas Hospital he was informed by the Lady Superintendent that on three different occasions Mr. Hugh Taylor, recently Member for Parramatta, visited that Institution in company with a gentleman whom he introduced to her, but whose name she was not quite certain of. She said, however, that she believed it to be Walsh, and that he was a squatter. They came to make inquiries with reference to obtaining some of the inmates from the Institution, but for what purpose she did not know. She had heard the men themselves saying that they were going "dummying," an expression which several of them kept repeating, "We're going dummying—we're going dummying!" She knew they were supplied with clothing before they went. Mr. Taylor and a Mr. Dunn chose the men, and Mr. Walsh was introduced to her when they were going away. The Superintendent also stated that on a previous occasion Mr. Taylor took two men out of the Institution, and that he got lodgings for them in Parramatta and supplied them with clothing before he sent them away.

The books of the Institution showed that within three weeks previous to the 27th ultimo the following had been discharged:—John Smith Jones, Hugh Dick, Hugh McIvor, Samuel Henry Britton, Joseph Smith, and William Thomas Jones.

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On the 28th June a telegram was sent from this office to Mr. Hubert Dillon, Crown Lands Agent at Walgett, asking to be informed whether any of the persons above-mentioned had recently selected land in his district, and, if so, what quantity had been taken up. To this telegram no reply was received. On inquiry at the Telegraph Office to ascertain whether the message had been delivered to the Land Agent, information was obtained that it was delivered at once, that Mr. Dillon had referred to the Minister, and had been instructed to refer the *Herald* to the Under Secretary for Lands, for information. Yesterday the following telegram was received from Mr. Dillon:—"Am instructed to refer you to Department of Lands for information wired for by you on 29th ultimo." An application was accordingly made yesterday, and the requisite information promptly and courteously given. The undermentioned six conditional purchasers bear the same names as the six paupers recently taken from the Erysipelas Hospital at Parramatta, and they now hold 6 square miles of land taken up under the conditional purchase section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act. We give not only the names but also the dates of selection, the land districts, the runs on which the conditional purchases are situated, the names of the present lessees of the run, and the name of the former lessee:—

Name of Conditional Purchaser.	Date of selection.	Area of conditional purchase.	Land District.	Run on which conditional purchase is situated.	Name of present Lessees.	Name of former Lessee of run.
	1882.	acres.				
John Smith Jones	June 22nd ...	640	Narrabri	South Oreel	John Walsh,	Thomas Cook.
Hugh Dick	June 22nd ...	640	do	Merrywinbone.....	Thos. Elliott,	
Samuel Henry Britton.	June 29th ...	640	Walgett	Pokataroo.....	and	
Hugh McIvor.....	June 29th ...	640	do	do	John Rennie.	
Joseph Smith	June 29th ...	640	do	do		
Wm. Thos. Jones ...	June 29th ...	640	do	do		

[Enclosure B to No. 14.]

GEORGE Cott, states:—When Mr. Taylor came and said he wanted some men, I went to him and said jokingly "I suppose you want some 'dummies,'" at which he laughed, but said nothing. I said "I am willing to go," and he wrote my name down in his note-book. Mr. Taylor told us that we should be comfortably clothed and fed, and provided with a hut whether we worked or not, and that those that liked to work would be paid for their labour. When the other men were going I was asked to go, but had changed my mind in the mean time and refused, thereupon Mr. Taylor struck my name out of his book and wrote another instead, I think Jeremiah Connor. Although I had been in joke at first about dummies, I was asked to go with the others quite in earnest.

Jeremiah Connor states:—Mr. Taylor asked for some men to go up the country; he said they would have no work to do but to sit down on a station and take charge of a hut. He said they would have plenty to eat and drink, and tobacco and clothes, and no work to do unless they liked, but if they worked they were to be paid for it. He said this to the whole crowd. I agreed to go, and Mr. Taylor said he would take me another time; he has not sent for me yet. He said he wanted the men for three years.

John Holland states:—I met Mr. Taylor and asked him if he was sending men up the country, he said yes, and asked me if I would like to go. I said "yes, on terms." Mr. Taylor said "I am sending men up to a gentleman in the country, and you can make any terms up there." This was after the first men went. Mr. Taylor said he would be back again in a week or two, and would see me again about it.

George Wales states:—Mr. Taylor said he wanted some men to go up the country; he said there would be no work to do except perhaps to look after a few sheep; that they would have a hut to live in and plenty to eat and drink, and tobacco, and would be paid for any work they might do on the station; they would be taken up there free of expense. I went to see Mr. Taylor afterwards, and he said he would take me with the next lot.

No. 15.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

REVERTING to the matter of the conditional purchases recently made in the names of paupers who had a short time previously been withdrawn from the Erysipelas Hospital, I now respectfully invite attention to the circumstances of these cases, and to the state of the law as bearing upon them, with a view to its being decided whether apart from other considerations final action should not at once be taken to dispose of the applications and land affected by them.

I may state that, apart from the statements that have appeared in the Press, I have, by personal inquiries at the Asylum and examination of the official records, satisfied myself that the substantial facts are as follows, and I submit this as an official statement:—

Mr. Hugh Taylor, of Parramatta, visited the Erysipelas Hospital on several occasions early in June, or during the previous month; on one of which occasions he intimated his desire to obtain the services of some men for employment up the country, telling them that they would be supplied with clothing and necessaries; sent to their destination free of expense; kept in a comfortable hut, and fed and supplied with tobacco; that they would not be required to do any work, except perhaps look after a few sheep or take charge of a hut, but if they wished to work they would be paid for their labour. Mr. Taylor took down the names of several men who were to be sent for on a subsequent occasion. On another visit Mr. Taylor was accompanied by another gentleman; and the Matron of the Institution, hearing that they were about engaging men, saw them with the object of warning them against one man of indifferent character. The gentleman who accompanied Mr. Taylor was introduced to her as Mr. Walsh. Mr. Dunn, butcher, of Parramatta, was also concerned in the withdrawal of certain of these inmates, and arranged for them to be sent for on a particular day, when a coach was to be in readiness (presumably at the railway) to take them to their destination. Ultimately John Smith Jones, Hugh Dick, Samuel Henry Britton (aged 92), Hugh McIvor (68), Joseph Smith (74), and William Thomas Jones (who has lost a leg), who had been selected by Mr. Taylor and Dunn, and seen by Mr. Walsh, left the Hospital, and having been supplied with new clothes by their employers, returned those which they had worn in the Hospital.

On the 22nd June John Smith Jones conditionally purchased 640 acres of land at Narrabri, and on the same day at the same place Hugh Dick conditionally purchased 640 acres, both in runs of which Mr. John Walsh is one of the present lessees. On the 29th June, the remaining four men each conditionally purchased 640 acres of land at Walgett, on the Pokataroo Run, of which also Mr. John Walsh is one of the lessees. In the latter case the old men were accompanied by Mr. R. D. Morris, stock and station agent, who handed money to each of them as the applications were lodged, and waited for and received receipts from the Land Agent.

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On the 23rd June, John Smith Jones and Hugh Dick respectively applied through their agent for pre-emptive leases of adjacent Crown Lands to the extent of 1,020 acres each.

The enclosed illustrative sketches show approximately the positions of the respective conditional purchases, which have obviously been taken with relation to one another, to the reserves and frontages, and on a carefully considered common design. With other selections (one of which is prepared in the same handwriting as two of the others and those of John Smith Jones and Hugh Dick, and is in the name of John Robert Walsh, aged seventeen years), they embrace and command a large extent of frontage, and render the residue of little value to any other applicants.

Now I would call attention to the 9th section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, which enacts as follows:—9. "No person shall become the conditional purchaser of any land who is in respect of the land which he applies to purchase or any part thereof a servant of or an agent or trustee for any other person or who at the time of his application has entered into any agreement express or implied to permit any other person to acquire by purchase or otherwise the land for which he applies but all land applied for to be conditionally purchased shall be for the *bona fide* use and benefit of the applicant in his own proper person and not as the servant agent or trustee of any other person. And all contracts agreements and securities made entered into and given with the intent of violating or which if the same were valid would have the effect of violating the provisions of this section and all contracts and agreements relating to land hereafter conditionally purchased made or entered into before at or after such purchase and to take effect wholly or in part at or after the completion of the conditions required by the 18th section of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' shall be and are hereby declared to be illegal and absolutely void whether at law or in equity. And if any person shall in violation of the provisions of this section become the conditional purchaser of any land all the right title and interest of the conditional purchaser or of his assignee having notice of such violation and all moneys paid in respect of such land and the land itself with all improvements thereon shall on notification to that effect in the Gazette be absolutely forfeited and the said land shall again become Crown Lands open for conditional purchase or sale by auction as the case may be under the provisions of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' and of this Act."

I would ask can any reasonable doubt be entertained that the conditional purchases of these large areas of Crown Land by paupers from a public pauper Asylum, carry on the face of them proof of the audacious transaction?

Whatever course may be taken to give effect to the breach of the law committed by the parties concerned as regards personal penalties, it is not a question admitting of serious discussion that the land must have been conditionally purchased by the paupers as the servants or agents of some other person, under some agreement expressed or implied, and that it cannot have been purchased for their "*bona fide* use and benefit." The Act attaches the penalty of forfeiture to the breach of its provisions above quoted, and does not (as in some other matters) indicate any particular course of procedure to be followed previously to the notification in the Gazette.

I have not the least hesitation in recommending that the conditional purchases of John Smith Jones 640 acres, and of Hugh Dick 640 acres, made at Narrabri, on the 22nd June, 1882, and of Samuel Henry Britten 640 acres, Hugh M'Ivor 640 acres, Joseph Smith 640 acres and William Thomas Jones 640 acres, made at Walgett, on the 29th June, 1882, be declared forfeited by the authority of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, for violation of the provisions of the ninth section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875.

A.O.M.,
21/7/82.

Minute on No. 15.

By the Secretary for Lands:—I can have no hesitation in approving of the course recommended by the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases, and recommend the same for the approval of the Governor and Executive Council.—JOHN R.

No. 16.

Minute for Executive Council.

Forfeited conditional purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 31 July, 1882.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the conditional purchases specified in the enclosed Schedule be now declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette, in pursuance of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875; for the reasons stated in the enclosed report by the Chief Commissioner for Conditional Sales.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Minutes on No. 16.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Clerk of the Executive Council.—A.O.M., B.C., 31 July, 1882.

The Executive Council advise, for the reasons herein stated, that the six conditional purchases specified in Schedule be declared forfeited.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council, 1 August, 1882.

By His Excellency the Governor:—Approved.—A.L., 1 August, 1882.

The forfeiture of their conditional purchases should be notified to the parties specified on the enclosure.—W.B., 16/8/82. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

[Enclosure to No. 16.]

SCHEDULE.

Reg. No.	Land Agent's No.	No. of C.P.	Names.	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
C.P. Application.							acres.
82-157	82-157	82-157	John Smith Jones	Narrabri.....	22 June, 1882.....	13	640
82-154	82-154	82-154	Hugh Dick	do	22 do	13	640
82-38	82-38	82-38	William Thomas Jones ...	Walgett.....	29 do	13	640
82-39	82-39	82-39	Samuel Henry Britton ...	do	29 do	13	640
82-40	82-40	82-40	Joseph Smith	do	29 do	13	640
82-41	82-41	82-41	Hugh M'Ivor	do	29 do	13	640

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales,
31 July, 1882.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 17.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 1 August, 1882.

Forfeited conditional purchases.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that the undermentioned portions of Crown Lands, conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, are hereby declared forfeited, and unless again conditionally purchased, where legally open to such purchase, after thirty days from the present date, will be brought to sale by auction, on a day or days to be hereafter notified.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Registration No.	Land Agent's No.	No. of C.P.	Name.	Land District.	Date of selection.	Section.	Area.
Conditional Purchase.							acres.
82-157	82-157	82-157	John Smith Jones	Narrabri.....	22 June, 1882	13	640
154	154	154	Hugh Dick	do	22 do	13	640
38	38	38	William Thomas Jones ...	Walgett.....	29 do	13	640
39	39	39	Samuel Henry Britton ...	do	29 do	13	640
40	40	40	Joseph Smith	do	29 do	13	640
41	41	41	Hugh M'Ivor	do	29 do	13	640

No. 18.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

Pauper selections.

WITH reference to the cases of John Smith Jones, Hugh Dick, and others, in whose names certain areas of Crown Land had been conditionally purchased in violation of the 9th section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and subsequently forfeited, I have now to call attention to the enclosed applications of John Cook and Robert Whittle for 640 acres each, made at Narrabri on the 22nd June last, and to state that I find John Cook left the Erysipelas Hospital on the 13th June, and Robert Whittle (who was suffering from hip disease) on the 17th, and that they were taken to Narrabri with the other paupers, abovenamed, by the same parties and under circumstances similar to those already detailed in relation to the latter.

I cannot hesitate to recommend that these conditional purchases be also declared forfeited by notification in the Government Gazette, pursuant to the clause above quoted.

A.O.M.,
15/8/1882.

Minute on No. 18.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved. Minute to be prepared for the Governor and Executive Council.—JOHN R.

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. T. Jones.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Walgett, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 29th June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st instant.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

Conditional Purchase 82-38, Walgett.

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No. 20.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. S. H. Britton.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Walgett, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 29th June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st August instant.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 21.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Smith.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Walgett, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 29th June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st August instant.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 22.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Hugh M'Ivor.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Walgett, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 29th June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st August instant.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 23.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Hugh Dick.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Narrabri, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 22nd June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st August instant.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 24.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Smith Jones.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Narrabri, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 22nd June, 1882, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 1st August instant.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner)

No. 25.

Minute for Executive Council.

Forfeited Conditional Purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 19 August, 1882.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the conditional purchases specified in the enclosed Schedule be now declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette, in pursuance of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 and the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, for the reasons stated in the enclosed reports of Commissioners of inquiry, and of the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Minutes on No. 25.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Clerk of the Executive Council.—A.O.M., B.C., 19 August, 1882.
The Executive Council advise, for the reasons stated, that the conditional purchases herein specified, be declared forfeited.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council, 21/8/82.
By His Excellency the Governor:—Approved.—A.L., 21/8/82.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 25.]

SCHEDULE.

Land Agent's No.	No. of Conditional Purchase	Names.	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
82-159	82-159	John Cook	Narrabri	22 June, 1882	13	acres. 640
82-160	82-160	Robert Whittle	do	do	13	640
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Department of Lands,
19 August, 1882.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Minute on above.

Laid before the Executive Council on the 21st August, 1882.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

No. 26.

Gazette Notice.

Forfeited conditional purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 22 August, 1882.

Hrs Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that the undermentioned portions of Crown Lands conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, are hereby declared forfeited, and unless again conditionally purchased when legally open to such purchase after thirty days from the present date, will be brought to sale by auction on a day or days to be hereafter notified.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Land Agent's No.	No. of Conditional Purchase.	Name of Applicant	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
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82-159	82-159	John Cook	Narrabri	22 June, 1882	13	640
82-160	82-160	Robert Whittle	do	do do	13	640
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No. 27.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. John Cook.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Narrabri, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 22nd June last, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant, No. 336.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 28.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Robert Whittle.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Narrabri, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 22nd June last, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant, No. 336.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 29.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

I WOULD now suggest that the enclosed reports from the police be referred to the Crown Solicitor with a view to informations being prepared against any of the parties named therein, who may have rendered themselves liable to prosecution for conspiracy or otherwise.

A. O. M.,
1st September, 1882.

Minute on No. 29.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R.

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No. 30.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Morris informs me that Mr. Harvey Waugh called on him, and asked him to see to the selections of some friends of his on the following day. Next day he called again with Mr. R. L. Dunn and the old men and handed him £800 in notes, counting out £160 for each selection. Waugh and Dunn had a whispered conversation which Mr. Morris noticed. Accompanied Waugh and Dunn and the old men to the Lands Office, and handed the receipts for deposits to Waugh, in whose company he last saw the old men. Applied for the pre-leases by Waugh's direction, and also received from him the money for these. Has never seen Walsh, Rennie, or Elliott—knows nothing of any agreement; acted merely as agent in the way stated; parties did not confide in him further.

H. S. Mackay, local Bank Manager (Commercial Bank), probably knows where the money came from. A.O.M., 8/9/82.

No. 31.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Survey Camp, Pokataroo Run, Walgett, 20 September, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of a portion of land containing 640 acres, and numbered 24, in the parish of Roberts, in the county of Denham, conditionally purchased by Robert Laddell Dunn, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 19th September, 1882, in accordance with instructions No. 213 issued to Mr. District Surveyor Finley and transferred to me.

The applicant was not resident at the time of survey, a quantity of timber for building purposes was on the ground, but no improvements had been proceeded with pending survey.

The tree marked D referred to in the description is situated on the Thalaba Creek, at the north corner of the portion.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR LANDON,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 31.

Received, 7 February, 1883. Now forwarded to the Surveyor-General, 8 February, 1883.—F. G. FINLEY, District Surveyor.

By Surveyor-General:—This conditional purchase is not measured in accordance with description, which requires the survey to the cardinal points. Probably the conditional purchaser was ignorant of the true position of the cardinal points. In any case such a survey would be unobjectionable and not in accordance with regulations. The survey has been modified so as to be at right angles with the general flow of the creek, and it is recommended for acceptance under 13th and 14th clauses of Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1875.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 24 January, 1884.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 20/3/84.

[Enclosure B to No. 31.]

Description.

640 acres, county of Denham, parish of Roberts, portion 24: Commencing at a point bearing north 49° 2' east, and distant 137 chains 52 links from the eastern corner of portion 1 of 162 acres; and bounded thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 45° east 80 chains; on the north-east by a line bearing north 45° west 72 chains and 16 links to the left bank of Thalaba Creek; on the north-west and part of the south-west by that creek downwards in a direct line about 87 chains 50 links to a point bearing north 45° west from the point of commencement; and on the remainder of the south-west by a line bearing south 45° east 35 chains and 1 link, to that point.

No. 32.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Solicitor.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

I have the honor, by direction of Sir John Robertson, to submit to you the accompanying reports from the police in relation to selections made by late inmates of the Liverpool Asylum and the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, on runs of which Messrs. Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie in one case, and Mr. A. H. M'Culloch in the other, are the lessees or in possession of, with a view to informations being prepared against any of the parties named in the reports, who may have rendered themselves liable to prosecution for conspiracy or otherwise.

With regard to Walsh, Rennie, and Elliott's cases, I would point out that certain persons were removed from the Erysipelas Hospital through the agency of Mr. Hugh Taylor and R. L. Dunn or Robert Dunn of Parramatta, after having been selected by Mr. Walsh of the above firm; that clothes were supplied to them by Mr. Taylor and others, and the passage by rail and coach to Walgett of four of them paid by Dunn and Walsh.

I am also to add that particulars are given of the arrival of the other men (four) at Gunnedah in charge of Mr. John Rennie of the same firm, the coach seats to Narrabri being booked by telegraphic message from Walsh in Sydney.

It appears also that the undermentioned persons assisted in the making of the conditional purchase applications, viz., Harvey Waugh (selector); Richard Devine Morris (stock and station agent), at Walgett; and Rennie and John R. Walsh (manager of Oreel Run), at Narrabri.

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The foregoing is an epitome of the cases, the particulars being fully shown in my minutes, and the accompanying summary, and the police reports.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure A to No. 32.]

Sub-Inspector Camphin to The Inspector-General of Police.

Summary of statements *re* dummymg.

Detective Office, Sydney, 23 August, 1882.

MR. HUGH TAYLOR and R. L. Dunn, or Robert Dunn, of Parramatta, in company with another man supposed to be Walsh of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie, visited the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, and took out six of the inmates. They, with two other men referred to in statements, were clothed and supplied with food by Taylor, four of them being taken to Dubbo by rail by Dunn, who purchased tickets, for which he paid £10 9s. 3d.; Walsh, formerly of the firm of York and Walsh, engaged their seats by coach from Dubbo to Walgett, which he paid for with his own cheque; Dunn also paid for their food at Dubbo.

Samuel Britton,
Wm. Thos Jones,
Hugh M'Ivor,
Joseph Smith.

The four men named in the margin went to the Lands Office, Walgett, in the company of Harvey Waugh, selector; Richard Devine Morris, stock and station agent; and Richard L. Dunn, of Parramatta; the latter selected 640 acres and paid a deposit of £160.

Similar applications were handed to the four men by Morris for signature, after which he gave them the deposit money and told them to call at his office for the receipts. Morris pointed out the situation of the land on the maps. The whole of the selections join the one first selected by Dunn, and each selection starts from a tree marked with the initials of the applicant. The applications were brought to the Lands Office prepared, and appeared to have been filled in by the same person.

Morris took up pre-leases for these selection on the following day, which are on the Pokataroo Run, in the district of Walgett. About the 19th June, Mr. Walsh called at the office of Messrs. Wright, Heaton, and Company and made inquiry with reference to coach fares from Gunnedah. On the 20th June eight men arrived by train at Gunnedah in charge of John Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie; nine seats were booked by coach from Gunnedah to Narrabri by telegraphic message from Walsh in Sydney.

John Cook,
Robert Whittle,
Jno. Smith Jones,
Hugh Dick.

Four of these men were taken to Oriol Station, and their coach fare paid, either by Rennie or Walsh.

The four men named in the margin selected 640 acres each.

Rennie and John R. Walsh, manager of Oriol Run, took up selections on the same day.

Either Rennie or Walsh is believed to have taken the receipts for the four old men's selections.

The applications were filled in when brought to the Lands Office.

W. CAMPHIN,
Sub-Inspector of Detectives.

Re Dummymg.

THE undermentioned persons have made statements with reference to the persons named in the margin, lately inmates of Erysipelas Hospitals, Parramatta:—

Samuel Britton,
aged 92;
John Smith
Jones, aged 47,
wooden leg;
Wm. Thos.
Jones, aged 43;
Hugh M'Ivor,
aged 68;
Joseph Smith,
aged 47;
Hugh Dick,
aged 59;
John Cook,
aged 62;
Robert Whittle,
aged 41; walks
with two sticks.

Sarah Cunninghame, Lady Superintendent, Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta.

George Cunninghame, dispenser, Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta.

F. Thomas Adams, clerk, Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta.

George Cott, Jeremiah Connors, and George Wales, inmates of the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta.

Alfred Hughes, draper, Parramatta.

Alfred Mortimer, draper's assistant, Parramatta.

Ann Walsh, boarding-house keeper, Parramatta.

Michael Halligan, booking clerk, Railway Station, Parramatta.

John Drew, Parramatta.

W. G. Orbell, hotel-keeper, Dubbo.

D. D. Hamilton, Dubbo.

W. J. Boulton, clerk to Cobb & Company, Sydney.

R. V. Kelly, booking clerk to Wright, Heaton, & Company, Sydney.

Hubert Dillon, Police Magistrate, Walgett.

George Field, manager for Wright, Heaton, & Company, Gunnedah.

Patrick Nowlands, coach agent.

Thomas Guest, inn-keeper.

William Gordon, inn-keeper.

Thomas Curley, inn-keeper.

James Duff, inn-keeper.

L. S. Gordon, Land Agent, Narrabri.

Re Dummymg.—Names of persons referred to in statements.

Hugh Taylor, Parramatta.

Robert Dunn, Parramatta.

Mr. Walsh, of the firm of York & Walsh.

Mr. Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie.

Harvey Waugh, selector, Walgett.

Richard Devine Morris, agent, Walgett.

R. L. Dunn.

Mr. Walsh, manager of Oriol Station.

[Enclosure B to No. 32.]

Sub-Inspector Camphin to The Inspector-General of Police,

Detective Office, Sydney, 2 August, 1882.

Sir, I have the honor to report for your information that Detective Tindall and I have made inquiry at Parramatta relative to a number of inmates of the Erysipelas Hospital who were said to have been engaged by Mr. Hugh Taylor to proceed to a station up country. Statements were taken herewith of a number of persons, residents of Parramatta, by which it will be seen that the inmates in question were taken from the Asylum by Messrs. Taylor and Dunn, that clothing was purchased for them by Taylor, and that four of them proceeded by train on the 19th June, in company with Mr. Dunn, to Dubbo, who purchased their railway tickets.

I have, &c.,

W. CAMPHIN,
Sub-Inspector of Detectives.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Sarah Cunninghame states:—I am Matron Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum; I believe, on the 19th June last, I saw Mr. Hugh Taylor and two other persons—I think one of them was Mr. Dunn—at the Asylum; Mr. Taylor introduced the strange gentleman to me, but I forget the name—he was a stout man; I did not see the six men referred to leave the Asylum, but I discharged them in the morning at their own request; the six men left the Asylum in their own clothing; I had no previous conversation with Mr. Taylor with regard to the destination of these men, as it is usual for him to take men out; it was the general conversation among the men that they were going dummymg, but I cannot assign any reason why they said it.

S. CUNNINGHAME.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

George Cunninghame states:—I am dispenser for the Asylum and Gaol; in the early part of June last Mr. Taylor met me in Church-street, and told me that he wanted to get some men for a friend of his up country; he did not say who it was, and asked me if he could get them; I told him to go up to the Asylum and see for himself; two or three days after
this

this the inmates asked me when Mr. Taylor was coming to see them again ; in consequence of the men continually annoying me I told Mr. Taylor, whom I had met in George-street, Parramatta, and asked him when he would require the men ; he then produced a telegram, which he read, stating that the coaches were engaged for a few days, but as soon as his friend would let him know he would take the men away ; he did not say whom the telegram came from.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAME.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Frederick Thomas Adams, clerk in the Asylum, states :—I saw Mr. Hugh Taylor about the 17th June last at the Asylum ; he asked me if there were any strong men in the Asylum, that he wanted some, and I told him he would be the best judge himself ; I believe Mr. Robert Dunn, coach proprietor, of Parramatta, was with Mr. Taylor ; they left me in the office and went into the yard amongst the men ; I don't know what took place in the yard, and I did not see him on his return ; I again saw Mr. Taylor and Mr. Dunn at the Asylum on the 19th of June, between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, and they went in the yard again, and returned with the inmates named in the margin, and left the Asylum together ; Mr. Taylor said he wanted them to work on a station, but did not state the name of the person who was to employ them, and that there was plenty of work for any person who was willing to work ; Mr. Taylor has frequently called at the Asylum for men, and there did not appear anything unusual about his engaging the six men spoken of.

William Thomas
Jones.
Hugh Dick.
Joseph Smith.
Hugh M'Ivor.
John Smith
Jones.
Samuel Britton

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

FRED. T. ADAMS.

Mr. Adams further states that he was informed by Samuel Hopper (since dead) that Messrs. Taylor and Dunn were at the Asylum with a person said to be a Mr. Walsh ; but I, being absent from the Asylum, cannot speak of my own knowledge.

FRED. T. ADAMS.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

George Cott states :—I am an inmate of the Asylum ; about six weeks ago Mr. Hugh Taylor and another man that I don't know, came to the Asylum ; they went into one of the wards to see a blind man named Charles Obey ; they then went into the yard, and Mr. Taylor took his pocket-book out, and a number of the inmates surrounded him, and I heard him say that he wanted twenty-five men to go up country (Dubbo) to select some land, and a tall man named Bourke said he might put his name down ; Mr. Taylor said to Bourke " You stop behind," and did not take his name down ; I then spoke to Mr. Taylor and said, " Do you want men to go dummies?" ; he looked at me and said " You seem to know all about dummies"; I then told Mr. Taylor " to put my name down," which he did ; he took other names down besides mine, and said he would be in next week ; about a fortnight afterwards he came to the Asylum in company with another man and called out the names of Jones (a man with a wooden leg) and another named M'Ivor ; four men left that day, and two left previously, and I heard boarded in the town ; I told Mr. Taylor to strike my name off the list—that I did not feel inclined to go up country ; he asked me the reason ; I told him " my legs were getting very bad"; this took place in the evening, and Mr. Taylor said " There is no time to be lost—some of you have to go by the boat and some in the train"; Mr. Taylor mentioned the gentleman's name who was in his company, but I forget it ; he appeared to be in the butchering line ; he said that what men went up and could not work would have plenty to eat, and those that could work would be paid for their labour ; he did not fix the part of the country they were to go, but said the other side of Dubbo ; I don't think I could identify the man who was in company with Mr. Taylor on the first occasion or second ; Mr. Taylor did not offer any money to my knowledge, but said the men would get rations, tobacco, clothing, and those who could work would be paid for their labour, and a hut to live in.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

GEORGE COTT.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Jeremiah Connors states :—That about six weeks ago I remember Mr. Taylor coming to the Asylum ; I did not see any person with him on the first occasion : I heard him say he wanted a lot of men, about twenty, to go up the country somewhere beyond Dubbo, to take charge of a hut, and that they would get plenty to eat and drink, and clothing ; he said they would have nothing to do, but those that did work would be paid for their labour ; about a week afterwards Mr. Taylor called again, accompanied by another man whose name I do not know ; he took my name down and others, and said that he would come again and take the men away ; about a week afterwards he came again, accompanied by another man, but not the same man who was with him previously, and called out the names of some men that he took away, and I remember one of them was named Hugh M'Ivor, and another of the men had a wooden leg ; Mr. Taylor put my name on the list on the second occasion that he called, but did not ask me to go.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

JEREMIAH × CONNORS.
his
mark.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

George Wales states :—About six weeks ago Mr. Taylor came to the Asylum and said he wanted twenty-five men to go up the country, to live in humpies or huts, and they were to receive clothing and rations, but to receive no wages unless they worked on the station like another man, and those able to work he would find employment, and that they might be expected to mind a few stud sheep, but they would not be paid for that ; he did not name any person into whose service the men had to go, but said it was a long way up country ; my name was put down by Mr. Taylor as one of the twenty-five men ; about a fortnight afterwards Mr. Taylor came again, in company with another man, whose name I do not know, but I think I would know him again—he was cleaned shaved ; I also believe there was a third man with them, a big stout man ; on the second occasion he came he selected the six men out of the twenty-five names that he had previously taken, and I recollect Jones, a man with a wooden leg, was one of them ; he said he would come again in a few days and take them away and get them clothing and what they required ; a great many men were anxious to go, as Mr. Taylor said there would be plenty to eat and drink and plenty of clothes, and nothing to do ; on the third occasion Mr. Taylor, with another man, who had been with him previously, took the men away that he had previously selected ; I asked him to take me, and he said he would see what he could do for me when he wanted the next lot ; I heard one of the inmates (I do not know his name) ask the man who accompanied Mr. Taylor what sort of a place it was where they were going to, when he marked on the ground with his stick a square and said there was a big house in the centre where the gentleman lived who was going to employ you, and that they were to live all around him at certain distances apart ; I cannot say if Mr. Taylor heard this, as he was some distance away ; it was the general conversation among the men that they were going dummies, and Mr. Taylor was present and might of heard it ; the men engaged left the Asylum in their own clothing.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

GEORGE WALES.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Alfred Hughes, draper, Church-street, Parramatta, states :—That on Monday, 19th June last, Mr. Hugh Taylor told me that he would bring some men down for some clothing ; he asked me what I could supply coats, trousers, and vests for ; I told him 35s. ; he said he had to see a person at Homebush, and he would let me know ; he came down again about 2 o'clock p.m. and said those men will be down the same afternoon ; I think eight men came about 2.30 p.m. ; some named in margin ; they were all supplied with an outfit ; I think the bill was £14 odd ; I sent the goods by three boys in my employ—Alfred Mortimer, Albert Weeks, and Thomas Ralph—to Mr. Taylor's butcher's shop ; Mr. Hugh Taylor paid me this bill about two days after the 19th June last ; I saw Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Rennie, and Elliott, carcass butchers, I think, on the morning of the 19th June last, get into Mr. Taylor's buggy and ride away ; Mr. Taylor said the men were going away up the country.

—Smith, Hugh
Dick, Hugh
M'Ivor, — Jones.

Witness—W. CAMPBELL.

A. HUGHES.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Alfred Mortimer, of Phillip-street, Parramatta, states :—I am a draper's assistant at A. Hordern's, Sydney ; I was formerly in the employ of Alfred Hughes, draper, Church-street, Parramatta ; about six weeks ago, while in the employ of Mr. Hughes, I remember seven or eight men from one of the Asylums came into Mr. Hughes's shop ; Mr. Hugh Taylor was

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was with them ; each man had a new fit-out, consisting of overcoats, hats, &c., and I think blankets ; I made some of the parcels up ; I delivered the parcels with another boy belonging to the shop, to Mr. Hugh Taylor's butcher's shop, Church-street ; Mr. Alfred Hughes was present in his own shop at the time ; all the men that were fitted out appeared to be infirm ; two of the men that were fitted-out were sitting on the kerb-stone in front of Mr. Taylor's when I took the parcels up.

ALFRED W. MORTIMER.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Ann Walsh, restaurant-keeper, Church-street, Parramatta, states :—That about six weeks ago four men from the Macquarie-street Asylum came to my house with one of Mr. Hugh Taylor's men ; Mr. Taylor's man said to give them their tea, and Mr. Taylor would pay for it ; the men said they came from the Asylum ; this was on a Monday ; I gave them their tea, which came to 4s. ; about 7 o'clock p.m. Mr. Taylor came and paid me 4s. for their tea and paid me 7s. for another man with a crutch and a stick, and who said he came from the Asylum, and who had stayed with me from the previous Saturday, when Mr. Taylor paid me ; Mr. Taylor and Mr. Dunn called for the four men and left with them before the 8-30 p.m. train started ; during the afternoon Mr. Taylor's son came up and told the old men they were wanted ; they left my place and returned wearing new overcoats ; the men told me they did not know what they were going to do ; the two men that stayed with me previously, and one of whom Mr. Taylor paid 7s. for his board, left early in the afternoon of Monday. James M'Mahon is the name of Mr. Taylor's man referred to.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

ANN WALSH.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

Michael Halligan, booking clerk and operator, Parramatta Railway Station, states :—That on the night of the 19th June last I issued four second-class and one first-class tickets to R. L. Dunn, coach proprietor of Parramatta, for Dubbo ; Dunn paid me £10 9s. 3d. for the tickets ; I don't know of my own knowledge who the tickets were for ; *vide* entry in train book of 20th June, 1882.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

M. J. HALLIGAN.

Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

John Drew, of the Domain, Parramatta, states :—About six weeks ago I saw Robert Dunn, the coach proprietor, of Parramatta, on the platform of the Railway Station at about 8 p.m. or a little after ; there were four or five old men with him ; they appeared to me to be from the Asylum ; they left by the 8-30 p.m. mail train for west ; one of the four men had to be assisted into the train ; Mr. Hugh Taylor was also with them ; Mr. Dunn assisted the man spoken of into the carriage ; I believe Dunn went by the same train, as I did not see him afterwards ; I saw Mr. Taylor on the platform after the train left.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

JOHN DREW.

Copy of entry in Discharge Book.

This man walks with two sticks.	1882.	John Cook, age, 62 ; an Englishman ; religion, Church of England. Discharged at his own request. 13th June, 1882.
This man has a wooden leg.	June, 1882.	Robert Whittle, age, 41 ; an Englishman ; religion, Wesleyan. Discharged at his own request. 13th June, 1882.
	June, 1882.	Samuel Britton, age, 92 ; an Englishman ; religion, Church of England. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.
	June, 1882.	John Smith Jones, age, 47 ; an Englishman ; religion, Church of England. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.
	19th June, 1882.	William Thomas Jones, age, 43 ; an Englishman ; religion, Church of England. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.
	1882.	Hugh McIvor, age, 68 ; an Irishman ; religion, Roman Catholic. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.
	1882.	Joseph Smith, age, 74 ; an Englishman ; religion, Church of England. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.
	1882.	Hugh Dick, age, 59 ; a Scotchman ; religion, Presbyterian. Discharged at his own request. 19th June, 1882.

Senior-Sergeant Bremner to The Officer in charge of Police, Eastern District.

Police Station, Parramatta, 1 August, 1882.

SENIOR-SERGEANT BREMNER, Parramatta Police, begs to report that Mr. Sub-Inspector Camphin was in Parramatta to-day, making inquiry with reference to the Parramatta paupers free-selecting land at Walgett in June last.

About 8 p.m. this day, Mr. Hugh Taylor, of Parramatta, called upon the Senior-sergeant and said, if the detective police had called upon him, he would have given them full information of the transaction. He is desirous that this should be made known to the Inspector-General of Police.

J. BREMNER,

Senior-Sergeant.

Detective Tindall to Sub-Inspector Camphin.

Memo.

Detective Office, Sydney, 3 August, 1882.

I have seen John Harvey, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Kembla," residing at No. 163, Harris-street, Pyrmont. He states that he remembers four (4) old men leaving by the "Kembla" about six weeks ago. It was by an order that they went, and he believes from an Asylum, that is, the order was from an Asylum, but he will not be positive. The order will be found at Newcastle.

W. J. TINDALL,

Detective.

[Enclosure C to No. 32.]

The Inspector-General of Police to Sub-Inspector Grainger.

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum—Dummying.

Police Department, Inspector General's Office, Sydney, 2 August, 1882.

[Important.]
On the 19th of June, four of the men out of the six named in the margin, were taken second class by rail from Parramatta to Dubbo. I wish Mr. Grainger to make the most prompt and careful inquiries to ascertain who accompanied these men to Dubbo.

Who received them there? Who paid for their refreshments? Who booked them by coach and paid their fares? Their destination? If any one accompanied them by coach? If any other similar men (possibly John Cook, aged 62, and Robert Whittle, aged 41, walks with two sticks) were booked by coach from Dubbo, shortly before or after the above date?

As the information is required with a view to a criminal prosecution, I wish the whole facts to be thoroughly investigated, and the statements of witness to be taken down in writing and signed.

The Government desires that this matter may be promptly and carefully attended to.

I send this memo. direct to save time.

EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector-General of Police.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure D to No. 32.]

Mr. Sub-Inspector Grainger to The Inspector-General of Police.

Re dummying.

Police Station, Dubbo, 3 August, 1882.

I HEREWITH enclose the statements of Mr. Orbell, hotel-keeper, and of Mr. Hamilton, Cobb & Company's Booking Agent at Dubbo, in reference to the arrival here of some old men, when *en-route* from Sydney to Walgett. Mr. Orbell remembers seeing four old men who were at his hotel with a Mr. Robert Dunn, a publican of Parramatta; Mr. Dunn ordered breakfast for the old men and left in the coach with them for Walgett; Mr. Hamilton recollects seeing the old men, but cannot say if they are identical with the persons whose fares were taken in Sydney on the 19th June last, all in the name of Dunn, and who arrived at Dubbo the next morning; I cannot learn the names of these men; it seems they only arrived here by the morning train, and left the same day for Walgett by coach; their fares were paid at Sydney, at Cobb & Company's office; the waiter, Joseph King, who was paid by Mr. Dunn for the old men's breakfast at the "Royal Hotel" here, is now at the Coffee Palace, George-street, Sydney; he may be able to give some information.

I have not been able to ascertain if any other similar men were booked here by coach about the time referred to, but I will make further inquiries and report.

E. GRAINGER,
Sub-Inspector.

"Royal Hotel," Dubbo, 3 August, 1882.

Mr. G. Orbell, hotel-keeper, Dubbo, states:—I remember four old men coming to my hotel accompanied by Robert Dunn, publican, of Parramatta; Mr. Dunn gave me an order to provide breakfast for these old men; they had breakfast in the kitchen; I believe Mr. Dunn paid the waiter, Joseph King, for the old men's breakfast; I believe this took place on the 20th of June last or about that time; the four men and Robert Dunn left the same day by the coach for Walgett; I did not hear the names of any of the old men, some of whom were very old and crippled.

W. G. ORBELL.

Witness—E. GRAINGER, Sub-Inspector.

Dubbo, 3 August, 1882.

D. D. Hamilton, of Dubbo, states:—I recollect seeing four or five old men coming to the coach office at the "Royal Hotel" here one morning—I cannot state the date; they were booked in Sydney for Walgett, and left the same day on which they arrived, by coach for the latter place; I cannot remember if any other person accompanied these old men; I did not hear any of their names; I recollect they wore coarse clothing, and strong boots, without stockings; there is an entry in my book of five fares from Sydney to Walgett on the 20th June last, in one name "Dunn"; they were booked in Sydney on 19th June last.

D. D. HAMILTON.

Witness—E. GRAINGER, Sub-Inspector.

Sydney, 4 August, 1882.

W. G. Boulton, booking-clerk to Messrs. Cobb & Company, Pitt-street, Sydney, states:—That on or about the 16th June last, Mr. Walsh, whom I knew at one time to be a member of the firm of York & Walsh, came to this office and applied for eight seats on the coach from Dubbo to Walgett; I informed him that, as the roads were bad, I would first have to ascertain from Dubbo if the coach could carry that number, and he replied that he would call in the following Monday (19th) which he did, and I then informed him that the coach could only take five, and that he had better apply to Wright Heaton & Company, agents for R. J. Nowland's coaches to Walgett *via* Gunnedah; however he took the five seats, and told me to enter them in the name of Mr. Dunn; and drew one of his own cheques for the amount, *viz.*, £21 15s.

W. G. BOULTON.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

Sydney, 4 August, 1882.

Richard Valleney Kelly states:—I am booking-clerk for Messrs. Wright, Heaton & Company, Sydney; about a month or five weeks ago, Mr. Walsh, whom I know by repute as a carcass butcher, called at this office and made inquiry with reference to coach fares by R. J. Nowland's coach from Gunnedah; to what place I cannot remember, but I think beyond Walgett, and not knowing the exact amount that the coach proprietor would charge (we being agents to book as far as Walgett), I advised him to book at Gunnedah, as he would then find out the exact fare; Mr. Walsh did not apply for a particular number of seats, but said he only wished to know the fare, so that he could give the amount to the party he was sending away.

RICHARD VALLENCEY KELLY.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum—Dummying.

Sydney, 15 August, 1882.

Hubert Dillon, Police Magistrate, Walgett, states:—On Thursday, the 22nd June last, about 10 a.m., Harvey Waugh, selector, Richard Devine Morris, stock and station agent, and Richard L. Dunn, of Parramatta, came into the Lands Office with four old men, dressed in new clothing; Waugh said to Morris "I suppose I can leave it to you"; Morris replied, "Yes, see me at my office"; he (Waugh) then left the Lands Office; applications for conditional purchases of 640 acres each, under 13th section, were then lodged; first by R. L. Dunn in his own name, he paying a deposit of £160, and received receipt for same, and left the office immediately; similar applications were then handed by Mr. Morris to the men named in the margin for signature, each application was signed; Mr. Morris gave the applicant some bank notes, and told him to hand them to me with the application; Mr. Morris then asked me if the amounts were correct; on my replying "Yes," he (Morris) told the applicants to call at his office for the receipts, which he took charge of; Mr. Morris pointed out the situation of the land on the maps; the whole of the selections joined the one first taken up by Dunn, each selection starting from a tree marked with the initials of the applicant; the applications were brought to the Lands Office prepared, and appeared to have been filled in by the same person; Morris took up pre-leases for all these selections on the following day; all the selections above referred to are on the Pockataroo Run, in the Land District of Walgett.

Saml. H. Britton,
Wm. Thos. Jones,
Hugh M'Ivor,
Joseph Smith.HUBERT DILLON,
Police Magistrate.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

[Enclosure E to No. 32.]

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Sub-Inspector Grainger.

[Immediate.]

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 August, 1882.

Sub-Inspector Grainger will be good enough to make further inquiries (similar to the former) in reference to this case to ascertain all he can respecting Hand and Miller; where they came from; what was their previous occupation; who found and paid the money to the Land Agent for the selections; who paid for the conveyance and keep of the men, &c., &c.

E. F.

[Enclosure F to No. 32.]

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Sub-Inspector Grainger.

[Urgent.]

Police Department, Inspector-General's Department, Sydney, 10 August, 1882.

Referred to Sub-Inspector Grainger.

I ALSO wish exhaustive inquiries to be made in this matter. He will understand from previous instructions what is required.

E. F.

[Enclosure G to No. 32.]

The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Commissioner.

Dear Moriarty,

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 23 August, 1882.

Mr. Camphin will see you and hand over all the statements we have been able to obtain as yet respecting the dummying, also an epitome of the same.

Perhaps you will be able to add further particulars from your records, or suggest the direction of further inquiries.

We shall not be able to get much nearer to the facts without seeing the old gentlemen themselves on the subject, but before this is done you ought, I think, to get legal advice as to future action.

Yours faithfully,

EDMUND FOSBERY.

[Enclosure H to No. 32.]

The Inspector-General of Police to Inspector Sanderson.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Department, Sydney, 11 September, 1882.

[Urgent.] FORWARDED to Superintendent Sanderson.

I wish the attached paper to be sent to Mr. Walker, for his prompt and careful attention personally. He is well acquainted with all the circumstances, as I have had to communicate with him direct on the subject previously.

Please inform Mr. Creagh that Mr. Walker is instructed to undertake the business, though out of his district, as he knows the case and the people in his former sub-district.

Sir John Robertson desires that no trouble may be spared to elicit all the facts without delay.

EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector-General of Police.

The Chief Commissioner to The Inspector-General of Police.

My dear Fosbery,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 September, 1882.

Mr. Williams has been here, and in consultation with Sir John Robertson has stated it to be of great importance that the statements of the old men who have been employed as dummies at Walgett, Narrabri, and Dubbo should be obtained, as to the arrangements made with them about taking up the land, and in particular as to any agreements, leases, wills, or other documents which they may have been asked to sign in reference to it.

Sir John asks me to say that any expense that it may be necessary to incur in obtaining these statements or any other that may tend to elicit information as to any such agreements will be met by this Department, and that he would be glad if you could depute any competent officers of yours in the localities (or if necessary send one or more from Sydney) to see the men and make inquiries.

It may be necessary to state that there is no intention of bringing the men themselves into any trouble, and if desirable they may be so assured; but of course they are liable as well as their employers, and if held harmless it should be on condition of their telling the truth without reserve.

I enclose a list of the men, and the localities in which they have selected.

Yours faithfully,

A. O. MORIARTY.

Pauper selections.

Narrabri:—John Smith Jones, South Oreel, near Merrywinbone.

Huge Dick, " "

John Cook, " "

Robert Whittle, " "

Walgett:—Samuel Henry Britton, Pokataroo.

Hugh M'Ivor, " "

Joseph Smith, " "

William Thomas Jones, " "

Dubbo:—George Mackay, Colane.

Henry Collier, " "

John Thompson, " "

[Enclosure I to No. 32.]

Memorandum by Inspector-General of Police.

As this matter is more particularly in Mr. Moriarty's hands, I send the statements and report direct to him, to save time.

EDMUND FOSBERY,

A. O. Moriarty, Esq.,

Chief Commissioner Conditional Purchases.

Inspector-General of Police.

26th September, 1882.

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum—Dummying.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 22 September, 1882.

I beg to forward the attached statements of these eight men; and in doing so I beg to state that no reliance whatever can be placed in six of the statements, the other two I believe are truthful, viz., Hugh Dick and William Thomas Jones; these two men appear to be respectable, and are very anxious to get away from the stations.

I found John Smith Jones, Robert Whittle, and John Cook, living at Oreel head station; they just potter about the station and do as they pretty well like; Hugh Dick was camped on a selection on the Merrywinbone Station, belonging to William Woods, who was an overseer at Pokataroo. Hugh M'Ivor and Samuel Henry Britton are camped upon Harvey Waugh's selection on the "Grawin," Pokataroo Run. William Thomas Jones and Joseph Smith are camped on the "Thalaba," Pokataroo Run. Jones was in at Waugh's selection for water when I saw him, and he was quite amused at the two old fellows, Hugh M'Ivor and Samuel Henry Britton saying the money was their own that they took up the land with. I promised William Thomas Jones that the Government would not prosecute him if he told the truth, but made no promise to any of the others.

The Mr. Morris mentioned by Jones, who supplied them with the money at Walgett and filled up the applications for them, is a stock and station agent, residing at Walgett, and his full name is Richard Devine Morris.

ALEX. B. WALKER,

Sub-Inspector.

Minute on above.

Forwarded for the information of the Inspector-General of Police.—C. SANDERSON, Superintendent, 23rd September, 1882. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

1. John Cook, selector on Oreel Station, states: That he had some money of his own when he left the Hospital at Parramatta, and borrowed the rest to take up the land on Oreel Station; he declined to tell whom he borrowed the money from; and the arrangements made with the party whom he borrowed the money from were, that if he could make a living on the selection he was to pay back the money and keep the selection, and if he could not make a living he was to sell the selection to the party who lent him the money.

Cook states he did not sign any agreement, did not make his will or lease his selection, and the only papers signed were at Narrabri, when he was taking up the land.

2. Robert Whittle, selector on Oreel Station, made no statement; could not get him to talk about the selection at all.

3. *John Smith Jones*, selector on Orrel Station, states :—I do not know who spoke to me about going up the country ; I was told at Parramatta that if I came up the country there was a good opening ; I do not know who said this to me ; I do not know who brought me up the country ; I was given some money in Newcastle by a friend—I don't know who he was ; I don't think I had 10s. when I came to Narrabri ; cannot say who gave me the money to select with ; I never signed any agreement or made a will.

4. *Hugh M'Ivor*, selector on the Pokataroo Station, states :—I took the land up for myself ; the money was sent to me from America, and it is well known in Paddington that I had money ; I never signed any agreement about taking up the land, nor have I made a will.

5. *Samuel Henry Britton*, selector on the Pokataroo Station, states :—The money I took up the land with was my own ; the only papers I signed was when I was taking up the land in Walgett ; I have made no agreement about taking the land up ; I took it to make a living on, and have not made a will.

6. *William Thomas Jones*, selector on Pokataroo Station, states :—I, in company with Hugh M'Ivor, Samuel Henry Britton, and Joseph Smith, came from Parramatta with Mr. Dunn, who paid our way up to Walgett ; Mr. Taylor, at Parramatta, first spoke to me about going up the country to take up land ; I did not understand anything about selecting ; I was told by Mr. Taylor that I could get plenty of work when I got up to the place ; in Walgett a Mr. Morris filled up the applications and handed us the money to take the land up with ; I have not signed any agreement, nor made a will ; I have heard Hugh M'Ivor and Samuel Henry Britton make statements that the money was their own they took the land up with in Walgett, which is false ; the money was given them by Mr. Morris, who is an agent in Walgett ; when I am brought before a Magistrate I will tell the truth as to all I know about the matter.

7. *Joseph Smith*, selector on the Pokataroo Station, states :—I have made no arrangement with any person about taking up the land—made no will ; I have no friends in the Colony, and no person to will my land to ; I don't intend to will it to any person ; the money I took the land up with was my own ; no person put me on to the land ; I knew it years ago, when I used to drove ; Mr. Morris filled up the application in Walgett, and I signed it.

8. *Hugh Dick*, selector on the Merrywinbone Station, states :—The first man I saw about coming up the country at Parramatta was Mr. Hugh Taylor, who told me that if I came up the country to a station I would get plenty of rations, good clothes, and drink ; a Mr. Dunn brought Robert Whittle, John Cook, John Smith Jones, and myself from Parramatta to Sydney by train ; we met Mr. Rennie on the platform in Sydney ; we had tea on arriving, and understood Mr. Rennie paid for it, but I did not see him ; after tea I asked Mr. Rennie where we were going ; he said, to a gentleman where we could get plenty of rations, good clothes and drink—we need not work unless we liked, but if we wished to work we would get the preference of any work on the station ; we started the same night for Newcastle and went on to Narrabri ; Mr. Rennie accompanied us, and during the trip treated us to drink several times ; I did not know who Mr. Rennie was until we arrived at Narrabri—then I heard several people call him Mr. Rennie ; we stayed at Curley's public-house there for a day ; a messenger was sent to tell us to come down to Gordon's public-house ; there we met two or three gentlemen, who told us to come with them, and we went to the Lands Office ; one of the gentlemen handed me a roll of bank notes with a piece of paper wrapped round, and my name written on it ; I did not know who the gentleman was at the time, but have since known him as Mr. David Walsh, living at Orrel Station ; I did not know how much money was in the roll of notes ; I was told to hand it over to the Land Agent by Mr. Walsh ; one of the other old men handed his money over to the Land Agent before me ; he received his in the same way I did, and same instructions ; when I arrived in Narrabri I had not one shilling of my own ; made no agreement whatever, and did not know what I was going to do until I went to the Lands Office at Narrabri ; there I signed two papers, in two places ; cannot say what they contained, only that I saw my name on them ; I have made no will ; about three weeks after we arrived at Orrel, David Walsh told me that I should have to go and live on the selection ; I saw about the selections in the papers, and I told Walsh that if I had known there was anything illegal I would not have had anything to do with it ; Walsh said, " That is nothing—it will all blow over " ; since I came out to Merrywinbone I have received a letter from the Government, telling me that the land was cancelled ; Mr. Rennie came out, and I gave him the letter to read, and he took it away with him.

Telegram from Sub-Inspector Walker to Inspector-General of Police.

26 September, 1882.

Re the dummies : the statements forwarded are copies from my pocket-book. I could not get these men to sign them. I had to be very careful and not let the station people know what I was after, or the men would have been put out of the way. I had to travel over 100 miles from the time I saw the first man up to the last. Constable Coolahan, of Millie, was with me and heard the statements.

ALEX. B. WALKER,

Sub-Inspector,

No. 33.

Memo. by The Attorney-General for Inspector-General.

To procure, without delay, memos. of all proofs in connection with Hugh Dick's conditional purchase pre-lease, &c.

To communicate with Mr. Crown Solicitor, who is preparing information and will conduct case.

To prefer information when ready at one of the Metropolitan Police Offices, as being most convenient for conduct of prosecution.

To consult Attorney-General before filing information, as one of the defendants is a Member of the Assembly, and the Attorney-General is anxious that such defendant should be subjected to as little inconvenience in the discharge of his Parliamentary duties as possible ; and as the Session is drawing to a close, some slight delay may effect the object in view.

To be particular in getting the fullest particulars from the local Land Agent.

No. 34.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Superintendent Sanderson.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 29 January, 1883.

THE Attorney-General now requires some further inquiries to be made in this matter, which should be taken in hand by Mr. Walker.

It should be ascertained where all the men referred to (from the Asylum) are now residing, and how they are engaged and supported.

They should all be seen personally, and their statements taken down in writing in their own words and signed by them, such statements of course to refer to the means and arrangements by which they took up their selections.

I shall probably be in Tamworth about Friday or Saturday next, and at Narrabri about this day week, and if necessary I could see Mr. Walker at either place if he require further instructions, but no time should be lost in attending to it.

EDM. FOSBERY,

Inspector-General.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure A to No 34.]

[Important.]

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum.—Dummying.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 2 August, 1882.

Sub-Inspector Walker will be good enough to make careful and prompt inquiries to ascertain whether any men, possibly some of those named in the attached list, arrived by rail at Gunnedah before or after the 20th of June, but probably about that date.

If any one was in charge of or accompanied them, and who he was?

Who paid for their refreshments?

Who booked them by coach or otherwise, and paid their fares?

If they were accompanied further on; by whom; and to what destination?

All other information obtainable.

This is requested for a criminal prosecution. The statements of witnesses should therefore be in writing and signed.

The Government desires that special and prompt attention may be given to this case.

Mr. Walker, knowing the facts from the public papers and from his knowledge of the people concerned who reside in his late district, may have to follow up the investigation there. In any case, I require the fullest information he can obtain. He should telegraph to me if necessary.

I send this direct to save time, but the Superintendent should be informed.

EDMUND FOSBERY,
Inspector-General.

[Enclosure B to No 34.]

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum.—Dummying.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 9 August, 1882.

I BEG to report, for the information of the Inspector-General of Police, that I have made inquiries in accordance with his instructions, and I find that eight men arrived by train at Gunnedah on the 20th June last, in charge of Mr. John Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie. Nine seats were booked on coach from Gunnedah to Narrabri by telegraph message from Mr. Walsh, Sydney. No names are mentioned in the booking office; only nine seats to Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Guest is the only person who would give me a written statement as to what he knew about the matter. I thought it best to get a statement from the Lands Agent at Narrabri as to what he knew about the matter. Mr. Gordon will be an unwilling witness, but will tell the truth when put upon his oath, and knows more than I could get out of him in conversation. Mr. Curley will give good evidence, and stated that he would tell all he knew when put upon his oath, but refused to sign any statement. Curley will prove that he sent four of these men to Orel Station, and was paid either by Mr. Rennie or Mr. Walsh for taking them out, and for their accommodation to Narrabri. Mr. Duff, of Millie, will be an unwilling witness, but I think will tell the truth when put upon his oath. John Cook and Robert Whittle each selected 640 acres, the same day that John Smith Jones and Hugh Dick did at Narrabri, on 22nd June last.

The Mr. Walsh mentioned by Messrs. Curley and Duff is no relation to Mr. Walsh, of the firm of Walsh, Elliot, & Rennie; he is the manager at Orel. He met Mr. Rennie at Narrabri. The party who kept the public-house at Gunnedah where these men stayed has left and has gone to Walgett. I did not think it necessary to go to Walgett to see him, so I have sent to Mr. Smith to see this man, and I will let the Inspector-General know the result as soon as possible after I receive it. I have had very great difficulty to get any information at all, as Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie are very good customers to the publicans. Some of them are constantly on the road, and there is a great deal of sympathy expressed for Walsh Elliott, & Rennie.

I have done my best in the matter, and I trust it will meet with the Inspector-General's approval.

ALEX. B. WALKER,
Sub-Inspector.

[Appendix to Enclosure B.]

Mr. George Field, Manager for Wright, Heaton & Company, saw a number of old men get out of the train at Gunnedah, about the 20th of June last. Mr. Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie, was with these men. One of the men had a wooden leg.

Patrick Nowland, who was acting as agent for Nowland's coaches in June last, received a telegraph message from Sydney, from Mr. Walsh, to book nine seats from Gunnedah to Narrabri on the 20th of June last. Nowland saw the eight old men with Mr. Rennie get into the coach, and leave Gunnedah en route for Narrabri, taking the nine seats booked by Mr. Walsh by telegram. Nowland also remembers seeing the old man with the wooden leg.

Mr. Thomas Guest, innkeeper at Boggabri, remembers Mr. Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie, arriving at his house by mail coach from Gunnedah, some time the latter end of June last. Mr. Rennie had seven or eight old men with him. He paid for their supper. Also thinks one of the men had a wooden leg.

William Gordon, innkeeper, Narrabri, remembers Mr. Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie, arriving at Narrabri by coach on or about the 21st of June last. Mr. Rennie had some old men with him. He stayed at Gordon's inn with some of the old men. Gordon stated that the rest of the men stayed at Mr. Curley's inn.

Thomas Curley, innkeeper, Narrabri, stated that four of Mr. Rennie's men stayed at his place; one of the men had a wooden leg, and they did not pay for their own accommodation. Mr. Curley gave me to understand that either Mr. Walsh or Mr. Rennie paid him. He also stated that he saw Walsh with the old men while they were staying at his house. Mr. Curley sent the four old men that were staying at his house in some conveyance to Orel station, and was paid either by Mr. Rennie or Mr. Walsh. This Mr. Walsh is no relation to the owner of the station; he is the superintendent at Orel, and met Mr. Rennie at Narrabri. One of the men that stayed at Curley's place had a wooden leg.

James Duff, innkeeper, Millie, can prove that four of these men were brought to his place at Millie in Curley's conveyance; they stayed a couple of days at Duff's; Mr. Walsh paid for their accommodation; Mr. Walsh told Duff on his road down that these men were coming, some few days before they arrived.

Narrabri, 7 August, 1882.

Mr. L. S. Gordon, land agent at Narrabri, states:—I recollect the 22nd of June last; four old men selected on that day; three on Orel Run, named John Smith Jones, John Cook, and Robert Whittle, and one on the Merrywinbone Run, named Hugh Dick; I believe Mr. Rennie was about the office at the time these men tendered their applications; John Rennie and John Robert Walsh also took up selections on the same day on Orel and Merrywinbone; I believe young Walsh got his receipt; I believe the four old men did not get their receipts at the time, but I am under the impression that I gave the receipts for these men either to Mr. Walsh or Mr. Rennie some short time afterwards, as they appeared to be in a great hurry to catch some cart that was leaving the town at the time; I would know Mr. Rennie or Mr. Walsh again; I believe I would know the four old men again if I saw them; I did not give the form of application out of my office; they came to the office at 2 o'clock with their applications already made out; I never saw the men before that morning.

LAMBART S. GORDON,
Crown Lands Agent.

Boggabri, 5 August, 1882.

Thomas Guest states:—I am the owner of the "Australian Arms Hotel," Boggabri; I recollect Mr. Rennie, of the firm of Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie, arriving at my house by mail-coach from Gunnedah some time the latter end of June last; Mr. Rennie had seven or eight old men with him, and he paid for their supper; one of the men had a wooden leg; I am quite sure the person who paid me was Mr. Rennie—I know him well.

THOMAS GUEST.

Telegram from Sub-Inspector Walker, Gunnedah, to Inspector-General of Police.

Sydney, 11 August, 1882.

Eight invalids left Gunnedah on coach with Mr. Rennie. The four mentioned in my report went to Orel Station. Rennie booked five seats from Narrabri to Gunnedah on the 23rd June, taking two of the old men with him back to Sydney. Cannot find out who the fourth seat was for—probably another of the old men. Mr. Walsh, who met the men at Narrabri, and returned to Orel with them, is Manager for Walsh, Elliott, & Rennie, at Orel.

ALEX. B. WALKER,
Sub-Inspector.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure C to No. 34.]

The Inspector-General of Police to Inspector Thorpe.

[Important.]

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum.—Dummying.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 2 August, 1882.

Will Mr. Thorpe be good enough to make careful and prompt inquiries to ascertain whether any men, possibly some of those named in the list attached, arrived by steamer from Sydney, on or about the 20th June; if so, who accompanied them? Who booked them by rail, and to what place? Who paid for the tickets or refreshments? Any other information obtainable.

This is required for a criminal prosecution. The statements should therefore be taken down in writing and signed. The Government desires that special attention may be given to this matter.

EDMUND FOSBERY,
Inspector-General of Police.

[Appendix to Enclosure C.]

List of men referred to in Inspector-General's memo to Inspector Thorpe, Newcastle.

SAMUEL Britton, aged 92; John Smith Jones, aged 47, wooden leg; Wm. Thos. Jones, aged 43; Hugh McIvor, aged 68; Joseph Smith, aged 74; Hugh Dick, aged 69; John Cook, aged 62; Robert Whittle, aged 41, walks with two sticks.

Detective Willmott to Inspector Thorpe.

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum.—Dummying.

Police Station, Newcastle, 9 August, 1882.

DETECTIVE Willmott reports, for the information of Inspector Thorpe, that he has made special inquiry from the Railway Station-master, ticket clerks, guards of the train, and porters, also from the officers and stewards of the Sydney steamers, and boarding-house keepers, but none of whom are able to give any information respecting the invalids above referred to, excepting the chief officer of the s.s. "Kembala" (Mr. Harvey), who states that he has a slight recollection of some old men passengers from Sydney by that steamer about seven weeks ago. He is unable to tell how they paid their fares or give any description of them, as so much time has elapsed since then. Nor yet any other information can be obtained.

THOS. W. WILLMOTT,
Detective.

Inspector Thorpe to Inspector-General of Police.

EXHAUSTIVE inquiry has been made relative to this matter, but no information obtainable.

C. THORPE,
Inspector,
10/8/82.

No. 35.

Sub-inspector Walker to Superintendent Sanderson.

Re invalids discharged from Parramatta Asylum.—Dummying.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 15 February, 1883.

I RESPECTFULLY beg to report, with reference to the above, that in accordance with the Inspector-General's orders, I proceeded to Oreel Station; I there found Robert Whittle and John Smith Jones; Robert Whittle resides in a humpy about 75 yards from the station kitchen; he obtains his rations from the station, and lives by himself; he just works about the place and does what he pleases; he refused to give me a statement, and said when the time came he would prove where he obtained the money that he took up the selection with.

John Smith Jones works in the station kitchen and sleeps in a room adjoining; he gave me a statement and signed it, which I attach.

John Cook, the other selector on Oreel Station, died in the Narrabri Hospital on the 15th December, 1882.

Hugh Dick,* the Merriwynbone selector, became dissatisfied about three weeks ago and left the station for Sydney. Dick has a brother either in Newcastle or Sydney in the Military or Police service.

*I will make further inquiries respecting this man.—E.F.

Joseph Smith I found on the Thalaba Creek, Pokataroo Run, living in a one-roomed hut made of sawn slabs and galvanized iron roof, on land which he claims as his selection. He receives his rations from Harvey Waugh, a selector on Pokataroo Run, who keeps a store; it takes Smith all his time to gather a little firewood and cook his rations. Smith gave me a statement, which I attach.

Hugh M'Ivor has a hut the same as Joseph Smith, a few rods higher up the creek, but he was not there. I found him camped upon Waugh's selection, in company with Samuel Britton and William Thomas Jones; these three men, Hugh M'Ivor, Samuel Britton, and William Thomas Jones, were camped in the same place, where I saw them on the 18th September last, and they are supplied with rations by Waugh, who, it is rumoured, has sold out to the station, but has to complete his residence. M'Ivor and Britton stated that they had been on their selections, but wore then away through illness; Jones stated that he never lived on the land that is supposed to be his selection; the two old men M'Ivor and Britton are unable to do any work, but Mr. T. Jones was over at Oreel Station working during the shearing. These three men declined to give me a statement as to the means and arrangements by which they took up their selections, but from Jones's manner I am quite sure he will tell the truth when put upon his oath. He is rather a simple kind of man, and appears to be afraid of the station people.

ALEX. B. WALKER,
Sub-inspector of Police.

Minute on No. 35.

The accompanying police reports with respect to the dummying cases of certain discharged patients from the Parramatta Asylum (forwarded here by the Inspector-General) are submitted for the consideration of the Honorable the Attorney-General.—W.W.S., 20/2/83.

[Enclosure A to No. 35.]

Oreel Station, 12 February, 1883.

John Smith Jones states:—I selected 640 acres on Oreel Run; the money I took up the land I borrowed from a friend; since I have taken up the land I had sufficient money to pay my way; I decline to give the name of the friend I borrowed the money from; I have made no improvements on the selection, nor have I resided upon it.

JOHN SMITH JONES.

Witness—ALEX. B. WALKER, Sub-inspector of Police.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 35.]

Joseph Smith states :—I took up this selection on the 29th June, 1882, at Walgett; the extent of the selection is 640 acres; I saved the money, and I thought the best thing I could do was to take up this land, much better than drinking the money; I have a hut built of sawn timber and galvanized iron roof; I am also putting up a fence; the timber in the house has been brought 40 miles; I am also sinking a tank myself; I purchase my rations at Mr. Waugh's store, about 7 miles away from here; the house higher up the creek is on a selection, and is owned by a man named Hugh M'lvor; he has a house the same as mine; he also has a tank on his selection; he also gets his supplies from Mr. Waugh's store.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Witness—ALEX. B. WALKER, Sub-inspector of Police.

No. 36.

Inspector Camphin to The Inspector-General of Police.

Re dummying.

Sir,

Detective Office, Sydney, 20 February, 1883.

I have the honor to report for your information that I yesterday saw Hugh Dick at the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, when he voluntarily made the attached statement, which was witnessed by Peter C. Abbott, Clerk at the Hospital.

I have, &c.,

W. CAMPHIN,

Inspector of Detectives.

Minutes on No. 36.

Submitted for the Attorney-General's information.—EDMUND FOSBERY, Inspector-General of Police. B.C., 20/2/83. Previous reports also herewith.—W.W.S., 21/2/83.

[Enclosure A to No. 36.]

Re dummying.

Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, 19/2/83.

Hugh Dick states :—That on or about the 19th June, 1882, I was selected with five others by Mr. Hugh Taylor, of Parramatta, to go up country on to a station; he told us that we would have our food, clothing, and a comfortable house to live in, and if we worked we would be paid according to the value of our labour; we came into the office; Mr. Taylor said, "Now you men who are going up the country come and speak to this gentleman"; Mr. Walsh was in the office and Mr. Taylor said, "This is the gentleman whom you are going to engage with"; he (Walsh) then repeated what Mr. Taylor had already told us, but added the engagement was for five years, and that any of us who wished to work would have the preference to any one else; we were supplied with clothing from Hughes, draper, by Mr. Taylor; four of us went to Sydney by the 4 p.m. train with Mr. Dunn, of Parramatta, who is connected with the omnibuses; he left us at a boarding-house in Sydney with Mr. Rennie, who had accompanied us from the Sydney Railway platform; he (Rennie) went with us to Newcastle, and I saw him go to the ticket-office at the Railway Station and he afterwards gave us our tickets for Gunnedah; we had been in the hotel there and left the same night for Narrabri, where we arrived about the 21st June; we stayed in the hotel that night, and about 10 a.m. next morning a man named Marshall (who I think was at one time employed about the Protestant Hall, Sydney) told us that Mr. Rennie wanted us; we saw Rennie and Mr. Walsh, Manager of Oreel Station; Rennie called out, "Who is Hugh Dick?" I replied, "I am the man"; he said, "You go now with this man" (meaning Walsh); I said, "All right"; the other three men were passed on in the same manner; we went up the street, and I thought I was at my journey's end; Walsh took me into the Lands Office; handed me a roll of what appeared to be bank notes; my name was on a slip of paper folded round the bundle, and he motioned me to give it to the person behind the counter; a paper was signed for me, as I cannot write, which I acknowledged; I did not know the contents of this paper; the Land Agent remarked to Mr. Walsh that this was taken up; he (Walsh) said not that; this was on some certain part of the creek which I did not know; the agent said perhaps it is different on your map; about two days afterwards we were conveyed to Oreel Station in a spring trap, 72 miles, by a person from the hotel in Narrabri called Tom; I lived at the station about seven or eight weeks; during that time I made myself useful doing little jobs; during this time I saw an account of the dummying cases in the papers, in which my name was mentioned; I spoke to Mr. Elliott about it when he visited the station; he told me everything was all right, I could commence to make improvements on my selection; I did not know up to the time I saw the account in the newspapers that I possessed a selection; I afterwards went to work at a public-house now being put up on the station; I worked there for twenty weeks, for which I was paid 10s. per week; I never went on to my selection, nor have I made any improvements; I spoke to Mr. Walsh, the manager, about three days before I left the station; I asked him to put me on to my selection, as I could not be about the station doing nothing; he told me that he was going to get water carted; that there was no tank put down; I paid my own expenses to Sydney out of the money (£10) I had earned.

his
HUGH × DICK.
mark.

Witness—PETER C. ABBOTT.

[Enclosure B to No. 36.]

Re Dummying.

Detective Office, Sydney, 16 March, 1883.

Hugh Dick further states :—That since my return to Sydney from the station, I have called upon Mr. Walsh at his residence, Surry Hills, about the beginning of February last; I told him that I had come down purposely to see him; that I felt grieved at the way in which I had been used; I told him that the engagement we had made at Parramatta was, that we were to be found in food and clothing, and a comfortable house to live in for five years; I also told him that I did not know I had gone up country for the purpose of taking up land, and I did not know anything about it until I saw my name in the newspapers; Walsh then said "I will see you at the Post Office at 10 a.m. to-morrow along with Mr. Elliott"; I was at the appointed place at 10 a.m., and waited until 12 noon, but did not see either of them there; I called at Mr. Walsh's residence about eight days afterwards, and spoke to him about going back to the station; he said he had nothing to do with it.

his
HUGH × DICK.
mark.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN, Inspector of Detectives.

No. 37.

Memorandum by The Attorney-General.

On the 19th February, Dick, who has returned to the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, voluntarily made to Mr. Camphin, Inspector of Detectives, the following statement, which has been witnessed by the Clerk of the Hospital.

I have come to the conclusion that there is in the statements now before me sufficient evidence to justify me in directing proceedings to be taken against certain persons named herein, and who appear to have combined for the purpose of defeating the legitimate operation of the Acts regulating the alienation of

of Crown Lands. I am not quite certain that I might not have been justified in proceeding under the 9th and 10th sections of the 39 Victoria, No. 13, which apply to agreements, whether express or implied, between conditional purchasers and others when the former act as servants or agents of the latter in making conditional purchases, which are not for the *bona fide* use and benefit of the applicant in his own proper person. It is clear, if the statements here furnished are capable of proof, that this conditional purchaser, Hugh Dick, was simply taken for the purpose of conditionally purchasing as the servant or agent, and for the *bona fide* use and benefit of another; in other words, that his employment was a direct violation of one of the principal provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875." It will be more convenient, however, it seems to me, to proceed by way of conspiracy. This offence will be established by proving that the several persons charged were acting in concert for the attainment of a particular object, that object being the violation of the provisions of the law to which I have referred. An information will be immediately prepared and submitted to me for approval before being filed, against Hugh Taylor and Robert Dunn, of Parramatta, John Robert Walsh, and John Rennie.

WILLIAM B. DALLEY,
Attorney-General,
1/3/83.

No. 38.

Memorandum by The Attorney-General.

Re alleged dummie cases by patients of Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta.

On taking office, I found that these papers had not been dealt with; and that the necessary information to enable the Law Department to take action in the matter did not exist. I communicated with the Inspector-General of Police, and pointed out what information it was necessary to obtain, and how in my judgment it might be procured.

To-day the Inspector-General has furnished me with a report which will enable me to initiate proceedings.

The facts are briefly the following:—

Early in June Mr. Hugh Taylor had, in a conversation with the Dispenser of the Asylum, George Cunninghame, intimated that he (Taylor) was anxious to obtain seven men from that Institution for a friend of his in the country, and desired to know how he could get them. This conversation the Dispenser seems to have communicated to some of the inmates, who were anxious to see Taylor. The Dispenser again saw Taylor, who in answer to an inquiry as to the time when he would require the men, produced a telegram, which he read, stating that the coaches were engaged for several days, but as soon as he heard from his friend who wanted the men, he (Taylor) would take the men away. On the 17th June, Taylor visited the Asylum, accompanied by Robert Dunn, coach proprietor, of Parramatta, both of whom went into the Asylum yard amongst the inmates. On the 19th they both visited the Asylum again, saw the men, and took away with them the following inmates:—

William Thomas Jones, Hugh Dick, Joseph Smith, Hugh McIvor, John Smith Jones, Samuel Britton.

There is abundant evidence that, on one or other or both of these visits, Taylor, in Dunn's presence and hearing, represented that the men taken away would get rations, tobacco, clothing, and house-room, and would not be required to work. There is some evidence (to which I attach no importance) that something was said about dummieing. On the 19th June, Taylor, who had previously seen Alfred Hughes, draper, of Parramatta, and made inquiries concerning cost of wearing apparel, called at 2 p.m. and said that some men who were to be supplied with outfits would come on presently. Soon after eight men came, and were supplied with articles of clothing to the value of £14. These things were sent to Taylor's shop, and paid for by him. Money was also paid by him to a restaurant-keeper in Church-street, Parramatta, for refreshments supplied to some of these men. On the same night Dunn paid £10 9s. for four second and one first-class tickets at the Parramatta Railway Station for certain old men (not identified, but apparently from the Asylum), one of whom had to be lifted into the carriage. Taylor was present on the platform. One of these persons was a cripple; another was 92 years of age; a third had but one leg. Four of these men went by rail to Dubbo, accompanied by Richard L. Dunn, of Parramatta. These were Britton, Jones, McIvor, and Smith. On their arrival at Dubbo seats in the coach to Walgett were taken for them by Walsh, of the firm of York & Walsh, and paid for by his cheque. The men went to the Lands Office in the company of Richard L. Dunn, and made applications for conditional purchases, which were handed to them for signature by Morris, a stock and station agent, by whom the deposit money was paid, and who pointed out on the maps the situation of the land selected. On the following day Morris took up pre-leases for these selections, which are all situated on Pokataroo Run, in the district of Walgett. On the 20th June seats were booked by coach from Gunnedah to Narrabri for, amongst others, John Cook, Robert Whittle, John Smith Jones, and Hugh Dick, their fares being paid by an agent of Walsh, of the firm of Walsh & Elliott. These four men took up selections of 640 acres each on the Orel Station.

It is with the last of these men—Hugh Dick—that I shall at present concern myself, for it is on a statement made by him that I am in a position to take proceedings.

Minute on No. 38.

By Attorney-General:—Mr. Healy (to whom this matter will be entrusted at the Police Office) will see me on the subject when he is ready.—W.B.D., Attorney-General, 1/3/83.

No. 39.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Cowper to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the plan of one portion of 640 acres, No. 16, in the parish of Christie, county of Denham, conditionally purchased by Hugh Dick, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1861, measured by me in accordance with instructions No. 58, of 12th July, 1882, to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Landon.

Moree, 1 August, 1883.

Applicant

Applicant was not residing. There are no improvements on the land, which consists chiefly of a well-grassed, black soil plain, having no natural water supply.

Applicant's starting-point is south from corner A.

I have, &c.,

H. PERCIVAL COWPER,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 39.

Forwarded to the Surveyor-General, 24 August, 1883.—J. C. P. FINLEY, District Surveyor.

Examined and chartered on parish map.—E. J. BROWN, 5 October, 1883. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—D.H.C., 25 February, 1884.

Mr. G. Lewis.—In the first instance, for re-charting travelling stock reserve and inspection of portion, then to Conditional Sales Branch for original conditional purchase; application to be placed herewith.—D.H.C., 25 February, 1884. Inspected, &c.—P.K. (*pro. G.L.*), 23 May, 1884.

No. 40.

The Crown Solicitor to The Chief Commissioner.

The Queen *v.* Taylor and others.

Sir,

Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, 14 June, 1884.

Herewith.

Referring to your minute of the 22nd December, 1882, I have the honor to return all the papers connected with this case, as it has been determined that no proceedings shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

JOHN WILLIAMS,
Crown Solicitor.

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No. 1.
Application by John Connor.

District of Dubbo.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 62 of 1882.

Application by John Connor, of age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 2nd day of February, 1882, at 11.15 o'clock,—

HENRY ROXBURGH,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,
his
JOHN + CONNOR,
mark.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Mount Harris.

Witness to applicant's mark, H. ROXBURGH, Crown Lands Agent.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Northcote, 640 acres, commencing at the south-east corner of portion 20, same parish; thence by the Macquarie River upwards to north-west corner of portion 28, same parish, and by back lines to include the area. Mount Foster Run.

Minute on No. 1.

Instructions on copy of application for Licensed Surveyor King to measure, if unobjectionable.—G.W.F., 8/3/82. Conditional Sales Branch.

[Enclosure to No. 1.]

13th section. C.P. No. 62.

Land District of Dubbo; application by John Connor; area, 640 acres; date, 2nd February; time, 11.15.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Northcote, 640 acres: Commencing at the south-east corner of portion 20, same parish; thence by the Macquarie River upwards to the north-west corner of portion 28, same parish; and by back lines to include the area. Mount Foster Run.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. W. B. King to measure, if unobjectionable. The design attached appears the most suitable.—G.W.F. (for the Surveyor-General), 8th March, 1882.

Replied to by my letter of 1st July, 1882.—CHARLES W. B. KING.

No. 2.

Application by Patrick Hand.

District of Dubbo.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 104 of 1882.

Application by Patrick Hand, over age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 9th day of March, 1882, at 10.16 o'clock,—

HENRY ROXBURGH,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,
his
PATRICK + HAND,
mark.

Witness—J. B. DELMUNTY, J.P.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Quambone.

Witness—H. ROXBURGH, Crown Lands Agent.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Carwell, No. 2 run, 640 acres: Commencing on the left bank of the Marthaguy Creek at a point distant 20 chains west of the reserve No. 1,186; thence in a westerly direction by that creek 80 chains; thence southerly 80 chains; thence easterly 80 chains; and thence northerly 80 chains to starting-point, so as to include the area.

Minute on No. 2.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. DalGLISH instructed on certified copy of application to measure, if unobjectionable, in the position evidently intended to have been described, in view of the 14th section Land Acts Amendment Act of 1875. Applicant has clearly mistaken the direction of the cardinal points. Full report as to occupation, &c. (*vide* 14th section, Act of 1875), is very necessary in this case. From its nature this case is essentially urgent.—W.F., (for Surveyor-General), 23 March, 1882.

Conditional Sales Branch.

[Enclosure to No. 2.]

C.P. No. 82-104. 13th section.
Land Agent's No, 82-104; Land District of Dubbo; application by Patrick Hand; area, 640 acres; date, 9th March; time, 10-16.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish Carwell, No. 2 Run, 640 acres: Commencing on the left bank of the Marthaguy Creek, at a point distant 20 chains west of the reserve No. 1,186; thence in a westerly direction by that creek 80 chains; thence southerly 80 chains; thence easterly 80 chains; and thence northerly 80 chains to starting-point, so as to include the area.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—For measurement, if unobjectionable, in the position evidently intended to have been described in view of 14th section Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875. Applicant has clearly mistaken the direction of the cardinal points. Full report as to occupation, &c. (*vide* 14th section Act of 1875), is very necessary in this case. From its nature this case is essentially urgent. W.F. (for Surveyor-General), 23/3/82. Mr. Dalglish, District Surveyor.

Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess.—J.M., *pro* J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor, Dubbo, 30/6/82.

No. 3.

Application by John Miller.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Coonamble.

No. 81 of 1882.

Application by John Miller, of full age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 16th day of March, 1882, at 10 o'clock a.m.,—

C. C. BEALE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Sir,

16 March, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. I hold no other conditional purchase.

I am, &c.,

JOHN MILLER,

Care of Mr. R. Peek, 4, Wentworth Court,
Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Merri, 640 acres: Commencing at a point on the right bank of the Marthaguy Creek, distant 20 chains south of the south boundary of water reserve No. 562; thence southerly about 80 chains along the Marthaguy; thence by side and end lines to embrace the areas.

Minute on No. 3.

Conditional Sales Branch,—Copy has this day been sent to Mr. District Surveyor Dalglish.—J.S., 4 April, 1882.

[Enclosure to No. 3.]

C.P. No. 82-81, 13th section, Land Agent's No. 82-81.

Land District of Coonamble; application by John Miller; area, 640 acres; date, 16 March; time, 10.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish Merri, 640 acres: Commencing at a point on the right bank of the Marthaguy Creek, distant 20 chains south of the south boundary of water reserve No. 562; thence southerly about 80 chains along the Marthaguy; thence by side and end lines to embrace the area.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor General:—Mr. District Surveyor Dalglish to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.S. (for Surveyor-General), 4 April, 1882.

Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess.—J.M., *pro* J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor, Dubbo, 30 June, 1882.

No. 4.

Application by Henry Collier.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Dubbo.

No. 125 of 1882.

Application by Henry Collier, of age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 30th day of March, 1882, at 11-55 o'clock,—

HENRY ROXBURGH,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Sir,

30 March, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

HENRY COLLIER,

Colane, Coonamble.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Description.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Goolagoola, 640 acres: Commencing at a point on the right bank of Crooked Creek, distant 30 chains north-westerly from the intersection of the north-western boundary of water reserve No. 1,526 with the Crooked Creek; thence north-westerly along the Crooked Creek; thence north-easterly to boundary fence of Pentagon Run; thence south-easterly; thence north-westerly to point of commencement, to include area applied for. Pentagon Run.

Minute on No. 4.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. W. King instructed on certified copy of application, to measure, if unobjectionable.—G.W.F., 19th April, 1882.

[Enclosure to No. 4.]

Thirteen section.

Conditional Purchase No. 82-125, Land Agent's No. 82-125.

Land District of Dubbo; application by Henry Colher; area, 640 acres; date, 30 March; time, 11.55.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Goolagoola, 640 acres: Commencing at a point on the right bank of Crooked Creek, distant 30 chains north-westerly from the intersection of the north-western boundary of water reserve No. 1,526 with the Crooked Creek; thence north-westerly along the Crooked Creek; thence north-easterly to boundary fence of Pentagon Run; thence south-easterly; thence north-westerly to point of commencement. To include areas applied for. Pentagon Run.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. W. B. King to measure, if unobjectionable.—G.W.F. (for Surveyor-General), 19 April, 1882.

In accordance with instructions, 82-135.—CHAS. W. KING, 10 January, 1883.

No. 5.

Application by John Thompson.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Dubbo.

No. 126 of 1882.

Application by John Thompson, of age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 30th day of March, 1882, at 12.5 o'clock,—

HENRY ROXBURGH,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Sir,

30 March, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN THOMPSON,

Colane, Cannonba.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Goolagoola, 640 acres: Commencing at a point marked XXI, on the right bank of the Crooked Creek; thence south-easterly along that creek 80 chains; thence north-easterly 80 chains; thence north-westerly 80 chains; thence south-westerly 80 chains, to point of commencement. Pentagon Run.

Minute on No. 5.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor C. W. King, instructed on certified copy of application to measure, if unobjectionable.—G.W.F., 19th April, 1882.

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

Dubbo, 13th section.

Conditional purchase No., 82-126; Land Agent's No., 82-126; Land district of Dubbo; application by John Thompson; area, 640 acres; date, 30 March; time, 12.5.

Description.

County of Gregory, parish of Goolagoola, 640 acres: Commencing at a point marked XXI on the right bank of the Crooked Creek; thence south-easterly along that creek 80 chains; thence north-easterly 80 chains; thence south-westerly 80 chains, to point of commencement. Pentagon Run.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed-Surveyor C. W. B. King to measure, if unobjectionable.—G.W.F. (for Surveyor-General), 19 April, 1882.

In accordance with instructions 82-134, January 10th, 1883.—CHAS. W. KING.

No. 6.

Mr. Patrick Hand to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Quambone, 14 April, 1882.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to order that all communications which your Department may have to make to me in respect of my selection of 640 acres, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, made at Dubbo on the 9th day of March, 1882, numbered 104, may be sent to Mr. Richard Peek, No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, as my agent, instead of to myself.

I have, &c., his

PATRICK X HAND.

mark.

No. 7.

No. 7.

Mr. John Miller to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Quambone, 14 April, 1882.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to order that all communications which your Department may have to make to me in respect of my selection of 640 acres, parish of Merri, county of Gregory, made at Coonamble on the 16th day of March, 1882, numbered conditional purchase 82-81, may be sent to Mr. Richard Peek, No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, as my agent, instead of to myself.

I have, &c.

JOHN MILLER.

Minutes on No. 7.

Place with papers.—W.B., 28/7/82. See above.—J.W. (per W. BLACKMAN).

No. 8.

Mr. H. Collier to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cannonba, 14 April, 1882.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to order that all communications which your Department may have to make to me in respect of my selection of 640 acres, parish of Goolagoola, county of Gregory, made at Dubbo, on the 30th day of March, 1882, numbered 82-125, may be sent to Mr. Richard Peek, No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, as my agent, instead of to myself.

I have, &c.,

HENRY COLLIER.

Minutes on No. 8.

Place with papers.—W.B., 28/7/82. Acknowledge receipt of letter, and state that application is now with Licensed Surveyor King for action.—W.B., 9/8/82. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

No. 9.

Mr. J. Thompson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cannonba, 14 April, 1882.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to order that all communications which your Department may have to make to me in respect to my selection of 640 acres, parish of Goolagoola, county of Gregory, made at Dubbo on the 30th day of March, 1882, numbered 82-126, may be sent to Mr. Richard Peek, No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, as my agent, instead of to myself.

I have, &c.,

JOHN THOMPSON.

Minute on No. 9.

Place with papers.—W.B., 28/7/82.

No. 10.

Application by Mr. G. M'Kay.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 135 of 1882.

District of Dubbo.

Application by George M'Kay, of age, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 20th day of April, 1882, at 10:40 o'clock,—

HENRY ROXBURGH,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

20 April, 1882.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE M'KAY,

Colane, Cannonba.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Dubbo.

Description.

County of Gregory, parishes of Colane and Bena, 640 acres: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of M. Crane's conditional purchase of 640 acres, taken up at Dubbo on the 5th January last; thence by a line south-easterly till it meets the western boundary of water reserve No. 538, notified 19th January, 1875; thence by a line north-easterly along the north-western boundary of that reserve; thence north-westerly, thence south-westerly to point of commencement to include the area. Duck Creek, No. 17 Run and Lower Cannonba Run.

Minute on No. 10.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. W. King, instructed on certified copy of this conditional purchase to measure, if unobjectionable, fronting road from Goolagoola to Cannonba.—G.W.F., 23 June, 1882.

[Enclosure to No. 10.]

Dubbo, 13 section.

CONDITIONAL purchase No. 82-135; land agent's No. 82-135; land district at Dubbo; applications by George M'Kay, area, 640 acres; date, 20 April; time, 10:40.

Description.

Description.

County Gregory, parishes of Colane and Bena, 640 acres: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of Mr. Crane's conditional purchase of 640 acres, taken up at Dubbo on the 5th January last; thence by a line south-easterly till it meets the western boundary of water reserve No. 538, notified 19th January, 1875; thence by a line north-easterly along the north-western boundary of that reserve; thence north-westerly, thence south-westerly, to point of commencement, to include the area. Duck Creek No. 17 Run and Lower Cannonba Run.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—Forwarded to Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. W. King, for measurement, if unobjectionable, fronting the road from Gongolgon to Cannonba. The portion will have more than the usual depth, but this may be preferable to modification containing the depth.—C.E.R. (for Surveyor-General), 23 June, 1882. In accordance with instructions, 82-133.—C. W. KING, 10 January, 1883.

No. 11.

Mr. G. M'Kay to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cannonba, 24 April, 1882.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to order that all communications which your Department may have to make to me in respect of my selection of 640 acres, parishes of Colane and Bena, county of Gregory, made at Dubbo on the 20th day of April, 1882, numbered 82-135, may be sent to Mr. Richard Peek, No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, as my agent, instead of to myself.

I have, &c.,

GEO. M'KAY.

Minute on No. 11.

Place with papers.—W.B., 28/7/82.

No. 12.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor King to The Surveyor-General.

Conditional Purchase.]

[District No. 102.

Sir,

1 July, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit to you plan of one portion of land containing 640 acres, and numbered 80, in the district of Northcote, county of Gregory, applied for by John Connor, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured in accordance with instructions issued to Mr. C. W. King, dated 8th March, 1882.

Improvements consist of 3-wire fencing, valued at £35 per mile.

Applicant was not present. Country generally a swampy gum flat.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES W. KING,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 12.

By the Chief Commissioner:—For Commissioner.—A.O.M., 12/8/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—Now transferred to Commissioner Cropper, in accordance with arrangements recently made.—W.H.C., (*pro* Chief Commissioner), B.C., 17 May, 1883. To be returned.

No. 13.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Dubbo, to Chief Commissioner.

Dubbo, 19 July, 1882.

No old and infirm men have made selections lately in my district.

H. ROXBURGH,

Crown Lands Agent.

No. 14.

Mr. A. H. M'Culloch to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 17 August, 1882.

I have the honor to inform you that I have just heard with astonishment that a man in the Detective Force has been making inquiries in the neighbourhood of my office in reference to selections on a run in which I am interested, saying that it is done at the instance of your Department. As I regard this as offensive, in that it raises the inference of clandestine operations, I desire to say that if there is any information you require which is within my power, it will afford me pleasure to furnish it to you, and the more so as I have reason to believe that it will dispel erroneous ideas of facts.

I have, &c.,

A. H. M'CULLOCH.

Minutes on No. 14.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Mr. Moriarty should see to this.—JOHN R.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Mr. M'Culloch informed that if he will favour me with a call, I shall be happy to see him on the subject of his letter.—A.O.M., 22/8/82.

No. 15.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner.

I HAVE the honor to invite attention to the enclosed reports forwarded to me by the Inspector-General of Police with respect to the engagement, about the end of March last, of three paupers in the Liverpool Asylum, viz., George M'Kay, aged 38 years (who was under medical treatment up to the time of his discharge on the 12th April), and Henry Collier, aged 72 years, and John Thompson, aged 67 years, who were, pursuant to an inquiry from Mr. A. H. M'Culloch, of No. 4, Wentworth Court, as to obtaining three men to proceed to his station, taken out of the Asylum, Collier and Thompson on the 29th March, by a Mr. Peake (who represented himself as Mr. M'Culloch's clerk), and booked to go by the Colaine coach at Cobb and Company's office, the fare for the two latter being paid by Mr. Peak, by Mr. M'Culloch's cheque.

On the 30th March, at Dubbo, Henry Collier and John Thompson respectively conditionally purchased areas of 640 acres on the Pentagong Run, and on the 20th April George M'Kay conditionally purchased 640 acres on the Duck Creek, No. 77, and Lower Canonbar Run.

These runs are stated to be in possession of Mr. A. H. M'Culloch.

On the 14th and 24th April I received letters from George M'Kay, Henry Collier and John Thompson, requesting that all communications with respect to their conditional purchases might be addressed to Mr. R. Peak, of No 4, Wentworth Court, as their agent.

It would really seem as if the parties engaged in this transaction were acting in open and undisguised defiance of the law and its administration. As suggested in some other cases, not more glaring than this, it would be idle to doubt that the above conditional purchases have been applied for under some agreement express or implied for the benefit of some person other than the applicants in their own proper persons, and as any such purchases are in violation of the 9th section of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1875, I cannot hesitate to recommend that they be notified in the Gazette as forfeited, under the authority of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

19 August, 1882.

A.O.M.

Minute on No. 15.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved. Minute for Governor and Executive Council.—JOHN R.

No. 16.

Minute for Executive Council.

Forfeited conditional purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 19 August, 1882.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the conditional purchases specified in the enclosed Schedule be now declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette, in pursuance of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, for the reasons stated in the enclosed reports of Commissioners of inquiry and of the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Minutes on No. 16.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Clerk of the Executive Council. B.C., 19 August, 1882.—A.O.M.

The Executive Council advise, for the reasons stated, that the conditional purchases herein specified be declared forfeited.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council, 21/8/1882.

By His Excellency the Governor:—Approved.—A.L., 21/8/1882.

[Enclosure to No. 16.]

Schedule.

Land Agent's No.	No. of C.P.	Names.	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
*	*	* *	*	*	*	*
82-126	82-126	John Thompson	Dubbo	30 March, 1882 ...	13	640
82-125	82-125	Henry Collier	do	30 March, 1882 ...	13	640
82-135	82-135	George M'Kay	do	20 April, 1882	13	640

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Minute on above.

Laid before the Executive Council on the 21st August, 1882.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

No. 17.

Gazette Notice.

Forfeited conditional purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 22 August, 1882.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that the undermentioned portions of Crown Lands, conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act

Act of 1861, the Land Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, are hereby declared forfeited, and unless again conditionally purchased, where legally open to such purchase after thirty days from the present date, will be brought to sale by auction, on a day or days to be hereafter notified.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Land Agent's No.	No. of C.P.	Name of Applicant	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
*	*	* *	*	*	*	*
126	126	John Thompson	Dubbo	30 March, 1882	13	640
125	125	Henry Collier	do	do	13	640
135	135	George McKay	do	6 April, 1882	13	640

No. 18.

The Crown Lands Agent, Dubbo, to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Dubbo, 22 August, 1882.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, in which you request to be informed how the deposits on the conditional purchases as quoted in the margin were paid (and if by cheque, whose cheque), and any other information I might be in a position to give with reference to the conditional purchases above quoted.

With regard to conditional purchases Nos. 125/1882 and 126/1882, Henry Collier and John Thompson, these parties were both accompanied by Mr. J. B. Dulhunty, of the firm of Dulhunty & Ryan, stock and station agents of this town, and who lodged a cheque for £360, drawn by A. H. M'Culloch, "in favour of the Land Agent"; and which cheque covered the deposits on these selections, and two other selections applied for by Mr. J. B. Dulhunty and Wm. L. Murphy, Nos. 127/1882 and 128/1882 on the same day. I am certain that the deposits on the conditional purchases above mentioned were paid by cheque, as on that day the sum of £614 9s. was collected as per margin, and was made up as per copy of Bank deposit slip, dated 31st March, 1882, herewith.

With reference to George McKay, this person was I think accompanied by Mr. Dulhunty, who handed the applicant the deposit money when tendering application.

The amount collected on that day, viz., 20th April last was £243 10s., and was an account as per margin; and was made up as per copy of Bank deposit slip dated 21st April, 1882, herewith.

I am unable to give any further information respecting the within-mentioned applicants, as I am not certain whether they were elderly men or not, but think they were.

I may also mention that it is quite a common thing for applicants to be accompanied with different parties in the town when applying for land in this district, and who sometimes give their own cheque as the deposit that might be required.

I have, &c.,

H. ROXBURGH,

Crown Lands Agent.

[Enclosure A to No. 18.]

Dubbo, 31 March, 1882.

Paid into the Bank of New South Wales the sum of six hundred and fourteen pounds nine shillings, to be placed to the credit of Public Revenue Account, by the hands of H. Roxburgh.

Endorsement on above.		
New South Wales.....	£360 0 0	M'Culloch, Sydney.
City Bank	11 14 0	Draft.
Do	11 0 0	do
	<u>£382 14 0</u>	

Notes, £231;
silver, 16s.;
Cheques as per
back, £382 14s.
£614 9s.

[Enclosure B to No. 18.]

Dubbo, 21 April, 1882.

Paid into the Bank of New South Wales the sum of two hundred and forty-three pounds ten shillings, to be placed to the credit of Public Revenue Account, by the hands of H. Roxburgh.

Notes, £242;
gold, 10s.;
silver, £1.
£243 10s.

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. Collier.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1884.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Dubbo, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 30th March last, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant, No. 336.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 20.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Thompson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Dubbo, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 30th March last, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant, No. 336.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 21.

No. 21.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. G. M'Kay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1882.
I am directed by the Minister for Lands to intimate to you that the conditional purchase made by you at the Land Office, Dubbo, under the 13th section of the Act, upon the 6th April last, area 640 acres, has been declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant, No. 336.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 22.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 16 September, 1882.
It is hereby notified for the information of all parties interested, that information having been received to the effect that the conditions as to residence or improvements have not been or are not being fulfilled in respect to the undermentioned conditional purchases, the claims of the holders of such purchases have been severally referred to Commissioners for inquiry, pursuant to the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

Due notice will be given by the Commissioners of the times and places appointed by them for holding such inquiries.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

No.	C.P. No.	Name.	Date of Selection.	Area.	District.	County.	Parish.	Commissioner to whom referred.
* 82-5,196 Con. Sales.	* 82-62	* John Connor	* 2 February, 1882 ...	* acres. 640	* Dubbo.	* Gregory.	* Northcote.	* Thomas Hawkins.
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

No. 23.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Connor.

Sir, Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 September, 1882.
I am directed to invite your attention to the notice in the Government Gazette of the 16th September, 1882, by which you will perceive that your claim to the conditional purchase made by you at Dubbo on the 2nd February, 1882, has been referred by the Minister for Lands to Commissioner Cropper for inquiry, in accordance with the 25th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the regulations relating thereto, as to the fulfilment by you of the conditions thereof.

2. I am to inform you that due notice of the time and place appointed for the purpose will be given you by the Commissioner referred to.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 24.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Quambone, *via* Dubbo, 13 October, 1882.
I have the honor to transmit the plan of one portion of land containing 640 acres, numbered one (1) in the parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, applied for by Patrick Hand, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 23rd March, to Mr. District Surveyor Dalglish. Improvements, fence, £30.

Applicant was residing on the selection at time of survey in a tent erected. He stated that he had made a mistake in the description of his land when I pointed out the direction of the lines as described in his application. It is evident that the land surveyed is the land intended to have been described by applicant.

I have, &c.,

A. P. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor.

P.S.—Applicant's tent was pitched close to the southern boundary of the portion on the Marthaguy Creek, and he then thought he was well on his selection. The woilshed which was in course of erection, and which had been commenced after the land was selected, was not supposed to interfere at all with the land described; finding that it would do so if the description was strictly adhered to, and applicant being under the impression that he was on the land described, I measured it adjoining water reserve 1186, there being no conflicting claims on the south.

A. P. BURGESS,

Licensed Surveyor.

12 January, 1883.

Minute on No. 24.

To the Surveyor-General:—J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor, Dubbo, 2 November, 1882.

No. 25.

Mr. R. C. Franks to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Robert C. Franks, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Patrick Hand, made at Dubbo on the 9th March, 1882.

Sir,

Duck Creek, 24 October, 1882.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 14th October, 1882, and that I found the selector then resident upon this selection.

The land, which consists of forest land, and comprises 640 acres, is occupied and used by Patrick Hand as his residence, and the selector, who follows the avocation of *drover*, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz., nil. Some wire fencing of lessee's. Selector, who is a man about 45, and has the appearance of a working man, states that he was a boundary-rider on the station on which this selection is situated. Name of station, Sandy Camp; lessee, Mr. A. H. McCulloch. He states that he is in no person's employment at the present time nor since he selected; that he was about building a house, and had commenced to get timber. He was residing in a tent on the selection, in which he had his food, clothes, bedding, &c.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT C. FRANKS,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 26.

Mr. R. C. Franks to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Robert C. Franks, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Miller, made at Coonamble on the 10th March, 1882.

Sir,

Duck Creek, 24 October, 1882.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 14th October, 1882, and that I found the selector then resident upon this selection.

The land, which consists of forest and scrub land, and comprises 640 acres, was occupied and used by J. Miller as his residence, and the selector, who follows the avocation of *drover*, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

House not completed, worth about	...	...	...	...	...	£40	0	0
A bark hut	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
						£40	10	0

John Miller is a man about thirty years of age, of superior appearance, states he is a *drover* and has just returned from a trip. He had his blankets on the place, and stated that he went to a Mrs. Gilmore's for his meals, about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from his selection. The selector says he sleeps on the place regularly except when at work.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT C. FRANKS,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 27.

Mr. R. C. Franks to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Robert C. Franks, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Connor, made at Dubbo on 7 February, 1882.

Sir,

Duck Creek, 24 October, 1882.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 19th October, 1882, and that I found the selector then resident upon this selection.

The land, which consist of forest land, and comprises 610 acres, is occupied and used by J. Connor as his home, and the selector, who follows the avocation of *carrier*, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

House of slabs, with iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	£30	0	0
300 acres ring-barked	...	...	...	...	...	£18	15	0
						£48	15	0

John Connor is a man of about thirty-five years of age, has the ordinary appearance of a working man, states he is a *carrier*; he had a bullock waggon and gear at the house on the selection, which he claimed as his own. The house, which was nearly completed, appeared to have been resided in for some time.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

I have, &c.

ROBERT C. FRANKS,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 28.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. A. P. Burgess.

Sir, Surveyor-General's Office, 30 October, 1882.
I beg to invite your attention to my instruction of the 23rd day of March, to District Surveyor Dalglish, transferred to you 20 June, 1882, whereby you were directed to measure, if unobjectionable, conditional purchase 82-104 (Dubbo), Patrick Hand, 640 acres; and I have to request that you will carry out the instruction above referred to with as little delay as possible, and report on this memorandum when the instruction will probably be carried out.

I have, &c.,
G. W. F.,
(For the Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 28.

The application, with plan, was transmitted with my letter of 13 October, 1882.—A. P. BURGESS, 7 November, 1882, Camp, Merri Creek.

No. 29.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Conditional purchase 82-125.

MR. Licensed Surveyor C. W. B. King is requested to return to this office the conditional purchase application of Henry Collier (No. 82-125, Dubbo), forwarded to him by my instruction of the 19th April, 1882, the conditional purchase having been forfeited, *vide* paper quoted above.
Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney,
14 November, 1882.

C. W. F.,
(For the Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 29.

Herewith.—CHAS. W. KING, 10 January, 1883.

No. 30.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Conditional purchase 82-126.

MR. Licensed Surveyor C. W. B. King is requested to return to this office the conditional purchase application of John Thompson (82-126, Dubbo), forwarded to him by my instruction of the 19th April, 1882, the conditional purchase having been forfeited, *vide* paper quoted above.
Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 14 November, 1882.

G. W. F.,
(For the Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 30.

Herewith.—C. W. B. KING, January 10, 1883.

No. 31.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Conditional purchase 82-135.

MR. Licensed Surveyor C. W. B. King is requested to return to this office the conditional purchase application of George M'Kay (No. 82-135, Dubbo) forwarded to him by instruction of the 23rd June, 1882, the conditional purchase having been forfeited, *vide* paper quoted above.
Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 14 November, 1882.

G. W. F.,
(For the Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 31.

Herewith.—C. W. KING, 10 January, 1883.

No. 32.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Solicitor.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

I have the honor, by direction of Sir John Robertson, to submit to you the accompanying reports from the police in relation to selections made by late inmates of the Liverpool Asylum and the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, on runs of which Messrs. Walsh, Elliot, and Rennie, in one case, and Mr. A. H. M'Culloch in the other, are the lessees, or in possession of, with a view to informations being prepared against any of the parties named in the reports who may have rendered themselves liable to prosecution for conspiracy or otherwise.

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With respect to the cases on Mr. M'Culloch's run, the men were withdrawn from the Liverpool Asylum pursuant to inquiry by Mr. M'Culloch's clerk, Mr. Richard Peek; a somewhat similar course of procedure being adopted in this as in the other cases, the fares by coach of two of the men being paid for by Mr. M'Culloch's cheque.

The men were accompanied when making the applications by J. B. Dulhunty, agent at Dubbo, who tendered Mr. M'Culloch's cheque for the deposit money.

The foregoing is an epitome of the cases, the particulars being fully shown in my minutes and the accompanying summary and the police reports.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure A to No. 32.]

Summary of statements re dummying.

Detective Office, Sydney, 23 August, 1882.

In March last, Mr. Peak, clerk to Mr. M'Culloch, visited the Liverpool Asylum on several occasions; he took Collier and Thompson from the Institution; he told them before engaging them that they would have food, clothing, and tobacco, and would not be expected to work, but would be paid for any work they might do. He booked these two men at the office of Messrs. Cobb & Co., Sydney, for Colane, and paid the amount £6 10s., with H. M'Culloch's cheque.

George M'Kay left the Asylum on the 12th April last, and was booked at Messrs. Cobb & Co.'s office, Sydney, for Colane. The clerk cannot remember who paid for the seat. This man selected 640 acres of land at Colane, in the police district of Dubbo, and was accompanied by J. B. Dulhunty, who handed M'Kay the deposit money.

John Connors left the Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta, on the 13th January, 1882. He selected on the 2nd February, and was accompanied to the Lands Office by Howard MacFarlane, Maiden, Hill, and Clark's agent.

Henry Collier and John Thompson selected on the 30th March last, and were accompanied by J. B. Dulhunty, agent, who tendered A. H. M'Culloch's cheque for deposit money, which he says he obtained from the Bank of New South Wales. Dulhunty paid their expenses at Dubbo, the amount being refunded by Mr. M'Culloch. Mr. Peak, of Sydney, also communicated with Dulhunty, and asked him to assist the applicants in taking up the selections.

Patrick Hand selected on the 19th March, 1882, and was accompanied to the Lands Office by J. B. Dulhunty, agent, who is believed to have handed the applicant the deposit money.

John Miller was booked at the office of Messrs. Cobb & Co., Sydney, on the 13th March, 1882, for Coonamble; by whom not known. He selected on the 16th March, the deposit money being obtained from the Bank of New South Wales. The selection is on Mr. M'Culloch's run, Marthaguy. Mr. Spofforth, Manager of Bank of New South Wales at Coonamble, subsequently applied for the pre-lease of Miller's selection. Miller could not describe the land he selected.

W. CAMPBELL,
Sub-Inspector of Detectives.

Re dummying.

THE undermentioned persons have made statements referring to the selectors named in the margin:—

Dr. Strong	} Liverpool Asylum.
Mary Burnside	
William M'Kenzie	
William Martin	
Charles Vaudergoucht	
James Barker	
W. J. Boulton, clerk to Cobb & Company, Sydney.	
Henry Roxburgh, Land Agent, Dubbo.	
J. B. Dulhunty, Stock and Station Agent, Dubbo.	
Howard MacFarlane, Stock and Station Agent, Dubbo.	
C. A. Spofforth, Bank of New South Wales, Coonamble.	
C. G. Beale, Land Agent, Coonamble.	

Henry Collier,
Liverpool
Asylum;
John Thompson,
Liverpool
Asylum; George
M'Kay, Liver-
pool Asylum;
John Connors,
Erysipelas Hos-
pital; John
Miller; Patrick
Hand.

Re dummying.

NAMES of persons referred to in statements:—

Richard Peak, Sydney.	} Dummies.
A. H. M'Culloch.	
Bank of New South Wales.	
John Collier,	
John Thompson,	
George M'Kay,	
Patrick Hand,	
John Connors,	
John Miller,	

[Enclosure B to No. 32.]

My dear Fosbery, Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 August, 1882.

I enclose you original documents, being conditional purchase applications made at Dubbo, on the 30th March last, by John Thompson and Henry Collier, each for 640 acres of land on the Pentagon Run (held by the Bank of New South Wales by transfer from A. H. M'Culloch). John Thompson and Henry Collier were discharged from the Liverpool Asylum on the 19th March. Also an application by George M'Kay for 640 acres on the Duck Creek Run; this is dated 20th April. George M'Kay was also discharged from the Liverpool Asylum on the 19th April.

Each of these old gentlemen has, you will observe by letter, appointed Mr. Richard Peek, of No. 4, Wentworth Court, his agent in respect of the property in question. No. 4, Wentworth Court is the place of business of Mr. A. H. M'Culloch, who is stated to me to be Mr. Peek's employer.

You have the newspaper statement as to the circumstances attending the removal of these old men; or the two first named. I have reason to believe that Dr. Strong, the medical officer at Liverpool, Mr. Scrivener of that town, and Mr. Ashcroft of Macquarie Fields, near Liverpool, can give information; the latter as to Mr. M'Culloch's purchase of a run near Dubbo.

I write you separately about other matters.

Yours faithfully,
A. O. MORIARTY.

I also enclose an original application from John Connor for 640 acres on Mount Foster Run, applied for at Dubbo on 2nd February, 1882. John Connor was discharged from the Erysipelas Hospital on 13th January, 1882.

[Enclosure C to No. 32.]

Re invalids discharged from Liverpool Asylum.

Sir, Detective Office, Sydney, 14 August, 1882.

I have the honor to report for your information that I have made inquiry at the Liverpool Asylum with reference to the discharge of the inmates named in the margin—statements herewith; from which it appears that these men were engaged for a station of M'Culloch's, and their fares by coach were paid for by Mr. Peek, M'Culloch's clerk.

George M'Kay,
Henry Collier,
John Thompson.

I have, &c.,
W. CAMPBELL,
Sub-Inspector of Detectives.

Minute on above.

Forwarded for Mr. Moriarty's information.—EDMUND FOSBERY, Inspector-General of Police. B.C., 17th August, 1882. A. O. Moriarty, Esq., Lands Department.

Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

Dr. Strong states:—I am the Surgeon Superintendent at the Liverpool Asylum; I remember a Mr. Peek coming, who the asylum clerk (Killett, since deceased) stated was Mr. M'Culloch's messenger, to the Asylum; he said he had come to get some men for a station; my reason for remembering this fact is, that I heard Mr. Peek making an arrangement with a sick

sick man, and I went out and advised him not to take this man, if he required any work from him; he, Peak, replied, that he did not require him to do any work, but that if he was required to work he would be paid for it; that is all I know about it; the man George M'Kay was an inmate of the hospital, and was discharged cured on the 12th April, and left the Institution on the same day; I only know from what Kellett said that the man's name was Peak.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

M. E. STRONG,
Surgeon Superintendent.
Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

Mary Burnside states:—I am Matron at the Liverpool Asylum; I remember the day that Collier and Thompson left the Asylum; I cannot fix the exact date from memory, but I should think about four months ago; a person, who represented himself as Mr. M'Culloch's clerk, came to the Institution and saw the late clerk (Kellett, since deceased); Kellett, the clerk, informed me that he said he wanted some men to dig rolly-pollys for Mr. M'Culloch; I said, "Tell him to go down to M'Kenzie in the recreation ground, and he will show him what men there are, and he can suit himself"; this refers to the first visit of the man who took Collier and Thompson away; on the subsequent visit I did not speak to him; the man who came for Collier and Thompson was tall, about forty years of age, and lame; he was accompanied by a little boy.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

MARY BURNSIDE.

Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

William M'Kenzie states:—I am constable of the recreation-yard at Liverpool Asylum; I remember the day that Collier and Thompson left the Asylum; it was in the latter end of March last; a few days previous to this a man came to me, and I have since been informed that his name was Peak; I believe he was lame; he asked for Collier; I believe he had previously been to see Collier, and when he asked for Collier I suggested some other person, as I wished to keep Collier for milking the cows; I finally brought Collier to him, and he said "that he wanted him to go on to a station; that he would give him a hut, grub, clothes, and tobacco, but no wages; but that if he did any work he would pay him for what work he did, but that he need not work unless he liked"; there was some other conversation, which I forget; on the first visit of Mr. Peak I was absent on leave, so I cannot speak as to what took place, and my duties were performed by a man named Simmonds, who has since left the Institution, and who is in the employ of a gentleman in Sydney, but I don't know who he is.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

WILLIAM M'KENZIE.

Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

William Martin states:—I am a wardsman at the Liverpool Asylum; I know Henry Collier, who was an inmate of the Liverpool Asylum; I remember him leaving the Institution, about four months ago I should think; he told me that "he was going on a station at Canonba"; he did not leave in the clothes usually worn by the inmates of the Asylum; I believe he wore the clothes in which he was admitted; I have since received a letter from Collier, in which he stated "that it was a full-bellied station he was on, and not much work to be done"; by a full-bellied station I mean where he got plenty to eat.

Letter destroyed.
—E.F., L.G.P.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

WM. MARTIN.

Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

Charles Vauder Gucht states:—I am chief wardsman in the hospital at the Liverpool Asylum; I remember, about a fortnight prior to Collier and Thompson leaving the Institution, a gentleman named Peak (he said he was Mr. M'Culloch's clerk) came to the Institution; he said he wanted some men, the Clerk of the Institution having previously given me a slip of paper with the names of five men written on it—some of the names in the margin; I cannot remember the other names; I then went to the recreation paddock and called them men before him; I heard him state to the men that they were to be engaged for six years, to be found in rations, clothing, and tobacco, and a hut to live in; that they were not required to do any work unless they pleased, but there being a weed on the run which was a great nuisance, and for the extermination of this weed they would be paid according to their labour; I saw him come again, when he was speaking to Mr. Kellett, the Clerk; on another occasion I saw Peak speaking to M'Kay, who left the Institution on April 12th, and M'Kay afterwards told me the purport of the conversation, which was that he (Peak) had engaged him to go to Canonba for six years, giving him clothes, rations, and tobacco, and a hut to live in, and that he was not required to work, but that if he did he would be paid according to his labour; he shortly afterwards received a letter from M'Culloch's office requesting him to go to Sydney, and that Peak would meet him at O'Brien's coffee-house, near Christ Church, and he would then make arrangements for his passage to Canonba; he shortly afterwards left the Institution; Mr. Kellett, the Clerk, who took the principal part in these transactions, is since dead; I saw no written agreement entered into by any of the men.

Copy of
Collier,
M'Donald,
Baker.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

CHARLES VAUDER GUCHT.

Liverpool Asylum, 11 August, 1882.

Joseph Baker, aged 55, an inmate of the Liverpool Asylum, states:—I remember about a week before Collier and Thompson left the Institution a gentleman who afterwards took Collier and Thompson away came to me and asked me if I wanted to go on a station; I asked where it was; he stated at Canonba, below Dubbo; he said I need not work unless I liked, but that he would pay me for what I did; he also stated that he would give me a good house to live in, with clothing and food; I told him that I had no objection to go with him, and he took down my name; I heard that he spoke to other men, but I did not see him myself.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

JOSEPH BAKER.

Re invalids taken from the Asylum at Liverpool.

Copy of the entry in Station-master's train book at Liverpool railway station, Wednesday, 29 March, 1882.
"Two second-class tickets by 4.14 p.m. train, Liverpool to Sydney."

This entry appears in Mr. Thomas' handwriting, who was then acting as station-master, but he states that he has no recollection to whom he issued them, nor does he know anything in connection with the invalids removed from the Asylum.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

W. WIGG.

Re invalids taken from Liverpool Asylum.

Copy from diary, Liverpool Asylum.

March 15, Wednesday. "Divine service as usual in mess room—Received message from A. H. M'Culloch, Esq., No. 4, Wentworth Court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, inquiring if three men could be obtained from the Asylum to proceed to his station. Several men having volunteered to go, wrote to him suggesting that his messenger should re-visit the Institution to arrange with the men."

Witness—W. CAMPHIN, 11 August, 1882.

WALTER WIGG.

Re invalids' discharge from Liverpool Asylum.

11 August, 1882.

Copy of entry in Surgeon Superintendent's Report, at Asylum.

"George M'Kay, thirty-eight years, discharged at his own request, April 12th, 1882. Was under medical treatment up to time of discharge.

"Henry Collier, seventy-two years,—discharged at his own request, March 29th, 1882.

"John Thompson, sixty-seven years, discharged at his own request, March 29th, 1882."

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

WALTER WIGG.

Sydney, 12 August, 1882.

W. Boulton, Clerk to Messrs. Cobb & Company, Pitt-street, Sydney, states:—That on the 13th April, 1882, a person named M'Kay was booked to Colaine station; by whom I could not say, the fare, £3 5s., being paid in cash. Subsequently the ticket was altered, and he did not go until 21st April; on the 30th March, two persons named H. Collier and J. Thompson were booked to go by the Colaine coach on 31st March, by one Mr. Peak, clerk to A. H. M'Culloch, and paid the fare, £6 10s., by Mr. M'Culloch's cheque; the Mr. Peak referred to is a lame man.

Witness—W. CAMPHIN.

W. G. BOULTON.

Sub-Inspector

Sub-Inspector Camphin to The Inspector-General of Police.

Re invalids discharged from Liverpool Asylum.

16 August, 1882.

MEMO.—I think the cheque referred to in statement made by Mr. Boulton, as having been paid by Mr. M'Culloch's clerk for two seats by coach from Dubbo to Colaine for Henry Collier and Henry Thomson, was signed by M'Culloch, senior, as Mr. Boulton informed me that he had seen the clerk in the office of M'Culloch, senior.

W. CAMPHIN,
Sub-inspector.

[Enclosure D to No. 32.]

Sergeant M'Keague to The Inspector-General of Police.

Re selection of 640 acres of land made at Coonamble by J. Miller.

Police Station, Dubbo, 21 August, 1882.

SERGEANT M'Keague begs to forward the attached papers in connection with ones of a similar nature forwarded to the Inspector-General on the 18th instant.

Sergeant Boyd, although instructed in the attached memorandum to have all statements signed by the persons making them, has not done so, for the reasons stated in his report.

JOHN M'KEAGUE,
Sergeant.
(In absence of Sub-inspector).

Sergeant M'Keague to Sergeant Boyd, Coonamble.

Police Station, Dubbo, 15 August, 1882.

SERGEANT Boyd will be good enough to report by return of post, if possible, all the information he can obtain at Coonamble concerning John Miller, who, on the 16th March last, at Coonamble, made a conditional purchase of 640 acres, which is situate in the county of Gregory, parish of Merri, on the Marthaguy, and numbered (conditional purchase) 82-81.

The following is the nature of the information required by the Inspector-General of Police, viz.:—Where Miller came from, his age, personal appearance (as to whether he appeared to be an infirm pauper or not), what his previous occupation was, who found and paid the money to the Land Agent for the selection, who paid the money for the conveyance of Miller to Coonamble and his keep, &c., &c.

Sergeant Boyd will obtain a written statement from the persons who can give any of the required information, getting their signatures to the same, and will return such here duly witnessed.

JOHN M'KEAGUE,
Sergeant.
(In absence of Sub-inspector).

Sergeant Boyd to The Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

Police Station, Coonamble, 19 August, 1882.

SERGEANT Boyd begs to state, in reference to the attached inquiry, that Mr. E. A. Spofforth, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Coonamble, states that he (John Miller) came from Sydney; that he is an old man, and had the appearance of having come from the poor-house; he (Miller) got the money from Mr. Spofforth's Bank. The sergeant asked Mr. Spofforth how Miller found the money; Mr. Spofforth laughed, and said there are many ways of getting money. Mr. Spofforth states that Miller appeared to know nothing about the land he was going to take up, as his description of it was all wrong; that he (Mr. Spofforth) had to put him right. Also, that he (Mr. Spofforth) has applied for Miller's pre-lease, and if the sergeant wants to find out particularly about Miller, to apply to Mr. M'Culloch, Sydney, as he knows all about him.

Mr. Spofforth has given this information to the sergeant without knowing the object of inquiry, and in consequence of which the sergeant did not like to ask Mr. Spofforth for a written statement without first asking his sub-inspector whether he should not first let Mr. Spofforth know that he might be asked to prove the same at a future date, as it would be the means of very great injury to the sergeant in receiving information hereafter. Mr. Spofforth states that Miller's selection is on Mr. M'Culloch's run, Sandy Camp, Marthaguy, near Quambone.

This is all the information the sergeant can obtain at present, but he has no doubt that Mr. Spofforth is acting for Mr. M'Culloch. The Land Agent's memorandum attached. The sergeant believes the Land Agent knows more than what he has stated.

GEORGE BOYD,
Sergeant.

Mr. C. G. Beale to Sergeant Boyd.

Coonamble, 19 August, 1882.

MEMORANDUM.—With reference to your inquiry respecting the selection of 640 acres by John Miller (16th March last), I have the honor to state that I can afford you no information beyond what is officially recorded in this office. For official information you should apply to the Chief Commissioner, Department of Lands, Sydney.

C. G. BEALE,
Crown Lands Agent.

[Enclosure E to No. 32.]

Sergeant Carroll to Sub-Inspector Grainger.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, Western District, Bathurst, 12 September, 1882.

MEMO.—Forwarded for Mr. Grainger's prompt and careful personal attention. Mr. Grainger will see the Inspector-General's minute.

D. CARROLL,
Sergeant,
(In absence of Superintendent).

The Inspector-General of Police to Superintendent Lidiard.

Forwarded to Superintendent Lidiard.

Police Department, Inspector General's Office, Sydney, 11 September, 1882.

I WISH the attached paper to be sent to Mr. Grainger, for his prompt and careful attention personally. He is well acquainted with all the circumstances, as I have had to communicate with him direct on the subject previously.

Sir John Robertson desires me to say that no pains may be spared to elicit all the facts without delay.

EDM. FOSBERY,
Inspector-General of Police.

[Enclosure F to No. 32.]

Sub-Inspector Grainger to The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

Sir,

Police Station, Canonba, 24 September, 1882.

I have the honor to report that, in compliance with instructions contained in the attached papers, I made inquiries respecting the taking up of selections by the three persons named in the margin.

George M'Kay,
Henry Collier,
John Thompson.

I was informed the three men named were not on their selections but were at Colane Head Station, which is distant from the land selected by M'Kay some 3 or 4 miles, and from the selections taken up by the other two men about 10 miles. I accordingly went to Colane Station, and there saw the three men referred to. I made known to each of them the purport of my inquiries, and informed them that it was only on the understanding they should tell the whole truth without any reserve they would be held harmless, and if they gave me a true statement of all the facts without any reserve then I promised they would be held harmless. I took each man's statement, and now enclose them. It will be seen from these statements that the men declined to give the name or names of those from whom they state they borrowed the money, and they most distinctly denied having made any arrangement with any person about taking up the land, each man stating he made no agreement, or lease, or will, or in fact signed any document whatever, with reference to his selection.

I have, &c.,
E. GRAINGER,
Sub-Inspector.

Minutes on above.

Report forwarded to the Inspector-General. I am unable to give an opinion, as I am unacquainted with the case, but it most certainly looks like dummying.—C. J. P. L., Superintendent, 28/9/82. Forwarded to Mr. A. O. Moriarty, in connection with previous papers.—E. F., 29/9/82. A. O. Moriarty, Esq.

Colane, 23 September, 1882.

George M'Kay, clerk and free selector, states:—Have been suffering from rheumatism for some years, and was advised by my friends to leave Sydney and try a hot climate; I met with a friend (I decline to say who he is at present), who, upon being made acquainted with my case, advised me to come up west a hot climate, and see what I could do for myself, and he would assist me; the result was in brief I made the selection in question (between Canonba and Colane); I took up the selection with my own money; I borrowed the money (about £180 altogether); I got it all from one person; I decline to say from whom—a friend of mine; I never signed any document in reference to the selection; I have never made my will; I have signed no lease or other document whatever in reference to my selection; I have never made any arrangement with any person, either in writing or verbal, with reference to my selection; I gave no promissory note for the money lent to me to take up the selection. Mr. Dulhunty, of Dubbo, acted as my agent in the matter all through; he went with me to the Lands Office and did all the work of an agent; the money was borrowed by me in Sydney; I received it at Dubbo through my agent, Mr. J. B. Dulhunty.

GEO. M'KAY.

Witness—E. GRAINGER, Sub-Inspector.

Colane, 23 September, 1882.

Henry Collier, free selector and bushman, states:—I was in the Liverpool Asylum for about three weeks suffering from bad eyes; I left the Asylum on or about the 28th March last; I lived on the Macquarie and Castlereagh Rivers many years ago; I was on the Castlereagh River about a year ago, showing a young man a piece of land to select; I had a good sum of money on my person when I was in the Asylum; I had over £200 with me, which I had earned at the Hanging Rock Diggings and shearing and bush-work; when I left the Asylum I came by train to Dubbo; I met Mr. Dulhunty in the street at Dubbo and spoke to him; he told me he would take me to the Lands Office; I went there with him and took up the selection on Crooked Creek; I borrowed the money to pay for the selection (640 acres); I refuse to tell from whom I borrowed the money; I never made any arrangement about the selection with any person; I never made my will or signed any lease or other document whatever in reference to my selection except what I signed in the Lands Office at Dubbo before Mr. Roxburgh, the Land Agent; I gave a promissory note for the money I borrowed to pay for the selection; I refuse to say to whom I gave the promissory note; that is the only paper I signed in reference to the selection, either directly or indirectly; I never saw Mr. McCulloch until after I came on my selection; I have no more to say.

Witness—E. GRAINGER, Sub-Inspector.

HENRY COLLIER.

Colane, 23 September, 1882.

John Thompson, carpenter, states:—I was very unwell, and was in the Liverpool Asylum for a few months; I left the Asylum about the end of March last; when I left the Asylum I was advised by a friend to go up the country and take up a selection, as it might do my health good, and he promised to send me the money (I decline to state my friend's name); my friend told me I would have to go to Dubbo and take up the selection on Crooked Creek; my friend told me to see Mr. J. B. Dulhunty, and he (Mr. Dulhunty) would put me in the way to take up the selection; I saw Mr. Dulhunty at Dubbo, and he done all for me; Mr. Dulhunty knew what land I was to take up; Mr. Dulhunty knew about the land; I did not know about it; I never was in this district until after I took up the selection; I got the money to pay for the selection from Mr. Dulhunty at Dubbo; I gave no receipt for the money and I did not sign any promissory note; I never made or signed my will; I signed no document whatever in reference to my selection; I signed no lease or made any arrangement whatever with any person in reference to the disposal of my selection at any future time; I only gave my friend my promise by word of mouth that I would pay him the money I borrowed from him back again; there was no time mentioned when I was to return my friend the money; I took up the selection solely for my own benefit, and not as the agent or servant of any person; I have been living on my selection until about a week ago; I am now doing some work at Colane preparing for the shearing.

JOHN THOMPSON.

Witness—E. GRAINGER, Sub-Inspector.

No. 33.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Quambone, via Dubbo, 26 December, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 640 acres, numbered five (5), in the parish of Merri, county of Gregory, applied for by John Miller under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 4th April, 1882, to Mr. District Surveyor J. C. Dalglish.

Improvements: Cottage partly completed, £40. Applicant was residing on his selection at the time of survey. Applicant describes his selection as starting 20 chains south of water reserve 562. He informed me that he was uncertain of the position of the southern boundary of that reserve on the ground; but thought it came about half a mile north of his cottage, which he supposed would be about the middle of the selection. Were it to start as described it would leave his cottage out of the measurement, and as there is no doubt it was impossible for him to tell where the reserve came, as the point the reserve is described as starting from is 6 miles away. I measured adjoining the reserve.

I have, &c.,
A. P. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 33.

To the Surveyor-General:—The diagram of survey of so important a feature as Marthaguy Creek, effected for purposes of connection, should have been prepared to the scale of 20 chains to an inch. To save delay the plan is forwarded to the Surveyor-General, but I have requested Mr. Burgess by separate memorandum to furnish diagram of connection to the scale of 20 chains to an inch.—J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor, Sydney, 24/1/83.

By

By the Surveyor-General:—The conditional purchase for which portion 5, parish of Merri, county Gregory, shown by red tint on tracing, was measured (No. 82/81, Coonamble), is described (approximately) as shown by red edging. Owing to applicant's uncertainty of the position of the south boundary of water reserve 562 (from which his conditional purchase is described), the starting-point of which reserve is several miles distant and the boundary unmarked, he erected his cottage, valued at £40, in the position shown on tracing. The surveyor measured so as to include this cottage and adjoin, as he supposed, the boundary of the reserve. There appears, however, to be an encroachment to the extent of about 3 chains on the reserve along the north boundary of portion 5; but as the extent of the encroachment (if any) is uncertain, and especially as it is intended to re-notify the reserve with its south boundary coincident with the north boundary of the portion, it is recommended that the survey be accepted under 14th section, Act of 1875, for the conditional purchase referred to.—CHARLES E. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 4/12/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 9/12/83.

[Enclosure to No. 33.]

Conditional Purchase, 82-81 (Coonamble.)

Description.

640 acres, county of Gregory, parish of Merri, portion 5: Commencing at a point distant 172 chains west from the north-western corner of portion 6 of 300 acres; and bounded thence on the east by a line bearing south 80 chains; on the south by a line bearing west 57 chains 8 links to the right bank of Marthaguy Creek; on the south-west by that creek downwards in a direct line about 98 chains 40 links to a point bearing due west from the point of commencement; and on the north by a line bearing east 113 chains and 86 links, to that point.

No. 34.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, transmitted by Mr. Licensed Surveyor A. P. Burgess, letter, No. 82-49, of 13th October, 1882. Instructions issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dalglish, 23rd March, No. 82-280, and on which Mr. Burgess' report in explanation is requested.

Subject.

There is not sufficient evidence adduced by Mr. Burgess, in his letter referred to, to indicate that the land measured is that intended to have been applied for.

The fact of applicant's tent being near the boundary of the reserve, and therefore well within the portion, is no proof.

There is nothing to show that applicant had any doubt as to the position of the reserve, and the description of the conditional purchase is definite for land north of a point 20 chains north of water reserve, 1,186. Further, in order to be able to give the definite distance of 20 chains, he must have had some distinct idea of the position of that reserve.

Particulars as to the character, ownership, and value of the woolshed to the north of portion 1 should have been given on plan, *vide* paragraph 130 Surveyor's instructions, dated 1875, and 163 of new instructions, particularly in view of the possibility of conflicting claims arising. The value of improvements at date of survey, and their probable cost on completion should have been given.

Is the representation of the woolshed* in plan intended to be a sketch merely, or is it drawn to scale? It should be so drawn.

The letter D has been omitted from its place (supposed) at the south-east corner of the portion and its reference tree should have been marked as the corner of the reserve as well as the corner of the portion.

The area of the portion is found by calculation from data on plan to be about 3½ acres deficient.

CHARLES E. FINCH,
(For Surveyor-General).

12 February, 1883.

Report.

The best evidence that applicant did not intend to describe his land further northward, and believed that his starting on the ground was more southward than that made by me was that had it been 20 chains (say) above the present starting-point, applicant must have known that the woolshed in course of erection would be very close if not right on his selection, and it was not till I had run the traverse and hearing sounds of labour in the distance went over, and connected to the woolshed that I found it so close; when I pointed this out he said his land did not extend to the woolshed—it was on this side. As applicant from this stated plainly it was the land he expected to get, and appeared so, I measured the conditional purchase.

The woolshed was sketched in roughly at the time and was not completed, only part of the yards having been erected. From recollection when in the locality subsequently they extend about 7 chains north and south, and about 3 to 4 chains east and west (shed and yards inclusive).

As surmised, letter D is the south-east corner of the portion. Omitting the reserve mark was an oversight which I shall attend to.

From my calculation the area appears to be about 2 acres deficient. I shall await further action before alteration.

23 March, 1883.

A. P. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor.

* Copy of plan.



Woolshed as represented.

No. 35.

Memorandum by District Surveyor, Dubbo.

Connection on plan with letter of 26th December, 1882.

The following is a copy of my B.C. of 24 January last forwarding Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess' letter of 26th December, 1882, transmitting plan of portion 5, parish of Merri, county of Gregory.

"The diagram of survey of so important a feature as Marthaguy Creek, effected for purpose of connection, should have been prepared to the scale of 20 chains to an inch.

"To save delay the plan is forwarded to the Surveyor-General, but I have requested Mr. Burgess by separate memorandum to furnish diagram of connection to the scale of 20 chains to an inch."

Mr. Burgess will therefore be good enough to furnish the diagram of connection referred to, to the scale of 20 chains to an inch, as soon as possible.

Surveyor-General's Office, 22 February, 1883.

J. C. DALGLISH,
District Surveyor.

(To be returned).

Minutes on No. 35.

Returned to Mr. District Surveyor J. C. Dalglish, with diagram. In future I shall send in all creek and feature connections to the scale of 20 chains to the inch.—A. P. BURGESS, Licensed Surveyor, 1 April, 1883. Forwarded to the Surveyor-General in connection with my B.C. of 24th January last, on Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess' letter of 26 December, 1882.—J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor, 10 April.

Mr. Rennie.—If Mr. Burgess is likely to render an account for this connection, perhaps the plan should be returned for letter for recording purposes.—H.P.B., 12/4/83.

Mr. Landers (Mr. Bayly).—A separate account for this is not likely to be rendered; it is merely a copy on a large scale of a connection shown on plan of portion 5.—C.E.R., 16/4/83.

Seen and returned to Mr. Rennie.—H.P.B., 17/4/83.

No. 36.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. A. P. Burgess.

(1st reminder.)

Sir,

Charting Branch, Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

I have to refer you to my memorandum, dated the 13th day of February, 1883, respecting your survey of portion No. 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, and to request that the matter may receive your early attention.

2. Should there be any cause of delay you will explain it, and at the same time state when it is probable that the information will be supplied.

I have, &c.,

C. E. R.,

(For Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 36.

Replied to herewith.—A. P. BURGESS, 23 March, 1883.

No. 37.

Memorandum.

PORTION 1, shown on lithograph, is the provisional measurement for conditional purchase 82-104, Dubbo. The land intended to have been described is apparently that indicated by red shading lines, applicant having evidently misunderstood the direction of the cardinal points. See also Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess' statement in letter transmitting plan.

Mr. Burgess' attention was personally directed to the proximity of an apparently valuable woolshed close to the north boundary of the conditional purchase, to which no reference was made by him in letter, and which if the conditional purchase were measured as described, on the supposition that water reserve 1,186 was correctly shown on plan, would be included within the conditional purchase. Mr. Burgess then wrote the postscript, dated 12th January, in which he gives his reasons for measuring the conditional purchase adjoining water reserve 1,186. The explanation not being considered satisfactory, the enclosed Charting Branch memorandum was sent to Mr. Burgess, still on the supposition that the reserve had been correctly defined by him. The first part of reply to that memorandum, given in evidence of applicant's "intention," is inconsistent with postscript to letter transmitting plan, for applicant could not know that the woolshed in course of erection would be very close to if not right on his selection, if, as stated in postscript, the woolshed had been commenced after the land was selected. On subsequent reference to parish map and reserve description, it is found that the reserve No. 1,186 is 40 chains in width, not 60 as shown on plan of portion 1, and that consequently there has been no departure from the description as far as the starting-point is concerned, but the departure from the cardinal points as regards the direction of the south boundary of the portion is objectionable, as leaving a strip of land between it and water reserve 1,186 unsuitable for alienation, in respect both of design and area; it is therefore suggested that the south boundary of the conditional purchase should run due west, and the portion re-measured approximately, as shown by red shading lines, and including the woolshed (erected subsequently to the date of the conditional purchase), unless conditional purchase applicant is willing to accept measurement with depth sufficiently increased to exclude the woolshed, in which case applicant's consent in writing should be obtained by the surveyor.

Improvement purchase 82-61, by A. H. McCulloch, for 640 acres, is apparently made in virtue of the woolshed referred to herein, but that application is recommended for refusal, for vagueness of description.

C. C. RENNIE,

23rd May, 1883.

Minute

Minute on No. 37.

By the Surveyor-General:—Under the circumstances I apprehend that the alternative course will be acceptable to the applicant, therefore I would request the surveyor to take action accordingly, and effect the requisite amendment as indicated by blue edging on sketch, obtaining thereto the applicant's consent in writing. A new plan will be required, with further report on residence and improvement, and also full particulars, viz., description, value, and ownership of the adjacent woolshed.

The surveyor's statements are somewhat inconsistent, and cause much embarrassment in dealing with this case.

Send memorandum of instructions to the surveyor according to the above.—E. T. (for Surveyor-General), 1st June, 1883.

No. 38.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion No. 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, transmitted by Mr. Licensed Surveyor A. P. Burgess, letter No. 82-49, of 13th October, 1882, and on which Mr. Burgess' report in explanation is requested.

Subject.

Report.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor A. P. Burgess is required to amend the survey of portion 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, provisionally measured for Patrick Hand's conditional purchase 82-104, Dubbo, the amended survey to be made as indicated by blue shading lines on lithograph, excluding the woolshed. The provisional measurement is objectionable on account of the deviation of the southern boundary from the cardinal points, which would leave a strip of land unsuitable for alienation along the north-west boundary of water reserve 1,186, the position of which is not correctly shown on plan, the reserve being 40 chains wide and not 60 chains, as indicated. The proposed re-survey, it is apprehended, will be acceptable to the applicant, whose consent in writing should however be obtained.

Survey amended.

Applicant's consent in writing attached.

See enclosure to No. 41.

New plan with letter of 16th July, 1883.

A new plan will be required, with further report on residence and improvements, also full particulars as to the description, value, and ownership of the adjacent woolshed.

Owing to the wretched state of the country applicant was not living on his selection at the time I made the amended survey. No further improvement had been made on the portion. I was informed that the woolshed, which is built of sawn pine timber, and necessary outbuildings and sheep-yards, cost £680, which I think is about a fair valuation. They are owned by Mr. McCulloch, the lessee of the run, and were erected between the months of June and November, 1882.

A. P. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor,
16/7/83.

The statements made by Mr. Burgess are somewhat inconsistent, and have caused much embarrassment in dealing with this case.

E. TWYNAM,
(For the Surveyor-General),
2nd June, 1883.

No. 39.

Memorandum.

The Chief Draftsman,—

Papers C. S. 82-5,196, Survey, were obtained on 12th August, 1882, for the Chief Commissioner, and have since been referred to Commissioner Cropper, 23rd May, 1883, for report *re* dummyism (Hospital case), and have not since been returned to this Division. The papers are urgently required in order to pass the surveyor's account, and it is suggested that the Lands Department be requested to return those papers at their earliest convenience.

C. E. RENNIE,
3rd July, 1883.

Minute on No. 39.

Can these papers be sent to Mr. Rennie?—J. W. ELLIS, 5th July, 1883. Mr. Wilson, Department of Lands.

No. 40.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess.

Sir,

Charting Branch, Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 10 July, 1883.

I have to refer you to my memorandum dated the 2nd day of June, 1883, respecting your survey of portion 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, of which an amendment is required, and to request that the matter may receive your early attention.

2. Should there be any cause of delay, you will explain it, and at the same time state when it is probable that the information required will be supplied.

I have, &c.,
C. E. R.,
(For Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 40.

The plan of this portion was forwarded with letter of 25th July, 1883.—A. P. BURGESS, Wilcannia, 16 August, 1883.

No. 41.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess to The Surveyor-General.

Amended survey.

Sir,

Quambone, *via* Dubbo, 16 July, 1883.

I have the honor to transmit the plan of one portion of land, containing 640 acres, numbered 1, in the parish of Carwell, in the county of Gregory, conditionally purchased by Patrick Hand, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, measured by me on 16th June, 1883, in accordance with instruction, Charting Branch memorandum, dated Geographical Division No. 4 of 4th June, 1883.

The original survey was transmitted with letter of 13th October, 1883. The additional information is given on Charting Branch memorandum herewith.

I have, &c.,

A. P. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 41.

Forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—THOMAS H. SMITH, Acting District Surveyor, 2/7/83.

By the Surveyor-General:—The description of conditional purchase 82-104, Dubbo, is impracticable, except on the supposition that applicant has mistaken the direction of the cardinal points, substituting "north" for "west" in the description of position of starting-point, and correspondingly amending the remainder of the description; it will cover the land shown by red edging on tracing. Measurement in this form would have included a valuable woolshed, the property of the lessee of the run, but erected since date of conditional purchase. Applicant has, however, given his consent in writing to the depth of the portion measured for his conditional purchase being in excess of 80 chains, so as to exclude this woolshed. The surveyor has accordingly measured portion 1, parish of Carwell, county of Gregory, for the conditional purchase, and this portion is now recommended for acceptance in satisfaction thereof, under 13th and 14th sections, Act of 1875.—CHARLES E. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 4/12/83.

Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 19/12/83.

[Enclosure A to No. 41.]

MEMORANDUM.—I hereby agree to the form of measurement adopted for my conditional purchase of 640 acres on the Marthaguy Creek, as surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor A. P. Burgess, on the 16th of June, 1883.

Witness—J. FRANK.

27 June, 1883.

his
PATRICK × HAND.
mark

[Enclosure B to No. 41.]

Conditional purchase 82-104, Dubbo.

Description.

640 acres, county of Gregory, parish of Carwell, portion 1: Commencing on the left bank of Marthaguy Creek, at a point bearing about north 18° 44' west, and distant 60 chains 97 links from the north-eastern end of the south-eastern boundary-line of water reserve No. 1,186, notified 28 February, 1881, being also a point bearing south 50° 27' east, and distant 75 links from a belah tree marked 1; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west 91 chains 57 links; on the west by a line bearing north 67 chains and 3 links; on the north by a line bearing east 107 chains and 56 links to Marthaguy Creek; and on all other sides by that creek upwards, to the point of commencement.

Exclusively of a road 3 chains wide passing through this land in a south-easterly direction, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

No. 42.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess.

(2nd reminder.)

Sir,

Charting Branch, Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 15 August, 1883.

I have to refer you to my memorandum, dated the 2nd day of June, 1883, respecting your survey of portion 1, parish Carwell, county Gregory, of which an amendment is required, and to request that the matter may receive your early attention.

2. Should there be any cause of delay you will explain it, and at the same time state when it is probable that the information required will be supplied.

I have, &c.,

C. E. R.,

(For Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 42.

Returned to the Surveyor-General. Action has been taken by Mr. Burgess in this matter, and plan transmitted under cover of his letter of 16th July, 1883, forwarded to head-quarters 2 August.—THOMAS H. SMITH, Acting District Surveyor, Dubbo, 23/7/83.

No. 43.

Memorandum.

Geographical Division, No. 4, 23 January, 1884.

In connection with two cases, otherwise ready for examination, two original conditional purchase applications are required. I have endeavoured to trace them, and without success. Would you kindly request the Chief Draftsman to apply to the Department of Lands for them.

Conditional purchase 82-81, Coonamble.

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Mr. Rennie.

JOHN WEINGARTH.

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Minutes on No. 43.

Would the Chief Draftsman be pleased to request that a search be made for these documents in Conditional Sales Branch, Lands.—C. E. RENNIE, 28/1/84. Mr. Blackman,—Kindly say if the papers can be procured and sent to Mr. Rennie.—J. W. ELLIS, 28/1/84. Required papers are noted to Charting Branch, and are not in Conditional Sales records.—E.P.

No. 44.

Memorandum.

Mr. Rennie,—

Geographical Division, No. 4, 23 January, 1884.

In connection with two cases, otherwise ready for examination, two original conditional purchase applications are required. I have endeavoured to trace them, and without success. Would you kindly request the Chief Draftsman to apply to the Department of Lands for them.

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Conditional purchase 82-104, Dubbo.

JOHN WEINGARTH.

Minutes on No. 44.

Would the Chief Draftsman be pleased to request that a search be made for these documents in Conditional Sales Branch, Lands.—C. E. RENNIE, 28/1/84. Mr. Blackman,—Kindly say if the papers can be procured and sent to Mr. Rennie.—J. W. ELLIS, 28/1/84. Required papers are noted to Charting Branch, and are not in Conditional Sales records.—E.P.

No. 45.

Commissioner Cropper to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT of an inquiry held at Dubbo, on the 2nd April, 1884, by Charles Cropper, Commissioner for the North-western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of John Connor, made at Dubbo on the 2nd February, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 16th September, 1882, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry was not present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz. :—Inspector Franks gave evidence to the effect that he inspected this portion eight months after selection and he found appearances of much occupation, and selector was resident; he valued the improvements at £48 15s.

Selector did not appear. I would suggest another inspection and report before this is dealt with.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be

I have, &c.,
CHARLES CROPPER,
Commissioner.

[Enclosure A to No. 45.]

Inspector Franks, being sworn, states :—On the 19th October, 1882, inspected a portion of 640 acres taken by John Connor, at Dubbo, on 2nd February, 1882; selector was then resident, and the hut appeared to have been much occupied, there were bedding, cooking utensils, and rations in it; I value the improvements thereon as follows :—

Hut	£30 0 0
300 acres ringbarked	18 15 0
	£48 15 0

I reported and forwarded such report of this case to the Lands Department, 24th October, 1882; selector told his occupation was that of a carrier, and I saw a waggon and bullock-dray upon the selection; I have heard him called three times outside this Court-house and he does not appear.

Taken and sworn before me, at Dubbo, }
this 2nd April, 1884,— }
CHARLES CROPPER, Commissioner.

ROBERT C. FRANKS.

[Enclosure B to No. 45.]

New South Wales, to wit.

Before Charles Cropper, Commissioner.

Court-house, Dubbo, 1883.

INQUIRY under the provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875," into the matter of the fulfilment of the conditions of residence and improvement, upon the conditional purchase of 640 acres situated in the county of Gregory, parish of Northcote, made by John Connor, at Dubbo, on the 2nd February, 1882, C.P. 82-62, Gazette 16th September, 1882, section 13.

[Enclosure C to No. 45.]

Notice to conditional purchaser to appear at Court of Inquiry held under sections 44-47 of Regulations under 39 Vic. No. 13. To John Connor, Mount Foster Run, Macquarie River.

I HEREBY notify to you that a Court of Inquiry, under the provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," will be held on the day of 1883, at the Court-house, at Dubbo, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question as stated at foot hereof will be inquired into.

On proof of the service of this notice, within the terms of the 45th section of the said Regulations, the inquiry will proceed, whether you appear at Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Bathurst, this day of 1883.

THOMAS J. HAWKINS,
Commissioner.

Matter for inquiry :—
The fulfilment of the conditions as to residence and improvement upon the conditional purchase of 640 acres, made by John Connor, at Dubbo, on the 2nd February, 1882; C.P. 82-62, Gazette 16th September, 1882, section 13.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure D to No. 45.]

Notice to conditional purchaser to appear at Court of Inquiry held under sections 44-47 of Regulations under 39 Vic. No. 13.
To John Connor, Mount Foster Run.

I HEREBY notify to you that a Court of Inquiry, under the provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," will be held on the 2nd day of July, 1883, at the Court-house at Dubbo, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question as stated at foot hereof, will be inquired into.

On proof of the service of this notice, within the terms of the 45th section of the said Regulations, the inquiry will proceed whether you appear at the Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Mudgee, this 14th day of June, 1883.

CHARLES CROPPER,
Commissioner.

Matter for inquiry :—

The fulfilment of the conditions as to residence and improvements upon the conditional purchase of 640 acres, made by John Connor, at Dubbo, on the 2nd February, 1882; C.P. 82-62, Gazette 16th September, 1882, section 13.

Minute on above.

New South Wales, Cannonba, to wit.

I, JAMES FARQUHARSON, constable of police, maketh oath and saith that he did, on the 27th June, 1883, personally serve the within-named John Connor with a true duplicate copy of this summons, by tacking the same on the door-post of the house which is his usual place of abode at Mount Foster.

Sworn before me, at Cannonba, this }
29th day of June, 1883,— }

J. FARQUHARSON,
Constable.

W. ALISON, J.P.

[Enclosure E to No. 45.]

Notice to conditional purchaser to appear at the Court of Inquiry, to be held pursuant to 39 Vic. No. 13.

To John Connor, Mount Foster, Dubbo.

I HEREBY notify to you that a Court of Inquiry, under the provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," will be held on the 2nd day of April, 1884, at the Court-house at Dubbo, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question as stated at foot hereof will be inquired into.

On proof of due service of this notice, the inquiry will proceed whether you appear at the Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Mudgee, this }
12th day of February, 1884. }

CHARLES CROPPER,
Commissioner.

Matter for inquiry :—

The fulfilment of the conditions as to residence and improvements upon the conditional purchase of 640 acres, made by yourself at Dubbo, on the 2nd February, 1882; C.P. 82-62, Gazette, 16th September, 1882.

Minute on above.

New South Wales, to wit.

J. FARQUHARSON maketh oath and saith that he did, on the 23rd day of February, 1884, at Mount Foster, duly serve a copy of the within notice on the within-named defendant, by placing the same in a conspicuous place upon the front of the place of residence.

Sworn before me, at Warren, this }
12th day of March, 1884,— }

J. FARQUHARSON,
Constable.

ADOLPH ALEXANDER, J.P.

No. 46.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 6 May, 1884.

We have the honor to request that you will cause an inquiry to be held in Sydney, at as early a date as possible, on the conditional purchase referred to in the margin.

We desire to state that our client will be in Sydney on Friday morning next, and as Mr. Commissioner Cropper is now also in Sydney, we trust that you will be pleased to grant our request.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,

(Agents for JAMES CONNOR).

Minutes on No. 46.

The Inspector's report referred to in the Commissioner's report was sent with other papers to the Crown Solicitor, 21/12/84.—J.R.M., 7/5/84.

By the Chief Commissioner :—It is not proposed to hold any further inquiry at present.—A.O.M., 8/5/84.

Applicants informed by me personally.—W.B., 8/5/84.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT WAGGA WAGGA.

(CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 16 January, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 16th October, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers, letters, minutes, and all correspondence of any kind relating to the Conditional Purchase of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, made at the Wagga Wagga Lands Office, situated in the Parish of Berrembed, County of Bourke.”

(Mr. Loughman.)

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RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT WAGGA WAGGA.

No. 1.

Application by Ellen Ryan.

C. [Alienation Act, section 14.]
No. 657 of 1881.

District of Wagga Wagga.

Application by Elen Ryan, spinster, a minor aged sixteen years, on the 18th July, 1881, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 8th day of December, 1881, at 11:32 o'clock.

F. KORFF,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

8 December, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

ELLEN RYAN,
Narandera.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, 640 acres, being measured portions Nos. 135 and 131 of said county and parish, containing respectively 173 and 320 acres, and 147 acres of portion No. 130 of said parish and county, joining measured portion No. 131. on the north.

Minutes on No. 1.

Applicant states that she has no incomplete conditional purchases.—F.K., 8/12/81. C.P., 81/657, Wagga Wagga. Reduced in area, 14th March, 1882. Send these papers to Mr. Geo. Lewis, Reserve Branch.—A.O.M., 25/5/82.

By this application Ellen Ryan has applied for 640 acres, being portions Nos. 135 and 131, and 146 acres 3 roods of portion No. 130, shown by blue edging upon the accompanying tracing. Part only of the land applied for is available for this conditional purchase, viz., 345 acres shown by blue tinting, the balance of 295 acres being included within railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878.

It is therefore recommended that applicant be offered the option of retaining the available area, and receiving refund on 295 acres, or of receiving refund of her deposit on the whole area applied for.

The tracing marked A may be forwarded to applicant.

The reserve referred to will be shortly cancelled, when a re-survey would be unnecessary should the present applicant be the selector, under the 21st clause, of the area now not available on account of reservation.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD, for Surveyor-General, 6th February, 1882. The Chief Commissioner, Conditional Sales.

For action on above, advising applicant.—A.O.M., 20/2/82.

No. 2.

Application by Anastasia Ryan.

C. [Alienation Act, section 14.]
No. 658 of 1881.

District of Wagga Wagga.

Application by Anastasia Ryan, spinster, a minor, aged seventeen years on the 9th June, 1881, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 18th day of December, 1881, at 11.32 o'clock.

F. KORFF,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

8 December, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

ANASTASIA RYAN,

Narandera.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, 640 acres, being measured portions 132 and 133 of said county and parish.

Minutes on No. 2.

Applicant states that she has no incomplete conditional purchase.—F.K., 8/12/81.

In this application Anastasia Ryan has applied for 640 acres, being portions Nos. 132 and 133 of 320 acres each, shown by red edging on the accompanying tracing. Part only of the land applied for is available for this conditional purchase, viz., 350 acres shown by pink tinting, the balance of 290 acres being included within railway reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878.

It is therefore recommended that applicant be offered the option of retaining the available area, and of receiving refund of deposit on 290 acres, or of receiving refund of her deposit money on the whole area applied for.

It

It is suggested that the accompanying tracing marked "A." be forwarded to applicant.
 The reserve referred to will be shortly cancelled, when re-survey would be unnecessary, should the present applicant be the selector, under the 21st clause, of the area not now available on account of reservation.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD, for Surveyor-General, 6/2/82.
 For action as proposed.—A.O.M., 25/2/82.

No. 3.

Application by Thomas Ryan.

District of Wagga Wagga. [Alienation Act, section 14.]
No. 664 of 1881.
 Application by Thomas Ryan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 540 acres, unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £135, this 8th day of December, 1881, at 3.32 o'clock.

F. KORFF,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

8 December, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 540 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £135, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN,

Narandera.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, 540 acres, being measured portion No. 134, and so much of portions Nos. 130 and 129 as is available, lying between E. and A. Ryan's C.P. and the Railway Reserve No. 218.

Minutes on No. 3.

Applicant states that he has no incomplete conditional purchase.—F.K., 8/12/81.

By this application Thomas Ryan has applied for 540 acres, being portion No. 134, part of 130 (after satisfaction of Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase) and part of portion No. 129, shown by red edging on the accompanying tracing. Part only of the land applied for is available for this conditional purchase, viz., 55 acres shown by pink tinting on tracing, the balance of 485 acres being included within railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878.

It is therefore recommended that applicant be offered the option of retaining the available area and of receiving refund of deposit on 485 acres, or of receiving refund of his deposit money on the whole area applied for.

The tracing marked A may be forwarded to applicant.

The reserve referred to will be shortly cancelled, when re-survey would be unnecessary should the present applicant be the selector, under the 21st clause, of the area now not available on account of reservation.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD, for Surveyor-General, 6 February, 1882. The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

For action as above, sending refund on 485 acres, and informing as in last paragraph.—A.O.M., 2/3/82.

No. 4.

Messrs. Farnell & Martin to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

295, George-street, 12 January, 1882.

We have been instructed by Mr. Flavelle (the lessee of Berrembed Run) to protest against the conditional purchase of one T. Ryan, as per margin, of 540 acres of Crown Land. The applicant applies for portion No. 134 and so much of portions Nos. 129 and 130 as is available lying between E. and A. Ryan's conditional purchases and railway reserve. In reference to portion No. 134, we protest against Ryan's selection, on the ground that there are sufficient improvements to bar that selection, namely, £50 in value of wire fencing. That part of portion No. 130 is included in E. Ryan's selection, and intervenes portion No. 134 and portion No. 129. That the fact of E. Ryan's conditional purchase embracing a part of portion No. 130, and lying between portions Nos. 134 and 129 bars T. Ryan's conditional purchase application for those portions. That T. Ryan's application, embracing portion No. 134, part of portions Nos. 130 and 129, will give a length of line far in excess of that allowed by law. We therefore have the honor to request that, as portion No. 134 is barred by the improvements, and as the other portions Nos. 130 and 129 cannot be legally selected in conjunction therewith, you will see cause to void T. Ryan's selection. The portions, although marked on the ground, are not in law measured portions, not having had the approval of the Surveyor-General.

We have, &c.,

FARNELL & MARTIN.

Minutes on No. 4.

Defendant upon action on C.P. 81-664; submitted to Chief Commissioner, under B.C. (on certified copy) of 6 Feb., 1882, R.S., 17 Feb., 1882. How does C.P. 81-664, Wagga Wagga, now stand? R.S., for M. O. C. Blake, 2 May, 1882. Area reduced to 55 acres. Application to Reserve Branch, 1 April, 1882. Mr. Blake. Mr. G. Lewis, for C.P. application 81-664, Wagga, noted to you, 1/4/82.—R.S., for M. O. C. Blake, 27 May, 1882. The previous papers in this case were forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands to-day. This paper should be seen by the Under Secretary in connection with these papers.—G. LEWIS, 31 May, 1882. Mr. Wilson.

No. 5.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Ellen Ryan.

Madam,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 March, 1882.

Referring to your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that, as it appears by a recent report from the Survey Department that but 345 acres of the land applied for, shown by blue tinting on the accompanying tracing, is available, the balance of 295 acres being included within Railway Reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, you are given the option of retaining the available area and accepting the refund voucher for the balance, herewith enclosed, in satisfaction of your purchase, or of having the whole of your deposit money refunded, to which I am to request an early reply.

I am further to apprise you that the reserve referred to will shortly be cancelled, when a re-survey would be unnecessary should you be the selector, under the 21st section, of the area now not available on account of reservation.

I have, &c.,

W. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure B to No. 5.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 March, 1882.

Dr. to Ellen Ryan.

	Amount to be refunded
For the following refund, viz., C.P. No. 81-657. Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on 640 acres. Selection void to the extent of 295 acres. Deposit to be refunded on 295 acres..... £	73 15 0

I hereby authorize and direct the above-mentioned amount to be paid on my behalf to the Colonial Treasurer, as deposit on conditional purchase.

Witness—EDWIN H. TOMPSON, C.P.S.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 March, 1882.

With reference to Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase of the 8th December, 1881, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 345 acres, instead of 640 acres, as stated in her application, she has been informed that she is entitled to a refund of £73 15s., the amount of deposit upon the 295 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 March, 1882.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 640 acres to 345 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £73 15s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 8.

Mr. W. Lyne, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 24 March, 1882.

I beg to draw your attention to the case of a selector named Thomas Ryan, who, with three members of his family, viz., Anastasia, Ellen, and T. Ryan, junr., took up selections—measured portions on the Grong Grong Run. The father took every precaution, by getting a lawyer to draw out the applications and applying to the District Inspector, to ascertain that the land was open for selection, but it now turns out two out of the three selections are on railway reserve No. 218A. He has put about £500 worth of improvements upon the portions that are within the reserve, and having been lately warned and threatened by the lessee, he is exceedingly anxious to obtain a title to what he was led to believe he had a right to select. When the reserve is thrown open, should it be so, he is afraid he may lose the selections, and in the meantime he fears an action for trespass. I therefore ask that the selections may be withdrawn from lease.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

Minute on No. 8.

For report of Survey Office.—J.D.D., pro F. H. Wilson, 30/3/82. Mr. Lewis.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Anastasia Ryan.

Madam, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 25 March, 1882.

Wagga,
C.P. 81-658,
640 acres, 8th
December, 1881,
A. Ryan.
Enclosure--
Tracing.

Referring to your selection of 640 acres noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that as it appears by a recent report from the Survey Department that but 350 acres of the land applied for, shown by pink tinting on the accompanying tracing, is available, the balance of 290 acres being included within railway reserve No. 218, notified 26th November, 1878, you are given the option of retaining the available area, and accepting the refund voucher for the balance, herewith enclosed, in satisfaction of your purchase, or of having the whole of your deposit money refunded, to which I am to request an early reply.

I am further to apprise you that the reserve referred to will be shortly cancelled, when re-survey would be unnecessary should you be the selector, under the 21st clause, of the area now not available on account of reservation.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure B to No. 9.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

Dr. to Anastasia Ryan.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz., C.P. No. 81-658. Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on 640 acres; selection void to the extent of 290 acres. Deposit to be refunded on 290 acres	£ 72 10 0

I hereby authorize and direct the above-mentioned amount to be paid on my behalf to the Colonial Treasurer as deposit on conditional purchase.

Witness—EDWIN H. TOMPSON, C.P.S.

No. 10.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

With reference to Anastasia Ryan's conditional purchase of the 8th December, 1881, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 350 acres, instead of 640 acres, as stated in her application, she has been informed that she is entitled to a refund of £72 10s., the amount of deposit upon the 290 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

Wagga Wagga,
Anastasia Ryan,
8th Dec., 1881.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 640 acres to 350 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £72 10s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Thomas Ryan.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

Wagga,
C.P. 81-664, *640
acres, now 55
acres, Thomas
Ryan.

* Qy. 540 acres.

Enclosures—
Refund voucher
and tracing.

Referring to your selection noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that but 55 acres of the land applied for are available, the balance being included within railway reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878; and I am to give you the option of retaining the available area and of accepting the accompanying refund voucher for the deposit on the balance of 485 acres, or of having a refund on the whole area applied for, and to which your early reply is requested.

The reserve referred to will be shortly cancelled, when re-survey would be unnecessary should you be the selector, under the 21st clause, of the area now not available on account of reservation.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 12.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

Dr. to Thomas Ryan.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz., C.P. No. 81-664. Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on 540 acres; selection void to the extent of 485 acres. Deposit to be refunded on four hundred and eighty-five (485) acres	£ 121 5 0

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

With reference to Thomas Ryan's conditional purchase of the 8th December, 1881, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 55 acres instead of 540 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £121 5s., the amount of deposit upon the 485 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 March, 1882.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 540 acres to 55 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £121 5s., on the area paid for in excess.

Wagga Wagga,
Thomas Ryan,
8 December, 1881

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 15.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Wagga Wagga District.

DESCRIPTIONS are enclosed for the reservation from lease of the portions applied for by T. Ryan, A. Ryan, and E. Ryan, as conditional purchases, should the Secretary for Lands consider that the circumstances of the case justify such a course.

C.P. 81-657.
" 658.
" 664.

A letter is enclosed (see No. 6) from Mr. Lyne, M.P., detailing particulars, also the conditional purchase applications, from which it appears that the selections have been taken up partly within railway reserve No. 218A, which reserve is shortly to be cancelled.

1,827 acres.

Applicants have been offered the areas outside of the reserve, but Mr. Lyne states that the bulk of the improvements of the value of £500 is situated within the reserved area, and he applies for the reservation from lease to protect the selectors from an action for trespass.

J. W. ELLIS,
(For Surveyor General).

3 April, 1882.

Minutes on No. 15.

Submitted.—T.H.W., 3/4/82.

The course herein suggested appears to me to be far from unobjectionable, as the recommendation is in connection with a conditional purchase. I should be glad to have the views of the Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 3/4/82. Chief Commissioner, 3/4/82.

No. 16.

Mr. A. Armstrong to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Land Agency Office, 26, Bridge-street, Sydney, 13 April, 1882.

Referring to the selections particularized in the margin, found to interfere with reserve No. 218A, I respectfully beg to state that the applications were first submitted by my clients to Mr. District Surveyor Bolton, who my clients aver asserted that such applications would be free of any reserve. I submit for your consideration that, as the route for the railway has since the formation of the reserve been finally chosen, that without prejudice to the public interests that revocation of a large part of the reserve may be effected, and to request the favour of the cases receiving your consideration with this view.

Wagga Wagga.
C.P. 81-664, 640
acres, now 55
acres, Thomas
Ryan.
C.P. 81-658, 640
acres, Anastasia
Ryan; C.P.
81-657, 640 acres,
Ellen Ryan.

Also, as my clients are liable to trespass action being instituted by the lessee of the Berrembed Run, I submit for your consideration the advisability of early notification of a reservation from lease to embrace that part of the reserve included within the conditional purchase application declared void.

I have, &c.,
A. ARMSTRONG,
Agent for the Ryan family.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 16.

I am not in possession of any information beyond such as appears in the papers already submitted, as to which I should be inclined to take the view within expressed by the Under Secretary; but I am informed that Mr. George Lewis, the officer in charge of the Reserve Branch of the Survey Department, is about to visit Narrandera on duty, and that he would be in a position to report promptly on the matter if referred to, and I think it would be well to take the opportunity of obtaining a report.—A.O.M., 17/4/82. The Under Secretary.

This paper was not before me when I wrote my memo. of the 3rd instant. Perhaps the best course to pursue will be to refer the papers to District Surveyor Bolton (whose name has been mentioned in connection with the case), for immediate report. The case may then be properly dealt with.—C.O., 17/4/82.

Approved.—JOHN R., 19/4/82. A. Armstrong informed, 20/4/82. To be sent to Mr. Bolton to-day.—C.O., 20/4/82. Forwarded to Mr. District Surveyor Bolton accordingly.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor General), B.C., 20 April, 1882. Replied to by letter of 24 April, 1882, No. 82-46.—C. F. BOLTON, District Surveyor.

No. 17.**The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Armstrong.**

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 April, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 13th instant, on behalf of Thomas, Anastasia, and Ellen Ryan, requesting that, pending consideration of their applications for conditional purchases in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, the portion of railway reserve No. 218A embraced by the conditional purchases be withdrawn from lease, I have the honor to inform you that the papers in the case will be referred to Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton for immediate report.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 18.**Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton to The Surveyor-General.**

Sir, District-Surveyor's Office, Wagga Wagga, 24 April, 1882.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your B.C. of the 20th instant, No. 82-175, respecting the conditional purchase applications of E., A., and T. Ryan, in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, and in reference thereto I do myself the honor to inform you that the circumstances connected with such applications are as follows:—That when it was deemed expedient to reserve land along the railway from Junce to Narrandera, by some oversight the land along a trial line was reserved instead of the land along the line finally decided upon. To this I drew attention, and instead of the reserve along the abandoned trial line being revoked and a fresh reserve being proclaimed along the adopted line, the first reserve was extended to embrace all land within a mile of the adopted line, being the line along which the railway has been constructed. After the completion and opening of the railway to Narrandera I was instructed to measure large tracts of land, in anticipation of demand in the vicinity of the railway, and to report on the propriety of revoking the reserve adjacent to it, save and excepting lands required for villages, access to stations, &c. In compliance with these instructions I reported in favour of cancelling the greater proportion of reserves 218 and 218A, and caused the survey of large tracts of land in the parishes of Lupton and Berrembed, including parts of those reserves, with a view to their being subsequently revoked. However, before such revocation had taken place Mr. Ryan, with E., A., and T. Ryan, lodged, or were about to lodge, applications drawn up by his solicitor, Mr. E. B. Tompson, for land right up to the railway; and in connection with the business Mr. Tompson, with Mr. Ryan, came into my office to refer to the original tracing of the survey of the portions, when I pointed out that all land within a mile of railway was reserved. This occurred about ten minutes before 4 o'clock, and caused a re-arrangement of the Ryans' conditional purchases, which had to be done as hastily as possible, to be in time for that Land Office day. In the hurry I unfortunately did not refer to the parish map which shows the reserves, but on which the portions had not yet been charted, the plans only having been recently received, or I should have without doubt noticed to what extent the portions in question were covered by the reserve based on the old trial line. As I previously reported, I see no objection to the cancellation and alienation of the reserves herein alluded to.

I have since seen Mr. Ryan, and he informs me that very considerable improvement has already been effected on the land applied for by himself and family.

I have, &c.,
C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Minute on No. 18.

See this matter be dealt with at once.—C.O., 4/5/82.

No. 19.**Messrs. Farnell & Martin to The Under Secretary for Lands.**

Sir, 295, George-street, 11 May, 1882.

With reference to certain conditional purchases applied for by J. Ryan, Miss E. Ryan, and Miss A. Ryan respectively, and also with reference to a report furnished with respect to the said applications by Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, we have the honor to furnish you with a statement supplied to us by Mr. A. A. Devlin respecting the said selections, which is as follows:—

“Having heard that John Ryan, for himself and his two daughters, has represented to your Department that, owing to the action of Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, they were induced to take up certain

Wagga.
C.P. 81-664, 540
acres.
C.P. 81-657, 640
acres.
C.P. 81-658.

certain land in the county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, which was subsequently found to be for the most part within the Railway Reserve No. 218A, and that they (the Ryans) have stated that in consequence of that action by Mr. Bolton they have put improvements on the said reserve to the value of £500, and by their statement they thereby endeavour to induce you to believe that a great injustice would be done them if they were not allowed to retain the land applied for, I beg to positively state for your information that Ryan has misrepresented the facts of the case, in order to create a false impression and sympathy with them; that the fencing improvements erected by them do not amount in value to the sum of £90, being as follows:—On the land applied for by the Miss Ryans about 48 chains of wire fencing, with a sapling top-rail—that is, 28 chains on Miss E. Ryan's conditional purchase and 20 chains on Miss A. Ryan's conditional purchase; and on the land applied for by John Ryan there is 70 chains of similar fencing, and this fence by itself does not make any enclosure. This fencing I can (if necessary) show did not cost £40 per mile, so that I have allowed extreme prices for it in my valuation of £90. The whole improvements erected or made by the Ryans, both within and without the reserve, do not amount to more than £150, at a very liberal valuation. J. Ryan's residence (although he has a wife and large family) consists of two forked sticks, a ridge-pole, and about a dozen sheets of galvanized iron lodged thereon, with the ends blocked up with bushes. This is the whole of J. Ryan's improvements, together with the 70 chains of wire fencing.

"I may add that recently, and since he has been warned not to improve, he has done some little clearing. If my statements and valuations are doubted, I beg to request that a competent officer be appointed to inspect and report upon the Ryans' selections and the improvements thereon."

We have furnished the above statement, trusting that it will be sufficient to induce you to cause a full inquiry to be made into all the facts and circumstances of the three cases.

We have, &c.,

FARNELL & MARTIN,

Agents for A. A. DEVLIN.

Urgent. Mr. G. Lewis.—C.N.O., 16/5/82.

Minute on No 19.

Thos. Ryan's case.—Conditional purchase on a reserve.

Mr. Farnell will call to-morrow afternoon.—C.O., 8/5/82.

Papers herewith borrowed from Survey Office.

No. 20.

Miss Ellen Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berrembed, 16 May, 1882.

On the 8th of December I selected 640 acres of land at Wagga Wagga Land Office, which was surveyed portions numbers as follows:—No. 135 of 173 acres, No. 131 of 320 acres, and the balance of my section I applied for out of No. 134, that is about 167 acres, which was taken from me, for some reason or other that I cannot find out, and given to Thomas Ryan. He only applied for what remained after me; he does not dispute it—he says it belongs to me. Trusting you will be kind enough to withdraw that portion from Thomas Ryan and place it to me, I being the first who applied for it. I am now out of my money and land for over six months; that is more than I can afford, the times being bad. Trusting you will settle this matter without putting me to any further expense—I still hold possession of the land,

I have, &c.,

ELLEN RYAN.

Address.—Ellen Ryan, Grong Grong Railway-station, via Junee.

Minute on No. 20.

Paper should be referred to Reserve Branch, to be placed with application.—H.C., 27/5/82.

No. 21.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

On the 8th December, 1881, three applications were made by Anastasia, Ellen, and Thomas Ryan, to conditionally purchase land situated in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke.

These applications embraced land which encroached on Railway Reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, to a considerable extent. The following table shows the land available for conditional purchase:—

Name of Applicant.	Area applied for.			Number of acres on Reserve.			Area available.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Anastasia Ryan.....	640	0	0	290	0	0	350	0	0
Ellen Ryan	640	0	0	295	0	0	345	0	0
Thomas Ryan	540	0	0	485	0	0	55	0	0

The applicants have been refunded the deposits on the areas not available, and informed that the reserve will shortly be cancelled, after which they could re-select the areas at present not available, under the 21st section.

On 24th March, 1882, applicants, through Mr. Lyne, M.P., forwarded a communication, in which they stated that every precaution was taken by them prior to their making the conditional purchases; that they employed a lawyer to make out their descriptions, and that the District Surveyor had informed them

them that the land was available for selection. They had likewise, according to their statement, £500 worth of improvements upon the reserve, and as they were afraid of an action for trespass being brought against them by the lessees, they asked that the area in the reserve covered by their conditional purchase should be withdrawn from lease.

Mr. District Surveyor Bolton, to whom the case was referred, has borne out applicants' statements with regard to informing them that the areas were available for selection; but he also stated that in the hurry (it being nearly 4 o'clock, at which time the land agent's office would be closed) he unfortunately forgot the existence of the reserve, which is described as extending 1 mile each side of the trial line for railway, and assumed that the reserve extended from the line as constructed, which at this point is about 60 chains north of the trial line.

The lessees now dispute the valuation of improvements, which in their estimation, at a liberal valuation, amount to £150 only, and they ask that a competent officer should be sent to make full inquiries into the facts of the case.

It is submitted for the consideration of the Secretary for Lands as to whether any further report is necessary, and as to whether the land should be reserved from lease until the Railway Reserve is cancelled.

G. LEWIS,
(For the Surveyor-General).
31st May, 1882.

Minutes on No. 21.

Submitted.—It appears to me that it is very material that the value of the improvements made by the Ryans prior and subsequent to the voidance of the C.P. should be ascertained. Any since made have been constructed under the full knowledge of the land being upon a reserve. It is also necessary that the nature and value of any improvements made on each portion by the lessee should be stated and the dates of construction given. A report could be obtained in a few days from Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton.—C.O., 1/6/82. Approved.—JOHN R., 1/6/82. Secretary and Cashier, for reference to District Surveyor Bolton.—C.J.S., for G. Lewis, 2nd June, 1882. Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton accordingly.—B.C., 2nd June, 1882.—No. 2,501. Replied to by letter of 27th June, 1882, No. 77.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

[*Enclosure to No. 21.*]

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 November, 1878.

Reserved from sale for railway purposes.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that in pursuance of the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the land specified in the Schedule appended hereto shall be reserved from sale for railway purposes.

JAMES S. FARNELL

Lachlan District.

No. 218. Counties of Clarendon, Bourke, and Cooper. The Crown Lands within 1 mile on each side of the centre line of the proposed railway from Junee to Narrandera, as shown on plan catalogued L.245-1-834 at the Surveyor General's Office.

No. 22.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Farnell & Martin.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 June, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 11th ultimo, on behalf of Mr. A. A. Devlin, respecting the conditional purchases taken up by Anastasia, Ellen, and Thomas Ryan, in the parish of Berrambed, county of Bourke, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that a report be obtained from the District-Surveyor as to the value of the improvements made by the selectors prior and subsequent to the reduction of the areas of the conditional purchases, and also as to the nature, value, and date of construction of any improvements effected by your client on each portion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Armstrong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 June, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 13th April last, on behalf of Ellen, Anastasia, and Thomas Ryan, respecting the conditional purchases taken up by them in the parish of Berrambed, county of Bourke, which were found to encroach upon railway reserve No. 218A, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that a report be obtained from the District Surveyor as to the value of the improvements made by the selectors prior and subsequent to the reduction of the areas of the conditional purchases, and also as to the nature, value, and date of construction of any improvements effected by the lessee of the run on each portion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. J. Lyne, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 June, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 24th March last, on behalf of Ellen, Anastasia, and Thomas Ryan, respecting the conditional purchases taken up by them in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, which were found to encroach on railway reserve No. 218A, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that a report be obtained from the District Surveyor as to the value of the improvements made by the selectors prior and subsequent to the reduction of the areas of the conditional purchases, and also as to the nature, value, and date of construction of any improvements effected by the lessee of the run on each portion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 25.

Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

District Surveyor's Office, Wagga Wagga, 27 June, 1882.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your B.C. of the 2nd inst., No. 82-250, conveying instructions to me to report on the improvements effected on land applied for as conditional purchases by A.E. and T. Ryan, in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, and in reply I do myself the honor to inform you that I visited the ground on the 23rd instant and found that considerable improvements had been effected, which will be more particularly described hereinafter; but before I proceed further, I may state that my valuation of them and Mr. Ryan's differ so widely as to be quite irreconcilable. I also found it impossible to form a reliable estimate of what work had been done prior to Ryan's receiving notice that some of the land applied for by him and his daughters was on the reserve. However, I believe it would be fair to assume that, about two-thirds of the work was done by that time; or if not quite so much, that contracts were commenced upon which Ryan was bound to abide by. While conducting my examination of the improvements on the various C.P.s I had occasion to fix the position of the railway trial line from which reserve No. 218A is described, and found it to be 24.61 chains north of the S.E. corner of portion No. 127, instead of about 8 chains, as shown on the parish map, which I presume supplied the data from which the areas allowed to be retained by the Ryans was computed. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland failed to show this line on his plan of portions taken by Ryan and those adjoining thereto, though the line is distinctly marked on the ground by the clearing of a vista through the scrub and by blazing the trees, added to which there is a white peg about every 2 chains. I have no hesitation in stating that I am confident that if the line in question had been shown on Mr. Garland's plan, it would have been noticed and no encroachment would have been permitted to occur.

I have now written Mr. Garland a letter, a copy of which I enclose herewith, directing him to fix the position of the trial line where it crosses the lines of his survey, and I now recommend that the balance due to him on his account for his survey be withheld until he supplies the required information—that should have been supplied with his plan. Thomas Ryan now states that he intended his daughter, Ellen's, description to embrace part of portion No. 134 and none of 130. However, such form would have been illegal, and he had every opportunity of amending the descriptions when they were drawn out if he wished, as I am confident they were read out to him, and both he and his daughters can read very well for themselves; besides, I marked the respective C.P.s on the map in pencil for his information.

Herewith I enclose a tracing with the positions of the various improvements shown approximately on it. The fence shown, as being erected by Mr. A. A. Devlin on behalf of Mr. Flavelle, was placed there to keep his stock from going on to the Ryans' land; but owing to the error on the parish map it will now be found to encroach on that part of Ryans' land which lies outside Reserve No. 218A. I cannot understand how the trial line came to be charted so far out of position in the compilation of the parish map.

The improvements on Anastasia Ryan's C.P. are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
6 acres partially cleared, at 50s.	15	0	0
Dam 90 yards, at 1s. 3d.	5	12	6
50 acres partially cleared and cropped	200	0	0
Part of house	5	0	0
30 chains of wire and top-rail fence	22	10	0
50 chains of brush and drop fenced	25	0	0
Sundries	10	0	0
	<u>£283</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

The improvements on Ellen Ryan's are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
House of wood and iron, of rude construction, on boundary, chiefly on E. Ryan's C.P.	25	0	0
Well 51 feet, cost £8 18s. 6d. (say)	10	0	0
Garden	5	0	0
Yard	4	0	0
Fencing 2 miles, at £60 per mile	120	0	0
Dam 900 yards, at 1s. 3d.	56	5	0
50 acres scrubbing and clearing, at 2s. 6d.	6	5	0
	<u>£226</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

The only improvement on Thomas Ryan's C.P. is a bush shed and gunyah worth about £2 10s.

The gunyah is made of eight sheets of iron on a frame and bushed up at end, and though there were signs of a recent fire in front of it there were no other signs of residence.

Thomas

Thomas Ryan claims the fence along the north boundary of portion No. 131 as being on his conditional purchase, and insists that there was an error made in drawing up his description, as before remarked in this report.

I may state that Mr. Thomas Ryan seems to act as sole agent for his daughters, and to control all expenditures on their C.P.s. As my valuations were so much below Mr. Ryan's I asked him for a statement of his valuations, which was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
2½ miles top-rail, five-wire fence, at £80 per mile	200	0	0
1 mile drop fence	50	0	0
Two dams	120	0	0
One house	100	0	0
50 acres cleared and partly cropped	350	0	0
Stockyard	10	0	0
Scrubbing and suckering	15	0	0
Material, wire, iron, boards, &c.	100	0	0
Gunyah and shed	10	0	0
Garden	10	0	0
Fencing material, split and bush	30	0	0
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	£995	0	0

Herewith I enclose a letter from Mr. A. A. Devlin, written in the interest of the lessees of Berembad Run. From the statements contained therein, Mr. Ryan, or rather Mr. Ryan's daughters, had not got so far with their improvements as I estimated from Mr. Ryan's statements. However, I do not see that this materially affects the case.

I have, &c.,

C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Minute on No. 25.

Mr. G. Lewis, for further action.—M.O.C.B., 20 July, 1882.

[*Enclosure A to No. 25.*]

D.-S. Bolton to L.-S. Garland.

Sir,

District Surveyor's Office, Wagga Wagga, 27 June, 1882.

Having been called upon to report on improvements effected by T., A., and E. Ryan on portions Nos. 130 to 135, measured by you, I had occasion to visit and inspect the locality, and in carrying out that duty I had to look up the Railway trial line referred to in description of reserve No. 218A, and found it to be a well-marked line blazed in the usual way, and having small white pegs at intervals of about 2 chains. This line you have altogether omitted to show on your plan of the portions in question, contrary to the custom of the Department. As this information was very essential, I have now to direct that you furnish a diagram showing the intersection of this line wherever the boundaries of your portion cross it. I have no hesitation in saying that I am confident that if this line had been shown on your plan the Ryans would not have fallen into the error of taking up land within reserve No. 218A, and I consider your conduct in failing to show distinctly marked line, and one so important as being the datum from which an important reserve starts, very reprehensible, and I have to caution you against similar neglect in future.

I have, &c.,

C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Minute on above.

Replied to by my letter of 3rd August, 1882.—B. CLAYTON GARLAND, L.S.

[*Enclosure B to No. 25.*]

Mr. J. Flavelle to D.-S. Bolton.

Dear Sir,

Uarah, 21 June, 1882.

Having been informed that you have been requested to inspect and report upon the improvements erected or made by Thomas, Ellen, or Anastasia Ryan upon land applied for by them on this run, for your information I beg to draw your attention to the following facts, viz:—

On the 6th day of March last Thomas Ryan called upon me, and I then informed him that the greater part of the land embraced in his and their applications was within the railway reserve, and advised him not to carry out any improvements thereon. On the 7th or 8th I inspected the land and found improvements as follows:—South of the reserve a well, value about £8 10s.; a tank in course of being put down, value when finished about £20; a yard, value £5; a house in course of erection, value £10; about 12 chains of post and sapling one rail fence, no wire, value about £4 10s. at say £30 per mile; there were also a few saplings grubbed up, the cost of which was about £2. On the railway reserve the improvements on the above date were as follows:—About 28 chains of post and sapling rail fence, no wire, on the western boundary of portion No. 132 running north from where the railway reserve intersects that line to a point about 3 feet north of the north-west corner of said portion, and then 10 chains of similar fencing running west from that point about 3 feet north of the northern boundary of portion No. 131, or say altogether upon the reserve 40 chains of fencing at 7s. 6d. per chain, or £30 per mile, £15. You will see by this that the whole of the improvements created by the Ryans at the date of their getting notice was £65-10s., and that the improvements put upon the reserve at that time amounted to £15.

I would also draw your attention to the fact that I called upon Ryan, and in the presence of John Daniels, junior, and Joseph Simpson, who were or had been fencing for Ryan, and when with him measuring the fencing they had erected, offered (as I could not make use of the country held under lease in the same paddock without trespassing upon the land claimed by Ryan) to pay a fair rental for the use of any land Ryan might have. To this Ryan most positively declined to agree. I then informed him, in the presence of the same two men, that I should be compelled to fence to prevent the stock from trespassing. I have erected a temporary brush fence for the sole purpose of preventing stock trespassing upon Ryan's land, and I wish to draw your attention to this fence and ask you to say whether it is not quite palpable that the fence was erected for that purpose and no other.

I need not point out to you that I could not sublet any portion of my Crown lease, and even if I had the power so to do, in the face of the present dry season I could not have spared the country. I have suffered a very heavy loss through being deprived of the use of this paddock, and only erected this temporary fence to enable me to make use of the country when I found that I could not hold my stock any longer without it.

In estimating the value of fencing, well, and tank, mentioned as having cost certain sums, I am in a position to show that the work in some cases actually cost less than the price at which I have valued it.

Should you desire to verify the statement made by me with regard to the amount of and value of improvements, I beg to refer you to J. Daniels, junior, for fencing and all other improvements, to J. Term for tank, to J. T. Longford or the records of the Police Office, Narandera, for the cost of the well.

I am, &c.,

JOHN FLAVELLE,

(per A. A. DEVLIN).

Minute on above.

Forwarded to the Surveyor-General, for his information, with my letter of 27th June, 1882, No. 77.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

THE further report from District-Surveyor Bolton discloses the fact that the south boundary of the railway reserve is situated about 16 chains northerly of the position which it has hitherto been believed to occupy. Mr. Bolton has fixed the point of intersection of the trial line of railway from which the reserve is described with the east boundary of portion No. 127; but the exact encroachment of the portions cannot be determined until Licensed-Surveyor Garland has completed instructions from the District-Surveyor to connect the trial railway-line with the other portions through which it passes.

With the present information, A. Ryan's conditional purchase of 640 acres encroaches to the extent of about 147 acres, E. Ryan's to about 200 acres, and T. Ryan's to about 410 acres. It would thus appear that the bulk of E. and A. Ryan's improvements are situated outside the reserve boundary, as shown on sketch A. In the case of A. Ryan no improvements appear to be within the reserve; but on this conditional purchase Messrs. Devlin have constructed a brush fence since the date of conditional purchase, under the impression that they were fencing along the reserve boundary; this fence would now appear to be within the part of conditional purchase outside of the reserve.

E. Ryan has improvements to the value of about £66 within the reserve boundary.

All of T. Ryan's improvements are situated within the reserve, and their value is stated by Ryan to be £10, and by District-Surveyor Bolton £2 10s.

The only improvement of the lessees on this conditional purchase is a six-wire fence running along the east boundary of portion No. 134, valued at £50, partly on the reserve partly without, and completed in 1880.

The survey of portion No. 134 has not been accepted, so that this is not a measured portion within the meaning of the Act, and the fencing would therefore prove no bar to selection.

Ryan estimates the whole of the improvements to be worth £995, whilst District-Surveyor Bolton estimates them at £283 2s. 6d. on A. Ryan's conditional purchase, £226 10s. on E. Ryan's conditional purchase, and £2 10s. on T. Ryan's conditional purchase. Total, £512 2s. 6d.

Submitted in connection with Ms. 82-8,352 enclosed.—G. LEWIS, for the Surveyor General, 25th July, 1882.

Urgent.

Minute on No. 26.

Submitted.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland's connection to the trial line is now to hand. The position of the south boundary can now be definitely fixed, and the actual encroachments of the conditional purchases upon the reserve determined. The blue band on sketch A shows the south boundary of the reserve, and the red hatching the encroachments of the conditional purchases, from which it will be observed that A. Ryan encroaches to the extent of 138 acres, E. Ryan 229 acres, and T. Ryan 467 acres. The relative position of the improvements is not, however, materially affected by the survey.—C.J.S.

No. 27.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland to Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton.

Sir,

Survey Camp, Grong Grong, 3 August, 1882.

As directed by you in your letter of 27th June, 1882, I have the honor to furnish you with a diagram showing the points of intersection of the trial survey line with the boundaries of portions Nos. 126, 127, and 128, in the parish of Berrembed, in the county of Bourke.

I would here draw your attention to the fact of a similar omission having occurred with regard to the plan of the subdivision of reserve 666A, in the parish of Marroe. I propose to supply the information as soon as I can reach the locality.

I have, &c.,

B. CLAYTON GARLAND,

Licensed Surveyor.

Urgent.

Minutes on No. 27.

Forwarded to the Surveyor General, 8th Aug., 1882.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S. Misc. records, for registration; then to Reserve Branch, for notation of information *re* datum of railway reserve No. 218A.—R.S., for M. O. C. BLAKE, 14th August, 1882. Noted on parish maps of Lupton and Berrembed.—H. A. EVANS, 7th October, 1882. Trial line noted on B. 855—F. H. BLAXLAND, 19th Dec., 1882.

No. 28.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Lands.

CAN it be said when the survey of the reserve is likely to be completed? It appears to me that the case cannot be dealt with until the position of reserve is definitely fixed.—C.O., 4/8/82.

Minutes on No. 28.

Surveyor-General, 4/8/82. Mr. G. Lewis, urgent, 9/8/82. Mr. Bolton should be asked to say.—G.L. Telegram sent 14 Augt., 1882.—J.S., 14/8/82. The position of the reserve as fixed by survey will not affect the case to any appreciable extent.—G.L., 16 Aug., 1882. Submitted.—F.H.W., 24/8/82.

No. 29.

Telegram from Surveyor-General to Mr. District Surveyor Bolton.

Sydney, 14 August, 1882.

Will survey of reserve referred to in your letter eighty-two, seventy-seven, be completed? Information required for Under Secretary.

JOHN F. LANDERS,
(For Surveyor-General).

Minutes on No. 29.

Letter S2-77 related to T., A., and E. Ryan's C.P., parish Berembé, county Bourke. Mr. Garland, licensed surveyor, was directed to fix the position of the trial line from which reserve No. 218A was described, and he did so accordingly. A diagram with letter from him to me was forwarded to Head Office on Tuesday last; no other survey was ordered or authorized. I fancy that diagram will supply the necessary information to deal with the case.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S., 14 Aug., 1882.

P.S.—The subdivision survey can only take place when it is finally decided what land will be allowed to the Ryans, and consequently what land will be cut off.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

No. 30.

Telegram from Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton to Surveyor-General.

Wagga Wagga, 15 August, 1882.

Diagram indicating exact position of trial line from which reserve No. 218A was described forwarded to Head Office last Tuesday.

C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Minute on No. 30.

Mr. Fewings, for immediate action, 15 August, 1882.

No. 31.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Lands.

THESE cases have come to me for the purpose of dealing with the application to have the land originally included in the conditional purchases of Ellen Ryan, Anastasia Ryan, and T. Ryan, withdrawn from lease, on the ground that the applicants were misled by information supplied by the District Surveyor as to the position of a reserve which proved to be erroneous. At present the extent of the conditional purchases is reduced to the areas which were supposed to be situated outside the reserve. It now appears, the position of the reserve having been more accurately fixed, that there is a larger area available for selection than was at first supposed; therefore there will be apparently no objection to the further area being included in the conditional purchases. So far the cases are free from difficulty. The selectors, however, placed certain improvements within the reserve, the value of which as estimated by them and the district surveyor differs considerably; but I think the valuation of the latter should be accepted, leaving it to the selectors to appeal to appraisal under the law if they think proper. The lessee of the run within which the lands are situated cannot, so far as it appears, claim any privilege of purchasing the land without competition; and as it is suggested that the reserve should be revoked, there would seem to be no very substantial objection to withdraw portion of it from lease and contemporaneously cancel the reservation from sale. The conditional purchasers could then retain, as already decided, the land without the reserve and apply for those portions within it included in their original applications under the 21st section, subject of course to the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880 as regards improvements placed on the reserve. Although the selectors lay great stress on the erroneous information hurriedly given to them by the district surveyors, who explains the circumstances, it is worthy of note that had the applications been made as at first drawn by their solicitor the whole of the lands included therein would have been upon the reserve. I do not think the Department can reasonably be asked to do more than before suggested, and the selectors should be given to understand distinctly that if they fail to obtain the areas within the reserve under the law after revocation they will not be entitled to any compensation for any alleged loss.

The areas outside the reserve and embraced in the conditional purchase applications appear to be—Ellen Ryan, 411 acres (640 applied for); Anastasia Ryan, 502 acres (640 applied for); T. Ryan, 63 acres (540 applied for).

By the district surveyor's report Ellen Ryan has placed £66 worth of improvements on the reserves, and T. Ryan £2 10s.

The brush fence recently erected by Mr. Devlin, and valued by him at £50, appears to have been placed upon Anastasia Ryan's conditional purchase.

C.O.

25/8/82.

Minutes on No. 31.

Mr. Bolton's jumbling has got the Department into this trouble; he should have pointed out to him the difficulties which his action has occasioned.

All the selections except Ellen Ryan's should be brought down to that portion of each which is outside of the reserve. The large expenditure on Ellen Ryan's proportion that is in the reserve would warrant special provision for her case.

That should be sought by legislation, and in the meantime the land should be withdrawn from lease. The cancellation of the reserve (excepting that alluded to as improved by Ellen Ryan) may be proceeded with.—JOHN R., 9/9/82.

Very urgent.—Mr. G. Lewis, for necessary description.—F.H.W., 11/9/82.

A description is enclosed for the withdrawal from lease of about 229 acres, being that part of Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase included within railway reserve No. 218A, in accordance with Ministerial decision.—G. LEWIS, 19 Sept., 1882. Mr. Wilson.

Charted on parish map and plan B. 855, 1,806, Roll. Tracing made for Land Agent, showing position of reserve No. 349 from lease and correct position of railway reserve No. 218A, as shown by sketch with Miscellaneous S2-18,547.—H. A. EVANS, Oct. 10th, '82.

No. 32.

Memorandum by Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Re portion No. 134, parish Berrembed, county Bourke, Wagga Wagga.

Conflicting claimants—Ellen Ryan, A. A. Devlin.

Memo. from F. B. Mulligan, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, for the information of the Chief Commissioner, Department of Lands.

THE papers in this case reached me on my return to Wagga Saturday night, 1st September inst., being marked "urgent." On Sunday, 2nd, I wrote duplicate notices and posted them to the parties interested, requesting them to meet me on the 6th idem at Devlin's Siding, which, as far as I knew, was the nearest stopping-place by train to the selection. On 5th September I received a telegram from Mr. Devlin, from Grong Grong Railway-station, asking me to go on there, the land, as I subsequently found, being only 2 miles from there, while it is 9 from the siding. That telegram (to which I did not reply) reached me at 1 p.m., and by the messenger at 1 10 p.m. I wired Miss Ellen Ryan (collect), "Please ask your father to meet me at Railway-station instead of Devlin's Siding to-morrow." On reaching the siding on 6th inst. (yesterday) Mr. Ryan was waiting for me, not having received my message. Under the circumstances I went on to the Railway-station; for this reason, that had I got out and gone with Mr. Ryan we would have been driving for nearly 7 miles parallel with the railway-line, and on arrival of the train Mr. Devlin, not finding I had arrived, would have gone away, and consequently only one of the parties interested would have been on the ground. When the train arrived Mr. Devlin's overseer was waiting and we went direct to the selection, where Mr. Ryan shortly afterwards arrived, and my inspection was made in the presence of both parties. When I had finished my duties I went with Mr. Ryan to his house, 1 mile off, and dined, and he brought me back to the Railway-station, 3 miles away. I did not see Mr. Devlin. I am thus explicit in this trifling matter because Mr. Ryan thinks that he has a grievance over my action, which manifestly in my opinion was simply fair to both parties.

I have only to add that my report in this case is made after careful consideration, and I believe that my valuation throughout, without being extreme, is full.

Wagga Wagga, 7 September, 1882.

F. B. MULLIGAN.

No. 33.

The Under-Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 September, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, a tracing* showing the position of part of railway reserve No. 218, in the parishes of Berrembed and Lupton, county of Bourke, as recently fixed by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under-Secretary.

*See enclosure to No. 27.

No. 34.

Mr. Thomas Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berrembed, 18 September, 1882.

I have been informed by Mr. Bolton, District Surveyor, Wagga Wagga, that I was entitled to about 20 chains more of the reserve than what is stated in the voucher, which kept me back from day to day expecting to get a proper explanation of the boundary, which is not done yet. It appears to me I have to suffer for other people's mistakes. I have suffered already over £1,000, which I expected was often brought under your notice. Up to date the Under-Secretary, Mr. Oliver, promised me he would do all he could in the matter, but he has done very little as yet. Hoping, if you can't do any better for me than you have up to date, you will send me a voucher that will enable me to draw the full deposit, as 55 acres is no use to me. I am now ten months out of my money and land; but as I have been led astray through Mr. Bolton, and also through the mixed-up survey on the ground, I hope the Government will see me through and recompense me for the losses I sustained through their officers. Enclosed is the voucher. Hoping you will send me a voucher that will enable me to get the full amount of deposit money that I had paid,—

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Minutes on No. 34.

The enclosed minute of Charting Branch on 82-19,833, Misc., is submitted for approval of action.

If approved, the enclosed voucher for refund of deposit on C.P. 81/664, difference of area on 485 acres, should be returned to Mr. T. Ryan, the area now proposed for his conditional purchase being 73 acres instead of 55 acres.—C.N., 24/2/83.

As the area applied for by C.P. application 81-664 could not be measured, and as applicant is desirous of receiving refund of deposit on the whole area, there can be no objection to the deposit money being returned.—M. O. C. BLAKE, 25 April, 1883.

No. 35.

The Secretary for Lands to His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council.

MINUTE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Reserves from lease under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 September, 1882.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the portion of Crown Land described in the annexed Schedule be withdrawn from lease under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, for the purposes mentioned in connection therewith.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

SPECIAL.

SPECIAL.

THE Executive Council advise that the portion of land herein described be withdrawn from lease in terms of the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.

A. C. BUDGE,
Clerk of the Council.

Approved.—A.L., 26/9/82. Min. 83-45, 26/9/82. Confirmed, 3/10/82.

SCHEDULE.

Registration No.	Area.	Reserve No.	County.	Purpose of Reservation.
Ms. 82-14,302	About 229 acres	349	Bourke	The purpose of sale.

No. 36.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 September, 1882.

* See No. 37.

I am directed to transmit herewith, for your information, a description* with tracing, showing certain land in the county of Bourke, which by notice in the Government Gazette of the 27th instant has been reserved from lease under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act, for the purpose of sale.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
(For the Under Secretary)

No. 37.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 September, 1882.

Reserve from lease for the purpose of sale.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to withdraw from lease for the purpose of sale the portion of land hereinafter described.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Lachlan District.

No. 349. County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, Berrembed Run, area about 229 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries, being part of measured portions Nos. 130 and 131: Commencing at the north-west corner of portion No. 132; and bounded thence on part of the east by a line bearing north 22 chains 40 links; on the north by a line bearing west 65 chains 98 links to the west boundary of portion No. 130 of 320 acres; on the west by a line forming part of the west boundary of that portion and portion No. 131 bearing south 33 chains 69 links to the southern boundary of railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878; thence on the south-west by part of the southern boundary of that reserve bearing south-easterly to a point on the west boundary of portion No. 132 aforesaid, situated 13 chains 50 links southerly of the north-west corner of that portion; and thence on the remainder of the east by part of the west boundary of portion No. 132 aforesaid bearing northerly, to the point of commencement, shown on plan catalogued B. 855, 1806 Roll., Surveyor-General's Office.

No. 38.

Mr. Thomas Ryan to Mr. A. Armstrong.

Dear Sir,

Berrembed, 30 September, 1882.

I received your letter of 25th instant, in which your bill was to me enclosed for the sum of ten guineas. I think it is rather a long one, as my case is nothing better now than when I put it in your hands, and promised at that time to have it done with in a fortnight. I am satisfied that you have worked hard, although, as there is no good done for me, therefore I hope you will reduce your bill to about half, which will enable me to send you a cheque for the amount by the next mail. If things was done as you promised me when we last met I wouldn't dispute your bill, not at double the charge. Hoping you will take this into consideration and send in a more reasonable one in the next. You will oblige by sending a speedy answer to this note, as I am thinking to have a look over at Queensland, as I would like to have this settled before I go.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

No. 39.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

A TRACING is enclosed showing position of reserve from lease 349, notified 27th September, 1882; and also correct position of part of reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, county of Bourke, parishes of Berrembed and Lupton, for the information of the Crown Lands Agent at Wagga Wagga.

G. LEWIS,

(For the Surveyor-General).

The Under Secretary for Lands,
B.C., 13 October, 1882.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 39.

Dealt with in the Reserve Branch. Inform Mr. Armstrong of withdrawal from lease.—J.D.D., pro F.H.W., 18/10/82. Conditional Sales Division. For action as regards the conditional purchases.—J.D.D., pro F. H. WILSON, 21/10/82. Referred to Charting Branch as to the areas of the conditional purchases affected by the reserve, vide decision and minute on 82-14,302 Mis. (Finally to Mr. Finch, as to special Bill.)—C.N., 4/11/82. Noted for special Bill. Action does not appear to have been taken on the first paragraph of the Minister for Lands' decision of 9th September, 1882.—W. M'LEAN, 16 Nov., 82. To Secretary and Cashier. Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, vide Mis. 82-14,302 herewith.—B.C., 22 Nov., 82. Returned to Head Office with my letter of 10th December, 1882, No. 139.—C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

No. 40.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crowns Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 October, 1883.

I am directed to transmit herewith, for your information, a description* with tracing showing certain land in the county of Bourke, which, by notice in the Government Gazette of the 27th ultimo, has been reserved from lease under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act, for the purpose of sale. Reserve No. 249. * See No. 37.

I am to add that the tracing also shows the correct position of part of reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Armstrong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 October, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 13th April last, requesting that the portion of reserve No. 218A, included within the conditional purchases taken up by Thomas, Anastasia, and Ellen Ryan, in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, be withdrawn from lease, I have the honor to invite your attention to a notice in the Government Gazette of the 27th ultimo, under which an area of 229 acres, being the portion of Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase included within the above reserve, has been withdrawn from lease under the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 42.

Mr. District Surveyor Bolton to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

District Surveyor's Office, Wagga Wagga, 11 December, 1882.

With reference to your B.C. of the 22nd ultimo, No. 82-620, forwarding the papers in connection with Thomas, Ellen, and Anastasia Ryan's C.P.s, in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, I now do myself the honor to respectfully point out that I fail to gather from the papers any direct or definite instructions to me respecting the case. I presume that a subdivision survey is required to define on the ground the extent of land outside reserve No. 218A, or rather the southern boundary of that reserve, but there do not appear to be any definite instructions to that effect, nor is there the usual diagram that almost invariably accompanies instructions for subdivision surveys. I beg, therefore, to be further instructed in this case.

I have, &c.,

C. F. BOLTON, D.S.

Minute on No. 42.

The papers were forwarded to Mr. Bolton for his observation of the first paragraph of the Minister's decision of the 9th September, 1882, and not with a view to any subdivision being effected. Mr. Bolton has apparently seen the decision.—R.S., 19 December, 82.

No. 43.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grong Grong, Narandera, 24 January, 1883.

On or about the 25th October of last year, I applied to your office for a refund of money paid by me on a selection of 540 acres, taken up by me at the Lands Office in Wagga Wagga, on the 8th December, 1881, in the name of Thomas Ryan.

I have now the honor to request that the application above referred to be cancelled, so that it may remain as evidence of my desire to have my claim adjusted by the Minister now in office.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Portion 134.
" 131.
" 139.
Parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke.

Minutes on No. 43.

Will you be good enough to explain why you omitted to place the above quoted paper with others in the case when the letter came back from Mr. Brown's branch with the number of previous papers quoted thereon.

83-573 appears to have passed through your hands on more than one occasion.—J.W. Mr. Harpur.

In reply to your memo. I beg to make the following statement in connection with the delay in this case:—

83-573 was sent after the previous papers on several occasions, but unfortunately did not become attached thereto until recently.

In doing the former paper work it is impossible to follow every case through from the date of receipt, as will be seen from the following figures :—

When I returned to duty on the 23rd August, there were 850 papers, a large batch of memos. and applications requiring former papers, nearly all of which had been received since the 10th of August, and from the 23rd to the present date 988 others have been added, making a total of 1,838, and it will thus be seen how impossible it would be to follow each case through all its courses.

As you are aware, it frequently happens that hours are spent in endeavouring to obtain papers for special cases ; as an instance, you will remember Mr. Haslam and myself spent the whole of Tuesday morning in endeavouring to obtain the papers for two cases required by the Chief Commissioner and Mr. Blackman, and after all they could not be found. During the time taken up in this way, none of the ordinary ones could be touched, and of course they thus accumulated.

Since the 23rd August, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Pownall, and myself have remained until 5 o'clock in order to cope with the work, and have been through 1,500 letters, completing a large number of them, besides many applications and memos.

I can assure you that it has always been a pleasure for me to do my duty, and I have at all times received every help from the gentlemen assisting me, but as the number of cases is too great to admit of their being personally obtained a delay is unavoidable at times.

F.M.H., 6/9/82.

Explanation submitted for the Chief Commissioner's favourable consideration. Under instructions now received, the delay in attaching papers in a complete state will I trust be remedied.—J.W., 6/9/83.

No. 44.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Thomas Ryan, C.P. 81-664 }
Ellen Ryan, C.P. 81-657 } Wagga Wagga.
Anastasia Ryan, C.P. 81-658 }

By Ministerial decision of 9 September, 1882 on Ms. 82-14,302, Thomas and Anastasia Ryan's conditional purchases 81-664 and 81-658 are to stand for the areas outside the reserve. The conditional purchases, which were originally for 540 acres and 640 acres respectively, have already been reduced to 55 acres and 350 acres, the difference being the approximate areas supposed to be in the reserve 218a. From recent information fixing the correct position of the reserves, it is found that the total areas available for the conditional purchases are on T. Ryan's conditional purchase 81-664, 73 acres, and A. Ryan's conditional purchase 81-658, 502 acres.

Applicants should therefore be called upon to repay deposits on the extra areas available (*vide* margin) Ellen Ryan, whose conditional purchase 81-657 it has been decided shall be the subject of special legislation, should probably be asked to return the refund voucher on the difference in area issued to her on 14th March, 1882 (*vide* certified copy conditional purchase 81-657), as her conditional purchase will be dealt with for the full area applied for.

After action the papers should be forwarded to the Reserve Branch, with a view to the cancellation of the part of reserve included in all the conditional purchases, in accordance with Ministerial decision aforesaid.

CHAS. E. FINCH,
(For Surveyor-General).

8 February, 1883.

Minutes on No. 44.

For action as here indicated.—A.O.M., 28/3/83. Approved.—J.S.F., 30/3/83.

No. 45.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Ellen Ryan.

Madam, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 April, 1883.

Wagga, C.P.
81-667, 640 acres
(reduced to 345
acres), 8 Decem-
ber, 1881, Ellen
Ryan.

With reference to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you, by the Minister for Lands, that he has decided that this purchase shall be the subject of special legislation, and you are called upon to return the refund voucher on the difference in area issued to you on the 14th March, 1881.

The purchase will be dealt with for the full area applied for.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 46.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Anastasia Ryan.

Madam, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 April, 1883.

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. 81-658, 640
acres (reduced to
350 acres) now
502 acres, 8
December, 1881,
Anastasia Ryan.

With reference to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that, under a recent report of the Surveyor-General, the Minister for Lands has decided that the area now available in satisfaction of this purchase is 502 acres, and you are called upon to repay deposit on 152 acres, the difference between area reduced, viz., 350 acres, and the area now available.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 47.

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No. 47.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Thomas Ryan.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 April, 1883.
 With reference to your letter of the 18th September last, I have the honor to inform you that, under a recent report of the Surveyor-General, the Minister for Lands has decided that the area available for the purchase noted in the margin is now 73 acres, and you are called upon to repay deposit on 18 acres, the difference between the area as reduced by letter of 25th March, 1882, viz., 55 acres, and the area now available.

Wagga, C.P. 81-664, 540 acres, now 73 acres, 8 December, 1881, Thomas Ryan.
 I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

No. 48.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Thomas Ryan.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 May, 1883.
 I desire to inform you, with respect to the application made by you at Wagga Wagga, on the 8th December, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 540 acres of land, that 55 acres of the said area is void at your request, the whole area applied for not being available.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

Deposit paid, £13 15s.
 I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure to No. 48.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
 Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 May, 1883.

Dr. to Thomas Ryan.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :— { C.S. No. 82-7,515 Cor. { C.P. No. 81-664. Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on 55 acres; selection void at applicant's request, as the whole area applied for is not available. Deposit to be refunded on 55 acres.....£	13 15 0

No. 49.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 May, 1883.
 I desire to inform you, with respect to the application of Thomas Ryan, on the 8th December, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 540 acres of land, that 55 acres of the said area is void, at applicant's request, the whole area applied for not being available.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

No. 50.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 May, 1883.
 I have to inform you, with respect to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, that 55 acres of the area thereof is void at applicant's request, the whole area applied for not being available; you will therefore be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £13 15s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

Wagga Wagga, Thomas Ryan, 8th December, 1881, 540 acres, £13 15s.
 I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

No. 51.

No. 51.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. A. Martin.

Sir,
 Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 May, 1883.
 I desire to inform you, with respect to the application of Thomas Ryan, on the 8th December, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 540 acres of land, that 55 acres of the said area is void at applicant's request, the whole area applied for not being available.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 52.

Memorandum.

Land District, Wagga Wagga.

T., E., and A. Ryan's conditional purchases.

* See No. 55.

A * DESCRIPTION is enclosed for the revocation of about 580 acres from railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke.

This description does not embrace *any part* of measured portion No. 129.—G. LEWIS, 11th May, 1883.
 Mr. Wilson.

Minutes on No. 52.

For Executive Council minute.—J.D.D., 16/5/83. Reserve cancellation on Thomas Ryan's conditional purchase only.—J.S.F., 30/5/83.

A tracing is enclosed, showing by red tint part of railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, cancelled 23rd of May, 1883, for the information of the land agent at Wagga Wagga. A description is also enclosed for the reservation of part of measured portions Nos. 130 and 134, in accordance with Ministerial decision, being the area within T. Ryan's conditional purchase, cancelled 28th May, 1883.—G. LEWIS, for the Surveyor General, 5th June, 1883.

The Under Secretary for Lands. Very urgent. Approved.—J.S.F., 5/6/83.

No. 53.

Mr. Thomas Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berrembed, 18 May, 1883.

I have been informed by a friend of mine that you are not inclined to bring my land or Anastasia's under the same Bill as Ellen's; the cause stated is that the improvements were not on Anastasia's or mine as were on Ellen's. If Mr. Bolton gave Anastasia fair play he would value Anastasia's to be as well improved as Ellen's, as the improvements on Anastasia's at the time that Mr. Bolton inspected has cost her far more money than the improvements on Ellen's; but, as Mr. Oliver told me, he would see into the matter and find out how there was so much difference between my valuation and Mr. Bolton's, but he has not done so as yet. Hoping you will see into the mistake of Mr. Bolton's valuation before I will lose my land, as I have got the improvements valued by two respectable farmers at the same time as Mr. Bolton valued it. Improvements on Anastasia's land at the time that Mr. Bolton valued it consist of 40 chains of first-class fence, five wires and top rail, valued at £35; 1 mile and a-half of brush and drop fence, £75; grubbing and ploughing 50 acres, £300; one dam, £30; one garden, £5; piggery, £5; kitchen, £40; material for building on the ground at that time and paid for, £100; fencing material, £30; all amounting to about £620. I and two more neighbours can prove that Anastasia had done all these improvements at the time of Mr. Bolton's inspection. As he has given in that he has committed an error on Ellen Ryan's application, of course he allows her land to be better improved than any other; but if you call his attention to the above improvements, you shall find that he won't deny of the work being done that I here mention. His reply to me was that he could get it done cheaper than I did; but I assure you I got the work as cheap as I could. I then told Mr. Bolton to send those cheap workmen to me and I would give them a job, but he never did so, therefore we have to get our work done at whatever it may cost us.

Hoping you will see into this matter and give us fair play, without putting us to any further trouble or expense, now it is entirely in your hands as an honorable gentleman to do us justice. If you will be good enough to assist me in this case it will save me in going to any further bother and expense, as I am now left over twenty months without a home, when others with similar cases on other runs have got their selections all right within a couple of months.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS AND ANASTASIA RYAN.

[Enclosure to No. 53.]

Dear sir,

I am sure you have not seen any of my letters or reports in this case; if you had you would not make the remark you made when I went into your office the other day, that is to say, that I was trying to throw weight on Mr. Bolton. I am trying to do nothing on any man that don't do wrong on me; but as I stated that I was robbed by two or three, I also state now that I am robbed barefaced out of my home. If you look over the two affidavits and Mr. Bolton's own letter that was sent in to Mr. Oliver on 25th October last, those affidavits and his letter will show you that Mr. Bolton is partly the ruin and the cause of all our troubles; even when he came to value our improvements he had Arthur Devlin here with him, therefore I could not expect to get a fair valuation of our improvements. But, on the other hand, I must say that Mr. Bolton is not the man who is fighting against me in Sydney. Hoping friendship and old acquaintance will not trample upon honor and justice, as a letter in the *Albury Banner* stated the other day that the squatters on the Murrumbidgee were severer on the selectors than ever the landowners in Ireland are on their tenants. From my experience on the Murrumbidgee, the selectors have far more to put up with between the Government and squatters than any tenant in Ireland, for the Government makes the balls and the squatters fire them.

Hoping this letter will see fair play.

(Not signed.)

No. 54.

The Secretary for Lands to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

MINUTE PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
Recommending the revocation of reserves from sale.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 May, 1883.

It is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the temporary reservation of the portion within described and particularised in the annexed Schedule be now revoked, under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the revocation to take effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from the date of notification in the Government Gazette.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

The Executive Council advise that the reservation of the land referred to herein be revoked, to take effect from the date specified.

A. C. BUDGE,

Clerk of the Council.

Approved.—A.L., 22/5/83.

SCHEDULE.

Registration No.	No.	County.	Parish.	Area to be revoked.	Date of Notification.
83-8,084.....	Part of 218A	Bourke	Berrembed	a. r. p. 580 0 0	26th November, 1878.

No. 55.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 May, 1883.

Revocation of temporary reserves.

It is hereby notified for general information that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to revoke, under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the temporary reservation from sale of the portion of land hereinafter described, the revocation to take effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from this date.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Part of reserve 218A, county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, area about 580 acres. That part of railway reserve 218A, notified 26th November, 1878, included within the following boundaries:—Commencing at the intersection of the south-west boundary of the reserve with the east boundary of portion 118, G. Elliott's conditional purchase of 160 acres; and bounded thence on parts of the west and south by parts of the east and north boundaries of that portion, bearing respectively northerly and westerly to the south-east corner of portion 119; thence again on the west by a line partly forming the east boundary of that portion bearing northerly to the southern boundary of portion 3; thence on part of the north by a line partly forming part of the south boundary of portion No. 3 aforesaid, the south boundary of portion 126, and part of the south boundary of portion 127 bearing easterly to the north-west corner of portion 129; thence on part of the east and again on the north by the west boundary of that portion bearing southerly and by the south boundary bearing easterly to the south-east corner of that portion; thence on the remainder of the east by part of the west boundary of W.R. 1,755, notified 18th August, 1879, bearing southerly to its intersection with the south-west boundary of reserve 218A aforesaid; thence on part of the south-west by part of the south-west boundary of that reserve bearing north-westerly to the south-east corner of reserve 349 from lease, notified 27th September, 1882; thence by the east, the north, and the west boundaries of that reserve from lease, bearing respectively northerly, westerly, and southerly, to the south-west boundary of reserve 218A aforesaid; and thence on the remainder of the south-west by part of the south-west boundary of that reserve bearing north-westerly to the point of commencement.

Includes part of portions 134, 130, 133, and 132, as shown on plan catalogued B., 855-1806 roll, Surveyor-General's Office.

No. 56.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 May, 1883.

I am directed to invite your attention to a notice,* published in this day's Government Gazette, *See No. 55. of the revocation of part of reserve No. 218A, in the county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, the revocation taking effect on the 28th day of June next.

A tracing showing the reserve will be forwarded with as little delay as possible.

I am to add that this reserve includes portions 134, 130, 133, and 132, but that it does not embrace any part of measured portion No. 129.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 57.

Mr. Thomas Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berrembed, 30 May, 1883.

Referring to my interview with you yesterday in regard to the validating of one of my daughter's selections, or of my own, I wish to state that it should be my own selection that should be validated, for the following reasons:—

1st. My daughter Ellen's original application was for portions Nos. 135, 131, and for part of portion No. 134. My own application was for portion No. 130, and part of portions No. 134 and part of No.

No. 139. Had these applications been granted in the form applied for, it will be seen that the improvements made on No. 130 would have been on my selection, which subsequently was found to be on the reserve; whereas Ellen's would not have been on the reserve, and therefore did not require validating.

2nd. The original applications being altered at the suggestion of Mr. Bolton to the present form, threw the improvements of my selection on to Ellen's, and of course caused Mr. Bolton to report that there were no improvements on my selection. This alteration of the original application you will therefore see is a great and manifest injustice to me; I therefore hope you will have inquiry made into the case, and if you find my statements to be correct you will see your way to have my selection validated.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

No. 58.

The Secretary for Lands to His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council.

MINUTE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Reserves from sale under the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Very urgent.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 June, 1883.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that the portion of Crown Land described in the annexed Schedule be reserved from sale under the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, for the purposes mentioned in connection therewith.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

THE Executive Council advise that the land herein referred to be reserved from sale, in terms of the 4th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,

Clerk of the Council.

Approved.—A.L., 5/6/83. Min. 83-21, 5/6/83.—Confirmed, 8/6/83.

SCHEDULE.

Registration No.	Area.	Reserve No.	County.	Purpose of Reservation.
Ms. 83-8,084	442 acres.....	218A extension	Bourke	For railway purposes.

No. 59.

The Under-Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 June, 1883.

I am directed to transmit herewith, for your information, a description* with a tracing, showing the positions of part of railway reserve No. 218A, county of Bourke, notified 26th November, 1878, which has been revoked by notice in the Government Gazette of the 28th ultimo, the revocation taking effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from the date thereof.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 60.

The Under-Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 June, 1883.

I am directed to invite your attention to a notice,* published in this day's Government Gazette, of the reservation from sale of 442 acres, in the county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, and to impress upon you the necessity of taking every precaution to prevent the land or any portion of it being conditionally purchased.

Should an applicant insist on his application being received, you must caution him in terms of paragraph 39 of the Instructions to Crown Lands Agents.

A tracing showing the reserve will be forwarded with as little delay as possible, and on receipt it must be charted, as directed by paragraph 148 of the instructions before referred to.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 61.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 June, 1883.

Reserve from sale for railway purposes.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the land specified in the Schedule appended hereto shall be reserved from sale for railway purposes.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Lachlan

* See No. 55.

* See No. 61.
Reserve No. 218A
cx.

Lachlan District.

No. 218A. extension. County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, Berrembed Run, area about 442 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the north-west corner of portion No. 129; and bounded thence on part of the east by the west boundary of that portion bearing southerly to the north boundary of portion No. 132; thence on part of the south by part of the north boundary of portion No. 132 aforesaid bearing westerly to the east boundary of reserve No. 349 from lease, notified 27th September, 1882; thence by part of the east boundary of that reserve from lease bearing north by its north boundary bearing west and by its west boundary bearing south to the south-west boundary of railway reserve No. 218A, notified 26th November, 1878; thence by the south-west boundary of that reserve bearing north-westerly to the east boundary of portion No. 118; thence on part of the west and on the remainder of the south by parts of the east and north boundaries of that portion bearing respectively northerly and westerly to the south-east corner of portion No. 119; thence on the remainder of the west by a line partly forming the east boundary of that portion bearing northerly to the south boundary of portion No. 3; and thence on the north by a line partly forming part of the south boundary of portion No. 3 aforesaid, the south boundary of portion No. 126, and part of the south boundary of portion No. 127, bearing easterly to the point of commencement, being part of measured portions Nos. 134 and 130 shown on plan B. 855-1,806 Roll, Surveyor-General's Office.

In lieu of part of railway reserve No. 218A, cancelled 28 May, 1883.

No. 62.

Mr. Thomas Ryan to The Chief Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

Berrembed, 11 June, 1883.

I take the opportunity of writing you these few lines to let you know a portion of the land that I fought so hard for the last two years has been forfeited by the Department, without my consent or without I knowing anything about it, as I have the same land improved, also a house on it, and residing in it. It has been forfeited without I getting any notice, and also selected by John Flavelle. When I told the Minister the other day it was selected by Flavelle, he told me it did not matter if sixty selected it, they would have to withdraw all their money again. I came home and went to Wagga Wagga. I asked the Land Agent on what ground did Flavelle select it; he told me it was forfeited, and showed me a letter to that effect. It is strange of the Government to be putting people fighting in this manner; no doubt there will be ructions in this before it will be settled, as Mr. Oliver told me once in his office that I had best go to Victoria again. It appears to me he or somebody else is trying hard to send me there now, when they gave me only 73 acres out of 640, and now have forfeited 55 acres out of that without my consent, and still hold my money, I being in Sydney at the time it was forfeited, but still this was kept in darkness. It appears to me the Government can do what they like with the poor man. No doubt if Flavelle comes to live on this ground I will put him off it if it is in my power; whoever will get the worst of it law will settle it.

I sent a note about the 12th of January in which I stated I declined to draw my deposit, and that I intended to stick to my land, on the grounds that I was getting 73 acres, instead of as you stated to me first only 55 acres. It is strange to me that you don't know the boundaries of this reserve in Sydney no more than in Wagga, and still they know it well enough to keep me out of it all this time and now give it to Flavelle. Hoping you will give Flavelle notice to keep off my land, and also not to put any improvements on it, as it is well known I have the best right to it. You will greatly oblige by seeing into this matter at once, for it will save a lot of trouble in time to come. Hoping you will be good enough to answer this letter as soon as possible and let me know the result; if the answer is favourable, it will save me the trouble of going to Sydney again.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Address—Grong Grong Railway Station, *via* Junec.

Minutes on No. 62.

Has any such letter as that here mentioned, about the 12th January, been received at this office or in the Branches of the Under Secretary?—A.O.M., 28/6/83. No such letter.—J.W., 28/6/83. The Chief Commissioner.

No. 63.

Memorandum.

Re Thomas Ryan's case.

I was employed by Mr. Thomas Ryan, on the 8th December, 1881, to prepare applications for himself, his two daughters, and son, for certain portions of land in the county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, and attended in the Crown Lands Office, Wagga Wagga, on that day, with the parties interested, and prepared their applications; and when the four applications were tendered to the Crown Lands Agent he expressed a doubt as to whether the lands were available, as he said they might be included within a reserve running along the Hay and Narandera Railway line, and advised Ryan to see the district surveyor about the matter. Ryan then went to Mr. Bolton with all the applications, and I accompanied him. After Mr. Bolton had read through all the applications he told Ryan that his application was "all wrong," that it was on the reserve, and advised Ryan not to trouble about his son's selection at that time; that he would be able to select some land at a spot near at hand at another time when more land would be revoked from the railway reserve, and advised Ryan to exhaust all the then available land with his two daughters (Ellen and Anastasia) and his (Ryan, senior's) application. When the district surveyor looked at the applications they were as I had prepared them; and, speaking from memory, I firmly believe Ellen Ryan's application embraced part of portion No. 134, and this and Thomas Ryan's application were then altered by the district surveyor, as I believe, or by his instructions, the former so as to embrace part of portion No. 130 instead of part of portion No. 134. He then told Ryan that the applications

applications were all right then, but that they were all wrong before. Ellen Ryan has always maintained that she did not intend to apply for any part of portion No. 130, but that the balance of her conditional purchase should have been made up out of portion No. 134. The conditional purchase of Ryan himself, as prepared by the district surveyor, was almost wholly on the reserve, with the exception of a portion of No. 134, which Ellen Ryan claims as hers, and which Thomas Ryan has always alleged he did intend to be included in his application. The district surveyor has always admitted that he altered Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase so as to embrace part of portion No. 130, instead of part of portion No. 134, and he gives as his reason for so altering the application that the conditional purchase when so altered would be more in accordance with the law as to measurement; he also admits that he made an error in placing Ryan's conditional purchase on the reserve, and attributes such error to the fact that when the Government caused the trial survey of the Railway from Junee to Hay they reserved a certain distance on each side of the line. They afterwards decided upon the line going further north, and made the reserve a mile on each side of the final line of railway, without revoking the first reserve on the south side of the line; consequently the reserve extended on the south side half a mile or three-quarters of a mile over the usual distance—in other words, the reserve was two miles and a half or two miles and three-quarters in width at the point in question, when it should have been, by the ordinary rule, only two miles in width. But in any case the fact remains that through no fault of his own Ryan has suffered a grievous wrong, and has in consequence expended a very large sum of money in improving the land, to say nothing of the anxiety and trouble and expense involved in many visits to Wagga and Sydney to try and get the Government to do something for him; and if ever there was a case in which the Government ought to comply with the request of a petitioner, this is certainly one.

Ryan was five months or thereabouts in possession of the land before his position was made known to him by the Government.

It may also be mentioned that the Government had measured the portions which Ryan had taken up, although they must be presumed to have known that such portions were on the reserve; and these portions being measured on the reserve simply were so many pitfalls into which any intending selector might have fallen, and Ryan unfortunately proves the victim, the district surveyor not being able to assist him.

Wagga Wagga, 18th June, 1883.

E. B. TOMPSON,
Solicitor.

Minutes on No. 63.

Place this paper with Ryan's papers.—J.S.F. Await a further representation from Thomas Ryan.—A.O.M., 29/6/83.

No. 64.

Application by Arthur A. Devlin.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Arthur Albert Devlin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 55 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £13 15s., this 21st day of June, 1883, at 10 o'clock.

F. KORFF,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
194	8 Aug., 1878..	320
290	21 Nov., 1878..	160
353	21 June, 1883..	55
Total area..		535

Sir,

21 June, 1883.

I am desirous of purchasing without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 320 acres, upon which C. Elliott resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £13 15s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 320 acres.

I am, &c.,

ARTHUR A. DEVLIN,
Wagga Wagga.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, 55 acres, commencing at the south-east corner of portion No. 118; thence on the south by part of the northern boundary of portion No. 117, being a line east; thence on the east by a line north to the southern boundary of reserve 318a for railway purposes; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that reserve westerly to the eastern boundary of portion No. 118; thence on the west by a line south, to the point of commencement.

No. 65.

Application by Ellen Ryan.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Ellen Ryan, spinster, age, eighteen years, 18 July, 1882, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 55 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £13 15s., this 21st day of June, 1883, at 10.6 o'clock.

F. KORFF,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
657	8 Dec., 1882.	345
358	21 June, 1883.	55
Total area .		400

Sir,

21 June, 1883.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 55 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 345 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £13 15s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 345 acres.

I am, &c.,

ELLEN RYAN,
Grong Grong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Bourke, parish of Berembed, 55 acres, being the southern portion of portion 134.

Minutes on No. 65.

Subdivision fee of £4 paid at 10.41. This application has been accepted, subject to approval the same land having been applied for at 10 o'clock by Arthur Albert Devlin, by conditional purchase, 83 -353.—F. KORFF, Crown Lands Agent, 21/6/83.

No. 66.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

A TRACING is enclosed showing reserve 218a extension, notified 6th June, 1883, county of Bourke, parish of Berembed, for the information of the Crown Lands Agent at Wagga Wagga.

G. LEWIS,

(For Surveyor-General.)

The Under Secretary for Lands, 21 June, 1883.
The Under Secretary for Lands, 21 June, 1883.

Dealt with in the Reserve Branch. Applicant may, it is submitted, be informed.

No. 67.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 June, 1883.

I am directed to transmit herewith, for your information, a description* with tracing showing certain land in the county of Bourke, which, by notice in the Government Gazette of the 6th instant, has been reserved from sale under the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act. Reserve No. 218a ex. *See No. 61

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 68.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 28 June, 1883.

Referring to the land selected at Wagga Wagga by the Ryans, the right of which is now in dispute, I desire to inform you that the matter was placed in the hands of Mr. Armstrong, Land Agent, Wagga Wagga, but was duly withdrawn from his hands last January, and any papers referring to my case received by him from the Lands Office since that date have been done so without my consent or instructions, and hope any applications from him without my written authority for papers in connection with my business will in future be refused.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

No. 69.

Application by A. de Berg.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 14.]
No. 366 of 1883.

District of Wagga Wagga.

Application by Alexander de Berg for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 132 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £33, this 28th day of June, 1883, at 10 o'clock.

F. KORFF,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

28 June, 1883.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 132 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £33, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER DE BERG,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

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County of Bourke, parish of Berembid, 132 acres: Commencing at the north-west corner of portion 132; thence by a line south to the southern boundary of reserve 218A; thence by that boundary of reserve easterly to the eastern boundary of portion 133; thence by that line north to its north-east corner; and thence on the west by the northern boundary of portions 132 and 133 west to the point of commencement.

Minutes on No. 69.

Subdivision fee of £4 paid.—F.K., 28/6/83. Application having been made for this same land by Anastasia Ryan, John Smith, and Owen Byrne, a ballot was taken, and resulted in favour of applicant.—F. KORFF, 28/6/83.

No. 70.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 30 June, 1883.

I was informed by Messrs. Jones and Loughnan, who had an interview with you on Tuesday, that the 73 acres, part of No. 134, was to be granted to me in virtue of my original application against all or any other claims. Further, that I was desired by you to return the refund voucher of the whole of the land selected by me.

In pursuance of this direction I beg now to forward to you the said voucher, which I only just have obtained from Mr. A. Armstrong.

I beg to request your reply in confirmation of the aforesaid particulars.

With reference to the remaining portion of my selection (having consideration for the serious loss and expense in which I have been involved, not by any act of my own, but by the acts of your officer, Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, as acknowledged by Sir John Robertson when Minister for Lands), I respectfully appeal to your sense of right and justice, that this, as in the case of Ellen Ryan, be validated and granted to me under my first application.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Minutes on No. 70.

This matter has already been exhaustively dealt with.

In his correspondence the applicant desires to rely upon certain applications prepared prior to the submission of the matter to the District Surveyor, but for which those actually made were instituted, and contends that in such original applications the improved area, which under the decision of the late Minister is proposed to be validated, formed part, not of Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase, but of his own.

This matter is, I think, sufficiently clear upon Mr. Bolton's report, from which it appears that, as at first intended by the applicants, their land would have extended right up to the railway, and have been consequently to a very much greater extent within that reserve.

Even were this objection not fatal, it would embark the question upon a sea of uncertainty to enter upon applications which were never actually made, and are not forthcoming in lieu or resting upon the conditional purchases actually made pursuant to law. The result would inevitably be fatal to the whole claims of the applicant and his daughters on other grounds.

The improved area is secured, as far as it is possible to secure it, to the applicant's family by the decision already referred to. The land described in Thomas Ryan's own conditional purchase as described is almost wholly within the reserve, and is improved only to the extent of £2 10s. It does not appear to me that he is entitled to any further concession as regards the reserved land, which I should recommend being thrown open as originally intended.

As regards the part of Thomas Ryan's application lying outside of the reserve, viz., 73 acres of portion 134, it would have been open to him to retain this area, and it was left to him under Sir John Robertson's decision, under which a refund order for the remaining area was sent to him. He applied, however, for a refund of the whole of his deposit, by letter dated 18th September, 1882, which application was under a report from the Charting Branch, dated 25th April, 1883, complied with under date 10th August last. The document alleges that he wrote, under date January last, recalling this request, and desiring to retain this area, and there is some corroborative evidence in support of his statement; but no such letter ever reached this office.

Note, 3/9/83.

(See 83-573, the letter in question, which was, it appears, duly received, but, owing to the illegibility of the signature, registered under another name.)

I do not doubt that had such a letter been received the voidance of the conditional purchase as a whole would have been averted; but the question now is as to how far the steps taken at his instance could be retraced, and I am bound to say that as the 73 acres in question have since the voidance been conditionally purchased by other parties, it is not, in my opinion, now open to reinstate the voided conditional purchase.

A.O.M., 11/7/83.

Approved.—J.S.F., 12/7/83. Reserve Branch.—W.B., 16/7/83.

[Enclosure A to No. 70.]

Mr. T. R. Rigbye to Mr. T. Ryan.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, N.S.W., 29 June, 1883.

I remember distinctly writing a letter for you to the Under Secretary for Lands, about the third week in January last, which letter, declining to accept a refund from the Department, was dictated by Mr. A. G. Jones, M.L.A., and signed by yourself in my presence. You then immediately went down to post this letter, and returned saying you had done so.

I am, &c.,

T. R. RIGBYE.

[Enclosure]

[Enclosure B to No. 70.]

A. G. Jones, Esq., M.P., to Mr. T. Ryan.

Sir,

Sydney, 30/6/83.

About the middle of January last you called upon me and made some statements about your selections which now are in dispute.

Having heard your statements, I suggested that you would not accept refund of the deposit made by you when you selected. You then informed me that you "had, under certain conditions, applied already for the refund." I then advised you to write to the Minister and revoke your application. I dictated the letter; it was written by Mr. Rigbye (a gentleman who occasionally assisted me in my office); you signed the letter, after it had been read to you twice. It was placed in an envelope and addressed by Mr. Rigbye. You then took the letter and left the room to post it in the pillar-box in the street, immediately under the window of my room. As you left the room I cautioned you to see that the letter dropped into the box, and no portion left outside, as it may be taken out by some of the loungers about.

A. G. JONES.

P.S.—I have not the slightest doubt that you there and then duly posted the letter.—A.G.J.

No. 71.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grong Grong, 2 July, 1883.

My friends, Mr. Jones and Mr. Loughnan, told me that on Tuesday last you and Mr. Moriarty promised them that if I got the vouchers from Armstrong that you would leave me the 73 acres, which then a portion of it was selected by Devlin. On these conditions I went to Armstrong, and had to give him a cheque for ten guineas before he would give them up to me; this money I paid on the protest. Mr. Moriarty also stated to Mr. Jones that he would do what he could to give us our land. I was also told by my friends that you promised to bring my land under the Validated Bill as well as Ellen's, and as our land was not brought under the Validated Bill before this, and Devlin still left the use of it, they told me to ask you to take my land out of lease, and that you could secure me in a way that I could fence in my land and Ellen's, as it is already surveyed.

You will greatly oblige by doing so, as you know well from first to last that I and my family are badly treated. I stand now in as bad a position as I did last January, after all my trouble and expense, as I have been in Sydney for the last fortnight. I was barred out of your office; would not be allowed in for to clear up my case, which, if I was, I am sure any man of conscience would not treat me as I am treated. I can safely say that I never did anything in my life that I should be barred out of office at office hours in seeking for my rights; and saw at the same time Mr. Martin, a gentleman who is fighting hard against me, allowed into office every day, while I have to stand at the door. If you think my character is bad, you can ask Mr. Day or Mr. Levin, Members for Corowa and Albury, as they have known me for the last twenty years; and I am sure they will assist in this case, if I am not able to go through it without them. Mr. Martin is successful so far in securing my land and Anastasia's for Devlin. If our land was thrown open all at once, as I asked to have done, we would have some chance; but this is not the case. When I will get a chance of giving a proper explanation of my case I can show you clearly where I have suffered over £1,000. When I go to Sydney I am told one thing to-day, and the next time I go down there will be another story. This is causing me to hang on, and my case getting no further ahead, although every Member in the House, of about a dozen that I have told my story to, tells me to stick to my land, and that I must get it, and if I don't they tell me to bring it before the House, and that I will be sure to get it. I never had a conversation with Sir John, but still, on what he heard from others, he was good enough to secure Ellen's sections for her before he was put out of office, and I am sure if I had a conversation with him before he was put out of office he would secure mine and Anastasia's before now. At the same time I have nothing to say against you, as you only heard an explanation from me about my case once, and then you acknowledged that I was badly treated, and stated in presence of Mr. Loughnan you would do all you could for me. You also asked me, the next time you saw me, what brought me down, that I was getting all I wanted, and that I was coming down fighting against myself. When I told you that I came down, for my land was gone, and selected by Flavelle, you told me it did not matter if sixty selected it they should all draw their money, and that I would get it. Mr. Moriarty and you denied the Land Agent in Wagga Wagga to have any letter signed by either of you, but to make sure I went to the Land Agent and got a copy of it, in which it states my ground was void on 10th of May. I was in all office on 10th May in Sydney, and also on 11th; you told me to go home, that my ground was all right. At the same time, according to Mr. Armstrong's letters to me, you sent him the refund vouchers and denied me, and I in office on the same day. I was in both Mr. Moriarty's office, your office, and Mr. Lewis's on 10th and 11th of May. I accused Armstrong for not letting me know he had my vouchers when he saw me in Mr. Lewis's office, but he states in a note sent to me that he had not received them on 10th; he got them on 11th of May, and he thought I was gone home then. If the vouchers were banded to me that day, instead of to Armstrong, who perhaps is working for Devlin, it would save all this bother, for I could go and reselect the land if you would only acknowledge it was void, but it was not many minutes void when Devlin had word. Armstrong is not my agent since last January. Devlin told some of my neighbours some time ago, which they are prepared any moment to prove it on him if you think he is wrong in saying so, when a selector goes to Sydney and employs an agent, he stated, when they would give him a £5 note that he would find out in the Land Office who was working for him, and he would give him a £10 note, and the agent would work for him, and not for the selectors, and that the Minister for Lands himself was working for him; but this yarn I don't believe until I will see it proved. I hope you will do me justice, and that is all I want, as you promised me you would.

Anastasia's land was secured last Thursday by one of Devlin's working-men. He had three of his working-men in against her; it is well known they are nothing better than three dummies. Mr. Martin told me in Sydney he knew Devlin would be in for it; that proves to you they are Devlin's dummies. It is on your hands yet to give Anastasia her land, as she never drew her money.

I am going to ask of you a favour which you have promised to do for me some time ago, and it is not done yet: that is, to withdraw my land and Ellen's from lease, if it is not done yet; and also if you are going to bring my land and Ellen's under the Validated Bill, as Mr. Jones told me you promised to do so, that you will send me a note in which you might enable me to fence in my land and Ellen's without any danger of actions against me by Devlin. You also promised you would throw open all that reserve which joins me. There is a petition sent in and presented to you through Mr. Loughnan; it was
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also approved of by District-Surveyor Bolten. He told me personally he had applied for it some time ago to be thrown open for selection. Hoping you will do this at once, and that you won't keep me and my family stuck here in the bush starving, as we are now for the last two years. If it was my fault I would give in long ago, but as Sir John also said, when he brought Ellen's land under the Validated Bill, that it was none of my fault, that it was the District Surveyor caused all this dispute. I saw a letter read by Mr. Moriarty, which stated the above; it was last week in Mr. Moriarty's office. My neighbours here secured some land on a reserve on Flood's run; they went down and saw Mr. Martin; they tell me he went with them straight to the Minister, and he withdrew it from lease at once; this appears strange to me. I am trying to get my land withdrawn from lease fully six months, and I believe it is not done yet. When I go to Sydney you say I am coming down bothering you and occupying your time; but if a man don't get what he thinks he has a right to get, he is sure to try it again. I wanted Mr. Martin one time to take my case, but he told me he could not, as he was employed against me. I am sure if he did take the case from me at that time we would be using our ground long ago instead of Devlin. Hoping now, as I stand entirely on your hands, you will do me the favour I ask, that is, to bring my land and Ellen's under the Validated Bill as soon as possible, also to withdraw it from lease, and if such is done it would enable me to use the grass of it as well as Devlin.

Hoping you will excuse me for sending you such a long letter,

I remain, &c.,
THOMAS RYAN.

No. 72.

Miss Anastasia Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grong Grong, 7 July, 1883.

I here enter a protest against Alexander de Berg, who selected a portion of my selection on 28th of June last, on the grounds that they were two surveyed portions, and improved to the amount of about £400.

2. On the grounds that those portions are outside of the mile within the trial line of the Railway Reserve No. 218a.

3. That the boundary of the said reserve at the date of my selection was not properly gazetted, and did not show either in the District Survey Office, Wagga Wagga, or in the Survey Office, Sydney, as I hold over the plans I got from Sydney on 25th March, 1882, do entirely differ from that of the boundary described now. Hoping in consideration of this great expense that I am put to on the head of this unfounded reserve, which, as Sir John, our late Minister, stated in a letter you will find in Mr. Moriarty's office, that it was none of our fault, that it was the District Surveyor's fault, I hope you will take the same view of the matter and bring this under the Validated Bill, as well as the other selections, as you know it is nothing but justice to do so. I am told by a good adviser, and by a party who looked over the District Surveyor's books and maps and also the Gazette, that this mile and a half will not stand good in law, that it is only a mile from the trial line was correct when I selected it. Hoping, as it is in your hands, you will settle it without putting me to any further expense,—

I have, &c.,

ANASTASIA RYAN.

P.S.—This protest is to be presented through George C. Loughnan, Esq., M.L.A., and A. G. Jones, Esq., M.L.A.

Minutes on No. 72.

Important; let this letter be placed with Ryan's papers.—J.S.F., 10/7/83. Mr. Wiseman.—W.B., 12/7/83. Referred to Charting Branch.—C.N., 17/9/83.

This is a protest by Anastasia Ryan against Alexander de Berg's conditional purchase No. 83-366, Wagga Wagga, on the grounds that the area applied for forms part of her conditional purchase No. 81-658, Wagga Wagga.

The question has been several times before the Secretary for Lands in connection with the adjacent conditional purchases by Thomas and Ellen Ryan, and it was finally decided that as A. Ryan's conditional purchase No. 81-658 encroached on reserve No. 218a. to the extent of about 138 acres, the conditional purchase should be reduced by that area, which it was directed should be withdrawn from the reserve and thrown open to conditional purchase. On the 28th June, 1883, the first Land Office day after the area was available for conditional purchase (the reserve having been cancelled on 28 May, 1883), the Crown Lands Agent reports there were four applicants for the area, A. Ryan and A. de Berg being amongst the number, and that a ballot having been taken resulted in favour of Alexander de Berg. It is therefore submitted that A. de Berg's conditional purchase No. 83-366, being apparently unobjectionable, be approved, and that A. Ryan's protest be refused.

The subdivision fee lodged by A. de Berg is not required, the area being the balance of two measured portions after satisfying a previous conditional purchase, and should, it is recommended, be refunded.

In connection with A. Ryan's conditional purchase No. 81-658a, a repayment of deposit upon 152 acres has been approved, and if applicant has not repaid that deposit she should be asked to do so.

ROBERT D. FITZGERALD,

(For Surveyor General), 18/10/83.

The Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales. Approved.—J.S.F., 2/11/83.

Mr. Croft,—Has the payment referred to in last paragraph of the above submission been paid by A. Ryan? No.—H.C., 21/11/83. Conditional Sales Branch,—Has any reply been received re deposit on 152 acres asked for 21st April; if not, the applicant should probably be reminded.

No. 73.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Subdivision fee (conditional purchase).

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 12 July, 1883.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of £4, being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured

measured portion under clause 10 of the Regulations under the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, part I, chapter 2, to allow of the conditional purchase mentioned below, was credited on the 3rd July, 1883 :—

District	...	...	...	...	...	Wagga Wagga
Name	...	...	...	...	...	A. de Berg.
Area	...	...	...	...	...	132a.
Date of selection	...	...	...	...	...	28 June, 1883.

I have, &c.,
W. NEWCOMBE,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 74.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Subdivision fee (conditional purchase).

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 13 July, 1883.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of £4, being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion under clause 10 of the Regulations under the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, part I, chapter 2, to allow of the conditional purchase mentioned below, was credited on the 26th June, 1883 :—

District	...	...	...	...	...	Wagga Wagga.
Name	...	...	...	...	...	E. Ryan.
Area	...	...	...	...	...	296a. 1r.
Date of selection	...	...	...	...	...	21 June, 1883.

I have, &c.,
W. NEWCOMBE,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 75.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. Ryan.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 July, 1883.

In reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, relative to the case of your cancelled selection noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister for Lands, having fully considered the matter, and the facts connected therewith disclosed by the papers, has decided that no steps can now be taken to reinstate your voided conditional purchase referred to. I return you herewith the refund vouchers which accompanied your letter under reply.

Wagga C.P.
81-664, 540 acres,
8 December,
1881, Thomas
Ryan.
Enclosures,
refund vouchers
for £121 5s. and
£13 15s.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(Pro Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure A to No. 75.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Thomas Ryan.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 July, 1883.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 81-664.		
Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on		
540 acres		135 0 0
Selection void to the extent of 485 acres.		
Deposit to be refunded on 485 acres	£	121 5 0

[Enclosure B to No. 75.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Thomas Ryan.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 July, 1883.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 81-664.		
Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 8th day of December, 1881; deposit paid on		
55 acres		
Selection void.		
Deposit to be refunded on 55 acres	£	13 15 6

No. 76.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grong Grong, 17 July, 1883.

I, the undersigned, protest against A. A. Devlin getting my land, on the grounds that, on the 29th of June, you promised Mr. Jones and Mr. Loughnan that you would leave me my land by giving you back the two refund vouchers that I did, on 30th of June, accompanied with other letters; you requested, second, that it is a measured portion No. 134 of 295 acres; Devlin's selection is only 55 acres out of the above portion, which is well improved.

Descriptions of improvements:— $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile of 6-wire fencing; $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile of posts in the ground ready for wiring; one dam that held water all last summer and never went dry; one house; 295 acres rung, and some scrubbing. I got the above improvements valued at over £100.

Sir, as you have told me more than once in Sydney to go home and work on my ground, that I was getting all I wanted, and that my ground was all right, I hope you will make your word good, and give me my land; you are leaving me without a house over my head, and giving it to Devlin that has more land than he knows how to use.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

This protest is to be presented through Mr. Loughnan and Mr. Jones.

No. 77.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

A. A. Devlin's A.C.P. 83-353 and Ellen Ryan's A.C.P. 83-358, Wagga Wagga.

A. A. DEVLIN'S A.C.P. 83-353 and E. Ryan's A.C.P. 83-358 were taken up on the same day—the former at 10 a.m., and the latter at 10 6 a.m., and are for the same land.

The land applied for, stated to be 55 acres, is an area of 73 acres, being that part of Thomas Ryan's void C.P. 81-664 outside Railway Reserve 218a.

In addition to the fact that E. Ryan's application is subsequent, although only a few minutes, to Devlin's, it may be pointed out that it has been made as an additional to C.P. 81-657, the area of which had been reduced from 640 acres to 345 acres (the area stated in Schedule on the present A.C.P.), but under decision on Misc. 82-14,302 it has been determined to legalize C.P. 81-657 for the full area of 640 acres.

In view of these facts, it is submitted that E. Ryan's A.C.P. 83-358 should be declared void, and A. Devlin requested to pay deposit on 18 acres additional area; subdivision fee paid by E. Ryan should be refunded.

CHAS. E. FINCH,

(For Surveyor-General),

20 July, 1883.

Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

Minutes on No. 77.

Approved.—J.S.F., 29/8/83.

Tracing herewith

Plan of portion No. 134 was accepted on 13 September, 1882. Devlin does not appear to have paid subdivision fee, but it has not been the practice to require its payment in such cases as this where the remainder of the portion is not available for conditional purchase on account of being within a reserve.—

CHAS. E. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 31 August, 1883.

Inspector Mulligan, with tracing, 31 August, '83.

No. 78.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Anastasia Ryan, conditional purchase 81-658, at Wagga Wagga.

*See No. 2.

By decision on back of certified copy of the above-mentioned application (now enclosed)* the conditional purchase was reduced to 350 acres, which was at that date apparently the whole of the area available outside of reserve 218a.

By correspondence under cover of conditional sales 83-5,700 correspondence (from which papers this application has now been detached for separate action), it was sought to have the conditional purchase validated for the full area applied for, but by decision on Miscellaneous 82-14,302 the reduction of the conditional purchase to the area outside of the reserve 218a was upheld.

From recent surveys it was, however, discovered that the boundary of the reserve, as shown on tracing, is incorrect, and the area available for this conditional purchase is in reality 502 acres. Attention was drawn to this, and it was recommended, under B.C. covering Miscellaneous 82-19,833, that applicant should be called upon to repay deposit on 152 acres; and applicant was informed accordingly on 21st April, 1883.

The papers from which the enclosed conditional purchase has been removed have reference to the separate case of Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase.

CHARLES E. FINCH,

(For Surveyor-General),

20/7/83.

Minutes on No. 78.

Conditional Sales Branch.—For inquiry as to whether Anastasia Ryan has repaid deposit on 152 acres, as directed.—R. SHELTON, 20/7/83. The area is still 350 acres by conditional purchase register, and Miss Ryan does not appear to have been asked for the above.—H.C., 25/7/83. Applicant was asked on 21 April to repay deposit on 152 acres.—M.R.L., 4/8/83. If deposit has not been repaid applicant should be reminded.—R. SHELTON, 4/8/83. Conditional Sales Branch. Extra deposit has not been paid.—15/8/83.

No. 79.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Thomas, Ellen, and Anastasia Ryan's conditional purchases 81-664, 657, and 658, at Wagga Wagga, conflicting with Reserve 218a, county of Bourke.

THOMAS Ryan's conditional purchase 81-664 declared void, *vide* C.S. 82-7,515 Cor., and voidance upheld, *vide* C.S. 83-5,700 Cor. The available part of this C.P., namely, the southern part of portion 134, has now been applied for by Arthur Albert Devlin, as A.C.P. 83-353 of 21st June, 1883, and by Ellen Ryan, as A.C.P. 83-358 of 21st June, 1883, which are being dealt with under separate cover registered as C.S. 83-6,781 survey.

Ellen Ryan's C.P. 81-657 to be validated by special Bill for the full area of 640 acres, *vide* decision on Misc. 82-14,302.

Anastasia Ryan's C.P. 81-658 allowed for the area available outside of reserve 218a, viz., 502 acres, *vide* decisions on Misc. 82-14,302, and Misc. 82-19,833 (cover) C.P. 81-658 has this day been separated from these papers for further and separate action in Charting Branch, and is now under cover of C.S. 83-6,782 Survey.

R. SHELTON,
20 July, 1883.

Minutes on No. 79.

Mr. Geo. Lewis, for action in accordance with Ministerial decision of 12th instant on C.S. 83-5,700 Cor., after which the papers should be returned for action on E. Ryan's C.P. 81-657.—R. SHELTON, 20 July, 1883.

A description is enclosed for the revocation of R. R. 218a extension, notified 6th June, 1883, in accordance with Ministerial decision. Applicant should probably be informed.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 25 July, 1883. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 80.

Mr. J. A. Martin to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Land Agency Office, 17 Macquarie-place, Sydney, 26 July, 1883.

On behalf of Mr. A. de Berg, I have the honor to request that you will approve of the application for the conditional purchase specified in the margin, and that the communications relative to the same be addressed to me.

I have, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Agent for Mr. de Berg.

Wagga Wagga,
County Bourke,
Conditional
Purchase 83-36
132 acres.
28 June, 1883.

No. 81.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Recommending the revocation of Reserves from sale.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 August, 1883.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the temporary reservation of the portion within described and particularized in the annexed Schedule be now revoked, under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861—the revocation to take effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from the date of notification in the Government Gazette.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Schedule.

Registration No.	No.	County.	Parish.	General description of Reserve.
Cs. 83-5,700 Cor. ...	218a extension	Bourke	Berrembed ..	Area to be revoked, 442 acres. Date of notification, 6th June, 1883.

The Executive Council advise that the temporary reservation of the land referred to be revoked, in terms of the 6th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to take effect from the date specified.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 83-33, 14/8/83. Approved.—A.L., 14/8/83. Confirmed, 21/8/83.

No. 82.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

17 Victoria Chambers, Phillip-street, 22 August, 1883.

In the matter of my selection, conditional purchase 81-658*, portions 134, 129, and part of portion 130, which are nearly all on reserve 218a, notified 26th November, 1878, and which selection I submit has been illegally declared void. I now respectfully request that, in justice to my claim, this land be held back from selection for the present, and that I be allowed a reasonable time and opportunity to establish my claim thereto. I may be permitted to state that, should this not be done, grave complications and vexatious law-suits are likely to arise. I have also to request that you will be pleased to reply at your earliest convenience to the above address.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Minutes on No. 82.

We beg to recommend strongly to the favourable consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands the request made by Thomas Ryan.—GEO. C. LOUGHNAN, A. G. JONES, Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales.—C.O., 27/8/83. I do not know of any sufficient ground for recommending further action to be taken in this matter.—A.O.M., 4/10/83. Approved.—J.S.F., 12/10/83.

No. 83.

Memorandum by Secretary for Lands.

MR. OLIVER.—Please to stop the gazetting of reserve in *re* Ryan's selection. Mr. G. Lewis has the matter.—J.S.F., 27/8/83.

Minute on No. 83.

Obtain the papers.—C.O., 27/8/83. Omitted from notification.—C.O., 27/8/83.

No. 84.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Grong Grong, near Junee, 28 August, 1883.

Additional conditional purchase by Arthur A. Devlin, made at Wagga Wagga, on 21 June, 1883, area 55 acres, being part of surveyed portion No. 134, parish of Berembled, county of Bourke, whole area of which is 296 acres.

Sir,

I protest against the above selection being allowed, on the ground that the selector claims to purchase land which is improved sufficient to bar selection. The improvements consist of dwelling-house of sawn slabs, roof of corrugated iron, value £20 0 0
 A dam 30 0 0
 15 chains of posts and wire fencing 15 0 0
 55 acres of ringbarking, at 1/3 3 8 9
 Material for fencing laid on line, 300 posts 6 0 0

£74 8 9

on the 55 acres at the time of selection by Mr. Devlin.

I also protest against the selection on the ground that the selector claims to purchase a part of an improved measured portion of 296 acres.

The improvements on the remainder of the portion were, at the time of Mr. Devlin's selection,—

65 chains post and 6-wire fencing on the eastern side 65 0 0
 240 acres of ringbarking, 1/3 15 0 0

Total value of improvements £154 8 9

I have therefore to request that you will make void the above-mentioned selection.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Minute on No. 28.

I can only refer the writer to the decision already given in the matter.—J.S.F., 30/8/83.

No. 85.

Declaration by Mr. T. R. Rigbye.

I, THOMAS RIGBYE RIGBYE, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare, as follows:—

That on or about the eighteenth day of January, or between the sixteenth and twentieth day of that month of the present year, I wrote a letter for one Thomas Ryan, of Grong Grong, in the parish of Berembled, county of Bourke, addressed to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, Sydney, which letter stated the refusal of the said Thomas Ryan to accept the refund voucher for his selection, and expressed his intention to retain the said selection. And the said letter was dictated to me by Auber George Jones, Esq., M.L.A., in whose presence the said letter was written, and that I have every reason to believe the said letter was posted in the pillar-box opposite the "Metropolitan Hotel," in King-street, by the said Thomas Ryan. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

THOMAS RIGBYE RIGBYE.

Subscribed and declared at Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of August, 1883, before me,—

GEORGE SMITH, J.P.

No. 86.

Declaration by Mr. T. Ryan.

I, THOMAS RYAN, of Grong Grong, parish of Berembled, county of Bourke, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

THAT between the sixteenth and the twentieth day of January, of the present year, I was present at the "Metropolitan Hotel," when I saw Mr. Rigbye write a letter dictated to him by Mr. Auber George Jones, M.L.A., and which letter, after being read to me, I signed.

That the said letter was addressed to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, and was to the effect that I refused to accept any refund voucher for my selection situate as above, and that I intended to remain on my ground.

That I posted the said letter, within ten minutes of my signing it, in the pillar-box opposite the said hotel in King-street. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and

and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

THOMAS RYAN.

Subscribed and declared at Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of August, 1883, before me,—
GEORGE SMITH, J.P.

No. 87.

Declaration by Mr. A. G. Jones.

I, AUBER GEORGE JONES, M.P. and J.P., of Wagga Wagga, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

In the month of January last, Thomas Ryan, a selector, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, called upon me with reference to certain selections. After hearing his statement I advised him to write to the Minister for Lands withdrawing a letter he had previously written, stating that he declined to receive the refund vouchers and reasserting his claim to the land. At Ryan's request I dictated and Mr. Rigby wrote such letter, which was read to me and signed by Thomas Ryan, enclosed in an envelope, stamped, and handed to Ryan, which he immediately posted in my presence in the iron receiver at the corner of King and Castlereagh Streets. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

A. G. JONES.

Subscribed and declared at Sydney, this twenty-ninth day of August, 1883, before me,—
JOHN ROSS, J.P.

No. 88.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

REQUEST Mr. Mulligan to report immediately as to the improvements existing on measured portion 134, county of Bourke, parish of Berrembed, distinguishing those on the southern part of the portion, comprising 73 acres, outside of the boundary of reserve No. 218A, and giving probable period of erection.

A.O.M., 31/8/83.

Obtain tracing from Mr. Finch.

No. 89.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Mulligan.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 August, 1883.

I have to request you to be good enough to report immediately as to the improvements existing on measured portion 134, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, indicated upon the accompanying tracing*, distinguishing those on the southern part of the portion, comprising 73 acres outside of the boundary of reserve No. 218A, and giving probable period of erection.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Special.
Wagga Wagga,
C.P. 83-363,
55 acres, 21st
June, 1883, 21st
section.
C.P. 83-368, E.
Ryan, 55 acres,
21st June, 1883,
21st section.
* See Enclosure
to No. 77.

Minute on No. 89

Received on night of 1st September, Saturday; sent notices to parties interested on Monday, 3rd September, to meet me on 6th instant. Inspected land on 6th instant; sent in report on 7th.—F.B.M., Wagga Wagga, 7/9/83.

No. 90.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Mulligan.

3 September, 1883.

WHEN may I expect report regarding portion 134, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke?

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner,
(Per W.H.C.)

No. 91.

Mr. Inspector Mulligan to The Chief Commissioner.

Special report by F. B. Mulligan, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the improvements and their value on portion 134, parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, district of Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 7 September, 1883.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the portion of land above described, conditionally purchased on 21st June, 1883, at Wagga Wagga, and found the improvements thereon to be of the nature and (in my opinion) value and position particularized below, with, as far as I was able to ascertain, the period of erection.

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. 83-353, 55
acres, 21st June,
1883, 21st sec.
C.P. 83-358, 55
acres, 21st June
1883, 21st sec.

Near south-east corner, hut 12 x 8, built of sawn faced slabs or edging, 9 feet high, skillion roof, covered with six sheets of iron; no fire-place; not floored, but some loose edging laid down serving the purpose of a temporary floor; round corner-posts; one end of the hut is of iron, four sheets; sawn boards door; no windows; built in 1882 by T. Ryan	£10 0 0
At south line, near south-east corner, tank in small gully, 24½ ft. x 30½ ft., full of water, said by Thomas Ryan to be 9 feet deep in the centre, and to have cost £30 (assuming that it is 9 feet deep, which I think very doubtful); with slopes on two sides of 2 to 1, and on the third side, say 3 to 1; it would measure 180 yards, at 1s. 3d. per yard—very full value per yard; made in 1882, at the cost of T. Ryan ...	11 5 0
Suckering near hut, and south-east corner, done by T. Ryan, say, six months ago	1 0 0
18 chains 6-wire fence, upon and near east line, from 1 chain north of south-east corner, at £50 per mile, full value; erected about two and a half years by the Messrs. Devlin	11 5 0
73 acres ringbarked, 1s. 3d., by the Messrs. Devlin	4 11 3
	£38 1 3

There is also a line of posts erected on the south boundary of the portion 134, bored for six wires, 40 chains long; erected since the 21st of June last by Thos. Ryan, who states that the stuff was laid on the line ready for erection, and also that he had let a contract for the erection of 3 miles of fence upon this land at that date

NOTE.—All the above-described improvements are at the south end of portion 134, within the lines of the 73 acres referred to in my instructions.

Value upon the land before 21st June, 1883, within the lines of the 73 acres at south end	38 1 3
Value upon the land made since 21st June, 1883	£12 10 0
Value on the balance of portion 134, and north of the 73 acres; 51½ chains 6-wire fence near east boundary, erected by the Messrs. Devlin about two and a half years, at £50	32 3 9
223 acres ringbarked, at 1s. 3d., about same time by the Messrs. Devlin	13 18 9
	£84 3 9
Value on the whole of portion 134 on the 21st June, 1883	£12 10 0

Thomas Ryan is in possession of this land. His hut contained bed and bedding, chair, a few articles of crockery, a loaf, gun, tea-kettle, gridiron outside; and it has the appearance of occasional occupation. The wife and family of Mr. Ryan reside about a mile away from this selection.

I have, &c.,

F. B. MULLIGAN,

Inspector Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 91.

This report confirms the action taken on the within survey minute of 20 July last on survey 6,781. It appears that in the area outside of the reserve the improvements at the date of selection by A. A. Devlin were of the value of £38 1s. 3d., of which value £22 5s. was effected by the applicant Ryan.—A.O.M., 10/9/83. Approved.—J.S.F., 24/9/83.

No. 92.

Mr. T. Ryan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berrembed, 8 September, 1883.

The Inspector of Selections had been here to inspect my land on Thursday, 6th instant; he also had a plan of a portion of my ground, with A. A. Devlin's name on it. I hope this is not done with your consent, as you had told Mr. Loughnan and Mr. Jones, on 29th of June last, if I gave you back the vouchers you would leave me my land, and to go home and work on my selection, instead of coming down to Sydney fighting against myself. I took back the vouchers myself and handed them to Mr. Moriarty, together with other letters that you required. You have now five sworn affidavits in your possession. I am sure that will give you satisfaction that the land is mine, and not Devlin's. It is now one year and nine months since I selected this land, and still you won't give me a title to encourage me to go on with the improvements, although I have been about eight times in Sydney since last January; and every time I have been talking to you you told me that my land was all right, and that I was getting all I wanted; and more than once, in presence of Mr. Loughnan and Mr. Jones, you told me to go home and work on my land, that it would pay me better than to be coming down to Sydney. I hope you did not send me home to work for Devlin, as I have lost all my time on this ground one year and nine months, and it is the only home that I got for to rear my family on. I am still residing on it, and I intend to, hoping you will do justice, and not assist Mr. Martin in putting me out of my home. I only want justice and fair play. I hope you will give me justice, as you always said I was badly treated; but the longer I see my case is in hands the worse I am treated. I have a full statement of my case from the date of selection up to this day, drawn up by a lawyer; Mr. Jones and Mr. Loughnan have seen the same, and they have stated it is a correct one. This lawyer, he has agreed for to take my case in hands at a very small expense; but I would sooner I could get my land quietly if it can be done. Some of my neighbours tell me that Arthur Devlin said it was no use of a selector going against them—that if a selector went down to Sydney and gave £5 to a land agent, he would find out in the Lands Office who was working for the selector, and that he would give him £10, and the land agent would work for him instead of for the selector, and that the

Minister

Minister for Lands himself was working for them. I am not afraid to give you this in writing, as my neighbour tells me that he will prove the words if it comes to Court, if this 55 acres is taken from me. It should be left to Ellen, as she and other witnesses can swear in Court that that is the ground she applied for, and never applied for portion 130, which now you are giving her instead of portion 134. You also have Mr. Bolton's letter in the office acknowledging he made the change on Ellen's application without her consent, or without she knowing anything about it. I think any just man should have no objection in letting us have our land that we have worked so hard for the last two years. Hoping it will soon come to a close in my favour or in Ellen's,—
I have, &c.,
THOMAS RYAN.

No. 93.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. Ryan.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 29 September, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 28th August last, protesting against the conditional purchase noted in margin, on the grounds that the land applied for was improved of sufficient value to bar selection, I have to inform you that from a report of Mr. Mulligan, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, it appears that in the area outside of the reserve the improvements at the date of selection by Mr. Devlin were of the value of £38 1s. 3d., of which value £22 5s. was effected by yourself.

The Minister for Lands has therefore decided that A. A. Devlin's conditional purchase shall be approved, and Ellen Ryan's application for the same land declared void.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner.)

No. 94.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Ellen Ryan.

Madam, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Wagga Wagga on the 21st June, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 55 acres of land, is void, having been previously selected by Mr. Arthur Albert Devlin.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

P.S.—The subdivision fee paid by you will also be refunded upon application at the Treasury.

[Enclosure to No. 94.]

[Special Payment Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

Dr. to Miss Ellen Ryan.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.P. No. 83-358. Land Office at Wagga Wagga; date of selection, 21st day of June, 1883; deposit paid on 55 acres. Selection being previously selected by Arthur Albert Devlin. Deposit to be refunded on 55 acres	£ 13 15 0

No. 95.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of Miss Ellen Ryan on the 21st June, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 55 acres of land is void, having been previously selected by Arthur Albert Devlin.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to her, if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 96.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded..

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, having been previously selected by Arthur Albert Devlin, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £13 15s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 97.

No. 97.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Subdivision Fee—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I have to request that you will be good enough to refund to Miss Ellen Ryan, of Narrandera, the sum of £4, credited at the Treasury, on the 26th June, 1883, being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 98.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. de Berg.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion conditionally purchased by you at Wagga Wagga, on the 28th June, 1883, has been found, on measurement, to be 148 acres, instead of 132 acres, as stated in your application, and to request that you will therefore be good enough to pay over at once, to the Land Agent at that place, the sum of £4 10s., being the amount of deposit due on the 16 extra acres.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 99.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion conditionally purchased by Alexander de Berg on the 28th June, 1883, having been found, on measurement, to be 148 acres instead of 132 acres, as stated in his application, he has been requested to pay over to you at once the sum of £4 10s., being the amount of deposit due on the 16 extra acres.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 100.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 October, 1883.

I am directed to state, for your information, that the area of the portion conditionally purchased by Alexander de Berg at Wagga Wagga on the 28th June, 1883, having been found, on measurement, to be 148 acres instead of 132 acres, as stated in his application, he has been called upon to pay over at once, to the Land Agent at that place, the sum of £4 10s., being the amount of deposit due on the 16 extra acres.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 101.

Memorandum.

Conditional Purchases.

81-664—Thomas Ryan	£121	5	0
81-657—Ellen Ryan	13	15	0
81-658—Anastasia Ryan	72	10	0

Wagga Wagga.

The above refund vouchers were returned this day, without letter, in a registered envelope.

J.W., 10/10/83.

No. 102.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. Ryan.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 October, 1883.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd August last, on which a recommendation is made by Messrs. A. Jones and G. C. Loughnan, M.P.s, for the favourable consideration by the Minister for Lands of your request that the voidance of the conditional purchase noted in the margin should be reversed, I am directed by Mr. Farnell to inform you that there are not sufficient grounds shown to cause any further action to be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

Wagga Wagga.
*C.P. 81-658, 350
acres.
8 Dec., 1881,
Anastasia Ryan.
*Qy C.P. 81-664.

No. 103.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss Anastasia Ryan.

Madam, Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, 24 November, 1883.

In reply to your letter of the 7th July last, protesting against Alexander de Berg's conditional purchase, on the ground that the area applied for forms part of your purchase 81-658, Wagga Wagga, I am directed to inform you that the question has been several times before the Secretary for Lands, in connection with the adjacent conditional purchases by Thomas and Ellen Ryan, and it was finally decided that, as your purchase 81-658 encroached on reserve 218a to the extent of about 138 acres, the purchase should be reduced by that area, which it was directed should be withdrawn from the reserve and thrown open to conditional purchase.

Wagga Wagga.
C.P. 81-658,
8 Dec., 1881.

On the 28th June, 1883, the first land office day after the area was available for conditional purchase (the reserve having been cancelled on 28th May, 1883), the Crown Lands Agent reports there were four applicants for the area, yourself and A. de Berg being among the number, and that a ballot having been taken, resulted in favour of A. de Berg. His purchase, 83-366, being apparently unobjectionable, has been approved, and your protest therefore disallowed.

I have to request that you will repay the deposit on 152 acres, referred to in my letter of 21st April last.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 104.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. de Berg.

Sir, Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, 24 November, 1883.

Referring to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the subdivision fee lodged by you is not required, the area being the balance of two measured portions after satisfying a previous conditional purchase.

Wagga Wagga.
C.P. 83-366, 152
acres.
23 June, 1883.

Upon applying at the Treasury a refund of the subdivision fee will be made.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 105.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Subdivision fee—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 November, 1883.

I have to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. Alexander de Berg, of Urah, Naranderra, the sum of £4, credited at the Treasury on the 3rd July, 1883, being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Eight tracings.]

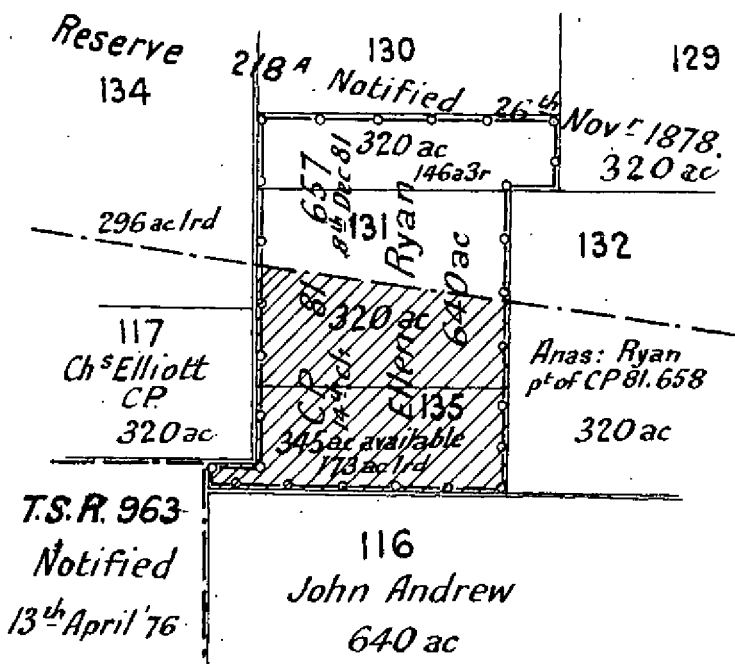
81.657.

Enclosure A to No. 5.

COPY OF TRACING
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COUNTY BOURKE

shewing by blue edging the land applied for by Ellen Ryan under
C.P. 81.657 Wagga Wagga; and by blue tinting the land available under same

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Reserve Boundaries shewn thus



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Drawn Jno Richardson
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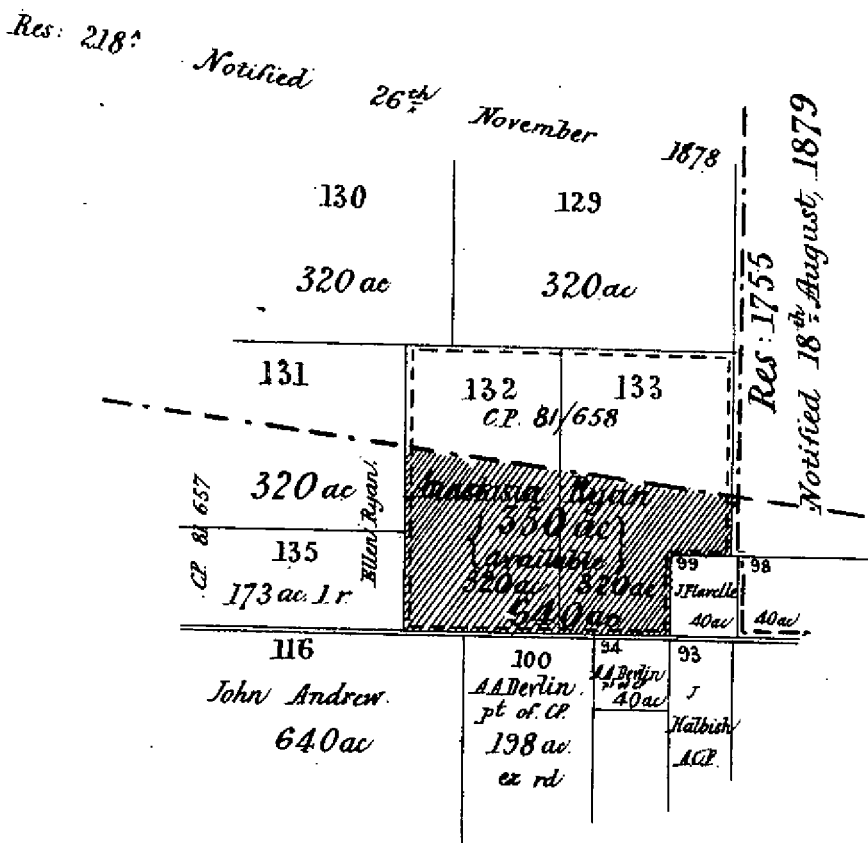
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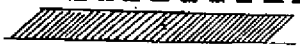
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 County of Bourke

Showing by red edging the land applied for by Anastasia Ryan under C.P. 81/658, Wagga Wagga,
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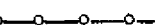
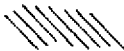

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OF TRACING
PARISH BERREMBED
COUNTY BOURKE

*shewing by red edging the land applied for by
 Thomas Ryan under C.P. 81.664 Wagga Wagga
 and by pink tinting the land available under same*

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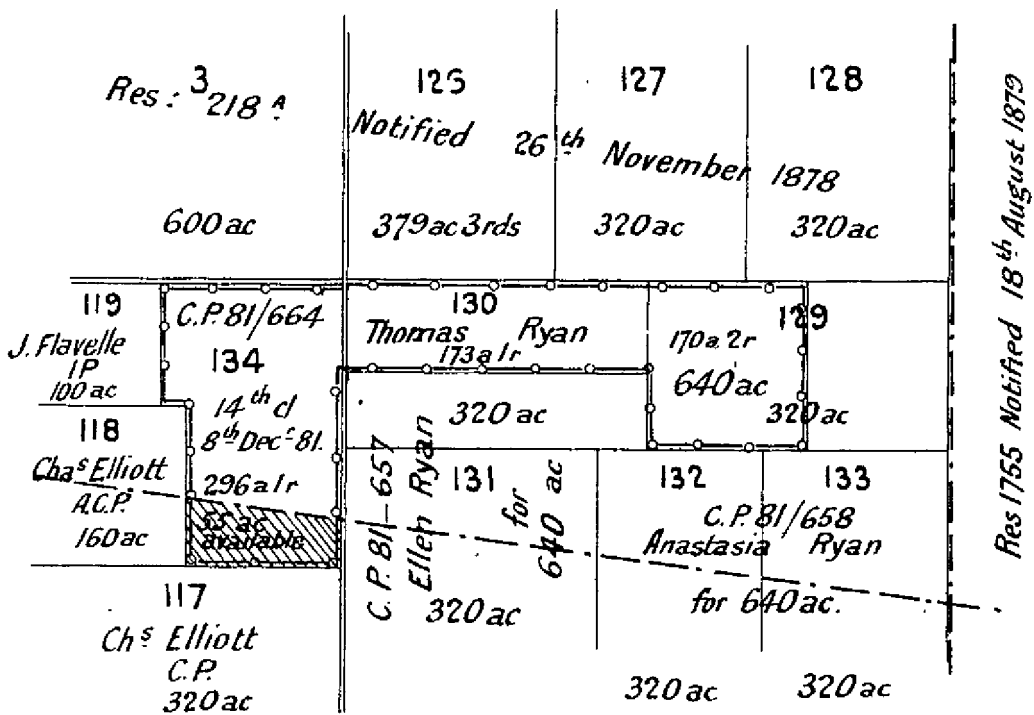
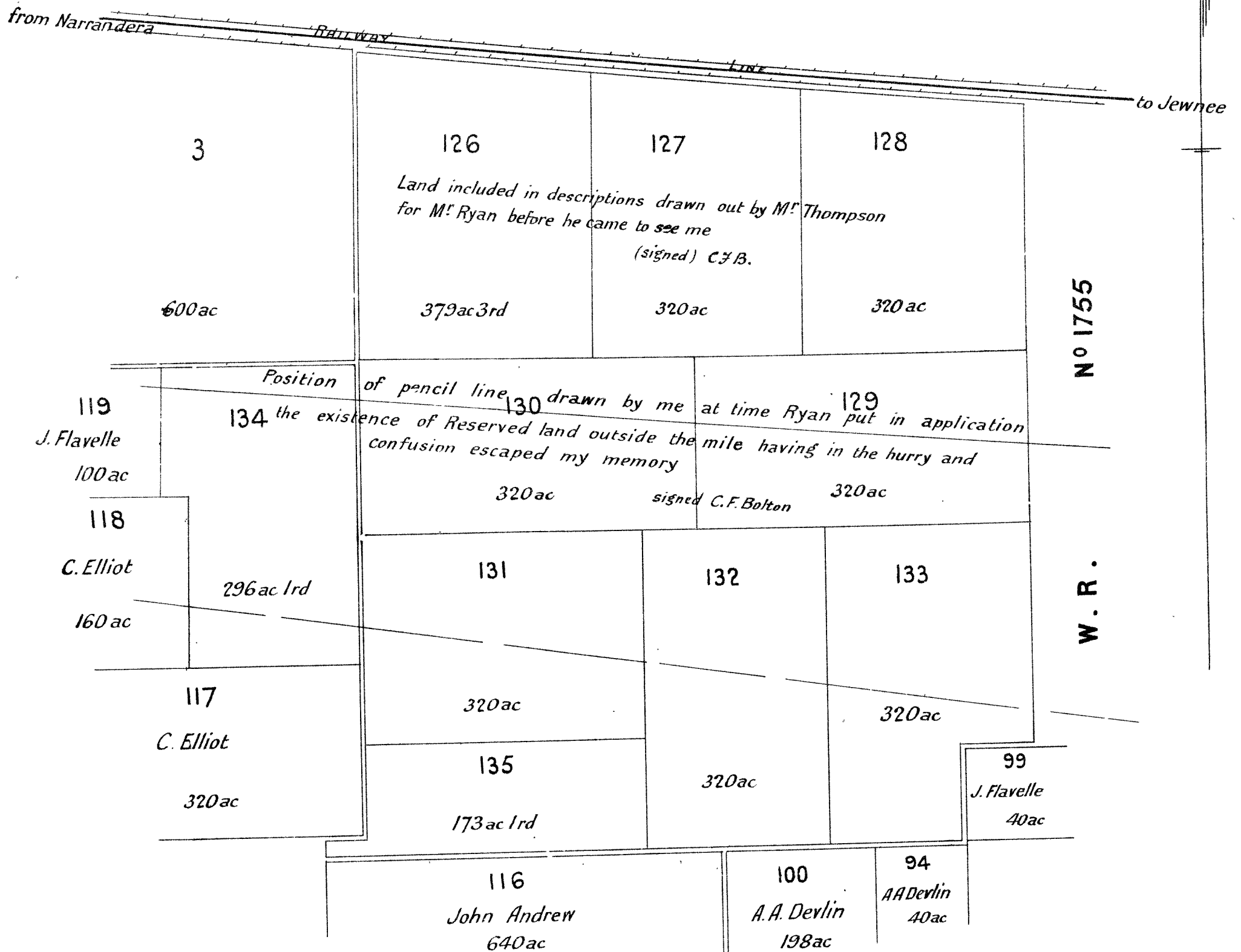


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Transmitted to the Surveyor General
with letter of 24th April 1882 N^o 46

signed C. F. Bolton

District Surveyor

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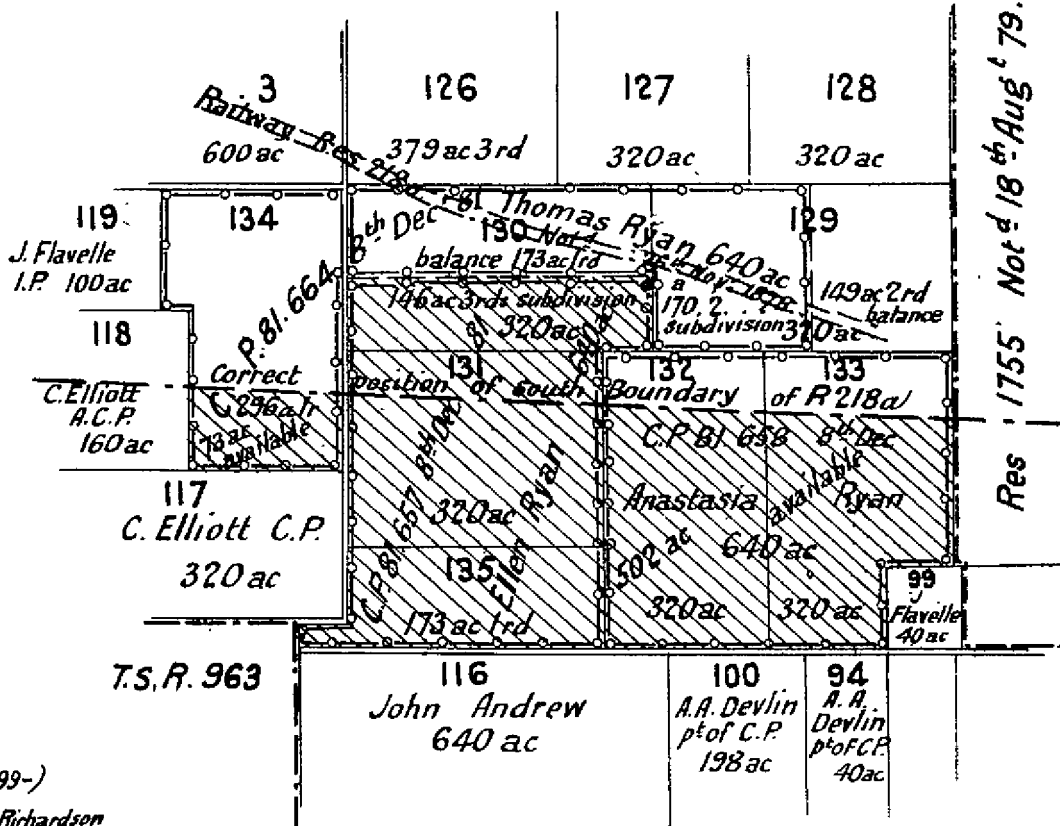
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and Thomas Ryan's C.P. 81. 664. 540 ac.

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The C.P.'s as applied for are shewn by Red edgings as allowed under
Ministerial decision on Misc 82. 14302 shewn by Red hatching
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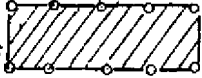
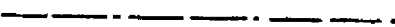
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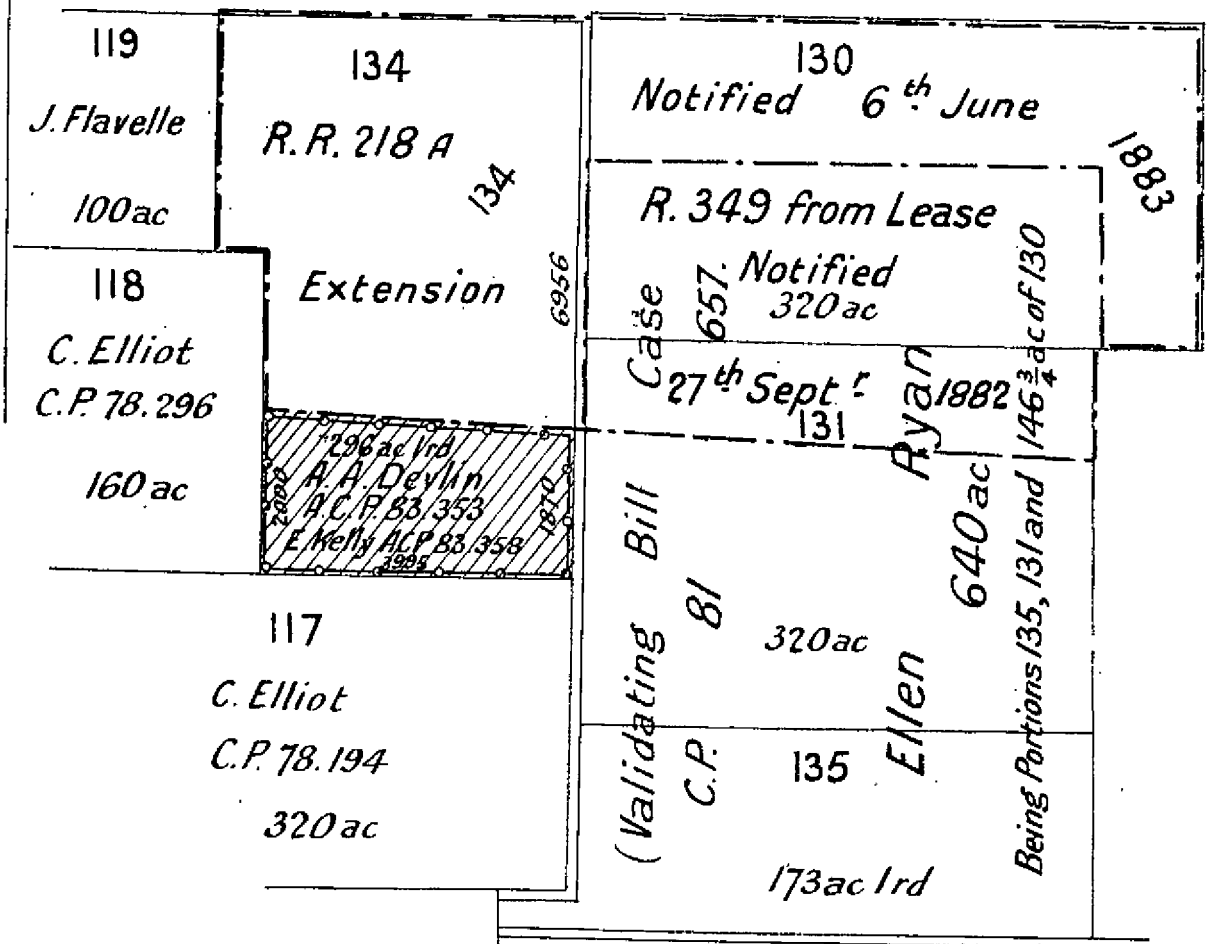
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES
AT WAGGA WAGGA;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

APPENDIX.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 25. WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1883.

12. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—*Mr. Wilson*, for *Mr. Loughnan*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in the Wagga Wagga Land District.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. McElhone*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. W. R. Campbell*, *Mr. Lyne*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 39. WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1884.

6. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—*Mr. Loughnan* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with the selections of Thomas Ryan, Anastasia Ryan, and Ellen Ryan, laid upon the Table of the House this day by the Honorable the Minister for Lands, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the case.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 84. WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1884.

4. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—*Mr. Loughnan*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th November, 1883; together with Appendix
- Ordered to be printed.

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 RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

 REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 28th November, 1883,—“with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in the Wagga Wagga Land District,”—and to whom was referred, on 16th January, 1884,—“the Return to Order made on 16th October, 1883, ‘Ryan’s Conditional Purchase at Wagga Wagga,’”—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List* See List, page 62 (whose evidence will be found appended hereto) find as follows:—

1. That Ellen Ryan selected, on the 8th December, 1881, at the Wagga Wagga Land Office, 640 acres of land, being measured portions Nos. 135, 131, and 147 acres of portion 130.
2. That Anastasia Ryan selected at the same place and date 640 acres, being measured portions Nos. 132 and 133. That Thomas Ryan selected also at the same place and date 540 acres of land, being portions 134, and so much of 130 and 129 as was available between E. and A. Ryan’s conditional purchases and the railway reserves.
3. That the said selectors are in every way *bonâ fide*.
4. That previous to application the selectors took the precaution to get information from Mr. District Surveyor Bolton, and the applications were drafted under his direction.
5. That Mr. Bolton gave the information in good faith, with a view to assist the selectors, but fell into an error in consequence of two railway reserves having been proclaimed and the boundaries not being properly charted.
6. That, three months after the selections were applied for, it was ascertained a portion of each was on railway reserve No. 218A (in the case of Thomas Ryan, all but 73 acres).
7. That the father, Thomas Ryan (who acted for his daughters, E. and A. Ryan), at once laid the matter before the Lands Department, and asked that the land upon the reserve should be withdrawn from the run, as he had been threatened with an action, and had already spent £500 in improvements upon the land within the reserve.

8. That after a long, wearisome, and expensive conflict with the Department, the Minister was induced to include those portions of Ellen Ryan's selections within the reserve in a validating Bill.
9. That letter marked 43 was lost in the Lands Department, and, in consequence, all T. Ryan's land was voided; further, that the said letter was found only when the case was brought before the House.
10. That reserve No. 218A, upon which the selections were found partly to be, is of a temporary nature.
11. That unless the selectors get the full area applied for—or nearly so—the value of the remainder will be much reduced.
12. That a portion of Anastasia Ryan's land has been lost to her in competition with the lessee, it having been voided and thrown open to public competition.
13. That the selectors were misled by the information derived from the District Surveyor, as to the position of reserve No. 218A.
14. That the lots selected were measured, or parts of, measured portions.
15. That in consequence of the unaccountable loss (for a time) of an important letter in the Lands Department, certain portions of the land were voided.

2. Your Committee are of opinion that the Lands Department (as soon as it was discovered that uncanceled reserves which were unknown even to the District Surveyor clashed with the selections) might have legalized the selections, either by placing them in the validating Bill and withdrawing the land from lease, or by cancelling the reserves in question, to enable the selectors to make the selections afresh; but as neither course was adopted, the Committee are of opinion that steps should now be taken by the Government to legalize so much of T. Ryan's conditional purchase as is situated within Reserve 218a.

GEO. C. LOUGHNAN,
Chairman.

*No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 8th April, 1884.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Barbour, | Mr. Day.

Mr. Loughnan called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That C. F. Bolton, Esq., A. O. Moriarty, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Ryan, be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Tuesday next at *Two* o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Burns, | Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones, | Mr. Lyne.

Constantine Francis Bolton, Esq. (*District Surveyor, Wagga Wagga*), called in, sworn, and examined. Witness produced plan from the Wagga Wagga Lands Office, showing the land selected, and the railway reserves in the locality, and handed in a tracing, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix*.)

Witness withdrew.

Mr. Thomas Ryan (*Selector*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That Mr. Thomas Ryan be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to To-morrow at *Two* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Burns, | Mr. Day,
Mr. Targett, | Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Lyne.

Mr. Thomas Ryan called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Constantine F. Bolton, Esq., called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Barbour, | Mr. Day.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, referring papers to the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the papers before the Committee.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew. Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Day,	|	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones,	|	Mr. W. R. Campbell.

Auber George Jones, Esq., M.P., a Member of the Committee, sworn and examined in his place. The Chairman vacated the Chair, and Mr. Day took the Chair *pro tem*.

George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esq., M.P., Chairman of the Committee, sworn and examined. Mr. Thomas Ryan called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Jones,	|	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Targett,	|	Mr. Lyne.

The Hon. James Squire Farnell, M.P. (*Minister for Lands*), examined in his place.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Jones,	|	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lyne,	|	Mr. Day.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq., called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Lyne.
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In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 8 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Day,	|	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Burns,	|	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
	|	Mr. Jones.

Chairman submitted draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1883.

Present:—

MR. BARBOUR,
MR. BURNS,

MR. LYNE.

MR. JONES,
MR. LOUGHNAN,

G. C. LOUGHNAN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Constantine Francis Bolton, Esq., called in and examined on oath:—

1. *Chairman.*] What are you? I am district surveyor at Wagga Wagga.
2. You are acquainted with the facts in regard to Mr. Thomas Ryan's claim? Yes.
3. Will you state to the Committee what you know in reference to Mr. Ryan's selections? The circumstances are these: Mr. Ryan desired to take up four selections of 640 acres each in the parish of Berrambel, county of Bourke. The land had been previously surveyed in anticipation of the demand, and with a view to the cancellation of the reserve along the line of railway in that locality. Mr. Ryan engaged a solicitor to fill up his descriptions—that is, descriptions of the land required by him, his son, and his two daughters. He did not come to my office to consult me in the matter until about twenty minutes to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The land agent, I think, had asked him if he was sure the land was not on a railway reserve. Mr. Ryan, accompanied by his solicitor, Mr. Thompson, came to my office and spoke to one of the draughtsmen, who exhibited to him a plan of the subdivision. I was engaged at the time with Mr. Surveyor Lipscombe in a room off the draughtsman's office. As I casually passed through the draughtsman's room I saw Mr. Thompson looking over the plan. [*Plan shown to the Committee, and Tracing handed in. See Appendix.*] The survey had just been completed, and I recognized the plan at once as I passed through the room. I said to Mr. Ryan that the land, although surveyed, was partly within the railway reserve. This led to a revision of Mr. Ryan's descriptions. This plan was not charted on the official maps then, and I inadvertently failed to remember that the first reserve had been gazetted along the trial line, and afterwards extended to the railway itself—along the railway as constructed. In consequence of this the Misses Ryan's selections encroached on the original reserve. I believe that the reserve along the trial line was gazetted when the other line had been finally approved of.
4. *Chairman.*] So that there were two reserves at the same time, one overlapping the other? Yes; at least one reserve that was put along the abandoned trial line was found not to serve the purpose for which it was designed, and instead of cancelling that reserve the Department simply extended it so as to protect the line that was in course of construction.
5. The ordinary course is to revoke one reserve and substitute another for it? Yes.
6. That was not done in this case? That was not done, although recommended by me on a previous occasion. As to the revision of Mr. Ryan's descriptions, I do not quite remember whether I wrote the descriptions or dictated them to Mr. Thompson.
7. But they were altered? Yes, fresh descriptions were drawn up and read over to Mr. Ryan, and the plan was inspected and pointed out the same time.

C. F. Bolton,
Esq.
4 Dec., 1883.

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- C. F. Bolton, Esq.
4 Dec., 1883.
8. I presume you altered the descriptions in order to save these people from going on to the reserve? What I assumed to be the boundary, that is within a mile of the railway. They had descriptions written which embraced land right up to the railway, and I knew that the land within a mile of the railway was reserved, but I failed to remember about the old reserve. The old reserve was incorrectly shown on the lithographed map; that is, on the parish map the reserve is incorrectly shown. I etched along the lines, and marked the directions which the boundaries of the selections would take.
9. *Mr. Jones.*] That was by your amended description? Yes.
10. Amended by whom? By me, with Mr. Ryan's concurrence.
11. *Mr. Barbour.*] And at the time you amended the descriptions you believed you were giving descriptions of land that was open for selection? Yes; those descriptions would have given land to three instead of four selectors; that of Thomas Ryan, junior, would have been left out.
12. *Chairman.*] It was done with the view of placing the Ryans on land that was open to selection, and to save them from the trouble and annoyance of taking up land that formed part of a reserve? When I suggested the alteration in the descriptions Mr. Ryan said, "No, I think I will take the land; I think I will pay money under protest; I think I have sufficient influence to retain possession of it."
13. *Mr. Jones.*] But he really did take it under your amended description? Yes.
14. And threw up his own description entirely to take yours? Yes.
15. You have admitted that you were wrong? To a certain extent.
16. And the then Minister for Lands, Sir John Robertson, also admitted that you were wrong, and gave compensation to at least one of the Ryans—in consideration of your mistake he placed one of the claimants in a right position? I do not think any one of them has got the maximum area yet. I know that Sir John Robertson wrote a minute not very complimentary to me; but I think he wrote it under a misconception.
17. He granted what was claimed under a misconception? I do not know that. I do not think any of them have had their claims finally dealt with.
18. *Mr. Barbour.*] After that, was it discovered that the selections were on a reserve—that is, after the selections were taken up? After the selections had been taken up the Lands Department discovered that they were on a reserve; but there is some ambiguity still as to the position of the reserve.
19. Have the selections been forfeited as a consequence, do you know? At first I think a portion was cut off in accordance with their map, and then it was extended to another line based upon a survey of mine. I had fixed the position for this trial line, which was erroneously shown on their map, which gave Ryan more land and the Misses Ryan more land.
20. Was the reserve fixed by a line on the survey plan or by proclamation in the Government Gazette? The proclamation in the Gazette is rather a peculiar one: it states it was as indicated on a map in the Surveyor-General's Office, and also that there was a mile on each side of the railway line—the trial line.
21. Have you the map you refer to as having been in the Surveyor-General's Office? I have a tracing which is presumed to be a tracing of the map. It shows a reserve of 2 miles on each side of the railway line.
22. Have you the Gazette notice which refers to the trial line as shown in the plan in the Surveyor-General's Office? Catalogue L 243—I exhibit a tracing of that plan.
23. But that plan shows the reserve to be 2 miles wide on both sides of the line, although it was understood that the reserve was to be only 1 mile wide on each side of the line, and although it was notified in the Gazette as being but 1 mile wide? Yes; the trial line on the published lithographed maps is shown out of position.
24. It was this incompleteness of the maps that caused Ryan's selections to be forfeited, or a portion of them? It was in consequence of the line being shown in its wrong position in the first instance. More of Ryan's conditional purchases were excised than subsequently.
25. How much has been taken off altogether? About 73 acres from Anastasia Ryan's 640 acres; about 100 acres from Ellen Ryan's 640 acres.
26. Did Thomas Ryan get his 640 acres or any portion of the land? No, his selection would have been very considerably reduced; I think he finally elected not to take any.
27. *Mr. Jones.*] You say he finally decided not to take any—why does he claim the whole—you say his portion would have been very considerably reduced: now how is it he claims the whole of the land? I do not think he does. I desire to say one thing: when Mr. Ryan said that he seemed to be very displeased at my telling him that the land within a mile of the line of railway was not open to selection, and when he proposed to stand by his original descriptions and push the matter through—or whatever words he used—I told him that by doing so he might place himself at very great disadvantage, inasmuch as the reserve might be cancelled any day, and he, as the holder of a conditional purchase, would not be allowed to select again until his case was finally dealt with and his conditional purchases disallowed.
28. *Mr. Barbour.*] What was the consequence of that? He said—"Well, perhaps you are right," and he took the descriptions as suggested by me and as revised by him.
29. *Mr. Jones.*] With reference to Mr. Ryan's claim at the present time—is it upon the original application, his original description, or upon the amended description which you gave him, that he claims? I rather fancy he has abandoned his own claim, and is now seeking to get the full area for his two daughters.
30. You know that Ryan's original description was altered by you—I want to know whether he is claiming upon his original description or upon the description as amended by you? He claims upon the description as amended by me. The description of Anastasia Ryan's land was not altered.
31. *Mr. Lyne.*] When Mr. Ryan met you at the Land Office at Wagga Wagga, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon—? We were in a hurry and bustle, and I suggested that he should leave the matter over until the following Thursday.
32. But on the day on which he went to you, you made a pencil-mark across the plan, showing in what direction you considered the reserves went? Yes.
33. And after you had made the alteration he adopted your description? Yes.
34. *Mr. Barbour.*] We have been speaking of the selections up to the time they were made: have you any information to give to the Committee regarding the selections after they were made? I sent in a report on the improvements made by Ryan on his selections. That report is now amongst the papers belonging to the Lands Department.

35. *Mr. Jones.*] When the matter came before the then Minister for Lands, did he or did he not approve or disapprove of what you had done—has he ever left any record or minute in his office respecting the matter? Yes, he has. He said, I believe, that through the action—the bungling I think he called it—of Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, the Department had got into this difficulty.

C. F. Bolton,
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Mr. Thomas Ryan called in, sworn, and examined :—

36. *Chairman.*] What are you? A farmer.

37. The Committee desire you to give, as shortly as you can, a statement of the case in regard to your own and your daughters' selections? I will commence with the day of selection. I think it was on the 8th December, this month two years, that was in 1881, I was going into Wagga Wagga, and saw a piece of country marked on the ground and on the trees, at Grong Grong. The land had been surveyed; a neighbour was with me; I had a book, and I took down all the numbers of this surveyed land. My neighbour seemed to know the country well, and said there was a railway reserve on it.

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38. *Mr. Lyne.*] Did he say it was in the portion surveyed? Yes.

39. You say there was land surveyed—did your neighbour lead you to understand that the reserve was included or went through the blocks that were surveyed? Yes; they were surveyed for the purpose of sale or to be open to selection, at least Mr. Bolton told me that.

40. Did your neighbour lead you to believe that the land of which you took the numbers was under reserve for railway purposes? No, not the land I took the numbers of, but the reserve was surveyed.

41. He did not lead you to believe that the land of which you took the numbers was reserved? No.

42. Go on with your explanation? What my neighbour told me was that there was a reserve, but I did not take the numbers of those blocks at all; the neighbour's name is John Halbish. I did not take the numbers of the land I understood to be a railway reserve, but only the numbers of the land outside; I went in to Wagga Wagga on the following Thursday and took up a section, at least Ellen Ryan applied for a section of the ground; she was with me.

43. *Chairman.*] Who drew out your application? Mr. Thompson, solicitor, at Wagga Wagga. I made out the four applications, with the assistance of my lawyer. Ellen Ryan took up a section of 640 acres; Anastasia Ryan took up another section of 640 acres; and I took up a section of 640 acres; Thomas Ryan, my son, took up 440 acres, which he got outside of the reserve; but he ultimately withdrew it. He wanted a section of 640 acres, but the 440 was all there was outside the reserve. There was something I wished to be done in regard to it, and I and Mr. Thompson went to Mr. Bolton's office the same day I paid the money. Mr. Bolton said he had selected more land than there was to select in that neighbourhood. He told me that without my asking him. I said to Mr. Bolton that I did not think I had, that the land was all surveyed, and that I could not make a mistake, as I took all the numbers correct off the trees. I argued the point with him. He said "You have, for the railway reserve is included in some of the blocks which you have selected." I said we had left the next blocks to the railway without touching them, and they are about a mile from the railway, and I supposed they were the reserves. "No," he said, "the reserves are included in the other blocks." I said, "Surely they did not survey the reserve as ground open to selection; I suppose they surveyed the reserve, and then the ground that was open to selection." He said, "No, it is mixed up." He showed me on the map where the reserve came up to. He said, "This reserve is to be open to selection in a week or two, and if you take your son's name out, the rest, I think, will be right. It will be thrown open in a week or two, and your son will be clear, and he will be able to come in again for his quantity then." I said, "All right, Mr. Bolton; I have known you for a good while, and I hope you do not take advantage of me, or allow any one else to come in and select the land; if you say we are on the reserve, we will take the reserved land out of our sections; but do not take any land from us unnecessarily, because we want more than we have got." He said, "No fear; I'll not take any land from you but what is reserved land." I said it was useless for me to make any change, as I had paid my money on the land and could not get it back again, and it would be better to let the Government settle the dispute. Mr. Bolton said, "When did you pay the money?" I told him as near I could. He said, "I will see into it; if the money is not gone to the Bank I might be able to get it back for you." He came back from the Lands Office and said the cheque had not gone to the Bank, and that he could give me my money. As nearly as I can say, he took my son's name out altogether, and about 100 acres altogether out of my selection. He got the applications and altered them.

44. *Chairman.*] And you consented? No.

45. *Mr. Barbour.*] Did you sign them? I did; but I thought there was no change made except taking the reserve out.

46. *Chairman.*] Did you sign these applications and take them, believing it would put you all right with the land except with regard to the reserves? Mr. Bolton got the map and showed it to us, and I did not think we were on the reserves at all. He told me after that the line through the reserve did not show.

47. What took place after that; I suppose you went on to your ground? I went home and sold out there, and then came on to the land.

48. *Mr. Lyne.*] After what you describe had taken place at Wagga, you went home to Howlong and sold the land you had there? Yes, I sold my homestead and the cattle and other things and went on to the land I had selected.

49. How long was it before you began to improve the land? About three weeks; I just went home and advertised my homestead and sold off, and then came on to the land.

50. *Chairman.*] You went to reside on your land and commenced to make improvements? Yes.

51. How long after that was it that you received a letter from the Lands Office? I think between five and six months.

52. *Mr. Lyne.*] Did you get any intimation from any person about your occupation of the land before you received the letter from the Lands Office? No.

53. Not from Mr. Devlin? I gave Mr. Devlin notice to keep his sheep off the land. He said he did not acknowledge me at all as a selector—that I was on the reserve.

54. *Chairman.*] He gave you notice? I went to him, and he told me he did not acknowledge me as a selector.

- Mr. T. Ryan. 55. After you went on to the land, how long was it before you got the first notice from the Government that you were on the reserve? About five or six months; it was over five months.
- 4 Dec., 1883. 56. What did you do when you got the notice? I think I sent a note back to Sydney, stating that I did not see my way clear to give up the land, as I had laid out £1,200 on it—that is on the selections up to that time.
57. What did you do after that? In the letter that came to me and the map, I found that a change had been made in our applications, that Ellen Ryan had applied for portion 134.
58. Mr. Jones.] Were those the applications which you had previously signed? Yes; we signed all the applications, but we did not know there had been any change made in the numbers. Ellen Ryan first applied for portion 135, 131, and portion of 134. She never knew that she signed for any others.
59. Mr. Lyne.] But then you went to Mr. Bolton, and he made an alteration in the applications? Ellen Ryan then applied for 130 instead of 134.
60. Chairman.] Then your application was altered also? I applied for the balance of portion 134, and for all of 130, and that Ellen Ryan should have the portion in dispute, that she should have that without any dispute at all. Then Devlin came in and took this from us. I got all of portion 134, a part of portion 130, and a portion of 129.
61. You said just now that the alteration was made in order that Ellen Ryan could get part of 130 instead of 134? Yes, that was Mr. Bolton's change.
62. You got these applications and found them different to what you thought they were? I thought it was in Sydney that the change was made. I knew that Mr. Farnell was a land agent and acted for Mr. Devlin, and I thought he made the change. I went to Mr. Bolton and asked him if he made the change. He said that he knew that Ellen Ryan could not get more than 1 mile in length. I asked him how he expected she could not get more than a mile the other way. He said that that was his reason for making the change—that he did not expect she would get more than a mile. I told him I thought that was a very strange reason, and that he had better write a note to the Minister for Lands stating that he made the change without our consent. He refused to do so, and said he would not be abused in his own office. I told him I did not go there to abuse him, and that he wanted to rob me or do me out of my land; that he knew that he made the change in the applications without our knowledge. He then asked me what I wanted. I said, "I want you to send a note to the Minister for Lands stating that you made the change without our consent." He said, "I will send a note to the Minister acknowledging that I made a change in Ellen Ryan's application without her consent, but that you knew of it." I said that I did not know of it. He refused to write in any other way. He wrote a note acknowledging that he made a mistake, that Ellen Ryan signed the application, and that I knew all about it. I made a copy of the letter. It reads as follows:—"Surveyor-General's Department, Memorandum, 20th October, 1882. To the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney. With reference to the revision of the descriptions of Thomas and Ellen Ryan's conditional purchases in the parish of Berrembed, county of Bourke, considered to be necessary in consequence of their clashing with a reserve altering the Hay and Narrandera Railway, I hereby certify that it was at my suggestion that the balance of acreage required over that in portions 131 and 135 was made up from 130 instead of 134, as I deemed it more in conformity with the law relating to form of measurement, and that Miss Ellen Ryan was not present when the description was prepared. The descriptions were handed to Mr. Thomas Ryan. C. F. BOLTON, D.S." The letter was sent on the 25th October, 1882; two affidavits and a letter from me and Mr. Bolton were posted to the Under Secretary, Department of Lands, Sydney.
63. Mr. Burns.] How did you obtain that copy of Mr. Bolton's letter? Mr. Bolton gave me the letter to send to the Minister for Lands, and I copied it. The original must be in the Lands Office.
64. Chairman.] The original of that letter must be in the Lands Department? Yes.
65. You sent the letter to the Under Secretary for Lands? Yes; and two sworn affidavits asking the Minister to allow us to have the land that we first applied for.
66. Mr. Barbour.] You made reference to land being selected by Mr. Devlin? Yes.
67. Was that some of the land you expected to get? Yes; I expected to get 55 acres of it; that was subsequently selected by Mr. Devlin.
68. Who is Mr. Devlin? Mr. Arthur Devlin, the owner of the run.
69. Chairman.] After sending the letter to the Lands Office protesting against your land being taken from you what did you do? I think I sent a letter asking to withdraw my money in favour of my daughter Ellen; I wanted to draw my money off the land in favour of Ellen.
70. That was in order to let the land be void? Yes; that was last December, twelve months ago.
71. You made application for a refund? Yes; I met with Mr. Jones about three weeks afterwards, and he told me not to accept a refund, but to stick to my land, and that I should get it; Mr. Jones dictated a letter withdrawing my former letter, and Mr. Rigby, Mr. Jones's clerk, wrote the letter, and I stood by and signed it; the letter was to the effect that I withdrew my application for a refund and would stick to the land; I posted the letter in the letter receiver near the "Metropolitan Hotel," in Sydney; Mr. Jones was sitting in his private room and sung out to me, "Mind and be careful that you put the letter in so that nobody can take it out"; I looked well to see that the letter had fallen down into the receiver.
72. When was that? In January, 1883; about the 25th or 26th of that month.
73. What happened after that? Me and Mr. Jones went to the Minister for Lands; the Minister promised to see into the matter and give me the land; so I went home, and Mr. Jones was to look after my business like, and see it right for me; some time after I saw that the lessee, Mr. Flavelle, had selected the 55 acres.
74. Mr. Lyne.] He is the lessee of the run? I went in to Wagga Wagga to see how he had got my land; the Land Agent showed me a letter from the Minister for Lands stating that my ground was void; that was about the 10th of May last; no, I was here on the 10th of May when he promised to give me the land all right; I went home a few days after and found that Mr. Flavelle had selected it.
75. I do not quite clearly understand what it was that caused you to sign the letter written at Mr. Jones's dictation, asking to withdraw your application for a refund of your money? I cannot recollect the reason, but I think it was to enable Ellen Ryan to get this 55 acres; I understood that I was putting improvements on my selection; instead of that I was putting them on Ellen's.
76. The reason you sent in your first application for a refund of your money was not knowing you were putting improvements on Ellen Ryan's selection instead of your own? Yes.
77. And it was to withdraw that first application that the letter you signed in Mr. Jones's office was written? Yes.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883.

Present:—

MR. BURNS,		MR. DAY,
MR. CAMPBELL,		MR. LYNE,
	MR. TARGETT.	

G. C. LOUGHNAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thomas Ryan recalled and examined :—

78. *Chairman.*] Have you any further explanation you desire to make to the Committee? Yes, I should like Mr. T. Ryan to supplement what I said to the Committee yesterday. I was in with the land agent at Wagga Wagga, and he told me he had received a letter from the Minister for Lands to the effect that my land was void. I went to see the land agent to know how my land came to be re-selected. When he told me about the letter, I said that I was in with the Minister for Lands on the 10th May, and the Minister told me my ground was all right. "Well," he said, "the letter is dated 10th May, and it states that your ground is void." I said, "Surely the Minister would not tell me my ground was all right, and on the same day write a letter stating that it could be re-selected." He said, "I have the letter here, signed by the Minister, and that is all I know about it." So I came back to Sydney on the 24th. Mr. Loughnan was with me on the 10th May when I saw the Minister, and when the Minister told me my ground was all right. When I came to Sydney on the 24th of May, I told Mr. Loughnan about the letter which the land agent said he had received from the Minister, in which it was said that my land was forfeited and cancelled. Me and Mr. Loughnan went to see the Minister. When we told the Minister about the letter the Minister said, "It's false; there is no such letter in the Lands Office at Wagga." I said, "Well, the land agent read the letter to me, and your name is to it." "Well," he said, "it's false. You believe the land agent and won't believe me. I told you and Mr. Loughnan that your ground was all right, and you won't believe me, yet you will believe the land agent. You go back and ask the land agent if he will pay your expenses down here. Go home and work on your selection; it will pay you better than coming down here employing Mr. Loughnan's time fighting against yourself." Mr. Loughnan then said, "Mr. Ryan, what more do you want, are not the Minister's words better to you than the land agent's?" I said, "No, the Minister is working me out of my ground. He gives me everything I want when I come here to see him, and as soon as I go away he works on the other side." Mr. Loughnan said, "I am quite satisfied the ground is yours; the Minister has promised you your land, and his word is as good as if you had it in writing." I wanted the promise in writing, and that led Mr. Loughnan to make the remark that the Minister's words were as good as if it was in writing. I then went home and worked away on the selection.
79. You mean the selection taken up by Flavelle? Yes; it was on the 21st June, I think, that Arthur Devlin re-selected it. That was after Flavelle had selected it. It appears that Flavelle never was up at all. I came down on the 27th June, when I saw he had selected it. I asked the Minister again about the letter he sent declaring that my ground was forfeited or void.
80. *Mr. Lyne.*] Who was with you? Mr. Loughnan. The Minister denied on the 29th also that he sent any letter forfeiting my ground and taking it from me. He said, "I told you before that your land was all right, that you are getting not only what you want, but more than you want; yet you will keep coming down here fighting against yourself. It will pay you better to go home and work on your selection, than coming down here employing Mr. Loughnan's time.
81. What was the result of your interview? I think me and Mr. Loughnan came back on the next day, on the 27th, and we saw Mr. Farnell and Mr. Oliver. Mr. Farnell promised me on the Tuesday that he would see what he could do on the Wednesday. Mr. Moriarty came into Mr. Farnell's office, and Mr. Loughnan and Mr. Jones were there; I forget whether Mr. Day was there or not. Mr. Jones and Mr. Loughnan came out to the door and told me the Minister had given me all the land all right and taken it from Devlin, and they asked me to get the vouchers and give them up. I refused to have anything to do with the vouchers. I said they never sent me the vouchers, and they must get them from whoever they gave them to. Mr. Loughnan said, "You are getting your ground all right, and this will settle all disputes, and if there is anything to be paid on the vouchers will you pay it, and get out of the bother?" Both Mr. Farnell and Mr. Moriarty promised that if we sent back the vouchers we should get back the land all right, and that instead of getting the 55 acres which we were fighting for we should get 73 acres. I said, all right, I would get the vouchers and give them back. So I went to Mr. Armstrong and gave him my cheque for ten guineas for the vouchers.
82. *Chairman.*] Who is Mr. Armstrong? He is a land agent.
83. What did you do with the vouchers? I handed them to Mr. Moriarty.
84. What happened after that? Mr. Moriarty said, "Ryan, this is all right; you ought to be well satisfied; there has been great interest taken in your case; you can go home now, and you will find everything right."
85. Then what happened? I went home, and started about fencing the land. I let 3 miles of fencing, by contract, on my own selection. When I took back the vouchers I expected that Mr. Devlin would be allowed to withdraw his money. I had half a mile of fencing on the 55 acres when I received a letter together with the vouchers back again.
86. Did you hand the vouchers to Mr. Moriarty personally? Yes, I gave them into his hands.
87. *Mr. Day.*] And he sent them back when you had half a mile of fencing done? Yes, three weeks or a month after.
88. *Chairman.*] What happened after that? As soon as I got the vouchers I stopped the men working; I told them I was not getting the land, and they would have to knock off work. They said, no, they had got the contract, and had left other jobs to carry it out. They afterwards knocked off fencing, but I had to find other work for them. I did not want them, but was obliged to put them on to other work whilst I came to Sydney.
89. What next? When I got to Sydney, Mr. Loughnan went with me to the Minister for Lands to see why he would not keep his word with me. I do not think I went into the Minister's room with Mr. Loughnan. I had the vouchers and handed them to Mr. Loughnan, and he handed them to Mr. Oliver.

Mr. T. Ryan. I think I gave them to Mr. Loughnan, and he proffered them to Mr. Oliver. I either gave them to Mr. Loughnan or had them with me when we went into Mr. Oliver's room. Mr. Oliver said he had nothing to do with them, and told me to take them to Mr. Moriarty. I went with Mr. Loughnan straight from Mr. Oliver's room to Mr. Moriarty's.

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90. What became of the vouchers? Mr. Moriarty refused to have anything to do with them. Subsequently I posted them to him in a registered letter.

91. *Mr. Day.*] What did Mr. Moriarty say? He said he had nothing to do with them—that the case was closed.

92. Did you ask him why he told you it was all right when you gave him the vouchers before? Yes, and he said he knew nothing about it.

93. Did he deny what he had said on the former occasion? He only spoke one or two words; he said he had nothing at all to do with it.

94. Are you sure that it was Mr. Moriarty that you gave the vouchers to? Yes, quite certain. He called another man at the same time and handed them to him, and said to him—"Now, get these papers on the records where we can put our hands on them when they are wanted."

95. When you took them back a second time? He said he had nothing to do with them.

96. *Mr. Lyne.*] How did you get them sent back to you? By post.

97. *Mr. Day.*] Did you say anything to Mr. Moriarty about your former conversation with him? Not then; he would have nothing to do with me then; he said he had nothing at all to do with my case.

98. *Mr. Lyne.*] What did you do then? I went to Mr. Farnell's office and gave the vouchers to Mr. Farnell's messenger and asked him to give them to the Minister. Mr. Farnell told the messenger to tell me to step in to him. I went in, and the Minister said to me—"My good man, I don't want these vouchers; I have nothing to do with them; the case is closed against you altogether."

99. He said the case was closed against you? Yes. I left the vouchers on the table for a time, but ultimately took them up, and I subsequently posted them to Mr. Oliver.

100. Is that the last you know of them? Yes.

101. Have you seen them since? No.

102. Did anything else happen at the Lands Office after that—did you get any communication from that office? I got a letter a few days ago.

103. *Mr. Day.*] Who is in possession of the 55 acres? I am.

104. *Mr. Lyne.*] I thought you said Mr. Devlin selected it? Yes, but I still keep possession.

105. *Mr. Day.*] You have possession now? Yes.

106. Have you seen Mr. Devlin about the matter lately? We have seen each other. I have been at his yards for sheep. We don't speak to each other. I never made any remark to him about the land. I am living on it, but he is grazing it.

107. *Mr. Targett.*] Has he taken any steps to oust you from the land? Not so far.

108. *Mr. Lyne.*] When Devlin selected it had you your hut on it? Yes.

109. What is the hut worth? I valued it at £20.

110. *Mr. Day.*] Is there any water-tank or well? Yes, I put a dam on it.

111. What is that worth? £50.

112. Any other improvement? Yes, half a mile of fencing.

113. What is that worth? About £30.

114. You are sure there are £80 worth of improvements on the land? On the 55 acres; some say the dam alone is worth £50.

115. What was the value of the improvements on the land when Devlin selected it? Only the house and the dam.

116. *Mr. Lyne.*] That is over £40 worth? At the time he selected it there were improvements to the value of more than £100.

117. *Mr. Day.*] Were those improvements valued by a Government officer? Yes, by Mr. Mulligan, a man who goes about amongst the free selectors.

118. *Chairman.*] How much did he value them at? £39 and some few shillings; he went within a few shillings of the £40.

119. *Mr. Lyne.*] When you took up your selection, what was the area of land you applied for besides your son's? Three sections of 640 acres each.

120. What area of land do you hold at the present time out of those three selections that is not disputed? I cannot say—the land is not surveyed yet.

121. Well, about how much? I should have to refer to the map before I could say.

122. Looking at the tracing before the Committee, can you say how much land you hold that is not in dispute? 132 acres were taken from Anastasia's selection; the rest of her selection is not disputed.

123. Then she has 508 acres undisputed? Yes.

124. Then Ellen Ryan? Sir John gave Ellen all of hers.

125. It is undisputed now? I believe she has the whole of it.

126. The whole of your selection of 640 acres is undisputed? Yes.

127. So that you have 1,148 acres out of 1,920 you applied for? Yes.

128. There are 540 acres of your own under dispute? Yes.

129. You are not claiming anything for the loss of 132 acres out of Anastasia's selections? Yes, I am claiming for the 132 acres.

130. You want to get 132 acres in addition to what she has? Yes.

131. Tell us the reason the 132 acres were taken off Anastasia's selection? It was on the railway reserve.

132. That was the reason it was struck off? Yes.

133. You have not received any refund for it? No.

134. Have you applied for a refund? No.

135. Then the Government still holds the money? Yes. There is between £400 and £500 worth of improvements on Anastasia's selection.

136. Ellen's selection is all to be brought under a validating Bill? Yes.

137. Are you claiming for more than 540 acres of your own? That is all.

138. You are not claiming to have more by a validating Bill? Yes, I want the full 640 acres that I first took up.

139. But the whole dispute in this case is with regard to Anastasia's selection and your own, and you want a validating Bill to give you the same number of acres that were taken from you? There is a dispute between me and Mr. Devlin as to 540 acres that is not settled. Mr. T. Ryan.
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140. But in reference to Thomas Ryan's selection, the balance of 540 acres in dispute, after deducting the 55 acres in dispute between you and Devlin, you want that brought out of the reserve and given to you under a validating Bill? Yes.

141. *Chairman.*] Do you wish to make any further statement? I said that I gave Mr. Bolton permission to take all the reserve land out of our application, which he did, as far as his knowledge permitted. I did not want to be on the reserve at all.

142. *Mr. Day.*] You would have been further on the reserve but for him? Yes; I am satisfied that he did not know he was putting me on the reserve. I allowed him to take the application, and take all the reserve land from us. With the little portion we have left we are wasting time and starving. I have been there two years. Mr. Devlin came in and put a fence across and blocked me up; he did not even give me a right of road, but fenced off land that is not in dispute. He has fenced us off it—he has cut down stuff from our ground, and fenced us off it altogether. Mr. Bolton was there and saw the improvements I had made. He told me first that Mr. Devlin had encroached on ground that was not in dispute. Devlin pulled me up to Court for pulling down a fence that crossed my road. There were a number of squatters on the Bench, and gave a verdict against me, and made me pay £2 10s. or go to gaol.

C. F. Bolton, Esq., recalled and examined:—

143. *Chairman.*] Do you desire to supplement the evidence you gave yesterday? Yes. I omitted to say yesterday that at the time Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland subdivided the land under notice he omitted to show the position of the trial-line, and it was not until I visited Mr. Ryan's selections that I found that the line was shown out of position on the published parish maps. In the subdivision a road has been provided for to the west of portions 131 and 135, and that was one reason, and an important reason, why I suggested that Ellen Ryan's additional area should be made up out of 130 instead of 134. It was with the view of suiting the subdivision. A road of access would have to be provided for. C. F. Bolton,
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144. Was it the fact that the trial line was not shown that caused you to put the Ryans on a portion of their selections? I cannot say that; but I think if the trial line had been shown it would have brought back to my memory the fact that there was another reserve along it. As a matter of fact this plan had only just come into the office and was not charted on the published map. The time was so very limited, and we were in such a bustle, that I forgot all about the old reserve, which I think ought to have been cancelled long ago.

145. The general rule is that, before making a reserve overlapping another, to cancel the first reserve and gazette another in its place? Yes. I think, as a matter of fact, the difficulty of getting information from one department to another sometimes occasions delay. They had actually proclaimed the reserve now under notice when the other railway line had been finally approved of.

146. *Mr. Lyne.*] If you had been in a position to have told Ryan that this was reserved land you would have saved him all the trouble? Yes.

147. *Mr. Targott.*] Were you aware that these two reserves overlapped? I could not say that I was aware of it at the time. It covers some 60 miles of country: in some places they are identical, other places widen out considerably. As to the first reserve along the trial line I drew attention to it, and recommended that it should be cancelled. I pointed out that the railway was not being constructed along that line at all. They then extended the reserve, so that it would protect the railway that was constructed.

148. But at the time Ryan's applications were made you did not know they were on the reserve? No; I acted from memory instead of searching documents.

149. *Chairman.*] Did you recommend the cancellation of the trial line reserve before Ryan went there? Yes, the subdivision was made on my recommendation, in anticipation of a demand for land, and in anticipation of the cancellation of the reserve.

150. *Mr. Campbell.*] You did not wait to know whether your suggestion had been carried out? It was acting under instructions that I caused the land to be subdivided.

151. *Mr. Day.*] I think you scarcely understood Mr. Campbell's question—the land was taken up that day by Ryan before you knew anything about it? Yes.

152. When you first saw the land that had been selected you knew that it was on a railway reserve? I was going from my office to another room when I saw them looking over the plan. I knew the plan by sight, and I said, "Take care what you are doing there. Anything within a mile of the railway is a reserve. All the land they measured is not open to selection." Then, acting in a hurry and bustle, I altered the descriptions.

153. That was in order to set Ryan right, you put him back off the reserve on to land which you believed he could legally select at the time? I thought anything outside the mile was open, whereas with the other line the reserves overlapped.

154. How far is the reserve line from Ryan's selections? It overlapped Anastasia Ryan's some 15 chains or so. From the actual railway itself it is, according to my line, just a mile.

155. *Chairman.*] In regard to Ryan's original applications, were the whole of them on the reserve, or would they have been? No; Anastasia's is identical with the original; Ellen's has been altered somewhat.

FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. BARBOUR, | MR. DAY.

G. C. LOUGHNAN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

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Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, called in, sworn, and examined:—

156. *Chairman.*] Will you tell the Committee what you know of the circumstances connected with Thomas Ryan's conditional purchases, as shortly as you can? In the absence of the papers connected with the case, I can only speak from memory.

157. *Mr. Day.*] You remember Mr. Ryan's selections near Wagga Wagga? Yes. I can describe in general terms what the case was, without dates and details, which I cannot remember without the papers. I can give an outline of the case from memory, sufficient, I think, for the purpose.

158. Will you inform the Committee the state of the case, as far as you know of it, from the beginning up to the time of the forfeiture of the selections? Thomas Ryan and two of his daughters—Anastasia, I think, and Ellen—selected three portions of land at Wagga Wagga, on a certain day. I do not think they had been approved as measurements, but upon that point I do not now like to speak definitely; but certainly they had been marked. Some little time after the selections had been made it was ascertained and reported, by the Survey Department, that each selection interfered with a railway reserve, leaving in each case, I think, a certain area outside. At that stage there was a great deal of correspondence. It was represented, on behalf of Thomas Ryan, that the descriptions of the lands which he and his daughters had applied for had been supplied to him by the district surveyor, Mr. Bolton. Mr. Bolton, on being referred to, verified that statement, and explained that a certain measurement had not been before him when he gave the descriptions, and that he gave them supposing the land to be outside of any reserve. He also stated that he gave these descriptions to Ryan very hurriedly, having been applied to by him a few minutes before the closing of the land office on that day, and that he gave them to him for his benefit, seeing that the land which Ryan had intended applying for was reserved land, and none of it available for selection. The lands actually selected were, as I say, found to have been reserved to a greater or lesser extent; and it was represented that, relying upon the district surveyor's information, Ryan had made certain improvements on the land selected by his family. The case was investigated. Sir John Robertson was in office at the time, and he decided that the portion that was found to have been improved by the Ryans should be protected, so far as the Government could protect it by legislation. Sir John Robertson promised to include it in a validating Bill—that is to say, the one of the three selections of land on which Ryan had taken up his residence and had made improvements.

159. Were there no improvements on the other portions? It was decided that the selection I refer to should be protected by legislation, but in regard to the other two portions no such course was to be taken, the report showing that no improvements had been made upon them. At that stage the matter came into my hands. It came to me in this form: that Ryan and his daughters should have the option of retaining the available area outside the reserve or of taking refund of the deposit upon the whole area in each case.

160. Was that before any improvements had been made upon the other two portions? That was altogether irrespective of the central portion containing improvements.

161. But was that at a time when no improvements had been made on the other two portions? I will go into that part of the case presently. The matter had arrived at that stage when, in the ordinary routine of business, I intimated to Ryan that if he chose to retain the available part of the land—that which was outside the reserve—he could do so, and sent refund orders for the difference of area. A letter from Ryan, stating that the portion of land available was not worth retaining, and that he preferred a refund of his deposit upon the whole, was subsequently brought under notice, and a refund order for his whole deposit was sent to him, he having returned the previous one. Some time after that Ryan alleged that he had sent to me a letter recalling his request for a refund of the whole of the deposit, and intimating his wish to retain that part of the land that was available. I had a careful search made for the letter, but could not find any trace of it; and I stated once or twice that, so far as could be ascertained, no such letter had been received. At the same time I stated that, if such an intimation had been received, I would not have acted upon the application for refund of the whole deposit. After some considerable delay, I ascertained that Ryan had actually written a letter recalling his request for a refund of the whole of his deposit money. He is an illiterate man, and writes his name in a very peculiar way. The signature to the letter had been written in such a peculiar way that it had been taken to be the signature of a person named "Yan" any one would take it to represent the name "Yan." It was interpreted by the clerks as Yan, and the name was registered as Yan, and passed on to the Charting Branch. It remained in the Charting Branch, and was there when I was making inquiries as to whether a letter had been received from Ryan, and was told there was no such letter. The fact remains, however, that a refund order for the deposit was sent according to the request of the applicant, and in ignorance of the fact that he had recalled that request. In consequence of the cancellation of his application as a whole, another application by another party was made for the available part of the land. Ryan's application had been cancelled at his own request, his change of intention not having been made known, through the mistake that had been made in regard to his letter. In consequence of his action another application had been made for the land. I advised Mr. Farnell not to retrace his steps, and the Minister agreed with me and did not do so. Ryan had represented that the second selection by this other party was invalid, by reason of his having improved the land in the meantime. Inquiry was made by Mr. Mulligan, whose report, I think, will be found among the papers. Mr. Mulligan made a very careful inspection, and his report shows that when the land was selected by Mr. Devlin it had been improved, but that the value of the improvements effected by Ryan, inside and outside the reserve, did not amount to £40 or anything approaching it; but taken in conjunction with certain improvements made by Mr. Devlin, the lessee of the land, before it was selected, there would be over £40 worth of improvements upon the whole portion. In other words, the improvements were Devlin's own, and not Ryan's.

162. *Chairman.*] Do I understand you to say that the improvements conjointly, that is those made by Mr. Devlin and those made by Mr. Ryan, were of the value of over £40? Yes, the improvements made by Devlin and those made by Ryan, taken together, would amount in value to more than £40, I think, upon the whole portion; but it has never been customary to take into consideration improvements made by

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by the selector as against himself. There were not £40 worth of improvements made upon the land by Ryan when Devlin selected it. Of course I have given but a very general outline of the case; and I can do no more than give that from memory. I think, however, that that outline will be found to be correct in all essential particulars. I should state perhaps that I omitted reference to the central portion, which was secured, pending legislation. The side portions have each been selected, and I think that each of the portions outside of the reserve has been obtained by other parties.

163. *Mr. Day.*] How does the case stand now—has Ryan lost any of his selections? Ryan, or one of the Ryan family, retains the improved portions.

164. What I mean is, taking into consideration the land embraced within the reserve, is that lost? It never has been legally conditionally purchased by anybody.

165. But with regard to the balance that was left, has Ryan lost that? I speak merely of the balance that was left—each of the two portions has been conditionally purchased by other parties, and they hold it.

166. Ryan has lost it altogether? He never gained it.

167. He has lost it? Yes, if you choose to put it that way he has lost it.

168. There were improvements on the land when it was selected the last time—do you recollect who selected it? I think Mr. A. Devlin.

169. When he selected it there were certain improvements on the land? Certain improvements of his own. The bulk of the improvements were his own—improvements belonging to himself as lessee of the land before it was open to selection at all. The bulk of these are inside the reserve still.

170. The bulk of the improvements? Yes; but it will be seen that it is not a fact that Ryan ever put upon these portions of land sufficient improvements to bar selection by any one else.

171. If he says he put £40 worth of improvements upon these selections he says what is not correct? I do not know. Ryan put a little hut and tank on the land selected by himself apart from the portion upon which his family are living, the portion which Sir John Robertson determined to validate for him; but it is certain that the improvements which the inspector has described as existing upon the whole of the resumed portions at the time he inspected it were not of the value of £40.

172. Did the inspector inspect it previous to Devlin making the selection? I think it was subsequent to Devlin's selection.

173. The house that Ryan put up? Is described by the inspector as not worth £10. The inspector's report is a very detailed one, and gives particulars of all the improvements. On that report I advised Mr. Farnell not to disturb the action he had previously taken, and he took my advice.

174. The selection on which the hut and tank are placed is still in dispute between Ryan and Devlin? I cannot say.

175. Ryan is still living on it? I do not know where he lives.

176. *Chairman.*] I think I can bring it to your mind. There was a portion originally described as containing 55 acres across Thomas Ryan's selection, which was subsequently increased to 73 acres; Ellen Ryan only applied for the block between the other two; T. Ryan and Anastasia Ryan applied for side blocks. With regard to T. Ryan's portion it was supposed there were 55 acres, but a more exact survey increased it to 73 acres; the central portion contains the family home and improvements? Yes.

177. That portion is the portion you are speaking of, and is referred to in the letters of Thomas Ryan in particular, that letter which contains the signature which was supposed to have been written by one Yan? Yes.

178. That is the portion in regard to which he applied for a refund of his deposit, and subsequently wrote a letter to withdraw that application? Yes.

179. In consequence of that letter having been mislaid in the office, there was some action taken by the Department? I cannot say that the letter was mislaid, because it was not mislaid.

180. At all events, it did not appear among the papers, and was applied for frequently? It did not appear among the papers relating to Ryan's case. A letter was received from Ryan, stating that he had written one re-calling his request for a refund of his deposit; and it was for some time denied that any such letter had been received. It was subsequently discovered that the letter had been received, and had been registered in the name of "Yan."

181. At all events, the voidance of the selection took place in May? Ryan's letter, which was supposed to be written by "Yan," had certainly been in the office for some time before the survey recommendation upon it for a refund of the deposit money was made.

182. The selection was declared void at the request of Ryan? Yes.

183. Do you recollect when the voidance took place? About the middle of May—about the 16th of the month, I think.

184. Then what further action was taken by the Department? I think the land has been reserved.

185. I am speaking of the 73 or 55 acres? Another application for that has been received from some one else. Consequent upon Ryan's act—the act as to which he changed his mind—another right has supervened. My idea has been that the action of the Department, having proceeded upon the ground that another right had supervened, it is not open to the Department to retrace its steps.

186. *Mr. Barbour.*] Is that the portion upon which the £40 worth of improvements have been made? Yes.

187. Was it a surveyed portion? I think it was a surveyed portion, but I doubt whether the measurements had been charted in the Survey Office.

188. If it was a measured portion, and there were £40 worth of improvements upon it, by whomsoever made, would you not esteem that portion not open to selection? It has never been asserted that improvements upon Crown land belonging to the applicant are a bar to his own selection.

189. But in the case in dispute, Ryan says he has more than £40 worth of improvements on the land? It is open to him to show that he had; the inspector reported that he had not.

190. There were more than £40 worth of improvements on the land at the time of the survey of the allotment? I think so. However, Devlin's selection was outside of the reserve, or in other words on a portion of land that was not measured at all. I think it will be seen that there were not £40 worth of improvements, or enough to bar the portion outside the reserve from selection.

191. You would be able to tell us if the papers were before us? Yes.

192. But you cannot answer definitely and unreservedly from memory? I think the Committee will find the

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the details of all these matters in the papers. I have not all the facts of the case in my mind, and have not seen the papers for some time. My impression is that the whole portion was in part on the reserve and in part outside the reserve, and that the question as between Devlin and Ryan only applies to the part outside the reserve. The improvements referred to in the inspector's reports relate to the whole.

193. You cannot say definitely from the plan that that is the case? I feel quite sure it is the case; but I cannot say from memory upon what portion the improvements are situated.

194. *Chairman.*] It was in consequence of Ryan being notified that a portion of his selection was on a reserve that he applied for a refund of his deposit in the first instance, and that he was informed that the money had been refunded and was to his credit? Yes; his letter was to the effect that the part that was available for him was not worth keeping, and he preferred to have a refund of the whole of his deposit. Upon that request he was sent a refund of the whole. If I had known of any other request of his I should not have sent him a refund.

195. That is, if the letter that was signed in such a peculiar way had been given to you, you would not have sent him a refund of his money, and his selection would not have been voided? I should have sent him again the refund for the area that had been reserved, instead of for the whole.

196. That portion of 73 acres would not have been made void? No, if I had known that he wished to retain it.

197. *Mr. Barbour.*] Suppose the Minister had been inclined to validate the whole of the portion that was on the reserve, was there any impediment to Ryan's getting the land? Of course his selection on the reserve could have been made legal by Act of Parliament.

198. But was there anything to prevent his getting it—had any claim arisen in the meantime with regard to that portion of land that was on the reserve? I do not know of any. I do not remember what the improvements were upon it; but I do not see how any other claim could have arisen over that portion of the land.

199. Is there any bar to his getting the selections, as taken up by him—the two selections made by Devlin, the one we have been speaking of, the 73 acres, and the other one—you say you understood that a portion of another one was taken up? Yes, there is a bar. I assume that the question relates to the portion inside the reserve. There is a bar, and that bar is the law. The land was not open to selection under the law, because it was reserved land. In regard to the merits of the case, the Government has been of opinion that no merits entitle Ryan to these inside portions. On the merits, as regards Ellen Ryan's selection, the Government has promised to legalize it.

200. With the exception of the legal difficulty, has any interest been created in the meantime? I do not see how any interest could have arisen.

201. On the outside portion—is not a portion of one of them taken up by Flavelle? Portions outside the reserve have been selected by other parties; the selections inside the reserve could not be selected by other parties.

202. *Chairman.*] What was the reason for throwing open to selection that portion of Anastasia Ryan's selection which had been originally in the reserve? I think it was done for the advantage of Ryan, in order that his daughter might again apply for it.

203. An application was made to withdraw so much of the reserve as was contained in Anastasia Ryan's selection? I think so.

204. And it was done—so much of the reserve was revoked? There has been a great deal of solicitude for the interests of Ryan's family on the part of many persons of influence, and certain portions of the reserve certainly were cancelled for the purpose of enabling the Ryans to make selections. Before the time came when the selections could be made, the same parties in the same interest urged that it should not be done, if I am not very much mistaken.

205. But ultimately? Ultimately the reserve remained as it was, as regards Thomas Ryan's application.

206. Was not a portion of it revoked? A portion was revoked, and again it was reserved.

207. Was not a portion thrown open to selection by ballot? Only the portion of Anastasia's selection within the reserve, I think. Parts of Anastasia's selection and part of Thomas Ryan's selection were outside the reserve; and in regard to the latter, other selections have been made by other parties.

208. *Chairman.*] Part of Anastasia Ryan's selection was sent to ballot in consequence of voidance: why was that portion of Anastasia Ryan's selection declared void? Because it was within the reserve. The reserve was modified, and fresh selections were afterwards made. A ballot took place, which resulted in favour of another applicant—A. de Berg.

209. *Mr. Day.*] If Parliament were to validate the selection by Thomas Ryan, the improvements could not interfere with it? That I cannot say.

210. But no one for years has had any right to improve a reserve? Quite so, as regards the right to purchase.

211. Therefore, if any improvements are on it they belong to Government? No one would be entitled to buy improvements on a reserve in virtue of the improvements; but improvements upon reserves have never been actually forbidden.

212. According to the Land Act? According to the Land Act, improvements, unless paid for by the selector, will not be open to selection.

213. Is there any clause in the Land Act allowing a man to take up land that has been improved on a reserve? By paying for the improvements—yes.

214. The Government would get full value for the improvements? Yes.

215. Virtually there are no conflicting interests in the way of Ryan getting the land? Not so far as I know. An Act of Parliament may be passed to give Ryan the land or this house; but Ryan cannot get the land by virtue of the selection he has made; he did not select it, or if he did, it was at a time when it was not open to selection.

216. But if Parliament passed a validating Act it would conflict with other applicants? Not so far as I know, with regard to the land which Thomas Ryan selected inside the reserve.

217. But with regard to the portion which Devlin selected? That was outside the reserve.

218. But in the reserve there would be sufficient land if Parliament gave it him? There is a very large space of land.

219. Considering the whole case right through, with your knowledge of these things, do you not think it would be prudent for Parliament to validate the selections as far as it possibly can, on account of the information

information they have in the Survey Office from Mr. Bolton? I am hardly in the position to answer that question.

220. Would not that be a justification? No, I do not think it would be a justification, to speak candidly. Sir John Robertson dealt with the case fairly some time ago. With regard to Ryan, he is seeking—and the Chairman of this Committee said the same in his presence and mine—he is seeking to get more than he is entitled to. I think he is endeavouring to get Crown land to which he has no right—to push an equitable claim beyond its equitable limits. I do not know any ground at all for legalizing any claim of Thomas Ryan upon this reserve. I think that all equitable claims have been fully considered by the Government. Sir John Robertson did everything that was necessary in offering to legalize the selection which contains the improvements and the family residence.

221. But is Ryan not entitled to consideration? I think he has received enough; he received full consideration in what Sir John Robertson proposed to do for him.

222. Ryan represents that portion of the land he has got is of no use to him—that he cannot make a living upon it (*The papers relating to the case were at this stage of the inquiry brought from the Government Printing Office*)? I have in my hands the inspector's report of the improvements.

223. Does he refer to the 73 acres? He refers to the whole of the land.

224. What improvements does he say were on the land? They are described in Mr. Mulligan's report, No. 91 of the printed papers. (*Witness read the report to the Committee.*)

225. *Mr. Barbour.*] Referring to the matter about which Mr. Day asked you a little while ago: if the railway reserve had not been there Ryan would have been entitled to all his three selections? No; they would have been bad selections, owing to the improvements upon them; if they had been measured land, and the measurements had been charted, as to which I am not certain.

226. Is there more than £40 worth of improvements on them—on the whole of them? Regarding the centre one there is no conflict; Ellen Ryan retains it under a promise of the Government to legalize it. As regards Anastasia Ryan's selection, I do not think there is much in dispute; she retains the greater part, and the part cancelled out of the reserve has gone to another applicant through ballot. A part of Thomas Ryan's has been conditionally purchased by another party. The portion, as a whole, was not open to selection at the time Thomas Ryan selected it.

227. What I mean is this: on the day that Ryan went to Mr. Bolton to get him to assist him to make the selections, if there had not been a railway reserve there Ryan would have got his land? I think not. I think the report which I have just read shows that at that date there were over £40 worth of improvements upon the measured portion, as a whole. When Ryan's selection was made, the improvements upon the measured portion, as a whole, were of the value of £62 odd, the property of Mr. Devlin. Mr. Ryan has, since his selection, made £22 worth of improvements in addition, on the part outside the reserve which he selected, which brings the value of the improvements upon the whole portion to £84 3s. 9d. In addition to that, Ryan, since his re-selection, has put £12 10s. worth of improvements upon it altogether; that makes £34 of improvements by Ryan, as against £64 worth by some other party.

228. Has any question ever arisen about the improvements barring selection? Oh yes; all these reports (*witness pointing to the papers on the table*) deal with that question.

229. But Ryan has never been refused his selection on the ground that it was improved—it was on the ground that it was on a reserve? The ground of cancellation was that it was not open to selection, the land being on a reserve.

230. At the time of Thomas Ryan's original selection, was the portion of land selected a surveyed portion or otherwise—was it a measured portion, irrespective of the reserve? The conditional purchase application was for measured portion 134 and parts of 129 and 130, the measurements of which were accepted on 13th September, 1882.

231. *Chairman.*] It was in the power of the Government, without doing injury to any one else, to have revoked so much of the reserve and given it to Ryan, considering that he had been put there by the Government's own officer? That is but partly a question of merit; it could not have been done legally; the Government could not have given the land to Ryan without an Act of Parliament.

232. They could have recommended it to the consideration of Parliament? It was open to Sir John Robertson to have included the whole thing in a validating Bill, if he had thought the merits justified him in doing so.

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Present:—

MR. DAY,
MR. BARBOUR,

MR. W. R. CAMPBELL,
MR. JONES.

G. C. LOUGHNAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Auber George Jones, Esq., M.P., a Member of the Committee, examined in his place:—

233. *Mr. Day.*] You know something about Ryan's selections at Wagga Wagga? Yes, on the Murrumbidgee.

234. He selected on Mr. Devlin's run? Yes, I believe so.

235. He took up three or four selections on that run adjoining one another? Yes, on a reserve on Mr. Devlin's run.

236. The whole of Ryan's and his daughters' selections were not upon the reserve, were they? The greater portion I understand was.

237. *Chairman.*] The lesser portion, I think? Well, some portion; I cannot say exactly how much.

238. *Mr. Day.*] Did not Ryan make an application for a refund of his money when he found he could not get the land he selected himself? About the middle of January, 1883, I think it was, Ryan came to my office and made a statement with reference to his selections. Amongst others he had selected 73 acres, and because he did not get the whole of that selection he had written to the Minister refusing a refund for a portion of the selection, and demanding a refund for the whole. When he came to me he desired to repossess himself

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himself of the portion which had been allowed to him, but having given notice demanding a refund he said he could not obtain it. Finding the refund had not been paid, I advised him to write to the Lands Department recalling his letter and demanding that portion of the land which they had previously allowed him, and objecting to receive the refund. At his instance or request, a gentleman in my office, writing for me, at my dictation, wrote a letter to the Minister to that effect. The letter was signed and addressed in my presence, and I saw Ryan post it. I afterwards saw the Minister with Ryan; some other Members were with me; and I also saw Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases. There was some difficulty about it; but subsequently Mr. Moriarty told me he had not received this letter. Had he received it, he said, the land by right would have belonged to Ryan. He also said in conversation that, if I would write to him and make a statement that this letter had been sent to the office, and procure a letter from Mr. Rigbye stating that he had written the letter, he would take the letter as received and act accordingly. The letter to the Chief Commissioner was written by me, and forwarded according to the purport which I have already stated, and a letter from Mr. Rigbye was also sent, accompanied, I think, with a declaration that he had written the letter and that Ryan had posted it. For some reason or other best known to the Minister or Commissioner this promise was not fulfilled, neither was it accepted as equivalent to the receipt of the letter as promised, nor was the land granted to Ryan. The land was subsequently selected by the lessee of the run, or rather, I think, by the mortgagee of the run, who again immediately forfeited it, in order that his son-in-law, the lessee of the run, might select it as an additional original selection of his. Subsequently to this I demanded very strongly that Ryan's letter withdrawing previous letter and refusing to accept the refund should be produced, for I knew it was in the Department. Mr. Garrett was with me on that occasion. The letter was subsequently produced. Upon this letter depended entirely, admittedly by the Chief Commissioner, the right of the man Ryan to this land, and the letter had remained unaccountably undiscovered. When it was found it was too late—the land had already been awarded to Mr. Devlin, the lessee of the run.

239. *Mr. Campbell.*] Was Ryan in possession? Yes, Ryan was in actual possession, and continues now in possession, and they gave it to the lessee of the run over his head. Upon learning that Mr. Devlin had selected this land, I, in company with my colleague, Mr. Loughnan, waited upon the Minister with reference to it. We stated the case to him as I have now stated it to the Committee, and the Minister assured us that the selection by Mr. Devlin would not be allowed, that it was not because he had selected that therefore he should get possession. The Chief Commissioner was present, and before we left the room or the office of the Minister, he pledged himself that Ryan should have the land—not only the 55 acres which he claimed, but the whole amount of 73 acres. This was said so emphatically that there was no possible room for any doubt in my mind, or that of Mr. Loughnan, that the land would be given to the original selector Ryan. Ryan was in the ante-room, and we advised him of the decision of the Minister, and told him to go home. In collateral confirmation of this, Mr. Commissioner Moriarty remarked to the Minister—“Before we advise the local agent at Wagga Wagga, we must get back the vouchers from Ryan.” I told him they should be returned the next day, and next day they were delivered to the Chief Commissioner. The *Minister in our presence directed the Chief Commissioner to telegraph to the local agent at Wagga Wagga his decision in the matter. We then, I think, left the office. Subsequently Mr. Loughnan and I discovered that nothing of the kind was done, and after all this they refused to give the land to this man Ryan. The Minister, in presence of the Honorable Member for Albury, Mr. Day, subsequently repudiated ever having said anything of the kind. I think you were there, Mr. Barbour, yourself. I, as a matter of course, as any honest man would do, I lost my temper, and asked whether I had been dreaming, or whether he meant to say he did not tell me and Mr. Loughnan what I have stated. He said—“Do not take any notice of what I say—you must have it in writing.” After this occurrence I refused to go into the office any more; and we determined that the case should be brought before the House and should receive the judgment of the House, and to that end Mr. Loughnan made the motion for obtaining the present inquiry.

240. *Mr. Day.*] Do you know anything about the improvements that were on the land when Ryan selected it? I do not think there were any improvements, except half-a-mile of fencing; that is what I understood.

241. Did you ever read the report of the appraiser? I have read the report of the appraiser, when testing the validity of Devlin's second selection over the head of the original selector.

242. Ryan selected a certain quantity of land for himself on Mr. Devlin's run, on the reserve there: have you ever read the appraiser's report on the whole of the improvements? I do not know of anything beyond half-a-mile of fencing. That is what I am informed. The land was appraised when Ryan objected to Devlin's selection, because it was alleged by Ryan there was over £40 worth of improvements upon it. The Government appraiser valued the improvements at, I believe, £39 5s.

243. This piece of land then that was excised from Ryan's selection and thrown open to selection again had certain improvements upon it? Certain improvements made by Ryan.

244. Were there not some improvements made by the lessee? I think half a mile of fencing.

245. Was that on the 73 acres? Yes.

246. That was put up by Mr. Devlin? Yes.

247. As soon as Devlin selected the land Ryan disputed it, and then an appraiser was sent to value the improvements? Yes.

248. What was the value of the improvements, including Ryan's and Devlin's? Something slightly under £40, as estimated by the appraiser. I believe £39 5s.

249. That would not prevent Devlin from selecting? Of course it would not, by 15s.

250. Was that estimate a fair one? I could not say.

251. Did you ever hear anything about it? Well, yes, but I do not care to repeat it. Ryan's estimate was £60.

252. If the improvements had been of the value of £60, Devlin could not have selected? They would have barred the selection.

253. *Mr. Barbour.*] There is a little ambiguity, I think, in your reply to Mr. Campbell; you said the Government awarded the selection to Mr. Devlin over Ryan's head, and then subsequently you said the Minister for Lands said that although Devlin had selected, it did not necessarily follow that he would get the land? That is true.

254. Do not these statements appear to be inconsistent? I am not responsible for these inconsistencies. I can

* NOTE (on revision):—He also said to refuse no application of the Ryans.'

can only say what occurred. After pledging himself that Ryan should get the land, he ignored and repudiated altogether having made any such statement to me and my colleague, Mr. Loughlan, and awarded the land to Mr. Devlin, notwithstanding that Ryan had previously selected and made his improvements, and resided eighteen months or two years.

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255. *Mr. Day.*] And is resident now? Yes.

256. From what you know of this case, are you of opinion that Ryan has been unfairly treated? I am most decidedly of that opinion; he has been most unfairly treated, and that in favour of the lessee of the ran and for his special benefit.

George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esq., M.P., Chairman of the Committee, examined:—

257. *Mr. Day (Chairman pro. tem.)* Do you know anything about Ryan's selections at Wagga Wagga? Yes; I have been taking a good deal of trouble and interest in them, because I was convinced by his statement and the statement of Mr. Bolton, the District Surveyor at Wagga Wagga, and by all the evidence I could collect in and out of the office, that Ryan had been, through no fault of his own, unjustly deprived of his rights as a free selector. I have heard the evidence of Mr. Jones respecting the promise which the Minister for Lands made to us respecting Ryan's conditional purchase of 73 acres. On the occasion that Mr. Jones referred to, the Minister said to us—"I am giving Ryan more than he is asking; he asked for 55 acres, and I am giving him 73 acres." Mr. Moriarty was present at the time. Some conversation then took place with reference to the refund vouchers, which had not then been presented at the Treasury, and I said—"Then if we get the refund vouchers and send them back to you the matter will be considered settled." Mr. Farnell, and, I think, Mr. Moriarty, both said "yes"; and Mr. Jones said, "You shall have them to-morrow morning." We then called Ryan and told him what had occurred, and advised him to pay his agent's expenses, £10—his agent detaining these vouchers in order to get the money—and deliver the vouchers to the Department; which I believe he did the next day.

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258. *Mr. Jones.*] You remember that I asked why these 500 acres of land had been taken and thrown back into lease again, and the reply was that it was done for the benefit of Ryan? I remember that happening, but I forget whether it was said by the Minister or Mr. Moriarty. One of them said so, but I could not say which.

259. Did he not say—"I did it for the benefit of Ryan; if we leave it open for selection he will have competition and he will lose it"? Now you refresh my memory I believe it was the Minister, but I know it was said by either Mr. Moriarty or the Minister—I believe it was the Minister.

260. He said he would decide positively in favour of Ryan, that he would validate his selection, and then he said—"He is getting more than he asks for"? That reminds me that in Mr. Moriarty's evidence he made a statement that I had said Ryan was getting more than he was entitled to. That is what I understood him to say. If he said so he mistook me—I never made such a statement; what I said was to Ryan in his presence, that the Minister said he was getting more than he was asking for.

261. *Mr. Day.*] He got nothing at all? He got nothing at all.

262. The promises made by the Minister have not been carried out? They were all broken, every one of them.

263. And Ryan has not got one acre of his land that was promised, to be given to him? Not one—it is all taken away. With regard to the missing letter, I asked for it frequently, and Mr. Moriarty said frequently that he had no recollection of any such letter ever having been in the Department at all, but if it had been there it would certainly be recorded.

264. Do you remember the Minister saying that if the District Surveyor at Wagga wrote a letter saying he had made a mistake in advising Ryan to take up these selections he would deal more liberally with him, in consequence of the surveyor having put him wrong? Yes.

265. Did Mr. Bolton write that letter? I do not know.

266. *Mr. Jones.*] Do you not remember the Minister acknowledging that he had read the letter? No. I remember the Minister saying he would deal more liberally with Ryan because the surveyor had put him astray.

267. Did you write a letter to the Minister enclosing a letter which the Minister expressed a desire that Mr. Bolton should sign—the Minister having said that if Mr. Bolton signed it he would deal liberally with Ryan? I wrote a letter to the Minister, which he acknowledged having read in his room, and which letter has disappeared.

268. Was it an important letter bearing upon this case? It was an important letter which the Minister asked Ryan to write: I wrote it for Ryan.

Mr. Thomas Ryan further examined:—

269. *Chairman.*] Do you remember the Minister saying anything about Mr. Bolton writing a letter? You and I were in the office one day, and the Minister said that if what I stated was correct I should get a note written to that effect and send it to him, and he would send it to Mr. Bolton, and if Mr. Bolton signed it he would give me my land all right.

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270. Was that letter written? Yes.

271. Who wrote it? I went up with you to the office and said I was not able to dictate the letter the way the Minister wanted it, and would you oblige me by writing the letter for me; you said "Yes," and I went up to your office, and you wrote the letter and enclosed it and addressed it to the Minister. I then came down-stairs from your office, and went up to the Minister's office; the Minister was out, and I asked the messenger to be good enough to leave the letter on his table; he said "Yes," and he took the letter in and laid it on the Minister's table, and I went away. When I went home I went into Wagga, and I asked Mr. Bolton if he had got a letter from the Minister, and he said "No"; I said—"You must have got it, for Mr. Loughnan wrote it, and I laid it on the Minister's table on such a day and date, and if you sign this letter the Minister gave me a promise that I will get all my land." I told him the nature of the letter was acknowledging that he had made a change without my consent. Mr. Bolton said—"I have got no letter in any connection with your case from the Minister for the last three or four months; there is no occasion for me signing any such letter; I have sent in a letter already, which must be in the office, acknowledging

- Mr. T. Ryan. acknowledging that I made the change on Ellen Ryan's selection without her knowledge; so that will do as well as if I signed another letter to the same effect." I came back again to Sydney and told Mr. Loughnan that this letter was never sent by the Minister, and Mr. Loughnan and I went to the Minister again to see why he did not send the letter, and he said he never got such a letter; I said—"I gave it to the messenger here at the door, and the messenger recollects laying it on your table." After some time and some talk over the letter, the Minister stated that he had a slight recollection of reading the letter, but could not find any more trace of it. We never got any satisfaction about the letter up to this day.
272. *Mr. Day.*] You selected 540 acres of land, and you went on to that land as soon as you selected it? Yes, within a couple of weeks.
273. When you went on to that land, what was the value of the improvements on it? I believe Mr. Devlin valued it himself at £50.
274. Was it all forest land? Yes.
275. Was it ringbarked? Yes; and there was about half a mile of fencing.
276. How long had it been ringbarked? About a fortnight.
277. What was the value of the ringbarking? Mr. Devlin's overseer said I would have to pay 15d. an acre.
278. What was the value of the fence? I think it would be worth about £50.
279. That would be about £83 worth of improvements on it? Yes, with the fencing and ringbarking.
280. Would not that be sufficient to bar selection on a measured portion? It was not measured at the time I selected—it was only marked on the ground. Mr. Bolton told me the improvements had nothing to do with it, as the survey was not approved of. I put that to Mr. Bolton before I selected. I asked Mr. Bolton if the fencing would bar me from selecting, and he said—"No, the survey is not approved of—it is merely marked upon the ground." It was not approved of for about nine months after I selected.
281. *Chairman.*] On what date did you select? On the 8th December, 1881.
282. *Mr. Day.*] As soon as this land was found to be on a reserve you were notified not to improve it? Yes.
283. And the portion of your selection on the reserve you lost altogether? Yes.
284. There was some outside the reserve—were you allowed to keep that? Yes.
285. How many acres? The first notice I got from the Government only gave me 55 acres; in the second notice, four or five months after, they told me I could have 73 acres.
286. What improvements were on that when you came to the conclusion to accept the 73 acres? About 10 chains of 6-wire fence.
287. What would be the value of that? Eight or ten pounds. The 73 acres were all ringbarked at 15d. an acre.
288. Are you quite sure there were no more improvements on it when you selected? Yes.
289. How much improvements were on it when Mr. Devlin selected? I valued them at £60.
290. What you really considered them worth? What they were worth to me. There was a house and a dam that had water all last year.
291. Did any of your neighbours appraise the improvements? Yes; two of them did, at £60; and they are prepared to make an affidavit at any time to that.
292. Did any person appraise the improvements on behalf of the Government? Yes, the Government appraiser did.
293. What did he appraise them at? Something under £40.
294. Did you put up any building on any portion of the land you selected first? Yes, on portion 134, on the 73 acres. Of course, the land being in dispute, I did not put up a good place—only one room.
295. Have you lived there ever since? Yes, I have no other home in the world.
296. Are you living there still? I am.

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. FARNELL,
MR. LYNE,

MR. JONES,
MR. TARGETT.

GEORGE C. LOUGHNAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

The Hon. James Squire Farnell, M.P., sworn and examined in his place:—

- The Hon. J. S. Farnell, M.P. 297. *Mr. Jones.*] You have read my evidence? I have.
298. Is there anything that you object to in it—have I made mistakes, either purposely or otherwise? I have no objection whatever to the statements you have made, but this is what I have to say—it is the first time in the history of Select Committees that a conversation between a Minister and a person who waited upon him has been put in evidence on a Select Committee.
299. Then you consider that if a deputation waits upon you, anything you say is simply to be taken as conversation, and if repeated of no value? I say that if persons wait upon a Minister, the conversations that take place are really not binding upon the Minister at all.
300. If a deputation duly appointed calls upon you and asks you a question, and it is of vital importance that we hear your answer, are we not to have the benefit of the Minister's expression, yes or no, to our request; otherwise what is the use of calling upon a Minister? When people call upon a Minister, if they are people of common sense, they put all matters in writing, and the Minister only deals with the case as so submitted to him in writing. A Minister in any Department in deciding a case decides upon documentary evidence, and not upon verbal representations, either of deputations or anything else; if not he would never be able to carry on the Department. A Minister could not remember what everybody says to him.
301. If a Minister makes a positive promise, does he remember it, or does he forget it? I say that Mr. Ryan's evidence is untrue as regards myself. First of all he says I was Mr. Devlin's agent, which is altogether untrue,* and so is another statement. I never dealt with this case at all as a Minister. My predecessor,

*NOTE (on revision):—When I gave this evidence I had not read the printed papers in the case, and I had no knowledge of it. I have since obtained a copy of the papers, and I find on perusing them that the firm of Farnell & Martin did write to the Department of Lands as the agents of Mr. A. A. Devlin—a fact that I was not aware of when I gave my evidence, because, personally, I know nothing of the case specially that would recall it to my memory.

predecessor, Sir John Robertson, dealt with it; and that is the case as it is presented to me now. The only thing I dealt with was the 55 acres. I say that Sir John Robertson, in dealing with this case, dealt most liberally with these people. This man says he is entitled to this land. I say under the law he is not entitled to a single inch, and I say Sir John Robertson dealt liberally with this man when he gave a decision that he would legalize one selection, where the improvements were, and where the family resided. Sir John Robertson decided that the improvements being on this land it was a fair thing to legalize this selection. We know that the selections were all wrong, because they were on a reserve that came within the exceptions of the law; but under the circumstances Sir John Robertson said he would validate one selection and cancel that part of the reserve included in the other conditional purchases, and that is the decision that has been given in the case; therefore the other selections were all bad. There is some dispute about 75 acres, but that has nothing at all to do with the case. We have it in evidence that this man, who is not so *bona fide* as some people think, went on this land and took possession of it, whereas his wife and family were living on some other land.

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Farnell, M.P.
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302. *Chairman.*] Is it not frequently done, that in cases where selectors have by mistake, by their own mistake, gone on reserves,—is it not a fact that in a great many instances so much of the reserve has been withdrawn so as to allow them to select? Yes; under certain circumstances we have had it measured and thrown open. But he goes before it is thrown open. His first description would have put him more out of Court than the description of the surveyor. What ought to have been done in this case, and what I tried to do for him afterwards, was to revoke that portion of the reserve that embraced his selections, and let him re-select it.* That would have avoided all the trouble: but that was not put before the Minister in the first instance, and when it came before him he did the best he possibly could.

303. *Mr. Targett.*] Is it too late to do that now? My predecessor said—this is your residence and your improvements; we will validate that. The Minister at present says—this land does not belong to you, and, after the cancellation of the reserve, was open to selection by anybody else.

304. *Chairman.*] Is it your opinion that that would have been the wisest course in the first instance? Yes, knowing that the land was being measured to throw open to selection. But these things were not represented to the Minister in the first instance, and when the case did come before the Minister he decided it upon its merits.†

305. *Mr. Jones.*] You say the wisest course would have been to validate the mistakes that were made, especially as they were made under the direction of one of your officers? I do not admit that. I know that Ryan's first application made him in a worse position than he would have been in under the surveyor.

306. *Chairman.*] Mr. Bolton's evidence has gone further—he says he thought when he was putting them on this land he was saving them from selecting on the reserve, and that Ryan went on the reserve in the full belief that he was going on land open to selection: then do you think it is too late to have Ryan's selections validated? When the case came before me, we were most desirous in the Department to secure this man in his land. Knowing that it was reserved, we knew that the selections were bad. We wanted to have revoked so much of the reserve as to allow him to re-select this land; I did do so. Then of course the land being thrown open it was open to other people as well as to him, and other people came in, and that is where the difficulty is. The 73 acres never were in the reserve.

307. Viewing the fact that this man's letter was mislaid, and that Mr. Moriarty has sworn that had he had that letter he would not have allowed Ryan's selections to be voided, do you not think that under those circumstances something could be done for Ryan, as it was no fault of his that the letter was lost in the office? You are referring to the 73 acres. First of all he applied for a refund; the selections were bad *ab initio*. Some one advised him to stick to his land and he would get it, and then he fights the Department. If it had been revoked in the beginning there would have been no difficulty. The 73 acres turns out to be something about improvements, so far as I know. I have given no decision in this case myself—the whole thing was decided by my predecessor.

308. *Mr. Targett.*] I am not very clear as to what he is asking for now—I think he wants more land: is there any land left there? This man takes up selections on a reserve, and they are bad *ab initio*, and it is all very well this man grounding his claim upon Mr. Bolton. Mr. Bolton tried to serve him, and gave him a description; but Mr. Bolton himself did not know that the description came partly within a reserve and partly out of it. When the case came before the Minister, Ryan said—here is my daughters' selections and my family, and we have got our improvements here. The Minister said—we will validate that, and so you shall have that selection, but the others must take their chance under the law. And these reserves were revoked in order to allow this man to select again, but other people competed and got them under the law, and he could not get them.

309. *Mr. Lyne.*] If there is reserved land in the neighbourhood that the Government can throw open and let him get it, I do not see why he should not get it? The whole thing will be thrown open by-and-bye, when it is charted!

310. *Chairman.*] Do you think it is right that Ryan should lose his land and his money in consequence of a mistake of an officer of the Department? He has not lost his money—he has not lost his deposit.

311. It has cost him a small fortune running up and down to see after the matter? There was no necessity for him to run up and down. The man became so desperate that we could not see him in the Department. I re-reserved the land in order to give him an opportunity to prove that the first description that he put in for this land was a better description than the one that was devised by Mr. Bolton, and he never produced anything of the kind.

312. *Mr. Jones.*] You say that the whole question had been determined by your predecessor, and yet you positively went into a contract with the present claimant: how could it have been settled by your predecessor? No Minister could enter into a contract with him.

313. You say that this question had been wholly determined by your predecessor, and now we are told that you re-opened the case and offered him certain conditions? What conditions?

314. You said that you re-reserved the land in order to give him an opportunity to prove the description; then how could the case have been determined and settled by your predecessor? It was.

315. I say Sir John Robertson did not settle the question at all—he made a concession? They were not entitled to anything at all. I say Sir John Robertson dealt liberally with the man. If that reserve was revoked to-morrow anybody could go and conditionally purchase that land. A Government promise to legalize the thing does not legalize it.

316.

* NOTE (on revision) :—This would in reality be carrying out Sir John's decision of the 9th September, 1882.

† NOTE (on revision) :—See memorandum No. 31 in the printed papers, and minute on same of 9th September, 1882.

The Hon. J. S. Farnell, M.P. 316. *Chairman.*] There is a letter among these papers addressed by the Under Secretary to Messrs. Farnell and Martin; and you stated that you were not Mr. Devlin's agent? I was not Mr. Devlin's agent in this matter. Mr. Devlin is a relative of mine. So far as my knowledge is concerned I had nothing to do with the case. I did not know the man, and never heard of the case until it came before me as a Minister.

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317. *Mr. Lyne.*] Who was his agent? * How do I know?—All I can say is that I was not Mr. Devlin's agent. †

318. *Mr. Targett.*] Do you not consider, if it is proved by evidence that Ryan was misled by Mr. Bolton, the surveyor, and that as a matter of fact the whole difficulty since has arisen out of that error,—if Ryan can show that he has lost either land, or money, or the equivalents,—do you not consider in that case that it is within the province of the Department to bring the matter before the House, either in the shape of including certain lands in a Validating Bill, or of compensating him, or in the event of adopting neither of those cases to let him have adjoining land as compensation: one of those three things? If Ryan was misled wholly by the district surveyor in giving this description, then it is a case for the consideration of the Government, either to compensate him or something. There was nobody more anxious than I was to help that man.

319. *Chairman.*] Is it possible to validate that portion of Ryan's selections which is in the reserve? It is quite possible. ‡

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1884.

Present:—

MR. FARNELL,
MR. JONES,

MR. LYNE,
MR. DAY.

G. C. LOUGHNAN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., called in and further examined:—

A. O. Moriarty,
Esq.
5 Mar., 1884.

320. *Chairman.*] You remember the 73 acres in this case being voided and afterwards thrown open to selection—thirty days after the voidance; it was applied for by several people, among others by Arthur Devlin and Ellen Ryan; it seems Ellen Ryan paid in the subdivision fee, but Arthur Devlin did not do so? My impression is that there was no direct competition between the renewed application of Ellen Ryan and the application of Arthur Devlin; my impression is that Mr. Devlin's was the first, and that it was unopposed, but there was an application at a subsequent date from Ellen Ryan for the same land.

321. *Mr. Lyne.*] The papers state that Ellen Ryan's application was put in six minutes after Mr. Devlin's. Is it usual, when applications are so near as that, not to allow them to come into competition? Certainly it is usual. If one application is clearly made a minute, or even half a minute, prior to another, the earlier applicant is entitled to the land. There have been exceptions to that practice on occasions of unusual rushes for particular areas, when reserves have been thrown open, but such cases have been met by special regulation.

322. *Chairman.*] Was it necessary that Arthur Devlin should have paid the subdivision fee on that selection at that time? I understand that the portion applied for by both parties was part of a measured portion intersected by a reserve boundary-line. My own view was that it was not necessary; but as it was a technical matter of a character dealt with by the Survey Department, it was referred specially to the Survey officers, who stated it as the practice that, there being a public boundary-line intersecting the measurement, it was not a case for the payment of a subdivision fee by the party making the application; it was not a subdivision in the interest of the applicant, but a subdivision enforced by a public boundary-line.

323. *Mr. Jones.*] In point of fact, no subdivision line was necessary? The subdivision line was necessary for the purposes of the reserve, but it was a public boundary line, not necessary in the interest of the application. The subdivisions contemplated by the law, where the payment of a fee is required, seem to be subdivisions applied for in their own interest by the parties applying.

324. *Chairman.*] With reference to the letter No. 43 sent in by Thomas Ryan—the letter that was missing so long—Mr. Harpur writes a long minute (*read*), but makes no mention of the illegibility of the signature; in fact, he makes no excuse whatever for the letter not having been attached to the rest of the papers? Perhaps that is explained by the fact that this explanation was given, when called for by me, subsequently to its being ascertained that this was Ryan's letter.

325. This alleged illegibility of the signature seems to be a rather poor excuse, because the letter itself is in the handwriting of Mr. Rigbye, Mr. Jones's clerk, who writes a peculiarly legible hand; and the letter speaks of the selection as having been taken up "in the name of Thomas Ryan"? I have no doubt at all that the letter might have been easily identified as being from Thomas Ryan, but the fact is it was entered in the Register-book in another name, and, having been so registered, was sent to the Survey Department. When a question arose about it, it was in their hands, and on the Register being referred to no letter in the name of Ryan appeared, but the letter would appear in the name of "Yan" or "Gan." The letter was registered, but in a wrong name, and could not therefore be traced by means of the Register; in fact, the letter followed in the train of the other correspondence, but never reached that correspondence, by reason of being registered under another name; and when I made inquiries, it appeared from the Register-book that no letter of that date from Thomas Ryan had been received. It certainly showed a letter in the name of "Yan," and the letter was ultimately found in the Charting Branch, not returned with the other correspondence.

326. *Mr. Jones.*] It was Ryan's usual signature? But unfortunately it was not known to the Record clerks.

327. *Chairman.*] Why would it be necessary for this letter to pass through Mr. Harpur's hands "on more than one occasion"? It is Mr. Harpur's duty to attach letters as they come in to the former correspondence on the same subject; and when this letter arrived it was Mr. Harpur's duty to search out the whereabouts of the former papers and attach this letter to them. 328.

* NOTE (*on revision*):—I understood this question to refer to Mr. Ryan, and my answer referred to him.

† NOTE (*on revision*):—See note in explanation to a previous question.

‡ NOTE (*on revision*):—I desire to add that I find from the printed papers that the first time the Ryans' cases were submitted to me was on the 30th March, 1883. The case of the Ryans at the present time stands thus:—Ellen Ryan retains 640 acres, as applied for; A. Ryan, 502 acres; and there are 467 acres of T. Ryan's C.P. of 540 acres still reserved.

A. O.
Moriarty,
Esq.
5 Mar., 1884]

328. Why would it go through his hands on more than one occasion? On account of the papers having to come to him at different stages of the case, with a view to finding the references.

329. It is a peculiar thing that, in giving his explanation, Mr. Harpur never mentions anything about the illegibility of the signature? I really cannot explain Mr. Harpur's explanation. I do know the fact that this particular letter was registered in my department in the name of "Yan," and that the Record clerks repeatedly declared there was no such letter in the name of Ryan; and I found myself that there was no such letter in the name of Ryan registered.

330. Is there more than one register of letters kept in the office—you say in your department it was registered in the name of "Yan": was it registered anywhere else? No; there is only one register of correspondence.

331. And that is Mr. Harpur's? No, not Mr. Harpur's. Mr. Harpur is a clerk in the Record Branch, in which the letters are registered—one of twenty clerks there; his duty is, when papers are registered, to find out what they refer to and to connect them with the other papers in the business.

332. And in this case he did not? He did not attach "Yan's" letter to Ryan's papers.

333. He says there are so many letters in the department—has he more work than he can do? No, he is very well able to do his work.

334. He says, "It is impossible to follow every case through from the date of receipt" (reading from the minute referred to)? If Mr. Harpur were supposed to have personal knowledge of all these cases, no doubt it would be impossible for him to get through the work; but all that he is concerned with is a particular and defined duty—to attach the papers as they come in to those which have preceded them in the same cases. Mr. Harpur does not know, and no person could know, all the stages through which the papers have been.

335. *Mr. Farnell.*] In fact Mr. Harpur simply mechanically attaches the papers, without knowing their contents? Just so.

336. *Chairman.*] In your own evidence you said that if this letter had been received it would have induced you to have withdrawn his former letter? I think what I said was this,—that if I had known, when dealing with Ryan's request for a refund, that he had written another letter of later date in the terms of this missing letter, I would not have acted on the previous one.

337. *Mr. Farnell.*] Will you be kind enough to look at No. 77—you will see there a memo. by Mr. Finch in reference to Ellen Ryan's additional conditional purchase: Mr. Finch points out, first, that the area had been reduced from 640 acres to 345 acres, and then that the whole area of 640 acres was to be legalized for Ellen Ryan; under these circumstances Ellen Ryan could not make an additional conditional purchase, could she, having been already granted the full quantity allowed by law? No person can take up more than 640 acres.

338. You will see by the same minute that the subdivision fee paid by Ellen Ryan was to be refunded? Of course Ellen Ryan was not considered an applicant for the land; her subdivision fee could not have been retained even if chargeable.

339. A further minute on No. 77 says—"Plan of portion No. 134 was accepted on 13th September, 1882. Devlin does not appear to have paid subdivision fee, but it has not been the practice to require its payment in such cases as this where the remainder of the portion is not available for conditional purchase on account of being within a reserve": is that a correct statement of the practice of the Department? Yes.

340. It is strictly in accordance with the law? Yes, I believe it is.

341. *Mr. Lyne.*] In reference to Mr. Farnell's question—If Miss Ellen Ryan's selection was proposed to be validated, but was not validated, would she not be in a position to select then? It could hardly cut both ways. Either she had no right to make a further selection or she could not have the land already selected.

342. Before the whole selection was actually validated, would she not have a right to select? I presume so, if she had not already exercised her right; but if she acquiesced in the proposed validation of the whole 640 acres I think her right of further selection would be in abeyance until the matter of validation had been settled.

343. In all cases of improved measured portions, where the selector applies for a portion of the block, is it not compulsory by law that a subdivision fee must be paid? I do not think the question applies in this case. The portion outside the reserve was not affected by the improvements—it was affected by the reserve boundary.

344. Supposing there are improvements—we will not say the whole of them, but some portion of them, on the area outside the reserve, would it not then be necessary that a subdivision fee should be paid by the selector who selects that small portion of the land with the improvements on it? I do not think so. When it is bounded on one side by the reserve, I do not think the question of improvements arises at all.

345. *Mr. Jones.*] The Minister has laid great stress upon the fact that Ryan, when granted 73 acres instead of 55 acres, failed to pay the sum due on the difference of 18 acres: is it not a fact that he had paid the deposit on the whole 540 acres he selected, and that that payment is yet to his credit at the Treasury? I have reason to think that Ryan has not withdrawn his money from the Treasury. At the same time, Ryan has been by myself given to understand that if he did not choose to cash his refund order that was his own concern solely—that if he chose to leave the money in the Bank or the Treasury it could in no regard affect his claim.

346. *Mr. Farnell.*] So far as the Lands Department was concerned Ryan got his refund voucher for the land within the reserve? Yes; a refund order was sent to him, but I believe he returned it, in fact he insisted upon returning it to me.

347. At what date did he return it? Some time back.

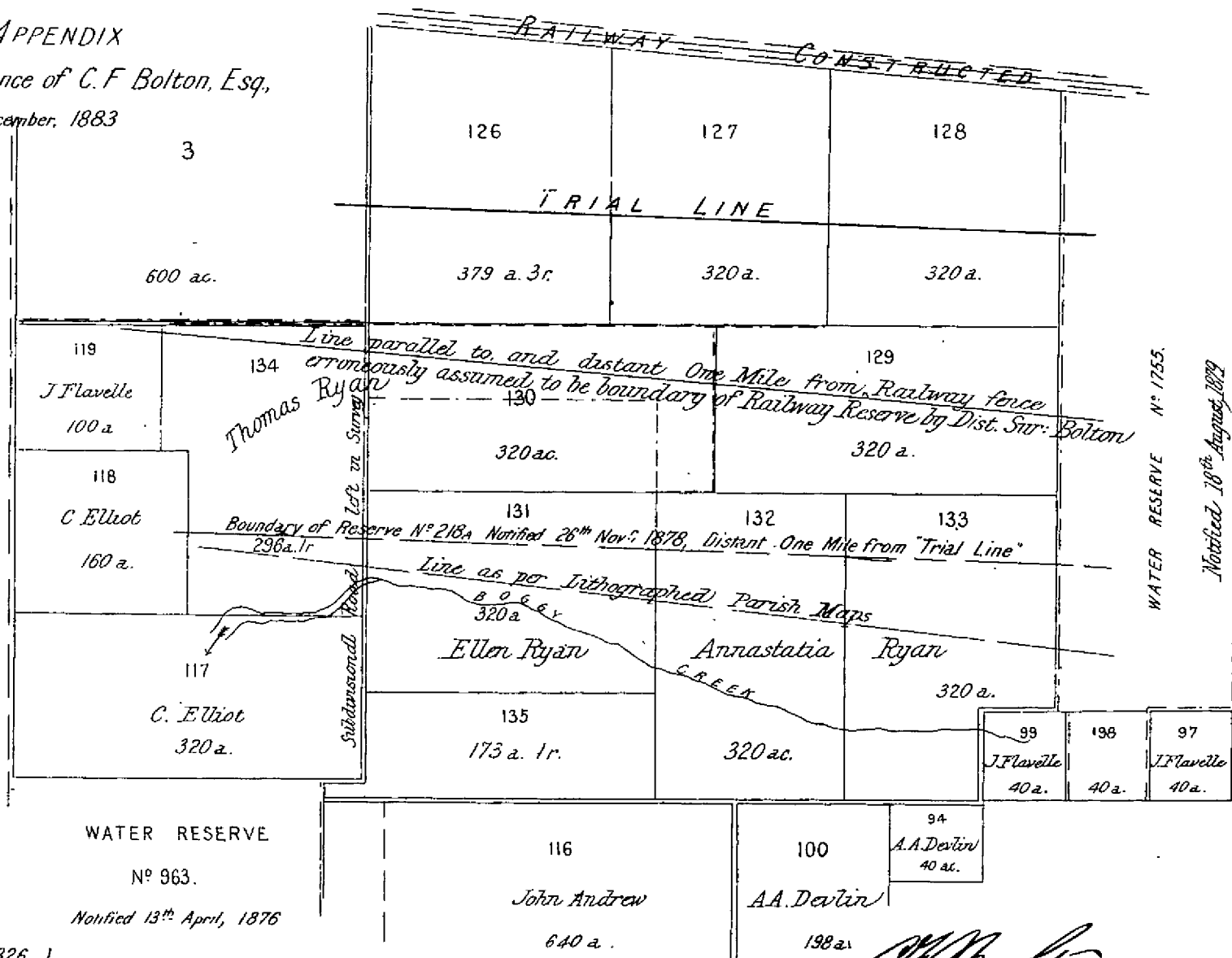
348. Was it only a few months ago? I really am not very clear in my recollection, but my impression is that the refund order went to his agent, Mr. Armstrong, and ultimately Ryan recovered it, and insisted upon forcing it back upon the office.

349. Will you look at the memorandum on No. 101? I know I gave him clearly to understand that if he chose to leave these orders in the office it would in no way affect the case. The memorandum you refer to is that of the office registering the return of the papers to the office.

350. *Mr. Day.*] Was there not an understanding between the Minister and yourself and Ryan, that if he brought back these vouchers it would be all right? No, certainly not.

[Plan.]

APPENDIX
 To the evidence of C. F. Bolton, Esq.,
 4 December, 1883



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C. F. Bolton
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1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MARK DUFFY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.
(PAPERS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 25 January, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made on the 30th October, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and all correspondence relating to
“a selection made by one Mark Duffy, at the Hillston Land Office, on the
“24th of March, 1881, in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling.”

(Mr. Loughnan.)

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MARK DUFFY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

No. 1.

Application by D. M'Kellar.

A.

Application for the purchase of improved Crown Land.

Received by me, this 17th day of February, 1881,—

B. S. LEVICK,
Crown Lands Agent at Hillston.
2 Spring-street, Sydney, 10 February, 1881.

Sir,

Having effected the following improvements, which are now my property, and which I value at the amounts set opposite thereto respectively:—Woolshed, sweating shed, and general scouring establishment, £350, I have the honor to apply that I may be permitted to purchase, without competition, under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, the Crown Lands on which they stand.

The land applied for is situated on Wooyeo Run, Lachlan District, and is held by me.

I have, &c.,

D. M'KELLAR,
(By his Agent),
W. A. COTTEE.

The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.
For the Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company,

Description of land.

County of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, 350 acres. Starting from a point north-east from the north-west corner of the Cargellico Mining Reserve, 2½ miles.

This is the sixth application made for the purchase, in virtue of improvements, of land in the run mentioned, as shown in the Improvement Purchase Register of this office. The previous applications are numbered 80, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

B. S. LEVICK,
Land Agent.

No. 2.

Application by Mark Duffy.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 14.]

District of Hillston.

No. 28 of 1881.

Application by Mark Duffy for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 544 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £136, this 24th day of March, 1881, at 11 o'clock,—

B. S. LEVICK,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Sir,

24 March, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 14th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 544 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £136, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

MARK DUFFY,
Euabalong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Description.

County of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, 544 acres, being measured portions Nos. 5 and 8. I am willing to purchase the improvements, and pay for them the amount fixed by appraisalment.

Minute on No. 2.

Duffy paid £19 6s. 10d. (as on account of the value of improvements) at date of application, the money being carried to suspense on 31 March, 1881.—S.F., 23/6/81.

No. 3.

Application by Mark Duffy.

K.

[Occupation Act, 1861, Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, and Lands Acts Further Amendment Act 1880.]

To be used in claiming to lease adjoining lands under pre-emptive right.

District of Hillston.

Received, this 25th day of March, 1881, at 10:30 o'clock, together with the sum of £5.

B. S. LEVICK,
Land Agent.

Sir,

Euabalong, 25 March, 1881.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, and the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, and Regulations thereunder,

thereunder, I, Mark Duffy, do hereby apply to be allowed to lease the sections or portion of Crown Lands hereunder described, at the fixed rent of £2 per section, which I hereby tender.

The land in virtue of which I claim to exercise a right of pre-emption is situated as follows, and is now in my possession, viz. :—

County of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, situated on Wooyeo Run, containing 544 acres, being conditional purchase, on the 24th day of March, 1881, by myself, at Hillston.

To the Land Agent for the District of Hillston.

I am, &c.,
MARK DUFFY.

Description of the sections or portion applied for.
1,600 acres to the east and south of my conditional purchase as available.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 2 April, 1881.

I have the honour to report the receipt and payment into suspense of the following sum, and to request that you will advise me of any action that may be taken in the matter, viz. Mark Duffy.

Deposit under 12th clause Act of 1880, portion 8, parish Lachlan, county Dowling, remitted by Crown Lands Agent, Hillston, £19 6s. 10d.

I have, &c.,
JAMES THOMSON,
(For Under Secretary).

No. 5.

Application by Archibald M'Kellar.

District of Hillston.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 14.]
No. 35 of 1881.

Application by Archibald M'Kellar for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 7th day of April, 1881, at 10 o'clock,—

B. S. LEVICK,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Sir,

7 April, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 14th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,
ARCHIBALD M'KELLAR,
Wooyeo, Cargellico.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Description.

County of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, 640 acres, on the south bank of the river Lachlan, in parish of the same name, and being the whole of the surveyed portions Nos. 9 and 12, and part of No. 13, viz., 129 acres, adjoining the west boundary of that portion.

I am willing to purchase the improvements, and pay for them the amount fixed by appraisement.

Minute on No. 5.

The applicant is over twenty-one years of age.—B.S.L.

No. 6.

The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston, to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Hillston, 19 April, 1881.

Referring to the enclosed letters from Mark Duffy and Thomas Bishop respectively, I have the honor to explain that on Thursday morning, 7th instant, three conditional purchase applications were simultaneously lodged in this office, from Duncan Erskine M'Kellar, Archibald M'Kellar, and Christopher Davis respectively. Duffy and Bishop, previously referred to, were also present, but stood passive and did not offer any application. On examining those presented, and finding that they did not conflict and were otherwise correct, I issued receipts for them, meanwhile Bishop had withdrawn to the door and was about to leave. I inquired if he were an applicant, he replied, "No." On examining Duffy's application, I found it to be identical with that of D. E. M'Kellar's. I told him that M'Kellar had just taken it up; he at once seemed to acquiesce in it, and retired without making any reference to ballot or otherwise objecting. Had I not been misled by the apathy of Duffy and Bishop, I would have examined all applications previous to any further action, and availed myself of the provisions of the 6th section of chapter II of the Regulations under Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, by referring the decision to the ballot. I would now respectfully suggest that I be instructed to avail myself of the provisions of section 8, chapter II, of the Regulations under the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, with a view to a settlement of the matter by referring the decision to ballot.

I have, &c.
B. S. LEVICK,
Crown Lands Agent.

Minute on No. 6.

Messrs. Duffy and Bishop's complaints and the Land Agent's explanation, should be dealt with before taking the usual action on these conditional purchases.—Conditional Sales Branch.—R.M., 26/5/81.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure A to No. 6.]

Mr. M. Duffy to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir,

Wooyeo, 11 April, 1881.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that I attended at the Land Office, Hillston, on Thursday last, for the purpose of taking up an additional conditional purchase to my original conditional purchase upon the Wooyeo Run.

I was at the door of the office when it was opened, and entered at the same time as the other applicants for land, but Mr. A. McKellar was given the preference for the land I wished to obtain, and I was informed that I could not get it, and denied the right of ballot, which I can claim under the Act of Parliament.

I write now that you may give me some explanation of my treatment, as I have determined, should I not receive satisfactory reason for Mr. McKellar having been given a preference over me, to lay my case before Mr. McElhone, who I am satisfied will have the matter thoroughly sifted and see that I get my rights in the matter. Awaiting an answer by return of post, before I forward a letter containing my grievance to Mr. McElhone,—

I have, &c.,
MARK DUFFY.

[Enclosure B to No. 6.]

Mr. T. Bishop to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir,

Wooyeo, 15 April, 1881.

On Thursday, 31st March, 1881, I went to the Hillston Land Office to select a conditional purchase upon the Wooyeo Run, and came into the office at the same time as the other persons applying for land. My application was not asked for until the other selectors had got their land, and the consequence was that Mr. McKellar got the piece of land for which I intended to apply, so that McKellar got the preference to which he was not entitled. I want an explanation of the matter per return mail, as I intend to lay it before McElhone and have the matter looked into, if I do not get a satisfactory explanation. I must also state that there were three persons applying for the same piece of land, and should therefore have gone to a ballot, whereby I should have had a chance of getting it, and also have had fair play, which in the present instance I have not had.

I have, &c.
THOMAS BISHOP.

P.S.—Please direct to Euabalong.

No. 7.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 2 May, 1881.

We beg to draw your attention to the fact that on the 24th March last one Mark Duffy selected 54½ acres of land, as per margin, being measured portions Nos. 5 and 8, containing respectively 224 acres and 320 acres, in the parish of Lachlan, county Dowling.

C.P. 81-28,
Hillston, 544
acres, 24 March
1881 Mark Duffy,
section 14,
county Dowling.

We beg to protest against this selection, on the following grounds:—

- 1st. That portions 5 and 8 are improved to the extent of £76 17s. and £459 respectively, which is sufficient to bar selection.
- 2nd. That Duffy has not paid the amount of subdivision fee necessary, which omission is, we submit, sufficient to prove the illegality of his application.
- 3rd. That he has applied for the land under the 14th section of the Act of 1801, as being on a gold-field, which is not the case, instead of making such application under the provisions of the Act of 1880.

The improvements consist of a wool warehouse, wool-press, pressing-room, tramway and drainage, stages for wool, &c.; and we ask that you will caution the selector against improving the land pending an investigation into the affair.

Trusting the matter may receive special attention,—

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.,
(Per W.D.)

Minute on No. 7.

Selector should be warned against improving his land.—W.M.O., /11/5/81. Mr. E. Brown.

No. 8.

Mr. M. Duffy to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Wooyeo, via Cargellico Post Office, 2 May, 1881.

I beg to apply that I may have the improvements upon my selection, allotments 5 and 8, situated upon Wooyeo Run, re-appraised, as the valuation put upon them by the surveyor who valued them is out of all reason. I can show, and I am perfectly satisfied that any unprejudiced person can see at once, that the improvements are not, at the outside, worth more than half what they are valued at. I can also bring witnesses to prove the correctness of what I say.

Trusting that you will give the matter your consideration,—

I have, &c.,
MARK DUFFY,
(Per E.B.)

P.S.—Direct—Post Office, Euabalong.

Minutes on No. 8.

Urgent. Chartering Branch.—W.M.O., 11/5/81. These papers were obtained for Mr. Watt by me this morning, 81-13,463 (see No. 4) and 81-17,915 (see No. 7)—have not been connected. Please connect and send to Mr. McLean, in Mr. Watt's branch. Urgent.—W.M.O., 17/5/81. This case must await Minister's decision on improvement purchase 81-14, by D. McKellar.—R.M., 21/5/81.

No. 9.

Messrs. H. H. Brown to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 3 May, 1881.

We beg to protest against the pre-lease application of Mark Duffy noted in the margin, on the grounds that the land embraced by his description is improved sufficiently to bar-lease according to the Act.

Lease applica-
tion 81-21,
Hillston, Mark
Duffy, parish
Lachlan, county
Dowling.
We

We ask that no action be taken on the application pending the receipt of a report from the surveyor as to the value of our client's improvements.

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.,
(Per W.D.)

Minutes on No. 9.

Mr. Curry,—Submitted (as in previous case) that the district surveyor be requested to report upon the correctness of the statements made in the communication.—W.H.H., 6/5/81. Recommendation for approval.—H.C., 7/5/81.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Under the 36th section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 a pre-lease does not take effect until approved of by the Minister. This being the law, it is quite possible, although I do not in any way allege that it will be so in the present case, for improvements to be placed on land between the date of the application and that on which a surveyor is able to inspect and report, and thus defeat the lease. In view of this being possible, I think a statutory declaration should be required giving the date of the construction of the improvements, their nature and value, and unless furnished within a fortnight the lease should be gazetted, leaving the question of improvements to be afterwards determined, the person in whose favour the lease is gazetted being informed that it is granted subject to the alleged improvement of the land being inquired into. Should the protest against the lease be supported by a declaration, the gazetting of the lease may be deferred pending a report being obtained, and the applicant informed.—C.O., 9/5/81.

By the Secretary for Lands:—I concur with the Under Secretary, that a statutory declaration should be sent to this Department, with the complaint that the land embraced in a pre-lease has been improved prior to such pre-lease having been applied for, or otherwise—as the Under Secretary remarks, the land may be improved after the application for a pre-lease has been made—and then the papers may be sent to a local surveyor for report.—J.H., 11/5/81.

Shall the case be specially gazetted?—H.C., 31/5/81.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Include in next notice, which must be published on the 1st July.—C.O., 1/6/81.

Mr. Curry,—Tracing herewith, now for Gazette.—W.H.H., 8/6/81.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Sub-division fee—Conditional purchase.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 4 May, 1881.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of £2 5s., being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion, under clause 27 of the Regulations under Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, part 1, chapter 2, to allow of the conditional purchase mentioned below, was credited on 4 May, 1881.

District, Hillston; name, Archibald M'Kellar; area, 640 acres; date of selection, 7 April, 1881.

I have, &c.,

W. NEWCOMBE,
(For the Under Secretary).

Minutes on No. 10.

The land agent requests that these applications may be returned for ballot, as they are for the same land and are all made at the same time.—W.M.O., 30/5/81. Chief Commissioner.

Returned accordingly. Inform parties.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), 31/5/81.

Mr. E. Brown,—I understand that Duffy and Bishop did not lodge any conditional purchases applications for deposits at all; you will therefore postpone the ballot, pending further inquiries and instructions.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), 4/7/81.

Mr. Crew,—Any conditional purchase applications from above parties at the same time as Messrs. M'Kellar and Davis?—W.B., 8/7/81.

No. 11.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 May, 1881.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, protesting against the acceptance of Mr. Mark Duffy's application for a pre-emptive lease of 1,600 acres in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, on the ground that the land is barred from lease by improvements, I am directed to inform you that you should furnish a statutory declaration, showing the date of commencement and completion of the improvements, and I am to state that unless the declaration be forwarded to this Department within a fortnight of this date action in regard to Mr. Duffy's claim will be no longer delayed.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 June, 1881.

Referring to your letter of the 19th April last, enclosing letters from Mark Duffy and Thomas Bishop on the subject of the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I am directed to forward herewith the applications for these purchases as requested by you, for the purpose of deciding the conflicting claims of the applicants by ballot.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

Hillston
C.P. 81-34,
D.M'Kellar
81-35,
A. M'Kellar.
81-36,
C. Davis.
Enclosure—
Three applica-
tion forms.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Thomas Bishop.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 June, 1881.

Referring to the letter of the 15th April last, addressed by you to the Crown Lands Agent at Hillston, on the subject of an application for conditional purchase made by you at that place on the 31st March (7th April) last, I am directed to inform you that the applications in these cases have been sent back to the land agent, in order that the conflicting claims may be decided by ballot.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Mark Duffy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney 11 June, 1881.

Referring to the letter of the 11th April last, addressed by you to the Crown Lands Agent at Hillston, on the subject of an application for conditional purchase made by you at that place on the 7th of last April, I am directed to inform you that the applications in these cases have been sent back to the land agent, with a view to having the conflicting claims decided by ballot.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 15.

Memorandum.

M'Kellar improvement purchase v. Duffy conditional purchase at Lake Cargellico.

Surveyor-General,

On the 17th February, 1881, the lessee of the Wooyeo Run (D. M'Kellar) applied under improvement purchase 81-14 (Hillston) for portion 8, parish Lachlan. 350 acres were applied for, but the land had been previously measured as portion 8 of 320 acres.

The application is made in virtue of a wool-scouring establishment, then valued by the lessee at £350, but when the survey was made, between June and August, 1880, at £193 8s., it was then however incomplete.

The lessee's right of purchase depends firstly on the decision of the Secretary for Lands (on Miscellaneous 80-18,032), as regards selling in right of improvements made during the time the Cargellico Gold-field was reserved from conditional purchase, and secondly on the action taken on improvement purchases 80, 33, 34, 35, Hillston, with above quoted paper.

On the 24th March, 1881, Mark Duffy conditionally purchased portions 5 and 8, parish Lachlan, paying a sum of £19 6s. 10d. on account of the improvements on portion 8 effected under circumstances abovementioned, Conditional Sales* 81-18,674. Duffy has applied for an appraisal of the improvements, not being satisfied with Surveyor Carter's valuation; through this course, however, the case would have to go. * See No. 8.

The lessee, per H. H. Brown & Co., has protested against the conditional purchase (81-17,915* * See No. 7. Conditional Sales), but the latter two grounds are not, it is submitted, valid objections, and the first perhaps valid only so far as regards the improvements effected since the gold-field was thrown open to conditional purchase. This, however, depends on the decision mentioned in paragraph 3 of this minute.

There is no report on the value of the improvements on portion 5 other than Surveyor Carter's (Alienation 80-8,189), when they consisted of wire fence, £21 17s.; dog-log fence, £15; total, £36 17s.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the case be referred at once for appraisal of the value of the improvements on both portions at the date the gold-field was thrown open to conditional purchase and at the date of selection by Duffy.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor E. J. Burgess, of Hay, who is well acquainted with the circumstances surrounding the improving and opening of the gold-field, may be appointed to act as appraiser.

M. A. M'LEAN, 15/6/81.

Minutes on No. 15.

By the Surveyor-General:—Report submitted.—P.F.A., 15/6/81. Under Secretary for Lands.

By the Under-Secretary for Lands:—The appraisal of the improvements on the land in question at date of the revocation of the reserve and at date of conditional purchase may be made at once. Duffy should be fully apprised of his position as regards the possible effect of the proceedings on his conditional purchase. As to Messrs. H. H. Brown's protest against the conditional purchase on the ground that the land was erroneously selected under the 14th clause, they should be apprised that the clause is correct. The necessity for a subdivision fee is not yet apparent.—C.O., 2/7/81.

See separate memorandum.

No. 16.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 17 June, 1881.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, advising us that it would be necessary for our client, Mr. D. M'Kellar, to lodge a declaration showing the date of commencement and completion of improvements made by him prior to application for a pre-emptive lease of 1,600 acres by Mark Duffy, in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling. We herewith beg to enclose the declaration as required. We

We have been unable to lodge a declaration within a fortnight as requested, in consequence of our client having left by steamer for Queensland mid-day on the 17th ultimo, and only returned to Sydney yesterday, whereas your letter was not delivered us until the 18th ultimo. Hoping that this explanation will be satisfactory,—

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.

Minutes on No. 16.

Submitted whether, in view of the enclosed declaration, the case be withdrawn from the present Gazette and forwarded for the early report of the surveyor.—H.C., 20/6/81.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—It is very evident that the improvements mentioned are upon Duffy's conditional purchase and not on the land applied for as a prelease. The conditional purchase, was made under the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880.—C.O., 21/6/81.

[Enclosure to No. 16.]

I, DUNCAN M'KELLAR, of Wooyeo, do solemnly and sincerely declare that fencing to the value of over £70 was effected prior to the notification of the reserve, and in the year 1880, prior to the application for pre-emptive lease by Mark Duffy, a woolshed, with pressing room, hut, and tramway, to the value of £423 12s., was put up by me. This is used as a wool-scouring establishment, and is of the utmost importance for the working of the station. In 1881, cottage and fencing have been erected costing £75, making total value of improvements £568 12s. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

D. M'KELLAR.

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, this 17th day of June, 1881,—

W. A. CORTEE, J.P.

No. 17.

Gazette Notice.

Claim for pre-emptive lease.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 June, 1881.

It is hereby notified for general information that the pre-emptive lease specified in the annexed Schedule has been duly granted, pursuant to the Regulations of the 29th May, 1880.

2. Tracing showing the approximate position of this lease has been forwarded to the local Land Office, where it may be inspected by the lessee.

3. The rent, as hereunder specified, will be for the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1881, and must be paid in full, less the amount deposited with the application, within two months from the date of this notice, otherwise the lease will be forfeited and submitted for sale by auction.

4. The lease will be renewable by payment of the rent for the ensuing year between 1st and 30th September.

JAMES HOSKINS.

No. of lease.	Lessee.		Area of freehold in virtue of which lease is granted.	Particulars of Lease.					
	Name.	Address.		Area.	Annual rent.	County.	Parish.	District.	Land Agent's No.
*	*	*	* acres	* acres	£ s. d.	*	*	*	*
81-38	Mark Duffy	Eusabalong ...	544	1,600	5 0 0	Dowling ...	Lachlan...	Hillston ...	81-21
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

No. 18.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 June, 1881.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing a statutory declaration made by Mr. D. M'Kellar as to the value of certain of his improvements, and to state that, as they appear to be situated upon the conditional purchase made, under the provisions of the 12th clause of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, by Mr. Mark Duffy, and not on the lands in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, which he on 25 March last applied for as a pre-emptive lease, it is thought undesirable to defer the usual notifications of the recognition of his claim to the lease in question.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 19.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 June, 1881.

I am directed to forward for your information, and in order that the necessary entries may be made in your registers, a copy of a notice published in the Government Gazette of the 21st instant, setting forth that certain claims to pre-emptive leases in your district have been approved; and I am at the same time to transmit tracings which show approximately the position of the leases, and which, though they are forwarded you for public inspection, you must not allow to pass out of your keeping into other hands.

The amount required for the tenure of each lease up to the end of the current year (being the annual rental) is specified in the Gazette notice. In any instance in which the money deposited at the time of application is less than this the balance must be paid, on or before the 21st August next, subject, in default, to a penalty of 10 per cent. upon the sum due; and if the rent, together with the penalty, shall remain unpaid on the 21st September following, the lease will be forfeited and be liable to be offered for sale by auction. If tendered after the latter date the money must not be accepted, but you will be good enough to advise the lessee not to forward it to Sydney, but to write to the Secretary for Lands with a view to your being authorized to receive it.

It

It is perhaps desirable to mention that a lease does not commence until notification of approval in the Government Gazette, and that, as occupation prior to this date is not authorized, no rent is required for the interval between the date of application and the date of acceptance of the claim.

In your receipts you will be expected to insert the number and area of each lease, the date of notification of approval, the amount paid as rent in distinction from that paid as fine, and the year or period for which payment has been made; and as special importance is attached to these instructions, and frequent opportunities will be afforded of perusing your receipts, you are to understand that any omission upon your part will be brought under the notice of the Head of the Department.

In the preparation of vouchers the greatest precision must be shown; and, as any error is calculated to lead to most embarrassing complications, special care must be exercised in writing the correct number of the lease, the name of the lessee, and the other necessary particulars mentioned in the preceding paragraph. By adhering strictly to these instructions, and by accurately noting all transactions in your registers, no difficulty should arise in regard to lease matters; and in order that you may be fully aware of the arrangements made with respect to payments on the leases specified in the attached notice, and have no difficulty in understanding what sums are required for completion of the rents, a schedule is forwarded you which exhibits clearly how the money has been applied.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure A to No. 19.]

SCHEDULE showing how the money has been applied which was deposited with the applications for the pre-emptive leases in the District of Hillston, notified as approved in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st June, 1881.

Lease.	Amount deposited with Application.	Amount retained on account of rent for 1881.	Amount required for 1881.
* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
81-38	£ s. d. 5 0 0	£ s. d. 5 0 0	.....
* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. M. Duffy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 June, 1881.

I am directed to inform you that pre-emptive lease No. 81-38 of 1,600 acres, in the District of Hillston, notified in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st June, 1881, as approved in your favour, has been granted in satisfaction of your application of the 25th March, 1881, for a corresponding area.

A tracing showing approximately its boundaries has been forwarded to the local Crown Lands Agent, which, in order that you may clearly understand the position occupied by the lease, you will find it very desirable to inspect. As the lease has been charted in the absence of local information, it is to be understood that you are at liberty to occupy only such land as is available for lease, *i.e.*, such as is not barred from lease by improvements or has been purchased, &c.; and it is also to be understood that this Department reserves the privilege of modifying or amending the lease, should it be considered necessary or desirable to do so. In the event of any question arising as to its boundaries, you are strongly recommended to communicate with this Department previously to taking any action against any person who may encroach upon the land, or previously to your defending any action that may be instituted against you. Should you, or the holder of the lease at the time, fail in this respect, no consideration in any way whatever will be allowed for any loss that may be sustained.

The annual rent will be £5, and this sum, which is in part covered by the money (£5) deposited at the time of application, is required for the tenure of the lease up to the end of the current year.

For 1882 the rent must be paid during the month of September of this year, or, if tendered after this date, must be paid with the incurred penalty, on or prior to the 31st December.

Having regard to the delay and the complications which frequently arise through money being forwarded to Sydney unaccompanied by precise information as to the leases to which it is intended to be applied, I am strongly to recommend you to make *all* payments through the Land Agent, who will transmit the amounts to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, with a voucher containing such particulars as are known by him to be required by the Head Offices; and in the event of his declining, under instructions from this Department, to receive sums which you may tender, you should, *without forwarding the money to the Treasury*, apply to the Minister for Lands for permission to pay it, when, if your request be acceded to, a communication will be made to him, and you will be at liberty to make the necessary payment, subject to such conditions as will then be explained. While pointing out the desirability of your adopting these suggestions, I am to mention, assuming they may not be followed, that the Department will not, unless fully satisfied of the correctness of the action, direct the appropriation of amounts to leases the numbers of which have not been supplied, but will take steps for their return, without accepting any responsibility for difficulties or conflicting interests which may arise through their non-acceptance.

In any matter of dispute you will be called upon to produce your receipts, in which, at the time you obtained them, you should insist upon the Land Agent entering the numbers and particulars of the leases, the sum received on *each*, and the period for which the several amounts have been paid.

From the last section of the 12th clause of the "Crown Lands Occupation Act" it will be seen that, should any part of your lease be absorbed by conditional purchases or other alienations, no other land can be allowed in place of it, and that the remaining area can be held only on payment of the rent charged for the lease as originally granted.

As you will be expected when writing to this Department to state the number of the lease, its area, and the date of notification of approval in the *Government Gazette*, you will find it expedient to carefully preserve this letter, on account of its containing the information required.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 21.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner to Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

4 July, 1881.

I UNDERSTAND that Duffy and Bishop did not lodge any conditional purchase applications on deposits at all; you will therefore postpone the ballot, pending further inquiries and instructions.

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 22.

Messrs. Iceton & Faithfull to The Secretary for Lands.

Re M'Kellar & Duffy, and Bishop.

Sir,

141 (late 183), Pitt-street, 5 July, 1881.

We are instructed, on behalf of Messrs. D. E. & A. M'Kellar, to request that you will be good enough to postpone a certain ballot which is appointed for the 17th July instant, at Hillston.

We are instructed that the Messrs. M'Kellar made application and paid deposit on the same day as one Duffy made his application, but some time previously to him.

A man named Bishop also claims to be entitled to ballot, but he has not, we are informed, made an application up to the present day, nor ever tendered application or paid deposit.

On these grounds we contend that neither Duffy nor Bishop have any right to a ballot, and we have therefore the honor to request that you will postpone the ballot until inquiries can be made into the matter.

We have, &c.,

ICETON & FAITHFULL.

Minutes on No. 22.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Land Agent, in his letter of 19th April, asks to have instructions sent him to carry out a ballot, but it is not by any means clear that there should be a ballot. Three applications were tendered simultaneously—Messrs. M'Kellars' and Davis's; but these, according to the Agent, do not conflict. If Duffy and Bishop seek to ballot, they must prove that they tendered their applications and deposits simultaneously, or were ready to do so, being solely prevented by the Land Agent having necessarily to attend to the others before he could take up their prepared and completed applications with deposits. Of course if any applications made by them were not made or ready to be made until after the M'Kellars' and Davis's were disposed of they would be out of Court. Then if Bishop and Duffy did not lodge their applications and deposits, they would so far not be entitled to claim a ballot now. I make these remarks, not as absolutely decisive, but in order that the Land Agent may be able to furnish me with a more precise and detailed report of all the circumstances of the case, in order that the Minister may be in a position to give a decision thereon. Inform Land Agent and send letter of Messrs. Iceton & Faithfull for any observations he may wish to make.—W.B., (for Chief Commissioner), 8/7/81.

I consider that Thomas Bishop has no shadow of a claim to a ballot as against D. E. M'Kellar, as he made no pretence to the lodging of an application, evidently through a misapprehension of the requirements of the case. Duffy lodged his application and deposit, but too late to entitle him to a ballot on that day. As a matter of equity, I think Duffy's case should come under the 8th clause of the 2nd chapter of the Regulations under the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, as he seems to have entered the office with the others, but being illiterate and apathetic he failed to apprehend the necessities of the case.—B. S. LEVICK, Crown Lands Agent, Hillston, 16/7/81.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Subdivision fee—Conditional purchase.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 7 July, 1881.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of 10s., being balance of estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion, under clause 27 of the Regulations under Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, Part I, chapter 2, to allow of the conditional purchase mentioned below, was credited on the 17th June, 1881.

District	...	...	...	...	Hillston.
Name	...	...	...	...	Archibald McKellar.
Area	...	...	...	...	129 acres.
Date of selection	...	...	...	...	7th April, 1881.

I have, &c.,

W. NEWCOMBE,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 24.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Hillston.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 July, 1881.

With reference to your letter of the 19th April last, forwarding communications received by you from Mark Duffy and Thomas Bishop, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, and requesting that in the circumstances of the case, as set forth in your letter, you may be instructed to carry out a ballot for the land. I am directed to point out that it is not by any means clear that there should be a ballot. Three applications were tendered simultaneously by Messrs. D. and A. M'Kellar and C. Davis, which, according to your letter referred to, do not conflict.

If

If Messrs. Duffy and Bishop seek to ballot, they must prove that they tendered their applications and deposits simultaneously, or that they were ready to do so; being solely prevented by your having necessarily to attend to the others before you could take up their prepared and completed applications with deposits. Of course, were their applications not made or ready to be made until after those by the M'Kellars and Davis were disposed of, they would be out of Court.

It may further be pointed out that, if Messrs. Duffy & Bishop did not lodge their applications and deposits, they would so far not be entitled to claim a ballot now.

The foregoing remarks are not, however, to be taken as decisive, but with a view to your furnishing a more precise and detailed report of all the circumstances of the case, in order that the Minister may be in a position to give a decision thereon.

The accompanying letter* from Messrs. Icton and Faithfull, on behalf of Messrs. M'Kellar, is forwarded for your information, and for any observations you may have to make with respect to it.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 25.

The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston, to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Hillston, 16 July, 1881.

In reply to your letter, dated 9th July, 1881, calling for a detailed report of the circumstances under which Mark Duffy and Thomas Bishop claim a ballot for the portions of land noted in the margin, I have the honor to state that on Thursday morning, the 7th April last, a number of applicants, with their friends, came to the office. After allowing ample time for all applications to be lodged, I proceeded to deal with them in the order of their lodgment. On finding that they did not conflict I issued receipts for them, each applicant retiring as his transaction was completed. On going to that part of the counter opposite where Bishop stood (he being the next in order) he withdrew to the verandah. I asked him if he were an applicant; he replied by a shake of the head, implying, as I understood, a negative. I then observed Duffy standing at the furthest end of the counter; it appears that, being a short-set man, and standing behind the other applicants, he was hidden from my view; he tendered his application, which, on examination, I found to conflict with that just received from Archibald M'Kellar. I inquired why he did not lodge it with the others. He replied—"It cannot be helped." I may observe that, with the exception of Duffy, all were alike strangers to me.

A short time afterwards I received from Bishop & Duffy the letters which I forwarded with my communication of 19th April ultimo.

Duffy is a *bona fide* applicant, but a victim to apathy and lack of energy and intelligence.

I have, &c.,

B. S. LEVICK,

Crown Lands Agent.

[Urgent.]

Minute on No. 25.

Send a copy of this letter to Messrs. Duffy & Bishop, for any remarks or explanations they may choose to make.—W.B., for Chief Commissioner, 20/7/81.

No. 26.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Lands.

THESE papers are returned to Mr. McLean, in reference to Mr. Secretary Hoskins' decision relative to the 12th clause of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880 not applying to gold-fields.—C.O., 18/7/81. Mr. M. A. McLean.

Minutes on No. 26.

I do not see that anything further can be done than to inform Duffy that his selection is bad to the extent of area commensurate to the value of the lessee's improvements at the date of selection, the Minister for Lands having decided not to forfeit them. As there is no later report on their value than that of August, 1880, it is recommended that a fresh report be at once obtained.

If Duffy wishes, he can have a formal appraisalment by paying the usual fee, £6 6s.—M. A. McLEAN, 22/7/81. Submitted.

N.B.—Improvement purchase 81-14 cannot at present be granted, as applicant has exhausted his right under previous applications (Nos. 80: 31, 33, 34, 35, Hillston) it should, I think, be refused.—M. A. McLEAN.—22/7/81.

By the Surveyor-General:—Under Secretary for Lands accordingly.—P.F.A., B.C., 22/7/81.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Submitted for approval of Survey Office memorandum.—C.O., 26/7/81.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved. At the same time I must remark that, as the lessee has exhausted his right to purchase in virtue of improvements under the provisions of the Act of 1880, his claim or application cannot be entertained; at the same time no person could select the land on which the improvements have been erected—that is to say, an area measured according to the regulations. Therefore an intelligent and reliable surveyor should report, after inspection and inquiry, the nature and value of the improvements on these portions at the date of conditional purchase, and whether they can be embraced in an area measured in conformity with the regulations.—J.H., 28/7/81.

Mr. Ncate,—Should not this case go on to Survey Branch?—E.B., 8/8/81.

Papers for Miscellaneous Branch, then to Charting Branch.—C.N., 10/8/81.

Mr. McLean.—J. McG., 16/8/81.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor E. J. Burgess, of Hay, is recommended by the Surveyor-General.—M. A. McLEAN, 22/8/81. Mr. Guinn.

Mr. Landers,—Urgent.—J. McG., 22/8/81.

Enclosure—
papers.
Conditional
Sales, 81-29,000.
To be returned.

D. E. M'Kellar,
versus
Thomas Bishop,
C.P. 81-34,
640 acres, 7th
April, 1881,
portions Nos. 3
and 6, parish of
Lachlan, county
of Dowling.
Archibald
M'Kellar *versus*
Mark Duffy,
C.P. 81-36,
640 acres, 7th
April, 1881,
Portions Nos. 9
and 12 and part
of 13, parish of
Lachlan, county
of Dowling.

What is meant
by the term
"forfeit them"?
—G.H.

No. 27.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Duffy.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 July, 1881.

Hillston, C.P.
81-35, 640 acres,
A. M'Kellar.

* See No. 25.

With reference to your letter of the 11th April last, stating that A. M'Kellar was given a preference to you by the land agent at Hillston, on the occasion of the selection of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to forward you the accompanying copy of the land agent's* letter of the 16th instant, reporting the circumstances of the case, with a view to affording you an opportunity of making any remarks or explanations thereon which you may desire.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 28.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. Bishop.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 July, 1881.

Hillston, C.P.
81-34, 640 acres,
D. E. M'Kellar.

* See No. 25.

With reference to your letter of the 15th April last, stating that D. E. M'Kellar was given a preference to you by the land agent at Hillston, on the occasion of the selection of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to forward you the accompanying copy of the land agent's* letter of the 16th instant, reporting the circumstances of the case, with a view to affording you an opportunity of making any remarks or explanations thereon which you may desire.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 29.

Mr. M. Duffy to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Euabalong, 3 August, 1881.

In reply to your favour of the 23rd July, in reference to my claims to ballot for a portion of land applied for by me at the Hillston Land Office, upon the 7th of April, 1881, I now beg to give the following reasons for claiming same:—

First—That my application for said portion of land was actually filled up by the land agent himself the day before, which proves that he must have been perfectly aware, when he saw me in the office, which portion of land I wished to select.

Secondly—That I entered the office at the same time as the other applicants, and tendered mine immediately upon entering. Upon my doing so, amongst others, the land agent remarked "one at a time," and pushed the papers back; he then, without opening my papers, immediately proceeded to deal with Mr. M'Kellar's application; having done so, he then opened others, amongst them being mine. I may mention, that upon opening C. Davis's paper, he made the remark—"There is no competition here"; upon coming to mine, he informed me that he was very sorry, but that I was too late, as the portion had already been selected by Mr. M'Kellar. I wish also to state that Mr. M'Kellar was in the land office with the land agent for at least two hours the previous evening.

I wish to point out that we were all waiting at the door of the land office for at least fifteen minutes before it was opened, and all entered at the same moment; this fact alone should have been enough to cause the land agent to open all the papers before he dealt with any one of them.

I was subsequently sent a notice to attend at the land office upon the 7th July, but upon arrival there I found that the ballot had been postponed. All these journeys, I beg most respectfully to point out, cost a lot of money, which, being but a poor man, I can ill afford.

Taking all these facts into consideration, I feel that I am justly entitled to a ballot, and feel sure that you will admit that my case is a very hard one.

I have, &c.,

MARK DUFFY.

Minutes on No. 29.

By Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—Special.—A.O.M., 8/8/81.

Has Mr. Thomas Bishop replied to the letter addressed to him on 23rd ultimo?—C.N., 9/8/81.
No.—W.M'D., 9/8/81. Submitted as to whether a ballot should be instituted, as referred to by the Crown Lands Agent.—C.N., 9/8/81.

By Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—Resubmit with the respective applications M'Kellar and Duffy.—A.O.M., 15/8/81.

Applications 81-34, 35, 36, herewith. No application received from Duffy or Bishop on 7th April last.—M.L., 15/8/81. Chief Commissioner.

By Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—On the land agent's report it is submitted that the ballot between Duffy and M'Kellar should go on.—A.O.M., 15/8/81.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 16/8/81.

No. 30.

Mr. R. P. Raymond to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

91, Pitt-street, Sydney, 13 August, 1881.

I am instructed by Mr. Mark Duffy to request that he may be informed of the result of his application for conditional purchase 81-28, Hillston, and additional conditional purchase in virtue of same. If a decision has yet been arrived at, address to my care.

I have, &c.,

R. PEEL RAYMOND,

Agent.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 30.

Mr. Lackey,—Papers are noted to Licensed Surveyor Burgess, 26/8/81. Inform writer that the papers in this case have been referred to Licensed Surveyor Burgess, 26th instant, and that further action must await their return.—M.L., 29/8/81. Mr. E. Brown. Mr. Landers, 3/2/82.

Have papers now been returned by Licensed Surveyor Burgess? If not, a reminder should be sent to him to expedite his report.—C.N., 25/4/82. Mr. Hare, 3/5/82. This paper should be connected with the papers of Duffy's conditional purchase.—R.M., 11/5/82. Conditional Sales Branch.

Conditional purchase 81-28 declared void, 15 March, 1882. Have papers been returned? Has a reply been received from Crown Lands Agent in answer to letter of 2nd September, 1881? If not, a reminder should be sent. Subsequent paper should be attached.—C.N., 16/6/82.

No. 31.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent; Hillston.

[Urgent.]
Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 2 September, 1881.

With reference to your report respecting the claim by Duffy to land selected by Mr. McKellar, I am now to apprise you that, in view of such report, Mr. Secretary Hoskins has decided that the matter must be decided by ballot in the customary manner. You will therefore be good enough to intimate the same to the parties interested, naming a time for taking the ballot, and in due time report the result to this office.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

A. McKellar
versus Mark
Duffy, C.P.
81-35, 640 acres,
7th April, 1881,
portions 9, 12,
and part of 13,
parish Lachlan,
county Dowling

No. 32.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. R. Peel Raymond.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 September, 1881.

With reference to your letter of the 13th August last, requesting, on behalf of Mr. Mark Duffy, information as to the result of his application for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to apprise you that the papers in connection with the selection referred to are now under reference to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess, and that on receipt of his report you will be again communicated with.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

Hillston, C.P.
81-28.

No. 33.

Application by Mark Duffy.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Mark Duffy for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 81 acres 2 roods, unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20 7s. 6d., this 29th day of September, 1881, at 1-15 o'clock.

B. S. LEVICK,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Sir,

29 September, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 81 acres 2 roods, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 544 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £20 7s. 6d., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 544 acres.

I am, &c.,

his

MARK × DUFFY,
mark.

Euabalong.

Witness—B. S. LEVICK.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hillston.

Description.

County of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, 81½ acres, across the road from my conditional purchase, being western portion of No. 13, being balance of Archibald McKellar's application, dated 7th April, 1881. My original conditional purchase being embraced in Nos. 5 and 8.

Minute on No. 33.

The applicant was informed that the land now applied for was already under application by Archibald McKellar (81-35). He replied that Archibald McKellar's application could be satisfied from the eastern side of the portion. I then received it, subject to the approval of the Minister.—B.S.L.

No. 34.

The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston, to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Hillston, 1 October, 1881.

I have the honor to state that, in accordance with instructions contained in your letter, dated 2nd September, 1881, I notified Mr. Mark Duffy and Archibald McKellar that the conflicting claims to portion

portion No. 9, parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, would be submitted for decision to the ballot on Thursday, 29th ultimo. In compliance with that notification, both Duffy and M'Kellar appeared in this office on the day appointed, when, on the matter being put to ballot, Archibald M'Kellar became the successful balloter.

Mark Duffy then lodged an application, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1861, for the western part of portion No. 13, parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling. I then pointed out that the land in question formed part of Archibald M'Kellar's application No. 81-85. He replied that M'Kellar's application could be satisfied from the land on the eastern side of the portion 13, so as to enable him to avail himself of the provisions of the 21st section. I then received it, subject to ministerial approval.

I have, &c.,
B. S. LEVICK,
Crown Lands Agent.

No. 35.

Mr. Mark Duffy to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Euabalong, 3 October, 1881.

I beg to draw your attention to the manner in which Mr. A. M'Kellar has applied for his land situated upon the late Cargellico gold reserve, and which he has only done to prevent my taking up the balance of my land.

His application is for allotments 9, 12, and part of 13, parish of Lachlan; allotment 13 to be divided by a line running east and west, thus preventing my getting any more land by cutting me completely off; whereas if allotment 13 were divided by a north and south line he could still get his complement and allow me to get mine also. A glance at the chart will at once show you what I am saying is correct, and only fair and reasonable.

The numbers of the allotments which form my selection are 5 and 8, parish of Lachlan. Trusting that you will favour me by giving my representations your consideration,—

I have, &c.,
MARK DUFFY.

No. 36.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 24 November, 1881.

We have the honor to request that you will be good enough to remind Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Burgess to furnish his report on the improvements on the conditional purchase noted in the margin. The papers were sent to him on 25th August last for an appraisalment, but no reply is to hand. We would therefore urge that a report be asked for, in order that the case may be settled as early as possible.

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.,
Agents for the lessee.

Minutes on No. 36.

Suggested Mr. Burgess may be reminded and requested to send his award.—F.H.W., 29/11/81.
By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Yes.—C.O., 29/11/81.

No. 37.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Burgess to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Hay, 30 November, 1881.

I have the honor to report that, on the 10th instant, in accordance with your instructions, No. 55, of 22nd August, I carefully inspected and took measurements of the various buildings and other improvements situated on portions Nos. 8 and 5, parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, which were selected by Mark Duffy (who at the time of my visit was absent from home), particulars of which are given hereunder.

Mark Duffy has been residing in the large shed and hut on portion No. 8, with his wife and family, since the date of selection, pending the settlement of the subject now in dispute. From what I could see and also learn, these improvements have scarcely if at all been used as a "wool-wash," the land being selected just about the time they would be commencing to work; and many of them have since been removed by the lessee or his manager, more particularly the wool-press and pressing gear, staging, and working plant, the latter valued by the lessee at about £160. They were removed to a site on the Lachlan River, on portion No. 2, about 2½ miles distant, at which place they are now in use.

The sketch* on opposite sheet shows the position of the various improvements; also gives some particulars as to the mode and materials used in building. I will, in addition, here make a few remarks. Large shed marked A is built of new materials, without any particular finish, the boards just used as from the saw-mill. Hut marked B is built of very old material—pine horizontals, with bark roof. Draining stages marked C are also of old material. Tramway (56 yards) composed of old posts for sleepers, with wooden rails. Whim to lift lever for wool-press out of repair. The cottage on No. 5 is all of new material, and said to have been erected for the use of a carpenter who was at the time working on the station; it has not hitherto been occupied by any one. Mark Duffy has erected fencing along west boundary of portion No. 5, also posts, ready for wiring, on the south and west side of No. 8. (See sketch.)

As to the form of measurement to embrace these improvements, I would beg to recommend that an area of 180 acres be cut off from portions Nos. 5 and 8, as shown by dotted red lines. This would be represented as follows:—

Wool-wash	...	...	...	...	...	...	£106	0	0
Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Fencing	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	0	0
							£180	0	0

Mark Duffy, Hillston, 24 March, 1881, portions 5 and 8, improved to £500 at date of conditional purchase.

See enclosure

I would beg to draw attention to the fact that, should this area of 180 acres be cut off from Mark Duffy's selection, it will make the balance comparatively worthless, owing to its dividing the selection and reducing the area, which he is now unable to increase, the surrounding land being alienated; and from my knowledge of the soil, climate, and general capabilities of the land for pastoral purposes, a living could not be made off it.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD J. BURGESS,
Licensed Surveyor.

N.B.—I was under the impression that the land was selected in November, 1880; hence the error made in stating that the wool-wash could not have been used, or but little, as such. It is most probable that all of the wool from the 1880 clip that required washing was done here.—EDWARD J. BURGESS.

Distance travelled to make inspection from and to nearest work, nearly 40 miles.—E.J.B.

No. 38.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Burgess.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 December, 1881.

With reference to the instructions which issued to you on the 25th August last, for the appraisalment of the value of the improvements on a portion of land conditionally purchased by Mr. Mark Duffy, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish your award in the case without any further delay.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

Minute on No. 38.

Report furnished; letter of 30th November, 1881.—E. J. BURGESS, 10/12/81.

No. 39.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

The plan of portions Nos. 5 and 8, parish of Lachlan, included in Mark Duffy's conditional purchase 81-28, was accepted on the 13th October, 1880. At date of survey—June to August, 1880—portion 8 was improved by wool-wash, wool-house, &c., to the extent of £193; present value, £106. The enclosed report by Licensed-Surveyor Burgess goes to show that, prior to the date of conditional purchase, portion 5 was improved to the extent of £50 by a weather-board cottage and fencing. The portions formed part of a reserve from conditional sale within the Cargellico Lake Gold-field, proclaimed on the 22nd May, 1873, and thrown open to conditional purchase under the 14th clause of the Act of 1861, on the 25th October, 1880.

As it has been decided already by Mr. Secretary Hoskins that the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880, under which applicant made his claim, and stated his willingness to pay for the improvements, do not apply to lands withdrawn from reserves of the character above-named, there appears to be no alternative but to declare the conditional purchase void, as being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40.

£19 16s. paid as 10 per cent. deposit on the supposed value of the improvements should, it is recommended, also be refunded.

If this recommendation is approved of, conditional purchase 81-142, on the 29th September, 1881, by Mark Duffy, for 81½ acres under the 21st clause should also be declared void; and in any case it should be declared void, being for land on the opposite side of a frontage road to the original conditional purchase.

CHARLES E. PINN H,
(For Surveyor-General),
23/1/82.

Minute on No. 39.

By Secretary for Lands.—Approved.—JOHN R.

No. 40.

Mr. F. Cumming to The Chief Commissioner.

[Urgent.]

Dear Sir,

105, Pitt-street, Sydney, 13 March, 1882.

I forward herewith a letter from my client, Mark Duffy, explanatory of his case, and request that I may be furnished with a voucher for refund of 10 per cent. on value of improvements, £230 5s., paid on application by him.

The land having been improved by my client to the extent of £400, and the fact of his having been threatened with legal proceedings by the lessee, necessitate very prompt action; I have therefore the honor to request that you will deal with the matter with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK CUMMING,
Agent for Mark Duffy.

[Enclosure A to No. 40.]

Mr. Mark Duffy to Mr. F. Cumming.

Dear Sir,

Lake Cargellico, New South Wales, 2 March, 1882.

I have been strongly advised to place the matter of my conditional purchase (my right to which is disputed by the lessee of the run) in your hands, and as you will see the question is one of vital importance to me, having already expended £400 on the land, the loss of which would simply mean ruin to me; and from the character you bear with several of the leading business people here, I feel I can leave the matter with confidence in your hands. The facts of the case I will give as clearly as possible. The parish of Lachlan, as per plan D 122, 1841 roll, formed part of the Lake Cargellico Gold-field Reserve, and which reserve, so far as the above parish was concerned, was revoked in December, 1880.

On

Hillston,
C.P. 81-28, 544
acres, 24th
March, 1881,
Mark Duffy.

On the 24th March, 1881, I selected at the Hillston Office 544 acres, being measured portions Nos. 5 and 8. The former was improved (according to the valuation on the plan) to the amount of £36 17s., and the latter to £193 8s., together £230 5s. The agent told me that these being improved blocks I would have to pay a deposit of 10 per cent. on the value set down, and the balance, whatever that might be, when the true value was decided by appraisement, as provided by the 12th section of the Lands Act of 1880. I accordingly paid the amount, as per copy of receipt herewith. On the 1st March (yesterday) Mr. D. E. M'Kellar, who is manager for his uncle, served me with a written "notice to quit my selection and all improvements thereon. I have received no notice of any kind either from the Department or the agent at Hillston that my conditional purchase is or is likely to be voided. How is it possible for the Government to cancel it? The land was gazetted as open for any one to select. The improvements were put on while the land was a "gold-field reserve." The regulations of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, published in the Government Gazette of 29th May of that year, distinctly state that improvements made by lessees upon reserves from lease or from conditional sale shall not confer a right to purchase in virtue thereof. From this it is plain the lessee can have no claim whatever either to the land or improvements. With reference to selecting improved lands, the 12th section of the abovementioned Act specially provides that when the temporary reservation of any lands shall be revoked, the land upon which any improvements not less than 20s. per acre in value are made may, notwithstanding their existence, be conditionally purchased, and that 10 per cent. of the supposed value shall be paid on application, and the balance within three months of the Gazette notice of the appraised value of same. This I am willing and prepared to do. I have paid my money on the land in good faith, and have expended, I may say, my all on it; and now in the eleventh hour the lessee tells me to clear off.

*As per copy enclosed.

Be good enough to let me hear from you as soon as possible, as I am very anxious about it. I will pay any charge you like to make, in meantime enclose £1 note.
I have, &c.,
MARK DUFFY.

[Enclosure B to No. 40.]

Mr. D. E. M'Kellar to Mr. Mark Duffy.

Sir,

Having been instructed that, by the authority of the Minister for Lands, your selection on this run has been declared void, I have to request that you will at once give up possession of all the land included in your application, as well as the buildings and other improvements thereon, belonging to the owner of this station, Mr. Duncan M'Kellar.

I am also further instructed to inform you that, should you neglect to comply with this notice, legal steps will at once be taken to eject you, and recover heavy damages for wilful trespass.
I have, &c.,
D. E. M'KELLAR.

Wooyeo, 1 March, 1882.

No. 41.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. F. Cumming.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.

With reference to your letter of 13th instant, relative to Mr. M. Duffy's selections noted in the margin, I am directed to apprise you that, in view of a report from the Survey Office showing that, under a decision of the late Minister for Lands, the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880, under which Mr. Duffy made his claim and stated his willingness to pay for the improvements, do not apply to reserves from conditional sale within gold-fields, subsequently thrown open to selection under the 14th clause of the Act of 1861, Sir John Robertson has decided that the selection 81-28 must be declared void, as being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40, and that the additional selection 81-142 must also be declared void, as being dependent thereon, and as being for land on the opposite side of a frontage road to the original conditional purchase.

Hillston, C.P. 81-28. Additional C.P. 81-42.

Refund vouchers for £136 and £20 7s. 6d.

Consequent upon the foregoing decision, I have to send you the accompanying refund vouchers for the deposit money paid on the selections referred to.

The Treasury has been instructed to refund the amount paid as deposit on the value of the improvements.
I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure A to No. 41.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.

Dr. to Mark Duffy.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 81-28.		
Land Office at Hillston; date of selection, 24th day of March, 1881; deposit paid on 544 acres		136 0 0
Selection void, being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40.		
Deposit to be refunded on 544 acres	£	136 0 0

[Enclosure B to No. 41.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.

Dr. to Mark Duffy.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 81-142.		
Land Office at Hillston; date of selection, 29th day of September, 1881; deposit paid on 81½ acres		20 7 6
Selection void, as the first conditional purchase is void.		
Deposit to be refunded on 81½ acres	£	20 7 6

No. 42.

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No. 42.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.
I desire to inform you that the application of Mark Duffy, on the 24th March, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 544 acres of land is void, being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 43.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.
I desire to inform you that the application of Mark Duffy, on the 29th September, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 81½ acres of land is void, as the first conditional purchase is void.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 44.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.
I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £136 pounds, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 45.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin is void, on account of the first conditional purchase being void; you will therefore be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £20 7s. 6d., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 46.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 March, 1882.

I have to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. Mark Duffy, of Euabalong, the sum of £19 6s. 10d., credited at the Treasury on the 2nd April, 1881, being 10 per cent. deposit on the supposed value of the improvements erected prior to survey.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 47.

Mr. F. Cumming to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 105, Pitt-street, Sydney, 31 March, 1882.

I have honor to acknowledge receipt of your favour informing me of the voidance of Mark Duffy's conditional purchase noted in the margin, on account of the land having been previously improved by the lessee.

I crave your earnest consideration on behalf of my client Duffy, who has erected improvements, principally fencing, clearing, and building, to the value of £500 at the least; and in view of this fact I now submit an amendment upon the design of the surveyor, for the measurement of the 180 acres in virtue of improvements, whereby justice will be done without sacrificing the interests of either party, each being allowed the land upon which his improvements stand, or very nearly so.

The enclosed rough tracing has been made from the design forwarded to the department by the surveyor.

The whole of the fencing surrounding portions 5 and 8, which form the conditional purchase of Mark Duffy, is his property, having been erected by him, and he is now anxious to secure the balance of portion 8, and also the balance of portion 5, which he could do were the design of the surveyor slightly modified, that is to say, that if instead of the proposed portion of 180 acres for improvements being measured 75 chains back from the river, as shown by red broken lines on tracing, that it be measured only 60 chains back from the river (which will be in strict accordance with the regulations), as shown by black broken lines on tracing, and that my client be allowed to apply for the balances of portions 5 and 8 (paying subdivision fees), which he will then be able to hold on account of the 5-chain strip which will make them adjoin.

I am sure the advantage to both parties will be apparent to the Department, which I feel sure would be unwilling to ignore the claims of the selector, whose case is a very hard one.

My reasons for considering that my client should receive special and favourable consideration are, that since 16th March, 1880 (over twelve months) he had never been warned by the Department not to proceed with improvements, the consequence of which is that the selection is wholly fenced. In the second place, when he applied to the local land office he was told that he might purchase the improvements, and his deposit of 10 per cent. was accepted, and his occupation of the selection, with the buildings thereon, was in every way *bona fide*, as the Department was not prepared to accept a subdivision fee, as the land was sold to Duffy under the provisions of the 12th clause.

If the land agent made an error which was liable to lead to so much trouble and annoyance, it is reasonable that some compensation should be afforded the selector, at all events it would be a gracious act on the part of the Department to afford the applicant the small reparation which I have suggested, namely, to allow him to select the balance of portions 5 and 8 with the strip of 5 chains to make them adjoin.

The treatment that Mr. Duffy has experienced at the hands of the Government, and the manner in which he has been misled for twelve months is, I must say, anything but creditable, and if his purchase had been made from a private vendor, legal proceedings would have long ere this been taken to enforce a performance of the contract.

I am averse to advising any client to go to law, but am perfectly certain that if this case were taken to the Supreme Court, the selection of Mark Duffy would be upheld. When he made application for these portions and paid 10 per cent. on supposed value of improvements, he contracted a title thereto which cannot be annulled in this arbitrary manner. Had applicant been met, at time he selected the land, with the objection that as the land was improved to over £1 per acre he could not select the improved part, he would have paid subdivision fee and applied for the unimproved part at once. Whether the object of the land agent was to favour the squatter I will not say, but what opinion would an impartial judge form, when the effect of this wrong information is to ruin the selector, and prevent the squatter from losing any part of his run? The surveyor seems to have inhaled the adverse atmosphere, and where he could perfectly well have forwarded a design of a portion of a 180 acres in virtue of the improvements, to extend only 60 chains back from the river, he accommodates the lessee by proposing that it be measured some few chains further back, on purpose to cut the selector off from his improvements on each side.

It is too bad that a selector should be allowed to purchase improved land and then told twelve months after that he cannot have it, and then that he should be cut off from that which he could have.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK CUMMING,

Agent for Mark Duffy.

No. 48.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Mark Duffy v. D. M'Kellar.

* See No. 47.

THE enclosed letter (Conditional Sales, 82-2,506 *correspondence), on behalf of M. Duffy, requests that an area embracing the lessee's improvements on portions 5 and 8, as shown by blue edging on tracing enclosed, may be measured with a depth of 60 chains, so that the balance of those portions may adjoin, and that thus M. Duffy may be able to apply for such balance as one conditional purchase.

In view of the fact that Duffy conditionally purchased these portions under the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880, but his conditional purchase was afterwards declared void (clause 12 not applying in this case—See decision on Miscellaneous, 81-23,049, enclosed), and that he has apparently made improvements on the land which he now seeks to be allowed to conditionally purchase, it is submitted that the measurement to embrace the lessee's improvements should not exceed 60 chains in depth, and that upon payment of £7 2s. 6d., cost of subdivision, he be allowed to conditionally purchase the land, as shown by pink tint, if then available.

ROBERT D. FITZGERALD,

Chief Commissioner.

(For Surveyor-General),

Minutes on No. 48.

5/5/82.

By the Chief Commissioner:—I must say that I entertain grave doubts of the advisability of taking the course suggested, which is briefly to limit the depth proposed for measurement of the improvements to less than the selector proposes to take, to enable him to surround them.—A.O.M., 11/5/82.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R.

This decision should be acted upon, instead of returning the papers to this Branch.—R.M., 22/5/82, Conditional Sales Branch.

No. 49.

Mr. F. Cumming to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

105, Pitt-street, 27 May, 1882.

The case referred to in the attached telegram is one of great hardship to the selector, Mark Duffy, who requests that the land now in dispute may be withdrawn from lease on account of the lessee having served him with a Supreme Court writ.

Duffy applied for the land in perfect good faith, and paid the usual 10 per cent. deposit on supposed value of improvements, but his purchases were recently voided, and he now begs that the Department will protect him from the loss he is likely to sustain in the present action with the squatter.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK CUMMING,

Agent for Mark Duffy.

Minutes

That is to say, that having made an illegal selection he has been unable to secure it.—A.O. M.

Minutes on No. 49.

Mr. Cumming since informed on 82-8,584 Miscellaneous. Have papers 81-13,460 been returned? Has reply been received from land agent in answer to letter sent to him, 2nd September, 1881, on 81-34,640? Subsequent paper 81-44,268 should be attached. *Vide* 81-36,424 Conditional Sales now attached. Papers for Charting Branch, as to further action.—C.N., 14/8/82.

This application for withdrawal from pre-emptive lease has already been decided upon.—R.M., 12/9/82. Conditional Sales Branch.

[Enclosure to No. 49.]

Telegram from W. Jones & Co. to Frederick Cumming.

26 May, 1882.

TELEGRAM received. Duffy is entering appearance Supreme Court. Does Minister intend withdrawing area from lease Reply at once.

No. 50.

Mr. F. Cumming to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

105, Pitt-street, Sydney, 3 June, 1882.

On behalf of Mark Duffy, I have the honor to request that the area embraced by his conditional purchase application may be withdrawn from lease, on the following grounds, viz., that the reserve was revoked and thrown open to conditional purchase, and the applicant's deposit, together with a further deposit of 10 per cent. on the supposed value of improvements, were received by the land agent.

Secondly: That at the date of Duffy's application the reserve upon which he selected was held to be one which came under the provisions of the 12th clause of the Act of 1880, which is proved by the fact that Mr. Secretary Hoskins' opinion that such was not the case was given subsequently to the date of my client's application.

Thirdly. That, although the Minister decided that the application was a bad one so many months ago, the said application was only declared void on 15th March last, and that between the date of his application and the date of voidance of his conditional purchase no intimation was sent him to the effect that his application was or might be a bad one, consequently he fenced in the greater part of both portions (*i.e.* 5 and 8), which together made up his conditional purchase.

As the lessee has issued a writ against the selector in this case, and he has already lost time and money over this land, and his losses are likely to be still greater in consequence of this Supreme Court action, I most respectfully request that the Minister for Lands will use the power vested in him and withdraw the disputed area from lease, to prevent the squatter from having things all his own way as he has had up to the present time.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK CUMMING,

Agent for Mark Duffy.

Minutes on No. 50.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Chief Commissioner,—Is it considered that the circumstances in connection with the conditional purchase call for the action asked for?—C.O., 8/6/82.

By Chief Commissioner:—I do not consider the reasons herein submitted sufficient to call for the withdrawal of the land from lease.—A.O.M., 8/6/82. Under Secretary.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Submitted for approval.—C.O., 8/6/82.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R., 8/6/82.

Any further action in Conditional Sales Division?—J.D.D., *pro* F. H. WILSON, 19/6/82. Conditional Sales Division.

No. 51.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. F. Cumming.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 June, 1882.

With reference to your letter of 31st March last, requesting, on behalf of Mr. M. Duffy, that an area embracing the lessee's improvements on portions 5 and 8 may be measured with a depth of 60 chains, so that the balance of those portions may adjoin, and that thus M. Duffy may be able to apply for such balance as one conditional purchase, I am directed to inform you that the case having been fully considered by the Honorable the Minister, he cannot concur in taking the course suggested, which is briefly to limit the depth proposed for measurement of the improvements to enable Duffy to surround them, and therefore the Minister cannot comply with your request.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 52.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. F. Cumming.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 June, 1882.

In reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting the withdrawal from lease of a portion of land applied for by Mr. Mark Duffy as a conditional purchase, in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Lands does not consider that sufficient reasons have been given to warrant a compliance with your request.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

No. 53.

No. 53.

Petition by the Inhabitants of Cargellico.

Presented by Mr. Henry H. Cooke, M.L.A.

WE the undersigned selectors, merchants, hotel-keepers, and inhabitants of the township of Cargellico and the surrounding neighbourhood, having heard with regret that upon representations made to you, you have been pleased to declare void certain selections made upon the late Cargellico Gold-field Reserve, in consequence of certain improvements said to exist thereon, and that acting upon such voidance the lessee of the run has issued Supreme Court writs against the selectors, your petitioners would urgently pray that you may be pleased to annul such voidance, or withdraw the areas in dispute from pastoral lease until a thorough inquiry has been made, both with reference to the value of improvements and the general merits of each case, for the following reasons:—

- 1st. That if the voidance of the areas in question is confirmed, and the actions at law continued, it must inevitably ruin the selectors, some of whom have large families dependent on them.
- 2nd. That the selectors above referred to are *bona fide* men, who paid their money to the Government in good faith, with a view of making homes for their families, and that in nearly every case your petitioners believe the improvements to be under the value of £40, as per particulars of each case, as contained in the memoranda attached hereto.
- 3rd. Your petitioners would further respectfully urge, in the interest of the Colony, the necessity existing for a special and searching investigation as to the way in which the Land Laws of the Colony have been employed or applied in regard to the Lake Cargellico Gold-field Reserve, recently thrown open for selection, and would further point out the fact, that since the date of revocation there has been nearly 7,000 acres selected by station employes, *i.e.*, D. E. McKellar, A. McKellar, Thomas Hanly, Thomas Duffy, John Bowman, E. Bowman, Edward Townsend, Barnard Gormly, William West, P. Reynolds, and Allen M'Innes. These selectors, who are known to be in the employ of the lessee of the run, occupy together with pre-emptive leases nearly 20,000 acres of the best land contained in the reserve above referred to, the survey of which alone cost the country some £2,000.
- 4th. Your petitioners would further respectfully urge that you may be pleased to exercise the powers conferred by the 13th section of an Act of Parliament, 43 Victoria No. 29, in refusing to sell any lands by virtue of improvements contained within the late Cargellico Gold-field Reserve, until you may be satisfied that such improvements were constructed for the purpose contemplated by the Act. Your petitioners have no hesitation in stating positively that such improvements were placed upon the choicest spots with a view of barring selection and stopping settlement. In proof of this statement, your petitioners would refer you to the fact, that while the reserve was actually being surveyed previous to revocation, no less than eight tanks were hurriedly put down, not more than 1 mile intervening between each, and all within a distance of 3 miles of the lake.
- 5th. That in view of the difficulties explained in the preceding paragraphs with which the *bona fide* selector has to contend, intimidates many from taking up land here, retarding settlement, thus not only injuring the neighbourhood but also affecting the revenue of the Colony.
- 6th. In view of the facts stated in the foregoing petition, your memorialists earnestly pray that, in justice to themselves and to the general public, you may be pleased to grant their request; and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

W. JONES & CO.
BENJAMIN PRIOR.
And sixty-six others.

Minutes on No. 53.

This should probably be forwarded to the Survey Office, for information *re* the conditional purchases referred to.—F.H.W., 26/7/82.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—The Surveyor-General.—C.O., 29/7/82. Inform. Mr. G. Lewis, 4/8/82.

Petition from residents of Cargellico, praying for an inquiry into the voidance of conditional purchases made in Cargellico Gold-field.—G. LEWIS, 9/8/82. Mr. Watt. According to the noting on plans the following conditional purchases were recommended to be declared void either wholly or in part:—

Conditional purchase 81-28, by Mark Duffy.	
” ” 38	” Thomas Hanly,
” ” 115	” E. Townsend.
” ” 129	” B. Prior.
” ” 114	” Eliz. Bowman.
” ” 120	” William Scott.

The papers in each case will show the grounds on which such recommendations were made. The case appears to be one for action in the Conditional Sales Branch.—F.W.W., 17/8/82. Conditional Sales Branch. Urgent. The papers relating to each purchase should be obtained and placed with this paper for special submission.—C.N.—16/9/82.

No. 54.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. H. H. Cooke, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 August, 1882.

In reference to the petition presented by you on the 24th ultimo, from certain residents of Cargellico, respecting the cancellation of certain conditional purchases taken up on the Cargellico Gold-field, I have the honor to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Surveyor-General for information as to the conditional purchases in question.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 55.

No. 55.

Memorandum.

ACCORDING to leases 82-3,219, conditional purchase 81-28, in the district of Hillston, held by Mark Duffy has been declared void since 23rd February, 1882.

In right of this selection lease application 81-21 was made.

Minute on No.55.

Lease gazetted forfeited 31 August, 1882.

No. 56.

Mr. W. A. Cottee, to The Chief Commissioner.

Australian Mortgage, Land, Finance Co. (Limited), Incorporated A.D. 1863,
2, Spring-street, Sydney, 28 August, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you in reference to the conditional purchase by my client at Hillston, on 7th April, 1881, of 640 acres, being measured portions 9, 12, and part of 13, parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling; and I beg to hand you a letter from the applicant asking for a refund of the deposit money, as it is now found that the land applied for embraces valuable improvements the property of the lessee.

I have, &c.

W. A. COTTEE,

Manager.

Agent for A. M'KELLAR.

[*Enclosure to No. 56.*]

Sir,

I have the honor to address you in reference to my selection as described in the margin hereof, which I cannot occupy, as I find the improvements made by the lessee of the run upon the land selected by me, prior to the date of my application, are of a nature and value to bar selection, and I therefore beg to apply for a refund of deposit paid by me upon lodgment of my application.

Witness—

CHARLES BURTHUR, J.P.

Cargellico, 19 August, 1882.

I have, &c.,

ARCHIBALD M'KELLAR.

Portions 9,
12, and part of
portion 13,
parish of
Lachlan, county
Dowling.
Archibald
M'Kellar, C.P.
81-35, 7th
April, 1881, 640
acres, Hillston.

No. 57.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 August, 1882.

Unreserved pre-emptive lease.

REFERRING to the notice in the Government Gazette of the 23rd March, 1880, declaring the forfeiture of all pre-emptive leases on which the rent was in arrear, attention is now drawn to the lease in annexed schedule so forfeited.

The lease will be offered for sale at auction on an early date, unless in the meantime the lands shall have been otherwise disposed of.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Date of Gazette.	Name.	District.	County.	Area.	No. of lease.
* * 31 June, 1881.....	* * Mark Duffy	* * Hillston.....	* * Dowling	* * 1,600 acres	* * 81-38.
* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *

No. 58.

Memorandum *re* D. M'Kellar.

Mark Duffy	C.P. 81-28	...	Hillston	...	544 acres	...	24 March, 1881.
	A.C.P. 81-142	...	do	...	81 acres 2 roods	...	29 September, 1881.
William Scott	C.P. 81-120	...	do	...	640 acres	...	25 August, 1881.
B. Prior	C.P. 81-129	...	do	...	513 acres	...	8 September, 1881.
	A.C.P. 82-13	...	do	...	62 acres	...	9 February, 1882.
Jane Reid	C.P. 81-117	...	do	...	580 acres	...	25 August, 1881.
W. Byrnes	C.P. 81-49	...	do	...	142 acres 3 roods	...	5 May, 1881.
	A.C.P. 81-76	...	do	...	187 acres	...	2 June, 1881.
John Bethel	C.P. 80-42	...	do	...	310 acres 2 roods	...	25 November, 1880.

I direct that Messrs. Robertson, Fisher, and Ralfe have permission to inspect the papers in connection with the above conditional purchases, and to cause copies to be made of any which they may think necessary.

To the Officer-in-charge, Conditional Purchase Division.

(Not signed),

Chief Commissioner.

Minutes on No. 58.

Copies of all the papers in the above cases are required, and an account of the time should be kept by Mr. Wiseman, in the manner directed by the Chief Commissioner.—W.B., 19/9/82. Mr. Locke.—J.W., 19/9/82. Copies herewith.—J.T.L., 23/9/82. Mr. Wiseman. The time occupied in searching for and in making copies of papers in this case and those required by 82-7,468 was forty-eight hours.—J.W., 23/9/82. Mr. Blackman.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Request the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to receive from those parties the cost of preparing these documents, say £4. Request the parties to pay it into the Treasury.—A.O.M., 27/9/82.

No. 59.

No. 59.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Robertson, Fisher, & Ralfe.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 28 September, 1882.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to call upon you to pay to the Colonial Treasurer the sum of four pounds (£4), being the cost of preparing copies of the documents in this office in connection with the cases of D. M'Kellar and J. J. R. Gibson, set forth in a requisition received from you on 19th instant.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 60.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 28 September, 1882.

I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Robertson, Fisher, and Ralfe have this day been called upon to pay to the Colonial Treasurer the sum of four pounds (£4), as cost of preparing copies of certain official papers in this office, required by them in connection with the cases of D. M'Kellar and J. J. R. Gibson, and I have to request that you will be good enough to receive that sum if tendered.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 61.

Memorandum by Surveyor General.

i.e., portion 9
is separated by
the road from
portions 12 and
13.—C.E.F.,
24/10/82.

PORTIONS 9, 12, and part of 13, parish of Lachlan, applied for by Archibald M'Kellar, under the 14th clause (conditional purchase 81-35 of 7th April, 1881), are situated on both sides of the main road from Hillston to Forbes.

It is therefore recommended that applicant be allowed to hold portion 9 of 328 acres, with a refund on 312 acres (portion 12 and part of 13); or his application may be allowed for 312 acres (portion 12 and part of 13, with a refund on portion 9 of 328 acres, or are fund on the whole conditional purchase.

If the conditional purchaser decides to accept the second course suggested, the form of subdivision of portion 13 as shown by red broken lines on tracing enclosed is submitted for approval.

The cost of subdivision of portion 13 (if required) is £3 2s. 6d.; £2 15s. only has been paid.

CHARLES E. FINCH,
(For Surveyor General).

24 October, 1882.

Minutes on No. 61.

By Surveyor General:—Since the foregoing memorandum was written the accompanying letter (Conditional Sales 82-6,805, correspondence), asking for refund on the grounds of improvements, has been received, though there is nothing but applicant's statement to show the existence of such improvements beyond a log fence, valued at £15 by the surveyor, on portion 9. There is little doubt that he will avail himself of the refund on the whole conditional purchase to be offered, on the ground stated in previous memorandum. It is therefore recommended that the conditional purchase be declared void.—CHARLES E. FINCH, for Surveyor-General, 24/10/82. Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

By Chief Commissioner:—For refund as recommended.—A.O.M., 21/11/82.

Voiding noted; papers may be put away at present.—R.M., 15/1/83. Conditional Sales Branch.

No. 62.

Mr. T. E. Murphy to The Chief Commissioner.

M'Kellar v. Duffy.—Subpœna *duces tecum*.

In the Supreme Court of }
New South Wales. } No. 1,178.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Edward Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases.

Greeting:

We command you, that laying aside all business and excuses, you and every of you be and appear in your proper persons before our Supreme Court of New South Wales, at the Court-house, in King-street, Sydney, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1882, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, and so from day to day until the cause be tried, to testify all and singular those things which you and each of you know in a certain cause now pending in our said Court before our said Justices, between Duncan M'Kellar, plaintiff, and Mark Duffy, defendant, in an action of trespass on the part of the plaintiff, and on that day to be tried; and that you diligently search and inquire for and procure and bring with you, and produce at the time and place aforesaid, a certain application dated the 24th day of March, 1881, by the said defendant to conditionally purchase five hundred and forty-four acres of land, being measured portions 5 and 8, county of Dowling, parish of Lachlan; also a certain other application dated the 29th day of September, 1881, by the said defendant, to conditionally purchase eighty-one and a half acres of land in the said county and parish, in virtue of his said selection of five hundred and forty-four acres; also all letters and documents received by you or any other officer in the Public Service, or by the Minister of Lands for the time being, relating to the two said applications by the defendant to conditionally purchase from the defendant, his attorney

attorney, or agent, or any other person on his behalf, or from the plaintiff, his attorney, or agent, or any other person on his behalf; also all drafts or copies of letters and documents sent by you, or any other officer in the Public Service, or by the Minister for Lands for the time being, to the defendant, his attorney or agent, or any other person on his behalf, or to the plaintiff, his attorney or agent, or any other person on his behalf, and relating to the said two applications by the defendant to conditionally purchase; and also all deeds, instruments, books, papers, maps, plans, specifications, writings, letters, vouchers, receipts, documents, and memoranda, and all drafts and copies thereof in your possession or power relating to or in anywise concerning, or which can or may afford any evidence or information respecting the said two applications by the defendant to conditionally purchase, or respecting the matters in question in the said cause. And this you and each of you shall by no means omit, under the penalty upon you and each of you of one hundred pounds.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, the Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this sixth day of November, in the forty-sixth year of our reign, A.D. 1882.

(For the Prothonotary),

T. E. MURPHY, (L.S.)

4th Clerk of the Supreme Court.

ROBERTSON, FISHER, & RALFE,
Attorneys for the Plaintiff,
85, Pitt-street North, Sydney.

No. 63.

Mr. T. E. Murphy to The Under Secretary for Lands.

M'Kellar v. Duffy.—Subpoena *duc. tec.*

In the Supreme Court of }
New South Wales. } No. 1,178.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Charles N. J. Oliver, Under Secretary for Lands.

Greeting:

WE command you, that laying aside all business and excuses, you and every of you be and appear in your proper persons before our Supreme Court of New South Wales, at the Court-house, in King-street, Sydney, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1882, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, and so from day to day until the cause be tried, to testify all and singular those things which you and each of you know in a certain cause now pending in our said Court before our said Justices, between Duncan M'Kellar, plaintiff, and Mark Duffy, defendant, in an action of trespass on the part of the plaintiff, and on that day to be tried; and that you diligently search and inquire for and procure and bring with you and produce at the time and place aforesaid, a certain application dated the 10th day of February, 1881, by the said plaintiff to purchase 350 acres of land by virtue of improvements, under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, in the county of Dowling and parish of Lachlan, on the Wooyeo Run; and also all deeds, instruments, books, papers, maps, plans, specifications, writings, letters, vouchers, receipts, documents, and memoranda; and all drafts and copies thereof in your possession, custody, power, or control, relating to or in anywise concerning, or which can or may afford any evidence or information respecting the said application to purchase by virtue of improvements, or respecting the matters in question in this cause. And this you and each of you shall by no means omit, under the penalty upon you and each of you of one hundred pounds.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, the Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this eleventh day of November, in the forty-sixth year of our reign, A.D. 1882.

(For the Prothonotary),

T. E. MURPHY, (L.S.)

4th Clerk of the Supreme Court.

ROBERTSON, FISHER, & RALFE,
Attorneys for the Plaintiff,
85, Pitt-street North, Sydney.

No. 64.

Messrs. Cumming & Harrison to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 105, Pitt-street (nearly opposite Union Bank), Sydney, 1 December, 1882.

As agents for Mark Duffy, we have the honor to request that a voucher for refund of rent on the void pre-lease noted in the margin may be forwarded to us, applicant not having been able to make use of the land pre-leased, on account of his conditional purchases 81-28 and 81-142 being voided.

Hillston, pre-lease 81-38, 1,600 acres, Mark Duffy.

We have, &c.,

CUMMING & HARRISON,
Agents for Mark Duffy.

Minutes on No. 64.

Conditional purchase 81-28 is void.—S.F., 1/12/82. Conditional purchase 81-142 also is void.—S.F., 1/12/82. Urgent. Mr. Linsley.

Pre-emptive lease 81-38 of 1,600 acres was gazetted as forfeited on 31 August, 1882, no rent having been credited for 1882. The lessee therefore is not entitled to a refund, the conditional purchase in virtue of which it was granted, viz., 81-28, having been declared void on 23rd February last, for which year no rent had been paid by him upon the lease in question.—J.R.L., 1/12/82. Mr. Freeman.

Cannot be refunded.—S.F., 1/12/82.

By the Under Secretary.—Better refund, as the conditional purchase was held to be bad *ab initio*.—C.O., 6/12/82.

No. 65.

Mr. R. Monday to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Duffy v. McKellar—Subpoena *duces tecum*.In the Supreme Court of }
New South Wales. } No. 1,178.VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender
of the Faith, &c., &c.

To the Under Secretary for Lands.

Greeting:

WE command you, that laying all other matters and business aside and notwithstanding any excuse, you personally be and appear before our Supreme Court of New South Wales, at the Court-house situate in King-street, in the city of Sydney, in the said Colony, on Thursday, the seventh day of December, at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day, at the same hour of each day, until the cause hereinafter mentioned shall be tried, to testify all and singular those things which you know in a certain cause now depending in our said Court, and on that day to be tried, between Duncan McKellar, plaintiff, and Mark Duffy, defendant, in an action of trespass on the part of the defendant; and that you diligently search and inquire for and procure and bring with you and produce at the time and place aforesaid, all deeds, instruments, books, papers, maps, plans, specifications, writings, letters, vouchers, receipts, documents, and memoranda, and all drafts and copies thereof, in your possession or power, relating to or in anywise concerning, or which can or may afford any evidence or information respecting the matters in question in the said cause, and particularly all papers, documents, letters, and books relating to and containing entries of or in any way referring to Mark Duffy's applications for conditional purchases of 224 acres and 320 acres and 8½ acres, selected at the Hillston Land Office, on the 24th March, 1881, and 29th September, 1881, being measured portions Nos. 5, 8, and 13, and which said lands are situated in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling, and also all letters and documents received by the Minister for Lands from any person relating to the above conditional purchases, and also the application of Mark Duffy for a pre-emptive lease, dated 25 March, 1881, and the Government Gazette of 21st June, 1881, notifying same, and also the Government Gazette in which is notified the revocation of the Cargellico gold-field reserve with regard to the abovenamed portions of land, and the copy which shall be served upon you of this writ. And this you shall by no means omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney,
the 4th day of December, in the forty-sixth year of our reign, A.D. 1882.

(For the Prothonotary),

REGINALD MONDAY, (I.S.)

5th Clerk of the said Supreme Court.

No. 66.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. M. Duffy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 December, 1882.

I am directed to inform you that the Colonial Treasurer has been authorized to refund to you the sum of £5, being the rent paid on the pre-emptive lease noted in the margin, cancelled on account of the conditional purchase in virtue of which it was granted, viz., 81-28, having been declared void on 23 February last.

2. I am to add that when the money is ready for payment notice to that effect will be forwarded to you from the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(Pro Under Secretary).

No. 67.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 December, 1882.

Amount refunded.	Rent out of which taken.	Date when credited at the Treasury.
£5	1881.	7 April, 1881.

I am directed to inform you that Mr. Mark Duffy's pre-emptive lease No. 81-38, 1,600 acres, in the county of Dowling, notified as approved in the Government Gazette of the 21st June, 1881, has been cancelled. The rent paid since the 1st January, 1881, has been authorized for refund; and, in order that full particulars may be entered in your Register, the several amounts which form the sum to be returned are clearly shown in the marginal schedule.

It may be mentioned that the lease has been cancelled, the conditional purchase in virtue of which it was granted, viz., 81-28, having been declared void on 23rd February last.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 68.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Lands Department, Sydney, 6 December, 1882.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. Mark Duffy, of Wooyeo, Cargellico, the sum of £5, being the rent paid on the pre-emptive lease particularized in the margin, cancelled, the conditional purchase in virtue of which it was granted, viz., 81-28, having been declared void on 23rd February last.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(Pro Under Secretary).

No. 69.

1,600 acres,
notified on the
21st June, 1881,
District of
Hillston.

1,600 acres,
notified on 21
June, 1881,
District of
Hillston.

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No. 69.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. A. Cottee.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

Referring to your letter of 28th August last, applying, on behalf of Mr. McKellar, for refund of deposit on his selection noted in the margin, on the ground that the land applied for embraces valuable improvements, I have to inform you that the only improvements on the land mentioned in the surveyor's report are represented by a log fence, valued at £15, on portion 9.

I have however to state that, as the selections applied for are situated on both sides of the main road from Hillston to Forbes, consequently the whole area desired is not available, the request for refund of deposit is now acceded to.

Enclosed is a refund voucher which, when properly signed and forwarded to the Treasury, will enable the applicant to obtain refund of the deposit money.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure to No. 69.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

Dr. to Archibald McKellar.

		Amount to be refunded.	
		£	s. d.
For the following refund, viz.—C.P. No. 81-35.			
Land Office at Hillston; date of selection, 7th day of April, 1881; deposit paid on			
640 acres		160	0 0
Selection void, being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40.			
Deposit to be refunded on 640 acres	£	160	0 0

No. 70.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Hillston.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

I am directed to inform you that the application of Archibald McKellar, on the 7th April, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 640 acres of land, is void, being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner

No. 71.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as being for measured land improved to the extent of over £40, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £160, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Hillston, Archibald McKellar, 7th April, 1881, 640 acres, £160!

No. 72.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Subdivision fee.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 December, 1882.

I have to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. Archibald McKellar, of Car-gellico, the sum of £2 15s., credited at the Treasury on the 4th May and 17th June, 1881, being the fee paid for subdivision by him on 640 acres, selected at Hillston, on 7th April, 1881.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 73.

Messrs. Jones & Co. to Mr. J. McElhone, M.P.

Dear Sir,

Post Office Store, Lake Cargellico, 9 January, 1883.

Having for many months noticed the policy pursued by you in Parliament with reference to the land question, as well as having had the privilege of hearing you address the electors of East Sydney some five weeks ago, we feel that you are the man to whom we may safely refer what we consider one of the hardest cases, and where the greatest amount of injustice has been perpetrated under the present land laws that has ever been brought to light. In bringing this matter under your notice, we wish it to be understood that it is not out of any disrespect for our local Member, Mr. Loughnan, who is held in the highest esteem here, and is our own personal friend, but we feel it is scarcely fair to bring him in direct opposition to his neighbours if it can be avoided; and we are sure he will be only too glad to give you all the assistance in his power.

The case to which we now specially refer is that of Mark Duffy, who, together with his wife, had, after many years hard toil on the stations in this district, succeeded in scraping together some £600 or £700; but who now, by the decision of the Supreme Court last month, in the case of M'Kellar v. Duffy, is turned off his selection, with his wife and children, a ruined and broken-hearted man, with nothing but the Insolvent Court before him, and this after he has expended £400 and two years labour in improving the land, and making, as he thought, a home for his family.

The circumstances under which Duffy selected are as follows:—A large tract of rich agricultural land, some 80,000 acres, was reserved in 1873 as a gold-field. In 1880 the Government decided to revoke the reserve. While it was being surveyed the lessee hurried on a lot of improvements—huts, tanks, yards, &c.—to prevent selection (as his late manager, Mr. Brewer, swore in the Supreme Court, and offered to produce M'Kellar's own letters in verification). It would appear that at this time the Government were of opinion, in common with the public, that land so improved, that is, while the land was reserved, and after the passing of the Act of 1880, could be conditionally purchased, and from this view gazetted the blocks so improved on the Cargellico Gold-field Reserve as being open to selection. The result of this was that Duffy selected two of these blocks, *i.e.*, portions 5 and 8, parish Lachlan, county Dowling. The Department not only were aware that improvements of the alleged value of £190 odd existed at the date of selection, but also actually sold these identical improvements to Duffy, and demanded a deposit of 10 per cent., *i.e.*, £19, which Duffy paid. The issue is that M'Kellar served Duffy with a writ for trespass, with the result we have stated. The question is, will the Government do anything to compensate this man's family for the wrong done them? If a business man enter into a contract, will not the law compel him to carry it out? In this case the Government have allowed Duffy to acquire a title or right to occupy certain land, which turns out bad in law, why should they not compensate him? There were two other cases of a similar kind decided against the selector at the same time, but as in both cases the selectors are single men, we do not now refer to their cases. There are three other cases by the same plaintiff, M'Kellar, lessee of the Cargellico Run, which stand adjourned till March. These are cases which have been encouraged by an excessive valuation of the lessee's old improvements by the surveyor, Mr. Carter.

We trust you will see your way to bring the case before Parliament, and we feel sure both Mr. Loughnan and Mr. Coonan, to whom we are writing, will support you in every possible way.

Trusting you may long live to enjoy the confidence and esteem which your love of justice has won for you throughout the length and breadth of the Colony,—

We have, &c.,

W. JONES & CO.

Forwarded by Mr. McElhone, M.P.

Minutes on No. 73.

Chief Commissioner, 21/1/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—It is not apparent that any steps for reimbursing the selector's losses, consequent upon his making an illegal selection, can be taken by the Government.—A.O.M., 30/1/83.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 14/2/83.

No. 74.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. W. Jones & Co.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 February, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 9th ultimo, addressed to Mr. McElhone, by whom it has been presented to the Minister for Lands, urging on behalf of Mr. Mark Duffy that he should be compensated by the Government for losses which he has sustained consequent upon the action taken with respect to his conditional purchases noted in the margin, I have the honor, by direction of the Minister, to inform you that it is not apparent that any steps for reimbursing the selector's losses consequent upon his having made an illegal selection can be taken by the Government.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

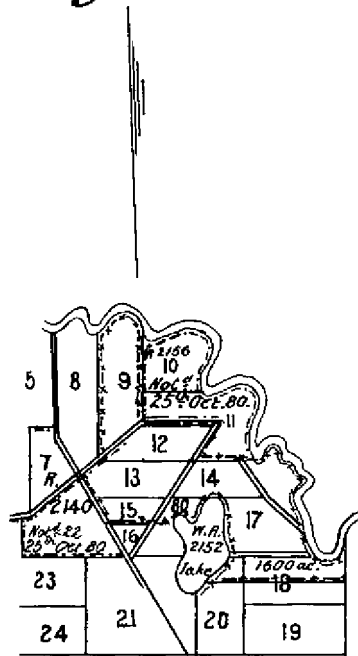
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Hillston,
C.P. 81-23,
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declared void,
March, 1882

SKETCH

Showing Prelease 81.38.

Parish of Lachlan,
County of Dowling.

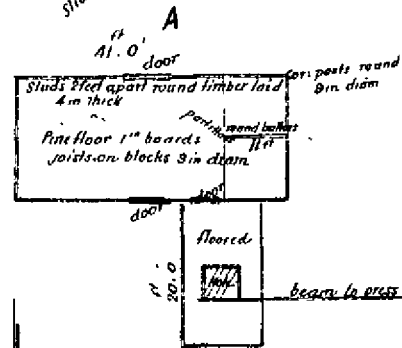
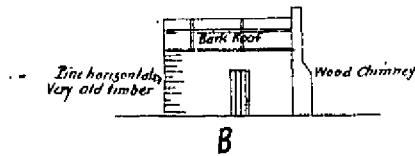
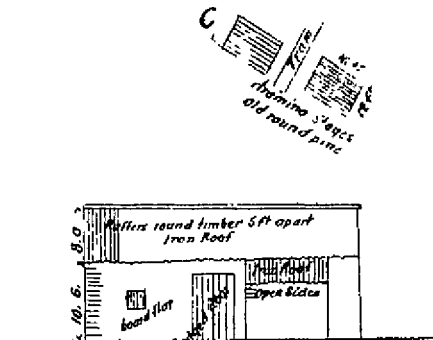
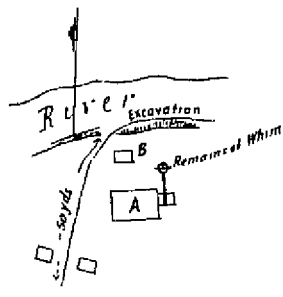


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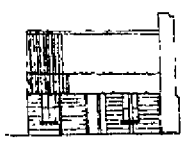
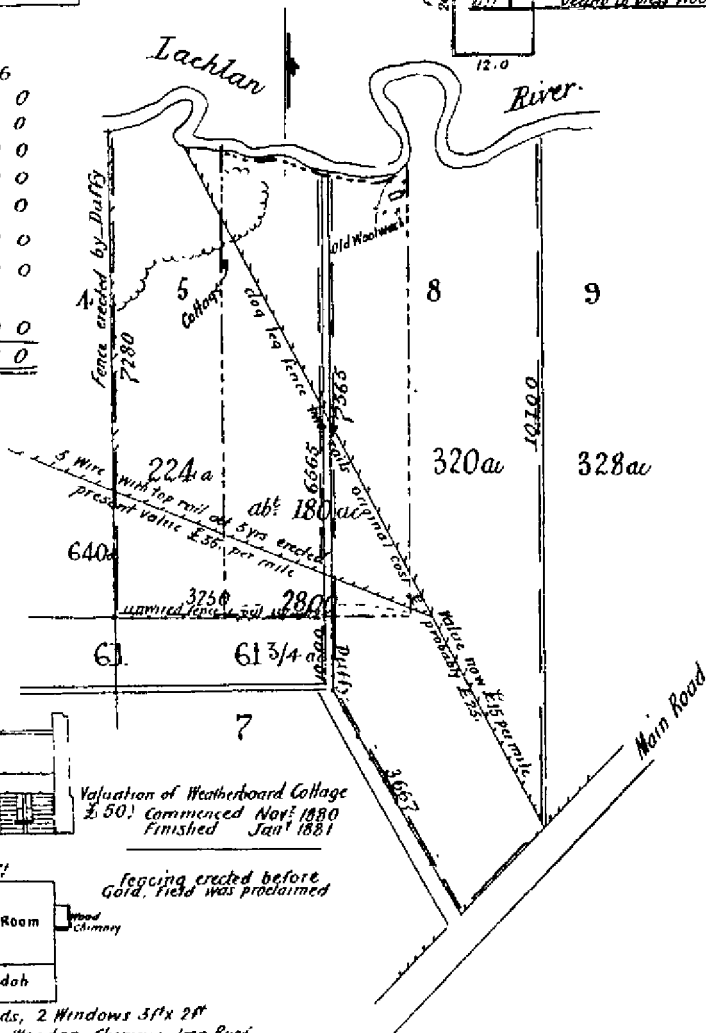
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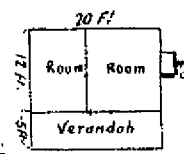
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Iron & ironmongery	20 0 0
Press Room	10 0 0
Carpenter-labor	20 0 0
Extra	6 0 0
Hut	5 0 0
Tramway & draining	5 0 0
Stages	
Horse Whim	5 0 0
	<u>£106.0 0</u>

Commenced in May 1880
 Finished " Nov 1881



Valuation of Weatherboard Collage
 £50! Commenced Nov 1880
 Finished Jan 1881



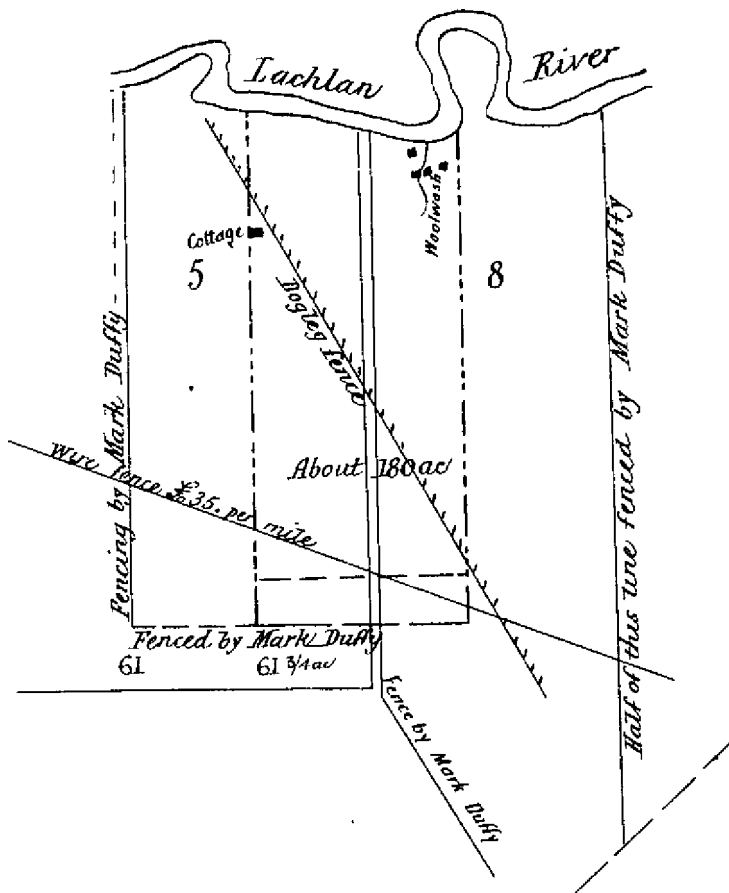
Collage 3/4" Weatherboards, 2 Windows 3ft x 2ft
 3 doors 6ft 6in x 3.0' edged, Wooden Chimney Iron Roof
 1. Partition floored inch boards wood blocks for wall plates.
 Studs 3 feet apart. Verandah posts 4in square

Portions Nos 5 & 8 selected by Mark Duffy proposed to be measured 180ⁱⁿ in
 return of improvements as shown by dotted red lines and shown thus -----
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L. & J. P. S.

Enclosure to N^o 47.

Please mark upon tracing the position of your improvements



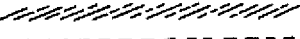
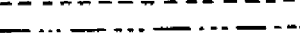

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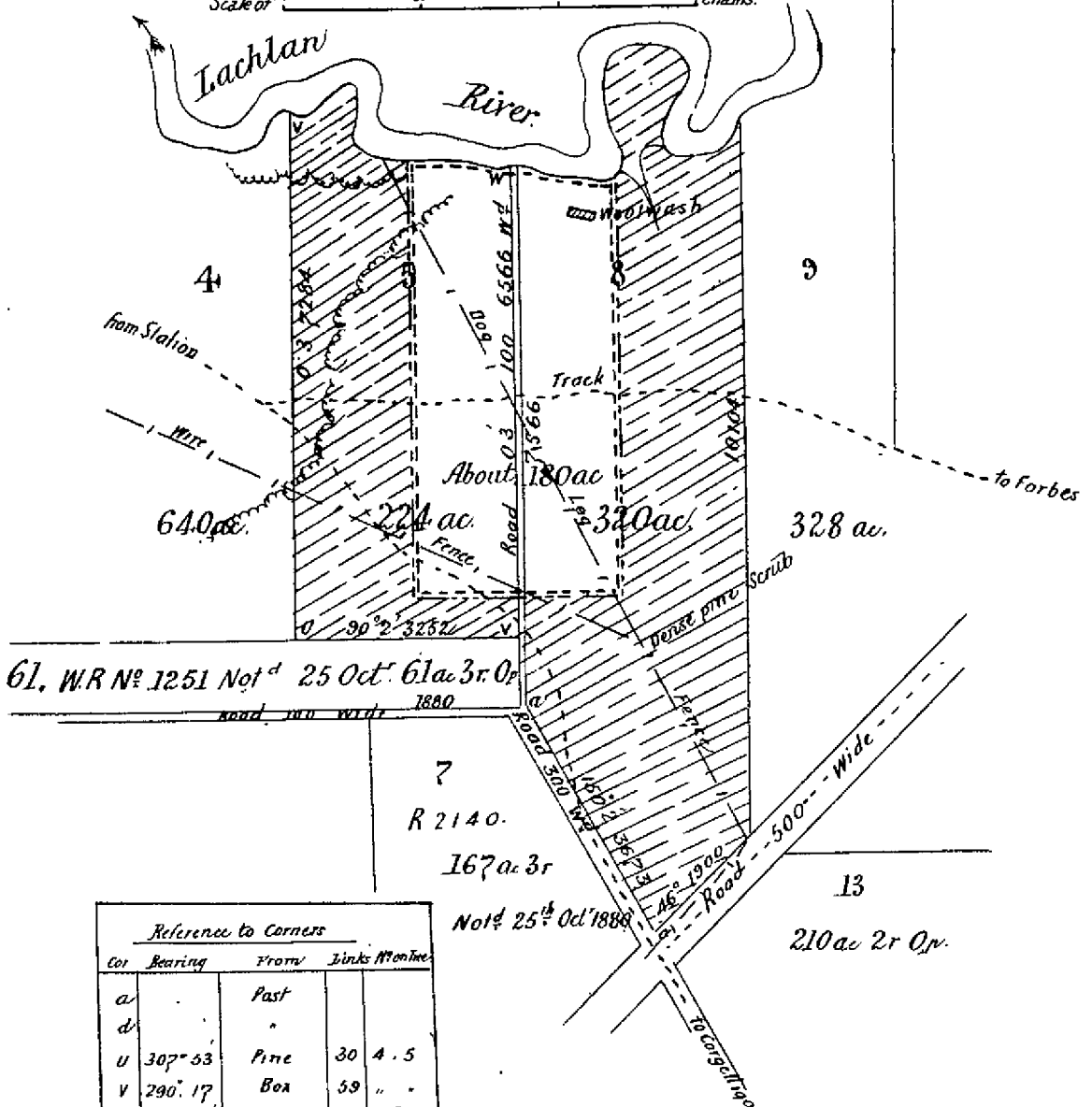
Police Dist^t Hillston

Enclosure to No. 48.

Copy from Tracing
 of portions 5 & 8 in the
 Parish of Lachlan
 County of Bowling

Applied for by Mark Duffly under the
 14th clause of the C.I.A. Act. of 1861
 CP. No. 81. 28.
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61. WR No. 1251 Not^d 25 Oct. 61 ac 3r 0r
 1880

R 2140.
 167 ac 3r

Not^d 25th Oct 1888
 210 ac 2r 0r

Reference to Corners			
Cor	Bearing	From	Links Measure
a		Post	
d		"	
U	307° 53	Pine	30 4.5
V	290° 17	Box	59 "
W	126° 29	Gum	17 5
Y		Post	
X	288° 3	Gum	34 8
S*	230° 4	Pine	94 8.9
T*	332° 40	Gum	18 8.9

Date of Survey 3rd March 1881
 Improvements $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Wire fence } \pounds 21.17 \text{ Dog Leg Fence } \pounds 15. \text{ } \end{array} \right\}$ per 5.
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pounds 193.8 \text{ } \end{array} \right\}$ Woolwash Woolhouse Sweating house $\pounds 158.$
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Dog Leg fence } \pounds 25. \text{ Wire fence } \pounds 10.3 \text{ } \end{array} \right\}$ per 8.

(Sig^d) W. G. Walker,
 Lic^d Surveyor.

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 Ed. J. D. S.

Cat. N^o D. 145, 1841)

Copy from Tracing

Enclosure to N^o 61.

(Al^o N^o 81,3476)

Showing parts 9, 12, & 13 wth the

Parish of Lachlan County of Dowling

Applied for by Arch^d N^o Keller under 14th clause of the C.L.A. Act of 1861

C.P. N^o 81 35, 7th April 1881. Por.

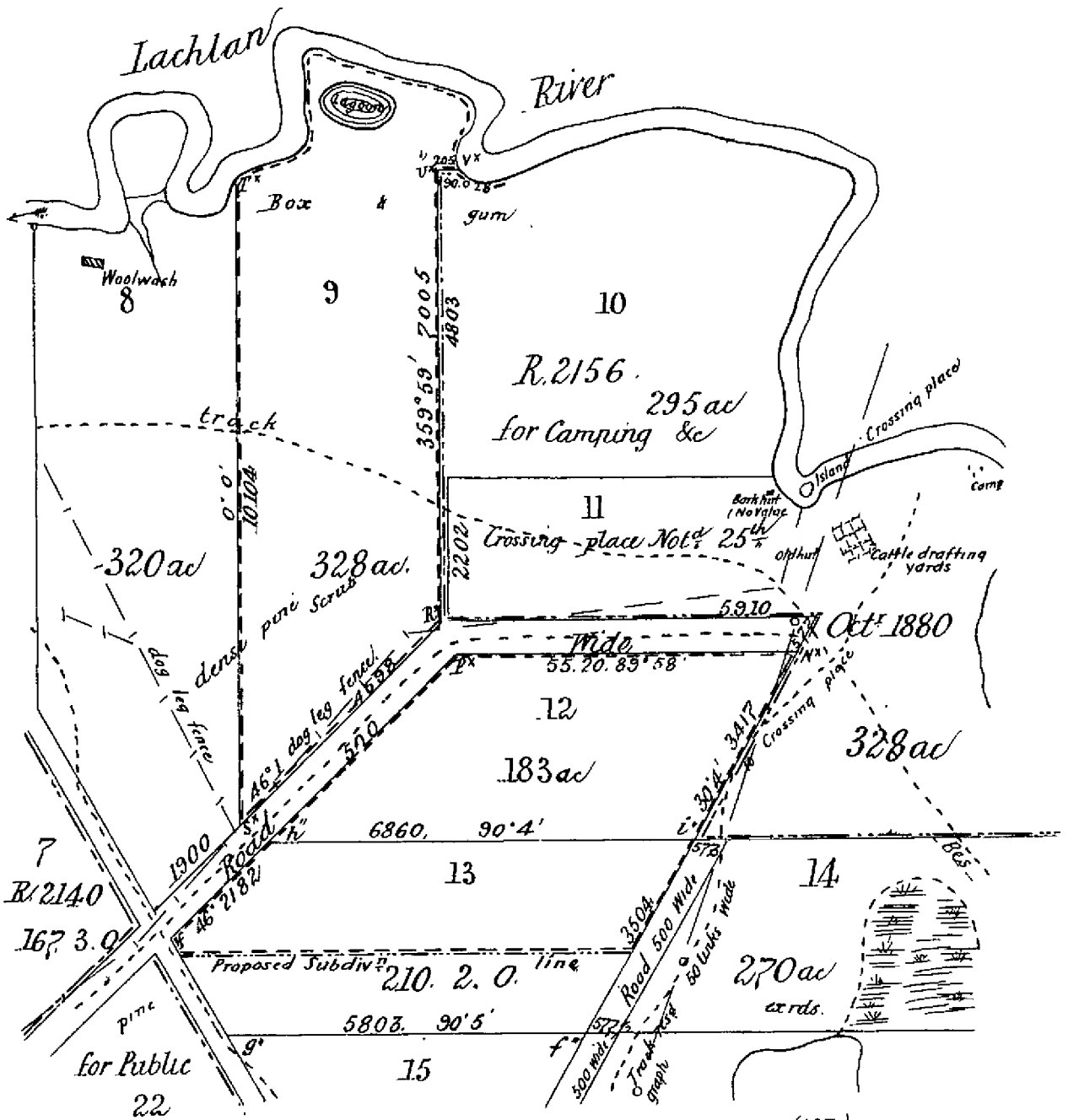
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THE CASE OF MARK DUFFY;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 25. WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1883.

13. THE CASE OF MARK DUFFY :—*Mr. Wilson*, for *Mr. Loughnan*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Mark Duffy, a selector in the Hillston Land District.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Spring*, *Mr. Heydon*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. Stokes*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 50. TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1884.

6. MARK DUFFY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—*Mr. Loughnan* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Mark Duffy's Conditional Purchase," laid upon the Table of this House on 25th January, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.
 Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 135. TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1884.

5. CASE OF MARK DUFFY :—*Mr. Loughnan*, as Chairman, brought up a Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th November, 1883.
 Ordered to be printed.
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THE CASE OF MARK DUFFY.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 28th November, 1883,—“with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Mark Duffy, a selector in the Hillston Land District,” and to whom was referred on the 5th February, 1884, “the Return to Order, ‘Mark Duffy’s Conditional Purchase,’”—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List,* *See List, page 5. whose evidence will be found appended hereto, find as follows:—

- (1) That Mark Duffy applied at Hillston, on the 24th of March, 1881, to conditionally purchase 544 acres of unimproved Crown Lands, being measured portions 5 and 8 in the county of Dowling, parish of Lachlan, but at the same time paid to the Land Agent nineteen pounds six shillings and tenpence on account of improvements on the said land, being ten per centum on the value of such improvement at his estimation.
- (2) That on the 25th of March, 1881, he applied for a pre-lease of 1,600 acres, in virtue of the above-mentioned conditional purchase.
- (3) That in reply to Mark Duffy’s inquiry as to whether he could legally select the before-named improved land, the Land Agent at Hillston informed him that he could do so.
- (4) That Mr. Hoskins, Secretary for Lands, subsequently decided that the selection was bad *ab initio*, being made on a cancelled mining reserve, on which class of lands improvements do bar selection.
- (5) That between the time of the selection being made and the time of the Minister’s adverse decision, Mark Duffy had expended a sum of over four hundred pounds on the land.
- (6) That after a long and expensive lawsuit, Duffy lost his selection and all he was worth, in his endeavour to prove his right to the land.

2. Your Committee are of opinion that a great hardship has been caused to Duffy, through the mistake of the Government Land Agent at Hillston, who unintentionally misled Duffy, by receiving his money and informing him that he could legally select land which was not open for selection. Your Committee therefore, under the circumstances, recommend this case to the favourable consideration of the Government.

No. 2 Committee Room,
Sydney, 17th July, 1884.

GEO. C. LOUGHNAN,
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBER PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan, | Mr. Jones,
Mr. Spring.

Mr. Loughnan called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.
Mr. Stokes, | Mr. Spring.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings referring Return to Order, "Mark Duffy's Conditional Purchase," read by the Clerk

Printed copies of the papers before the Committee.

William T. Coonan, Esq., M.P., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

(Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past *Two* o'clock.)

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan, | Dr. Ross.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan, | Mr. Jones.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

FRIDAY, 9 MAY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 20 MAY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Loughnan, | Dr. Ross.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Mr. Spring, | Dr. Ross.

Mr. Mark Duffy called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. Mark Duffy called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 15 JULY, 1884.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Loughnan in the Chair.

Dr. Ross, | Mr. Stokes.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THE CASE OF MARK DUFFY.

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL, 1884.

Present:—

MR. LOUGHNAN,

MR. SPRING,

MR. STOKES.

G. C. LOUGHNAN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

William T. Coonan, Esq., M.P., called in and examined on oath:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are solicitor for Mr. Mark Duffy, I believe? No; Mr. J. T. Dunn, of Forbes, is Mr. Duffy's solicitor, and I am acting as Mr. Dunn's agent in the matter. I have the whole of the conduct of the case, and know all about it. W. T. Coonan,
Esq., M.P.
25 April, 1884.
2. Will you give the Committee a history of the case, as far as you can? It appears there was a reserve called the Cargellico Mining Reserve; this reserve was notified in the Government Gazette on the 22nd May, 1873; it was revoked and gazetted as open to selection on the 25th October, 1880. Before it was thrown open to selection the Lands Department had it surveyed into measured blocks. Before the date of the revocation they sent surveyors there and had it cut up into blocks of from 640 acres each downwards. From the facts of the case, as borne out by the evidence, and pretty well admitted by the plaintiff, the lessee—that is, Mr. M'Kellar—it appears that as soon as the portions were incasured by the surveyor, the lessee of the run caused improvements to be placed upon those measured portions. After the revocation, on the 24th March, 1881, Mark Duffy, under the 14th section of the Act of 1861, took up a measured portion of 544 acres. I may mention that this land, after it had been divided under the 12th section of the "Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880," Mark Duffy lodged his application. Under ordinary circumstances he would have had to pay only 5s. per acre deposit; but in addition to that sum, which he did pay, he had to pay the sum of £19 6s 10d., at the request of the land agent, as a deposit at the rate of 10 per cent., according to the provision of the 12th section of the Act, the value of certain improvements which were stated to be upon the portion of land which he had selected. This amount was paid by Mark Duffy. Duffy's selection consisted of portions 5 and 8, on what was known as Lake Cargellico Gold-field Reserve, in the land district of Hillston, parish of Lachlan, county Dowling. Duffy remained in peaceful possession from March, 1881, the date of his selection, until the 10th of May, 1882, when a writ was issued against him, at the suit of Duncan M'Kellar, the lessee of the run, for trespasses on Wooyeo Station, on which the selections were made. Portions 5 and 8 consisted of 514 acres, and were selected on the 24th March, 1881; and 81½ acres, in the same parish of Lachlan, county Dowling, were taken up under the 21st section of the Act, on the 29th September, 1881. There were two lots. The one of 544 acres was the original conditional purchase, and the 81½ acres was an additional conditional purchase. Portions 5 and 8 formed two of the measured portions. An action was then brought, on the 10th May, 1882, against Mark Duffy, in the Supreme Court. The Court held that the improvements having been put on before the actual revocation of the reserve, the 12th section of the Act did not apply, and that the Government had consequently made a mistake in throwing this land open to selection,

W. T. Coonan, Esq., M.P.
25 April, 1884.

selection, which they knew was improved to the extent of £1 an acre. The result of the action was that a verdict of 40s. was, by consent, entered for the lessee. This carried costs. The lessee's costs were taxed and allowed at £315 7s. 5d.; the defendant's costs were not taxed, but could have been if necessary, and they amounted to about £120. This was one of six cases brought by the lessee of the run against selectors who had taken up land, under the 12th section of the Act, under precisely similar circumstances as Mark Duffy took up his. The lessee, of course, rested his whole case upon the fact that the selection was barred by reason of improvements. In three of the cases the verdicts were for the selectors. In two of these the lessee consented to a verdict for the selectors; in the other case the Jury found for the selector. In Duffy's case, Duffy had not, in the opinion of the Court, and in the opinion of his counsel, a leg to stand upon, for this reason—that his paying the £19 6s. 10d. showed that there were improvements on the land to the value of over £40. But the land was thrown open to selection, and advertised as open for selection by the Government. The Government opened a land office there and sent a land agent; and this land agent, as Mr. Duffy will tell you, told Duffy, on being asked the question, that the land was open to selection; and after Duffy had paid the 5s. deposit the land agent asked him for £19 6s. 10d., being 10 per cent. of the value of improvements. I may mention, for the information of the Committee, that I can swear that Mr. Levick, the land agent, was subpoenaed by me, and was in Sydney at the trial, and his evidence was verified by me. In his evidence he informed me that he was quite aware, under instructions from the Government, that this land was improved, and that he made up the percentage himself, and asked Duffy for the amount.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. ROSS, | MR. SPRING.

G. C. LOUGHNAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Mark Duffy called in and examined on oath:—

- Mr. M. Duffy. 3. *Chairman.*] You are the applicant in the case which has been referred to this Committee for inquiry? Yes.
- 21 May, 1884. 4. You free-selected some land at Hillston, on the Cargellico Mining Reserve, on the 24th March, 1881? Yes.
5. Were there any improvements on the land when you selected it? Yes, they were valued on the map to be worth £193, and I paid a deposit upon them equal to 10 per cent. of that amount.
6. Did you ask the land agent of the district if the land was open to selection? Yes, and he told me it was, and that I could take it up by paying 10 per cent. of the value of the improvements on it.
7. I suppose you considered the improvements to be worth that amount? They were not worth all that; many of them were taken away by the lessee.
8. But at the time you selected were the improvements worth that sum? I do not think there was quite that amount of improvements on the land. I wanted to have them appraised again, and was willing to pay the balance.
9. Did you consider there was £40 worth of improvements? Yes.
10. And you paid a deposit of £19 6s. 10d., being 10 per cent. of the estimated value of the improvements on the land? Yes.
11. Are there any circumstances you would like to bring under the notice of the Committee which you consider entitle your case to consideration? My grass right was gazetted. I went in to Hillston to see the plans—to see that it was all right.
12. On what date did you take that up? On the day following the selection. He told me he would give me a copy of the map after paying 5s.; I gave the money to Mr. O'Donnell, and he paid the land agent. The copy was sent to me.
13. You took up 116 acres as grass right, adjoining your original selection? Yes.
14. And after all this had taken place, there was some communication made to you to the effect that the improvements on the land barred selection? Not by the Government.
15. Was it made by any one? No; I paid for the improvements.
16. Did you pay for the whole of the improvements? No, I paid only at the rate of 10 per cent. I had to fence the land, on account of M'Kellar giving me notice that my stock were trespassing on his land, and he would have me up.
17. *Mr. Ross.*] Was that the pre-emptive portion? No, the conditional purchase.
18. *Chairman.*] It was a measured portion? Yes.
19. When did it first come to your knowledge that there was any dispute about the selection you had taken up? When I was served with a writ by Mr. M'Kellar.
20. How long was that after you had taken up the selection? Close upon two years—better than eighteen months, I know. During that time I was making improvements. I put up a fence, brought some of the land under cultivation, and made a garden.
21. Taking into consideration your own labour and that of any one else you employed, what amount of money do you consider you spent on the selection, from the time you took it up until you received the writ? When I went there I had about £700 in money; besides money I had 600 sheep, 12 horses, and 15 head of cattle.
22. Out of the money I suppose you paid your deposits when taking up the selection and the grass right? Yes; I lost a great deal of time in running about; I paid as much as £30 per ton for wire.
23. At all events you had the amount of money and stock when you first went to select? Yes.
24. Did you lose all that? Yes.
25. Stock and all? Yes, I had to sell the stock for little or nothing, to see if I could get the ground.
26. Was much of the money spent in paying law expenses? A great deal of it went in law expenses. I made three trips to Hillston; I had to come to Sydney, and was delayed five weeks waiting for the trial.
27. After the service of the writ, there was a Supreme Court action in Sydney? Yes.
28. What was the result of that action? The Supreme Court ruled that £40 worth of improvements barred selection, and I had to clear out; I had two months given me to clear out. 29.

29. Did not Mr. Hoskins, who was then Minister for Lands, first of all decide that £40 worth of improve- *Mr. M. Duffy.*
ments barred selection? There had been a case tried before that, and it had become law.
30. *Mr. Ross.*] Did Mr. Hoskins decide in your favour or against you? It was Judge Windeyer who *21 May, 1884*
decided my case.
31. But was the Minister's decision against you or for you? I cannot say.
32. On what block of land were the improvements made? On No. 8 principally.
33. What was the value of the improvements placed on No. 8? £193.
34. There were two blocks included in your selection, one of 324 acres and one of 224 acres, making 544
acres in all? Yes.
35. What was the value of the improvements on No. 5? There were no improvements on No. 5 at the
time.
36. Were the whole of the improvements made on No. 8 only? What were shown on the map were, but
they were erecting a cottage on No. 5.
37. What I want to know is this: on what block were the improvements when you took up the land?
On block No. 8.
38. And what was the value of the improvements on that block? £193.
39. Then in reality there were no improvements on No. 5? Yes, but they were not valued on the map;
there was a cottage which was not finished.
40. A memorandum by the Surveyor-General, which is numbered 39 in the printed papers, says that
portion 5 was improved to the extent of £50, by a weatherboard cottage and fencing? Yes, but that
improvement was not shown on the map when I took the land up.
41. You mean that they put the improvements on after the land was surveyed? No.
42. After you selected it? No, before I selected it.
43. *Chairman.*] You had a ballot about this land, had you not? Yes, that was over portion 13.
44. The additional or conditional purchase? Additional.
45. You lost that? Yes; the ballot was for portion No. 9, and after I lost the ballot I selected portion No. 13,
which was left, 81½ acres; it was left by Duncan M'Kellar.
46. *Mr. Ross.*] When you first took up the land you say the land agent told you there was no objection
to your conditionally purchasing it? Yes, he did.
47. On that ground he took your money? Yes.
48. How did he happen to take from you the 10 per cent. deposit, the £19 6s. 10d.? That was 10 per
cent. of the supposed value of the improvements.
49. When you took up the ground you must have known there were improvements on it which would bar
selection? No, the land agent told me I could select by paying for the improvements. It was a gold-
mining reserve which had been revoked.
50. It has been elicited in evidence or in the correspondence that the improvements consisted of a cottage and
a woolshed—they would be necessary for carrying on the work of a station? M'Kellar did not wash
there; he put those improvements on to secure the ground; he washed 4 or 5 miles higher up the
river.
51. You paid £19 6s. 10d. deposit on the estimated value of the improvements, and on that ground you
believed that your conditional purchase was correct? Yes, he told me distinctly that I could not get the
ground without paying for the improvements.
52. Was any application lodged with the land agent for the purchase of the ground by virtue of the
improvements on it? No, I am not aware that there was.
53. Did you hear that such an application had been put in? I heard so many things.
54. But can you not say whether or not you heard that such application had been put in? I cannot say
that I did hear it.
55. Do you know there is an application in now? No.
56. How far is the station where the lessee resides, the head station, from this land? About a mile.
57. Do any of his paddocks, his purchased property, adjoin the land which you took up? I suppose the
station is purchased.
58. Does that purchased property adjoin the piece of land in dispute? Yes.
59. You say the station is about a mile from the land you selected? Yes, about a mile.
60. Is there any fence dividing the properties? Yes, I put up a dividing fence.
61. Where you selected there was no fence? There was a fence.
62. That was there when you selected? Yes, and many years before.
63. Is it there now? Yes.
64. Is it a good fence? It never was a good fence.
65. How much per mile would you value it at? It is worth very little, because it is rotten.
66. Suppose it were your own, what value would you put upon it? About £15 per mile.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq., Chief Commissioner for Crown Lands, called in and examined on oath:—

67. *Chairman.*] Will you give the Committee, as concisely as you can, and as nearly as you possibly can,
your knowledge of the case that has been referred to this Committee for inquiry? Yes, I think I can state it *A. O.*
in few words. A gold-field on the Lachlan River was revoked, I think, in the year 1881. Soon after *Moriarty, Esq.*
the revocation several conditional purchases were made within the revoked area; among others, a *21 May, 1884.*
conditional purchase was made by Mr. Mark Duffy. The portion selected by Mr. Duffy contained
some improvements, and Mr. Duffy, on the assumption—an assumption that was probably shared
in by the local land agent—thought the case came within the provisions of a section of
the Act passed in 1880, under which cancelled reserves on which improvements had been made
were open to selection on a deposit being paid to cover the value of the improvements. He
paid a deposit with respect to all the improvements on his portions. The case came before the Minister,
Mr. Hoskins, who decided—in fact it hardly admitted of question—that the clause of the Act of 1880 did
not apply at all to such a case as this. About the same time an action was brought in the Supreme Court
by the lessee of the run against Mr. Duffy, and either immediately after, or at the period of the action,
Mr. Duffy's agent applied to me for a refund of his deposit, stating that his case was not a tenable one,
and he wished to get his deposit back. The refund was given him at his request.

A. O.
Moriarty, Esq.
21 May, 1884.

68. Is that shown in the printed papers? I am not sure, but it is unquestionably a fact. Probably the papers do show it, but I have not made myself familiar with them in the order in which they are printed.

69. Was Mr. Cumming Mr. Duffy's agent? Yes; I referred to the original papers before coming here, and I do not think I am mistaken as to this being the case referred to—it is just as I described it.

70. Mr. Duffy states that he asked the land agent if the land was open to selection, and the land agent told him he could take it up by paying 10 per cent. of the value of the improvements? I think I stated that I believed the land agent acted under the impression that the 12th section of the Act did apply in this case.

71. *Mr. Spring.*] Was the usual course taken by the Department on this application? I think it was; the usual routine course was observed.

72. In fact it went on in the usual way until an objection was made by M'Kellar, the lessee of the run? I think not; I think the objection on which the application was cancelled came from the Survey Department; the Survey Department had to report on the selection, as to whether it was good or bad, and submitted the facts of the case to the Minister. The other parties went to law about the case.* On turning over the printed papers I find they contain a request from Mr. Mark Duffy for a refund. Paper No. 40 is a letter from Mr. Duffy's agent to the Chief Commissioner, in which he says, "I forward herewith a letter from my client, Mark Duffy, explanatory of his case, and request that I may be furnished with a voucher for refund of 10 per cent. on value of improvements, £230 5s., paid on application by him."

73. That is for improvements? Yes.

74. I suppose that at the same time he would have made application for a refund of the purchase money of the land? The agent wrote on the 13th March, and the survey report was then in hand. The authority had then really been given for the refund of the money paid on selection, consistently with this request.

75. Had the subdivision fee been paid would it have made any difference—You see what Mr. Duffy's agent says in one of his letters to you, on page 18 of the printed papers, "I am averse to advising my client to go to law, but am perfectly certain that if this case were taken to the Supreme Court the selection of Mark Duffy would be upheld. When he made application for these portions and paid 10 per cent. on supposed value of improvements, he contracted a title thereto which cannot be annulled in this arbitrary manner. Had applicant been met, at the time he selected the land, with the objection that as the land was improved to over £1 per acre he could not select the improved part, he would have paid subdivision fee and applied for the unimproved part at once?" Had the application been made for the unimproved part, it would have become a good application in the event of the Minister upholding the selection. No doubt, under another clause of the law, if an application had been made for the unimproved part of the measured portion, and the subdivision fee paid subject to the Minister's approval, the application would have been accepted.

76. Was there any application made after that to have a subdivision if he gave up portions of his original selections? There may have been another application for part of the land, which may not have been included in the printed correspondence, as that correspondence relates specifically to the application made in 1881.†

77. I think there was another application made, in which Duffy asked to have the land measured back 60 chains instead of the full depth, so as to enable him to take his selection up, but the Minister refused to allow it? That particular form of measurement was taken exception to. I do not think the Minister disapproved of any specific application. It was asked that a greater depth should be allowed in one case than in the other, so as to surround the improvements.

78. *Mr. Ross.*] Do you remember whether Duffy was permitted the privilege of taking the balance of the land after allowing 100 acres for improvements—he took 544 acres, and 180 acres were all owed by virtue of improvements—was he allowed the option of taking the balance of the land? I do not think so. The application was a bad one, and a lawsuit was pending against him. I am quite certain that his agent saw me and applied for a refund of the money he had paid.

79. *Mr. Spring.*] I think you said the application to purchase was refused because it was a greater distance than 60 chains back? No; I said it was not refused, but that the particular form of measurement that would have had that effect was not approved. I submitted that it would be a wrong thing.

80. *Mr. Ross.*] When a discrepancy occurs, is not the option allowed the conditional purchaser of taking the balance? But such action would not have benefited the party, inasmuch as it would have left him with a bad title. At the same time his object might possibly have been gained by another application in a proper form.

Mr. Mark Duffy recalled and examined:—

Mr. M. Duffy. 81. *Mr. Ross.*] How long were you in possession of the ground after you had selected it until you received notice from the Government that it was void? About a year and nine months.

21 May, 1884. 82. During that time what amount of improvements did you put on the ground? I fenced it and made a cultivation paddock, and made a garden.

83. What do you estimate the value of those improvements at? £400. M'Kellar kept giving me notice that my stock trespassed on his ground, and that he would bring an action against me. I had to get a man to draw stuff for the fence and work hard.

84. How long after you had selected was it that you were served with a writ? I suppose about a year and nine months.

85. Was that prior to or after the notice you had received the ground was void? I got the writ before I got the notice from the Lands Department. M'Kellar came to me and told me that I had better go, as I knew I had no right to the ground.

86. Did he ever warn you not to make improvements? When I first went up, I got the stuff to put up my portion of the fence, and he told me he would not fence.

87. He did not give you warning after you had made the selection? Yes, some time afterwards.

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* NOTE (on revision):—The agents of the lessee protested against the selection soon after it was made, on the ground of improvements, but not on the particular ground which rendered it invalid.

† NOTE (on revision):—I cannot find that any such re-selection was made, though the applicant appears to have contemplated applying afresh in this way.

88. How long afterwards? Twelve months afterwards, I should say.
89. By the end of twelve months what value of improvements had you put on the ground? I had all the fencing pretty well done by that time. There was a cultivation paddock cleared, and I had some trees to put in the garden.
90. What was the value of the improvements you had put on the ground by the end of twelve months? About £300 worth I suppose. I am no scholar, and never kept an account as I ought to have done.
91. *Chairman.*] What did you value your sheep and cattle and horses at? Some of the horses were worth £30 each—I had to sell them for £15. I had a good team of horses. The sheep were an average lot for a selector.
92. You had twelve horses? Yes.
93. What were they worth all round? I suppose £15 all round, taking one with another.
94. *Mr. Ross.*] How many cattle had you? Fourteen or fifteen head.
95. How much per head did you value them at? About £8.
96. And the sheep, what were they valued at? I suppose they were worth 8s. a head at the time.
97. How many sheep had you? 600.
98. *Chairman.*] You had to sell off all your stock? Yes, I had to sell everything.
99. *Mr. Ross.*] What did you lose by selling off? I did not get half the value of the stock—I had to sell them at any price I could get for them.
100. How much did you get for the sheep? 6s. 6d. for some; some I was not allowed to take, because it was said they were not my brand.
101. *Chairman.*] What did you get for the horses? I sold them to Mr. Pryor; I really forget what I got for them, but I think it was £10 a head. They were worth at least £15 a head.
102. And the cattle, what did you get for them? £6.
103. *Mr. Ross.*] When you went there you say you had £700—did you expend that money on the land? Not all on that ground; I had other ground.
104. How much did you spend? I spent about £400 in improving the ground I took up on the Cargellico Run.
105. *Chairman.*] That would leave you £300? Yes.
106. What became of that? I never made any money on the ground; it took the other money to keep my family and pay the expenses and lawyers; I was always running about.
107. *Mr. Ross.*] For what length of time did you reside on the land altogether? About two years, or close upon it.
108. Did you get any crop or anything off the land? I had a bit of a crop one year, but it was dry—I did not get much off.
109. *Mr. Spring.*] Did you derive any profit from the expenditure of money on the land—did you draw any wire and sell it for anything—did you sell a portion of a house, or the material of a house? No; I sold a bit of hay, the first crop I had, for £13.
110. The improvements you put up were of no money value to you, as you had to leave the ground? No; I asked the Court if I should be allowed to have the value of the improvements, and they said not.
111. Has the amount of your pre-lease deposit money been returned to you? Yes.

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M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT BROTHERS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

(REPORTS, SURVEYS, PLANS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 25 March, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 13 December, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

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“ (2.) The same of the applications of Alexander M'Ilveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, in the same parishes.

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(Mr. Gill.)

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M'ILVEEN & CLIFT BROTHERS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

No. 1.

Application by John Eccles.

C.

No. 12 of 1872.

Application by John Eccles for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 18th day of January, 1872, at 10 o'clock,—

G. E. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

18 January, 1872.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

JOHN ECCLES,

Breeza.

Per WILLIAM THOMAS CALLAGHAN, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Doona, 40 acres, taking in a small dam near "Okey Pokey" sheep-station, being a portion of Mooki River Run.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. Higgins to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.S.A., 26 March, 1872. Transferred to L.-S. Goodwin.—J. J. HIGGINS, August 11, 1873. To the Surveyor-General:—Plan with letter, No. 74-13, dated January 20.—A. DEWHURST, February 5, 1874

No. 2.

Application by John Eccles.

C.

No. 26 of 1874.

Application by John Eccles for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 280 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £70, this 15th day of January, 1874, at 1 o'clock,—

G. E. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sir,

15 January, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 280 acres; which forms my conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 18th January, 1872; and I herewith tender the sum of £70, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

PETER DUFF,

Agent for JOHN ECCLES, Breeza.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Doona, 280 acres, adjoining the south and west of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

Minutes on No. 2.

Mr. Wyndham.—If first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to measure, if unobjectionable.—W.A.D., pro Surveyor-General, 3 February, 1874. Mr. L.-S. Williams.—E.S.W., July 8. Received 10 July, 1874.—V. WILLIAMS. Mr. L.-S. Capper.—V. WILLIAMS, 4 January, 1875. Received 19 February, 1875.—C. CAPPER. Plan transmitted with my letter, No. 76-13, dated 25 February, 1876, to the Surveyor-General.—C. CAPPER, 25/2/76.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Trinkey, 20 January, 1874.

In compliance with your blank cover, dated 25th March, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins, and transferred by him to me, I have the honor to enclose a plan of a portion of land in the parish of Brothers, county of Pottinger, applied for, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by John Eccles.

2. The applicant resides on the land.

3. The improvements consist of a gunyah worth £1.

4. On the plan a sketch will be seen showing the approximate position of this portion.

5. The instrument used was a theodolite, and the date of survey, 28th August, 1873.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN.

No. 4.]

Application by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

C. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

No. 373 of 1874.

Application by William M'Ilveen, junior, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 30th day of April, 1874, at 10 o'clock,—

JAMES M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

30 April, 1874.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, JUN.,

Gunnedah,

D. SINCLAIR, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Goran, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, to the north of Colly Blue Mountain, to take in a small clump of apple-trees.

Minutes on No. 4.

Mr. L.-S. Higgins to measure, if unobjectionable.—J. W., *per* Sur.-Genl., 12 May, 1874. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins, he having made the surveys.—J. CAPPER, 11/12/74. Report herewith.—J. J. HIGGINS, 19/3/75.

No. 5.

Application by Mr. A. M'Ilveen.

C.

No. 374 of 1874.

Application by Alexander M'Ilveen for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 30th day of April, 1874, at 10 o'clock,—

JAS. M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

30 April, 1874.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER M'ILVEEN,

Gunnedah.

D. SINCLAIR, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase of 320 acres made this day.

Minutes on No. 5.

Mr. L.-S. Higgins to measure, if unobjectionable.—J. W.V., *p.* Sur.-Genl., 12 May, 1874. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins, the survey having been conducted by him.—J. CAPPER, 11/12/74. Report herewith.—J. J. HIGGINS, 19/3/75.

No. 6.

Application by Mr. C. Collins.

C.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

No. 395 of 1875

Application by Charles Collins, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres, unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 7th day of May, 1874, at 3 o'clock,—

JAS. M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

7 May, 1874.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES COLLINS,

Yarraman.

SAMUEL MELVILLE, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, Nos. 25 and 26, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs. Land applied for measured, but not offered for sale.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 6.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin to report on residence.—J.H., for Sur.-General, 1 June, 1874. Received 2 July, 1874.—T. H. H. GOODWIN. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins.—T. H. H. GOODWIN, 20 August, 1874. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins.—H. CAPPER, 30/4/75.

No. 7.

Application by Mr. M. M'Namara.

C. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

No. 397 of 1874.

Application by Michael M'Namara for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches, unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £30 Ss., this 7th day of May, 1874, at 3 o'clock,—

JAMES McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

7 May, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches; and I herewith tender the sum of £30 Ss., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

MICHAEL M'NAMARA,

Yarraman.

SAMUEL MELVILLE, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, No. 24, 121 acres 2 roods and 16 perches. Land applied for measured, but not offered for sale.

Minutes on No. 7.

Mr. Lic.-Sur. Goodwin to report on residence.—J.W., *pro* Sur.-Genl., 1 June, 1874. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins.—J. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 30/4/75.

No. 8.

Application by Mr. M. M'Namara.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

No. 396 of 1874.

Application by Michael M'Namara for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches, unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £49 12s., this 7th day of May, 1874, at 3 o'clock,—

J. McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

7 May, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches, made on the 7th May, 1874; and I herewith tender the sum of £49 12s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

MICHAEL M'NAMARA,

Yarraman.

SAMUEL MELVILLE, Agent.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches, Trinkey Downs, to adjoin applicant's original conditional purchase of 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches, on the south and west.

Minutes on No. 8.

Mr. Lic.-Sur. Goodwin, if first C.P. is satisfactory, to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.W., *pro* Sur.-Genl., 1 June, 1874. Transferred to Mr. Higgins.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN, 20 Aug., 1874. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Higgins.—J. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 30/4/74.

No. 9.

Application by Mr. H. Burke.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 404 of 1874.

Application by Henry Burke for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 14th day of May, 1874, at 10 o'clock,—

JAMES McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

Sir,

14 May, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

HENRY BURKE,

Breeza.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

G. W. PAINE, Agent.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 40 acres, partly adjoining the eastern boundary of Jackson's 40 acres, No. 31 measured portion.

Minutes on No. 9.

Mr. Lic.-Sur. Goodwin to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.M., *pro* Sur.-Gen., 24 June, /74. No. 35. Received 7 July, 1874.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN. Transferred to Mr. Capper, the land being in his district.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN, 20 Aug., /74. Plan transmitted with my letter, No. 75-23, dated 10 February, /75.—J. F. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 10/2/75.

No. 10.

Application by Mr. H. Burke.

No. 405 of 1874.

Application by Henry Burke, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 14th day of May, 1874, at 10 o'clock,—

JAMES McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

14 May, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 14th May, 1874; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

HENRY BURKE,

Breeza.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

G. W. PAINE, Agent.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 40 acres, partly adjoining the eastern boundary of my 40 acres conditional purchase, made this day.

Minutes on No. 10.

Mr. Lic.-Sur. Goodwin, if first C.P. is satisfactory, to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.M., *pro* Sur.-Gen., 24 June, /74. No. 34. Received 7 July, 1874.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN. Transferred to Mr. Capper, the land being in his district.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN, 20 Aug., /74. Plan transmitted with my letter, No. 75-23, dated 10 February, /75.—J. F. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 10/2/75.

No. 11.

Application by Mr. H. Burke.

Application by Henry Burke for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 14th day of May, 1874, at 10 o'clock,—

JAMES McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

14 May, 1874.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 14th May, 1874; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

HENRY BURKE,

Breeza.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

G. W. PAINE, Agent.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 40 acres, partly adjoining the east boundary of my additional conditional purchase made this day,

Minutes on No. 11.

Mr. L.-S. Goodwin, if first C.P. is satisfactory, to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.M., *pro* Surveyor-General, 24/6/74. No. 33. Received 7 July, 1874.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN. Transferred to Mr. Capper, the land being in his district.—THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN, 20/8/74. Transmitted plan with my letter No. 75/23, dated 10th February, 1875.—J. F. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 10/2/75.

No. 12.

No. 12.

Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir

Goran Lake, 26 November, 1874.

I, Wm. M'Ilveen, junior, selected 320 acres of land at Tamworth Land Office, on 30th April last. Alexander M'Ilveen also selected on the same day at the same office. The descriptions of the selections are as follows:—No. 373, William M'Ilveen, junior, 320 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Goran, on Trinkey Downs, to the north of Colly Blue Mountain, to take in a small clump of apple-trees. No. 374, Alexander M'Ilveen, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of Wm. M'Ilveen, junior's, conditional purchase of 320 acres. Mr. Surveyor Higgins told me that my selection must be cancelled, simply because I had taken a measured piece containing $121\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which it appears was taken by one M'Namara since I selected the land. If so, there has never been any such person residing on it since I selected. I am bound to take the piece referred to, as I have not sufficient land without it. I am bound on the east by No. 23, a piece containing 60 acres; on the north by No. 1 conditional purchase of Melville's, containing 320 acres; on the west by a selection that Mr. Surveyor Higgins surveyed for one John Williams. He, Mr. Surveyor Higgins, also informed me that Alexander M'Ilveen's would also be cancelled, because he had not described his selection as measured. When we selected here we were not aware that any of this land was measured, and could not see any of the surveyor's pegs on account of the long grass. There was not any map of this land at Tamworth Land Office. No. 24 is piece containing $121\frac{1}{2}$ acres; Nos. 25 and 26 are the two pieces taken by Alexander M'Ilveen. If they are to be cancelled, I would be very much obliged to you if you would let me know as soon as convenient.

I remain, &c.,

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR.

No. 13.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

1 December, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, parish of Howe's Hill, county of Pottinger, measured for auction sale on the application of T. and W. Vivers, *per* Saml. Melville. These portions consist of undulating plain country; timber, scattered myalls; soil, rich black.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 13.

Mr. Trengrouse,—For auction sale.—J.H.L., 3/4/75.

No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 January, 1875.

In reference to your communication of the 26th November, 1874, respecting the conditional purchase of 320 acres made by you at Tamworth on the 30th April last, I am directed to apprise you that the application was sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins on the 12th May, 1874, for his report and survey of the land, should no objection exist, and on receipt thereof you will be further communicated with.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 15.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins.

Sir,

Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, 2 February, 1875.

I have to invite your attention to my letter of the 18th day of May, No. 74-175-176, whereby you were directed to measure, if unobjectionable, land selected by A. and W. M'Ilveen, and to request that you will carry out the instructions above referred to with as little delay as possible.

I am, &c.,

J. S. ADAM,

(For Surveyor General).

Minutes on No. 15.

Mr. Capper, for action.—J. J. HIGGINS, 31st July, 1875. The applications referred to herein forwarded to Mr. Higgins on the 11th December, 1874.—JAMES F. CAPPER, 14th September, 1875.

The papers were returned to head-quarters with my report of March 19th, 1875.—J. J. HIGGINS.

No. 16.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Capper to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Gunnedah, 10 February, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of three portions numbered 40, 41, 42, in the parish of Brothers, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by Henry Burke, under the 13th and 21st clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and measured by me on the 27th January, 1875, in compliance with your instructions of the 25th June, 1874.

The applicant was resident at date of survey, but I respectfully submit that he should be called on to prove *bona fide* residence.

Improvements—Gunyah on conditional purchase (No. 40), value £1.

I have, &c.,

JAMES F. CAPPER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 16.

To the Surveyor-General, February 22nd, 1875.—A. DEWHURST. Exd. Dealt with in Charting Branch. Applicant to show cause.—J.H.C., 23 June, 1875. Applicant having failed to prove residence, the case may now go on for report of Inspector.—W.B., 16/10/76.

No. 17.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

19 March, 1875.

In accordance with your instructions No. 75-4 of the 2nd February, 1875, I have the honor to report that the land applied for by Alexander McIlveen had been previously surveyed in two portions of 160 acres each by Mr. Goodwin for auction sale, of which fact applicant was not aware. The same land has since been, I understand, selected by one M'Namara, and his applications are I believe in Mr. Capper's hands. Extract made and C.P. with it 74-4,927

With reference to the conditional purchase of 320 acres by William McIlveen, I have the honor to inform you that there was not a sufficient area of vacant Crown Land for this applicant. The only vacant land in the locality consisted of portion 53, parish of Howe's Hill, containing 72½ acres, which I measured for auction sale on the application of T. and W. Vivers, and the plan of which was transmitted to headquarters with my letter of the 1st December, 1874. Applicant had however effected improvements on this portion by sinking a well worth £40, and I would therefore respectfully suggest that his application for 320 acres be cancelled, and that he be allowed to select the portion No. 53 (on which his well is situated) as now measured, if he expresses a wish to do so. The plans transmitted with letters of the 27th October, 1874, will show the locality of this portion. The position of the well referred to is north-east about 15 chains from the south-west corner of the portion. I have since found out that this well was made at the time of survey; I could not, however, definitely fix its position, as I did not see it at that time. I inspected the ground for the purpose of fixing the position and reporting on the value of the well on the 7th of March, 1875.

I would respectfully suggest that, before any action be taken in the matter, this letter be forwarded to Mr. Capper, who is surveying at present in the neighbourhood, for additional information as to whether M'Namara has fulfilled the conditions of the Act as to residence and improvements.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS.

Minutes on No. 17.

Papers 74-27,304 and 75-3,222, if connected with this conditional purchase, should be placed herewith. The description in the conditional purchase application 74-4,926 is so indefinite that this report cannot be checked.—F.W.R., 28/4/75.

Under this report the conditional purchase application (74-4,926) should be declared void, as there is not sufficient land available. The conditional purchaser should be informed that he may make another application for the only available land, viz., portion 53 of 72½ acres, parish of Howe's Hill (county of Pottinger), which land is withheld from sale (for three months) pending his reply and application.—J.S.A., 28th April, 1875.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—W.W.S.

By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—T.G., 7th May, 1875.

No. 18.

Declaration by Mr. J. Eccles.

C. P. No. 72,163.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, JOHN ECCLES, of Breeza, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house and shepherd's hut, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by me). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Witness—C. G. HAMMOND.

his
JOHN + ECCLES.
mark

Taken and declared, at Werris Creek, this 12th day of April, 1875, before me,—

GEORGE A. SINGLE, J.P.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Doona, 40 acres at Doona, being conditional purchase No. 12, of 1872, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 18th of January, 1872.

Certificate by Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. E. BRODIE,

Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 18.

Interest £1 10s. Credit, 17 May, 1875, at Treasury. Examined and found correct.—W.B., 10th December, 1875.

No. 19.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Williams.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 13 April, 1875.

I have to invite your attention to my letter of the 20th day of March, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Wyndham, transferred to you, whereby you were directed to measure, if unobjectionable, the land applied for by Mr. John Eccles, and to request that you will carry out the instructions above referred to with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

J. S. ADAM,

(For the Surveyor-General).

Minutes on No 19.

This application was transferred to Mr. L.-S. Capper, on the 4th January, 1875, as the land applied for was in his district.—V. WILLIAMS. Forwarded to L.-S. Capper.—J.S.A., 14/8/75. Plan transmitted to the Surveyor-General with my letter of the 25th February, 1876.—J. CAPPER, 25th February, 1876.

No. 20.

Extract from Report by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins.

19 March, 1875.

I HAVE the honor to report that the land applied for by Alexander M'Ilveen had been previously surveyed in two portions of 160 acres each by Mr. Goodwin, for auction sale, of which fact applicant was not aware. The same land has since been, I understand, selected by one M'Namara, and his applications are, I believe, in Mr. Capper's hands.

J. J. HIGGINS.

Minutes on No. 20.

Mr. L.-S. Capper is requested to report whether the lands applied for by Mr. M'Namara are identical with that applied for by Alexander M'Ilveen. If so, he will be good enough to transmit an explanatory sketch, and return the former conditional purchases at once for cancellation.—P.W.R. (for Surveyor-General), 12 May, 1875.

The applications of Michael M'Namara were transferred to Mr. Higgins, 30th April, 1875, and the survey of a portion of the land made by him. I therefore forward this instruction to him, as he is fully conversant with the matter.—JAMES F. CAPPER, Gunnedah, 14th September, 1875. Report in full herewith.—J. J. HIGGINS, January 3rd, 1876.

No. 21.

Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Goran, Gunnedah, 11 May, 1875.

Referring to your letter of the 15th January last, relative to conditional purchases of 320 acres each, made by my brother Alexander M'Ilveen and myself, at Tamworth, on the 30th of April, 1874, in which I was informed that our applications had been sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins, on the 12th of May, 1874, for his report and survey of the land, and that, should no objection exist, and on receipt thereof, I would be further communicated with, I respectfully beg leave to inform you that up to the present time I have not been written to upon the subject, but have been patiently waiting for some intimation in regard to the land in question. I am not aware of any objections likely to be made, and have sunk a well some 50 feet on rock, and made other improvements, but do not like proceeding further until I receive a reply from your Department.

I should therefore feel obliged by your causing the substance of Mr. Higgins' report to be sent to me with as little delay as possible, in order that I may know in what position I am placed in regard to the land in question.

I have, &c.,

W. M'ILVEEN, JUNR.

No. 22.

Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months), on my original purchase, under 13th section, this day alienated to William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift, of Breeza, the 320 acres of land, being the total area, situate in the county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, which I selected as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following dates, namely, 13th January, 1872, and 15th January, 1874.

his

JOHN x ECCLES.

mark.

Dated at Breeza, this 13th May, 1875.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Witness—A. T. YOUNG.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Crown Land Sales Office, Murrurundi,

G. E. BRODIE,

20th May, 1875.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 23.

Mr. W. H. Deloitte to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Circular Quay, Sydney, 16 July, 1875.

I have the honor to enclose a letter addressed to you, forwarded to me for delivery, and shall feel obliged if you will send reply thereto to my care at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,

W. H. DELOITTE.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 23.]

William M'Ilveen, junior, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lake Goran, Gunnedah, 6 July, 1875.
 With reference to your letter to me of the 15th January last, relative to the conditional purchases made by my brother, Alexander M'Ilveen, and myself, and also to my letter of May last, requesting to be informed whether our applications had been approved of, we have not as yet received any reply, although we have now been more than fifteen months in occupation of the land, consequently we are unable to proceed with our improvements as we would wish to do, having everything ready on the grounds. We would therefore earnestly pray for an answer. No objection has been raised to our occupying the land by anyone. We may mention that Mr. Melville, Messrs. Vivers' superintendent at Trinkey Station, selected these portions for two men in his employment, named Michael M'Namara and Charles Collins. These men never took possession, and Mr. Melville applied to the Government for refundment of the money, evidently giving up all claim to it. We selected before them. There are two men named M'Namara and Collins now selectors on the Trinkey Station in Mr. Melville's employment, but whether they are the same persons who selected before we cannot say.

Being very awkwardly situated in every way, we would be very grateful if you will give our case your attention and grant us a reply.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR.

(For Self and Brother).

Minutes on No. 23.

Mr. M'Ilveen should be apprised in accordance with minute on 75-6,878 A.n., and that the application of A. M'Ilveen will be dealt with in accordance with the surveyor's report.—W.B., 23/8/75.

Yes; but why was this not done when action was being taken on 75-6,878?—A.O.M., 30/8/75.

The clerk who took the action in declaring the C.P. void should have noted the papers, so that all remaining action should have been taken.—C.N., 2/9/75.

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 July, 1875.

I am directed to inform you that the application made by you at Tamworth on the 30th April, 1874, for the conditional purchase of 320 acres of land is void, as there is not sufficient land available. Deposit paid £80.

2. I am to add that you may make application for the only available land, viz., portion 83 of 72½ acres, parish of Howc's Hill, county of Pottinger, which land is withheld from sale (for three months) pending your reply.

3. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

[Enclosure to No. 24.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 20 July, 1875.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junior.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz.—C.P. No. 74-4,926.	£ s. d.
Land Office at Tamworth; date of selection, 30th day of April, 1874; deposit paid on 320 acres.....	80 0 0
Selection void.....	
Deposit to be refunded on 320 acres	80 0 0

No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Tamworth.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 July, 1875.

I desire to inform you that the application of W. M'Ilveen, junior, on the 30th April, 1874, for the conditional purchase of 320 acres of land is void, as there is not sufficient land available.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 26.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 July, 1875.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as there is not sufficient land available, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £80, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 27.

Tamworth, Wm.
M'Ilveen, junr.,
30 April, 1874,
320 acres.

No. 27.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. H. Burke.

Sir,

Lands Department, 20 August, 1875.

Conditional purchases 74-5, 657-8 and 9, 40 acres each, 14 May, 1874, Tamworth.

It having been reported to this Department that you are non-resident upon your conditional purchases noted in the margin, on the 10th February, 1875, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to show cause why your conditional purchases shall not become forfeited.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 21 September, 1875.

William M'Ilveen 13 section, Tamworth, 30 April, 1874, 320 acres.

Alexander M'Ilveen, 13 section, Tamworth, 30 April, 1874, 320 acres.

With reference to your letter of the 6th July last, making inquiries respecting the conditional purchases noted in the margin, made respectively by yourself and brother, Alexander M'Ilveen,—I am directed to apprise you that the purchase made by you was declared void on account of there not being sufficient available land in the locality described to satisfy your application, to which effect you were apprised by my letter of the 20th July last, which enclosed a voucher for the refund of your deposit money.

2. I am, however, to inform you that you are at liberty to make another application for the only available land in this locality, which is comprised in portion 53 (72½ acres), parish of Howe's Hill, county of Pottinger, which was withheld from auction sale in order to afford you an opportunity of selecting it.

3. With regard to Mr. Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, I am to inform you that it will be dealt with in accordance with the report of the local surveyor, which has not yet been received in this Department.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 29.

H. Bennett, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Tamworth, 19/10/75.

William M'Ilveen, Trinkey Downs, Colly Blue.

I am requested by the person noted in the margin to state for your information that the applicant did, on the 13th of April, 1874, select 320 acres, under the 13th section of the Alienation Act of 1861, county of Pottinger, parish Howe's Hill. At the time M'Ilveen made the conditional purchase the grass at that season of the year was of such abundance and long it was impossible to see any peg marks, that is, if these were at that time in the ground; besides, M'Ilveen had no maps or any other means of ascertaining if the land had been taken up previously or otherwise disposed.

The facts are as follows:—The lessee of the run, finding that M'Ilveen had selected land that was measured, but omitted to state so in his application, or the number that was said to have been on a peg fourteen days subsequent to M'Ilveen taking up the land, went to the Land Office, Tamworth, and took up the same land, which on comparing the applications of M'Ilveen and Mr. Melville, it will identify the same block of land. M'Ilveen informed me that he has sunk a well at considerable cost, besides having erected a dwelling-house.

Therefore, under the circumstances detailed, I trust his case will receive your early attention, and oblige,—

Yours, &c.,
HANLEY BENNETT.

No. 30.

Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lake Goran, Colly Blue, 22 October, 1875.

With reference to your letter to me of the 25th September last, informing me that I had been communicated with on the 20th July last in connection with my application for land near Colly Blue Mountain, and that a voucher for the refund of my deposit upon the land claimed by me had been sent, I beg leave most respectfully to inform you that I have not received either voucher or letter upon the subject from your Department.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR.

Minutes on No. 30.

Forwarded to the Auditor-General, with a request that he will be good enough to say whether the voucher for the refund of the deposit money has been verified.—W.B. (for the Under Secretary), 3rd February, 1876.

The deposit on this selection has not yet been verified for refund.—C.R.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—Audit Office, 14th February, 1876.

A duplicate refund voucher should be sent to applicant, and at the same time he should be informed of the reason of cancellation.—22/2/76. Yes.—W.B.

No. 31.

Mr. W. H. Deloitte to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Circular Quay, Sydney, 24 November, 1875.

On or about 30th August last I addressed a letter to you relative to a petition forwarded to you by Messrs. W. & A. M'Ilveen, of Colly Blue, as to their selections or land taken up by them. I have received no reply to my communication.

The M'Ilveens are young men just beginning life, and have made improvements on the land intending to make it a home. They are anxious to know if their title to the land is secure, so as to be able to go to work with confidence.

Be good enough to have the papers connected with the case looked up, and kindly let me know without delay if these parties are really safe in their holding.

I am, &c.,
W. H. DELOITTE.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 31.

Mr. Deloitte should be apprised that Mr. M'Ilveen received a reply to his letter of 6th July on 21st September last, a copy of which should be made and forwarded.—C.N., 3/2/76.
Inform.—W.B., 3 February, 1876.

No. 32.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. H. Burke.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 December, 1875.

In reference to my letter addressed to you on the 20th August, 1875, on the subject mentioned below, I am directed to draw your attention to the matter, and to request the favour of a reply at the very earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

Subject alluded to:—Requesting you to show cause why your conditional purchases, 40 acres each, 14th May, 1874, should not become forfeited.

No. 33.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

3 January, 1876.

I have the honor to forward you the following report in accordance with your instructions issued to L.-S. Capper, September 10, 1875.

On the 30th April, 1874, Alexander M'Ilveen selected at Tamworth 320 acres, in the parish of Howe's Hill, and described it as "north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase of 320 acres made that day." At the time of making this selection the land was surveyed, and Mr. M'Ilveen was not aware of the fact. The approximate position of this land is that occupied by measured portions Nos. 25 and 26, 160 acres each, in the parish of Howe's Hill.

On the 7th of May, 1874, Charles Collins selected at Tamworth 320 acres, and described it in "the parish of Howe's Hill, Nos. 25 and 26, land applied for as measured, but not offered for sale." These portions were identical, or nearly so, with the land selected by Alexander M'Ilveen on the 30th April, 1874.

Both men took possession of the land, and Collins built a small hut on No. 25, worth £1, and on finding out that M'Ilveen laid claim to the same land he was under the impression that his selection was illegal, and abandoned the selection in favour of M'Ilveen, and wishes to have his deposit money returned.

M'Ilveen, on finding that he had not described the land as measured, was under the impression that his selection was illegal, and that preference would be given to Collins, declined to make any improvements upon it, and appears to have abandoned the selection in favour of Collins.

Both parties are now willing to have their deposit money returned to them, and the land submitted to auction. I would suggest that this course might be adopted. See also my letter of January 3, 1876.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS.

Minutes on No. 33.

Records.—To Mr. Dewhurst, for survey of the land in the form approved of.—F. W. RUTTER (for Surveyor-General), 28 February, 1878.

Mr. L.-S. Higgins, for action, March 18, 1878.—A. DEWHURST. Transferred to Mr. L.-S. Goodwin, 21 February, 1879.—L. S. ARTHUR.

No. 34.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

3 January, 1876.

I have the honor to forward you the following report, in accordance with your instructions issued to L.-S. Capper, Sept. 10, 1875. On the 30th of April, 1874, at Tamworth, William M'Ilveen made a selection of 320 acres. On his taking possession he found that the land in the locality had been already measured, of which he was ignorant when he made the conditional purchase which comprised Nos. 22, 23, and 24, in the parish of Howe's Hill, county of Pottinger, and a piece of vacant Crown Land, since measured as No. 53 of 73 acres, in the same parish. The united areas of those portions do not amount to 320 acres, and there is no other land available for selection in the locality.

On the 7th of May, 1874, Michael M'Namara selected, under the 13th clause, No. 24, containing 121 acres 2 roods and 16 perches, describing the land as numbered and measured, and on the same day (under the 21st clause) selected 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches. This additional selection included No. 22 of 40 acres and 23 of 60 acres 3 roods, already measured, and the vacant Crown Lands now 53 of 73 acres. The measured portions were not described in the additional selection, nor would their joint area together with the vacant available land amount to 198 acres 1 rood and 24 perches. The land included in these two selections is identical with that selected by William M'Ilveen a few days before, and in neither case was the area selected available. M'Ilveen has improved portion No. 53 to the extent of £40, by making a well on it; and he subsequently abandoned the selection, being under the impression that his purchase was illegal; and M'Namara has acted in a similar way from the same motives. I would suggest that both applicants might have their deposit money returned, and the land put up for auction, and the value of the well, £40, noted on the tracing at the time of sale.

William M'Ilveen's application, conditional purchase No. 74-4,926, was returned by me to headquarters, on the 19th of March, 1875, an extract from which report is forwarded herewith.

I have the honor to refer you to my letter of January 3rd, 1876, in which I have reported on a similar case in the same locality.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS.

No. 35.

No. 35.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. H. Deloitte.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 February, 1876.
 In reply to your letter of 24th November last, having reference to a communication of Messrs. W. & A. M'Ilveen, forwarded by you to this Department on 16th July last, I am directed to inform you that a reply was sent to Mr. W. M'Ilveen on 21st September, 1875, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 36.

Application by Mr. E. Williams.

D. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land. District of Gunnedah. No. 24 of 1876.
 Application by Edward Williams, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 120 acres unimproved Crown Land, section 13.

Received by me, with a deposit of £30, this 24th day of February, 1876, at 3.1 o'clock,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sir,

24 February, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 120 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £30, being a deposit at the rate of 5s per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

EDWD. WILLIAMS,

Colly Blue.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 120 acres, being forfeited selections advertised for sale at Gunnedah, on the 6th March, 1876, and being Nos. 29, 30, and 31, parish of Brothers, adjoining and near the northern boundary of W. J. G. Clift's conditional purchase in same parish.

Minutes on No. 36.

Mr. Edwards,—For issue of sale at Gunnedah, 6th March, 1876, lots G, H, I, portions 29, 30, and 31, in all 120 acres.—J.E.B., 18 Aug., 1876. Withdrawn conditional purchase by Edward Williams, 26/2/76. Mr. L.-S. Capper,—To report on residence.—J.E.B. (for Sur.-Gen.), 4th Sept., 1876. Transmitted to the Surveyor-General, with my letter of the 31st October, 1876.—J. F. CAPPER, 31/10/76.

No. 37.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Capper to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Gunnedah, 25 February, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion, No. 115, in the parish of Brothers, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by John Eccles, under the 21st clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and measured by me on the 26th January, 1876, in compliance with your instructions of the 23rd February, 1874. The applicant has complied with the conditions of residence upon his conditional purchase. Improvements,—sheep-yard, value, £20.

I have, &c.,

JAMES. F. CAPPER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 37.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—H.F., 6 June, 1876. have been made at Gunnedah.—H.F., 6 June, 1876.

Mr. Blackman,—This selection should

No. 38.

Application by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

E.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by William M'Ilveen, junr., for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 2nd day of March, 1876, at 11.30 o'clock,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sir,

2 March, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st and 22nd sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 320 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 320 acres.

I am, &c.,

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNR.,

Quirindi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
April, 1874.	320
March, 1876.	40
	360

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 40 acres, adjoining the northern boundary of P. J. Melville's conditional purchase of 320 acres, No. 1, parish of Howe's Hill, and east of my former conditional purchase 320 acres.

Minutes on No. 38.

The within applicant stated that he had conditionally purchased 320 acres, on the 30th April, 1874, at Tamworth, and tendered this application. His name does not appear in my register at all. He says that he has resided upon and improved his selection of 320 acres, and has never heard that it was forfeited or declared void, and, under the circumstances, I thought it best to accept this application.—T. K. ABBOTT, Land Agent, Gunnedah, B.C., 3 March, 1876.

Mr. Blackman,—Submitted that this application be declared void, as first conditional purchase in virtue of which it was made was duly declared, there not being sufficient land available.—J.P.C., 1/4/76.

Should be declared void.—W.B., 4/4/76.

Dealt with in Char. Br.—T.W.R., 27 Nov., '77.

This application, which had been placed with those relating to the first conditional purchase, has now been removed therefrom, and placed for separate action.—J.H., 7 July, '81.

No. 39.

Mr. H. H. Brown to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 26 April, 1876.

I have the honor, on behalf of William M'Ilveen, junr., of Colly Blue, to bring the following case under your notice for your most favourable consideration.

On the 30th April, 1874, my client selected 320 acres, parish Howe's Hill, county Pottinger, on the boundaries of Trinkey and Mooki River runs. Subsequently he received notice intimating that there was not sufficient land to meet the requirements of his application.

I may state that when his application was made there was ample land available, but a portion of it has since been sold by auction, and I would therefore ask that he may be permitted to receive balance of portions from said auction sale, to make up the number of acres applied for, viz., portion 24, 121½ acres, portion 53, 73 acres, and portion 22, 40 acres.

As my client has continuously resided on the land, and laid out a considerable amount of money in improvements, I would ask that said forfeiture may be revoked, and that he may be allowed to hold the land, as his application was lodged prior to the auction sale.

I have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN.

Minutes on No. 39.

If the auction sales took place subsequently to the conditional purchase application, I think the latter should be satisfied. If the deeds have not issued, stop them till case is decided.—T.G., 1/5/76.

Can it be said in Charting when the land referred to was offered for auction sale.—C.N., 1/6/76.

These papers should be sent to Mr. Thurlow to stop the preparation of deeds, and then return.—F.W.R., 6 June, '76.

No. 40.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 June, 1876.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Gunnedah, on the 2nd March, 1876, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void. Deposit paid £10.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

[Enclosure to No. 40.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junior. Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 June, 1876.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 76-30.		
Land Office at Gunnedah ; date of selection, 2nd day of March, 1876 ; deposit paid on 40 acres		10 0 0
Selection void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void.		
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres	£	10 0 0

No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 June, 1876.

I desire to inform you that the application of W. M'Ilveen, junior, on the 2nd day of March, 1876, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void.

A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 42.

No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 June, 1876.

Gunnedah,
W. M'Ilveen, jr.,
2 March, 1876,
40 acres, £10.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 43.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 June, 1876.

320 acres,
30 April, 1874,
Tamworth (now
Gunnedah).

In reply to your letter of the 22nd October last, stating that you have not received any communication from this office on the subject of the cancellation of your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the purchase was declared void on account of there not being sufficient land available.

A duplicate form is now enclosed, which will enable you to obtain a refund of the deposit money paid.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

(Pro Under Secretary).

[Enclosure to No. 43.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junior.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1876.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 74-373.		
Land Office at Tamworth; date of selection, 30th day of April, 1874; deposit paid on		
320 acres		80 0 0
Selection void, on account of there not being sufficient land available.		
Deposit to be refunded on 320 acres	£	80 0 0

No. 44.

Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Goran Lake, 19 July, 1876.

My case has not been properly represented to you, or you have treated me very unjustly respecting my selection,

After keeping me in suspense for two years you send me a voucher to sign, which I most decidedly decline doing, unless that the Government will pay me for the improvements that I have made.

I have expended £100 on the land.

And at the time of my selecting there was plenty of land available to meet the requirements of my application.

I wrote to you before, stating that I was satisfied to take the three portions of land that I now occupy, namely, portion No. 24, containing 121½ acres, portion No. 53, containing 72½ acres, portion No. 21, containing 40 acres, and to have the balance of my deposit money refunded.

I remain, &c.,

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR.

No. 45.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

William and Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchases.

In view of further reports from the surveyor, it appears that William M'Ilveen (C.P. 74/4,926) and Alexander M'Ilveen (C.P. 74/4,927) are entitled to the land shown by a red edging on the accompanying tracing, in which case the subsequent conditional purchases of Michael M'Namara (C.P. 74/5,129) and Charles Collins (C.P. 74/5,127) should be declared void, and the voiding of W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase should be revoked, and he requested to repay the necessary deposit.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,

(For Surveyor-General), 14 Aug., /76.

Auction sale of lot C, of sale at Gunnedah, of 7 September, 1875, being portion No. 48, in the parish of Brothers, county of Pottinger, should be cancelled, as forming part of the land previously conditionally purchased by William and Alexander M'Ilveen.—R.D.F.

[Minutes on No. 45.]

By the Under Secretary :—W.W.S., 14 August.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—T.G., 15/8/76.

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No. 46.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Eccles.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 August, 1876.
 With reference to the conditional purchase of 40 acres made by John Eccles, at Murrurundi, on 15th January, 1874, I am directed to inform you that it has been transferred to the district of Gunnedah, as the land described is situate therein.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 47.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 August, 1876.
 With reference to the conditional purchase of 40 acres made by John Eccles, at Murrurundi, on 15th January, 1874, I am directed to inform you that it has been transferred to the district of Gunnedah, as the land described is situate therein.

2. I am therefore to request that you will make the necessary alterations in the books of your office.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 48.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 August, 1876.
 With reference to the conditional purchase of 40 acres made by John Eccles, at Murrurundi, on 15th January, 1874, I am directed to inform you that it has been transferred to the district of Gunnedah, as the land described is situate therein.

2. I am therefore to request that you will make the necessary alterations in the books of your office.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 49.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 August, 1876.
 With reference to the conditional purchase of 40 acres made by John Eccles, at Murrurundi, on 15th January, 1874, I am directed to inform you that it has been transferred to the district of Gunnedah, as the land described is situate therein.

2. I am therefore to request that you will make the necessary alterations in the books of your office.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 50.

Report of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Capper.

Report on the conditional purchase made by Edward Williams.

Instruction No. 76-126; parish No., 29/30/31; letter No., 7/6/109.

REPORT on Conditional Purchase, county of Pottinger, Police District of Gunnedah.

Land Office No.	Name of Purchaser.	Date of purchase.	Section.	Area.	Situation.	Date of inspection.	Nature of improvements	Value of improvements.	Residence.
76-24	Edward Williams	1876. 24 Feb.	13	acres 120	County Pottinger, parish Brothers, portions 29, 30, 31.	1876. 5 Oct.	Hut Yard(bough) Sheds, &c....	£ 25 5 2	Resident.

Minute on No. 50.

To the Surveyor General.—A. DEWURST, 6 Nov., '76.

[Enclosure B to No. 50.]

Description.

No. transfer, 3/7/77.

120 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, portions 29, 30, and 31: Commencing at the north-western corner of portion 29 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that portion and a line in all bearing east 60 chains; on the east by a line bearing north 20 chains; on the north by a line bearing west 60 chains; and on the west by a line bearing south 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 51.

Mr. H. H. Brown to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 22 November, 1876.
 On behalf of my client, Mr. W. McIlveen, junr., of Colly Blue, I beg that an extension of time may be allowed him to complete his improvements on the selection noted in the margin.

656—C

This

76-18,347.
 C.P. 320 acres,
 parish Howe's
 Hill, county
 Pottinger,
 April 30, 1874.

This land has by your recent decision been allowed him after his case having gone through a long and conflicting course, and through which he has been put to very much trouble and inconvenience. I therefore trust that my application may be at once granted.

I have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN.

Minute on No. 51.

Three months may be allowed.—T.G., 23/11/76.

No. 52.

Messrs. Hoskins & Blomfield to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 13 December, 1876.

Messrs. W., J., S., & G. Clift received a notification from the Department of Lands, dated 30th October, 1876, to which the signature of Mr. W. W. Stephen is appended, apprising them that their purchase of lot C, portion 48, of a sale at Gunnedah, on 7th September, 1875, was cancelled in consequence of the land in question forming part of the conditional purchase of William and Alexander M'Ilveen; and Messrs. Clift Bros. received a communication from the Treasury, dated 21st November last, apprising them that a refund of the sum of £81, being the amount they paid for the above portion of land, was awaiting payment to them at the Treasury.

We have been instructed by Messrs. Clift Bros. to protest against lot C, portion 48, in the county of Pottinger, parish of Goran, being included in the conditional purchase of William or Alexander M'Ilveen, for reasons which we will proceed to adduce:—

First. Because of the date when Messrs. Clift purchased the said portion of land at auction, and indeed for some time afterwards, the said William M'Ilveen, junr., gave no proof by his residence or occupation of portion 48 that he intended to include the same in his conditional purchase; indeed, William M'Ilveen's claiming the said portion as part of his conditional purchase appears to have been the result of an afterthought on his part.

Secondly. We are instructed to protest against the conditional purchase of the said William M'Ilveen on account of the vague and indefinite description of the land he applied for, which is as follows:—"320 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Goran, on Trinkey Downs, to the north of Colly Blue Mountains, to take in a small clump of apple-trees."

We think that a perusal of this *attempt at a description* will prove that either W. M'Ilveen, junr., never took the trouble to inspect the land he intended applying for previous to his making the application of 320 acres, under the 13th section, at the Land Office, Tamworth, on 30th April, 1874 or otherwise that the description was made intentionally vague and indefinite with the view of being afterwards used in obtaining any land in the locality which might, after inspection by the conditional purchaser, be considered the most advantageous for his interests.

We beg to call attention to the circumstance that no definite starting point is given for this conditional purchase, but merely that the land applied for is on Trinkey Downs, to the north of Colly Blue Mountains; and we beg to point out the distance across the Trinkey Downs from Colly Blue Mountains is between 4 and 5 miles, and that the Trinkey Downs are about 8 miles across in the other direction. We likewise beg to point out that the small clump of apple-trees cannot in any way *fix with any precision* the locality of the land applied for, as there are *twenty* or more clumps of apple-trees on the Trinkey Downs.

We beg to further illustrate the indefinite nature of the description of the land applied for by W. M'Ilveen, junr., by adverting to the fact that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Higgins reported that there was *not sufficient land available to satisfy the application* for his conditional purchase; and, as further evidence on the point, a refund voucher authorizing the payment of the refund of the deposit to W. M'Ilveen, junr., was forwarded to that person on the 30/6/76.

We are particularly requested to point out, as a third reason why the application of W. M'Ilveen ought not to be allowed—indeed, it appears to us that Alexander M'Ilveen's 320 acres, made on 30th April, 1874, is in the same position and as objectionable, inasmuch as it is stated to be "on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of W. M'Ilveen, junr.'s, conditional purchase of 320 acres," made this day—that as neither of the said parties gave a definite starting point, nor specified measured portions *, 320 acres, or measured portions 25 and *, of 160 acres each, which these parties now claim or wish to include in their conditional purchases, they have omitted to comply with the condition *requiring intending conditional purchasers to specify in their applications* that the area of land applied for includes measured portions, giving the numbers and area of the same.

We trust that, for the reasons adduced in this letter, the conditional purchase of William M'Ilveen, junr., may be declared void, or, at all events, that he may not be allowed to keep portion 48 as part of the same, and that the sale by auction to Messrs. Clift Brothers of the same portion will stand good and not be reversed.

We have, &c.,
HOSKINS & BLOMFIELD.

* Missing.

No. 53.

Memorandum.

W. M'ILVEEN's conditional purchases, portion 53 of 72½ acres, portion 24 of 121 acres 2 roods, and parts of portions 25 and 48 acres, as shown on enclosed tracing, to make up the area of 120 acres.

Minutes on No. 53.

H. H. Brown (for W. M'Ilveen, junr.), for revocation of cancellation of his conditional purchase. As the required papers are not forthcoming, the case is submitted as to whether Messrs. Hoskins & Blomfield should be apprised that the conditional purchase of W. M'Ilveen, junr., remains void; that a duplicate voucher for refund of deposit was sent to him on 30th June last; and that no definite action has yet been taken in regard to the purchase of Alexander M'Ilveen, on which the surveyor's report has now been received.—C.N., 20/12/76. The

The selections of McIlveen having been declared void, and that of A. McIlveen now reported on by the surveyor, the enclosed representations in reference to the Survey Branch, with a request that it may be stated whether there are still any grounds of objection to the sale by auction made to Messrs. Clift.—A.O.M., 8/1/77.

It would not be safe to take action on this letter without former papers, the recommendation on which (it is believed) is to the effect that both the McIlveen's conditional purchases ought to stand,—H.T., 29 January, '77.

Enclosure to No. 53.

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No. 54.

The Inspector of Conditional Purchases to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Hy. Burke, made at Tamworth, 14th May, 1874.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 26th January, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises forty (40) acres, is not occupied and used by any one, and the selector, who follows the occupation of _____, had, at the time of my visit, made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—nil.

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection.

This selection is unoccupied, and there are no improvements on it.

The adjoining portions, No. 41 and 42, are also unoccupied, and not improved.

No instructions to inspect these.

I have, &c,

HARRY V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 54.

By Chief Commissioner:—The adjoining portions in the same name are, I presume, additional selections. The papers should be appended to these; see within.—A.O.M., 3/5/77.

No. 55.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Capper to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Currabubula, 23 February, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of seven portions of land, containing from 40 to 136 acres, numbered 129 to 135, in the parish of Brothers, county of Pottinger, applied for by W., J., S., and G. Clift, under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 30th April, 1875, being District Surveyor's No. and date.

There are not any improvements on any of the portions.

The instructions for this survey transmitted to the Surveyor-General with my letter of the 21st February, 1877.

I respectfully submit, in consequence of the number of old portions surrounding and the small area surveyed, that no reduction may be made on the scale of fees.

I have, &c., JAMES F. CAPPER.

Minute on No. 55.

To the Surveyor-General,—The reduction as agreed to must be enforced. Mr. Capper's returns are very large, and surveys generally easy.—A. DEWURST, March 30/77.

No. 56.

Declaration by Messrs. Clift Brothers.

(C.P. No. 74-760.) E. [Alienation Act.] Declaration of Conditional Purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

WE, WILLIAM, JOSEPH, SAMUEL, and GEORGE CLIFT, of Breeza, do solemnly and sincerely declare that we are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that the improvements consisting of fencing and a yard, and to the value of £285, have been made on such land. And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

WILLIAM CLIFT, For and on behalf of William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift.

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this } 6th day of March, 1877, before me, — } T. K. ABBOTT, P.M.,

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 280 acres, at Breeza, being conditional purchase No. 26 of 1874, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 15th January, 1874.

Minutes on No. 56.

Will the Land Agent be good enough to obtain a fresh declaration from Mr. W. Clift on the purchase, as corrected in pencil on the incorrect declaration herewith, and return both documents to this office without delay. For the Chief Commissioner.—V.H., Lands Department, C.S. Division, B.C., Sydney, 9th July, 1872. The Land Agent at Gunnedah.

A fresh declaration herewith, as requested.—A. P. D. HAMILTON, C.L.A., 17/7/79.

No. 57.

Messrs. H. H Brown & Co. to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, On behalf of our client, Mr. Wm. McIlveen, junior, we have the honor to request that a refund may be made him of part of his deposit money on conditional purchase noted in the margin, he having paid for 320 acres, whilst there are but 314.

We have, &c., H. H. BROWN & CO.

Conditional Purchase, 320 acres, April 30, 1874, parish Howe's Hill, county Pottinger.

Minutes on No 57.

With reference to Messrs. Hoskins & Blomfield's letter, Aln. 76-44,173, there does not appear to be any reason to disturb the decision given in this case, the action denoted on which should probably be completed, the land sold at auction to the Messrs. Clift being, according to the surveyor's report, part of the land applied for by the conditional purchaser.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 25 July, 1877.

I am not prepared, at the present stage, to suggest that the action under the decision above referred to, which has not, it appears, been completed, should be arrested, although had the question been an open one I should have thought that there was room for a different view.—A.O.M.

I cannot see any reason for interfering with the decision already given.—R.D., 8/8/77.

No. 58.

Application by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

[Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by William M'Ilveen, junior, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 162 acres 3 roods unimproved Crown Land, under section 21. of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £40 13s. 9d., this 12th day of July, 1877, at 11 o'clock,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

12 July, 1877.

Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
30 April, 1874	274 acres.
30 2/3/76	40

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 162 acres 3 roods, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 314 acres; upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £40 13s. 9d., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 274 acres.

I am, &c.,

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR,

Colly Blue.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 162 acres 3 roods, being measured portions Nos. 129, 130, and 134 in said parish, advertised for sale 1st August, 1877.

Minutes on No. 58.

The Crown Lands Agent is requested to furnish the correct date, area, and any other particulars connected with applicant's first conditional purchase, whereby it may be traced.—W.B. (for the Commissioner), Lands Department, August, 1877.

The correct date is given, the conditional purchase is not in my register, and the applicant states that he originally selected 320 acres, but this was reduced on measurement to 274 acres. He also alleges that, although the original conditional purchase was declared forfeited, he holds letters from the Department informing him that the forfeiture had been reversed, and insisted upon his right to make these conditional purchases.—T. K. ABBOTT, C.L.A., Gunnedah, 27/8/77.

Mr. Blackman,—Submitted that this application, 77-96, also 47-101 attached, should be "declared void," as the first conditional purchase in virtue of which they are made stand to date "declared void."—J.P.C., 4/9/77.

The purchase should be declared void accordingly.—C.N., 6/9/77.

No. 59.

Declaration by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, junior, of Colly Blue, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, house, garden, well, &c., and to the value of £300, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year), each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of it having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Gunnedah, this 12th }
day of July, 1877, before me,-- }

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNIOR.

T. KINGSMILL ABBOTT, P.M.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, being conditional purchase of 1874, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 30th April, 1874.

Minutes on No. 59.

£6 18s. 6d., suspense account, awaiting information, 18 July, 1877. Interest paid to date.—W.B.
By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 18/12/81.

No. 60.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portions Nos. 129 to 135, parish of Brothers, transmitted by Licensed-Surveyor Capper, county of Pottinger, letter of 23rd February, 1877, and on which Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Capper's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.
The magnetic variation from the true meridian has been omitted. Attention is drawn to portion No. 34 of Surveyor's instructions.

P.F.A.,
28th May.

Report.
I respectfully submit, that in these surveys the meridian of the adjoining old measurements was adopted, and in such cases I thought it was unnecessary to determine the true meridian.

I may also state, that in consequence of the drought I had to travel a long distance to carry out these surveys; as there was not any water, I was unable to camp near them.

I beg further to remark, that these measurements simply fill up the vacant land between old conditional purchase measurements, &c.

JAMES F. CAPPER,
13/7/77.

No. 61.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Clift Brothers.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 July, 1877.

Por. 129 to 135

The land situated in parish of Brothers, county of Pottinger, and transferred to you, is advertised to be offered for sale by auction on the 1st August, 1877 next, at the Crown Lands Office, Gunnedah.

I am, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN,
Under Secretary.

No. 62.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchases.

Name of Land Agent, T. K. Abbott—District of Gunnedah.

Remittance, £61 5s. 7d.; collected 10-12 July, 1877.

Name.	Date of selection.	Area	Amount paid to Suspense Account.	Remarks.
M'Iveen, William, junr.	1874. 30 April	a. r. p. 274 0 0	£ s. d. 6 18 6 £6 18 6	

Suspense Account, 18th July, 1877.

Action:—The Crown Lands Agent should be instructed to furnish further information respecting the above purchase, as it cannot be traced. There is *one* purchase of 320 acres, dated 30th April, 1874, but this was declared *void*.

Mr. Reid.—G.E., 19/7/77. Rev. Br.—19 July, 1877. Return. Instructed.—G.H.B., 20.

No. 63.

The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Gunnedah, 23 July, 1877.

I have the honor. in reply to your letter dated 20th instant, and numbered as in the margin, to inform you that William M'Iveen, who conditionally purchased 320 acres of land on the 30th April, 1874, and the person who paid me the amount remitted, £6 18s. 6d., are identical. He insisted on making the payment, although the conditional purchase does not appear in the register of this office, and informed me that his purchase had been reduced to 274 acres, and that he held a letter from the late Minister for Lands revoking the previous cancellation.

I have, &c.,

T. K. ABBOTT,
Crown Lands Agent.

Minute on No. 63.

The Under Secretary for Lands should be asked whether the statements made in this letter are correct. The declaration should be sent with the letter.—W.N. Mr. Reid.—G.E., 27/7/77.

P.O. 1700
II

Received, 25th —
G.E.

No. 64.

Application by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

G. [Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by William M'Ilveen, junior, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 163 acres 1 rood, unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £40 16s. 3d., this 26th day of July, 1877, at 11.50 o'clock,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase, acres.
30 April, 1877.....	274
2 March, 1876.....	40
12 July, 1877.....	162a. 3r.
20 July, 1877.....	163a. 1r.
Total area.	640

Sir,

26 July, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 163 acres 1 rood, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 274 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £40 16s. 3d., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the third selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 274 acres.

I am, &c.,

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNR.,
Goran Lake, Colly Blue.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 163 acres 1 rood, being measured portion No. 131, and that portion of lot No. 135 in the said county and parish, lying to the south, and containing 90 acres and 2 roods.

No. 65.

Declaration by Mr. A. M'Ilveen.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

(C.P. No. 74-4,927.)
Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ALEXANDER M'ILVEEN, of Tally-Ho, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, well, garden, and troughs, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of myself, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year), each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 26th }
day of July, 1877, before me,— }

ALEXANDER M'ILVEEN.

T. KINGSMILL ABBOTT, P.M.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 320 acres, at Trinky, being conditional purchase No. 374 of 1874, in the district of Tamworth, made on 30th April, 1874.

No. 66.

Application by Messrs. Clift Brothers.

G.

[Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 346 acres 3 roods unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £71 13s. 9d., this 2nd day of August, 1877, at 10.35 o'clock; and I certify that the applicants are all above the age of sixteen years,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sir,

2 August, 1877.

Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase, acres.
18 January, 1872....	40
18 January, 1874....	280
2 August, 1877.....	286a. 3r.
Total area..	606 a. 3r.

We are desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 286 acres 3 roods, which adjoins our conditional purchase or freehold property of 320 acres, upon which we are now residing, or upon which we have resided for three years; and we herewith tender the sum of £71 13s. 9d., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which we apply.

This is the second selection made by us in virtue of our conditional purchase or freehold of 40 acres.

We are, &c.,

W., J., S., & G. CLIFT,
(Per J. E. HIGGINS, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 246 acres 3 roods, being 130, 131, 135, in the above parish and county.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 66.

The land herein applied for was conditionally purchased by William M'Ilveen, junr., on the 12th and 26th of July, as additional to a conditional purchase of 320 acres which had been declared void and does not appear in the register of this office. Mr. Clift stated that M'Ilveen's conditional purchases were void from the beginning, and insisted on my receiving this application.—T. K. ABBOTT, Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, 2/8/77.

Mr. Edwards, for issue of sale of lots D, E, F, I, J, portions 129, 130, 131, 134, 135; sale at Gunnedah, 1st August, 1877.—H.E.W., 30 Aug., 1877. Withdrawn conditional purchase by William M'Ilveen.—P.J.K., 30/8/77. Dealt with in Charting Branch; but refund should take place on 40 acres, being area of portion 129, which is nearly wholly within Alexander M'Ilveen's.—F.W.R., 26 Nov., 1877.

No. 67.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 27 August, 1877.

On behalf of our client Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junr., we have the honor to herewith hand you the refund voucher for deposit on his land noted in the margin, as requested in your letter of the 18th instant.

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.

W. M'Ilveen,
Junr.,
Gunnedah,
30 April, 1874,
320 acres.

No. 68.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junr.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the applications made by you at Gunnedah, on the 12th and 26th July, 1877, for the conditional purchases of 162 acres 3 roods and 163 acres 1 rood of land are void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void.

2. Enclosed are forms which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure A to No. 68.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 December, 1877.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junr.

		Amount to be refunded.	
		£	s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 77-96.			
Land Office at Gunnedah; date of selection, 12th day of July, 1877; deposit paid on			
162½ acres		40	13 9
Selection void, as the original purchase is void.			
Deposit to be refunded on 162 acres 3 roods	£	40	13 9

[Enclosure B to No. 68.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junr.

		Amount to be refunded.	
		£	s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 77-101.			
Land Office at Gunnedah; date of selection, 26th day of July, 1877; deposit paid on			
163¼ acres		40	16 3
Selection void, as the original purchase is void.			
Deposit to be refunded on 163 acres 1 rood.....	£	40	16 3

No. 69.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the applications of Mr. William M'Ilveen, junior, on the 12th and 26th July last, for the conditional purchase of 162 acres 3 roods and 163 acres of land are void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 70.

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No. 70.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 September, 1877.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the original conditional purchase has been declared void, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £81 10s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, Wm. M'Ilveen, jun., 12 & 26 July, 1877, 162 acres 3 roods and 163 acres 1 rood.
Deposit—
£40 13s. 9d.
40 16s. 3d.
£81 10s. 0d.

No. 71.

Messrs. Brown & Co. to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 26 September, 1877.

On behalf of our client, Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junr., we have the honor to request that you will be pleased to reverse the voidance of the two additional conditional purchases noted in the margin, as the cancellation of the purchase in virtue of which they were made has since been reversed.

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.

P.S.—The refund vouchers issued on the 17th instant, we herewith beg to return.

A.C.P. 162 acres 3 roods, C.P. 77-96, Gunnedah, A.C.P. 163½ acres, C.P. 77-101, Gunnedah.

Minute on No. 71.

The conditional purchase applications, Gunnedah, should be declared void, as they do not adjoin the applicant's former conditional purchases (see sketch within). Tracing herewith for conditional purchase.—E. D. FITZGERALD (for Sur.-Genl.), 26 Nov., 1877.

No. 72.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I am directed to inform you that the voiding of the conditional purchases noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchases stand now in your name, as before.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, 320 acres, 162½ acres, 163½ acres, 30 April, 1874, 12 July, 1877, 26 July, 1877, Wm. M'Ilveen, junior.

No. 73.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I am directed to inform you that the voiding of the conditional purchases noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchases stand now in W. M'Ilveen, junior's, name, as before.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, 320 acres, 162½ acres, 163½ acres, 30 April, 1874, 12 July, 1877, 26 July, 1877, Wm. M'Ilveen, junior.

No. 74.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I am directed to inform you that the voiding of the conditional purchases noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchases stand now in W. M'Ilveen, junior's, name, as before.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, 320 acres, 30 April, 1874; 162½ acres, 12 July, 1877; 163½ acres, 26 July, 1877; William M'Ilveen, junior.

No. 75.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. C. Collins.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Tamworth, on the 7th May, 1874, for the conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, is void, being land previously conditionally purchased.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Deposit paid, £30

[Enclosure to No. 75.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

Dr. to Charles Collins.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 74-5,127.	
Land Office at Tamworth ; date of selection, 7th day of May, 1874 ; deposit paid on 320 acres.....	£ s. d
Selection void, being land previously conditionally purchased.	.....
Deposit to be refunded on 320 acres	£

No. 76.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Tamworth.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the application of Charles Collins, on the 7th May, 1874, for the conditional purchase of 320 acres of land is void, being land previously conditionally purchased.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 77.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as it was for land previously conditionally purchased, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £80, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Tamworth,
Charles Collins,
7 May, 1874, 320
acres, £80.

No. 78.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. M'Namara.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the applications made by you at Tamworth, on the 7th May, 1874, for the conditional purchases of 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches and 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches of land are void, being for land previously conditionally purchased.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Deposits paid
£30 8s. 0s.
£49 12s 0d

[Enclosure A to No. 78.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

Dr. to Michael M'Namara.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 74-5,129.	
Land Office at Tamworth ; date of selection, 7th day of May, 1874 ; deposit paid on 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches	£ s. d
Selection void, being for land previously conditionally purchased.	30 8 0
Deposit to be refunded on 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches.....	£ 30 8 0

[Enclosure B to No. 78.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

Dr. to Michael M'Namara.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 74-5,128.	
Land Office at Tamworth ; date of selection, 7th day of May, 1874 ; deposit paid on 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches	£ s. d
Selection void, being for land previously conditionally purchased.	49 12 0
Deposit to be refunded on 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches.....	£ 49 12 0

No. 79.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Tamworth.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I desire to inform you that the applications of Michael M'Namara, on the 7th May, 1874, for the conditional purchases of 121 acres 2 roods 16 perches and 198 acres 1 rood 24 perches of land are void, being for land previously conditionally purchased.

A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 80.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchases noted in the margin being void, as they were for land previously conditionally purchased, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £80, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Tamworth, Michael M'Namara,
a. r. p.
121 2 16
198 1 24
Deposit—
£. s. d.
80 8 0
49 12 0

No. 81.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Clift Brothers.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 January, 1878.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Gunnedah, on the 2nd August, 1877, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 246 acres 3 roods, instead of 286 acres 3 roods, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of £10, being the amount of deposit on the 40 extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure to No. 81.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 January, 1878.

Dr. to Messrs. W., J., S., and G. Clift.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 77-102.		
Land Office at Gunnedah; date of selection, 2nd day of August, 1877; deposit paid on 286 acres 3 roods.		10 0 0
Selection withdrawn to the extent of 40 acres, reducing the area to 246 acres 3 roods.		
Deposit paid on 40 acres	£	10 0 0

No. 82.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 January, 1878.

With reference to Messrs. W., J., S., and G. Clift's conditional purchase of the 2nd August, 1877, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found on measurement to be only 246 acres 3 roods, instead of 286 acres 3 roods, as stated in their application, they have been informed that they are entitled to a refund of £10, the amount of deposit upon the 40 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 83.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 January, 1878.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 286 acres 3 roods to 246 acres 3 roods, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £10, on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah,
Messrs. W., J.,
S., and G. Clift,
2 August, 1877.

No. 84.
Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 February, 1878.
Lapsed Conditional Purchases.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned conditional and additional conditional purchases of land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have become lapsed through non-receipt of the necessary declarations and non-payment of balance, interest, or instalment of purchase money, as prescribed by the Acts, and that the lands will be offered for sale as early as practicable, by competition at public auction, if not in the meantime conditionally purchased afresh, which they are liable to unless improved within the meaning of the said Act.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. of portion.	Purchaser.	Date of Purchase.	District.	Area.	Section of the Act.	County.	Parish.	Papers.	Charting Numbers.
74-5.557	Henry Burke	14 May, '74	Gunnedah...	acres. 40	13	Pottinger	Brothers..	75-4,641..	P. 1,935-1,475
5,558	Do.	do	do	40	21	do	do	do	do
5,559	Do.	do	do	40	21	do	do	do	do

No. 85.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Gunnedah, on the 12th July, 1877, for the conditional purchase of 162 acres of land is void, as it does not adjoin your former conditional purchases.

Deposit paid,
£40 13s. 9d

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure to No. 85.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junior.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :— Land Office at Gunnedah; date of selection, 12th day of July, 1877; deposit paid on 162 acres 3 roods	£ s. d. 40 13 9
Selection void.	
Deposit to be refunded on 162 acres 3 roods.....£	40 13 9

No. 86.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I desire to inform you that the application of William M'Ilveen, junr., on the 12th July, 1877, for the conditional purchase of 162 acres of land is void, as it does not adjoin the applicant's former conditional purchases.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 87

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as it does not adjoin applicant's former conditional purchases, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £40 13s. 9d., being the deposit money paid thereon

Gunnedah, W.
M'Ilveen, junr.,
12th July, 1877,
162 acres,
£40 13s. 9d.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 88,

No. 88.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I am directed to inform you that the application made by you at Gunnedah, on the 26th July, 1877, for the conditional purchase of 163 acres 1 rood of land is void, as it does not adjoin your former conditional purchases. Deposit paid, £40 16s. 3d.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosure to No 88.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

Dr. to William M'Ilveen, junr.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No.	
Land Office at Gunnedah; date of selection, 26th day of July, 1877; deposit paid	£ s. d.
on 163 acres 1 rood	40 16 3
Deposit to be refunded on 163 acres	40 16 3

No. 89.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I desire to inform you that the application of William M'Ilveen, junr., on the 26th July, 1877, for the conditional purchase of 163 acres 1 rood of land, is void, as it does not adjoin his former conditional purchases.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 90.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 February, 1878.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as it does not adjoin his former conditional purchases, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £40 16s. 3d., being the deposit money paid thereon. Gunnedah, William M'Ilveen, 26th July, 1877, 163 acres 1 rood, £40 16s. 3d.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 91.

Application by Mrs. A. Williams,

Application by Anne Williams, widow, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 120 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £30, this 21st day of March, 1878, at 2:30 o'clock; the applicant is known to me to be above the age of sixteen years,—

T. K. ABBOTT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sir,

21 March, 1878.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 120 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 120 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £30, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 120 acres.

I am, &c.,

ANNIE WILLIAMS,

Colly Blue.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

By her Agent, FREDERICK WILLIAMS.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 120 acres, lying to the east of my selection, and being H. Burke's three forfeited conditional purchases of 40 acres each, Nos. 40, 41, and 42, selected 14 May, 1874.

[Enclosure

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
24	February, 1876	120
	21 March, 1878	120
	Total area ..	240

[Enclosure to No. 91.]

Description.

120 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, portions 40, 41, and 42 : Commencing at a point distant 4 chains 20 links north, and thence 1 chain east from the south-eastern corner of portion 31 of 40 acres ; and bounded thence on the west by a road 1 chain wide bearing north 20 chains ; on the north by a line bearing east 20 chains ; again on the west by a line bearing north 15 chains ; again on the north by a line bearing east 20 chains ; again on the west by a line bearing north 12 chains ; again on the north by a line bearing east 20 chains ; on the east by a line bearing south 20 chains ; on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains ; again on the east by a line bearing south 12 chains ; again on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains ; again on the east by a line bearing south 15 chains ; and again on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 92.

Declaration by Mr. W. McIlveen, junior.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, WILLIAM McILVEEN, junr., of Spring Ridge, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described ; and that improvements consisting of fencing, buildings, yards, &c., and to the value of £40, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 26th }
day of March, 1879, before me,— }
T. K. ABBOTT, P.M.

W. McILVEEN, JUNR.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 40 acres, at Trinkey, being conditional purchase No. 30 of 1876, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 2nd March, 1876.

Minutes on No. 92.

Urgent. Charting Branch Are there any conflicting claims. Correct in form. For approval—
W.B.—A.O.M. JOHN ROBERTSON.

No. 93.

Declaration by Mrs. Williams.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ANNIE WILLIAMS, of Colly Blue, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described ; and that improvements consisting of house, well, dam, sheep-yard, and to the value of £135, have been made on such land ; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself and Edward Williams from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holders for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 22nd }
day of May, 1879, before me,— }
T. K. ABBOTT, P.M.

ANNIE WILLIAMS.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 120 acres, being conditional purchase No. 24 of 1876, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 24th February, 1876.

[Enclosure to No. 93.]

Will the Land Agent be good enough to have the residence of Edward Williams inserted in the declaration herewith, and return the document to this Department without delay.

Lands Department, C.S. Division, Sydney, 19 August, 1879.

For the Chief Commissioner,
V.H.

The alteration effected. Returned to Department of Lands.—T.R.A., 8/9/79.

Minutes on No. 93.

Treasury—Instalment credited, £6, 6 June, 1879. Examined and found correct in form.—F.H.W., 29/9/79. Inspector O'Hara for report.—January, 1880. Approved.—J.H., 15/12/80.

No. 94.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Breeza, 2 June, 1879.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan showing 46 acres of land, numbered 20, in the parish of Howe's Hill, county of Pottinger, applied for under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by William M'Ilveen, and measured by me, in accordance with your letter dated 28th February, 1878, to Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst.

The applicant resides on portion No. 24, and has made the following improvements on that portion: A house, £65; garden, worth £10; horse-yard, worth £5; fencing, worth £66. On No. 48 the improvements consist of fencing, worth £90. On No. 53, fencing, worth £75; well, worth £75. On No. 20, fencing, worth £11 10s.

Portion No. 20 was originally part of portion No. 25. The subdivision has not been made in accordance with the sketch sent me with the instructions, but I have made the survey as directed. The applicant would have lost more than half his improvements on portion No. 48, and would have taken improvements on No. 25—that were made by another person.

The total length of the applicant's conditional purchase slightly exceeds a mile in one direction, but as it gives him no undue advantage over the adjacent alienated lands, I trust the survey will meet with your approval.

The land consists of rich black soil suitable only for grazing purposes. The instrument used was a theodolite, and the date of survey 21st May, 1879.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN.

[Enclosure to No. 94.]

Description.

320 acres, county of Pottinger, portions Nos. 20, 24, and 53, parish of Howe's Hill, portion No. 48, parish of Brothers: Commencing on the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, at the north-western corner of portion No. 1 of 320 acres; and bounded thence on the west by that road bearing north 40° 14' east 19 chains 82 links west 3 chains 51 links, and thence north 42 chains 90 links; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of portion No. 25 of 114 acres, parish of Howe's Hill, bearing east 40 chains; again on the west by the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 40 chains; and again on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion No. 130 of 116 acres 3 roods, parish of Brothers, bearing east 20 chains; on the east by the western boundary of portion No. 49 of 82 acres 3 roods, parish of Brothers, bearing south 40 chains; on the south by a road 1 chain wide bearing west 20 chains; again on the east by a line crossing that road and the western boundaries of portions Nos. 23 and 22, of 60 acres 3 roods and 40 acres respectively, both in the parish of Howe's Hill, in all bearing west 51 chains and 36 links; and again on the south by part of the northern boundary of portion No. 1 aforesaid, bearing westerly 36 chains and 57 links to the point of commencement. Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land in a westerly direction, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

No. 95.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Breeza, 2 June, 1879.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan showing alteration of portion No. 130, parish of Brothers, county of Pottinger, applied for under the 23rd clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by W., J., S., and E. Clift.

After making the subdivisions shown on plans forwarded with my letters Nos. 79-35 and 36, dated 2nd June, 1879, I found it necessary to make the alteration shown on plan herewith, or else a portion containing 36 acres would have been left south of No. 129, which probably would now have been bought, as the area was under 40 acres, and it could not have been selected.

There are no improvements on the land.

The land consists of rich black soil suitable only for grazing purposes.

The instrument used was a theodolite, and the date of survey 22nd May, 1879.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN.

Minutes on No. 95.

Was portion 130, parish of Brothers, sold auction sale at Gunnedah, 1 August, 1877?—R.H.D., 21/11/81. Not sold.—G.M., 22/11/81. Mr. Blake,—Apparently this case is not dealt with in Charting Branch.—J.S., 9 Dec., '81. Mr. Callachor, Charting Branch,—Former action having been taken by your Branch.—M.O.C.B., 6 Jan., 1882.

No. 96.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Breeza, 2 June, 1879.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan showing alterations made in portions Nos. 25 and 129, parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger, applied for under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1861 by Alexander M'Ilveen, and measured by me in accordance with your letter of instructions, M, returned to Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst.

The applicant does not reside on the land.

The improvements on portion No. 25 consist of fencing worth £28; on No. 26 they consist of two wells worth £125 each, and fencing worth £110; on 129, nil.

This subdivision is not made in accordance with the sketch sent to me with the instructions. If the subdivision had been made as suggested the applicant would have lost improvements on and near the northern boundary of portion No. 26 worth £180. He would also have lost improvements on portion No. 28—a considerable amount—and taken improvements on the part of No. 48. You suggested giving him what were made by another person. I therefore trust you will approve of the action I have taken in the matter.

The land consists of rich black soil suitable only for grazing purposes.

The instrument used was a theodolite, and the date of survey 22nd May, 1879.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN.

No. 97.

Declaration by Mr. W. Clift.

I, WILLIAM CLIFT, do solemnly and sincerely declare that William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift, of Breeza, are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described; and that improvements consisting of fencing and a yard, and to the value of £285, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Breeza, this 16th }
day of July, 1879, before me,— }
W. S. POOLE, J.P.

WILLIAM CLIFT.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 280 acres, at Breeza, being conditional purchase No. 26, made on 15 January, 1874.

No. 98.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Department of Audit, Sydney, 25 October, 1879.

Reference to the account.	Observation or query.	Explanation or answer.
Conditional purchase of William M'Ilveen, Gunnedah, 3 April, 1874, originally 320 acres.	Will the Chief Commissioner be good enough to say if the area of the conditional purchase named in the margin has been altered, the Land Agent having charged interest upon 274 acres only. C. ROLLESTON.	The area of W. M'Ilveen's C.P. of 320 acres stands unaltered in C.P. Register.

No. 99.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Second reminder.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 9 December, 1879.

I have the honor to remind you that the query in respect of M'Ilveen's conditional purchase at Gunnedah, 3/4/74, transmitted to you from this Department on the 25th October last, has not yet been answered, and to request your earliest attention to the same.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 100.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to remind you that the queries upon M'Ilveen's conditional purchases at Gunnedah, 30/4/74, transmitted to you from this Department on the 25/10/79 and 9/12/79, have not yet been answered, and to request your earliest attention to the same.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 101.

Mr. J. Delaney to Mr. J. Eccles.

NOTICE to conditional purchaser to appear at Court of Inquiry, held under sections 44-47 of Regulations under 39 Vic. No. 13.

To John Eccles, Breeza.

I hereby notify to you that a Court of Inquiry, under the provisions of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, will be held on Wednesday, the 19th day of May, 1880, at Schofield's Inn, Breeza, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question as stated at foot hereof will be inquired into.

On proof of due service of this notice, within the terms of the 45th section of the said Regulations, the inquiry will proceed whether you appear at the Court or not.

Given under my hand at Tamworth, this 5th day of May, 1880,—

JOHN DELANEY,
Commissioner.

Matter for inquiry.

The fulfilment of conditions as to residence and improvements upon the conditional purchase of 40 acres, 13th section, made by you, at Murrurundi, on the 18th day of January, 1872; also, 280 acres, 21st section, taken on the 15th January, 1874, county of Pottinger, parish of Doona, transferred to Messrs. Wm., J., S., and G. Clift.

Minute

Minute on No. 101.

New South Wales, to wit.

Senior-constable King, on oath, states that he did, on the 9th day of May, serve a true copy of the within summons on the within-named John Eccles, by handing it to his agent, Mr. William Clift, who accepted service for him.—H. W. KING.

No. 102.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Second reminder.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 8 May, 1880.

I have the honor to remind you that the queries upon M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, Gunnedah, 30/4/74, transmitted to you from this Department on the 25/10 and 9/12 and 16/4/80, have not yet been answered, and to request your earliest attention to the same.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 103.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 12 June, 1880.

I have the honor to invite your attention to a query from this office, dated 25th October, 1879, also, reminders Nos. 79-473, 80-217 and 365, inquiring if any alteration had been made in the area of W. M'Ilveen's selection at Gunnedah, 30th April, 1874, 320 acres, the Land Agent having collected interest upon 274 acres only.

I should be glad to be favoured with an early reply, as, awaiting it, all further action is precluded.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

Minutes on No. 103.

Records.—Carry on these papers, as they have not been connected at Charting Branch. Then to inform Treasury of money having been received; but as it is not in accordance with the manner in which it was approved of, probably in consequence of the land otherwise fenced in, the case will have to be submitted as to area, &c.—F.W.R., 19 July, 1880. Inform Auditor-General.—A.O.M., 20/7/80.

No. 104.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 6 August, 1880.

Referring to my letter of 12th June last, inviting your attention to a query from this office, dated 25th October, 1879; also, to reminders Nos. 79-473, 80-217 and 365, inquiring if any alteration had been made in the area of Wm. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase at Gunnedah, 30th April, 1874, 320 acres, I have the honor to request that the information sought for by all the above memoranda may be given at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 105.

The Chief Commissioner to The Auditor-General.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 6 August, 1880.

With reference to your letter of 12 June last, requesting to know whether any alteration had been made in the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the Lands Agent having collected interest upon 274 acres only, I have the honor to inform you that, under a recent report from the Survey Department, it appears that a survey has been received, but as it is not in accordance with the manner in which it was approved of (probably in consequence of the land otherwise fenced in), the case will have to be submitted as to area.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Gunnedah, W.
M'Ilveen, C.P.
74-4, 926, 320a.
30 April, 1874.

No. 106.

Messrs. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 16 September, 1880.

We beg to advise you that we are acting as agents for W. M'Ilveen, jr., whose selections are noted in the margin, and have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward all communications to our care having reference to the conditional purchases in question.

We have, &c.,
H. H. BROWN & CO.

C.P. 74-4, 926,
Tunworth, now
Gunnedah, 320
acres, 30-4-74.
W. M'Ilveen,
jun., A.C.P.
77-78.
1622 acres, W.
M'Ilveen, jun.

No. 107.

Declaration by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

C.P. No. 779-6.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, of Spring Ridge, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, kitchen, garden, tank, yards, outhouses, and fencing, and to the value of £640, have been made on such land and on my other selections. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 21st day of }
September, 1880, before me,— }
J. G. E. MUTON, J.P.

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUN.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 163½ acres, being conditional purchase No. 96 of 1877, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 12th July, 1877.

Minute on No. 107.

£8 2s. 9d. paid to Suspense Account, the selection being void.—G.E., 4 Oct., '80. The Chief
Commr., Depart. of Lands. Treasury, 4 Oct., 1880.

No. 108.

Declaration by Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

C.P. No. 77-101.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, WILLIAM M'ILVEEN, of Spring Ridge, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, kitchen, garden, tank, yards, fencing, and out-buildings, and to the value of £640, have been made on such land and on my other selections. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 21st day of }
September, 1880, before me,— }
J. G. E. MUTON, J.P.

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUN.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 162¾ acres, being conditional purchase No. 101 of 1877, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 26th July, 1877.

Minute on No. 108.

£8 3s. 3d. paid to Suspense Account, the selection being void.—G.E. Treasury, 4 Oct., '80.
The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

No. 109.

Mr. J. Delaney, Commissioner, to the Chief Commissioner.

REPORT of an Inquiry held at Breeza on the 19th of May, 1880, by John Delaney, Commissioner for the North-western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of John Eccles, made at Murrurundi on the 18th January, 1872, 15th January, 1874, P. 849 and 1,736, 1,781; plans noted.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the *Gazette* of the 3rd February, 1880, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry was present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz.:—William Clift states, John Eccles transferred to Messrs. William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift, on the 13th of May, 1875, 40 acres, taken at Murrurundi, January 8th, 1872, and 280 acres, taken also at Murrurundi, on the 15th of January, 1874, both lots situate county Pottinger, parish of Doona; that John Eccles (who is now dead), within one month from the date of selection, resided on the land

land and made it his home for more than three years on the 40-acre conditional purchase, 13th section. In improvements—a hut, £40; a sheep-yard, £10 (this is on the 40-acre conditional purchase); on the 280 acres, 21st section: 2½ miles 5-wire fence, posts mortised for top rail, £247 10s., and an iron house, a fixture, £40. That the whole of these improvements were on the conditional purchase within three years and three months from the date of selection. Value of improvements, £337 10s.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions, viz., residence and improvements, to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be allowed.

I have, &c.,
JOHN DELANEY,
Commissioner.

Minute on No. 109.

This report also covers C.P. 78-15. The total amount of improvements on a total of 606 acres being worth £354 10s., C.P. approved. Declan. on C.P. 78-15 for approval.—W.N., 21/10/81.

[*Enclosure A to No. 109.*]

Commissioner's Court of Inquiry under Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
John Eccles for residence and improvements.

New South Wales, }
Breeza, to wit. }

William Clift, being duly sworn, on his oath, saith: John Eccles transferred to Messrs. William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift, 13th May, 1875, 40 acres, 13th section, and 280 acres, 21st section, taken at Murrurundi, on the 18th of January, 1872, 40 acres, and the 15th January, 1874, 280 acres, county of Pottinger, parish Doona; I know that John Eccles (who is now dead) resided on the conditional purchase within one month from the date of selection and made it his home for more than three years, that is the 40 acres, during which time he had no other home; improvements on the 40 acres, 13th section—a hut, two rooms, one flagged and the other slabbed, worth £40, a large sheep-yard, £10; on the 280 acres, 2½ miles of 5-wire fence, posts mortised for top rail, £247 10s., a stock-yard, four rails and posts, split stuff, about 50 rods, £37 10s., an iron house, two rooms, rooms floored, a fixture, £40; the whole of these improvements were on the conditional purchase within three years and three months from the date of selection.

WILLIAM CLIFT.

Taken and sworn before me at Breeza, this 19th day of May, 1880,—
JOHN DELANEY, J.P., Commissioner.

[*Enclosure B to No. 109.*]

Description.

280 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, portion 115: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 26 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing west 20 chains; on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 20 chains; again on the north by a line bearing west 36 chains and 60 links; on the west by a line bearing south 57 chains 57 links; on the south by a line bearing east 56 chains and 60 links; and again on the east by a line bearing north 37 chains and 57 links to the point of commencement. Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land in a south-easterly direction, and thence along a northern boundary, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

[*Enclosure C to No. 109.*]

Description.

40 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, portion 26: Commencing at a point distant 200 chains north from the north-western corner of portion 23 of 320 acres; and bounded thence on the south by a northern boundary of portion 115 of 280 acres bearing east 20 chains; on the east by a line bearing north 20 chains; on the north by a line bearing west 20 chains; and on the west by an eastern boundary of portion 115 aforesaid bearing south 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 110.

Declaration by Messrs. Clift.

[C.P. No. 77-102.]

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, SAMUEL CLIFT, of Breeza, do solemnly and sincerely declare that William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of us from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Tamworth, this 25th day }
of October, 1880, before me,— }
JOHN GILL, J.P.

SAMUEL CLIFT.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 246 acres 3 roods, being conditional purchase in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 2nd August, 1877.

Minutes on No. 110.

Instalment created, 11 Nov., 1880, £12 6s. 9d. Correct in from, 30/12/80.

No. 111.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 1 November, 1880.

Gunnedah, W.
M'Dveen, junr.,
320 acres, 30
April, 1874.

Referring to your letter, dated 6th August last, stating that the case of the supposed reduction of area of the conditional purchase as per margin to 274 acres would have to be submitted, the Survey Department having received an unsatisfactory report thereupon, I have the honor to inquire if any decision has been given, the Land Agent continuing to charge interest upon 274 acres only.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON.

No. 112.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Clift.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 November, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John Eccles, at Werris Creek, on the 12th April, 1875, with reference to the conditional purchases described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 72-163 and 74-161; district, Gunnedah; dates, 18 January, 1872, and 15 January, 1874; county Pottinger, parish Brothers; No. of portions, 26 and 115; area, 40 and 280 acres; present holders, William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift.

[Enclosure to No. 112.]

The Surveyor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

William M'Dveen's conditional purchase.

According to decision C.P. 74-4,926 was to include portions 53, 24, and part of portions 25 and 48, but the surveyor has not subdivided portion 48 as intended, or subdivided portion 25 as shown on tracing that was submitted. In explanation he states that applicant would have lost half his improvements on portion 48 and have taken improvements erected by another applicant on portion 25. It is therefore submitted that the land measured and shown by blue edging be accepted in satisfaction of the conditional purchase.

ROB. D. FITZGERALD,

(For Surveyor-General),

23 November, 1880.

Approved.—F.H., 22/12/80.

No. 113.

The Inspector of Conditional Purchases to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by John S. O'Hara, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Edward Williams, made at Gunnedah, section 13, portions 29, 30, 31, at Brothers.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 11th October, 1880, and that I found the alienee then resident upon her selection.

The land, which consists of plain and bush, and comprises 120 acres, is now occupied and used by selector's mother as her home; and the selector, who follows the avocation of selector, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:-

	£	s.	d.
Slab house, bark roof, sawn floor-boards, four rooms and verandah...	40	0	0
Well, 17ft. 4in. by 4ft.	10	0	0
Garden	10	0	0
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	£60	0	0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Alienee (selector's mother), who is a widow, now resides upon the land, and apparently making it her home.

I noticed the house is well furnished, and presents the appearance of having been used as a home-
stead for a number of years.

I have, &c.,

J. O'HARA,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 113.

Sec. 13, amo. 120 acres, impts., £60, sufficient, residence complete, declan. correct. For approval.—
W.B.

No. 114.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 10 December, 1880.

Gunnedah, W.
M'Dveen, jun.,
320 acres,
30 April, 1874.

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of the 1st ultimo, inquiring if any decision had been arrived at as to the area of the conditional purchase named in the margin, no reply having been received.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON.

No. 115.

No. 115.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

[Urgent.]
Sir,

Department of Audit, 6 January, 1881.
I have the honor to request that you will favour me with a reply to my letter of the 1st November last, No. 80-235, inquiring as to correct area of the conditional purchase of W. McIlveen, jun., Gunnedah, 30th April, 1874, originally 320 acres.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 116.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Cohen & Nathan.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 January, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Annie Williams, at Gunnedah, on the 23rd May, 1879, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORJARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 7,626; district, Gunnedah, 24 February, 1876, county Pottinger, parish Brothers, 120 acres. Original applicant, Annie Williams; present holder, Edward Williams.

No. 117.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

[Urgent.]
Sir,

Department of Audit, 2 February, 1881.
I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a reply to my letter of 1st November, 1880, and reminder of 6th January, 1881, inquiring if any decisive action had been taken as to the correct area of the conditional purchase, W. McIlveen, junior, Gunnedah.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.

No. 118.

The Auditor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 3 March, 1881.
I have the honor to draw your attention to the fact that I have not yet received a reply to my letters of 1st November, 1880, and reminders of 6th January and 2nd February, 1881, inquiring as to the correct area of the conditional purchase of W. McIlveen, jun., Gunnedah.

It is very desirable that a decision should be arrived at in order that payments of interest may be adjusted and checked.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.*Minutes on No. 118.*

The area of conditional purchase is 320 acres. The case is now dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 22 March, 1881. The twelve Audit Office queries and the within papers were obtained from the Charting Branch this morning. The Treasury, agent, and selector, care of Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., should be informed that the area of this conditional purchase is 320 acres, as originally selected.—W.M.D., 14/5/81.

No. 119.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 4 March, 1881.
I have the honor to enclose a reminder letter to the Chief Commissioner, and to request that you will bring the matter under the notice of the Secretary for Lands, in order that he may cause immediate attention to be given to it.

I have, &c.,
C. ROLLESTON.*Minute on No. 119.*

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Mr. Blackman,—The within letter refers to a conditional sales matter, and is brought specially under notice by the Auditor-General.—C.O., 5 March, 1881.

No. 120.

Mr. J. Delaney, Commissioner, to The Chief Commissioner.

Report of an inquiry held at Colly Blue, on the 22nd of June, 1880, by John Delaney, Commissioner for the North-western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of Alexander M'Ilveen, made at Tamworth, on the 30th of April, 1874.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 3rd February, 1880, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry was present thereat.

The following facts, bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase, were elicited in evidence, viz. :—Alexander M'Ilveen states, on the 30th of April, 1874, he selected at Tamworth 320 acres of land, 13th section, county of Parry, parish of Howe's Hill; that within one week from the date of selection he resided on the conditional purchase, and made it his home for three years and six months. Improvements made by him on conditional purchase: a hut, one mile and a half of 6-wire fence, a well, another well, 120 feet of troughing, a whip for the purpose of raising the water; that they were all on the conditional purchase within three years from the date of selection. Value of improvements, £400 12s.

William M'Ilveen, junr., agrees with the evidence of Alexander M'Ilveen as to residence and the time that the improvements were completed; in his value the improvements are £401 12s.

In this case there is no inspector's report.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions, residence and improvements, to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be allowed.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DELANEY,
Commissioner.

[Enclosure A to No. 120.]

Commissioner's Court of Inquiry under Lands Acts Amendment Act.

New South Wales, }
Colly Blue, to wit. }

Alexander M'Ilveen, Residence and Improvements.

Alexander M'Ilveen, being duly sworn on his oath, saith: I am a grazier, residing near Goran Lake; on the 30th of April, 1874, I selected at Tamworth 320 acres of land, situate county of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 13th section; within one week from date of selection I resided on the conditional purchase, and made it my home for three years and six months, during which period I had no other home. Improvements: a hut, one room, built of bark, worth £5; one mile and a half of 6-wire fence, cost £75 per mile, worth £112 10s.; one well, 126 feet deep, slabbed from top to bottom, at 21s. per foot, £132 6s.; another well, 116 feet deep, slabbed from top to bottom, at 21s. per foot, £121 16s.; 120 feet of troughing, at 4s. per foot, £24; a whip, £5—that is for the purpose of raising the water. I swear that the whole of these improvements were all complete on the conditional purchase within three years from the date of selection.

Taken and sworn before me, at Colly Blue, }
this 22nd day of June, 1880,— }

ALEXANDER M'ILVEEN.

JOHN DELANEY.

[Enclosure B to No. 120.]

New South Wales, }
Colly Blue, to wit. }

William M'Ilveen, junior, being duly sworn, saith: I know the land selected by my brother, Alexander M'Ilveen, at Tamworth, on the 30th of April, 1874, situated county of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, area 320 acres, 13th section; on the 3rd day of May, 1874, Alexander M'Ilveen resided on his conditional purchase, and made it his home for nearly four years, during which period he had no other home. Improvements: a hut, built of bark, one room, worth £5; one mile and a half of 6-wire fence, worth £75 per mile, £112 10s.; one well, 116 feet deep, slabbed from top to bottom, at 21s. per foot, £121 16s.; another well, 126 feet deep, slabbed from top to bottom, at 21s. per foot, £132 6s.; 120 feet of troughing, worth 5s. per foot, £30; and I swear that the whole of these improvements were all made on the conditional purchase within three years from the date of selection.

Taken and sworn before me, at Colly Blue, }
22nd day of June, 1880,— }

WM. M'ILVEEN, JUNR.

JOHN DELANEY, J.P., Commissioner.

Minutes on No. 120.

For approval.—W.B.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H.

No. 121.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 4 May, 1881.

Interest upon the conditional purchase, as per margin, having been paid upon 274 acres only, and no notification of reduction of area having been received from the Lands Department, a query was addressed to the Chief Commissioner on 25th October, 1879, to which a reply was received, dated 6th August, 1880, stating that a survey had been received which was not in accordance with the manner in "which it was approved of," and that the "case would therefore have to be submitted as to area." By letter of 1st November following, inquiry was made as to whether any decision had been arrived at as to the correct area, and although reminders have been repeatedly sent, no reply has been furnished.

I have now the honor to request that the Minister may be moved to cause the matter to be inquired into, and a reply forwarded without further delay.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON,
Auditor-General.

[Enclosure to No. 121.]

MEMORANDUM.—From these papers it would appear that the delay has been in the Survey Office. Before replying to the Auditor-General's last letter, I think it desirable that the Surveyor-General should see the papers, with a view of some explanation being given as to the length of time the case has been awaiting action.—C.O., 16/5/81.

Charting Branch as to cause of delay.—P.F.A., 21 May, /81. Mr. Callaehor.

W. M'Ilveen,
Gunnedah,
30th April, 1874,
originally 320
acres.

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No. 122.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 6 May, 1881.

I do myself the honor again to invite your special attention to my letter of 12th February last, enclosing a ninth reminder on a query from this Department, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, and asking that steps should be taken to have the matter settled and an answer forwarded at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON.

Minute on No. 122.

By the Under Secretary:—I am informed the matter complained of by the Auditor-General is being dealt with in the Survey Office. It should be disposed of.—C.O., 4/6/81. The Surveyor-General.

No. 123.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. M'Ilveen, junior.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 May, 1881.

It having recently come under notice that you have been paying interest upon 274 acres only of your conditional purchase of the 30th April, 1874, 320 acres, I am to inform you that the latter is the correct area of the purchase, and that it will be therefore necessary that you should at once pay over to the Land Agent the arrears of interest due upon the difference of area, 46 acres.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 124.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 May, 1881.

With reference to W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, noted in the margin, I have to inform you that the Auditor-General has reported that you have accepted, and forwarded to the Treasury, the interest on 274 acres only, whereas it should have been paid on 320 acres, which is the correct area of the purchase, and you should make the necessary notation in your books accordingly.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD BROWN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 125.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 May, 1881.

With reference to a conditional purchase by W. M'Ilveen, at Gunnedah, on the 30th April, 1874, I have the honor to inform you that the Auditor-General has reported that interest upon 274 acres only has been received on account thereof, whereas it should have been paid on 320 acres, which is the correct area of the purchase.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 126.

The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Gunnedah, 23 May, 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of 16th instant, having reference to the conditional purchase of W. M'Ilveen, junior, as per margin.

There appears to be some doubt with regard to this conditional purchase and that by Alexander M'Ilveen of same date. That by the former does not appear at all in the Conditional Purchase Register, and also neither are shown on parish maps lately provided as the portions which appear to be embraced by these conditional purchases, being left apparently open to selection.

I should be glad to know what measurements are attached to each purchaser in virtue of their original and additional conditional purchases.

I have, &c.,

A. P. D. HAMILTON,

Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

No. 127.

Declaration by Messrs. Clift.

C.P. No. 78-15.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, I, SAMUEL CLIFT, of Breeza, do solemnly and sincerely declare that William, Joseph, Samuel, and George Clift are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements sufficient to cover the area of this purchase exist on original and previous additional purchases made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed

passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Maitland, this 25th }
day of May, 1881, before me,—

SAMUEL CLIFT.

F. H. BARTLETT, J.P.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 40 acres, being conditional purchase No. 15, made on the 28th of February, 1878, in the district of Gunnedah.

Minutes on No. 127.

Examined and found correct.—W.B., 11th August, 1881. Instalment credited, 1st June, 1881, £2.
By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 28/11/81.

No. 128.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Audit, 3 June, 1881.

I do myself the honor again to invite your special attention to my letter of the 12th February last, and reminders thereon, dated 5th April and 6th May, enclosing a ninth reminder on a query from this Department, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, and asking that steps should be taken to have the matter settled and an answer forwarded at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON.

Minutes on No. 128.

By the Surveyor-General:—No further action is necessary as regards the numerous query reminders of the Auditor-General, who has been informed by letter, dated 4th July, 1881.

Probably the action suggested in the memo. covering 81-21,841 C.S. should be taken, unless the information has already been conveyed to the Land Agent by letter of 16th May, 1881, referred to.

C.P. 74-4,926, William M'Ilveen, dealt with in Charting Branch.

These papers may be separated from 81-23,169 C.S. after decision shall have been given and action taken on that case.—CHARLES E. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 27th July, 1881.

Submitted that C.P. 74-4,926 may be accepted without reference to inspector. Surveyor (five years after C.P. was taken up) states that the applicant is resident, and improvements are valued at £397 10s.; area 320 acres.—W.B., 30/11/81.

By the Chief Commissioner:—For approval of declaration.—A.O.M., 9/12/81.

No. 129.

Messrs. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 3 June, 1881.

On behalf of our client, Mr. William M'Ilveen, we have the honor to inform you that on the 12th and 26th July, 1877, he applied by conditional purchases 77-96 and 77-101, at Gunnedah, for portions 134, 129, 130, and 131, and part of portion 135, respective applications of 162½ and 163½ acres.

These applications were declared void on the ground that the lands did not adjoin the original selection. This is, however, a mistake, as portion 34 immediately adjoins the within boundary of portion 48, the original C.P., as per sketch enclosed, hatched yellow.

There can be no question or doubt that this land was open to conditional purchase, as it was gazetted for sale on the 1st August, 1877, by the same numbers of portions and areas as applied for, consequently no error has been made by our client.

We find that your Department have accepted an application of Messrs. W., J., S., and G. Clift, C.P. 77-102, made a week later, for the same land, so that therefore, if our statement is verified by facts, viz., that our client's application was a perfectly legal and valid one, that you will be pleased to reinstate it and reverse the voidance.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & Co.

No. 130.

Memorandum by Mr. W. D. Armstrong.

W. M'ILVEEN'S application was made on the 30th April, 1874, and forwarded to surveyor for measurement, 12 May, 1874, and reported on by Mr. L.-S. Higgins, March, 1875. This report was submitted with a recommendation for voidance of the conditional purchase, 28th April, 1875, as there was not sufficient land available, and approved 7th May, 1875. On the 7th September, 1875, part of the land said to be applied for was sold at auction on the 14th August, 1876. It was again submitted that the voiding be reversed, and that the auction sale be cancelled, and that M'Ilveen should have the land as shown on a tracing which embraced portions 53, 24, and part of portions 25 and 48. This was approved 15th August, 1876. The case was again submitted on account of a letter from Messrs. Blomfield and Hoskins, advocating the claims of Messrs. Clift Brothers, the purchasers of the auction portion. It was decided on the 8th August, 1877, that the original decision should be adhered to. On the 28th February, 1878, Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst was instructed to measure the land as shown on tracing, that was submitted with 76-13,347. This was sent to Mr. L.-S. Goodwin, who reported on and measured on the 2nd June, 1879, but not according to instructions.

On the 25th October, 1879, the Audit Office requested to be informed if the area of the conditional purchase was altered, as only 274 acres had been charged interest. It would appear that the Audit Office memo. was sent to Charting Branch for former papers, but the number quoted was 79-24,600 conditional sales,

sales, instead of 79-24,604 conditional sales. Charting Branch stated that 79-24,600 conditional sales was dealt with. This memo. is dated 2nd December, 1879. On the corner turned up another note, in pencil, occurs, which gives the correct number of the papers, with a request for papers dated 10th December, 1879, which are stated to be herewith and sent to Records, 23rd December, 1879. These papers were returned to Charting Branch 5th February, 1880. They were asked for by Conditional Purchase Issue Branch (Survey), and forwarded 30th April, 1880. On the 19th July, 1880, the papers were forwarded to Records to have them connected, and that as the survey was not in accordance with instructions that the case would have to be submitted.

The Auditor-General was informed 6th August, 1880, and papers forwarded to Charting Branch, 10th August, 1880. On the 23rd November, 1880, the case was submitted for approval as measured, which was approved 22nd December, 1880, and forwarded to Charting Branch, 24th December, 1880. The case was dealt with in Charting Branch on the 22nd March, 1881, and forwarded to Conditional Sales Branch.

The greatest delay would appear to be between the 27th July, 1879, and 23rd November, 1880, during which time the case would appear to have been sent to Records, returned and sent to Conditional Purchase Issue Branch (Survey), and again sent to Records, when the Auditor-General was informed that the case would have to be submitted, which was carried out on the 23rd November, 1880.

The case has been in four different draftsmen's hands. This was occasioned by the changes that took place in the Branch at that time, and the Auditor-General's memo. would appear to have got into a wrong channel. These circumstances combined may account for the delay which has taken place in answering the Auditor-General's memo.

W. D. ARMSTRONG,
3 June, 1881.

Minute on No. 130.

By the Surveyor-General:—Returned to Under Secretary for Lands. It is one of those cases which appear to have been unfortunate at any stage. I am happy to say that nothing of the kind need happen again in the Department.—P.F.A., 8 June, 1881.

No. 131.

Memorandum.

MR. M'ILVEEN'S purchase herein referred to was originally taken up at Tamworth, but in December, 1874, transferred to the Gunnedah District, which apparently has been lost sight of, and thus the omission in the register for that district.

An extract from Conditional Purchase Register should be made and forwarded to the Land Agent.

In virtue of this purchase an additional area of 40 acres was selected on 2nd March, 1876, viz., conditional purchase 76-30, which stands void in consequence of the original conditional purchase being void, but the cancellation of this conditional purchase has been revoked, but that of the additional overlooked, consequently it still appears to stand void. Papers should now be looked up with a view to the revocation of the cancellation.

Paper finally to the Charting Branch as to the Land Agent's statement with regard to the parish maps provided him.
A.B.C., 11/6/81.

Minute on No. 131.

Deputy Surveyor-General,—A recommendation with a view to revoking the voiding of conditional purchase 76-30 has now been made on its own papers, 79-14,758 conditional sales, with which the application has now been placed.—C. E. FINCH, 27 July, 1881.

No. 132.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, and Alex. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927.

WM. M'ILVEEN and Alex. M'Ilveen having selected 320 acres each, and the descriptions being indefinite, it was decided on 76-13,347 Aln. that they should be allowed the land shown by red band on tracing marked A.

The surveyor, on visiting the ground, found that the decision on 76-13,347 would cut off part of Wm. M'Ilveen's improvements on portion 48, and deprive Alex. M'Ilveen of improvements on portion 25; he therefore measured according to tracing B, and suggested that the whole of portion 48 should be given to Wm. M'Ilveen.

The papers in Wm. M'Ilveen's case came into the Charting Branch 27th July, 1879, and were delayed until 22nd March, 1881, before action was taken, during which time, I have ascertained, repeated applications were made at Records for the papers of Alex. M'Ilveen, but they were stated to be with Mr. Commissioner Delaney, and could not be obtained; it was therefore decided to deal with Wm. M'Ilveen's case without these papers, and it was recommended that the suggestion of the surveyor should be adopted, as it would not interfere with Alex. M'Ilveen's improvements.

This recommendation was approved 22nd December, 1880, and papers dealt with 22nd March, 1881.

The papers of Alex. M'Ilveen were forwarded to the Charting Branch, 4th June, 1881, when it was found that they contained not only papers connected with Alex. M'Ilveen's case, but also those of Wm. M'Ilveen's additional conditional purchases, which had been declared void on account of not adjoining Wm. M'Ilveen's first conditional purchase.

The decision on 76-13,347 Aln. having cut off the northern part of portion 48, necessitated the voiding of the additional conditional purchases (coloured pink on tracing marked C), but the decision on 80-46,712 made W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase include the whole of portion 48, thus making the additional conditional purchase to adjoin the first conditional purchase.

It was not known why the additional conditional purchases were declared void at date of dealing with first conditional purchase, as the papers were not forthcoming. On the 2nd August, 1877, W., J., S., & G. Clift made additional conditional purchase 77-102, including the land selected by W. M'Ilveen as an additional

additional conditional purchase, viz., portions 135, 131, 130, and 129, the latter portion being part of Alex. McIlveen's conditional purchase. This application was received by the Land Agent on account of the voidance of W. McIlveen's first conditional purchase (the action taken not having been noted in his register), which would also void the additional conditional purchase of W. McIlveen. The voidance of the first conditional purchase was revoked 15th August, 1876, but the additional conditional purchases were again voided, on account of not adjoining first conditional purchase, November, 1877. This would legalize Clift Bros.' conditional purchase, but the decision on 80-46,712 will make W. McIlveen's additional conditional purchase adjoin his first conditional purchase.

It is pointed out that Wm. McIlveen's additional conditional purchases should not have been with Alex. McIlveen's papers, but should have been with W. McIlveen's case. If this had been so, the case could have been more fully considered when dealing with Wm. McIlveen's conditional purchase.

No other land was available for W. McIlveen to select under the 21st clause than that to the north of portion 48, excepting portion 73, to the west of portion 24, which has since been selected.

It is therefore submitted whether the voiding of William McIlveen's conditional purchase under the 21st clause should be maintained. The land was measured at the *date of his selecting, in which case the application of Clift Bros. would have to be declared void, although they have been in undisturbed possession for over three years, and have sent in the declaration of residence and improvements.

ROB. D. FITZGERALD,
(For Surveyor-General),

17 June, 1881.

The Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales.

Minutes on No. 132.

By the Minister for Lands :—* This part of the submission is absurd, as W. McIlveen applied for measured portions. If the voiding of W. McIlveen's additional conditional purchases are maintained, the Clifts' conditional purchase must stand good.—J.S.F.

By the Surveyor-General :—The word maintained has been inadvertently used instead of revoked, now altered.—C. E. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 27 July, 1881.

No. 133.

Declaration by Messrs. Cohen & Nathan.

[C.P. No. 78-24.]

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
Gunnedah.

We, Nathan Cohen and David Nathan, of Tamworth, do solemnly and sincerely declare that we are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, &c., and to the value of £60, have been made on such land. And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the most effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Tamworth, this 20th }
day of June, 1881, before me,— }
SEYMOUR C. STEWART, J.P.

NATHAN COHEN.
DAVID NATHAN.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 120 acres, at Gunnedah, being conditional purchase No. 24 of 1878, made on the 21st March, 1878.

Minutes on No. 133.

Correct in form, 5/9/81. Instalment created 19 June, '81, £6. By the Secretary for Lands :—
Approved.—J.S.F.

No. 134.

Application by Mr. A. McIlveen.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Alexander McIlveen for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres, unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 23rd day of June, 1881, at 3-35 o'clock,—

A. P. D. HAMILTON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
974	April, 1874	320
100	June, 1881	320
Total area..		640

Sir,

23 June, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 320 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 320 acres.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER McILVEEN,

Spring Ridge.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, 320 acres, being lapsed conditional purchase No. 126, J. McLelland, of 30th April, 1874.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 134.]

Description.

320 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, portion No. 126 :—Commencing on the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, at the south-western corner of portion No. 123 of 320 acres ; and bounded thence on the west by that road, dividing it from part of portion No. 47 of 320 acres, parish of Howe's Hill, bearing southerly 31 chains 6 links ; and bounded thence on the south by that road dividing it partly from part of portion No. 51 of 320 acres, parish of Howe's Hill, bearing easterly 20 chains 56 links ; again on the west by that road dividing it partly from that portion bearing southerly 46 chains 54 links ; again on the south by a road 1 chain wide, dividing it partly from part of portion No. 26 of 160 acres, and a line in all bearing north 89° 29' east 40 chains ; on the east by a line bearing north 41 chains 47 links ; on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion No. 115 of 280 acres, bearing west 15 chains and 14 links ; again on the east by part of the western boundary of that portion bearing north 35 chains 71 links ; and again on the north by the southern boundary of portion No. 123 aforesaid bearing west 45 chains and 65 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 135.

Memorandum.

CONDITIONAL purchase No. 77-96, Gunnedah, W. M'Ilveen, 12th July, 1877, 162½ acres, and conditional purchase No. 77-101, Gunnedah, W. M'Ilveen, 26th July, 1877, 163¼ acres. Declared void.

Mr. Barraclough,—Please state whether the deposit money on the above conditional purchases has been refunded, and the date, and oblige.—G.H.S., 26/6/81.

Not yet refunded.—W.H.B.

Minute on No. 135.

By the Minister for Lands :—Approved, providing that the applicant has not accepted the refund of the deposit on his additional conditional purchase.—J.H., 30/7/81.

No. 136.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Auditor-General.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Ministerial Branch, 4 July, 1881.

Adverting to your letter of the 3rd ultimo and previous reminders in reference to an Audit office query addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales respecting the supposed reduction of area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin to 274 acres, upon which area only the interest has been collected by the Land Agent at Gunnedah, I have now the honor to apprise you that Mr. Hamilton has been informed that the correct area of the conditional purchase in question is 320 acres, and instructed to make the necessary notation in his books, in order that in future the proper amount of interest may be collected by him.

2. I may remark that this is one of those cases which appear to have been unfortunate in every stage. The delay in replying to your letters was caused by the detention of the papers in the Survey Office, but precautions will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the irregularity.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

Gunnedah,
W. M'Ilveen,
Junr.,
C.P. 74-4,026,
320 acres,
30 April, 1874.

No. 137.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Wm. M'Ilveen, additional conditional purchase 76-30, Gunnedah.

ADDITIONAL conditional purchase 76-30, Gunnedah, was declared void on account of the first conditional purchase in virtue of which it was made having been declared void. Subsequently, it having been ascertained that the voiding of the first conditional purchase had taken place upon incorrect grounds, it was revoked ; but the fact that the voiding of the additional conditional purchase should also have been revoked was overlooked, probably through the application having been placed with other papers, from which it has now been removed for action.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the voiding of additional conditional purchase 76-30, Gunnedah, be revoked, the purchase being unobjectionable.

From the fact that applicant has made declaration on this conditional purchase, and has never protested against its voiding, it is presumed the notice never reached him, and that he has not withdrawn the deposit from the Treasury.

CHAS. E. FINCH,

(For Surveyor-General),

The Chief Commissioner.

27 July, 1881.

Minute on No. 137.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved, providing that the applicant has not accepted the refund of the deposit on his additional conditional purchase.—J.H., 30 July, 1881.

No. 138.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

William M'Ilveen's conditional purchases 77-96 and 101 ; Messrs. Clifts' conditional purchase 77-102. At the request of the Minister for Lands, I have investigated the case of William M'Ilveen's claim under void additional conditional purchases 77-96 and 101 to portions 129, 130, 134, 131, and 135, which, with the exception of portion 134, at present stand as Messrs. Clifts' conditional purchase 77-102, and now submit the following facts for consideration :—

The claim depends for the most part upon action taken in Wm. M'Ilveen's original conditional purchase and on A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, the papers relating to which are temporarily herewith.

W. M'Ilveen

W. McIlveen (by 74-4,926) and A. McIlveen (by 74-4,927) applied for 320 acres respectively under indefinite descriptions. Under Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision of the 15th August, 1876 (which is with W. McIlveen's first conditional purchase case), these conditional purchases were located in the positions shown by red edging on tracing A herewith (green edging on tracing C), and the surveyor was instructed to adjust the measurements of portions 48, 25, &c., which had been measured for auction sale, but not accepted at date of conditional purchases in accordance with that decision.

By additional conditional purchase 77-96, Wm. McIlveen applied for portions 129, 130, and 134, and by conditional purchase 77-101 for portion 131 and part of 135. These applications were declared void on the 23rd February, 1878, as the land applied for did not adjoin the original conditional purchase as located under Mr. Garrett's decision. (These conditional purchases had previously been declared void on the erroneous supposition that the original conditional purchase was void.) The voiding of these conditional purchases left the land applied for by Messrs. Clift available for that conditional purchase, except so far as it was covered by A. McIlveen's conditional purchase.

The surveyor who measured A. and W. McIlveen's conditional purchases did not carry out Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision, and represented that, if the approved form of measurement were adhered to, W. McIlveen would lose half his improvements. It was thereupon decided that W. McIlveen's conditional purchase might be located as measured and shown by blue edging on tracing B (blue tint on C). This involved a corresponding alteration in the boundary of A. McIlveen's conditional purchase. Besides, the alteration of the boundary between the conditional purchases, the surveyor has altered the boundaries of conditional purchase 74-4,927 from those approved by Mr. Garrett to those shown by brown edging on tracing C. The survey of conditional purchase 74-4,927 has not however been accepted. By the alteration last referred to (*i.e.*, in conditional purchase 74-4,927) the available part of the area covered by additional conditional purchase 77-96 is left adjoining W. McIlveen's original conditional purchase 74-4,926 as modified under decision on 80-33,761 C.S. On this latter fact is based the claim made by Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., on behalf of W. McIlveen, in letter of the 3rd June, 1881.

When the concession was made with respect to the boundary of W. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, under decision on 80-33,761 C.S. it could not have been intended that it should affect the voiding of additional conditional purchases 77-96 and 101, and thereby prejudice the claims of Messrs. Clift under additional conditional purchase 77-102.

Irrespective of what may have been the intention, and even supposing that W. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926 had been located *from the first* as per blue tint on tracing C, it may be pointed out—

- 1st. That A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927, as located under Mr. Garrett's *decision* (which decision *has not been altered*, excepting as regards the *common boundary* between A. & W. McIlveen's conditional purchases), extends along the *whole* of the north boundary of conditional purchase 74-4,926 to the *north-east corner of portion 48*, and embraces portion 134, now cancelled (see red lines, tracing C); consequently the available part of the area covered by additional conditional purchase 77-96 would be separated from W. McIlveen's original conditional purchase by A. McIlveen's original conditional purchase 74-4,927 as it is at present located.
- 2nd. Even if A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 may be located as measured by the surveyor (brown edging on tracing C), the land immediately north of portion 48 may be considered as having been "unmeasured" at date of conditional purchase application 77-96; for although that land was measured as portion 134 at that date, the measurement must be looked upon as invalid, seeing that the land was partly if not wholly within A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927, made prior to date of such invalid measurement. Consequently, if the land immediately north of portion 48 was unmeasured, additional conditional purchase 77-96, in order to embrace any of the land applied for, would extend over "unmeasured" land, and with the previous conditional purchase beyond the 80 chains limit. Without such extension over "unmeasured" land, additional conditional purchase 77-96 could not embrace "measured" portion 130.

Additional conditional purchase 77-101, which is embraced by the area subsequently applied for by Messrs. Clift as additional conditional purchase 77-102, is dependent, upon additional conditional purchase 77-96 for connection with the original purchase; but even if additional conditional purchase 77-96 be considered valid, additional conditional purchase 77-101 would stand only for portion 131, as the application embraces part only of portion 135, and no subdivision fee has been paid.

CHAS. E. FINCH,
(For Surveyor-General),
28 July, 1881.

Minutes on No. 138.

By the Secretary for Lands:—The minute of Mr. Finch places this difficult case in a clear light, and enables me to arrive at a decision. A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 extends, by Mr. Garrett's decision, along the whole of the northern boundary of W. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, and that decision, as regards A. McIlveen's conditional purchase, has not been set aside, consequently the whole of the southern part of portion 134 forms part of A. McIlveen's conditional purchase; hence the land available for additional conditional purchase 77-96 does not adjoin the original conditional purchase of W. McIlveen 74-4,926, and therefore was correctly voided, and such voidance must stand good.—J.H., 30/7/81.

By Mr. W. D. Armstrong:—Mr. L-S. Goodwin has been instructed to measure A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 according to above decision.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 24 Dec., /81.

No. 139.

Memorandum.

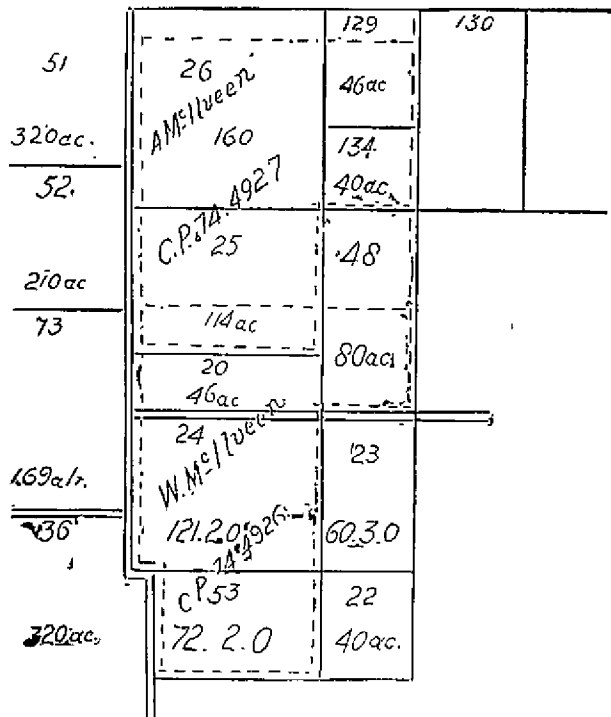
Statement of the case of Alexander McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927, Gunnedah.

NEARLY all the former papers of this case are with those of W. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, from which the accompanying papers have been removed for separate action.

W. McIlveen's case is 80-33,761 C.S., carried on to 81-3,941 Minl.

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The following are the particulars as far as they affect A. McIlveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927.



Certain land was applied for by A. and W. McIlveen under conditional purchase 74-4,927 and 4,926, the descriptions being rather indefinite. Before the purchases were located, certain portions covering the land intended to have been applied for were measured for auction sale, and one of them (portion 48) was sold at Gunnedah on the 7th September, '75, as lot C, to Messrs. Clift. The case having been submitted to the Minister on 76-13,347 Alm., it was decided (15/8/76) that the conditional purchases should be located as shown by red edging in annexed diagram, that the subsequent conditional purchases of Michael McNamara (74-5,129) and C. Collins (74-5,127) should be declared void, and that the sale of lot C to Messrs. Clift should be cancelled. Action was taken accordingly.

Subsequently, on representations made by Messrs. McIlveen, it was decided on 80-33,761 C.S. that the boundaries between the conditional purchases should be modified, as shown by blue line. The surveyor, by survey transmitted with 74-24,605 C.S., has made other modifications in the boundaries of conditional purchase 74-4,927. This matter will be for consideration after a decision has been given on a question submitted on C.S. 81-23,169, relative to W. McIlveen's void additional conditional purchase 77-96.

CHAS. E. FINCH,
28 July, /81.

No. 140.

Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, Sydney, 22 August, 1881.

We have been instructed by Messrs. Clift Brothers to apply for a certificate of final approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, all conditions having been fulfilled long since.

We have, &c.,

BLOMFIELD & DICKSON.

No. 141.

The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Gunnedah, 2 September, 1881.

I have the honor to refer you to my letter of 23rd May last, touching the various conditional purchases by Mr. McIlveen's family. The want of proper records in the Conditional Purchase Register of these conditional purchases has resulted in correspondence on the part of the Audit Office and also the Treasury, and in the absence of definite information I am unable to rectify errors. I would request that you cause to be forwarded to me a description of the three conditional purchases as under, together with the dates and conditional purchase Nos. of all their respective additional conditional purchases.

- W. McIlveen ... 30th April, 1874, additional conditional purchase.
- W. McIlveen, junr. ... " " "
- Alex. McIlveen ... " " "

I have, &c.,

A. P. D. HAMILTON, C.L.A.

No. 142.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. McIlveen, junr.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1881.

I am directed to inform you that the voidance of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in your name, as before.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, 40 acres, 2 March, 1876.—
W. McIlveen, junr.

No. 143.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1881.

I am directed to inform you that the voidance of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in W. McIlveen's name, as before.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Gunnedah, 40 acres, 2 March, 1876.—
W. McIlveen.

No. 144.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1881.

Gunnedah, 40
acres, 2 March,
1876.—
W. M'Ilveen.

I am directed to inform you that the voidance of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in M'Ilveen's name, as before.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 145.

Messrs. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 3 October, 1881.

C.P. 74-4,927,
Tamworth,
Alex. M'Ilveen,
320a., 30/4/74

We have the honor to request that you will issue to us, with as little delay as possible, a certificate of approval of declaration on the conditional purchase noted in the margin.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,
Agents for A. M'Ilveen.

No. 146.

Messrs. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 6 October, 1881.

C.P. 74-4,927,
Tamworth, Alex
M'Ilveen, 320a.,
30/4/74.

We have the honor to request that you will issue to us, with as little delay as possible, a certificate of approval of declaration on the conditional purchase noted in the margin.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,
Agents for A. M'Ilveen.

No. 147.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Brown & Co.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 October, 1881.

Gunnedah,
77-06,101.

In reply to your application of the 3rd June last, on behalf of W. M'Ilveen, for a renewal of the cancellation of his conditional purchase noted in the margin, on grounds which you thereon fully state, I have the honor to inform you that A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 extends, by Mr. Garrett's decision, along the whole of the northern boundary of W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,936, and that decision, as regards A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, has not been set aside, consequently the whole of the southern part of portion No. 134 forms part of A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase; hence the land available for additional conditional purchase, 77-96, does not adjoin the original conditional purchase of W. M'Ilveen, 74-4,926. The voidance must therefore stand good.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 148.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch.

(Form F.)

Memorandum of Instructions.

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 22 December, 1881.

SUBJECT.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor T. H. H. Goodwin is requested at his early convenience to re-survey Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927, as shown by brown tint on accompanying tracing, in accordance with the Minister's decision on 81-23,169 conditional sales, which is as follows:—A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 extends, by Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision, along the whole of the northern boundary of W. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, and that decision, as regards A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, has not been set aside, consequently the whole of the southern part of portion 134 forms part of A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,
(For Surveyor-General).

24th Dec., 1881.

REPLY.

I have seen Mr. W. M'Ilveen, who represents his brother in this matter, and he has asked me to re-submit this case for consideration. He is desirous of having 46 acres measured, as shown by heavy broken blue lines on tracing herewith, and offers the following reasons for making such request:—

1st. That his brother has now had possession of portion No. 129 for the last seven (7) years, and during that period he has made valuable improvements on the western and northern side of that portion, which he will lose if Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision is enforced.

2nd. As Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision has been departed from in granting the whole of portion No. 26 (so as to embrace valuable improvements), it is now suggested to make a similar departure to save the applicant unnecessary loss.

3rd. At the time Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision was given the portion of the improvements made by W. and A. M'Ilveen was unknown, therefore he considers the case is worthy of re-consideration.

4th. If the proposed form of measurement of A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase is enforced, will sever W. M'Ilveen's additional conditional purchase of 320 acres from his original conditional purchase of 320 acres.

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I may add that the form of survey Mr. M'Ilveen is desirous of procuring will make his property more compact than that suggested by the Department, therefore more valuable; it will also reduce his loss of fencing to ten (10) chains, whereas the Minister's decision, if carried out, will cause a loss of (40) forty acres; it will also make a very much better design. Therefore I respectfully suggest that the case be recommended.

THOMAS H. H. GOODWIN.

16th February, 1882.

P.S.—May I ask that this case be dealt with at once, as I expect to be working in the parish of Howe's Hill within two months, and would like this instruction returned so that the field work could be done.—T.H.H.G.

Minutes on No. 148.

By the Surveyor-General:—The case has again been submitted to the Secretary for Lands, who has decided that the original decision, which located Alexander M'Ilveen's south boundary along the whole of W. M'Ilveen's north boundary, should not be set aside. The instructions of the 24th December, 1881, should at once be carried out.—RBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor General), 25 Oct., /82.

The paper received from Lands this day, 21st Feb., 1883, is now forwarded to Mr. L.S. Goodwin, to carry out the instructions of the 25th Oct., 1882. Attention is drawn to the reminder of the 16th Feb., 1883, on the same subject.—W.D.A. (for Sur.-Genl.), 21 Feb., 1883.

Transferred to D.-S. MacMaster.—T. GOODWIN, 28/2/83. L.-S. Turner, for action, April 2, 1883.—COLIN J. MACMASTER.

Replied to by letter, 31 July, 83-54.—E. W. TURNER, Licensed Surveyor. Mr. Turner to amend according to instructions forwarded to Mr. Goodwin herein. Instructions No. 133.—W.D.A., 8 Oct., /83.

No. 149.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

William and Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchases 74-4,926 and 74-4,927.

The within case, which has been fully considered by Mr. Secretary Hoskins before giving his decision on 81-32,169 C.S., was intended to allow Alexander and William M'Ilveen the land improved in 1879, but not to validate William M'Ilveen's additional conditional purchases 77-96 and 77-101, which were declared void, as they did not adjoin applicant's previous conditional purchase. The proposal of the surveyor to give Alexander M'Ilveen a strip of land along the entire east boundary of portion No. 26 is evidently intended to re-establish W. M'Ilveen's claim to his additional conditional purchase.

As the original decision located Alexander M'Ilveen's south boundary along the whole of Wm. M'Ilveen's north boundary, and as that decision has not been set aside, and as the departure proposed by the surveyor would prejudice Clift Brothers' claim under additional conditional purchase 77-102, it is submitted that Mr. Secretary Hoskins' decision be maintained.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,
(For Surveyor-General).

20th July, 1882.

Minutes on No. 149.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin has this day been instructed to measure in accordance with Ministerial decision of 8th July, 1882, on form F.—W.D.A., 25 October, 1882.

Form F referred to was not sent to Mr. Goodwin, as stated above, but was delayed at Lands. It has been forwarded this day to Mr. L.-S. Goodwin.—W.D.A., 21st Feb., 1883.

No. 150.

Messrs. Brown & Co., to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 21 August, 1882.

We have the honor to request that you will be pleased to furnish us with a reply to our letter of 3rd June, 1881. We understand that a report has now been received from the surveyor on the subject in dispute.

Trusting that the matter may receive early attention, and that certificates may be issued to our care of the conditional purchases in question,—

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,
Agents for Wm. M'Ilveen.

No. 151.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Brown & Co.

Sirs,

Department of Lands, Sydney, Conditional Sales Division, 11 October, 1882.

With reference to your letter of the 21st August last, respecting the case of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have to inform you that Sir John Robertson has decided that the previous decision of Mr. Secretary Hoskins (conveyed to you in my letter of 14 October, 1881, that the voidance must stand) must be maintained.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 152.

No. 152.

The Inspector of Conditional Purchases to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by John S. O'Hara, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Annie Williams, made at Gunnedah, on 21st March, 1878.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 21st September, 1882, and that I found the selector then not resident upon this selection.

The land, which consists of plain, and comprises 120 acres, is now occupied and used by Williams Brothers as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of ———, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:—87 chains 6-wire fence, £60.

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The original C.P. is well improved, and appears to have been used as a residence for a number of years.

I have, &c.,
J. S. O'HARA,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 152.

21st section, area 120 acres; improvements, £60; original conditional purchase approved; declaration on additional conditional purchase 78-24 for approval.—W.A., 29 Nov., 1882.

No. 153.

Notification of Alienation by Messrs. Cohen & Nathan to Messrs. Clift.

[Alienation Act—sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

H.

Notification of Alienation of conditional purchase by Nathan Cohen and David Nathan, in the district of Tamworth.

WE hereby notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that we have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months), in consideration of the sum of £420, this day alienated to William Clift, Joseph Clift, Samuel Clift, and George Clift, of Breeza, the 120 acres of land situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Brothers, which were selected at Tamworth by Edward Williams, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 24th February, 1876, as also the following additional purchase (*to be inserted with particulars thereof if necessary*):—120 acres, on the 21st March, 1878.

Witness,—

RICHARD A. DOWE,
A Commissioner for Affidavits.

NATHAN COHEN,
DAVID NATHAN,
Tamworth,

Dated at Tamworth, this 17th October, 1882.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I HAVE duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office. Fee of £2 17s. 6d. paid, including 7s. 6d. for registration fee, and £2 10s. stamp duty.

District of Gunnedah,

Land Office, Gunnedah, 25 November, 1882.

A. P. D. HAMILTON,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

RECEIVED into the office of the Registrar-General, at Sydney, this day of December, A.D. 1882, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Fred. Bennett, of Sydney, a copy of the above transfer, verified by J. A. Dwyer, of Tamworth, and numbered 100, book 260.

H. W. GILLAM,
Deputy Registrar.

No. 154.

Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, 25 January, 1883.

We have been instructed by Messrs. Clift Brothers to apply for the issue of a certificate of conformity for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, all conditions having been fulfilled, and as it is important that they should have this certificate, we have the honor to request that you will cause same to be issued without delay, as at the present time they are being annoyed by one W. McIlveen, who selected the same land, but whose selection has twice been declared void by two different Ministers, and yet he refuses to leave the land, and it is for the purpose of enabling the Messrs. Clift to take the proper legal steps that the certificate is now asked for. We therefore hope that you will cause the certificate to be prepared at once.

We have, &c.,
BLOMFIELD & DICKSON.

Minutes on No. 154.

From Survey Branch memorandum it appears measurement of McIlveen's conditional purchases has not yet been made, and as Clifts' conditional purchase 77-102 conflicts with McIlveen's, certificate cannot issue for the present. Writers should be informed.—W.A., 15/3/83. Inform Mr. Clift that his conditional purchase 77-102 application is now in the hands of the surveyor for measurement, and that a certificate cannot issue until survey has been approved.—W.B., 29 March, 1883. Mr. Brown,—Any report received, please.—E.W.P., 15/8/83. No report.—C.D., 20/8/83.

Clift Brothers,
C.P. 77-102,
288½ acres, 2nd
August, 1877,
Gunnedah.

No. 155.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Goodwin.

Sir, Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 16 February, 1883.
I beg to invite your attention to my letter of the 28th day of July, 1882, whereby you were directed to measure Messrs. W. and A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchases, in accordance with the decision of the Secretary for Lands, and I have to request that you will carry out the instructions above referred to with as little delay as possible, and report on this memo. when the instruction will probably be carried out.

I have, &c.,
R. D. FITZGERALD,
(For the Surveyor-General).

No. 156.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 March, 1883.
Replying to your letter of the 25th January last, urging, on behalf of Messrs. Clift Brothers, that certificate of conformity may be issued for their selection noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the application for the selection in question is now in the hands of the surveyor for measurement, and that a certificate cannot issue until the survey has been approved.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 157.

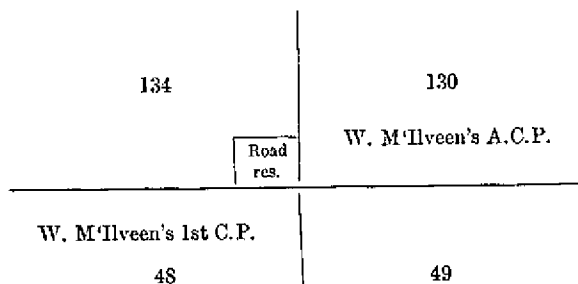
Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Turner to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Gunnedah, 31 July, 1883.
I have the honor to enclose herewith instruction, 21st February, to Mr. L.-S. Goodwin, transferred to me on 2nd April, and to report as follows:—

On the 26th of the present month I went on to the ground to carry out survey, as instructed, but William M'Ilveen (applicant's brother) so strongly objected to the form of survey, and his case seems so hard, that I came to the conclusion that it would be better to more fully represent the case to you, with a view to further instructions.

William M'Ilveen has applied for portion 130, as additional conditional purchase to the part coloured blue on tracing, his first conditional purchase, but as the Minister has decided that Alexander M'Ilveen's land must extend as far east as his brother's, William M'Ilveen is cut off from his additional conditional purchase, as portion 48 would adjoin it at a point only, and I believe this is held to be not adjoining.

If the Minister's ruling may not be modified, even to the extent of a chain, &c., I would suggest that a square chain of road be introduced; thus:



To enable William M'Ilveen's selections to adjoin each other through the road.

On the tracing the land the subject of M'Ilveen's applications seems to be held by Clift Bros., but it will be seen by enclosed copy of conditional purchase that M'Ilveen's conditional purchase is anterior.

The value of the land the subject of M'Ilveen's additional conditional purchase is £600, and it is improved by him by fencing. He has been in undisturbed possession of it for seven years, and is evidently a *bona fide* selector.

I have, &c.,
E. W. TURNER.

[Enclosure to No. 157.]

Be good enough to let Mr. John Gill, M.P., see the papers in reference to the applications of William M'Ilveen for conditional purchases made at Gunnedah or Tamworth.
J. P. ABBOTT, 29/9/83.

Minutes on No. 157.

The Minister directed me to request that the accompanying case may receive early attention.—A.O.M., 2/10/83.

Charting Branch,—At the request of Mr. M'Ilveen, the case may be re-opened, and both parties may be heard on Tuesday, the 27th November. Mr. Clift to be informed.—J.S.F., 9/11/83.

To the Surveyor-General, 3rd August, 1883.—COLIN J. M'MASTER.

Mr. Armstrong,—In connection with papers C.S. 83-594 correspondence.—J. G. ROBINSON, 31st August, 1883.

By the Surveyor-General:—By the decision of the Ministers, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, and Sir John Robertson, it has been decided that Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 is to be bounded on the whole of the south by William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,926, and upon those

decisions it would appear to me that no action remains for the Surveyor-General except directions to the surveyor to carry out the instructions already given ; but it appears necessary, before so directing, to invite attention to the wording of Alexander M'Ilveen's description, which states his land to be bounded on the south in part by William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase, an item in the description to which sufficient attention has not been directed.—R. D. FITZGERALD (for the Surveyor-General), 7th September, 1883.

By the Chief Commissioner :—This case has occupied a good deal of attention, and has been the subject of concurrent decisions by several Ministers on survey report, dealing in detail with the respective claims. The decision of Mr. Hoskins in particular, on survey report on 81-32,169, was re-affirmed by Sir John Robertson, in accordance with the survey report 82-6,288, enclosed. It would, it appears to me, be dangerous and undesirable to re-open such a case upon a single point, and I would suggest that, if it be considered advisable that it should be reconsidered, the case as a whole should be fully set out.—A.O.M., 13/9/83.

By the Minister for Lands :—Approved.—J.S.F., 19/9/83.

Mr. Turner instructed to carry out the amendment as directed on 82-1,277 conditional sales ; number of instruction, 133, 8th October, 1883.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 20 November, 1883.

Telegram to delay acting on instructions until further advised.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 23 Nov., 1883.

As no reply has been received from Mr. J. Gull, M.P., on behalf of Mr. M'Ilveen, or from Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson, on behalf of Messrs. Clift Brothers, in answer to letters addressed to them on 20th November last, according to notation, the case is submitted as to what further action should be taken. Mr. Wiseman, before submitting the case, see whether any reply has now been received.—C.N., 3rd January, 1884.

No reply.—G.P., 10/1/84.

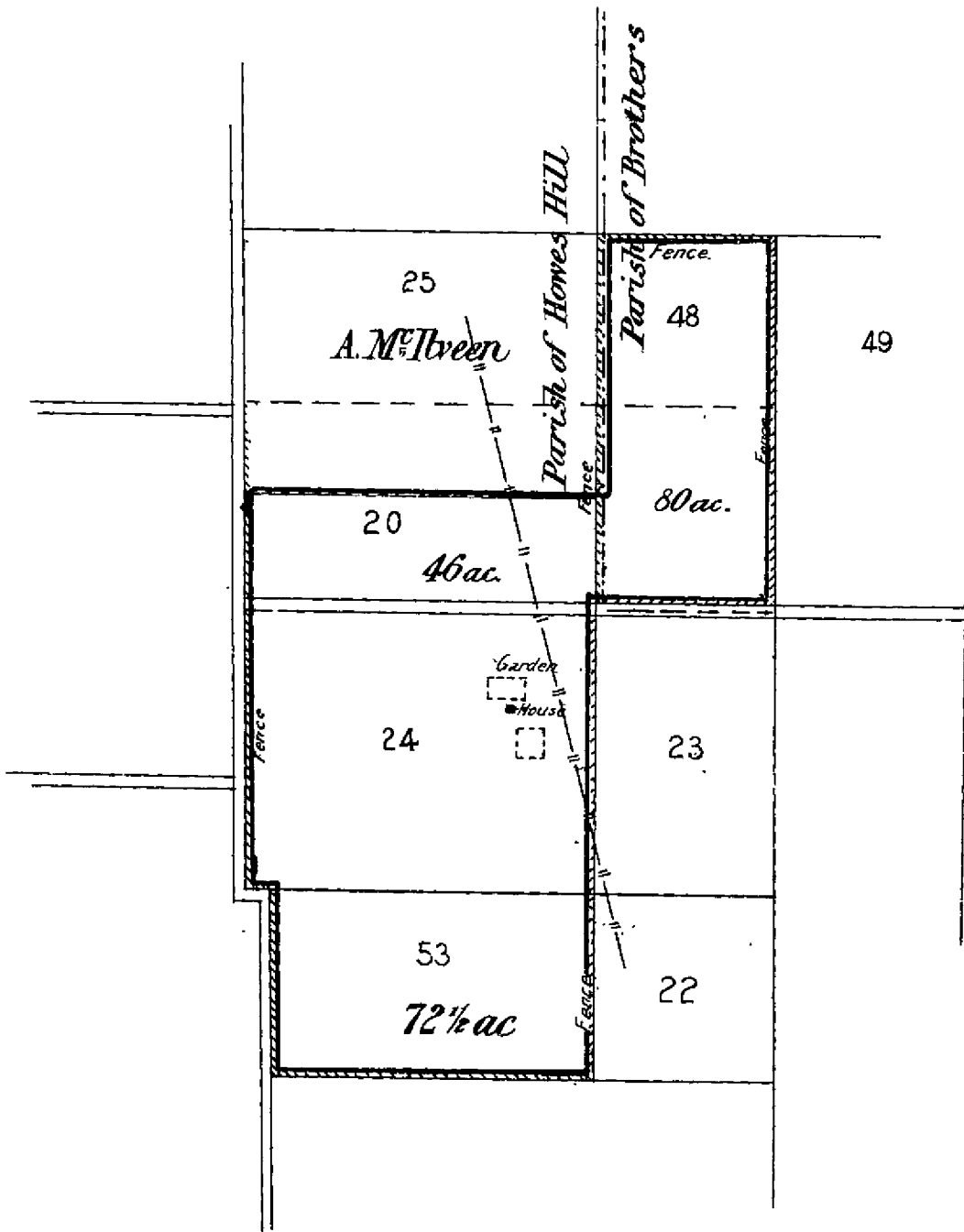
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PLAN

Showing William McIlveen's C.P. 74,4926.

*Parishes of Howes Hill and Brothers,
County of Pottinger.*

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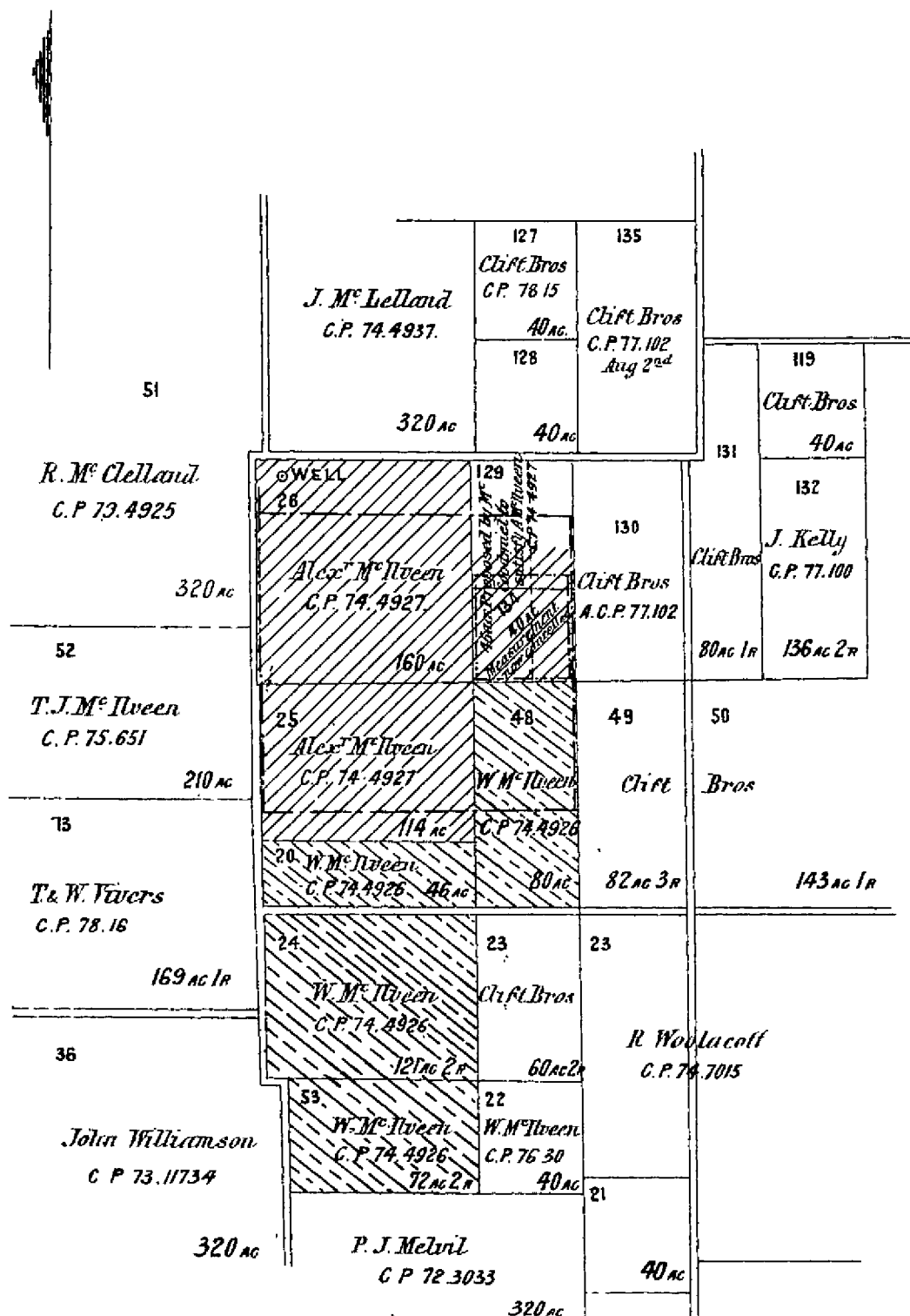
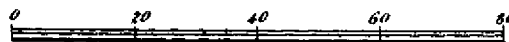


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according to decision on 76,13347.*

PARISHES OF HOWES HILL & BROTHERS

COUNTY POTTINGER

Scale of Chains.



All measurements as they exist shown in black
Parts colored blue on original Plan shows W.M. Mc Ilveen's C.P. 74.4926
Land colored brown on original Plan shows A. Mc Ilveen's C.P. 74.4927 as amended
Green color on original Plan shows Alex. Mc Ilveen's C.P.s decided by Mr Secretary Garrett

NOTE
Parts colored blue on original Plan are shown thus [diagonal hatching]
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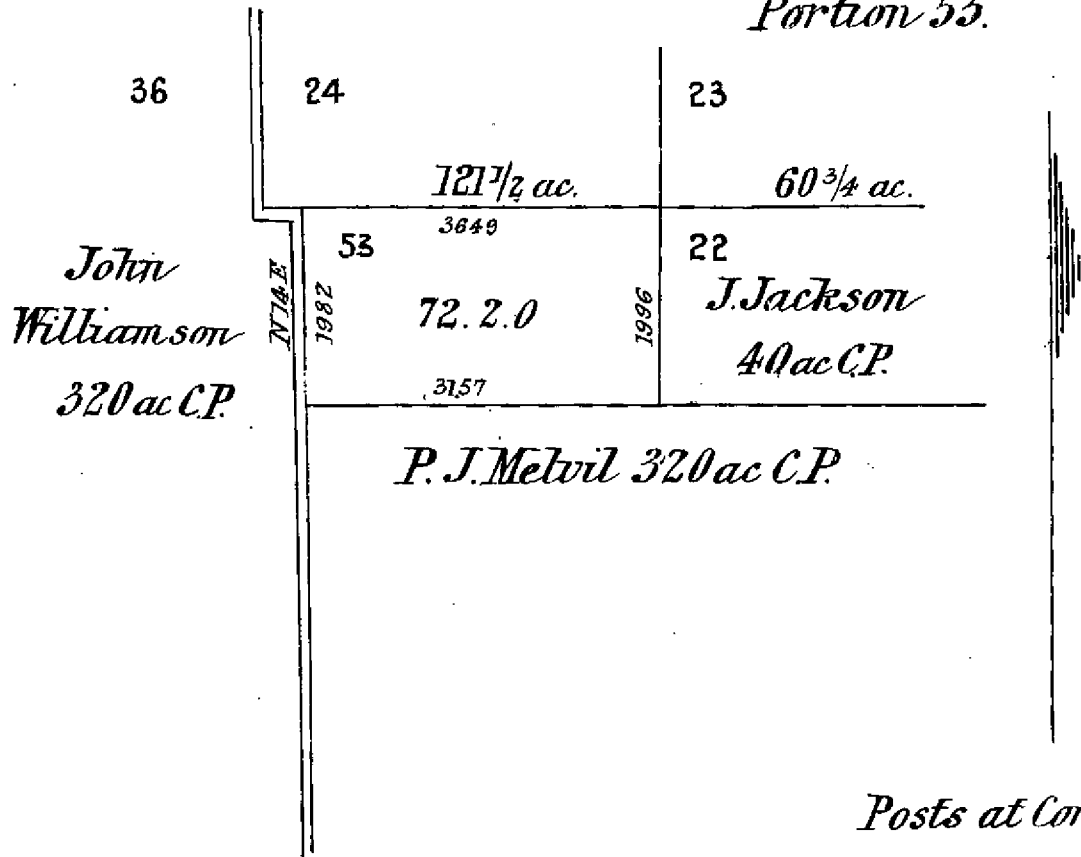
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Showing portion in the
Parish Howes Hill
County Pottinger.

Sale at Gunnedah
Country lot

1875.

Portion 53.



Exhibited at the Sale at Gunnedah
this day.

Signed.

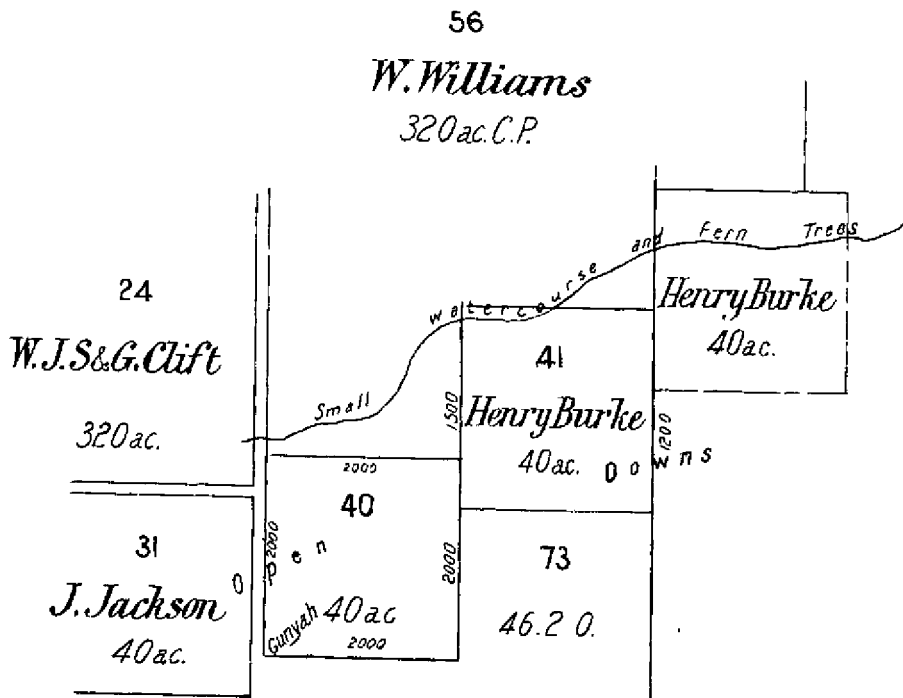
J. J. Higgins.

Licensed Surveyor.

Enclosure to N^o 16.

PLAN

Showing portion 40 in the
Parish of Brothers,
County of Pottinger
Applied for by *Henry Burke* under the
13th clause of the C.L.A. Act of 1861
L.P. N^o 74.5557.
Scale of Chains.

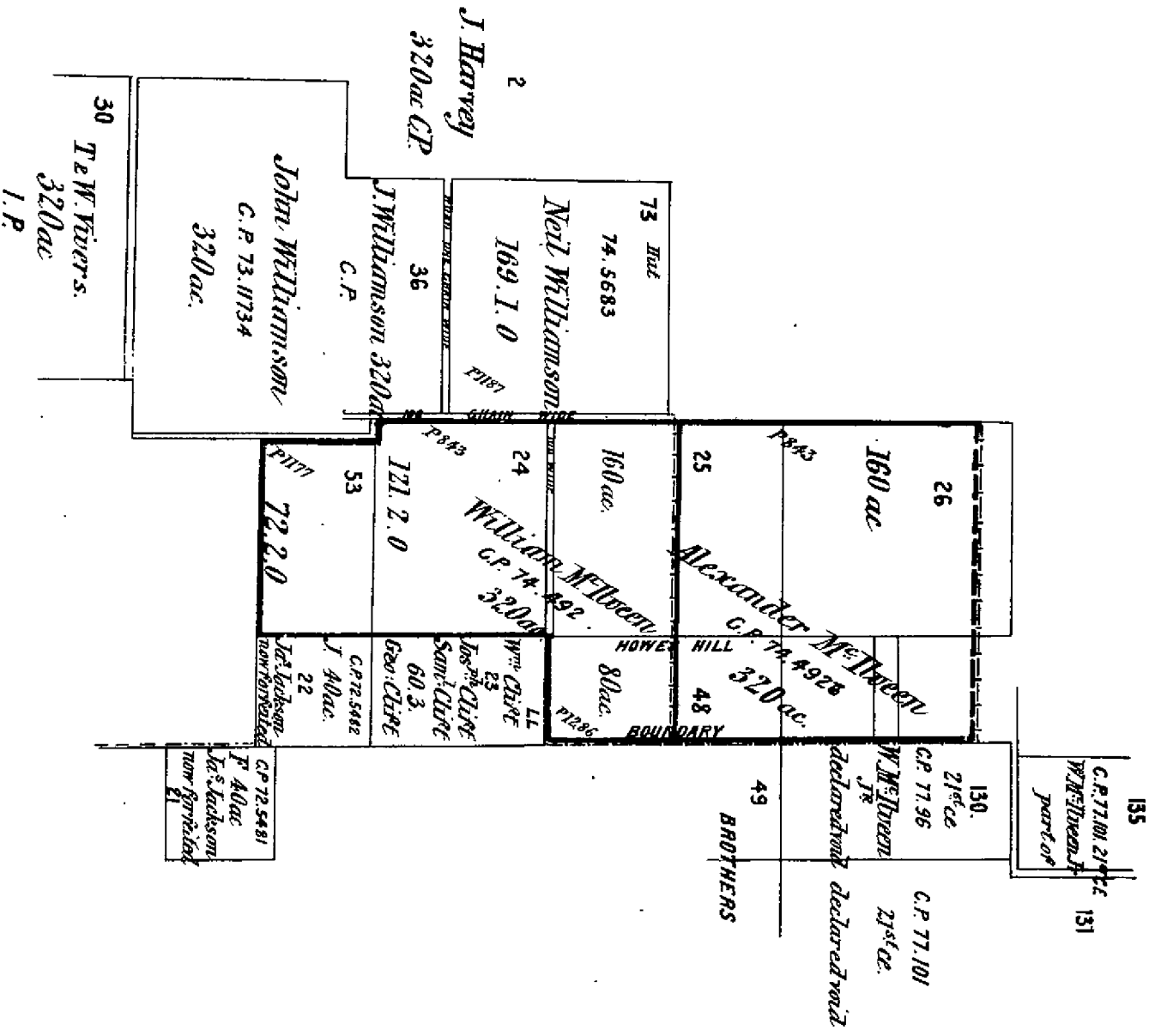


Numbered posts at all corners.

Date of Survey 27th January 1875.
Value of Improvements, Goryah £1
(Signed) *James P. Capper.*
Licensed Surveyor.

(Sig. 656-)

Enclosure to N^o 45.



Portions edged pink on original Plan are shown on this Plan. —
Sig 656.

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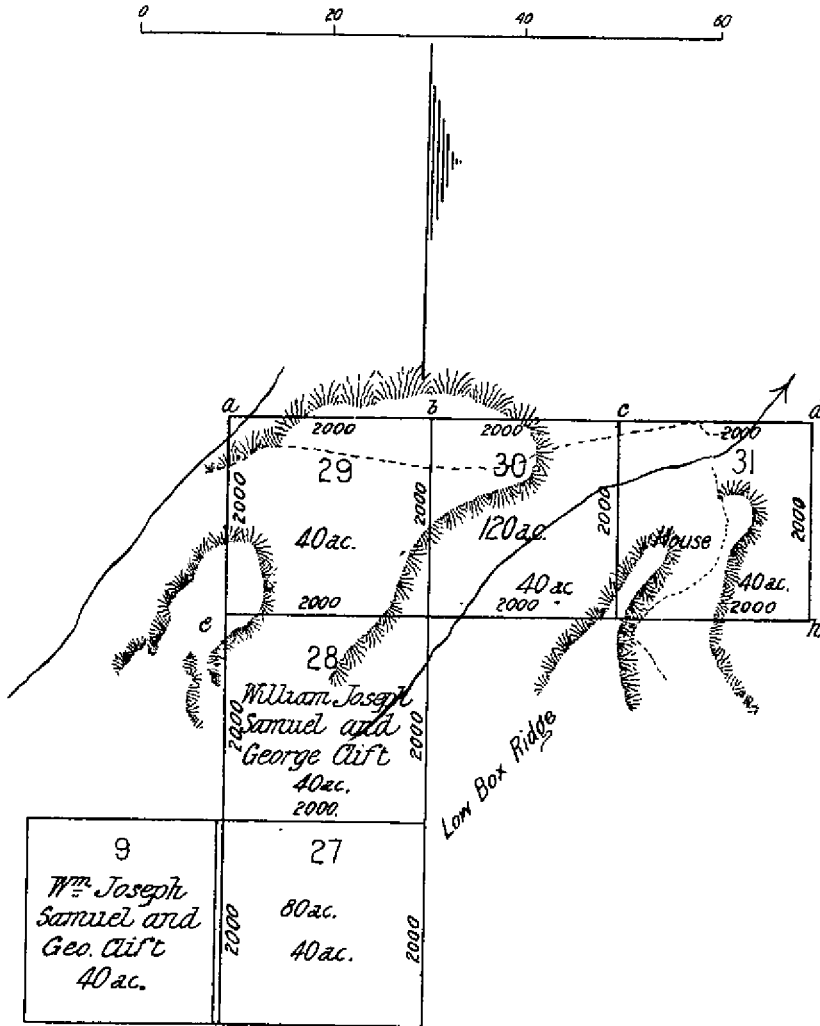
of portions 29.30.31 in the

*Parish of Brothers,
County of Pottinger.*

*applied for by Edward Williams under the 13th
clause of the C.L.A. Act of 1861.*

C.P. N^o 76.24.

Scale of Chains.



REFERENCE TO CORNERS.				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on Tree
a	Large Stake			29
b	" "			29.30
c	" "			30.31
d	" "			31
e		Stake		
f	291.10'	Box	42	29.29.30
g	215.0	"	73	30.31
h	Large Stake			31.

Date of Survey 21 22 August 1873.

Improvements.

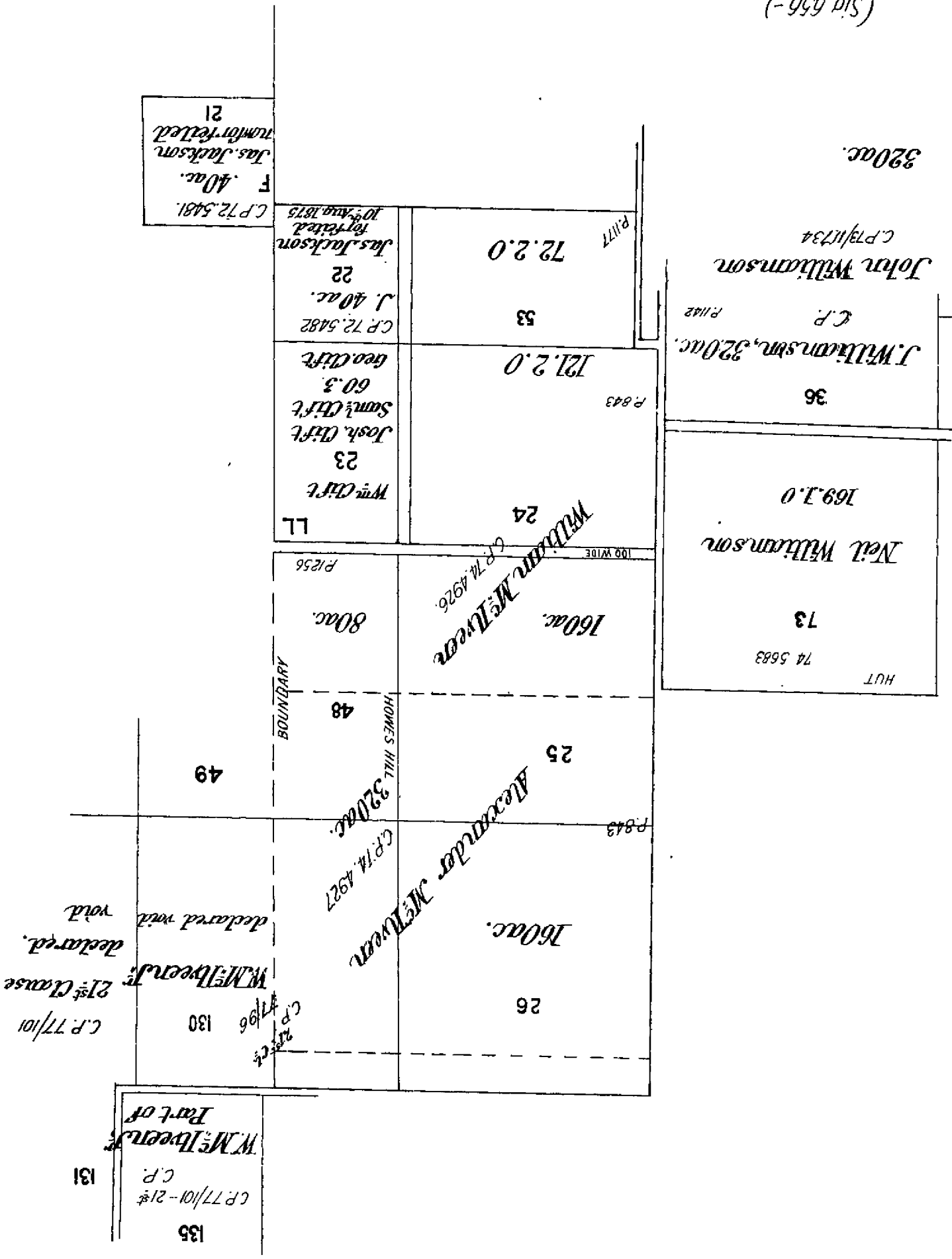
(Signed)

Thomas H.H. Goodwin.

Licensed Surveyor.

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B.C. 17.6.81



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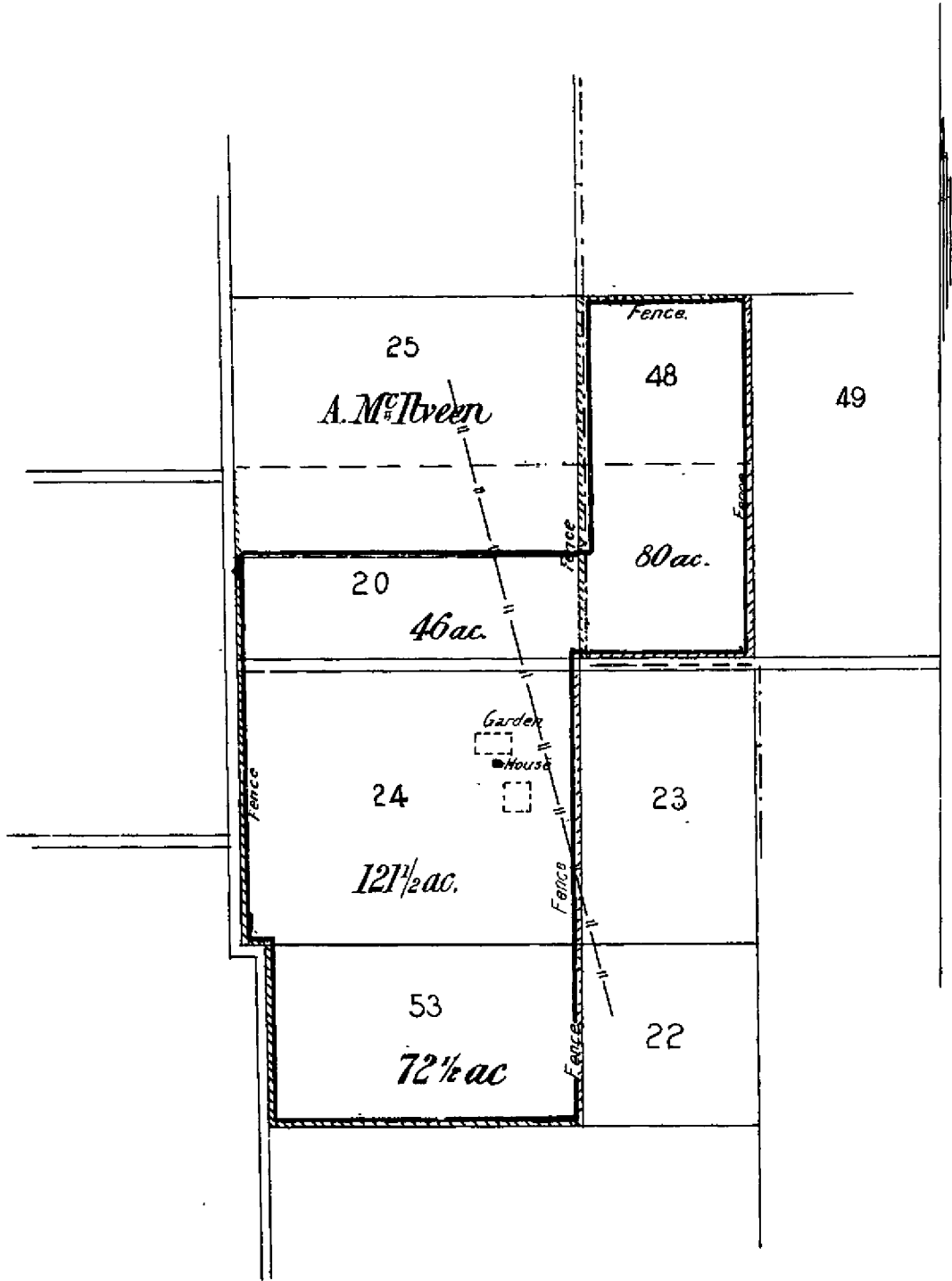
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Showing William McIlveen's C.P. 74.4926.

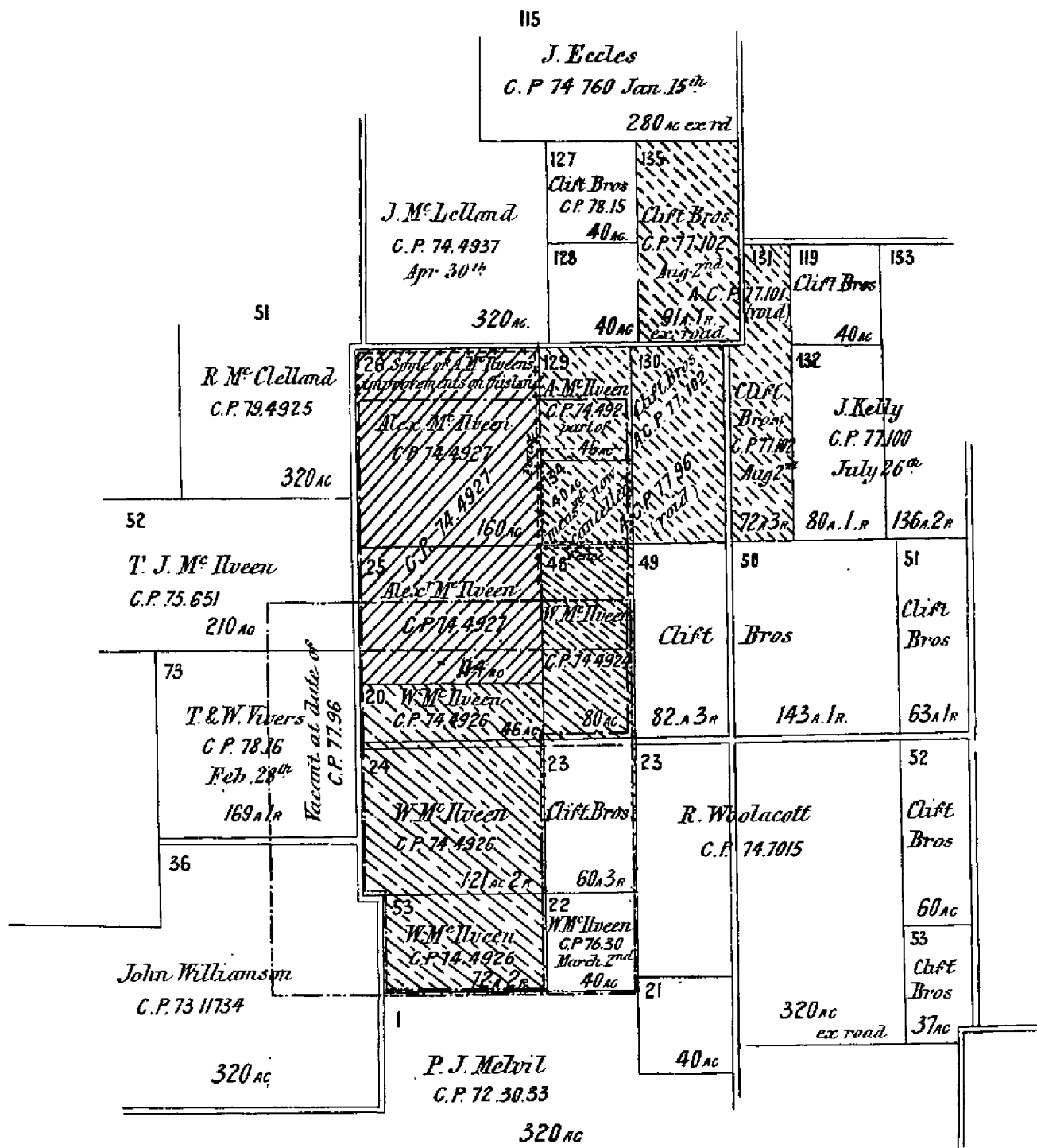
*Parishes of Howes Hill and Brothers,
County of Pottinger.*

Scale 20 chains to an inch






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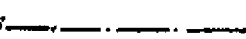
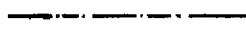
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Pors. Colored blue on original Plan shows W. M. Iween's 1st C.P. 74.4926.
 " " pink on " applied for as A. C.P.'s 77.96 & 77.101 but declared void.
 " " brown on " shows A. M. Iween's C.P. 74.4927
 Green lines on original Plan shows Alexander & W. M. Iween's C.P.'s as located by decision on 76.13347 a^m
 Dotted red line on original Plan shows 80 chains limit

NOTE

Pors. colored blue on original Plan are here shown thus 
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Green lines on original Plan are here shown thus 
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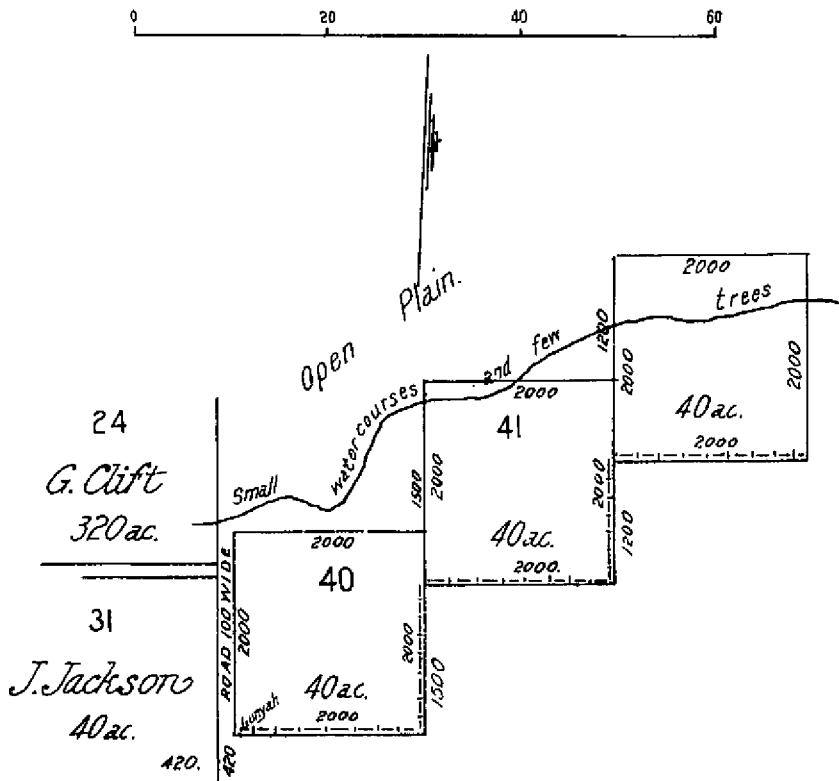
Showing portions 40, 41, 42 in the
Parish of Brothers,
County of Pottinger.

Applied for by *Anne Williams* under the
 21st clause of the C.L.A Act of 1861.

C.P. N^o 78.24 March 21st

Area 120ac.

Scale of Chains.



Impt^s £60.
B. O'Hara.
 I.C.P.
 21.9.82.

REFERENCE TO CORNERS				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on Trees
<i>Numbered Posts at all corners</i>				

C.P.

Tracing Branch
W.H.M.L.
 3 Nov./81.

S.G.O.

Date of Survey 27th January 1875.
Value of Improvements £1 Guineah.
James V. Capper
 Licensed Surveyor.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

M'ILVEEN & CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,

29 *October*, 1884.

SYDNEY: THOMAS RICHARDS, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

1884.

1883-4.

EXTRACT FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 35. TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1883.

18. M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Gill moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Conditional and Additional Purchases of William M'Ilveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Levien, Mr. Day, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Spring, Mr. Targett, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 178. WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1884.

4. M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Gill, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 18th December, 1883.
- Ordered to be printed.
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M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

PROGRESS REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 18th December, 1883,—“*with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Conditional and Additional Purchases of William M'Ilveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger,*”—have agreed to the following Progress Report:—

Your Committee have examined the witnesses named in the List,* and *See List, page 5. had proposed to examine other witnesses in furtherance of the inquiry remitted to them; but as Parliament will in all probability be prorogued during the present week, they beg to lay the evidence already taken by them before your Honorable House, and to recommend that the inquiry be resumed next Session.

JOHN GILL,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, | Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day.

Mr. Gill called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, in the Chair.

Mr. Levien, | Mr. Fremlin.

Mr. William M'Ilveen, junior, called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. Alexander M'Ilveen called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. Thomas M'Cllelland called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. John Kelly called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Clerk submitted the following claims for expenses attending as witnesses:—William M'Ilveen, junior, £5 16s. 6d.; Alexander M'Ilveen, £5 16s. 6d.; Thomas M'Cllelland, £10 8s. 6d.; and John Kelly, £5 16s. 6d.

Resolved,—That the amounts of the claims as submitted be awarded to the respective witnesses.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, in the Chair.

Mr. Targett, | Mr. Levien,
Mr. Fremlin, | Mr. Lyne.

Edwin Woodward Turner, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Clerk submitted a claim from Edwin Woodward Turner for expenses attending as a witness.

Resolved,—That the sum of £23 15s. be awarded to Mr. Turner as expenses.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That A. O. Moriarty, Esq., and R. D. Fitzgerald, Esq., be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, in the Chair.

Mr. Day, | Mr. Fremlin.

Robert D. Fitzgerald, Esq. (*Deputy Surveyor-General*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, in the Chair.

Mr. Lync, | Mr. Day.

Mr. John M'Donald (*Land Agent, Tamworth*), called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.

Clerk submitted claim of John M'Donald for expenses attending as a witness.

Resolved,—That the sum of £9 12s. be awarded to Mr. M'Donald as expenses.
Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gill, in the Chair.

Mr. Day, | Mr. Abbott.

Chairman submitted Draft Progress Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

M'ILVEEN & CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. FREMLIN, | MR. GILL,
MR. LEVIEN.

JOHN GILL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

William M'Ilveen, junr., called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You remember selecting 320 acres of land? I do.
2. What time ago? On the 30th April, 1874.
3. How long was it after you selected until you went to reside there? Three days afterwards. I went to reside there on May 3.
4. How long did you reside on this land before you received notice that your application was cancelled? It was some time afterwards—I could not tell you the exact date.
5. But it was cancelled? It was declared void.
6. How long after that did you receive notice that the cancellation was revoked and the purchase allowed to go? I cannot tell you for a certainty—it was about six months.
7. Do you remember your brother making a selection? I do.
8. Your brother Alexander M'Ilveen? Yes.
9. Was it on the same day that you selected? It was.
10. Did your brother select after you, or before? After my selection was made.
11. Immediately after? Some two or three minutes after.
12. Did your brother select any portion of the land that you had selected just before; did your applications clash in any way? No. If he had got it according to his application it would not have clashed.
13. Was your land surveyed to you according to your description? A portion of it was surveyed before I selected it.
14. I mean finally? By Mr. Surveyor Goodwin.
15. Did Mr. Goodwin also survey your brother's land? Yes.
16. As he applied for it? No. I may explain better by the plan (*referring to Enclosure C, 132, in the printed papers*).
17. Did Mr. Goodwin give any portion of your land to your brother? Yes, he gave him portion No. 129, as shown on this plan.
18. Did this land surveyed by Mr. Goodwin embrace portions 48, 20, 54, and 53? Yes.
19. And on the same day after you had made your selection, your brother Alexander selected 320 acres, described as Nos. 74, 4,927, north of and adjoining part of your conditional purchase of 320 acres made the same day? Yes, that is correct.
20. Was this land measured to him as he selected it, according to the description? Not according to the description.
21. Did they not give him the land north of your selection? It was north, but it adjoined the whole of my northern boundary, instead of part of it.
22. Was there enough land north of your selection to make up his 320 acres? There was plenty.

W. M'Ilveen,
junr.
17 Sept., 1884.

- W. M'Ilveen, jun.
17 Sept., 1884.
23. What was the effect of that land being measured in that manner, embracing the whole of your northern boundary? It cut me off from my additions. I had taken up additions previous to the survey.
 24. Before this land was surveyed for you, you had taken up additional selections? Yes.
 25. And by the change of the measurement in your brother's land you were cut off from the additional selections, and consequently could not get them? Yes.
 26. The other description cut you off? Yes.
 27. By whom was that made? By Mr. Garrett.
 28. Who was the surveyor? Mr. Goodwin.
 29. And he measured it according to the description from the Lands Office? He objected to measure it as they sent it up—he objected to cut me off.
 30. And then Mr. Turner was sent? Yes. Mr. Turner measured portion 129 for Alexander M'Ilveen.
 31. Mr. Goodwin would not and did not measure it, as it was afterwards done by Mr. Turner, who was sent up to do it? Yes, and Mr. Turner objected to measure it unless they left a road for my additions.
 32. But he did measure it without leaving a road? No, he left a road.
 33. In consequence of the surveyor not being allowed to measure the land as it was selected, your additional selections were cancelled? Declared void.
 34. And had your brother's description and your own been strictly adhered to you would have had the whole of the land? Yes.
 35. Was there plenty of vacant land at that time, or was it selected all round when you took up the additions? There was not much at that time.
 36. Was there at the time you took up the original selections? There were thousands of acres.
 37. I think the surveyor, Mr. Higgins, said in his letter that there was not? I positively swear there were thousands of acres, all open for selection.
 38. Did Mr. Goodwin propose to measure land including portion 129? Mr. Goodwin measured portion 129 for my brother Alexander M'Ilveen, but he was instructed to measure portion 134, adjoining me.
 39. What was the name of the Minister who cancelled this measurement of 129? I never knew anything about that.
 40. Did Mr. Goodwin measure land for your brother embracing that portion 129? Yes, he did.
 41. Was that survey adhered to, or was it cancelled by the office? It was adhered to for two years.
 42. What was done then? It was cancelled after my brother having it two years, and after having been measured by the surveyor.
 43. Did Mr. Garrett decide that Alexander M'Ilveen's land should embrace the measured portion 134, and thus join the whole of your northern boundary? I never saw Mr. Garrett's decision.
 44. Did the surveyor measure it in that manner? Not Mr. Goodwin.
 45. His measurement was cancelled, and your brother's is so made as to go along the whole of your northern boundary, which cut you off? Yes.
 46. This was contrary to your description and to your brother's description. Yes.
 47. *Mr. Levien.*] Have you read a memo. from Mr. Finch, at page 44 of the printed papers—You will see he says—“By additional conditional purchase 77-96, Wm. M'Ilveen applied for portions 129, 130, and 134, and, by conditional purchase 77-101, for portion 131 and part of 135”—Is that correct? That is correct.
 48. He then says—“These applications were declared void on the 23rd February, 1878, as the land applied for did not adjoin the original conditional purchase as located under Mr. Garrett's decision”—Now, what do you say to that—was the land available at the time? It was, at the time I selected the conditional purchases.
 49. He says—“These conditional purchases had previously been declared void, on the erroneous supposition that the original conditional purchase was void; the voiding of these conditional purchases left the land applied for by Messrs. Clift available for that conditional purchase, except so far as it was covered by A. M'Ilveen's conditional purchase”—Is that so? Yes.
 50. Do you say the land was available at the time you applied by virtue of your conditional purchase? It was gazetted for sale as adjoining Wm. M'Ilveen, jun.
 51. You have no doubt it was gazetted for sale at that time? Not the slightest.
 52. Did the surveyor come on to the land after that date? Yes.
 53. Who? Mr. Goodwin, and Mr. Turner too.
 54. Did you point out to them that the land was available? Yes.
 55. What did Mr. Turner say to you? He said it was a very hard case, and refused to survey it according to the instructions sent to him from here.
 56. Do you know what those instructions were? It was to survey it contrary to our applications.
 57. Did Mr. Turner, when he refused to measure it, tell you that the land was available? It was after I had selected that Mr. Turner came.
 58. *Chairman.*] On what date did you select? On the 12th and on the 26th July, 1877.
 59. *Mr. Levien.*] Mr. Turner came up on your application? The Government sent him up there.
 60. And he told you that the land, when you applied for it, must have been available? I do not remember what he said.
 61. Did the auction blocks adjoin? Yes, and were gazetted as adjoining Wm. M'Ilveen's selections.
 62. Was the land available at the time Mr. Goodwin surveyed it? I had it selected when Mr. Goodwin surveyed it.
 63. Was the land available then? They were measured portions—they were not available for selection again. I had them selected as measured portions.
 64. *Chairman.*] Were they put up for auction after you had selected on them? No—previously.
 65. They could not have been put up for auction unless they were surveyed? No.
 66. Did Mr. Goodwin alter the survey? Yes, he included portion 129 for my brother, Alexander M'Ilveen. That was part of my conditional purchase.
 67. Then he included a portion that you had selected in your brother's selection? Yes.
 68. Did you want that done? Yes, I wanted it included in his, in place of 134.
 69. And you had been in undisturbed possession for seven years? Yes.
 70. This land was gazetted for sale after you had selected it? No—before.
 71. To be sold at Gunnedah? Yes; I heard it was to be sold, and I selected on the last Thursday previous to the day of sale. Mr. Clift selected it on the Thursday afterwards.

72. Do you remember what his description was? Portions 130, 131, and 135.
73. *Mr. Fremlin.*] When you selected this additional land did the Land Agent say that it was all clearly defined on the map? I know it was in the Gazette.
74. Did you furnish a plan? No, only described the portions.
75. Can you tell whether there was any difference in the description of the land you applied for and the same application made by Mr. Clift? No difference whatever, with the exception that I selected two portions more than he did. I described part of portion 135, and he took the whole of it.
76. How many acres did that lose you? I cannot tell you for a certainty; about 176 acres.
77. *Mr. Levien.*] Both your applications are dated prior to his? Yes.
78. *Chairman.*] What time did you receive notice that your conditional purchases were cancelled—did you receive any letter of the cancellation? I received a letter that they were declared void, and I received another that the voidance was revoked.
79. When did you receive another notice saying that they were cancelled? I never received any until I went in to pay my interest.
80. When was that? About two years and six months afterwards.
81. Was it at the latter end of 1880? Yes.
82. They would not receive your interest? No.
83. And told you they were cancelled? Yes; that was the first notice I had after the revocation.
84. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Who was John Eccles? He was a dummy for the Messrs. Clift.
85. Was he a servant of the Clifts? Yes; he originally selected and transferred to the Clifts.
86. *Chairman.*] Did Eccles reside on that land? Yes.
87. The whole time? The whole time after I was there.
88. What was Eccles doing on that selection? He was shepherding for the Clifts.

W. M'Ilveen
jun.
17 Sept., 1884.

Alexander M'Ilveen called in, sworn, and examined:—

89. *Chairman.*] You remember selecting 320 acres on the 30th April, 1874? Yes, at Tamworth.
90. And your brother William selected 320 acres of land on the same day? Yes, 320 acres.
91. Did your brother select after you, or before you? Before me. I took mine adjoining his; partly adjoining on the north end; that was my description.
92. You did not select any portion of the land that your brother had selected? No.
93. Your description did not clash with his? No.
94. Is this your description:—"County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase of 320 acres made this day"? Yes, that was my description.
95. When was that land measured to you? I cannot rightly say. Some months after that. It had been a measured portion before we took it up.
96. Part of it was? Some of it—not all. I believe mine was a 320-acre block.
97. It was a measured block of 320 acres? There were two parts that amounted to 320 acres altogether.
98. And both those parts were measured? Yes.
99. Did you know that when you took them up? No, I did not know that they were measured.
100. Did those measurements stand good? Yes, and I put the improvements upon mine as it was.
101. Was there any change made in the measurement? Yes, soon.
102. Did you apply for any change to be made? No, I did not.
103. And you did not want any change? No, I only wanted it as I took it up.
104. If you had got that land according to your description, would it have cut your brother off from his additional purchases? No, it was adjoining me on the north end.
105. Would it have cut him off? In the old original survey there was a corner peg that my brother started from. I did not in any way encroach upon my brother's land.
106. What surveyor came and changed that measurement, and made it run the whole way along the northern boundary of your brother? It was done lately. I was away at Ben Lomond.
107. Was the boundary measured during your absence, and about how long ago? I suppose about twelve months since the first measurement—I cannot be exactly sure.
108. How long were you in occupation before your ground was measured? Some five or six years.
109. And no one interfered with you? No one interfered at all.
110. Do you still own that selection? Yes.
111. And that is your residence? It is the only home I have got.
112. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Were your selections passed and approved? Yes.
113. And how long were you in occupation after they were approved? Some two years.

A. M'Ilveen.
17 Sept., 1884.

Thomas M'Clelland called in, sworn, and examined:—

114. *Chairman.*] You remember William M'Ilveen, junior, selecting some land at Tamworth? I do.
115. Where was the land? It was at Goran, under Colly Blue Mountain.
116. Do you remember whether William M'Ilveen, junior, went to live there shortly after he selected that land? In three days after; I was with him.
117. You believe that he has been residing there continuously ever since? Yes; he has no other home.
118. He is married? Yes.
119. And his family are with him? They are there now.
120. Are you aware that, at the time he selected that land and went to live there, that there was plenty of vacant land all round it? There were some thousands of acres round it; there were no habitations within 2 miles of it when we went on to the ground. I took up some land there myself at the same time.
121. *Mr. Levien.*] And there was plenty of land available for additional conditional purchases? There was at that time, and no appearance of anything else on the map. We tried the map in Tamworth.
122. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Then there was no occasion for one selection to overlap another? None whatever.
123. *Chairman.*] At the time he took up the additional selections was there any vacant land? I cannot tell.

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John Kelly called in, sworn, and examined :—

- J. Kelly. 124. *Chairman.*] You reside at Goran? Yes.
 125. You know the selections taken up near your place by William M'Ilveen, jun.? Yes.
 17Sept., 1884. 126. Do you reside near him? Yes.
 127. Are you aware of what time he selected that land? Yes; it was in 1874.
 128. Do you know if he was on the ground and commenced his residence shortly afterwards? Yes, I know he did—within two months. I was there at the time he selected.
 129. He may have been there within three days from the time he selected? Yes, I know he left Tamworth to go down.
 130. At that time was there any vacant land round him? Yes, there was plenty of Crown land vacant.
 131. Was there any residence near him at that time? There was no residence when I went—several came afterwards. There was plenty of available land, both measured and unmeasured.
 132. *Mr. Levien.*] At the time he took up the additional purchases, was there plenty of land? No; those additions were the only available land at the time that he could take.
 133. At the time he selected, was there any occasion for one selection to overlap another? No, there was no occasion, for there was plenty of land available.

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. LEVIEN,	}	MR. TARGETT,
MR. LYNE,		MR. FREMLIN.

JOHN GILL, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Edwin Woodward Turner, Esq., called in and examined :—

- E. W. Turner, Esq. 134. *Mr. Levien.*] You are a licensed surveyor? Yes.
 7 Oct., 1884. 135. *Chairman.*] Do you remember surveying some land for William and Alexander M'Ilveen? Yes, I surveyed land for one Alexander M'Ilveen, and William objected.
 136. Was William M'Ilveen's land surveyed at the time? It had been. I went to survey for Alexander M'Ilveen. Mr. Surveyor Goodwin had surveyed for William M'Ilveen.
 137. You did survey that land? I did, for Alexander M'Ilveen.
 138. At that time? Yes.
 139. Did your survey hold good, or was it cancelled? Well, I surveyed it, but I did not send in the plan; I reported on the case instead.
 140. Was Mr. Goodwin's survey for Mr. William M'Ilveen cancelled by the Department? Not that I know of.
 141. *Mr. Levien.*] In your letter on page 49 of the papers you say:—"On the 26th of the present month I went on to the ground to carry out survey, as instructed, but William M'Ilveen (applicant's brother) so strongly objected to the form of survey, and his case seems so hard, that I came to the conclusion that it would be better to more fully represent the case to you, with a view to further instructions."—Whose case did you refer to as being "so hard"? Wm. M'Ilveen's. I surveyed for Alexander, but it was William's case that seemed so hard.
 142. William made the protest? Yes.
 143. You say, "It would be better to more fully represent the case to you, with a view to further instructions"? Yes.
 144. Did you further represent the case? This, it seems to me, is the letter in which I represented the case. It is the only thing that I did—I sent this letter in.
 145. This is the only thing that you did? Yes.
 146. What did you mean by saying that William's case was very hard? That the survey of Alexander M'Ilveen, if carried out according to instructions, would cut off William's original from his additional purchase.
 147. That is to say, that Alexander M'Ilveen's selection would have spoilt his brother's? Yes, it could not adjoin the original.
 148. You know that their object was to keep all their selections together? Yes.
 149. I am going to put a straightforward question, and I want an answer—Was the land available at that time, in your opinion as a surveyor? As far as I know it was.
 150. Could you as a surveyor, acting upon your own opinion, apart from any instructions from the Minister, have carried out the survey of Alex. M'Ilveen if you had liked—I know the position you are in with regard to the Minister, but I want an answer to that question? I do not exactly understand it.
 151. If you were acting apart from any instructions whatever from the Minister—acting upon the dictates of your own conscience—could you have joined both these selections? Certainly, I could have measured them so that William M'Ilveen's selection would have joined.
 152. As they desired? As they desired.
 153. Then why did you not do so? Because the instructions were definite.
 154. That is, the instructions from the Surveyor-General? A decision had been given by Mr. Garrett, who said that both the selections must join along the whole of their boundaries, and I could not survey the land so as to suit the applicants.
 155. But you could have surveyed to suit the applicants? Yes, if I had had no instructions.
 156. You know that the applicants had applied to join their selections? Yes.
 157. You say you could have surveyed according to their desires and their descriptions? Alex. M'Ilveen applied for a block adjoining the north boundary of his brother's. I could show it best on a diagram. On the diagram in Appendix B, Wm. M'Ilveen's land is blocks No. 20 and No. 48 partly, and Alex. M'Ilveen applied for a piece of land north of and adjoining his brother's.
 158. That is the application you are speaking of now? No; I mean Alexander M'Ilveen's first application.

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159. That is described on page 5 :—"County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase of 320 acres made this day." The point I wish to draw attention to is this—that it was north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's land? I did not know that the word "part" was in it; but be that as it may, Mr. Garrett held that the whole of Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchase must adjoin the whole north boundary of his brother's; it was not sufficient to join a part of it. William M'Ilveen's land would not join except at one point.

160. But it would if it had been surveyed according to their wishes? Yes.

161. And there was plenty of land to do it? It adjoins nearly the whole of it.

162. So that actually his application was correct? This word "part" makes it perfectly correct, and leaves no foundation for Mr. Garrett's decision.

163. That is what I want to get at—You could have pleased the applicant without doing any injury to anybody else's interest; if you had been acting apart from any instructions from a superior officer you could have surveyed the land to suit their wishes? Yes.

164. *Mr. Fremlin.*] You say that this land ought to have adjoined all along the northern boundary? No.*

165. Was that the usual thing? I have made many surveys, but I have never considered it necessary to join the whole. I know it has been held so. I maintain that it is sufficient if the additional purchase adjoins part of the original purchase.

166. *Chairman.*] Then this was not surveyed according to the description? No, it was not.

167. If it had been surveyed according to the description both these brothers would have got their land? Both would have been satisfied.

168. *Mr. Levien.*] Are you aware that this land was advertised in the Gazette for sale, and that William M'Ilveen took it up after it had been advertised? I do not know anything about that.

169. Do you know of your own knowledge that this addition had been taken up, and that no bother arose until afterwards? No, not of my own knowledge. I believe that M'Ilveen's applications were anterior to any sent in by Clift Bros.

170. You got no instructions whatever from the Surveyor-General that the descriptions of the land applied for in the first instance, the original C.P.s, were wrong? No. When I reported on this I got a telegram from the Surveyor-General to stop the case; then a month ago I got another telegram to go on with it as originally instructed.

171. Are you in that district now? Yes.

172. When did you receive that telegram? The one stopping action, if I remember right, was in November last year, and the one to continue the work must have been within the last three months—about August, I should think.

173. You think it a hard case? I think it a most absurd thing.

174. And you think that these people have been hardly dealt with? I think that the M'Ilveens have.

175. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Did you ever know a selection forfeited in a similar manner before? Never. Even if the words "part of" had not been in the description, it seems to me that the Minister would have had power to amend the description, there being no legally conflicting interest.

176. *Chairman.*] Are you aware that William M'Ilveen, although selecting on the same day, selected before his brother Alexander, and that Alexander followed him? That must have been so, because Alexander referred to his brother's application, his (Alexander's) description.

177. And by Alex. M'Ilveen's description being altered to take the whole north line of Wm. M'Ilveen's land, it cut off his brother's land entirely from his additional purchase? Yes.

178. And although his brother selected after him, his land was allowed to be measured so as to cut Wm. M'Ilveen's off? Yes, that is so; but I expect that Wm. M'Ilveen's additional purchase was selected after Alexander M'Ilveen's original purchase.

179. *Chairman.*] I think you will find that both were on the same day? There were two selections by one brother and one by the other. William M'Ilveen's selection would come in between the other brother's two in point of date.

180. They did not give Alexander M'Ilveen the land he selected—his description was altered? Yes; I think they both got approximately what they applied for.

181. And the additional purchases? William never got his at all.

182. *Mr. Levien.*] I know that William made his selection on July 20th, 1877, and then selected on the following Thursday, the 26th.

183. *Chairman.*] However, the brothers' descriptions did not interfere with one another—there was plenty of land for both? Yes, if the Minister had not ruled in that peculiar manner.

184. *Mr. Levien.*] You surveyed them according to the Minister's instructions, and not according to your own conscience? Yes, and I maintain that I did right in doing so.

185. *Chairman.*] Did you write to the office and point this out before you carried out the survey? I carried the survey out in one way, but inasmuch as I never sent in a plan, it is no survey.

186. You wrote to the office before sending in your plans? Yes.

187. And explained the matter? I would not send in a plan because I did not think it fair. I could have sent a plan in—I am simply a servant of the Surveyor-General, and I said (as the instructions are definite and explicit, and I can throw no new light on the subject, Mr. Surveyor Goodwin having said all that could be said) I shall most likely be getting a snubbing for my pains, but I will try to do something for you.

188. You got a telegram telling you to stop all action: what were your instructions afterwards? About August I received another telegram telling me to go on with the case; I said that I could not throw any light upon it, and that Mr. Goodwin had reported in his favour; I promised to report again, however, and a happy thought struck me, which was that I might introduce a square chain of road. We have power to introduce as many roads as we like. We have no power to interfere with instructions, except for making roads and affording access to water, and I thought it within my province to introduce a small piece of road, by means of which William M'Ilveen should join his selection.

189. *Mr. Levien.*] You were following up the principle adopted by Mr. Goodwin? No, he did not think of that.

190.

* NOTE (on revision). Mr. Garrett's decision said it should adjoin the whole of the boundary, and my instructions from the Surveyor-General were to measure accordingly. My reply to Mr. Fremlin's question would be "No," as far as I am capable of judging the point, which is law, not surveying.

- E. W. Turner, Esq.
7, Oct., 1884.
190. *Chairman.*] That road would have enabled you to carry out the Minister's instructions? Yes, and the applicants' wishes. I have sent in a plan of it.
191. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Do you know whether Clift Bros. employ a land agent in Sydney? I do not know.
192. Do you know whether the M'Ilveens do? M'Ilveen told me that he employed Mr. Brown. I sent a plan of the survey according to the Minister's instructions with 1 chain of road through which the applicant could join. That carries out the Minister's decision and suits all legally concerned, *i.e.*, both brothers, but not the Clift Bros., who appear to have no legal status.
193. *Mr. Lyne.*] Would it not be a most unusual thing to reserve a chain of road to part two portions of land? Very unusual, but it is within the instructions.
194. *Mr. Levien.*] Have you made another survey this year? That is only a design; I have measured the land since.
195. Then you went on the 31st July to make a fresh survey, and you followed up your previous one of the 31st July, 1883? Yes, what I recommended in 1883.
196. So that if they had carried out this plan and what you stated in 1883 it would have averted all the difficulty which has now arisen? It seems so to me. Every one would have been pleased except Clift Bros., and the Minister's decision would not have been upset.
197. *Chairman.*] The decision might have remained? Yes, it was an artifice to satisfy the applicants' wishes, irrespective of the Minister's decision.
198. *Mr. Lyne.*] Did I understand you to say that only on some occasions you measure portions of land adjoining the whole of the boundary described? On some occasions. I do not consider it necessary when a selection is described as adjoining a boundary of another selection; it does not appear to me necessary to adjoin along the whole length of such boundary. I was not aware of the existence of the words "part of" before appearing before the Committee.
199. It is not competent for the Department to join an additional purchase at one point? Not at one point.
200. Suppose it is only for a distance of half a chain? Yes, they can do that. There were special instructions issued about that a year or two ago, with diagrams showing that very thing.
201. *Chairman.*] Have you seen Mr. M'Ilveen's original description? No; I have only seen copies sent by the Charting Branch.
202. The description of William M'Ilveen says: County of Pottinger, parish of Goran, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, to the north of Colly Blue Mountain, to take in a small clump of apple-trees—Did you notice that there was a clump of apple-trees? Mr. Goodwin surveyed that.
203. Have you been on the land? Yes.
204. Did you see a small clump of apple-trees? I might—I am not sure.
205. Was this north of the Colly Blue Mountain? There are a lot of mountains there, and there is one large one, which may be the Colly Mountain.
206. Was it north or west? I do not know.
207. Then Mr. Goodwin is answerable for that survey? Yes.

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. DAY, | MR. FREMLIN.
JOHN GILL, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Robert D. Fitzgerald, Esq., called in and examined:—

- R. D. Fitzgerald, Esq.
8 Oct., 1884.
208. *Chairman.*] You are Deputy Surveyor-General? Yes.
209. Do you remember a conditional purchase made by Wm. M'Ilveen? Yes.
210. Do you remember Mr. M'Ilveen's description? Yes, I think I do.
211. Do you remember giving orders to Mr. Higgins to survey that conditional purchase? I cannot say that I do remember giving the order, but I believe that he received the order.
212. Do you remember a letter of Mr. Higgins' stating that there was no vacant land there? Yes, I think there was a letter of Mr. Higgins' to the effect that there was not enough vacant land.
213. Two letters, were there not? I believe there were.
214. Do you remember the dates? No, I do not. I have not seen the case for years; I know the history of it, but I cannot give you such particulars as dates.
215. Do you remember the Minister for Lands altering the descriptions of the M'Ilveen Brothers? I do not think he altered the descriptions, but he located the claims.
216. How could he locate the portions without altering the descriptions? In this way: William M'Ilveen's description was altogether indefinite; it was fixed, if I remember rightly, by a clump of trees. There was vacant land, but there was nothing to show that it was the land M'Ilveen wanted; the Minister placed the selection there because the land was the only vacant land in the supposed locality; he located it as a description which was undefined—as a description which was at first recommended to be declared void.
217. Are you aware that there was land there? There was land.
218. And that the Minister took it upon himself to alter the selection, giving William M'Ilveen land which he never applied for, that he was cut off, and that his selection was given to Clift Brothers? I should hardly put it in that way.
219. How would you put it? There was an indefinite selection made by William M'Ilveen; the Minister located it, and he afterwards altered the location at the desire of M'Ilveen. Subsequently an alteration was made by the surveyor in surveying without authority.
220. Did the surveyor without authority measure this land according to the description of the Brothers M'Ilveen? It could not be said what the description amounted to, because the first one was indefinite; the second one was described from the first. Alexander's was described from William's, and William's was indefinite.
221. How was it indefinite? It was described from a clump of trees.
222. Was there another clump of trees within miles of the place? I do not know.

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223. You think the description directly south of Colly Blue Mountain—a very particular mountain—and of a clump of apple-trees, an indefinite description? I think it was indefinite.
224. How many descriptions do you receive—how many go through your hands which are definite—are 10 per cent. of them definite? More than that a great deal.
225. Is not the description a really good one, having regard to the descriptions which go through your office? I do not think so. It was recommended to be declared void in the first instance.
226. Who recommended it? I think it was Mr. Adams, late Chief Draftsman. I am not at all certain now that the land did embrace a clump of trees.
227. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Is it not the usual practice, when a selector sends in a description, for the surveyor to have the selector present when the land is surveyed? Yes, it is; but in very many cases it never goes to the surveyor on account of the indefiniteness of the description.
228. But this did, Mr. Fitzgerald—if it is the usual practice for the selector to be present, do you think it would be definite if the selector pointed out a particular clump of trees? The description was indefinite even in other respects, because embracing a clump of trees and bearing south of a certain mountain does not locate the land very much.
229. You would not know the clump of trees, but the surveyor being on the spot with the man's description in writing of the physical features, pointing out the exact portion of the land, would you not think that sufficiently definite? I know that many selections are made of such a kind, but I do not think them definite; a clump of trees may be in this corner or that corner, in another corner, or in the middle. There is no definiteness. Great latitude is given in cases in which there is no clashing with a second party.
230. If there is only one clump of trees, would not that have been a definite description? I know that many measurements are made with no more definite descriptions, but I do not consider it was a definite one; it was the Minister who established it by his location.
231. *Chairman.*] Is it usual for a Minister to take it upon himself to alter a description of two brothers, or any descriptions, so as to give the parties land which they never selected? I can hardly say that in this case there was an alteration of the description—I would not define it as that; it is a locating by the Minister of an indefinite description.
232. Do you think that giving to a man land which he has never selected is not an alteration of the description? If the applicant stated that it was not the land he intended to select I do not think the Minister would force the location upon him; but the Minister was at this time undoubtedly doing what he thought best for the two M'Ilveens in giving them the land which was vacant, whether it embraced the clump of trees or not.
233. Do you think that selections adjoining at a corner or at a point would hold good? It has been decided on many occasions that to touch a corner is not to adjoin.
234. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Suppose a selector applies for a selection in this shape (*exhibiting diagram*), say something in this form lapping over 5 chains, would that be right? It would be.
235. Would it be usual for the Minister to demand that that additional selection should run the whole length of the boundary? Oh no, he would not require that.
236. Are you aware that as regards this particular application the Minister decided that the additional selection* should run the whole length of the northern boundary? He did, but it was under peculiar circumstances.
237. Will you describe them? The first application was indefinite; the Minister located it, and he located the second application which was made by the brother on the north of it. The indefiniteness of the first caused the difficulty.
238. But if there was abundant vacant land, as has been repeatedly sworn, why should any indefinite description debar a selector from that portion of ground which he actually wanted? I do not quite follow you.
239. The statement has been made here that the reason that this selection was measured in this form was owing to there not being sufficient land? I think the land was measured all round—that is my recollection of it. That accounted for the Minister giving the vacant land.
240. *Chairman.*] Are you aware that when M'Ilveen selected this land, he selected it as a measured portion?† No, he did not.
241. But when the Clift Brothers selected —? They selected some as measured—I think all as measured, but I am not sure.
242. Are you aware that portions of this land were advertised for sale in the Gazette? Yes.
243. And that the M'Ilveen Brothers selected the land before it could come to sale? I think it was gazetted for auction sale.
244. *Mr. Fremlin.*] Do you remember seeing the letter of Mr. Turner to the Surveyor-General in connection with this matter? Yes, I remember it.
245. It is No. 157 on the papers—I will ask you to read it? I remember that.
246. *Chairman.*] Do you not think that William M'Ilveen having made his selection before his brother, his selection should have been measured before Alexander's was measured? Yes, as he made the selection first.
247. Why was the other measured first to run along the whole of his boundary—is it usual? I do not know that it was measured first. I suppose the surveyor received the two instructions at the same time.
248. But the two men were there and pointed out the land which they had selected: is it usual in such a case for both descriptions by direction of the Minister to be altered, and for the man who selected second to have his selection measured first? I am not aware that Alexander's selection was measured first.
249. What stopped William M'Ilveen's survey? His first selection was measured at the same time as Alexander's, so far as measurement has been made for Alexander. It was an additional selection after Alexander's which was stopped. It was the additional selection which was cut off, by only adjoining at a point. That was the second application of Wm. M'Ilveen.
250. Did he not ask to have a selection on a part of a line running along his brother's boundary? They both asked for an alteration from the Minister's directions to the surveyor. The surveyor measured in accordance

* NOTE (on revision):—I understood this question to apply to Alexander's selection, and not to William's additional selection.—R. D. F.

† NOTE (on revision):—I supposed this question referred to William's first selection; the second was applied for as measured.—R. D. F.

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accordance with true measure, and not in accordance with the Minister's location. If the measurement as he made it had been left, William M'Ilveen would have had his second selection, but the Minister adhered to his decision as to the location of his brother's selection, and thus William M'Ilveen could not have the second selection.

251. How do you account for the arbitrary location of this selection along the whole boundary? At one time when the case came to me I pointed out definitely to the Minister that inconsistency, and I said that I thought that the matter perhaps had not been fully before him; but you must remember the indefiniteness of M'Ilveen's first description. It made it impossible to say whether the thing overlapped in part or as a whole. The location was arbitrary, and therefore the location of No. 2 must be arbitrary. If you cannot tell where No. 1 plot is situated, you cannot tell where No. 2 overlaps it.

252. *Mr. Fremlin.*] But the only indefiniteness was in the description sent to you in writing: when the surveyor on the spot is satisfied with its definiteness, ought not that to be satisfactory to the Department? No, it may be indefinite except so far as the Minister makes it definite by its location, because embracing a clump of trees cannot make it definite. It can do it in so many different ways that there is an immense indefiniteness in such a description; it may be on the north-east corner, the south-west corner, or any other corner. It would be very indefinite except so far as the Minister located it.

253. That could only be an arbitrary location on the map—it could not be the result of personal knowledge? I believe it was a location to give the ground to M'Ilveen.

254. Who surveyed the ground first? I cannot remember; I think Turner and Goodwin.

255. How many years elapsed from the time of the selection of the ground to the date of the survey? I do not remember.

256. *Chairman.*] Did Higgins positively refuse to survey it, and send in two lying reports saying that there was no vacant land? I do not remember that part of it.

257. Is Higgins in the Survey Department? *Yes.

258. Can we get him here? Yes.

259. *Mr. Day.*] Have you any recollection whether at the date of the application any land was open to selection around the clump of apple-trees? I do not know where the clump of trees is.

260. Have you any recollection whether there was land available where M'Ilveen wished to select? I think there was.

261. Was there any objection to measure his land? I do not remember whether the surveyor objected or not, but I believe that he transferred his instructions to another surveyor.

262. Suppose we postpone the case, will you be able to give us further information? I may if I can look over the papers.

263. What we want to arrive at is whether the man could get the land when the surveyor went to measure it? I do not know whether if this portion embracing the clump of apple-trees was measured it would enable M'Ilveen to take up his second selection. The two M'Ilveens were quite content with their selections at first; they even had the boundaries between them altered. That was an alteration which the Minister made in his first location—he changed the boundaries on account of some fencing which the two brothers had put up. It was a departure from that which was made by the surveyor when he went on the ground.

264. They might be satisfied from compulsion? They asked themselves to have it altered, so as to have the fence for their common boundary.

265. That is the very point that we want to get out clearly? The Minister made that alteration, but in such a way that Alexander's land would still be measured wholly on the north of William's.

266. But William's was measured before Alexander took up his? No; you must not confound William's first with William's second selection; his additional selection was subsequent to Alexander's, but not subsequent to Clift's.

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. LYNE,

MR. DAY.

JOHN GILL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. John Macdonald called in and examined:—

Mr. J.
Macdonald.
16 Oct., 1884.

267. *Chairman.*] You have been a land agent at Tamworth? Yes.

268. About how long? About twenty-five years.

269. You were land agent there at the time the Land Act of 1861 became law? Yes.

270. When that law came into operation, what kind of maps had you at the office? They were county maps—mere skeleton maps—particularly the map of the County of Pottinger.

271. Could you fix the exact locality in which this selection took place? I could not, as regards this particular selection.

272. Are you aware of the kind of country in which the selection was made? It is a plain.

273. Looking at the description, and in the absence of the maps which have been recently furnished to the land agents, would you consider it a fair average description? I think so.

274. The description to a mountain called the Colly Blue Mountain, and it refers also to a clump of apple-trees, there being no other clump of trees within a distance of some miles; do you consider that a good description? I understood at the time that the clump of apple-trees fixed the land which Mr. M'Ilveen applied for.

275. Did you understand that he included this clump of trees in his description? I did—I took the description from him myself.

276. Had you any maps to show that the land had been measured? I had no possible means of knowing that it had been measured.

277. Is it a fact that at the time the land was selected there was a land office at Gunnedah for auction sales only, and not for the purpose of conditional purchase? Yes.

278. Have you ever known a case in which land that was selected was afterwards selected at the Gunnedah land office? No. I have known cases in which land has been sold at the Gunnedah land office by auction

* NOTE (on revision) :—This answer I find should be, not now.

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auction selection, without the sale being reported to me, and the land has been conditionally purchased at Tamworth after it had been sold by auction selection at Gunnedah.

279. Are you quite certain that it was not conditionally purchased first and sold by auction afterwards? I am certain of that.

280. Do you consider that the description of M'Ilveen's selection was a fair average description, in the absence of a map or plan? I think that the selection being on a plain, it would be most difficult to make a description. There were no natural features, no starting-point; it was not bounded by roads or rivers.

281. *Mr. Lyne.*] Did the clump of apple-trees define what direction the selection should take—was it to be the north or east or any other direction; or, to put it more clearly, was the clump of trees to be in any one corner of the selection, or was it to be in the centre? I could not say; all I know is that the selection was to include the clump of trees.

282. But it might have been in the centre, or at one of the four corners? It might have been so. My own impression was that the clumps of trees fixed where the selection was to be.

283. Would it precisely fix the position of the land with reference to the boundaries? I thought the surveyor would find the land on going to the clump of trees. I had never seen the country myself, but I knew there were no natural features, and that it was difficult to make a starting-point.

284. *Mr. Day.*] Were there any other selections on the plain at that time? To the best of my recollection there were none; that is, there were none near this selection.

285. The two applications were to be made on the same day, I believe, and the land was to be adjoining? Yes.

286. Was there any purchased land on the plain at that time? To the best of my recollection, and I can only speak from my recollection of the map, there was not. The auction land was sold at Gunnedah—not at my office.

287. Then you could not say whether the selection was covered by purchased land or not at the time of the selection? I could not.

288. *Chairman.*] Do you remember any conversation with Mr. M'Ilveen upon the subject of this clump of trees—did you understand that this clump was the only clump of trees near that particular portion of land to the north of the Colly Blue Mountain? Yes, that is what I understood.

289. From what you understood him to say, you thought the description was a fair average description? Yes.

290. As good as he could possibly make at the time? I do not know that it could be made better unless he put stakes in the ground and measured it; he could not very well measure the distance from the mountain to the clump of trees.

291. You have heard that there is a Colly Blue Mountain? I have always heard it called the Colly Blue Mountain; I cannot speak of it from my own knowledge; I do not know that there is more than one mountain there; I have always heard it called the Colly Blue Mountain.

292. You had no tracing in your office to show the position of this land? No.

293. And it was only until years afterwards that the Government furnished maps and plans showing where you could allow selections? I do not remember the year in which the parish maps were supplied.

294. Was it not quite possible for the Government to sell by auction, at Gunnedah, land which might at any time be taken up by conditional purchase at Tamworth? If there was any measured land, it was the duty of the Gunnedah land agent to report to me.

295. But could it not happen? Such a thing is possible.

296. Is it the custom, when the land agent at Gunnedah has held an auction sale, to send a report to the Tamworth office, to inform you that certain land had been sold? That was the practice. There were one or two instances in which the land agent neglected to make the report.

297. *Mr. Day.*] It seems strange that the land applied for in this particular instance should be given to another man long after M'Ilveen had selected it? I am not aware that the land selected at Tamworth was given to another man.

298. But the surveyor measured it for another man? It was measured for sale, and it appears that M'Ilveen selected it.

299. Had you any means of telling M'Ilveen when he selected the land that it had been measured? I had no means of telling him.

300. There was no possibility of his knowing otherwise than by finding the pegs? Not as far as my office is concerned.

301. Are you aware that on this plain the grass grows to a great height—so that it is almost impossible for a man to find the pegs unless he knows something of their position? I know that in good seasons the grass is very high.

302. If a measured portion were embraced in the application would the application be voided? The regulation at that time was that the land should be taken as measured. When I knew that the land had been measured, it was my duty to inform the selectors of the fact.

303. If a man's selection embraces a measured portion the application would be bad, and the land might be given to some one else afterwards? I do not know that that would be the case. The matter would be dealt with by the land office in Sydney. I think the first applicant would be entitled to the land.

304. *Chairman.*] Of course you as land agent could not give any information as to land like this which was so far away from the office? No; it is about 70 or 80 miles away.

305. At this particular time were there many selections in the county of Pottinger? I do not think there were any at this particular spot; there were a few, but I cannot just now remember their position.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY JAMES GLASS & OTHERS.
(APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 May, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 1st February, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all applications for conditional and additional purchases made
“by James Glass, John M'Intyre, Rebecca Glass, and James M'Mullen,
“with reference to certain conditional purchases taken in the name of the
“above persons; and also all transfers of the said conditional purchases
“standing in the name of the Mercantile Bank, and which were taken
“up on the Miller's Creek Run; and also copies of all papers, letters,
“reports, and other documents having reference to the above conditional
“purchases.”

(*Mr. Levien.*)

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No. 1.

Application by Ambrose Gallagher.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 7 of 1868.

Application by Ambrose Gallagher for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 100 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £25, this 30th day of January, 1868, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

30 January, 1868.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 100 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £25, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I have, &c.,

AMBROSE GALLAGHER,

(Per JAMES GALLAGHER, Agent),

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 100 acres, on the east side of Jack's Creek, adjoining the Australian Agricultural Company's south boundary line.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Darby to measure if unobjectionable.—W.R.D., B.C., 24/2/68.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Cattle Creek, 29 December, 1868.

I have the honor to forward herewith my plan of 100 acres of land conditionally purchased by Ambrose Gallagher, on the 30th January, 1868, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Survey made under B.C., 24th February, 1868/17.

I have to report that Ambrose Gallagher is a *bona fide* resident on this portion.

Improvements are—Hut, yard, and wool-shed, £60.

I have reserved and marked out a road through this portion to allow of access to the A. A. Company's station, situated on Jack's Creek, 1½ mile southerly from their south boundary.

On this plan I have shown a connection with the measured portion No. 4.

I beg to call attention to the difference of bearing as shown by compass at the present time and that of the Australian Agricultural Company's southern boundary line; it amounts to 2' 15". I had some trouble in determining the average north line on this creek, local attraction being frequent and very variable. I, however, adopted the course of taking a mean of all the bearings and laying off my work thereto.

I have, &c.,

F. W. DARBY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 2.

In consequence of a road (R 1217-1603) recently surveyed from the Merriwa and Gunnedah Road to the Oaks passing through this conditional purchase, it is now recommended that the necessary refund of deposit money on the area of 7 acres 1 rood embraced by the road should be given to the present owner of the conditional purchase, the area being now 92 acres 3 roods.—See 75/112.

No. 3.

Declaration by Ambrose Gallagher.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, AMBROSE GALLAGHER, of Jack's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of wool-shed, sheep-yard, hut, and sapped trees, and to the value of £100, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign

reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 20th }
day of April, 1871, before me,— }

AMBROSE GALLAGHER.

G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 100 acres, at Jack's Creek, being conditional purchase No. 7 of 1868, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 30th January, 1868.

Minutes on No. 3.

Interest £3 9s. 1d., credited 26 April, 1871.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 20/4/83.

Notification issued.—28/4/83.

No. 4.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 375 of 1872.

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 28th day of November, 1872, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

28 November, 1872.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

JOHN ALEXANDER MARTIN,

(Per ALEX. G. MARTIN),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile above D. Dwyer's conditional purchase on Warrah Creek.

Minute on No. 4.

Mr. Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—J.S.A., B.C., 11/1/73.

No. 5.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, August, 1873.

I have the honor to forward herewith plan of 40 acres of land conditionally purchased by John Alexander Martin, on the 28th November, 1872, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Survey made under blank cover, January 22nd, 1873, No. 3.

J. A. Martin, a *bona fide* resident. Improvements, hut and stockyard, value £30.

This portion being near the source of Warrah Creek, I did not consider it of sufficient importance to form a frontage here, and therefore have made the measurement square.

I have, &c.,

F. W. DARBY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 5.

The Surveyor-General.—A.D., 11/8/73. Examined, charted, &c.—W.H., 14/3/75. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—J.H.C., 16/3/75. I have accepted the form of survey as the conditional purchase application is of such an old date.—J.H.C., 16/3/75.

No. 6.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion No. 64 of 40 acres, parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, transmitted by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby, letter No. 73-47, of 31st July, and on which Mr. Darby's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.

The position of the improvements is not shown on the above plan.

Mr. Darby will be good enough to say what the nature of the connection shown on the above plan is, whether a feature survey, &c., &c.
20 February, 1874.

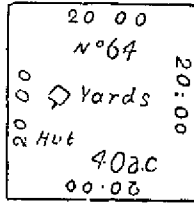
P.F.A.

Report.

I regret the omission. They should be shown as below.

The connection was made to a marked stringy-bark tree having \uparrow over 34, which I find to be at or near the north-west corner of measured portion No. 34. I could not at the time find a corner stake, otherwise I should have connected to it. The survey of No. 34 was, I believe, made by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham.
27 February, 1874.

F. W. DARBY.



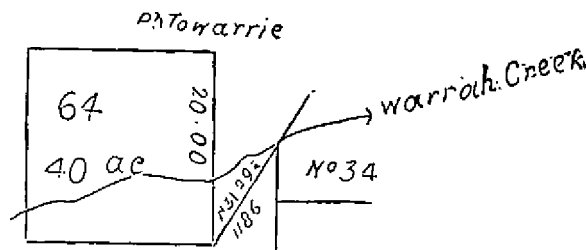
Minutes on No. 6.

By the Surveyor-General:—The reply to this memo. is not satisfactory; the connection is useless unless given to the corner of the portion. A surveyor is instructed before undertaking work in any district to supply himself with all necessary information, such as copies of previous surveys, &c.—P.F.A., 20/4/74.

If the corner could not be found, it should be determined by intersection of boundary lines, and the traverse should connect with the actual corner, and not with the tree near the corner. Mr. Darby should obtain copies of all surveys, &c., as required by paragraph 1 of Surveyors' Instructions.—C.E.F. The corner referred to above is on a creek, and could not be found by an intersection as proposed.—F. W. DARBY, 23/6/74.

I beg to submit below connection of No. 64 with portion No. 34. I find I made an error in my report of 27th February, 1874, in stating connection was made to a stringy-bark tree; it should have been noted as on an oak tree.
27 September, 1875.

F. W. DARBY.



No. 7.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, 3 November, 1874.

I have to refer you to my memorandum, dated the 17th day of February, No. 74-13,070, respecting your survey of J. A. Martin's conditional purchase, portion No. 64, at Towarri, county of Buckland, and to request that the matter may receive your early attention.

2. Should there be any cause of delay you will explain it, and at the same time state when it is probable that the information required will be supplied.

I am, &c.,
ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,
(For Surveyor-General).

Minutes on No. 7.

The cause of delay has been caused principally by my being engaged in private affairs (which were very urgent) up to the end of March. I am now at work in the field, and will in the course of a month be in the locality of No. 64, and will then return paper 73-13,070 completed.—F. W. DARBY, 15/4/75.

Returned with paper 73-13,070.—27/9/75. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby's attention is directed to his memorandum within.—P.F.A.

No. 8.

Application by Ambrose Gallagher.

B. [Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]
 Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Ambrose Gallagher, in the district of Murrurundi, with all additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months on my original purchase) under 13th section, this day alienated to James Scivl, of Miller's Creek, near Murrurundi, the 220 acres of land (being the total area) situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as conditional purchases, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following dates, viz.:—100 acres on the 30th January, 1868; 60 acres on 11th November, 1869; and 60 acres on the 23rd December, 1869.

Murrurundi, 12 January, 1875.

AMBROSE GALLAGHER.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,

Murrurundi Land Office, 12 January, 1875.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 9.

Application by John M'Intyre.

C. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 District of Murrurundi. No. 256 of 1875.
 Application by John M'Intyre for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 24th day of June, 1875, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

24 June, 1875.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

JOHN M'INTYRE,

Miller's Creek, Murrurundi,

(Per J. CROMBIE GRAY).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 320 acres, adjoining part of the south boundary of the A. A. Co.'s grant of 249,600 acres the east boundaries of portions 27, 26, 25, 24, 2, and 1, and part of the north boundary of reserve 617.

Minutes on No. 9.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—M.O.C.B, 17th August, 1875.
 Plan with letter, 27th November, 1876.—E.S.W.

No. 10.

Application by Samuel Irwin.

C. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
 District of Murrurundi. No. 314 of 1875.
 Application by Samuel Irwin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 22nd day of July, 1875, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

22 July, 1875.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

SAMUEL IRWIN,

Miller's Creek, Murrurundi,

(Per J. C. GRAY, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 50 acres, adjoining the western boundaries of portions 70 and 71, including old sheep-station and waterholes on Tag Creek.

Minute on No. 10.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Loder to measure if unobjectionable.—T.F.C. (for Surveyor-General), 18th September, 1875.

No. 11.

Application by Rebecca Glass.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 315 of 1875.

Application by Rebecca Glass, spinster, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 22nd day of July, 1875, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

22 July, 1875.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

REBECCA GLASS,

Miller's Creek,

(Per J. C. GRAY, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parishes of Towarri and Yarramanbah, 50 acres, on the extreme head of Miller's Creek, adjoining part of the southern boundary of portion 74, and adjoining part of the southern boundary of Henry M'Farlane Glass' additional conditional purchase of 100 acres, made on the 24th June, 1875.

Minutes on No. 11.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—T.F.C., 18 Sept., 1875. Plan with my letter of 27th November, 1876.—E.S.W.

No. 12.

Application by Rebecca Glass.

D.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Rebecca Glass, spinster, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 22nd day of July, 1875, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

22 July, 1875.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 50 acres, made on the 22nd July, 1875. I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

REBECCA GLASS,

Miller's Creek,

(Per J. C. GRAY, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parishes of Towarri and Yarramanbah, 50 acres, adjoining the southern boundary of my conditional purchase of 50 acres (made this day).

Minutes on No. 12.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to measure if unobjectionable.—T.F.C. (for Sur-Gen.), 18/9/75. Plan with my letter of 27 November, 1876.—E.S.W.

No. 13.

Notification by James Seivl.

E.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Seivl, in the district of Murrurundi, with all additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence of at least twelve months on my original purchase, under 13th section, this day alienated to James Glass, of Miller's Creek, the 220 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which were selected by A. Gallagher, at Murrurundi, as conditional purchases, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following dates, namely:—100 acres, 30 January, 1868; 58 acres, 11 November, 1869; 60 acres, 23 December, 1869.

Dated at Sydney, 10 August, 1875.

JAMES SEIVL,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,

Murrurundi, Land Office, 12 August, 1875.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

S

No. 14.

Notification by James Glass.

B. [Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi, with all additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence of at least twelve months on my original purchase, under the 13th section, this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 218 acres of land, being the total area, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which were selected by A. Gallagher, at Murrurundi, as conditional purchases, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following dates, namely:—100 acres, 30 January, 1868; 58 acres, 11 November, 1869; 60 acres, 23 December, 1869 = 218 acres.

Dated at Sydney, 10 August, 1875.

JAMES GLASS,
Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,

Murrurundi, Land Office, 12 August, 1875.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

No. 15.

Application by Samuel Irwin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Samuel Irwin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 554 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £138 10s., this 26th day of August, 1875, at 4 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
75/314	22 July, 1875	50
75/344	26 Aug., 1875.	554
Total..		604

Sir,

26 August, 1875.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 554 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 50 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £138 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 50 acres.

SAMUEL IRWIN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Miller's Creek, Murrurundi

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 554 acres, adjoining my conditional purchase of 50 acres, and including John Leard's conditional purchase of 140 acres, made on the 10th October, 1872, and since declared forfeited.

No. 16.

Declaration by John A. Martin.

D. [Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JOHN ALEXANDER MARTIN, of Murrurundi, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of hut and fencing, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 29th }
day of December, 1875, before me,— }

JOHN A. MARTIN.

A. J. KINGSMILL, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 375 of 1872, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 28th November, 1872.

Minutes on No. 16.

Interest 2s. 11d., credited 5th January, 1876. Examined and found correct in form.—J.W., 10/11/76.

By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. 17.

No. 17.

Mr. Samuel Irwin to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Miller's Creek, Murrurundi, 8 February, 1876.

I have the honor to inform you that the two portions of land, 66 and 67, county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanhah, now gazetted for sale at Murrurundi in March next, were conditionally purchased by me at Murrurundi in August last year, and known as Leard's forfeited selections.

I therefore request that you will order that the two lots in question be withdrawn from sale.

I have, &c.,

SAMUEL IRWIN.

Minutes on No. 17.

Mr. Neate,—Make copies of applications and send to Mr. Rutter to-day to ascertain if the facts are as stated.—J.W., 16/2/76. Herewith.—G.N., 19/2/76.

By the Surveyor-General:—Forwarded to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Loder to measure up, reserving such access (under section 17 of the Act of 1875) as is necessary to Jones or Gammon Creek from the back land. Special report should be made with the view of the submission of the matter to the Honorable the Secretary for Lands. As the date of this conditional purchase is prior to that of reserve 935, notified 12 October, 1875, this course is necessary.—F.W.R. (for Surveyor-General), 8 June, 1876.

This instruction is of course subject to any consideration of land being improved at date of conditional purchase to a value to bar conditional purchase, provided such are of the proper character.

No. 18.

Application by Denis Shanahan.

D.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 50 of 1876.

Application by Denis Shanahan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 400 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £100, this 16th day of March, 1876, at 12 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

16 March, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 400 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £100, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

DENIS SHANAHAN,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 400 acres, adjoining Matthew Shanahan's conditional purchase taken this day, and J. and R. Montgomery's conditional purchase of 40 acres, and extending towards Cedar Brush Paddock.

No. 19.

Application by John Fleming.

D.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 51 of 1876.

Application by John Fleming for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 140 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £35, this 16th day of March, 1876, at 12 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

16 March, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 140 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £35, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN FLEMING,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of owarri, 140 acres, adjoining Denis Shanahan's conditional purchase, taken up this day.

No. 20.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

D.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 67 of 1876.

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 6th day of April, 1876, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

805—B

Sir

Sir,

6 April, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, situated near the head of Little Oakey Creek, and commencing at an oak tree marked M, running north 20 chains, then west 20 chains, then south 20 chains, from thence east 20 chains, to point of commencement, taking in the spring.

Minutes on No. 20.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—T.B. (for Surveyor-General), 11/7/76.

Plan with my letter of 19 February, 1877.—E.S.W.

No. 21.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 or 22 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 11th day of May, 1876, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

11 May, 1876.

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	Total area.....	120		This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.															

I am, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, adjoining part of the north and west boundary of my conditional purchase of 40 acres, crossing Little Oakey Creek.

Minutes on No. 21.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to measure if unobjectionable.—J.E.B. (for Surveyor-General), 10/8/76.

Plan with my letter, 19 February, 1877.—E.S.W.

No. 22.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Loder to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Tamworth, 14 August, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit the plan of two portions of land, containing 50 and 150 acres, numbered respectively 120 and 121, in the parish of Yarramanbah, county of Buckland, applied for by Samuel Irwin, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 21st September and 10th June, Nos. 75-128 and 76-46.

2. Both the portions consist of land suitable for pasture, and are timbered with box and apple.

3. Applicant resides on his first conditional purchase, No. 120, of 50 acres, the improvements on which consist of a gunyah and ringing, value £3 10s.; on No. 121, fencing and ringing, value £23 10s.

4. I did not measure No. 120 in the usual way, as I thought it would be better to extend it on the back of 121, so as to interfere as little as possible with W.R. 935, and proposed extension. I have made a special report on portion No. 121.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE LODER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 22.

Mr. G. Lewis,—As to proposed extension of reserve.—J.D.R., 12/10/76.

Modification in the reserve recommended under blank cover dated 18th instant.—G.L., 18/10/76.

[Enclosure B to No. 22.]

Description.

50 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, portion No. 120: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion Nos. 121 of 150 acres; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion and the western boundaries of portions Nos. 71 and 70 of 40 acres each, in all bearing north 36 chains and 93 links; on the north by parts of the southern boundaries of portions Nos. 69 and 119 of 40 acres each, in all bearing west 13 chains and 54 links; on the west by a line bearing south 36 chains and 93 links; and on the south by a line bearing east 13 chains and 54 links, to the point of commencement. Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land along the southern boundary, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure C to No. 22.]

Description.

504 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, portions Nos. 67, 66, and 121 : Commencing on the left bank of Jones or Gammon Creek, at the south-eastern corner of portion No. 71 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing west 63 chains 20 links; on the west by part of the eastern boundary of portion bearing south 23 chains 53 links; on the south by a line bearing east 26 chains 67 links; again on the west by a line bearing south 58 chains 26 links; again on the south by a line bearing east 65 chains 30 links; on the east by lines bearing north 22 chains east 2 chains 8 links; thence by a line the western boundary of portion No. 68 of 40 acres and a line in all bearing north 23 chains; on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion No. 27 of 40 acres bearing south 89° 40' west 14 chains; again on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 6 chains 67 links; again on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion No. 11 of 40 acres bearing west 8 chains and 34 links; again on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 6 chains 67 links; again on the north by a line crossing the aforesaid creek bearing west 7 chains to its left bank; and again on the east by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement. Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land along a southern boundary and thence in an easterly direction, and of a road 1 chain 50 links wide in a north-easterly and thence in a northerly direction, the areas of which have been deducted from the total area.

No. 23.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Loder to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Tamworth, 14 August, 1876.

In accordance with your memo. dated the 8th June, I have the honor to inform you that when I went on the ground to measure Samuel Irwin's conditional purchase, after inspection, I decided to measure the 50 acres, No. 120, at the back of 121, leaving a road for access, and then to measure the remainder of applicant's second conditional purchase of 554 acres (including two conditional purchases of John Leard's, Nos. 66 and 67, of 214 and 140 acres respectively), leaving the balance 200 acres. As will be seen by plan, and with the consent of applicant's agent, I only measured 150 acres, exclusive of a road 1 chain wide for access to Jones Creek. The reason of my doing so was so as to interfere as little as possible with reserve 935 and its proposed extension; (2.) I would have left road more than 1 chain, but as there was little or no water in Jones Creek, and I was informed that the most water was up the gully from No. 120, I then thought the better plan would be to recommend extension of reserve 935, say 10 chains wide, as shown on plan, extending in to water reserve 961, so that by this means good access could be got to Jones Creek.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE LODER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 23.

The proposed extension of the reserve I think desirable.—A. DEWHURST, 26/7/76.

No. 24.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 27 November, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of the two portions Nos. 89 and 90 in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Rebecca Glass, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions of 21st September, 1875, Nos. 252 and 253.

When I measured the land the applicant was not residing thereon. Her improvements consisted of a hut, value £4, and ringbarking, £5. The portions also include some 8 chains fencing, value £7, the property of the lessee of the run.

The date of the survey was 18th October, 1876.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,

Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 24.]

Description.

50 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 89 : Commencing at the north-eastern corner of portion No. 90 of 50 acres; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that portion bearing west 31 chains and 63 links; on the west by a line bearing north 15 chains and 81 links; on the north by a line and a road 1 chain wide, dividing it partly from part of portion No. 88 of 100 acres, in all bearing east 31 chains and 63 links; and on the east by a line bearing south 15 chains and 81 links, to the point of commencement.

[Enclosure C to No. 24.]

Description.

50 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 90 : Commencing at the south-western corner of portion No. 89 of 50 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 31 chains and 63 links; on the east by a line bearing south 15 chains and 81 links; on the south by a line bearing west 31 chains and 63 links; and on the west by a line bearing north 15 chains and 81 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 25.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 27 November, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of one portion, No. 91, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by John McIntyre, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions of 20th August, 1875, No. 296.

When I measured the land the applicant was not residing thereon. His improvements consisted of a hut, value £4, and ringbarking, £16. Part of the ringbarking was done by the lessee of the run prior to date of this application.

The date of survey was 24th October, 1876. A considerable discrepancy will be observed to exist between the length of E to F as given by me and the lengths given in the old surveys. I have, however, measured

measured the line twice, and am satisfied that I am correct. There is also a slight difference in the lengths F to G and G to H, as compared with those given by Mr. Darby. The north-east corner of portion No. 27 is 12 links within the A. A. Company's line as claimed by them and fenced, so I thought it best to allow for reserve No. 499 3 chains from the fence, as it is quite impossible to prove one survey to be more correct than the other.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD S. WYNDHAM,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 25.

The Company had not fenced at date of this survey.—A. DEWHURST. May await report of Conditional Purchase Inspector.—J.S., 26/4/77.

[*Enclosure B to No. 25.*]

Description.

320 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 91 : Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 1 of 167 acres ; and bounded thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 20 chains ; on the south by part of the northern boundary of that portion bearing west 23 chains and 23 links ; again on the west by the eastern boundaries of portions 2, 24, 25, and 26, of 40 acres each, in all bearing north 35 minutes east 26 chains and 57 links ; on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion 27 of 40 acres bearing easterly 10 chains 2 links ; again on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 15 minutes east 3 chains and 9 links ; again on the north by a line bearing easterly 64 chains 30 links ; on the east by a line bearing south 49 chains 64 links ; and again on the south by a line bearing west 51 chains and 37 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 26.

Application by Benjamin Hall.

D.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 36 of 1877.

Application by Benjamin Hall for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 250 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £62 10s., this 8th day of February, 1877,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

8 February, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 250 acres ; and I herewith tender the sum of £62 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

BENJAMIN HALL,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 250 acres, situate on the right bank of Big Jack's Creek : Commencing at the junction of Little Oakey Creek with Big Jack's Creek, and from thence is bounded by Little Oakey Creek upwards for about 1 mile ; thence by a line running east to opposite the south-west corner of portion No. 62 ; from thence by a line north to the abovenamed south-west corner of portion No. 62 ; and from thence is bounded on the east by the western boundary of No. 62 and part of the western boundary of portion No. 61 to the south-east corner of water reserve No. 616 ; and from thence is bounded on the north by the southern boundary of said water reserve to Big Jack's Creek ; and from thence by said creek upwards to the junction of Little Oakey Creek, the point of commencement. This includes portion No. 78, purchase of John A. Martin, 40 acres, declared void, and advertised for sale on the 7th March next.

No. 27.

Mr. H. Freeman to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

18, Bridge-street, Sydney, 12 February, 1877.

I am instructed by the conditional purchaser of the land noted in the margin to request that you will be good enough to authorize the refund of the amount paid by my client on that land, the area not having been surveyed within twelve months from date of selection.

I have, &c.,

HENRY FREEMAN.

Minutes on No. 27.

Has the plan of the within-mentioned selection been approved of?—J.W., 21/2/77.

No. Nevertheless, refund cannot be given, as it has already been decided that application for refund made subsequent to the date when survey was marked on the ground cannot be granted. The survey in this case was made 24th October, 1876.—J.J.R., 8/3/77.

No. 28.

Mr. H. Freeman to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

18, Bridge-street, Sydney, 15 February, 1877.

I am instructed by the conditional purchaser of the land noted in the margin to request that you will be good enough to authorize the refund of the amount of deposit paid by my client on that land, the area not having been surveyed within twelve months from date of selection.

I have, &c.,

HENRY FREEMAN.

Minutes

C.P. 75-256,
320 acres,
24 June, 1875,
Murrurundi,
John McIntyre.

C.P. 75-315,
50 acres,
75-316, 50 acres,
22 July, 1875,
Hebecca Glass,
Murrurundi.

Minutes on No. 28.

Has the plan of the within-mentioned selection been approved of?—J.W., 21/2/77.

No. Nevertheless, refund cannot be given, as it has already been decided that application for refund made subsequent to the date when survey was marked on the ground cannot be granted. The survey in this case was made 18th October, 1876.—J.J.R., 8/3/77.

By the Chief Commissioner :—Inform.—A.O.M.

No. 29.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 19 February, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of two portions, Nos. 101 and 102, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by John Alexander Martin, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions of 13th July and 12th August, 1876, Nos. 66 and 74.

When I measured the land the applicant was ostensibly residing thereon in a tent, but I am of opinion that it was not his usual residence. His improvements consisted of ringbarking, value £2.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,
Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 29.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 101: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 102 of 80 acres; and bounded thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that portion bearing west 20 chains; on the west by a line bearing south 20 chains; on the south by a line bearing east 20 chains; and on the east by a line bearing north 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

[Enclosure C to No. 29.]

Description.

80 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 102: Commencing at a point bearing east 48 degrees 37 minutes south, and distant 28 chains 21 links from the south-eastern corner of portion 4 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by a line bearing east 28 chains and 29 links; on the east by a line bearing south 28 chains and 29 links; on the south by the northern boundary of portion 101 of 40 acres and a line in all bearing west 28 chains and 29 links; and on the west by a line bearing north 28 chains and 29 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 30.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. Freeman.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 26 March, 1877.

Referring to your application of the 15th ultimo, on behalf of Miss Rebecca Glass, for the refund of her deposit on the conditional purchase noted in the margin for non-survey within twelve months of the date of the application, I am directed to inform you that as the survey was marked on the ground previous to the date of your present application the refund on the selections in question cannot be made.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Murrurundi,
22 July, 1875,
Rebecca Glass,
C.P. 75-316,
50 acres;
C.P. 75-316,
50 acres.

No. 31.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 8 June, 1877.

On behalf of our client, Mr. Samuel Irwin, we have the honor to call your attention to the fact that upon measurement being made of his conditional purchase, noted in the margin, it transpired that there was not sufficient available land by 53½ acres. We therefore beg to request that a refund may be made him of his deposit on that area.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.

S. Irwin,
C.P. 554 acres,
Murrurundi,
26 August, 1876

Minute on No. 31.

Refund may be made as requested of deposit on 50 acres.—F. W. RUTTER (for Surveyor-General), 13 July, 1877.

No. 32.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. S. Irwin.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 July, 1877.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Murrurundi on the 26th August, 1877, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 504 acres, instead of 554 acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of £12 10s., being the amount of deposit on the 50 extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,

W. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 32.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Samuel Irwin.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 July, 1877.

	Amount to be refunded,
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 75-344. Land Office at Murrurundi ; date of selection, 26th day of August, 1875 ; deposit paid on 554 acres	£ s. d.
Selection void to the extent of 50 acres, as there was not sufficient land available.	
Deposit to be refunded on 50 acres.£	12 10 0

No. 33.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 July, 1877.

With reference to Samuel Irwin's conditional purchase of the 26th August, 1875, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found on measurement to be only 504 acres, instead of 554 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £12 10s., the amount of deposit upon the fifty extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 34.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 July, 1877.

Murrurundi,
Samuel Irwin,
26 August, 1876.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 554 acres to 504 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £12 10s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 35.

Application by Matthew Shanahan.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Matthew Shanahan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 120 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £30, this 9th day of August, 1877, at 1 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

9 August, 1877.

Sir, I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 120 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 100 acres, upon which I am now residing ; and I herewith tender the sum of £30, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 100 acres.

I am, &c.,

MATTHEW SHANAHAN,
Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 120 acres, adjoining my conditional purchase of 100 acres, made on 16th March, 1876, extending towards Warrah Creek, including Richard Shanahan's two forfeited selections of 40 acres each.

No. 36.

No. 36.

Application by Rebecca Glass.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Rebecca Glass, spinster, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 324 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £81, this 11th day of October, 1877, at 3 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase, acres.
315-75	22/7/75.	50
316-75		50
233-77	11/10/77.	324
	Total area..	424

Sir,

11 October, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 324 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 50 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £81, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 50 acres.

I am, &c.,

REBECCA GLASS,

Miller's Creek.

(Per WM. BROOK, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 324 acres, being measured portions No. 88 of 100 acres, No. 87 of 50 acres, No. 85 of 40 acres, No. 86 of 54 acres, and No. 84 of 80 acres, adjoining and in virtue of my selection of 50 acres, made on the 22nd July, 1875.

I certify that Rebecca Glass is over the age of sixteen years.—G. G. BRODIE.

[Enclosure B to No. 36.]

Conditional Purchase 77-233.

Description.

324 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portions 84, 85, 86, 87, and 88: Commencing on the right bank of Miller's Creek, at the south-western corner of portion 69 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion and a line in all bearing east 70 chains 84 links; on the east by a line bearing south 11 chains 30 links; again on the north by a line bearing east 7 chains 94 links; again on the east by a line bearing south 22 chains 51 links; on the south by a line bearing west 5 chains 31 links; again on the east by a line bearing south 7 chains; again on the south by a line bearing west 10 chains 92 links; again on the east by a line bearing south 16 chains 67 links; again on the south by a line bearing west 59 chains 30 links to Miller's Creek; on the west by that creek downwards to the south-western corner of portion 71 of 40 acres; again on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 60 chains 70 links; again on the west by the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 6 chains 67 links; again on the south by the northern boundary of that portion bearing west 59 chains 53 links to Miller's Creek; again on the west by that creek downwards to the south-western corner of portion 70 of 40 acres; again on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 59 chains 87 links; again on the west by the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 6 chains 67 links; again on the south by the northern boundary of that portion bearing west 60 chains 35 links to Miller's Creek; and again on the west by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement. Exclusively of two roads 50 links wide each passing through this land in an easterly direction, the areas of which have been deducted from the total area.

No. 37.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John McIntyre, made at Murrurundi, 14th June, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 November, 1877.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th May, 1877, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 320 acres, is occupied and used by the selector as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:—Small, strong, slab hut, galvanized-iron roof, £10; some clearing being made; part of timber sapped.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The man whom I found at work on the land, and who said he was the selector, gave a very straightforward account as to his compliance with the conditions of residence, from within three weeks after the purchase of the land.

The hut was comfortably furnished, and the place generally indicated continuous occupation by some one. I believe the selection is a *bona fide* one, and that the selector is a hard-working industrious man.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 37.

No necessity for further interference at present.—W.B., 5/3/78.

No. 38.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Rebecca Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 22nd July, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 November, 1877.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th May, 1877, and that I found the selector then resident upon the selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase 13th section, and one conditional purchase 21st section, and comprises 50 and 50, or 100 acres, is occupied and used as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Slab hut, with galvanized-iron roof	£10	0	0
80 acres sapped	8	0	0
(Some clearing being made.)			
	£18	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. Rebecca Glass was in the hut on the land when I visited it; the hut was very comfortably furnished. The selector informed me that she had continuously resided in the hut, and that a lady who is governess at Mr. James Glass' (near the conditional purchase in question) is in the habit of staying with her at night in the said hut. I see no reason whatever to doubt Miss Glass' statement, or to think that the selection is other than a *bona-fide* one.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 38.

No necessity for interference at present.—W.B., 5/3/78.

No. 39.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Alexander Martin, made at Murrurundi, 28th November, 1872.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 February, 1878.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 17th January, 1878, and that I found the selector then non-resident upon the selection. See remarks at end of report.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the selector as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Slab hut, with bark roof	£15	0	0
Two large sheep-yards	15	0	0
Well, 15 feet deep, with whip and bucket	12	0	0
	£42	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The appearance of the hut and of the selection generally indicated to me that some one had occupied the place for a considerable time. I found the selector at his father's residence, a short distance from his conditional purchase; he gave me very satisfactory answers to the questions I put to him as to his compliance with the residence condition. He said he had continuously resided in the hut referred to for three years after he purchased the land. From the statements made and appearances generally, I am of opinion that the law has been complied with. The period within which the conditions were to have been observed had expired at date of my visit.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 39.

Declaration for approval.—W.B.

No. 40.

Notification by John Alexander Martin.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John Alexander Martin, of The Oaks, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Glass, of Miller's Creek, the 40 acres of land situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi,

as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 6th April, 1876, as also the following additional purchases:—80 acres, 11 May, 1876; 80 acres, 15 February, 1877.

Dated at Sydney, this 16th May, 1878

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JOHN A. MARTIN,
Sydney.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 20 May, 1878.

G. G. BRODIE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 41.

Declaration by John M'Intyre.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JOHN M'INTYRE, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, cleared land, English grass, and hut, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 8th }
day of August, 1878, before me, — }
W. B. KNOWLES, J.P.

his
JOHN + M'INTYRE.
mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 320 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 256 of 1875, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 24th June, 1875.

Minutes on No. 41.

Interest credited at the Treasury, £6 5s. 7d.—W.H.B., 14/8/78.

Examined and found correct

in form.—E.H.S., 19/10/78.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 4/7/79.

No. 42.

Declaration by Samuel Irwin.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, SAMUEL IRWIN, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, cleared land, and hut, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year, each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 8th }
day of August, 1878, before me, — }
W. B. KNOWLES, J.P.

his
SAMUEL + IRWIN.
mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 50 acres, at Yarramanbah, being conditional purchase No. 314 of 1875, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 22nd July, 1875.

Minutes on No. 42.

Interest credited at Treasury, 16s. 9d.—W.H.B., 14/8/78.

Examined and found correct in

form.—E.H.S., 18/10/78.

No. 43.

Notification by Samuel Irwin.

K.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Samuel Irwin, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Glass, of Glasston, the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 22nd July, 1875, as also the following additional purchases:—504 acres selected by me 26th August, 1875; 89½ acres selected by me 13th September, 1877.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 8th day of August, 1878,—
JAMES QUIGLEY.

his
SAMUEL + IRWIN,
mark.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Glasston, Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 12 August, 1878.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 43.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, is requested to inform the parties interested in this transfer that it cannot be allowed, the area being greater than that allowed by the Act.—W.B. (for the Chief Commissioner), B.C., August, 1878. To be returned.

Parties informed as requested.—GEO. R. EVANS, Land Agent.

Charting Branch,—What is the total area of the attached conditional purchase; *vide* your maps; if over 640 acres, should not the latter conditional purchase be reduced or declared void?—W.M.O., 21/11/78.

No. 44.

Declaration by John M'Mullen.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JOHN M'MULLEN, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, cleared land, sapped trees, and house, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of Rebecca Glass and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 8th }
day of August, 1878, before me,— }
J. P. ABBOTT, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

his
JOHN + M'MULLEN.
mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 315 of 1875, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 22nd July, 1875.

Minutes on No. 44.

Interest credited at Treasury, 16s. 9d.—W.H.B., 14/1/78. Examined and found correct in form.—
E.H.S., 19/10/78.

By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 30/6/79.

No. 45.

Declaration by John M'Mullen.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JOHN M'MULLEN, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of cleared land, sapped trees, and grass sown, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign

reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 8th }
 day of August, 1878, before me,— }
 J. P. ABBOTT, a Commissioner for Affidavits. } JOHN + M'MULLEN.
 his mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 316 of 1875, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 22nd July, 1875.

Minutes on No. 45.

Interest credited at Treasury, 16s. 9d.—W.H.B., 14/8/78. Examined and found correct in form.—
 E.H.S., 19/10/78.
 By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 30/6/79.

No. 46.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Sydney, 29 October, 1878.

I respectfully request that you will be pleased to have acceptances of declarations issued on the conditional purchase of J. A. Martin, No. 72-7,657, as this property has been disposed of and the purchase cannot be finally completed prior to issue of such acceptances.

I have, &c.,
 G. H. HOLMES.

Minute on No. 46.

Submitted for approval of declaration.—W.B., 3/10/78.

No. 47.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. James Glass.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 November, 1878.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John Alexander Martin, at Murrurundi, on the 29th December, 1875, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 72-7,657; section, 13; district, Murrurundi; date, 28 November, 1872; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, James Glass.

No. 48.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Murrurundi, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, sapping, and artificial grasses, and to the value of £550, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Sydney, this 21st day of }
 November, 1878, before me,— }
 H. H. BROWN, J.P. } JAMES GLASS.

Description

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 504 acres, at Yarramanbah, being conditional purchase No. 344 of 1875, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 26th August, 1875.

Minute on No. 48.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £25 4s.—W.H.B., 3/12/78.

No. 49.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John M'Intyre, made at Murrurundi, on 24th June, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 12 January, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 7th January, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon the selection.

The land, which consists of one C.P., 13th section, and comprises 320 acres, is occupied and used by the lessee of Mookie Springs as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz :—

Strong slab hut, iron roof	£20	0	0
3 miles 6-wire fence	255	0	0
Log sheep-yard	10	0	0
40 acres cleared	60	0	0
	<u>£345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The selector was residing in the hut referred to at the time of my visit. I have no doubt, from the statements of the selector and the appearance of the place generally, that the conditions have been complied with.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 49.

Section 13; area, 320 acres; improvements, £345; residence complete. For approval.—W.B.

No. 50.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Samuel Irwin, made at Murrurundi, on 22nd July, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 12 January, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 8th January, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon the selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 50 acres, is occupied and used by the lessees of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz :—

Strong two-roomed hut, sawn slabs, galvanized-iron roof	£20	0	0
60 chains strong 6-wire fence	56	5	0
	<u>£76</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The selector was residing in the hut referred to at time of my visit. There was every indication to me that the selector had fairly complied with the conditions.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 51.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

51, Exchange Buildings, Sydney, 13 January, 1879.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to issue to me a certificate of approval of declaration on the conditional purchase noted in the margin with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

G. H. HOLMES.

J. M'Intyre,
C.P. 75-256,
320 acres,
24th June, 1875,
Murrurundi.
Declaration
78-32,054.

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No. 52.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 13 January, 1879.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to issue to me a certificate of approval of declaration on the conditional purchase noted in the margin with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

G. H. HOLMES.

C.P. 76-314,
Murrurundi,
S. Irwin,
60 acres,
22nd July, 1875.
Declaration
78-32,048.

No. 53.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Gara, Armidale, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, kitchen, sapping, fencing, waterhole, dam, cleared land, garden, and yards, and to the value of £500, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of Denis Shanahan and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year), each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 20th }
day of March, 1879, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 400 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 50 of 1876, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 16th March, 1876.

Minute on No. 53.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £20.—W.H.B., 7/4/79.

No. 54.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank of Sydney, Sydney, 26 March, 1879.

I have the honor to hand you enclosed declarations made by Mr. James Glass on the under-mentioned conditional purchases, and I shall esteem it a favour if the necessary reference to the Inspector of the district be made at once, so that I may know whether they are considered satisfactory.

District.	Conditional Purchase No.	Section.	Date.	Parish.	County.	Area.
Murrurundi	77-233	21	11 Oct., 1877	Towarri	Buckland	324 acres.
	77-249	21	13 Dec., 1877	"	"	155 "
	78-5	21	17 Jan., 1878	"	"	542 "
	78-38	22	18 April, 1878.....	Yarramanbah	"	222 "

Selected by J. Glass.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

[Enclosure A to No. 54.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Gara, Armidale, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of clearing and fencing, and to the value of £350, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 25th day of }
March, 1879, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

Jos. GRAHAM, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 324 acres, at Miller's Creek, being conditional purchase No. 233 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 11th October, 1877, by Rebecca Glass.

*Minute on Enclosure A to No. 54.*Interest paid, *vide* C.S. 79-28,073, No. By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 8/7/79.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 54.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Gara, Armidale, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of clearing, fencing, and grass laid down, and to the value of £250, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 25th day of }
March, 1879, before me,— }
JOS. GRAHAM, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 222 acres, at Miller's Creek, being conditional purchase No. 38 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 18th April, 1878, by James Glass.

No. 55.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Gara, Armidale, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of hut and fencing and waterhole, and to the value of £60, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence continuously of John A. Martin and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year), each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
7th day of April, 1879, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 67 of 1876, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 6th April, 1876.

Minutes on No. 55.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 17/4/79. Examined and found correct in form.—W.B., 15/7/79.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 29/12/79.

No. 56.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of James Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 6th April and 11th May, 1876.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 1 June, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 10th January, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and one conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 40 and 80 or 120 acres, is occupied and used as grazing land; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Strong two-roomed slab hut, iron roof	...	...	...	...	£20	0	0
40 acres sapped	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
1½ mile 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
					£144	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. I found the alienee in the hut on the land. The hut was furnished, and appeared to have been used for a long time as place of residence. The alienee informed me that to his knowledge the original selector resided continuously in the hut from within a month after selection up to date of transfer, and that thenceforth, up to the date of my visit, he (the alienee) had resided.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 56.

Two selections, two declarations, sections 13 and 22; area, 120 acres; improvements, £144; residence completa. For approval.—W.B.

No. 57.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Rebecca Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 22nd July, 1875, and 11th October, 1877.

Sir, Murrurundi, 1 June, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 11th January, 1879, and that I found the selector then non-resident upon the selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and two additional conditional purchases, 21st section, and comprises 50 and 50 and 324 or 424 acres, is occupied and used as grazing land; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :-

Strong slab hut, iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
80 acres sapped	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
50 acres cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
Well, 45 feet deep	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	0	0
2½ miles 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	0	0
								£433	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. From the appearance of the hut referred to, and from what I saw and heard on several previous occasions, I believe the conditions were strictly complied with.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS ARGENT,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 57.

For approval of declarations respecting conditional purchases under 13th section and first conditional purchase under 21st section.—W.B. Interest not yet paid or due on the other under 22 c.—W.B. Holmes & Co. may be informed, as in other cases, that declaration in the other additional, on which improvements are satisfactory, will be submitted for approval of Minister, on payment of interest.—W.B., 1/7/79.

No. 58.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John M'Intyre, made at Murrurundi on 24th June, 1875.

Sir, Murrurundi, 15 June, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 11th June, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 320 acres, is occupied and used as grazing land; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :-

Strong two-roomed slab hut, with verandah and galvanized iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20	0	0
40 acres cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
Log sheep-yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
2 miles and 30 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	190	0	0
								£340	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The selector was residing on land at date of inspection. From what I saw and heard, I believe the conditions have been complied with.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS ARGENT,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 59.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Denis Shanahan, made at Murrurundi, on 16th March, 1876.

Sir, Murrurundi, 15 June, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 10th June, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 400 acres, is occupied and used by as and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :-

Four-roomed slab house, iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	...	£100	0	0
40 acres cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
All sapped	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	0	0
3 miles 2-rail and 3-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	240	0	0
								£496	0	0

(Other fencing still being erected.) From

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. There is no doubt the conditions have been complied with.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 59.

Section 13 ; area, 400 acres ; improvements, £496 ; residence complete. For approval.—W.B.

No. 60.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Samuel Irwin, made at Murrurundi, on 22nd July and 26th August, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 15 June, 1879.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase, on the 11th June, 1879, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and one a conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 50 and 504 or 554 acres, is occupied and used as grazing land ; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Strong two-roomed slab hut, iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	£15	0	0
60 acres cleared	...	...	...	...	...	180	0	0
3 miles 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	225	0	0
Half mile, five wires and top rail	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Artificial grasses, seeds, and labour (said to have cost)	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Well, 40 feet deep	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0

£560 0 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The selector was resident at date of inspection, and from what I saw and heard I believe the conditions have been complied with.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 60.

Sections 13 and 21 ; area, 554 acres ; improvements, according to declaration under 13th clause, £560 ; residence complete ; declaration received on conditional purchase under the 21st clause, but cannot be found. For approval.—W.B.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 4/7/79.

No. 61.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 15 June, 1879.

Referring to my report dated 1st June, 1879, respecting the cases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that when inspecting another conditional purchase in the same locality, on 10th instant, I made further inquiry as to the compliance with the conditions of residence and improvements on the said conditional purchases, and received such information as convinced me that there had been strict compliance both as to residence and improvements.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 61.

No instalment has been paid on conditional purchase 76-90. The selector should be reminded of the default and informed that if the amount due be not forwarded immediately the purchase will be declared lapsed.—W.A., 14/1/80. Yes.—W.B., 15/1/80.

I understand interest has been paid on conditional purchase 7th May, 1876. Paid to Treasury, 29th January, 1880. Inquire.—W.B., 20/2/80. Interest has been paid.

No. 62.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John M'Mullen, at Murrurundi, on the 8th August, 1878, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due ; but should such payment be deferred, interest at the rate of

5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 75-315; section, 13; district, Murrurundi; date, 22nd July, 1875; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 89; area, 50 acres; original applicant, Rebecca Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 63.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John M'Mullen, at Murrurundi, on the 8th August, 1878, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 75-316; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 22nd July, 1875; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 90; area, 50 acres; original applicant, Rebecca Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 64.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 4 July, 1879.

I respectfully request that acceptance of declaration may be issued on the conditional purchase noted in the margin, as I have this day paid into the Treasury the first instalment of purchase.

I have, &c.,

G. H. HOLMES.

Rebecca Glass,
Murrurundi,
conditional purchase 77-233.
524 acres, 11th
October, 1877.
Declaration
79-12,478.

Minutes on No. 64.

The above declaration, 79-12,478, has been received in this Department.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), 4/7/79. Instalment £16 4s., credited this day.—N.G., 4/7/79. For approval of declaration.—W.B.

No. 65.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Murrurundi, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, kitchen, sapping, fencing, waterhole, dam, cleared land, garden, and yards, and to the value of £500, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of Denis Shanahan and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for the period of one whole year) each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Sydney, this 7th }
day of July, 1879, before me,—

JAMES GLASS.

H. H. BROWN, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 400 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 50 of 1876, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 16th March, 1876.

Minutes on No. 65.

Instalment paid. Examined and found correct in form.—A.O.M., 15/7/79.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 16/7/79.

No. 66.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John M'Intyre, at Murrurundi, on the 8th August, 1878, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the

Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 75-256, section 13, district Murrurundi, county Buckland, parish Towarri, 24 June, 1875; No. of portion, 91; area, 320 acres; original applicant, John McIntyre; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 67.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Samuel Irwin, at Murrurundi, on the 8th August, 1878, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 75-314, section 13, district Murrurundi, 22nd July, 1875, county Buckland, parish Yarramanbah; area, 50 acres; original applicant, Samuel Irwin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 68.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 21st November, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 75/344, section 21, district of Murrurundi, 26th August, 1875; county Buckland, parish Yarramanbah; area, 504 acres; original applicant, Samuel Irwin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 69.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 8 July, 1879.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by _____, at _____, on the _____, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of the purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 77/233, district of Murrurundi, 11th October, 1877; county Buckland, parish Towarri; area, 324 acres; original applicant, Rebecca Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 70.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Gara, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, house, and timbersapping, and to the value of £90, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of John A. Martin and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year), each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 27th }
day of October, 1879, before me,— }
H. H. BROWN, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Liverpool Plains, being conditional purchase No. 90 of 1876, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 11th May, 1876.

Minutes on No. 70.

Examined and found correct in form.—W.B., 5/11/79.
By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 10/3/80.

No. 71.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 27 January, 1880.

With reference to the additional selection noted in the margin, I am to apprise you that, as no instalment of the balance of purchase money and interest appears to have been paid on such additional selection, the same will be declared lapsed should the amount due thereon not be forwarded immediately.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Murrurundi,
A.C.P. 76-90,
11 May, 1876,
80 acres,
James Glass,
now Mercantile
Bank of Sydney.

No. 72.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, sheep-yards, and hut, and to the value of £150, have been made on such land and on land adjacent thereto and connected therewith. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 9th day }
of March, 1880, before me,— }
GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 90 of 1876, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 11th May, 1876.

No. 73.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 2 April, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 7th April, 1879, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of

1s.

Is. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and the 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 76-67, section 13, Murrurundi, 6 April, 1876, county Buckland, parish Towarri, No. 101, 40 acres; original applicant, John Alexander Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 74.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 2 April, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 27th October, 1879, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 76-90, section 21, district Murrurundi, 11 May, 1876, county Buckland, parish Towarri; No. of portion, 102; area, 80 acres; original applicant, John Alexander Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 75.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Samuel Irwin, made at Murrurundi, on 22nd July, 1875.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 18 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd February, 1880, and that I found the selector then non-resident upon the selection.

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 50 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Strong 2-roomed slab hut, iron roof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20	0	0
20 acres cleared...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
60 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	5	0
									£96	5	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The selector was not residing on the land when I inspected, which was however long after declaration was made.

There are those residing in the neighbourhood who would give evidence that the selector complied with the conditions. I did not see the selector Irwin.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 76.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 6 March, 1883.

We have the honor to request that you will issue to us with as little delay as possible a certificate of approval of declaration on the conditional purchase noted in the margin.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,

Agents for W. J. FORRESTER.

Minute on No. 76.

Declaration on conditional purchase 68-199 for approval.—W.A., 12/4/83.

No. 77.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Sullivan & Deane.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 28 April, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Ambrose Gallagher, at Murrurundi, on the 20th April, 1871, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

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The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 68-199, section 13, Murrurundi, 30 January, 1868; county Buckland, parish, Towarri, 100 acres; original applicant, Ambrose Gallagher; present holders, Messrs. Sullivan & Deane.

No. 78.

Memorandum by Under Secretary for Lands.

WITHIN is a list of the conditional purchases to which the return moved for by Mr. Levien refers. The list was furnished by him yesterday.—C.O., 12/3/84.

Minute on No. 78.

Now to be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner in connection with 84-911, sent on 6/2/84.—E.H.S., 13/3/84.

[Enclosure to No. 78.]

Re Miller's Creek Run—Mr. Levien's motion.

John M'Intyre.	James Glass.
" Rebecca Glass.	" "
" "	A. G. Martin.
" "	" "
J. M'Mullen	" "

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No. 1.

Application by Thomas Hayes, junior.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land, by Thomas Hayes, junior, of Warrah Ridge, labourer.

Received, with deposit, this 1st day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock, by,—
G. G. BRODIE,
Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Sir,

I desire to purchase, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, without competition, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described; and I herewith tender a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS HAYES,
(For THOMAS HAYES, junior).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres. Situated on a branch of Onus Creek, and about a mile above its junction with said creek, nearly opposite William Seiv's selection of 320 acres.

Minute

Minute on No. 1.

In consequence of a road having been reserved through this conditional purchase after measurement, it is now recommended that the necessary refund of deposit money on the area of 1 acre embraced by the road should be given to the present owner of the conditional purchase, the area being now 49 acres.—J.S.A., 28th April, 1871.

No. 2.

Notification by Thomas Hayes, junior.

A.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, where there is no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to Thomas Hayes, senior, of Miller's Creek, the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 1st February, 1866, having no additional conditional purchases in virtue thereof.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 11th June, 1868.

Wm. Brook.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

his
THOMAS × HAYES, JUNIOR,
mark. Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Crown Lands Office, Murrurundi, 11 June, 1868.

G. G. BRODIE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Darby to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Quirindi Creek, 17 March, 1869.

I have the honor to forward herewith plan of 50 acres of land conditionally purchased by Thomas Hayes, junior, on the 1st February, 1866, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. Survey made under letter, 23rd July, 1866, 868.

I have to report that I found Thomas Hayes, junior, and his mother in occupation of this portion.

Improvements are—hut, barn, garden, and wheat-field, valued at £45.

I did not consider it necessary to mark a road through this portion, as the main road passes along the western side of the creek, to which access can be easily had.

Connection made with old traverse work, plan, and letter of February 18th, 1865-4.

I have, &c.,

F. W. DARBY,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 4.

Declaration by Thomas Hayes, junior.

I, THOMAS HAYES, the younger, of Miller's Creek, near Murrurundi, in the Colony of New South Wales, bullock-driver, do solemnly and sincerely declare—1st. That on the 1st day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, I conditionally purchased, at the office of the Land Agent at Murrurundi aforesaid, under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, 50 acres of land in the county of Buckland, situated on a branch of Onus Creek, and about a mile above its junction with the said creek, nearly opposite William Seivl's selection of 320 acres. 2nd. On or about the 6th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, I took possession of the said land, and the same was my *bona fide* residence continuously for the period of three months or thereabouts from the last-mentioned date, at the expiration of which time Mr. James Seivl, then of Yarraman, the present owner of the run upon which the said land is situate, came to me and told me that he wanted a bullock-driver, and asked if I would go to him. I said that I had selected some land, and that I did not know whether I should be doing right or wrong in going to him. The said James Seivl then said to me, "Nobody can hurt you for going"; whereupon I engaged with him to do the work he required, as my parents were dependent upon me for support. I remained in the said James Seivl's employ, to the best of my belief, about fourteen months. My parents were living upon the land from the said 6th day of February, 1866, and during the whole time that I was in Mr. Seivl's employment, and were supported by what I could spare for them from my own earnings, which enabled my father to cultivate a portion of the said land and otherwise to make improvements thereon. I regarded the said conditional purchase as my home, and I returned thither as often as the nature of my employment would permit. 3rd. At the expiration of the fourteen months, or thereabouts, before mentioned I left Mr. Seivl's employment and returned immediately to my conditional purchase aforesaid, which I have from that time made my *bona fide* residence continuously up to the present date, with the exception of the shearing seasons, when I was absent occasionally, but returned to my said conditional purchase on every Saturday and remained there until Sunday night following. 4th. On the 11th day of June, 1868, I alienated the said land to my father, Thomas Hayes, which alienation was notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. 5th. Improvements consisting of a hut, barn, pole fence, and the clearing and cultivation of 8 acres of ground, and to the value of £80, have been made upon the said land, and were so made previously to the 1st day of February last. 6th. My father, Thomas Hayes aforesaid, has resided on the said land from the date of alienation to him up to the present time, with the exception of about

about seven months, during which he was absent shepherding, but my mother resided there all the time that my father was so absent. My father is now residing on the said land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi aforesaid, this 12th day of }
 May, 1869, before me; and I certify that the said declara- }
 tion above written was read over to the said Thomas }
 Hayes, the younger, and that he appeared to understand }
 the nature and effect thereof,—

his
 THOMAS × HAYES, JUNIOR.
 mark.

ALEXANDER BRODIE, J.P.,

A Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New South Wales.

Minutes on No. 4.

The attached declarations are forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands for his decision. The interest on the selection has in the meantime been placed in Suspense Account.—The Treasury, B.C., 18th May, 1869. To be returned.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Alluding to the present ruling, temporary absence from a conditional purchase on business, especially if the residence be carried on through other members of the family, is considered residence within the meaning of the Act.

This has been done in the present instance, and the purchaser was reported by the surveyor as resident and improving.

If these declarations be deemed satisfactory, it will be more convenient for another declaration to be furnished in the present form for application in the usual way by the Minister.—W.W.S., 14th Aug., 1869.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—W.F., 16th Aug., 1869.

No. 5.

Declaration by Thomas Hayes, senior.

I, THOMAS HAYES, the elder, of Miller's Creek, near Murrurundi, in the Colony of New South Wales farmer, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a hut, barn, pole fence, and the clearing and cultivation of 8 acres of ground, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land, and were so made previously to the 1st day of February last. I further declare that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence from the 11th day of June, 1868 (being the date on which the same was alienated to me by my son, Thomas Hayes), up to the present time, save and except about seven months during which I was employed as a shepherd, but I verily believe that my wife and said son, Thomas Hayes, resided on the said land while I was so employed. I am now residing thereon.

2. The alienation above referred to was notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month after the same was made.

3. Before the expiration of three years and three months from the date of the purchase of the said land I attended at the office of the Land Agent at Murrurundi for the purpose of making the declaration required by the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and to pay the interest on the balance of purchase money, and was informed by the Land Agent that Mr. James Seivl had reported to him that my son, Thomas Hayes, had not resided on the land, and that I had been away from it for about six months, in consequence of which the Land Agent told me that he could not give me his certificate. I was afterwards told by various persons that it would be of no use for me to try to get the land, and therefore I allowed the three months from the day on which the balance of purchase money became due to elapse without doing anything further, when I was advised to lay before the Government the facts relating to the occupation of the said land by my said son and myself.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi aforesaid, this 12th day of }
 May, in the year 1869, before me, }

THOMAS HAYES.

ALEXANDER BRODIE, J.P.,

a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New South Wales.

Description

County of Buckland, 50 acres, situate on a branch of Onus Creek, and about a mile above its junction with said creek, nearly opposite William Sevil's selection of 320 acres, being conditional purchase No. 23 of 1866, in the district of Murrurundi.

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

At the time that this declaration and the accompanying one made by Thomas Hayes, junr., were drawn it was not known exactly how long Thomas Hayes, senr., had been away from his selection, and a blank was left for the time. When the parties came to make the declarations and the duration of absence was ascertained, there was not time to state the fact differently from the way in which it appears in the declarations. This explains the mention of so large an exception.

Minute on No. 5.

The enclosed declaration is forwarded to the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Murrurundi, in order that another may be furnished on the proper printed and prescribed form, the Minister for Lands having approved of the residence clause being considered satisfactory in this instance.—M.F., B.C., Department of Lands, Sydney, 19/8/69.

No. 6.

Declaration by Thomas Hayes.

E 4.

[Alienation Act.]

Amended declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been alienation of the land.

I, THOMAS HAYES, the elder, of Miller's Creek, near Murrurundi, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a hut, barn, and the clearing and cultivation of 8 acres of ground, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of Thomas Hayes, the younger, and myself, respectively, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year, each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi aforesaid, this 23rd }
day of September, 1869, before me,— }

THOMAS HAYES.

G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 49 acres, at Onus Creek, being conditional purchase No. 23 of 1866, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 1st February, 1866.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact, and that the several alienations were notified to me on the following date, 11th June, 1868.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 6.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Examined and found correct.—W.W.S., 29/10/69.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—W.F., 1/11/69.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £1 17s. 6d., 14/12/69.

A declaration made by Thomas Hayes, senior, on the proper printed form is forwarded herewith, as requested.—G. G. BRODIE, Land Agent, Murrurundi, 24th September, 1869.

No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

(The Treasury, New South Wales, 15 December, 1869.

I have the honor to inform you that the persons mentioned in the annexed schedule paid the respective amounts placed against their names as interest on their conditional purchases, on the 14th instant.

I have, &c.,

HENRY LANE.

Schedule referred to.

Conditional Purchaser.	District.	Date of Selection.	Area.	Balance or Interest.	Amount Paid.	Interest—from, to.
Hayes, Thos.	Murrurundi.....	February 1, 1866.	50 acres	Interest	£1 17s. 6d.	1869 to 1870..
*	*	*	*	*	*	*

No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. Thomas Hayes, senior.

Conditional Purchase 66-459.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 May, 1871.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Murrurundi on the 1st February, 1866, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 49 acres, instead of 50 acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of 5s., being the amount of deposit on the 1 extra acre, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 8.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Dt. to Thomas Hayes, senior.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 February, 1866.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 66-459.		
Land Office at Murrurundi; date of selection, 1st day of February, 1866; deposit paid on 50 acres.....		.....
Selection void to the extent of 1 acre, in consequence of a road having been reserved through this conditional purchase after measurement .....		.....
Deposit to be refunded on 1 acre.....	£	0 5 0

No. 9.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Conditional Purchase 66-459.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 May, 1871.

With reference to Thomas Hayes, junior's, conditional purchase of the 1st February, 1866, transferred to Thomas Hayes, senior, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found on measurement to be only 49 acres, instead of 50 acres, as stated in his application, the alienee has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of 5s., the amount of deposit upon the 1 extra acre, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase 66-459.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 May, 1871.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 50 acres to 49 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., 5s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the alienee, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

Murrurundi,
Thomas Hayes,
junior.
1 Feb., 1866,
Transferred to
Thomas Hayes,
senior.

No. 11.

Notification by James Glass.

K [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the District of Murrurundi. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 49 acres of land situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi by Thomas Hayes, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 1st February, 1866, as also the following additional purchase :—542 acres, 17th January, 1878, selected by James Glass.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Armidale.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd day of January, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

No. 12.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and interest paid.

I have, &c.,
F. A. A. WILSON,
Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 66-459,
1st Feb., 1866, 49
acres. Selected
by Thomas
Hayes.

Minute on No. 12.

Declaration approved; send certificate.—N.A., 2/6/80.

No. 13

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 June, 1880.
The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Thomas Hayes, junr., at Murrurundi, on the 23rd September, 1869, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 66-459; section, 13; district, Murrurundi; date, 1 February, 1866; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; area, 49 acres; original applicant, Thomas Hayes, junr.; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

Sub-Return F.

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No. 1.

Application by Richard Shanahan, junr.

[Alienation Act, section 13]
Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 200 acres, unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £50, this 8th day of April, 1869, at 11 o'clock,—

C. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Murrurundi.

Sir,

8 April, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 200 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £50, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

RICHARD SHANAHAN, JUNR.,
(Per MATTHEW SHANAHAN),

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 200 acres, on the east side of Warrah Creek, nearly adjoining John Shanahan's conditional purchase made on the 4th February, 1869. The said land is at a place called "The Swamps."

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General.—Mr. Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 11 June, 1869.

Plan with my letter 69/37.—EDWD. S. WYNDHAM, 5/10/69.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 5 October, 1869.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of 200 acres of land in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Richard Shanahan, junr., which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions to Mr. Dewhurst of 11 June, No. 69/34.

Applicant resides on the land applied for.

Improvements—Hut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2	0	0
2 acres timber felled	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
								£4	0	0

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

No. 3.

Declaration by Matthew Shanahan.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, MATTHEW SHANAHAN, on behalf of my son, Richard Shanahan, junior, a minor, four years of age, do solemnly and sincerely declare that he is the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of dwelling-house, fencing, and cleared land, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been his *bonâ fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by him). I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 18th }
day of July, 1872, before me,—

MATTHEW SHANAHAN.

G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Warrah, 200 acres, at Warrah Creek, being conditional purchase No. 37 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 8th April, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 3.

Interest £7 10s. ; credited 25 July, 1872. Examined and found correct, 28 March, 1873.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 18/6/80.

No. 4.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 69-1, 148, 3
April, 1880, 200
acres, selected
by Richard
Shanahan.

Minute on No. 4.

Declaration for approval of the Secretary for Lands.—N.A., 2/6/80.

No. 5.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Shanahan.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 July, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Matthew Shanahan, at Murrurundi, on the 18th July, 1872, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Description.

Conditional purchase No. 69-1, 148, section 13, district Murrurundi, 8th April, 1869, county Buckland, parish Towarri, 200 acres; original applicant, Richard Shanahan, jun.

Sub-Return G.

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No. 1.

Application by John Hall.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Murrurundi.

No. 48 of 1869.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 13th day of May, 1869, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

13 May, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I have, &c.,

his

JOHN × HALL,

mark. Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 50 acres, on the west bank of Miller's Creek, about half a mile above William Seivl's 320 acres.

Minutes on No. 1.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 26/6/69.

Plan with my letter 69-56.—E.S.W., 24/11/69.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 24 November, 1869.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of 50 acres of land, in the parish of Yarramanbah, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by John Hall, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions to me of 26th June, No. 69-6.

Applicant resides on the land applied for, and has erected a hut, value £10.

This land also contains the following improvements, made by the lessee of the Boobadil Run, namely:—

Well, 32 feet deep, at 10s. per foot	...	...	...	£16	0	0
200 feet troughs, at 1s.	...	...	...	10	0	0
Pump	...	...	...	5	0	0
				£31	0	0

These appear to have been long disused, and are out of repair and unserviceable.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,

Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

No 3.

Mr. Thos. M. Newman to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 9 December, 1869.

Referring to my letter to you of the 30th October last, on behalf of Mr. James Seivl, of Miller's 50 acres, selected at Murrurundi, by John Hall, on 13 May, 1869, on No. 48 in Land Agent's Book. Creek, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter, dated November 27th, 1869, received by Mr. Seivl from Mr. E. S. Wyndham, surveyor, by which it appears that the well, troughs, &c., have been valued by Mr. Wyndham at £31 only. I am instructed by Mr. Seivl to state that he is ready to prove by the declarations of himself and several respectable persons resident near the place in question that the improvements referred to are worth the several amounts mentioned in my said letter. Mr. Wyndham at one time estimated the value at £70.

I have, &c.,
THOS. M. NEWMAN

Minutes on No. 3.

The surveyor's report is enclosed—shall the conditional purchase be cancelled?—6/1/70.
By the Chief Commissioner :—I think it must be.—A.O.M., 7/1/70.
By the Secretary for Lands :—I concur.—W.F., 8/1/70.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. John Hall.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 January, 1870.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Murrurundi, on the 13th May, 1870, for the conditional purchase of 50 acres of land is void, as the land is not available.

C.P. 69-1,684.
Deposit paid—
£12 10s.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

[Enclosure to No. 4.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Dr. to John Hall.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 25 January, 1870.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 69-1,684.	
Land Office at Murrurundi; date of selection, 13th day of May, 1869; deposit paid on 50 acres	£ s. d. 12 10 0
Selection void, as the land is not available.	
Deposit to be refunded on 50 acres.	12 10 0

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 January, 1870.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Hall, on the 13th May, 1869, for the conditional purchase of 50 acres of land is void, as the land is not available.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 January, 1870.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land is not available, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £12 10s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

C.P. 69-1,684.
Murrurundi.
John Hall, 13th
May, 1869, 50a.,
£12 10s.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 7.

Mr. J. P. Abbott to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 3 February, 1870.

Mr. John Hall has placed in my hands yours of the 25th ultimo to him, informing him that "the application made by him at Murrurundi, on the 13th May, 1869, for the conditional purchase of 50 acres of land has been cancelled, as embracing improvements the property of the lessee of the run"; and, in reply, ho

he has instructed me to point out to you, for the information of the Minister for Lands, that when he made the selection referred to he marked out a certain piece of land which did not embrace any improvements of the lessee of the run, and subsequently Mr. Seivl, the lessee, assisted to mark out the selection, and still it embraced no improvements the property of the lessee. Some time however after this Mr. Wyndham, the Government surveyor, measured the land, and ran the boundaries down towards the junction of two creeks, and thus embraced a well, the improvements referred to. My client then protested that Mr. Wyndham altering the boundaries and taking in the well might lead to annoyances with Mr. Seivl; but he said that it would not, as the well would not be regarded as improvements. Mr. Hall has made improvements on the land as originally selected by him, and has now a crop upon it, and it will indeed be hardship to him if through no fault of his he should lose his land and the benefit of his toil in improving it. A similar case might occur any day to any person. By the surveyor altering the boundaries of a selection he might make the selection take in some improvements on the run where the same was made, and thus invalidate the selection.

I would respectfully urge upon the Honorable the Minister for Lands that if the intention to forfeit the free selection referred to is carried out, it will be a great hardship upon my client and opposed to the true spirit of the Land Act, as Hall never did select any land embracing improvements, and Mr. Wyndham had no right in surveying the selection to make it embrace the improvements which it now does. I trust therefore that Mr. Wyndham will be directed to resurvey the land as originally selected by Mr. Hall.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH P. ABBOTT.

Minutes on No. 7.

Submitted with reference to decision conveyed to Hall, 69-14,984. Enclosed. Mr. Abbott urges that there should be a resurvey, as the surveyor did not measure the land as described.—25/2/70. I think the surveyor should at any rate explain why the land should have been measured so as, contrary to the applicant's wish, to embrace improvements.—25/2/70.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Refer accordingly.—W.F., 28/2/70.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 18/3/70.

No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. P. Abbott.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 March, 1870.

Your letter of the 3rd ultimo, on the subject of the variation in the boundaries of John Hall's cancelled conditional purchase of 50 acres at Murrurundi, has been referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham for report.

A. O. MORIARTY,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 9.

Mr. E. S. Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1870.

In reply to your B.C. memo. of the 18th March last, No. 70-49, requesting me to explain why in the measurement of the conditional purchase above mentioned I included improvements to the value of £31, the property of the lessee of the run, contrary to the wish of the applicant, it appears to me that I had no other course left open to me; that the land I have measured agrees with the description given in the application does not admit of dispute.

As originally marked out by Hall the north boundary of his selection was placed at the point where the two creeks approach each other, about 30 chains from their junction, leaving a small portion of Crown Land between the creeks, containing about 25 acres. I refused to measure it in that manner, as being against the usual practice to leave portions of less than 40 acres of Crown Land. If, on the other hand, I had left 40 acres Crown Land at the junction of the creeks and measured the selection further to the south, I should not have included Hall's improvements, neither would it have agreed with the description.

Again, in the printed regulations for the guidance of Licensed Surveyors, page 6, section 14, I am instructed that improvements of a less value than £40 are not to be considered as improvements under the Act, and will not be a bar to conditional purchase.

If however Mr. Seivl is entitled to anything in virtue of the improvements in question he can claim to purchase 31 acres, which area, it will be seen from the plan, would include Hall's residence and improvements.

Under these circumstances it appears to me that the course I adopted was the only one left open to me.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM.

Minutes on No. 9.

By the Surveyor-General:—From this report it appears that Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham acted in accordance with general instructions to surveyors and the practice of the Department, which is not to leave portions of vacant Crown Lands of less area than 40 acres; however, in this case it would have been advisable for Mr. Wyndham to have submitted the case, which is a special one, before making the survey. Under the circumstances it is submitted that a resurvey of the conditional purchase (the cancellation of which, it is presumed, should be revoked) should be made, excluding the 25 acres (about) on which the lessee's improvements stand. This will involve a resurvey of Jas. Seivl's conditional purchase, papers 69/14,511. The 25 acres can then be measured for sale by auction, or for disposal otherwise, as may be determined on.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor General), B.C., 4 May, 1870. The Under Secretary for Lands.

By the Secretary for Lands:—According to recent decisions, although the lessee or alleged owner of improvements cannot peremptorily insist on being allowed to purchase in virtue of improvements valued under £40, such improvements may and have been generally held to exempt the land containing them from conditional purchase. In this case there must be a resurvey to exclude the improvements.—W.F., 16 May, 1870.

By

By the Surveyor General :—John Hall's conditional purchase, 69/1,684. Instructions for resurvey have issued this date ; steps should now be taken to revoke the cancellation of the conditional purchase.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor General), B.C., 27 May, 1870. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Should not either a fresh conditional purchase be made, as if the cancellation of a conditional purchase is revoked it then stands as originally made?

Revocation of cancellation is certainly the more simple course, if there is no objection. 3 June, 1870.

By the Chief Commissioner :—I see no reason for insisting on reselection. The selector did not wish to include the improvements, and the error of survey will be corrected.—A.O.M., 6 June, 1870.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—W.F., 7 June, 1870.

No. 10.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham.

Memorandum of Instructions, to be returned with reply.

Subject :—

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham is requested at his early convenience to remeasure John Hall's conditional purchase of 50 acres on Miller's and Jones' Creeks, parish of Yarramanbah, county of Buckland, it having been decided by the Honorable the Minister for Lands that the lessee's improvements, although not worth £40, should not be included.

This resurvey will necessitate the remeasurement of J. Seivl's conditional purchase of 40 acres, portion 22, an amended plan of which will be required.

Should the lessee desire it, the "improved" land may be measured and a plan submitted for auction sale. Copies of applications herewith.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 27 May, 1870. Mr. Licensed Surveyor E. S. Wyndham.

Reply :—

Replied to by letters 70/124, 125, and 126.—E.S.W., 10 November, 1870.

[Enclosure to No. 10.]

Copies of applications referred to in B.C. Instruction, 27 May, 1870.

Conditional purchase, 69/1,684.—John Hall.

Murrurundi, 13 May, 1869.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 50 acres, on the west bank of Miller's Creek, about half-a-mile above William Seivl's 320 acres.

Conditional purchase, 69/2,052.—James Seivl.

Murrurundi, 3 June, 1869.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 40 acres, adjoining the southern boundary of John Hall's conditional purchase made on 13th May, 1869.

No. 11.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Hall.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 June, 1870.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in your name, as before.

Murrurundi,
50 acres, 13 May,
1870, John Hall.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 12.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 June, 1870.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

Murrurundi,
50 acres, 13 May,
1870, John Hall.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 13.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 June, 1870.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

Murrurundi,
50 acres, 13 May,
1870, John Hall.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 14.

Mr. J. Gray to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 15 October, 1870.

I beg to inform you that Mr. Wyndham, surveyor, resurveyed on the 6th ultimo my conditional purchase of 50 acres on the right bank of Miller's Creek, taking away 31 acres from the original 50 on account of the improvements thereon belonging to the lessee of the run being valued at £31. Mr. Wyndham has now surveyed 50 acres adjoining the south side of the above-mentioned 31 acres. I should feel obliged if you would send some assurance that the present survey is correct and undisputable. I have already expended a considerable amount of time and labour, which has been all lost. I should also wish to know whether

whether

whether the time allowed for putting the improvements on the land to the amount required by law dates from the present survey, or from the original date, as all my improvements have been taken away by the present survey.

I am, &c.,

J. GRAY (*Pro* JOHN HALL),
Miller's Creek, county Buckland.

No. 15.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 November, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an amended plan of 50 acres of land in the parish of Yarramanbah, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by John Hall, which I have resurveyed in accordance with your instructions of 27th May, 1870, No. 71.

The original plan was transmitted with my letter No. 69-56, of November 24th, 1869.

Applicant resides on the portion as previously measured, but his hut is not included in the present measurement. This portion includes log fencing, value £4, the property of the lessee of the run.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 15.

In reply to Jno. Hall's letter, 70-12,687.—The remeasurement, which is correct, was made so as to exclude the land improved by the lessee of the run, and which was embraced by the first measurement contrary to the wish of the applicant, as will be seen from Mr. Abbott's letter 70-1,642 (on behalf of Jno. Hall). The term of three years, at end of which applicant should make declaration as to residence and improvements, must, I presume, date from 13th May, 1869, the date of the conditional purchase, and not from the date of either survey, as Hall would seem to suppose. Applicant's hut is excluded from the present survey, but under the circumstances he should perhaps be given credit for residence up to date.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), 6 Decr., 1870. Submitted with respect to last paragraph of above memo.—O.R., 16 Decr., 1870. Approved.—J.B.W., 20 December, 1870. Dealt with in Charting Branch (see approval of Honorable Minister for Lands on 70-13,810).—J.H.C., 17 July, 1871.

No. 16.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Hall.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 December, 1870.

With reference to your letter of the 15th October* last, inquiring whether the resurvey by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham of your conditional purchase of 50 acres at Murrurundi is to be allowed, I am directed to inform you that the remeasurement of the land, which was made to exclude the land improved by the lessee of run on which the selection was made, being correct will stand, and that the declaration required by law will have to be sent in at the end of three years from the date of your application, and not from the date of either survey, as you would seem to suppose.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 17.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch, 7 February, 1871.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion No. 23, parish of Yarramanbah, county Buckland, transmitted by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham, letter No. 124, of 10th November, 1870, and on which Mr. Wyndham's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.

Why has the position of the reserved road, 1 chain wide, running from east to west of the above portion, been altered from that shown on the original plan of this position? The original position appears to render more available access to the crossing on the road from Gunnedah to Merriwa.

The distance from the tree to the corner at C is given as 44 links, and from tree to corner D is 26 links, but on plan of portion 22 adjoining the distances to these same corners are reversed.

Mr. Wyndham will be good enough to furnish a fresh traverse in lieu of No. 17, which is at too great a distance from the creek.

Report.

I altered the position of the road because (as it would no longer serve as a boundary) it seemed desirable to bring it about opposite to the road on the other side of Miller's Creek. The access to the Gunnedah and Merriwa road is sufficiently good in either case.

The distances to trees, as given on this plan, are correct, the plan of No. 22 being consequently wrong in this particular.

I annex a tracing* showing two fresh traverse lines in lieu of No. 17.

E.T.,

(For Surveyor-General)

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM.

8 February, 1871.

May 8, 1871.

* Not with papers.
C.P., 69-1,684.

* Not with paper

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No. 18.

Declaration by John Hall.

E 3.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, JOHN HALL, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, shed, stock-yard, and fencing, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by me). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 12th }
day of August, 1872, before me,— }
G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

his
JOHN + HALL.
mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, at Miller's Creek, being conditional purchase No. 48 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 13th May, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,
Crown Lands Agent.

Minutes on No. 18.

Interest, £1 17s. 6d., credited 24th August, 1872. Examined and found correct, 29th April, 1873.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 16/7/80.

No. 19.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, which was selected at Murrurundi by John Hall, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 13th May, 1869.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Murrurundi.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

No. 20.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the declaration has been made and interest paid.

I have, &c.,
F. A. A. WILSON,
Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 69-1,684.
13th May, 1880,
50 acres, selected
by John Hall.

Minute on No. 20.

Declaration for approval.—N.A., 8/7/80.

No. 21.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 August, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John Hall, at Murrurundi, on the 12th August, 1872, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot
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hereof,

hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 69-1,684; section 13; district Murrurundi; date, 13th May, 1869; county Buckland; parish Yarramanbah; area, 50 acres; original applicant, John Hall; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by Robert Hall.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 47 of 1869.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 13th day of May, 1869, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

13 May, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

his
JOHN + HALL,
mark.

(Agent for ROBERT HALL),

Murrurundi.

Witness—J.L.S.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, on the east bank of Miller's Creek, adjoining the northern boundary of Thomas Hayes' conditional purchase, made on 1st February, 1866.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Wyndham to measure, if unobjectionable.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 26 June, 1869.

Plan with my letter 69-84, 20 October, 1869.—E.S.W.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Sydney, 20 October, 1869.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of 50 acres of land in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Robert Hall, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions to me of 26th June, No. 69-7.

Applicant resides on the land applied for.

Improvements—3 acres of land cleared and broken up, £12.

I have, &c.,
EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

No. 3.

Declaration by Robert Hall.

E 3.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT HALL, of Miller's Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, fruit trees, and cleared ground, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been my *bonâ fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 12th }
day of August, 1872, before me,— }

G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

his
ROBERT + HALL.
mark.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, at Miller's Creek, being conditional purchase No. 47 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on 13th May, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 3.

Interest, £1 17s. 6d., credited, 24 August, 1872. Examined and found correct, 29 April, 1873.
By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 14/6/80.

No. 4.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by Robert Hall, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 13th May, 1869, as also the following additional purchase:—155 acres, 13th December, 1877, selected by James Glass.

JAMES GLASS,

Gara, Murrurundi.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

No. 5.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and interest paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 69-1,683,
13 May, 1869,
50 acres,
selected by
Robert Hall.

Minute on No. 5.

Declaration submitted for approval of the Secretary for Lands.—N.A., 2/6/80.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 August, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Robert Hall, at Murrurundi, on the 13th May, 1869, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 has been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

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The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase No. 69-1,683, section 13, district Murrurundi, 13 May, 1869, county Buckland, parish Towarri, 50 acres; original applicant, Robert Hall; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by Daniel Dwyer.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 2nd day of September, 1869, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

2 September, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 80 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £20, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c., his

DANIEL + DWYER,

mark. Murrurundi.

Witness—THOS. M. NEWMAN, Solicitor, Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, on the west side of Warrah Creek, opposite Matthew Shanahan's 200 acres.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—J.S.A., B.C., 26 November, 1869. Plan with my letter 70/12, 29th January, 1870.—E.S.W.

No. 2.

Application by Alexander Gregory Martin.

No. 128 of 1869. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 9th day of December, 1869, at 10 o'clock.

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

9 December, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and

and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

ALEX. G. MARTIN,

(Per GEO. W. MARTIN),

"The Oaks," Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Oaky Creek, being the 40 acres conditionally purchased by George W. Martin on the 18th October, 1866, and notified as forfeited on 23rd November, 1869.

Minutes on No. 2.

Mr. Wyndham to report on residence.—J.S.A., B.C., 4/2/70. Report 70/59 herewith.—E.S.W., 18/5/70.

[Enclosure B to No. 2.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 23 : Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 22 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing west 20 chains; on the west by a line bearing south 20 chains; on the south by a line bearing east 20 chains; and on the east by a line bearing north 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 29 January, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of 80 acres of land, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by Daniel Dwyer, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions to me of 26th November, No. 69-50.

Applicant resides on the land applied for.

Improvements, none.

I have, &c.,

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 3.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—J.H.C., 2 May, 1870.

[Enclosure to No. 3.]

Description.

80 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 53 : Commencing on the left bank of Warrah Creek, at the south-eastern corner of portion 33 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion and a line in all bearing west 63 chains and 43 links; on the west by a line bearing south 13 chains and 33 links; on the south by a line bearing east 55 chains and 22 links to Warrah Creek; and on the south-east by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Report on conditional purchases, county of Buckland, police district of Murrurundi.

Land Office No.	Name of Purchaser.	Date of Purchase.	Clause.	Area.	Situation.	Date of Survey.	Nature of Improvements.	Value of Improvements.	Residence.
69-4,799	Geo. W. Martin	9 Dec., 1870	13	40 ac.	Parish Towarri	Dec., 1868	None.....	.....	Applicant does not reside on the land.

EDWD. S. WYNDHAM,
18 May, 1870.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. G. W. Martin.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 August, 1870.

Information having been received that you have not resided on the 40 acres of land conditionally purchased by you at Murrurundi on the 9th December, 1869, as required by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, I am directed to inform you that it will be necessary for you to prove, within one month from this date, by the testimony of at least two disinterested and respectable persons, that your conditional purchase is your usual home and residence, and that in default of your doing so the purchase in question, and any additional ones held by you in virtue thereof, will be considered forfeited, and submitted to sale by auction with as little delay as possible.

2. A form of proof is annexed, which you should get duly signed and forward to this Department within the time prescribed.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

Proof of residence.

We, the undersigned, being uninterested in the purchase herein referred to, certify that we know Mr. George W. Martin to have continuously resided upon, as his usual home, the conditional purchase made by him on the 9th December, 1869, of 40 acres of Crown Lands, in the county of Buckland.

As witness our hands,—

J. P. ABBOTT,
Solicitor, Murrurundi.
JOHN NASH,
Church of England clergyman, Murrurundi.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. G. W. Martin.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 October, 1870.

With reference to your letter of the — August last, furnishing a certificate that you are carrying out the requirements of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 as regards residence on your conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, in the district of Murrurundi, I am directed to inform you that it does not appear necessary at present to interfere with your holding.

2. I am to remind you that it will be requisite for you, before the expiration of three years and three months from the date of your purchase, to furnish the declaration required by section 18 of the Act above referred to as to your residence on the land during that period, and the value of your improvements, and that your title to the land will depend upon the requirements of the law being shown to have been fully complied with from the date of selection.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
(For Under Secretary).

No. 7.

Declaration by Daniel Dwyer.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, DANIEL DWYER, of Warrah Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing and clearing, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 28th day of }
November, 1872, before me,— }

DANIEL DWYER.

G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Warrah Creek, being conditional purchase No. 85 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 2nd September, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 7.

Instalment £3, credited 6/12/72. Examined and found correct.—W.B., 24/6/73.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved—J.H., 16/7/80.

No. 8.

Declaration by Alexander Gregory Martin.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ALEXANDER GREGORY MARTIN, for and on behalf of my son, George Willisbro Martin, of the Oaks, Warrah, a minor, under fifteen years of age, do solemnly and sincerely declare that he is the lawful owner by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of zinc house and sapped trees, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been his *bona fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by him. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present

present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 14th }
day of February, 1873, before me,— }
G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits. ALEX. G. MARTIN.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Oakey 'Creek, being conditional purchase No. 128 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 9th December, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,
Land Agent for Murrurundi District.

Minutes on No. 8.

Interest, £1 11s. 11d., credited, 3 April, 1873. Examined and found correct,—W.B., 3 July, 1873.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. 9.

Notification by Daniel Dwyer.

A. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Daniel Dwyer, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to John Alexander Martin, of The Oaks, Warrabah, the 80 acres of land situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 2nd September, 1869, having no additional conditional purchases in virtue thereof.

DANIEL DWYER,
Murrurundi.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 31st July, 1873.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.
Crown Land Sales Office, Murrurundi, 31 July, 1873.

No. 10.

Messrs. A. G. Martin & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

18, Bridge-street, 20 May, 1878.

On behalf of Mr. James Glass, the transferee of the selections noted in the margin, we have the honor to request you will be good enough to direct that the certificate of the Minister's approval to these purchases may be issued to us at your earliest convenience.

We have, &c.,
ALEX. G. MARTIN & CO.

C.P. 66-3,728,
A. G. Martin.
C.P. 69-3,396,
J. A. Martin.
C.P. 69-4,799,
G. W. Martin.

No. 11.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi,

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 80 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by Daniel Dwyer, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 2nd September, 1869, as also the following additional purchase:—40 acres, 12th July, 1877, selected by J. A. Martin.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Armidale.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.
Murrurundi Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

No. 12.

No. 12.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and interest paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Minute on No. 12.

Declaration for approval.—N.A., 8/7/80.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 69-3,396,
2 Sept., 1869,
80 acres,
D. Dwyer.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 August, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Daniel Dwyer, at Murrurundi, on the 28th November, 1872, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that the interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 69-3,396; section, 13; district, Murrurundi; date, 2nd September, 1869; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 53; area, 80 acres; original applicant, Daniel Dwyer; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by John Shanahan.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 23rd day of September, 1869, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

23 September, 1869.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 80 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £20, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN SHANAHAN,

(Per WILLIAM BROOK, Agent),

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, on the east side of Warrah Creek, and lying between John Shanahan's conditional purchase, made on 4th February, 1869, and Richard Shanahan's 200 acres, purchased on 8th April, 1869.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Wyndham to measure if unobjectionable.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 14th January, 1870.

Plan with my letter 70-9.—E.S.W., 29th January, 1870.

No. 2.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 29 January, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the plan of 80 acres of land, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by John Shanahan, which I have surveyed in accordance with your instructions to me of 14th January, No. 70-5.

Applicant resides on the land applied for.

Improvements.—120 rods log fence (inferior), at 1/6, £9.

I have, &c.,

EDW. S. WYNDHAM,

Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

Declaration by John Shanahan.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, JOHN SHANAHAN, of Warrah Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, sapped trees, and house, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 12th day }
of December, 1872, before me,— }

JOHN SHANAHAN.

G. G. BRODIE, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Warrah Creek, being conditional purchase No. 94 of 1869, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 23rd September, 1869.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

G. G. BRODIE,

Crown Lands Agent.

Minutes on No. 3.

Interest £5, credited 20th December, 1872. Examined and found correct, 26th June, 1883.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 18/6/80.

No. 4.

Notification by John Shanahan.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John Shanahan, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to Matthew Shanahan, of Warrah Creek, the 80 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd September, 1869.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 28th day of September, 1876.

JOHN SHANAHAN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 12 October, 1876.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Shanahan, made at Murrurundi, on September 23rd, 1869.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 1st April, 1880, and that I found the selector then non-resident upon the selection (see remarks at end of report).

The land, which consists of one conditional purchase, 13th section, and comprises 80 acres, is occupied and used by the alienee as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Strong slab hut, bark roof	... ..	£10 0 0
71½ chains 6-wire fence...	... ..	71 10 0
		£81 10 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Ample proof can be obtained that the conditions of purchase were complied with on this conditional purchase. The declaration was made years before I inspected, and original selector had transferred to Matthew Shanahan.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Minute on No. 6.

Declaration submitted for approval of the Secretary for Lands.—N.A., 2/6/80.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 July, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John Shanahan, at Murrurundi, on the 12th December, 1872, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 69-3,737; section, 13; district, Murrurundi; date, 23 September, 1869; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; area, 80 acres; original applicant, John Shanahan.

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No. 1.

Application by Alexander Gregory Martin.

G.

[Alienation Act.]

Application by Alexander Gregory Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 15th day of February, 1877, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
185-74	18-6-74	60
186-74		50
42-77	15-2-77	40
Total area...		150

Sir,

15 February, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 60 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 60 acres.

I am, &c.,

ALEX. G. MARTIN,
The Oaks, Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description:—

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, on the east side of my additional conditional purchase of 50 acres, No. 77, stretching towards the mountain.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 9th March, 1877.

Transferred to Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—R.W., 22nd August, 1877. Replied to by my letter 79/88 of 10th June, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.**Notification by James Glass.**

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 60 acres, 13th section, and 50 acres, 21st section, of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by J. A. Martin, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 18th June, 1874, as also the following additional purchase:—40 acres, 15th February, 1877, selected by J. A. Martin.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Armidale.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Land Office, Murrurundi, 8 February, 1879.

Minute on No. 2.

The particulars of the 50 acres are incorrectly given. It should have been given as an additional selection under 21st section.—GEO. R. EVANS, Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, 1/2/79.

No. 3.**Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General,**

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 40 acres, numbered 148, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by Alexander Gregory Martin, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 9th March, 1877, No. 18, which were issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Richard Watkins.

Stony ridges timbered with gum, stringy bark, and forest oak. The water is not permanent. Situated in the Warrah Run. Improvements—fencing, five wires, value £15. I was informed that the term of residence and improvements had been completed on the original.

I have, &c.,
J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 148: Commencing on the northern side of a road 1 chain wide, at the south-eastern corner of portion 77 of 50 acres; and bounded thence on the south by that road bearing east 5 chains 30 links; on the west by a road 1 chain wide bearing south 6 chains and 68 links; again on the south by a line bearing east 15 chains 77 links; on the east by a line bearing north 20 chains and 68 links; on the north by a line bearing west 21 chains and 9 links; and again on the west by a line and the eastern boundary of portion 77 aforesaid, in all bearing southerly 14 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.**Declaration by James Glass.**

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing and sapping, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing

believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 42 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 15th February, 1877.

Minutes on No. 4

Instalment credited at the Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct.—W.B.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/9/80.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of A. G. Martin, made at Murrurundi, on 15 February, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 30th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz :—

40 chains 6-wire fence....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£40	0	0
Sapping 30 acres	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
									£41	10	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 5.

Section 21; area, 40 acres; improvements, £41 10s.; residence on original conditional purchase as per remarks for declaration now due.—7/5/80. Declaration herewith on approval.—W.B. How does original conditional purchase stand?—W.B., 13/9/80.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Jas. Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-42; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 15 February, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 148; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John Alexander Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 15th day of February, 1877, at 12 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
67-76	6/4/76	40
90-76	11/5/76	80
44-77	15/2/77	80
Total area		200

Sir,

15 February, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 80 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £20, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres. Starting from the north-west corner of my additional conditional purchase of 80 acres, No. 102, and running west about 17 chains till it meets wire fence; from thence north till it meets road between Nos. 4 and 77; thence east along said road; thence south to measured portion 102; thence to starting point.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 8th March, 1877.

Transferred to Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—R.W., 22nd August, 1877. Replied to by my letter 79/34.—J. M. KELLY, 10th June, 1879.

No. 2.

Notification by James Glass.

H. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 40 acres of land, situate in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected by John A. Martin, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 6th April, 1876, as also the following additional purchases:—80 acres, 11th May, 1876, selected by J. A. Martin; 80 acres, 15th February, 1877, selected by J. A. Martin.

JAMES GLASS,

Gara, Murrurundi.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 7th April, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.—

GEO. R. EVANS,

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 7 April, 1879.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 80 acres, numbered 152, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by John Alexander Martin, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 8th March, 1877, No. 19, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor R. Watkins.

The

The water in the gully does not appear permanent. Stony ridges, timbered with box, gum, and apple. Situate in the Warrah Run. Improvements—fencing, value £5.

I have, &c.,
J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 3.

To the Surveyor-General,—Residence not reported.—A. DEWHURST, 21st June, 1879. Dependent on first conditional purchase.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 11th February, 1880.

[*Enclosure B to No. 3.*]

Description.

80 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 152: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 4 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by a road 1 chain wide and a line in all bearing east 36 chains and 56 links; on the east by a line bearing south 22 chains and 33 links; on the south by part of the northern boundary of portion 102 of 80 acres bearing north 88 degrees 16 minutes west 18 chains and 35 links; thence by a line bearing west 18 chains and 21 links; and on the west by a line bearing north 21 chains and 77 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of hut, fencing, and sapped timber, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 44 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 15th February, 1877.

Minutes on No. 4.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £4.—W.H.B., 23/4/1880. Correct.—W.B.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Alexander Martin, made at Murrurundi, on 15th February, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 20th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 80 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Strong 2-roomed slab hut, bark roof	£15	0	0
60 chains 6-wire fence	60	0	0
Sapping	6	0	0
	£81	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the one in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 5.

Section 21; area, 80 acres; improvements, £81; residence on original conditional purchase as per remarks. For approval.—W.B.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 16/9/80.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 10 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi
C.P. 77-44,
15th February
1877, 80 acres,
selected by J. A.
Martin.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-44; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 15th February, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 152; area, 80 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

Sub-Return M.

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No. 1.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 22nd day of February, 1877, at 11 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

22 February, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Murrurundi.
Description.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
375/72	28/1/72	40
49/77	22/2/77	40
	Total area ...	80

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres : Commencing 1 chain south from the south-west corner-pin of No. 64 ; then 20 chains west, 20 chains north, 20 chains east, and then south to starting point, taking in the whole of the water at the head of the creek.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General :—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 25 May, 1877. Transferred to Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—R.W., 22nd August, 1877. Replied to by my letter 79-81, 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 19th day of July, 1877, at 12 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
375-72	23/11/72.	40
49-77	22/ 2/77.	40
166-77	19/ 7/77.	40
Total area ..		120

Sir,

19 July, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I have resided for three years ; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres : Starting from south-west corner of 40 acres taken up 22nd February, 1877, and running 4 chains south ; then 20 chains west, 20 north, 20 east, and from thence 16 chains south, to starting point.

Minutes on No. 2.

By the Surveyor-General :—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 18th March, 1878. Mr. Kelly,—A. DEWHURST, 28th March, 1878. Replied to by my letter 7/9/81, of 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 3.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 26th day of July, 1877, at 3 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
375/72	23/11/72	40
49/77	22/2/77	40
166/77	19/7/77	40
175/77	23/7/77	40
Total area		160

Sir,

26 July, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I have resided for three years ; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the third selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I have, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres. On the west side of the conditional purchase of 40 acres taken up on 19th July, 1877, at the head of Warrah Creek.

Minutes on No. 3.

By the Surveyor-General :—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 18th March, 1878.

Mr. Kelly,—A. DEWHURST, 28th March, 1878. Replied to by my letter 79/81, 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 4.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 40 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by J. A. Martin, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 28th November, 1872, as also the following additional purchases:—

80 acres, 13th June,	1878, selected by James Glass.
40 „ 26th July,	1877, „ J. A. Martin.
40 „ 19th „	1877, „ „
40 „ 22nd February, 1877,	„ „

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

JAMES GLASS.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 5.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of three portions of land, containing 120 acres, numbered 140, 141, and 142, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by John Alexander Martin, under the 21st and 22nd sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 25th May, 77/64, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins; 18th March, 78/200, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst; 18th March, 78/199, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst.

Steep stony ridges, timbered with box and forest oak, situated in the Warrah Run. I thought it would be more uniform to measure the three 40 acres, making the one common boundary, instead of extending 4 chains in a southerly direction. (*Vide* description.)

Improvements, nil.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 5.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 140: Commencing at the north-western corner of portion No. 64 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing south 20 chains and 2 links; on the south by a line bearing west 19 chains and 99 links; on the west by the eastern boundary of portion No. 141 of 40 acres bearing north 20 chains and 2 links; and on the north by a line bearing east 19 chains and 99 links, to the point of commencement.

[Enclosure C to No. 5.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 141: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion No. 140 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 20 chains and 2 links; on the north by a line bearing west 19 chains and 99 link; on the west by the eastern boundary of portion No. 142 of 40 acres bearing south 20 chains and 2 links; and on the south by a line bearing east 19 chains and 99 links, to the point of commencement.

[Enclosure D to No. 5.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 142: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion No. 141 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 20 chains and 2 links; on the north by a line bearing west 19 chains and 99 links; on the west by a line bearing south 20 chains and 2 links; and on the south by a line bearing east 19 chains and 99 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 6.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, and sapping, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of

of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }
GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 49 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 22nd February, 1877.

Minutes on No. 6.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form.—20/9/80.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/9/80.

No. 7.

Declaration by James Glass.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, clearing, sapping, and fencing, and to the value of £160, have been made on such land and on land adjacent thereto and connected therewith. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }
GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 166 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 19th July, 1877.

Minutes on No. 7.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form.—20/9/80.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/9/80.

No. 8.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of house, clearing, sapping, and fencing, and to the value of £160, have been made on such land and on land adjacent thereto and connected therewith. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }
GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 175 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 26th July, 1877.

Minutes on No. 8.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form.—20/9/80.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/9/80.

No. 9.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Alexander Martin, made at Murrurundi, on February 22nd, 1877, July 19th, 1877, July 26th, 1877.

Sir, Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchases on the 20th March, 1880. The

The land, which consists of three additional conditional purchases, 21st section, and comprises 120 acres, is occupied and used by the holders of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____ had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

100 chains 6-wire fence	£100 0 0
15 acres clearing	45 0 0
	£145 0 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

There is no doubt the condition of residence was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchases in question were taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 9.

Declarations (three) submitted for approval under this report.—W.A., 21/9/80. W.B.

No. 10.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-49, 22nd
February, 1877,
40 acres, selected
by J. A. Martin.

Minute on No. 10.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 29th July, 1880.

No. 11.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-166,
19 July, 1877,
40 acres, selected
by J. A. Martin.

No. 12.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-176,
26 July, 1877,
40 acres, selected
by J. A. Martin.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-49; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 22nd February, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 140; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 14.

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-166; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 19th July, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 141; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 15.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-175; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 26th July, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 142; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by Alexander Gregory Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Alexander Gregory Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 19th day of April, 1877, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
322-66	Oct. 18, 1866	79½
118-72	May 30, 1872	100
351-72	Nov. 7, 1872	40
376-72	" 28, 1872	100
103-77	April 19, 1877	40
		359½

Sir,

19 April, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 79 acres 3 roods, upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the fourth selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 79½ acres.

I am, &c.,

ALEX. G. MARTIN,
The Oaks, Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres. Starting from south-west corner of portion 62, running south until it meets the northern boundary of 40 acres selected on the 15th February last; thence east along said boundary; thence north till it meets southern boundary of No. 62; thence west along said boundary to starting point.

Minutes on No. 1.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 23 May, 1877.

Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—R.W., 22 August, 1877. Replied to by my letter 79-36, 10th June, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 79 acres 3 roods of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by A. G. Martin, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 18th October, 1866, as also the following additional purchases:—

100 acres, 30th May, 1872, selected by A. G. Martin.

40 " 7th November, 1872, " "

100 " 28th " 1872, " "

40 " 19th April, 1877, " "

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 40 acres, numbered 149, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by Alexander Gregory Martin, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 23rd May, 1877, No. 77-56, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins.

Improvements, nil.

Situated in the Warrah Run.

Stony ridges, timbered with box, gum, and forest oak. The water is not permanent.

The improvements on the original are satisfactory, and I understand that the residence clause has been complied with.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 149: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion 62 of 100 acres; and bounded thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 20 chains; on the east by a line bearing south 20 chains; on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains; and on the west by a line bearing north 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing and sapping, and

and to the value of £40, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 103 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 19th April, 1877.

Minutes on No. 4.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form.—W.B.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 22/7/80.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of A. G. Martin, made at Murrurundi, on 19th April, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 30th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the holders of Miller's Creek as grazingland; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sum respectively stated, viz. :—

40 chains 6-wire fence £40 0 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. There is no doubt the residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 5.

Section 21; area, 40 acres; improvements, £40. Residence on original conditional purchase as per remarks. For declaration, now due.—7/5/80. Declaration herewith. Submitted as to whether declaration may be accepted under this report. Selected 19th April, 1877; inspected 30th March, 1880, only twenty days short.—E.B., 16/7/80. For approval.—W.B.

No. 6.

The Manager of The Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,
Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P., 77-103,
19th April, 1877,
40 acres, selected
by A. G. Martin.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 September, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-103; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 19th April, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 149; area, 40 acres; original applicant, Alexander G. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by the Mercantile Bank.

G. [Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 150 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £37 10s., this 31st day of May, 1877, at 3-30 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
118-66	4/10/66	40
422-74	24/12/74	200
138-77	31/5/77	150
Total acres..		390

Sir,

31 May, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 150 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 40 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £37 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

(Per JAMES GLASS).

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 150 acres, on the left bank of Big Jack's Creek; and bounded on the north by part of water reserve No. 616; on the east by Big Jack's Creek; and on the south by 200 acres, being the first addition to the abovenamed 40 acres. This is taken in virtue of portion No. 13 of 40 acres.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—R. E. W. (for Surveyor-General), 9th July, 1877. Transferred to Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—R. W., 22nd August, 1877. Plan with my letter, 79/14.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Quirindi, 1 July, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion, No. 127, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, containing 150 acres, applied for by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, per James Glass, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 9th July, 1877-72, issued to Licensed Surveyor Watkins.

Good pastoral land, timbered with box, gum, apple, and stringybark.

The water in Jack's Creek appears permanent.

I understand that the terms of residence and improvement have been complied with on the original.

A plan of this portion was forwarded by my letter 79-14 of 10th January, 1879. It was shown on the same plan as portion 126, which was not allowed.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 2.]

Description.

150 acres, county Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 127: Commencing on the left bank of Big Jack's Creek, at the north-eastern corner of portion 93 of 200 acres; and bounded thence on the south by part of the northern boundary of that portion, bearing westerly 63 chains and 48 links; on the west by a line bearing north 25 chains and 7 links; on the north by a line and a road 1 chain wide in all bearing east 65 chains and 24 links to Big Jack's Creek; and on the east by that creek upwards, to the point of commencement.

No. 3.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described,

described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, sapping, and artificial grasses, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,—

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 150 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 138 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 31st May, 1877.

Minutes on No. 3.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £7 10s.—W.H.B., 23 April, 1880. Examined and found correct, 12 July, 1880.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 19/7/80

No. 4.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of the Mercantile Bank, made at Murrurundi, on 31st May, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 150 acres, is occupied and used by the holders of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz :—

150 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£150	0	0
10 acres clearing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
80 acres sapping	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
50 acres artificial grasses, seeds, and labour, cost	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
									£214	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. Proof can be obtained easily that the conditions of purchase were complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 4.

Section 21; area, 150 acres; improvements, £214. Residence original conditional purchase, belongs to 68. For declaration. Declaration for approval under this report.—W.A., 14/7/80.

No. 5.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase named in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 September, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of the purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-138; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 31 May, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 127; area, 150 acres; original applicant, the Mercantile Bank; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

Sub-Return P.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-138,
31st May, 1877,
150 acres,
selected by the
Mercantile Bank
of Sydney.

Sub-Return P.

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No. 1.

Application by John Alexander Martin.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Alexander Martin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 12th day of July, 1877, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.	Sir,
84-09	2/9/09	80	I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 80 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.
169-77	12/7/77	40	
Total area		120	

12 July, 1877.

I have, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres. Starting from the south-west corner of portion 33 of 40 acres, formerly R. Shaughan's, now J. and R. Montgomery's, and running north 20 chains along the western boundaries of above portion, as also portion 46 of 40 acres; then west 20 chains; then south 20 chains; then east 20 chains, to starting point.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—R.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 30th May, 1878. Mr. Kelly,—A. DEWHURST, 7th June, 1878.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 40 acres, numbered 143, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by Jno. Alex. Martin, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 30 May, 1878, No. 331, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst.

Steep stony ridges, timbered with box and forest oak; situated in the Warrah Run. Improvements—fencing, £8.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, clearing, sapping, and fencing, and to the value of £160, have been made on such land, and on land adjacent thereto and connected therewith. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 159 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 12th July, 1877.

Minutes on No. 3.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Examined and found correct in form.
—12/6/80.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved—J.H., 16/6/80.

No. 4.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 200 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by James Seivl, as a conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 on the 24th December, 1874, as also the following additional purchase:—150 acres, selected on the 31st May, 1877, by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney.

Dated at Sydney, this 18th March, 1880.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JAMES GLASS,
Glasston.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of his office.

Land Office, Murrurundi, 17 March, 1880.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Alexander Martin, made at Murrurundi, on 12th July, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 20th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

5 acres clearing	...	...	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
40 chains 6-wire fence...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0
							£50 0 0		

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 5.

The declaration on original conditional purchase has been approved by Minister. The improvements are ample. Submitted for approval.—W.M.O., 12/6/80.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 August, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase. The

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-169,
11 July, 1877, 40
acres, selected by
J. A. Martin.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-159; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 11th July, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 143; area, 40 acres; original applicant, John A. Martin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

Sub-Return Q.

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No. 1.

Application by John M'Intyre.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John M'Intyre for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 200 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £50, this 6th day of September, 1877, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
256/75	24/9/75	320
202/77	6/9/77	200
	Total area ..	520

Sir,

6 September, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 200 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 320 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £50, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 320 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN M'INTYRE,

(Per Wm. Brook, Agent),

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 200 acres: Commencing at the south-east corner of my 320 acres, portion 91; thence running east about 6 chains; thence south about 40 chains; thence west to the eastern boundary of portion 94 of 40 acres; thence by said portion and portions 60, 92, and 91, to the point of commencement.

I certify that John M'Intyre is over the age of sixteen years.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent.

Minutes on No. 1.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 30th May, 1878.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly,—A. DEWHURST, 7th June, 1878.

161 acres measured. Replied to by my letter 79/83, of 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Notification by John M'Intyre.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John M'Intyre, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Glass, of Glasston, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 24th June, 1875, as also the following additional purchase:—200 acres selected by me on 6th September, 1877.

Witness—JOHN M'CARTHY.

his
JOHN × M'INTYRE,
mark.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 8th August, 1878.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Glasston, Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Murrurundi, 12 August, 1878.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 3.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected at Murrurundi, by John M'Intyre, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 24th June, 1875, as also the following additional purchase:—200 acres, 6 September, 1877, selected by John M'Intyre.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Armidale.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Murrurundi, 29 January, 1879.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 4.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 161 acres, numbered 138, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by John M'Intyre, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 30th May, 1879, No. 342, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst.

I measured 161 acres, instead of 200, in the endeavour to keep applicant's land, together with the original, within the 80-chains limit.

Good pastoral land, timbered with box; situated in the Bobadil Run; improvements, nil.

I have, &c,

J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 4.

By the Surveyor-General:—Only 161 acres have been measured for conditional purchase, 77-202, as the full area would have extended, with applicant's previous conditional purchase, beyond the usual limits. It is therefore submitted that the survey be accepted, and as the area ought to have been 200 acres, a refund of 39 acres should be made, unless it be considered that, inasmuch as he could not increase his selection beyond 431 acres without exceeding the 80-chains limit, he is entitled to exceed that distance. If this be the case, the present survey might be accepted, and applicant informed that other applications would be received up to 640 acres of adjoining land if vacant.—ROBT. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 28 June, 1880.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The survey made in May, 1879, has not been complained of by the applicant, and it is submitted that it is not necessary to suggest a further application.—A.O.M., 30 July, 1880.

By the Secretary for Lands.—I concur.—J.H., 6 August, 1880.

[Enclosure B to No. 4.]

Description.

161 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 138: Commencing at a point distant 6 chains 26 links east from the south-eastern corner of portion 91 of 320 acres; and bounded thence on the north by a line bearing west 6 chains 26 links, and thence by a line dividing it from part of portion 91 aforesaid bearing north 89 degrees 42 minutes west 44 chains 10 links; on the west by a line dividing it from portion 92 of 90 acres bearing south 28 minutes west 10 chains 54 links; again on the north by a line dividing it from part of that portion bearing north 89 degrees 32 minutes west 15 chains 72 links; again on the west by a road 1 chain wide bearing south 35 minutes west 6 chains 69 links; on the south by a road 1 chain wide bearing south 89 degrees 18 minutes east 21 chains and 51 links; again on the west by a road 1 chain wide bearing south 46 minutes west 15 chains 14 links; again on the south by a line bearing east 44 chains and 90 links; and on the east by a line bearing north 32 chains and 30 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 5.

Declaration by James Glass.

D.

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of clearing, sapping, fencing, and artificial grasses, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }
GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 200 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 202 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 6th September, 1877.

Minutes on No. 5.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £10.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form, 7/1/81. For approval.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 19/1/81.

No. 6.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John M'Intyre, made at Murrurundi, on 6th September, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th March, 1880. C.P. 77-202,
section 21.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 200 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of , had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

173 chains G-wire fence	£173	0	0
6 acres clearing	12	0	0
50 acres artificial grasses, seed and labour, cost ...	30	0	0
	<u>£215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up. Proof can be had that it was so.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 6.

Section, 22; area, 200 acres; improvements, £215; residence on original conditional purchase as per remarks. Declaration for approval.

No. 7.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid. Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-202,
6th Sept., 1877,
200 acres,
selected by John
M'Intyre.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Minutes on No. 7.

A refund of 39 acres should be made, as recommended on 28th June, 1880.—W.D.A., 31st August, 1880. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 31st August, 1880.

No. 8.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 November, 1880.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Murrurundi, on the 6th September, 1877, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found, on measurement, to be only

161 acres, instead of 200 acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of £9 15s., being the amount of deposit on the 39 extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure to No. 8.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 November, 1880.

Dr. to the Manager of the Mercantile Bank, Sydney.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.P. No. 77-202.		
Land Office at Murrurundi; date of selection, 6th day of September, 1877; deposit paid on 200 acres .....		.....
Selection void to the extent of 39 acres, as the land was not available.		
Deposit to be refunded on 39 acres		£ 9 15 0

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 November, 1880.

With reference to John M'Intyre's conditional purchase of the 6th September, 1877 (transferred to the Mercantile Bank), I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 161 acres, instead of 200 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £9 15s., the amount of deposit upon the 39 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 10.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 November, 1880.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 200 acres to 161 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £9 15s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 18 February, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-202; district, Murrurundi; date, 6th September, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 138; area, 161 acres; original applicant, John M'Intyre; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

No. 12.

H. Levien, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Miller's Creek Run, Liverpool Plains.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 February, 1884.

I herewith enclose you a letter signed by John M'Intyre, who asserts that he never held the conditional purchase mentioned in the letter.

I think the matter is of sufficient importance, not only for the protection of the Department, but for the public, to show how lands are acquired by monetary institutes.

I have, &c.,
HENRY LEVIEN.

Minutes on No. 12.

Special.—W.B., 3/3/84. The papers in this case are placed with 84-1,883 Ministerial, which stand noted to Mr. Stobo, 19 March, 1884.—J.R.M.

By the Chief Commissioner:—May I request that these papers may be sent to me for perusal and my necessary action. I am told that they have perhaps been referred to the Under Secretary.—A.O.M., 3/4/1884.

[Enclosure to No. 12.]

Sir,

Yarraman.

I have been informed that a conditional purchase was taken up in my name at Murrurundi Land Office, No. 77-202, 161 acres, and purporting to be transferred by me to the Mercantile Bank. I beg to inform you I never transferred the said conditional purchase to the Mercantile Bank, nor ever did I reside upon the said conditional purchase, and any declaration the Lands Department may have has never been signed by me as to residence.

I have, &c.,
JOHN M'INTYRE.

Witness—ARTHUR GORE.

No. 13.

H. Levien, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 4 April, 1884.

I, in accordance with my desire, and at your request, on Wednesday last, when the Estimates for your Department were under discussion, now beg to ask for an inquiry into the matter mentioned in the margin.

I forwarded you a letter from M'Intyre, enclosed with one of my own, addressed to the Under Secretary, on the same subject, on the 28th February last. I now enclose you another from M'Intyre, asking for an inquiry. £10 was enclosed for the purpose of inquiry; but in view of the extraordinary circumstances of this case I have withheld the £10. I feel convinced that inquiry should be granted without any expense to the applicant, but should you require the same I will forward it to you on your request.

I have, &c.,
HENRY LEVIEN.

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

Sir,

Yarraman, March, 1884.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to grant me an inquiry with reference to the ownership of certain lands which it has been alleged I have selected at the Land Office, Murrurundi, and taken up on the Miller's Creek Run, and afterwards transferred by me to the Mercantile Bank. I have already stated to you, in a letter, this has never been selected by me, or transferred by me; and the signature to any application or transfer purporting to be mine is a forgery. I have the honor herewith to enclose you £10, as required for an inquiry.

I have, &c.,
JOHN R. M'INTYRE.

Sub-Return R.

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No. 1.

Application by Denis Shanahan.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Denis Shanahan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 240 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £60, this 13th day of September, 1877, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
56-76	10/3/76	400
209-77	18/9/77	240
Total area ..		640

Sir,

13 September, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 240 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 400 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £60, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 400 acres.

I am, &c.,

DENIS SHANAHAN,

(Per Wm. Brook, Agent),

Warrah Creek, Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 240 acres, on the east and adjoining my selection of 400 acres, and including John A. Martin's, late Fleming's, selection of 140 acres, declared void on the 5th instant, conditional purchase 76-51, Murrurundi, 1st March, 1876.

I certify that Denis Shanahan is over the age of sixteen years.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 18th March, 1878. Mr. Kelly,—A. DEWHURST, 28th March, 1878. Replied to by my letter 79-85.—J. M. KELLY, 10th June, 1879.

No. 2.

Notification by Denis Shanahan.

H. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Denis Shanahan in the district, of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Glass, of Gara, the 400 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 16th March, 1876, as also the following additional purchase:—240 acres, 13th September, 1877.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 14th day of March, 1879.

DENIS SHANAHAN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 7 April, 1879.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minute on No. 2.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Submitted that this notification of transfer be rejected, and the Land Agent and parties interested be so informed, as at date of transfer, 14th March, 1879, the alienance was the holder of an incomplete conditional purchase under 13th section, 76-67, and the conditional purchase herein sought to be transferred required two days for completion.—J.R.Y., 21/4/79. A.O.M., 6/6/79.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 181 acres, numbered 147, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by Denis Shanahan, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 18th March, 1878, No. 196, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst.

Very steep stony ridges, running down from the main Liverpool Range.

Improvements: Fencing and clearing, £25; timbered with gum, apple, and forest oak. I have measured 181 acres instead of 240, as the latter area would cause applicant's land to extend considerably beyond the 80-chains limit. The measurements, Nos. 146 and 147, even now extend considerably more than 80 chains; but I thought it better to make part of eastern boundary of 147 identical with western boundary of portion 49 than allow a narrow strip to intervene.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 3.

Conditional purchase, 77-209, if taken with applicant's previous conditional purchase, will extend about 4 chains beyond the usual limits. On account of previous alienation, no less objectionable form could have been measured. The survey has therefore been accepted. The area measured is 176 acres, instead of 240 acres; the deposit on 64 acres should therefore be refunded.—W. D. ARMSTRONG.

Survey may be received.—R.D.F., 23rd November, 1880.

No. 4.

No. 4.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 14 June, 1879.

THE accompanying plan is returned to Mr. Licensed Surveyor J. M. Kelly for signature, with a request that he will return it as soon as possible.

J.F.L.,

(For Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 4.

The plan has been signed, and is now returned. Mr. Kelly will endeavour to prevent such omissions occurring in the future.—22 June, 1879.

No. 5.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 June, 1879.

I am directed to inform you that the notification of alienation of the selections noted in the margin, by Denis Shanahan to James Glass, is rejected, as at the date of the transfer, 14th March, 1879, the alienee was the holder of an incomplete conditional purchase under the 13th section (conditional purchase 76-67), and the conditional purchase herein sought to be transferred required two (2) days for completion.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 76-60, 400
acres, 13 sec.,
16 March, 1876.
C.P. 77-209,
240 acres,
18 Sept., 1877.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Glass.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 June, 1879.

I am directed to inform you that the transfer of the selections noted in the margin, on the 14th of last March, to you by Denis Shanahan, has been rejected, as at that date you were the holder of an incomplete conditional purchase under the 13th section, and the conditional purchase first noted thereby sought to be transferred required two days for completion.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 76-60, 400
acres, 13 sec.,
16 March, 1876.
C.P. 77-209,
240 acres,
18 Sept., 1877.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. D. Shanahan.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 14 June, 1879.

With reference to the selections noted in the margin, and their transfer by you, on the 14th of last March, to James Glass, I am directed to inform you that such transfer has been rejected, as your alienee was at that date the holder of an incomplete conditional purchase, and that first noted sought to be transferred required two days for completion.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 76-60, 400
acres, 13 sec.,
16 March, 1876.
C.P. 77-209,
240 acres,
13 Sept., 1877.

No. 8.

Notification by Denis Shanahan.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Denis Shanahan, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to James Glass, of Gara, the 400 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 16th March, 1876, as also the following additional purchase:—240 acres, 13th September, 1877.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 4th July, 1879.

DENIS SHANAHAN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Gara, Armidale.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 7 July, 1879.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 9.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES Glass, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, sapping, clearing, and

and artificial grasses, and to the value of £240, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 12th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }
H. H. BROWN, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 240 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 209 of 1877, in district of Murrurundi, made on the 13th September, 1877.

Minutes on No. 9.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £12.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct in form.—W.B., 6/4/81.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—H.P., 8/6/81.

No. 10.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Denis Shanahan, made at Murrurundi, 13th September, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 1st April, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 240 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:—

200 chains 2-rail and 3-wire fence	...	...	...	£212	10	0
10 acres clearing	...	...	...	30	0	0
160 acres sapping	...	...	...	16	0	0
				£258	10	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

There is the clearest proof that the conditions of purchase were complied with on the additional conditional purchase in question, as also upon the original conditional purchase adjacent thereto and connected therewith.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT.

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 11.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Minute on No. 11.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 23rd November, 1880.

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 February, 1881.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Murrurundi on the 13th September, 1877, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 176 acres, instead of 240 acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of £16, being the amount of deposit on the 64 extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure

Murrurundi,
C.P. 77-209, 13
Sept., 1877, 240
acres, selected
by Denis
Shanahan.

[Enclosure to No. 12.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 February, 1881.

Dr. to the Mercantile Bank, Sydney.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 77-209. Land Office at Murrurundi; date of selection, 13th day of September, 1877; deposit paid on 240 acres. Selection void to the extent of 64 acres, as this conditional, if taken with applicant's previous conditional purchase, will extend about 4 chains beyond the usual limits.		
Deposit to be refunded on 64 acres	£	16 0 0

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 February, 1881.

With reference to Denis Shanahan's conditional purchase of the 13th September, 1877 (transferred to the Mercantile Bank), I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 176 acres, instead of 240 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £16, the amount of deposit upon the 64 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 February, 1881.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 240 acres to 176 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, namely, £16, on the area paid for in excess.

Murrurundi,
Denis Shanahan,
13 September,
1877 (transferred
to the Mercantile
Bank).

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 15.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 28 June, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 12th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-209; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 13th September, 1877, county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; area, 176 acres; original applicant, Denis Shanahan; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

Sub-Return S.

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No. 1.

Application by Samuel Irwin.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Samuel Irwin for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 89 acres 2 roods unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £22 7s. 6d., this 13th day of September, 1877, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
314-75	22/7/75	50
344-75	26/8/75	500½
210-77	13/9/77	89½
		640

Sir,

13 September, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 89 acres 2 roods, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 50 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £22 7s. 6d., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 50 acres.

I am, &c.,

SAMUEL IRWIN,

Glasston, Murrurundi,

(Per WM. BROOK, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 89½ acres. Situate to the west of portion No. 120 of 50 acres. In virtue of 50 acres conditionally purchased by me on the 22nd July, 1875.

Minutes on No. 1.

Submitted that this application should be declared void, as the area already held by applicant with this additional (77-210) will exceed the area allowed by the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 by 3½ acres.—J.P.C., 10/10/77.

Applicant should be informed to the effect of the above memo., and requested to state whether he is willing that the area of the last purchase (C.P. 77-210) be reduced by 3½ acres, so as to allow his purchases to be included within the maximum area of 640 acres, otherwise the purchase will be declared void. The Land Agent should be asked to explain why he noted the area of conditional purchase 75-344 as 500½ acres, instead of 504 acres.—C.N., 19/10/77.

Referred to Charting Branch to ascertain whether the 89½ acres applied for is a measured portion.—20/10/77.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 29th May, 1878.

To Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—A. DEWHURST, 7th June, 1878.

640 acres (504 + 50 + 86 acres) measured. Replied to by my letter 79-74 of 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Mr. J. Glass to The Deputy Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Gara, Armidale, 23 October, 1878.

Referring to the enclosed letter from Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, *in re* transfer by Samuel Irwin of his conditional purchase to me, will you be so good as to order that the last additional conditional purchase, 89½ acres, which has not yet been surveyed, be reduced to the extent of 3½ acres, and allow the transfer to pass to me at once. Time is nearly up for making declaration on the first additional conditional purchase, 504 acres; the original conditional purchase, 50 acres, has had all conditions complied with and interest paid.

JAMES GLASS.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 2.

If the application, conditional purchase 77-210, is not for a measured portion there is not apparently any objection in Charting Branch to a refund of the deposit on $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of that application, which must otherwise be declared void as exceeding the maximum area allowed. The surveyor has been instructed to return the application.—T.S., 4 December, 1878.

Mr. Tindale, make copy of application.—C.N., 18 December, 1878.

Submitted that the area be reduced by $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, *vide* Charting Branch memo., and as requested.—

W.M.O.

By Chief Commissioner :—A.O.M., 11/2/79.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 14/2/79.

Transfer now passed.—W.M.O., 5/3/79.

[Enclosure to No. 2.]

Sir, I have the honor, by direction of the Minister for Lands, to inform you that the transfer to you of Samuel Irwin's conditional purchases cannot be allowed, the area being greater than that allowed by the Act, as per margin.

I have, &c.,

GEO. R. EVANS,
Crown Lands Agent.

acres.
C.P., 75-314. 50
" 75-344. 504
" 77-210. 894
6434

No. 3.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections, 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, which was selected by Samuel Irwin, at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 22nd July, 1875, as also the following additional purchases :—504 acres, 26th August, 1875, selected by Samuel Irwin ; 86 acres, 13th September, 1877, selected by Samuel Irwin.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JAMES GLASS,

Gara, Armidale.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 March, 1879.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 3.

The additional selection of 504 acres is noted as disallowed in the books of this office, on the ground that the total area would exceed the 640 acres allowed by the Act. The additional selection of 13th September, 1877, should be 89 acres 2 roods.—GEO. R. EVANS, Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, 1/2/79.

By the Chief Commissioner :—The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, is requested to register and return this transfer ; intimation has been sent him as to refund of the 3 acres 2 roods.—W.B. (for the Chief Commissioner), B.C., 11th March, 1879. To be returned.

No. 4.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Glass.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 March, 1879.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Murrurundi, on the 13th September, 1877, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 86 acres, instead of $89\frac{1}{2}$ acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of 17s. 6d., being the amount of deposit on the $3\frac{1}{2}$ extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure to No. 4.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to James Glass.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 March, 1879.

		Amount to be refunded.
		£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz., C.P. No. 77-210.		
Land Office at Murrurundi ; date of selection, 13th day of September, 1877 ; deposit paid on $89\frac{1}{2}$ acres.		
Selection void to the extent of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, as exceeding the maximum area allowed.		
Deposit to be refunded on $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres.....£		0 17 6

No. 5.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 March, 1879.

With reference to Samuel Irwin's conditional purchase of the 13th September, 1877 (transferred to Mr. James Glass), I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 86 acres, instead of 89½ acres, as stated in his application, the alienee has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of 17s. 6d., the amount of deposit upon the 3½ extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 10 March, 1879.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin having been reduced from 89 acres 2 roods to 86 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., 17s. 6d., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the alienee, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Murrurundi,
Samuel Irwin,
13 September,
1877, transferred
to James Glass.

No. 7.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Murrurundi, 30 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 86 acres, marked 153, in the parish of Yarramanbah, county of Buckland, applied for by Samuel Irwin, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 29th May, 1878, No. 339.

The water is not permanent in the gullies.

Good pastoral land, timbered with box and apple.

I measured 86 acres, instead of 89, as the latter acreage plus originals would exceed 640 acres, situated in the Bobadil Run.

Improvements—Fencing, £20.

I have, &c.,
J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 7.

The area measured is 86 acres, instead of 89½ acres. A refund has been made, *vide* 78-42,660 C.S.—W.D.A. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 12 October, 1880.

[Enclosure to No. 7.]

Description.

86 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, portion 153: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion 120 of 50 acres; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north 37 chains and 96 links; on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion 119 of 40 acres and a line in all bearing west 22 chains and 66 links; on the west by a line bearing south 37 chains and 96 links; and on the south by a line bearing east 22 chains 66 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 8.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of clearing, fencing, and sapping, and to the value of £100, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, 86 acres, at Yarramanbah, being conditional purchase No. 210 of 1877, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 13th September, 1877.

Minutes on No. 8.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £4 6s.—W.H.B., 23/4/80.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 29/1/81.

Correct in form.—W.B., 21/1/81.

No. 9.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Samuel Irwin, made at Murrurundi, on September 13th, 1877.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 28th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 86 acres, 21st section, and comprises 86 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

15 acres clearing	...	...	...	...	...	£45	0	0
51 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	51	0	0
Sapping 60 acres	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
						£99	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

There is clear proof that Irwin complied with the conditions of purchase on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which this additional conditional purchase was taken up, as also upon the said additional conditional purchase.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 10.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
conditional purchase 77-210,
13th Sept., 1877,
86 acres, selected
by Samuel
Irwin.

Minutes on No. 10.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 12th October, 1880.

Original conditional purchase approved; area, 86 acres; improvements £99.—N.A., 22/1/81.

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 February, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 77-210; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 13th September, 1877; county, Buckland; parish, Yarramanbah; No. of portion, 153; area, 86 acres; original applicant, Samuel Irwin; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by The Mercantile Bank of Sydney,

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]
Application by Mercantile Bank of Sydney for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 160 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £40, this day of _____, 187, at o'clock.

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
68-200	30/1/68	100
75-330	5/8/75	62
78-14	28/2/78	100
Total area.		322

Sir,

28 February, 1878.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 160 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 100 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £40, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 100 acres.

I am, &c.,

MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY,

(Per JAMES GLASS).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 160 acres, adjoining the south boundary of portion No. 99, parish of Towarri, being that portion of cancelled reserve No. 616 on the left bank of Jack's Creek.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—R.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 15/3/78.

Mr. Kelly.—A. DEWHURST, 26/3/78. Plan with my letter 79-14.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Notification by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, in the District of Liverpool Plains.

We hereby notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that we have this day alienated to James Glass, of Miller's Creek, Murrurundi, the 100 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish unnamed, which George Gallagher selected at Miller's Creek, district of Liverpool Plains, as a conditional purchase, under the section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 30th January, 1868.

The common seal of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney was }
hereto affixed by the Directors present at and }
constituting a Board of Directors of the said Bank, }
at a meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of }
November, 1877, and the signatures of the said }
Directors were also set opposite hereto in the }
presence of,—

JOHN HAY,
R. S. JENKINS,
G. S. CAIRD,
Sydney.

F. A. A. WILSON, Manager.

Dated at Sydney, this 28th day of February, 1878.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 28 February, 1878.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Quirindi, 10 January, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of two portions of land, containing 310 acres, numbered 126 and 127, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, *pro* James Glass, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, surveyed in accordance with instructions, dated 9th July, 77/72, issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Watkins, and 15th March, 78-171, issued to Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst.

Good pastoral land, timbered with box, gum, apple, and stringybark.

The water in Jack's Creek appears permanent.

I understand that the terms of residence and improvements have been completed on the original.

Situated in the Miller's Creek Run.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

The meridian used in the survey of these portions was carried from my measurements on opposite side of creek, not shown on this plan.—J. M. KELLY.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Description.

160 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 126: Commencing on the left bank of Big Jack's Creek, at the eastern side of the southern boundary line of portion 99 of 62 acres; and bounded thence on the north by that boundary line bearing westerly 57 chains 80 links; and thence by a line bearing west 8 chains and 36 links; on the west by a line bearing south 25 chains; on the south by a line bearing east 69 chains and 63 links to Big Jack's Creek; and on all other sides by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch, No. 13, 20 June, 1879.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portions 126 and 127, parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, transmitted by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly, letter No. 79-14, of 10th January, 1879, and on which Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.

Northern boundary of portion 126 does not agree with southern boundary of portion 99.

Southern boundary of portion 127 does not agree with northern boundary of portion 93.

Report.

I am aware of the difference which exists in the lengths of the lines as shown on my plan and those shown on my originals.

I find Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham's chaining to be much longer than mine throughout.

P.F.A.,
23 June, 1879.

J. M. KELLY,
3 July, 1879.

No. 5.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, sapping, clearing, and house, and to the value of £160, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this }
9th day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 160 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 14 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 28th February, 1878.

Minutes on No. 5.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £8.—W.H.B., 23 April, 1880.
By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 16/9/80.

Correct.—W.B.

No. 6.

Notification by James Glass.

K.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney

Sydney the 62 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 5th August, 1875, as also the following additional purchase:—160 acres, selected by the Mercantile Bank, on the 28th February, 1878.

Dated at Sydney, this 13th March, 1880.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JAMES GLASS,
Glasston.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 17 March, 1880.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minute on No. 6.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent at Murrurundi will be good enough to inform the parties hereto that conditional purchase 75-330 already stands in the name of the Mercantile Bank, and that conditional purchase 78-14 cannot be transferred apart from the original conditional purchase.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), B.C., 16/4/80. Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

No. 7.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of the Mercantile Bank, made at Murrurundi, on 28th February, 1878.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 160 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Strong 2-roomed slab house, shingled	...	...	...	...	£30	0	0
10 acres cleared land	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
110 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	110	0	0
Sapping 100 acres	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
					£180	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 7.

Section 21; area, 160 acres; improvements, £180. Residence on original conditional purchase as per remarks. For approval.—W.B.

No. 8.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of the purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi, conditional purchase 78-14, 23 February, 1878, 160 acres, selected by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 78-14; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 28 February, 1878; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; area, 160 acres; original applicant, James Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by John M'Mullen.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John M'Mullen for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 100 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £25, this 28th day of February, 1878, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
315-75	22/7/75	50
316-75		50
233-77	11/10/77	324
18-78	28/ 2/78	100
Total area		524

Sir,

28 February, 1878.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 100 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 50 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £25, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the third selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 50 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN M'MULLEN,

Glasston, Miller's Creek,

(Per JAMES GLASS).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parishes of Towarri and Yarramanbah, 100 acres, adjoining the south boundary of my additional conditional purchase of 22nd July, 1875.

I certify that John M'Mullen is over the age of sixteen years.

G. G. BRODIE,

Land Agent.

Minutes on No. 1.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H.E.W. (for Surveyor-General), 29th May, 1878.

To Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly.—A. DEWHURST, 7th June, 1878. Replied to by my letter 79-82, 30th May, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the District of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 50 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Yarramanbah, which was selected by Rebecca Glass, at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 22nd July, 1875, as also the following additional purchases:—

50 acres, 22nd July, 1875, selected by Rebecca Glass.

324 acres, 11th October, 1877, do. do.

100 acres, 28th February, 1878, selected by John M'Mullen.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.

JAMES GLASS,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Gara, Armidale.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

No. 3.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 30 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 100 acres, numbered 139, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by John M'Mullen, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 29th May, 78-338, and issued to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly.

Steep mountainous country. The greater portion of this measurement is impassable on horseback. Timber, forest oak and gum. Situated in the Bobadil Run. Improvements, nil.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Description.

100 acres, county Buckland, parish Towarri, portion 139 : Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 90 of 50 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing west 31 chains and 63 links; on the west by a line bearing south 31 chains and 63 links; on the south by a line bearing east 31 chains and 63 links; and on the east by a line bearing north 31 chains and 63 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 4.

Declaration by James Glass.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES Glass, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing and sapping, and to the value of £100, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 12th day of }
March, 1880, before me, —

JAMES GLASS.

H. H. BROWN, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 100 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 13 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 28th February, 1878.

Minutes on No. 4.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £5.—W.H.B., 23 April, 1880. Accepted under report of Inspector.—W.B., 25/10/80.

By Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 3/11/80.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John M'Mullen, made at Murrurundi, on 28th February, 1878.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 28th March, 1878.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 100 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

94 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£94	0	0
100 acres sapping	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
									£104	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the one in question was taken up. Proof can be had of that.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT.

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.
I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,
F. A. A. WILSON,
Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 78-13, 28
February, 1878,
100 acres,
selected by
John M'Mullen.

Minute on No. 6.

Area, 100 acres; improvements, £104; residence on original conditional purchase complete. Declaration on conditional purchase 78-13 for approval.—W.B., 27/8/80.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 November, 1880.
The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 12th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 78-13; district, Murrurundi; 28th February, 1878; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri, No. of portion, 139; area, 100 acres; original applicant, John M'Mullen; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by James Glass.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by James Glass for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 250 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £62 10s., this 6th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.	Sir,
7-69	30/ 1/88	100	Sir, I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 250 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 100 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £62 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.
118-69	11/11/89	58	
131-69	23/12/89	69	
15-78	23/ 2/78	160	
61-78	6/ 9/78	250	
		628	

This is the fourth selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase, 100 acres.

I am, &c.,
JAMES GLASS,
(Per WILLIAM BROOK, Agent),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Murrurundi.
Description.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 250 acres, being the conditional purchase made by Benjamin Hall, on the 8th February, 1877, and since withdrawn on account of non-survey within twelve months.

I certify that the abovenamed James Glass is over the age of sixteen years.

G. G. BRODIE.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is unobjectionable.—For Surveyor-General, 28 October, 1878.

Will the Land Agent, Murrurundi, be good enough to furnish me with copy of Benjamin Hall's conditional purchase quoted in this application.—J. M. KELLY, Glasston, 28th April, 1879. Replied to by my letter 79-90, 10th June, 1879.—J. M. KELLY.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 250 acres, numbered 151, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by James Glass under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 28th October, 1878, No. 78-31, issued to Licensed Surveyor Kelly.

Stony ridges, timbered with box and apple.

Improvements:—Log fencing, £40; and also the remains of two old huts. Situated in the Warrah

Run. The water appears permanent in Jack's Creek.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 2.

Residence not reported.—A. DEWHURST, 21st June, /79.

By the Surveyor-General:—Conditional purchase 78-61, if taken with applicant's previous conditional purchase, will extend about 8 chains beyond the usual limits. On account of the previous alienation, no other form could have been adopted without reducing the area; the survey has therefore been accepted, subject to approval.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 23rd Nov., /80.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 7th Dec., /80.

No. 3.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, sapping, clearing, and woolshed, and to the value of £250, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Murrurundi, this 9th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 250 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 61 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 6th June, 1878.

Minutes on No. 3.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £12 10s.—W.H.B., 23/4/80.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 13/1/81.

No. 4.

Notification by James Glass.

K.

[Alienation Act, sections, 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the District of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 250 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 6th June, 1878.

Dated at Sydney, this 13th March, 1880.

JAMES GLASS,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Glasston.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEO. R. EVANS,

Land Office, Murrurundi, 17 March, 1880.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 4.

By Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent at Murrurundi will be good enough to inform the parties hereto that the conditional purchase within referred to cannot be transferred apart from the original conditional purchase until the conditions are all fulfilled.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), B.C., 16th April, 1880. Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi. Parties informed.—G.R.E., 23/4/80.

No. 5.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of James Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 6th June, 1878.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th March, 1880.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 250 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Strong slab woolshed, galvanized-iron roof	...	...	...	£100	0	0
120 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	120	0	0
15 acres clearing	...	...	...	30	0	0
				£250 0 0		

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

There is proof that the residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 5.

Submitted for approval. The original conditional purchase was made in 1868 and declaration thereon accepted.—W.M.O., 28/12/80. Mr. Blackman. W.B.

No. 6.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi, C.P., 78-61, 6th June, 1878, 250 acres, selected by James Glass.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 January, 1881.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Murrurundi, on the 9th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 78-61; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 6th June, 1878; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 151; area, 250 acres; original applicant, James Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by J. Glass.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by James Glass for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 13th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock,—

G. G. BRODIE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Sir,

13 June, 1878.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
375/72	23/11/72	40
159/77	12/7/77	40
166/77	12/7/77	40
62/78	13/6/78	80
*176/77	26/7/77	40
Total area ..		240

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 80 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £20, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the third selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

JAMES GLASS,

(Per Wm. Brook, Agent),

Murrurundi.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at the head of Warrah Creek, starting from the south-east corner of measured portion conditional purchase 72/7,687, No. 64, and running east till it joins the western boundary of M. Shanahan's conditional purchase 77/179; then south along said boundary towards big scrub; then west; then north; and then east, back to starting point.

I certify that the abovenamed James Glass is over the age of sixteen years.

G. G. BRODIE, Land Agent.

Minutes on No. 1.

* Conditional purchase 77/175, 26/7/77, of 40 acres, seems to have been omitted from the above. The total area, including that now applied for, is therefore 240 acres, instead of 200.—J. M. KELLY, Licensed Surveyor, April, 1879.

No care seems to have been exercised by the Land Agent at Murrurundi in the preparation of the tabulated statement giving particulars of conditional purchases in the margin of application.

I cannot identify conditional purchase 77/159, 12/7/77, quoted on this application. In another application, by J. A. Martin, it is omitted altogether, and conditional purchase 77/49, 22/2/77, substituted. (See C.P. 77/166.)

I am of course anxious to have description of conditional purchase 77/159, as it may clash with the present one.

Conditional purchase 77/175, 26/7/77, appears to have been omitted from present form at margin of this application.

Replied to by letter 79/89 of 10th June, 1879.—J. M. KELLY, Licensed Surveyor.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 80 acres, numbered 144, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by James Glass, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 25th November, 1878, No. 57.

Stony ridges, timbered with box, gum, and forest oak; value of improvements (fencing), £25; situated in the Warrah Run; stony ridges, timbered with box, gum, and apple.

The south-west corner of this portion falls within a dense scrub, consisting of cedar brush, cedar trees, "stinging trees," and wattle, all of which are closely interwoven with strong vines. So closely are the trees bound together by these vines that, in order to fall one tree right to the ground, it is sometimes necessary to fall a dozen others. I was occupied the whole of one day in running part of the west boundary through this scrub, in some cases having to take sights of from 50 to 70 links in length. I could see corner "d" from corner "a." The water does not appear permanent in this part of the Warrah bush. It may however be so, as in the state of the weather which existed at the date of survey it was difficult to tell.

There

There is no appearance of any grass within the scrub.

I have not measured this application in strict accordance with the description used. It will be noticed that a vacant area is left between the northern boundary of portion 144 and the reserve 615, notified 12th May, 1874; but I did not think it desirable to embrace it by portion 144.

I have recommended that it be made an extension of reserve 615.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 2.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 29th July, 1880.

No. 3.

Declaration by James Glass.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, James Glass, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, and sapping, and to the value of £80, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 12th day }
of March, 1880, before me— }
H. H. BROWN, J.P.

JAMES GLASS.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 80 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 62 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 13th June, 1878.

Minutes on No. 3.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £4.—W.H.B., 23/4/80. Examined and found correct in form, 13/8/80.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 19/8/80.

No. 4.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of James Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 13th June, 1878.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 25th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 80 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

72 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	£72	0	0
5 acres clearing	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
						£87	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the one in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 5.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 78-62,
13 June, 1878,
80 acres, selected
by James Glass.

Minutes on No. 5.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—W. D. ARMSTRONG, 29 July, 1880. Section 21; residence complete on original conditional purchase; area, 80 acres; improvements, £87. Declaration for approval.—N.A., 18/8/80.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 16 September, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 12th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 78-62; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 13th June, 1878; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 144; area, 80 acres; original applicant, James Glass; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

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No. 1.

Application by James Glass.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by James Glass for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 20th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock,—

SAML. L. COHEN,

Acting Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.	Sir,
123-69	9/12/69	40	I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.
65-78	20/ 6/78	40	
		80	

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,

JAMES GLASS,

Murrurundi,

(Per Wm. BBOOK, Agent).

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, on the south and adjoining my conditional purchase of 40 acres (formerly G. W. Martin's), at the head of The Oaks Creek.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—H. W. C. (for Surveyor-General), 28 October, 1878.

Replied to by my letter 79-86 of 10th June, 1879.—J. M. KELLY, 10 June, 1879.

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No. 2.

Notification by George Willesboro Martin.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by George Willesboro Martin, of "The Oaks," in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to James Glass, of Miller's Creek, the 40 acres of land situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 9th December, 1869.

Dated at Sydney, this 16th May, 1878.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

G. W. MARTIN,
Sydney.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 20 May, 1878.

G. G. BRODIE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No 2.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent is requested to ascertain whether the alienator is a minor, under the age of 21 years; if so, the transfer cannot be allowed.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), B.C., 27/8/78. Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

I have written several times to George Willesboro Martin, but have received no reply. I now return the document, as it has been lying in this office for such a length of time.—GEO. R. EVANS, Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi, 15/3/80.

No 3.

Notification by James Glass.

K. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by James Glass, in the district of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Murrurundi, that I have this day alienated to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney the 40 acres of land, situated in the county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which was selected, at Murrurundi, by G. W. Martin, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 9th December, 1869, as also the following additional purchase:—40 acres, 20th June, 1878, selected by James Glass.

Dated at Sydney, this 23rd January, 1879.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

JAMES GLASS,
Gara, Armidale.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 29 January, 1879.

GEO. R. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 3.

The parties hereto should be informed that this notice of transfer cannot be passed until it is ascertained whether, at date of transfer of the land by Martin to Glass, namely, 16th May, 1878, G. W. Martin was of the required age, namely twenty-one years. Mr. Martin has been communicated with on the subject several times, but no answer can be obtained from him.—J.R.Y., 17/3/80.

Submitted,—Mr. Martin, father of G. W. Martin, informs me that he was under twenty-one years of age at date of transfer.—W.B., 7/4/80.

Transfer disallowed. Parties to be informed and conditional purchase 78/65 to be declared void.—J.R.Y., 15/4/80.

No. 4.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 10 June, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 40 acres, numbered 145, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by James Glass, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 28th October, 1878, No. 78-33.

Stony ridges, timbered with box, forest oak, and gum; the water is not permanent; improvements, nil; situated in the Warrah Run.

References to corners A and D do not agree with the originals. I am perfectly sure that I am right. Mr. Darby has made some mistake in reducing his bearing.

I have, &c.,
J. M. KELLY,
Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 4.]

Description.

40 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion No. 145: Commencing at the south-western corner of portion No. 23 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 20 chains and 2 links; on the east by a line bearing south 19 chains and 99 links; on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains and 2 links; and on the west by a line bearing north 19 chains and 99 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 5.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES Glass, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank, do solemnly and sincerely declare that they are the lawful owners, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing, clearing, and sapping, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Murrurundi, this 9th } JAMES GLASS.
day of March, 1880, before me,—

GEO. R. EVANS, J.P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 40 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 65 of 1878, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 20th June, 1878.

Minute on No. 5.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2.—W.H.B., 23/4/80.

No. 6.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of James Glass, made at Murrurundi, on 20th June, 1878.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the holder of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

5 acres clearing	...	...	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
40 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0
Sapping	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
							£53	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Proof can be had that the residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 7.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

The Mercantile Bank, Sydney, 16 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi, conditional purchase 78-65, 20 June, 1878, 40 acres, selected by James Glass.

No. 8.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. James Glass.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1880.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Murrurundi on the 20th June, 1878, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is void, as the first conditional purchase does not stand in the applicants' name, the transfer of conditional purchase 69-4,799 not being allowed.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure]

[Enclosure to No. 8.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to James Glass.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1880.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 78-65. Land Office at Murrurundi ; date of selection, 20th day of June 1878 ; deposit paid on 40 acres. Selection void, as the first conditional purchase does not stand in the applicant's name.	£ s. d.
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres	10 0 0

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Murrurundi.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1880.

I desire to inform you that the application of James Glass, on the 20th June, 1878, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is void, as the first conditional purchase does not stand in applicant's name.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 10.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1880.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the first conditional purchase does not stand in the applicant's name, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1880.

With reference to the notification of transfer from James Glass to your Bank of a conditional purchase of 40 acres, selected by G. W. Martin, of Murrurundi, and by him transferred to James Glass, I have the honor to inform you that the latter transfer having now been disallowed, in consequence of the selector being a minor at date of transfer, Mr. Glass has no interest in the land, and consequently cannot transfer any to your Bank.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. A. BROWN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 October, 1880.

The conditional purchase noted in the margin having been declared void, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to cause to be refunded the instalment money paid thereon.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. James Glass.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 October, 1880.

Your conditional purchase noted in the margin having been declared void, I am directed to inform you that you can obtain the instalment money paid thereon upon application to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

Sub-Return Y.

Sub-Return Y.

SCHEDULE.

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No. 1.

Application by the Mercantile Bank.

G. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by the Mercantile Bank of Sydney for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 5th day of June, 1879, at 11 o'clock,—

GEO. R. EVANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
185-74	18/6/74	60
188-74	" "	60
42-77	15/2/77	40
32-79	5/6/79	50
		200

Sir,

5 June, 1879.

We are desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres, which adjoins our conditional purchase or freehold property of 60 acres, which has been resided upon for three years; and we herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which we apply.

This is the third selection made by us in virtue of our conditional purchase of 60 acres.

I am, &c.,

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

(By their Agent, JAMES GLASS).

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, being all the available land lying to the north of portion No. 77, the south of James Glass' 250 acres, on Little Oakey Creek, parish Towarri, county of Buckland.

Minutes on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to measure if unobjectionable, if first conditional purchase is unobjectionable.—J.S.A. (for Surveyor-General), 7th July, 1879. Replied to by my letter 79-102.—J. M. KELLY, 1st July, 1879.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Kelly to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Quirindi, 1 July, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 50 acres, numbered 150, in the parish of Towarri, county of Buckland, applied for by the Mercantile Bank, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 7th July, 1879, No. 36.

Stony ridges, timbered with box, gum, and apple; well adapted for grazing.

I understand that the terms of residence and improvement have been completed on the original.

Situated in the Warrah Run. The water appears permanent.

I have, &c.,

J. M. KELLY,

Licensed Surveyor.

Description.

50 acres, county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, portion 150: Commencing on the right bank of Little Oakey Creek, at the south-western corner of portion 151 of 250 acres; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 47 chains and 79 links; on the east by a road 1 chain wide bearing south 9 chains and 70 links; on the south by a line and a line dividing it from portion 148 of 40 acres in all bearing west 29 chains; again on the east by part of the western boundary of that portion bearing south 3 chains 74 links; again on the south by part of the northern boundary of portion 77 of 50 acres bearing west 12 chains 82 links to little Oakey Creek; and on the south-west by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement.

No. 3.

Declaration by James Glass.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchase under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES GLASS, of Glasston, on behalf of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing and sapping, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual

effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Sydney, this 12th }
day of March, 1880, before me,— }

JAMES GLASS.

H. H. BROWN, J. P.

Description.

County of Buckland, parish of Towarri, 50 acres, at Towarri, being conditional purchase No. 32 of 1879, in the district of Murrurundi, made on the 5th June, 1879.

Minutes on No. 3.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £2 10s —W.H.B., 23/4/80. Correct.—W.B.
By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/9/80.

No. 4.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Thomas Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of the Mercantile Bank, made at Murrurundi, on 5th June, 1879.

Sir,

Murrurundi, 4 April, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 22nd March, 1880.

The land, which consists of one additional conditional purchase, 21st section, and comprises 50 acres, is occupied and used by the holders of Miller's Creek as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements herunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz :—

60 chains 6-wire fence	...	...	...	...	...	£60	0	0
40 acres sapping	..	...	...	...	...	4	0	0

£64 0 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The residence condition was complied with on the original conditional purchase by virtue of which the additional conditional purchase in question was taken up. Proof of that is easily obtainable.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 4.

Section, 22; area, 50 acres; improvements, £64; residence complete, as per remarks. For approval.—W.B. How does original conditional purchase stand?—W.B., 13/9/80.

No 5.

The Manager of the Mercantile Bank to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Sydney, 22 April, 1880.

I have the honor to apply for a certificate of approval of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on which the required declaration has been made and an instalment of purchase money paid.

I have, &c.,

F. A. A. WILSON,

Manager.

Murrurundi,
C.P. 79-32,
5 June, 1879,
50 acres, selected
by the Mercantile
Bank of Sydney.

No. 6.

The Chief Commissioner to The Manager of the Mercantile Bank.

Sir,

Sydney, 7 October, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by James Glass, at Sydney, on the 12th March, 1880, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an instalment at the rate of 1s. per acre must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 79-32; section, 21; district, Murrurundi; date, 5 June, 1879; county, Buckland; parish, Towarri; No. of portion, 150; area, 50 acres; original applicant, the Mercantile Bank; present holder, the Mercantile Bank.

[Thirty-four sketches.]

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Enclosure to N^o 2
Land and Murrumbidgee

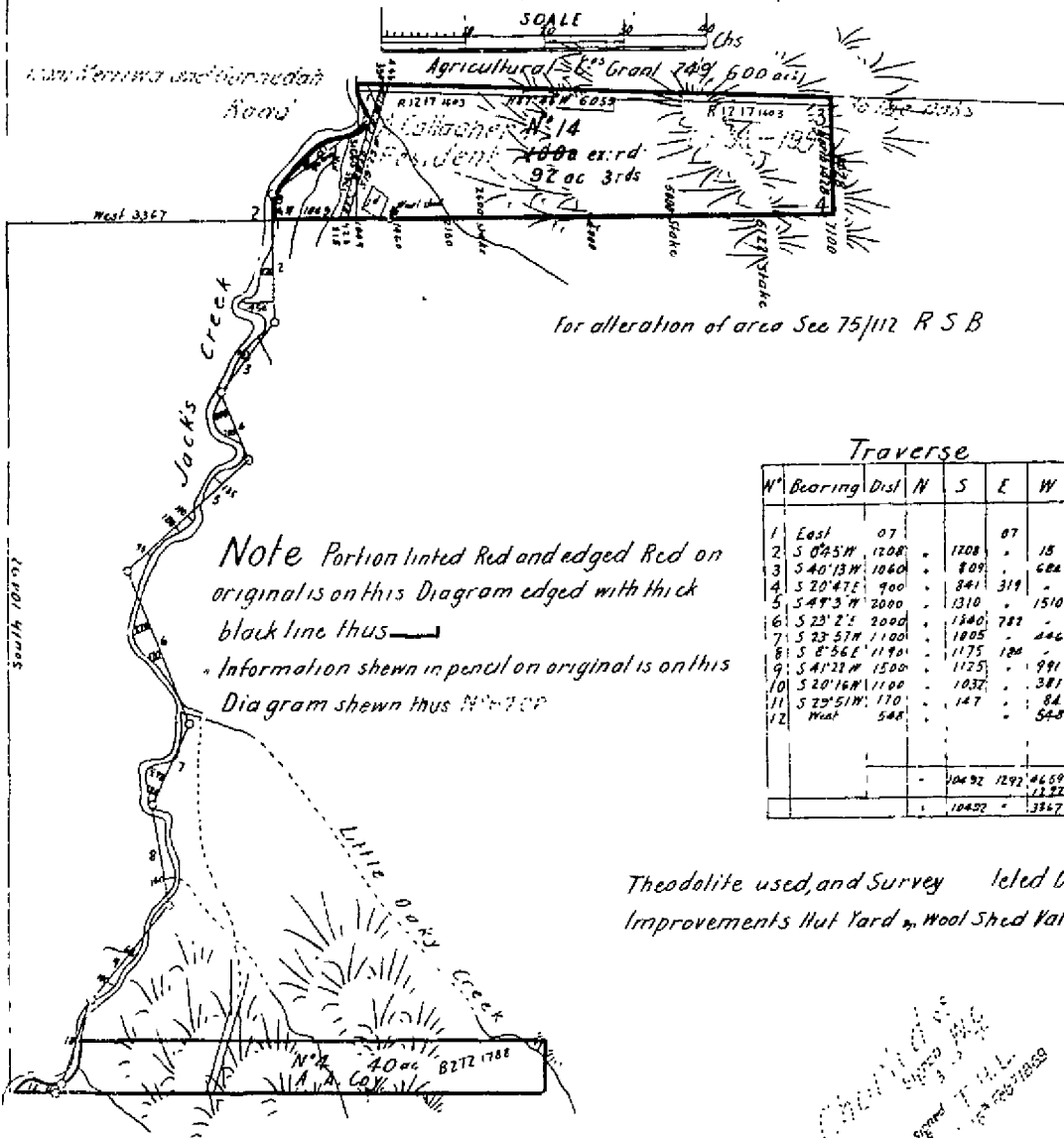
of 100 acres of Land being Portion N^o 14

Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland N.S.W

Purchased under section 13th of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by

Ambrose Gallagher

30th June 1868



for alteration of area See 75/112 R S B

Note Portion linked Red and edged Red on original is on this Diagram edged with thick black line thus —
Information shown in pencil on original is on this Diagram shown thus —

Traverse

N ^o	Bearing	Dist	N	S	E	W
1	East	07			07	
2	S 0° 45' W	1208		1208		18
3	S 40° 13' W	1060		809		682
4	S 20° 47' E	900		841	319	
5	S 49° 3' W	2000		1310		1510
6	S 25° 2' E	2000		1840	782	
7	S 23° 57' W	1100		1005		446
8	S 8° 56' E	1190		1175	180	
9	S 41° 22' W	1500		1125		991
10	S 20° 16' W	1100		1037		381
11	S 25° 51' W	170		147		84
12	West	548				548
				10492	1292	4659
						1332
				10452		13867

Theodolite used, and Survey led Dec^r 1868
Improvements Hut Yard, Wool Shed Value £ 60

Checked by
Signed T. H. L.
1868

Traverse

N ^o	Bearing	Dist	N	S	E	W
1	S 16° 36' E	500		479	142	
2	S 54° 28' W	1448		840		1179
3	S 0° 45' W	342		342		.04
4	West	07				.07
				1661	142	1190
						142
				1661		1048

Corners

N ^o	Bearing	From	LRs	N ^o on line
1	N 45° E	Apple Tree	17	14
2	N 15° 36' E	Apple Tree	14	
3	N 36° 35' W		70	
4	S 77° 45' E	Box Sap	38	

Note This Portion of Land has been measured and marked out under letter B C 24th February 1868 N^o 77 in strict accordance with the Surveyor General's Instructions for marking. Ambrose Gallagher a bona fide Resident

Transmitted with my Letter N^o 68/195 dated December 29th 1868

Signed F W Darby

Drawn by L. DeJ. Gallagher
Ed by J. J.

B 274 1788

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Signed W. C. 68-17
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Enclosure to N°5.
 Police Dis^c Murrurundi

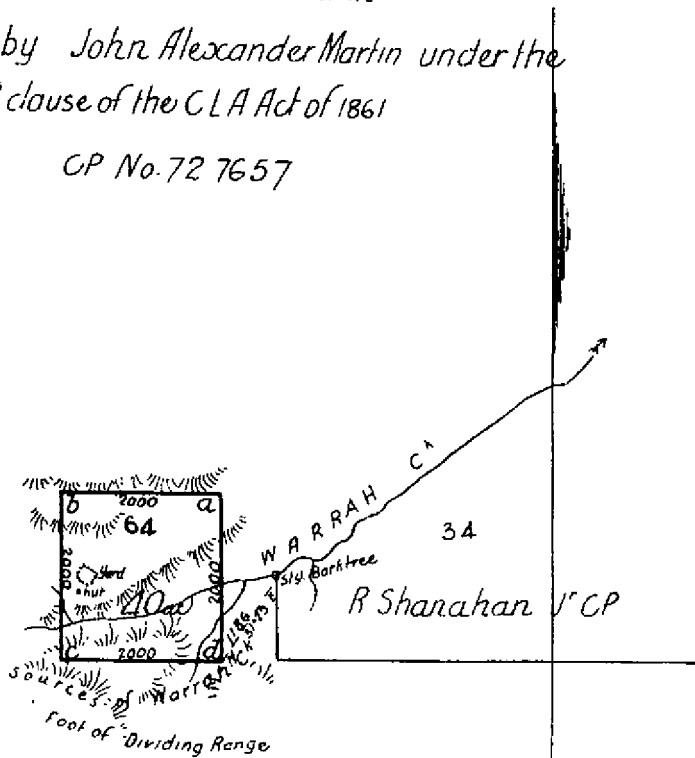
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Showing portion 64 in the
 Parish of Towarri
 County of Buckland

Scale 20 Chs. to an Inch

Applied for by John Alexander Martin under the
 13th clause of the CLA Act of 1861

CP No. 72 7657



Portion N°64 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus _____

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	Neon tree
a	N 82° 30' E	Oak	50 7/8	A 64
b	N 24° 17' W	White Gum	10	
c	N 60° 30' E	Red Gum	15	
d	S 54° 0' W	Oak	52	

(Sig) Tho' W Foster

Date of Survey 18th Jan^y 1873
 Value of Improvements £ 30
 Signed F W Darby

Licensed Surveyor

Drawn by D. Frost
 Exa^d by E. M. J.

(Sig. 805-2)

Con Sales N^o 78.32043

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Police Dist^t Murrurundi

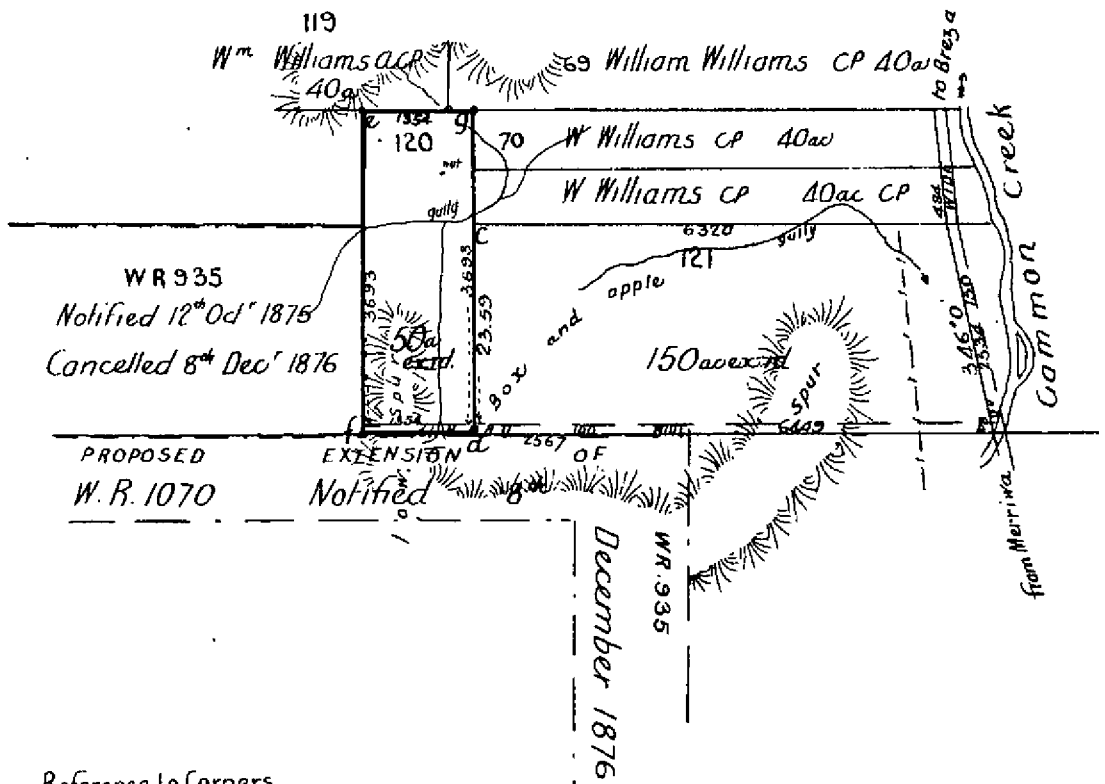
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Of portion 120 in the
Parish of Yarrimanbah
County of Buckland

Applied for by Samuel Irwin under the
13th clause of the CLA Act of 1861

CP N^o 75.314

Portion N^o 120 edged Red on Original is edged on this Diagram thus _____



Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on tree
d	S 82° 46' E	Box	38	120 121
e	N 69° 55' E	do	53	120
f	N 17° 50' E	do	20 ^{1/2}	120
g	S 35° 15' W	do	67	120. 70

(Sig^d) C.C. Gordon

Drawn by D. Frost
Exo^d by S. A. J.

Date of Survey 22nd & 24th July
Improvements Hutringing fencing £ 27

(Signed) George Lock
Licensed Surveyor
(Sig^d) Exo^d W.D.B.H.

(Sig. 805-3)

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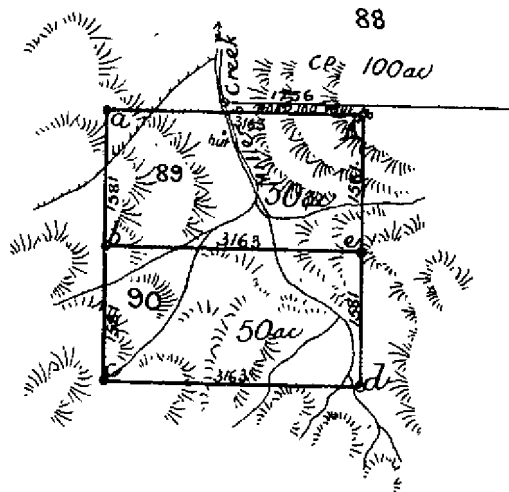
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Police Dis^t of Murrumbidgee

Con. Sales N° 78 32057

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Of portion 89 & 90 in the
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for by Rebecca Glass under the
13th & 21st clauses of the C.L.A. Act of 1861
CP N° 75 315 Portion 89
316 " 90



Portions N°s 89, 90 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus _____

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N° on Tree
a	69° 40'	Gum	32	89
b	147° 45'	Dry Gum	27	89 90
c	242° 45'	Dry Gum	31	90
d	328°	Dry Gum	13	90
e	291°	Box	17	89 90
f	101°	Dry Apple	60	89

(Signed) C.C. Gordon

Drawn by D Frost

Exa^d by ~~S. H. H.~~

(Sig. 805-4)

Date of Survey 18th Oct 1876

Improvements £16

(Signed) Edw^d S Wyndham

Licensed Surveyor

(Signed) Exa^d W.D.B.H.

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Can Sales N° 7832054

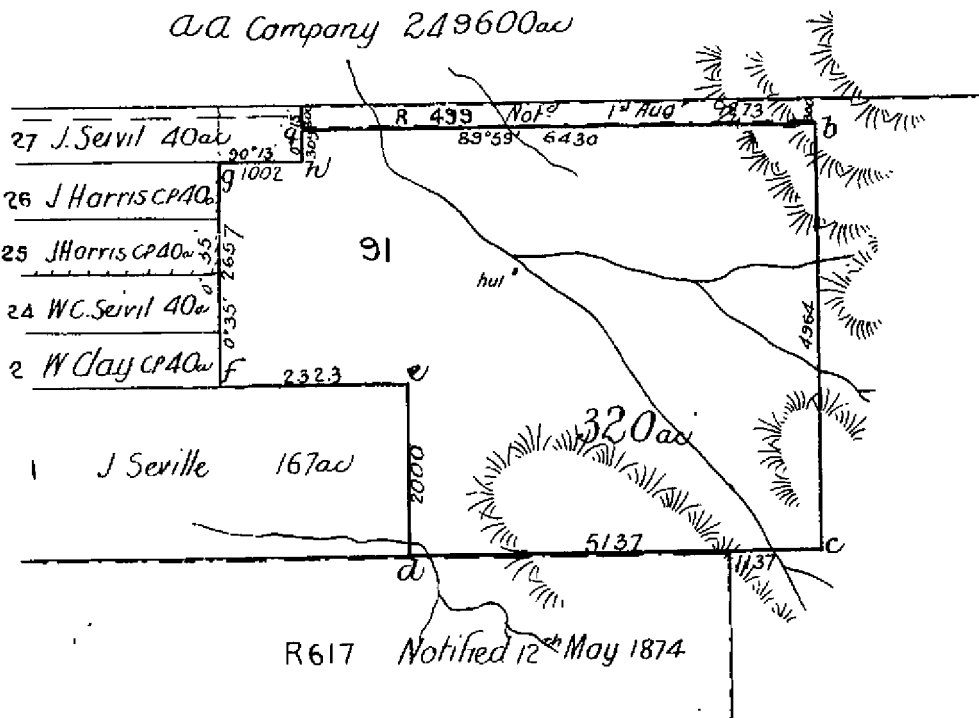
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Enclosure A to N° 25

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Of portion 91 in the
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for by John M° Intyre under the
13th clause of the CLA Act of 1861
CP N° 75. 256



Portion N° 91 edged Red on Original is edged on this Diagram thus _____

The Reserve coloured Green on Original is on this diagram edged thus - - - - -

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	Moan Tree
a	96° 15'	Box	88	91
b	64° 0'	do	8	
c	278° 0'	do	56	
d	184° 0'	Apple	60	
e	60° 0'	Box	23	
f	194° 10'	do	2	91
g	258° 0'	do	44	26.91
h	115° 0'	do	18	27.91

Date of Survey 21st Oct 1876

Improvements £20 Hut

(Signed) Edw^d S Windham

Licensed Surveyor

(Sig^d) H.M. Cluskey

Drawn by J. Frost
Exa^d by J. Frost

(Sig 805-5)

Enclosure A to N^o 29

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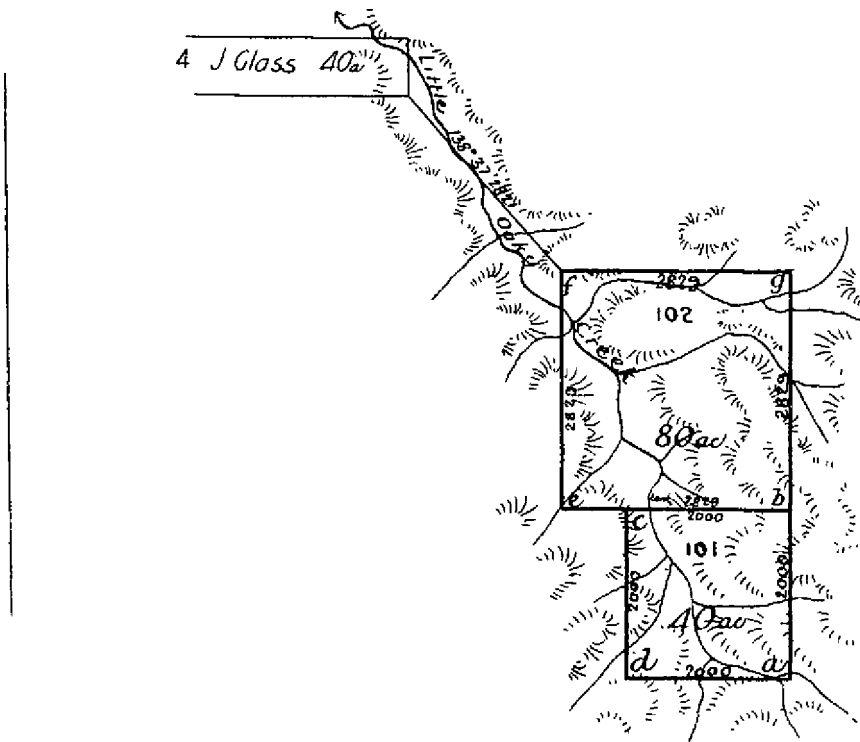
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Showing portions 101 & 102 in the
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for by J.A Martin under the
13th & 21st clauses of the CLA Act of 1861

CP N^o 76 67
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Portions N^{os} 101 & 102 edged Red on Original is edged on this Diagram thus _____

Exa^d
Sig^d JJC

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on Trise
a	205°	Oak	37	101
b	335°	Forest Oak	10	101, 102
c	307°	Sty bark	11	101
d	340°	Gum	10	101
e	273°	Sty bark	33	102
f	72° 30'	Gum	22	102
g	324°	Box	30	102
h	151° 20'	Gum	62	4

Date of Survey 3rd Nov^r 76
Value of Improvements £2
Signed Edw^d Wyndham

Licensed Surveyor

(Sig^d)
DWQ faster

Drawn by D Frost
Exa^d by E.A.M.

(Sig. 805-6)

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36 Enclosure A to N^o 36
Land Distⁿ Murrurundi

of 5 portions N^o 84. to 88
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 13th & 21st clauses of the Crown Lands Alienations Act of 1875 by
Henry Macfarlane Glass

Por. 84 C.P. 75.270, 24th June 75; Por. 85 C.P. 75.271, 24th June 1875

Por. 86 C.P. 75.272, 24th June 75; Por. 87 C.P. 75.273, 24th June 1875

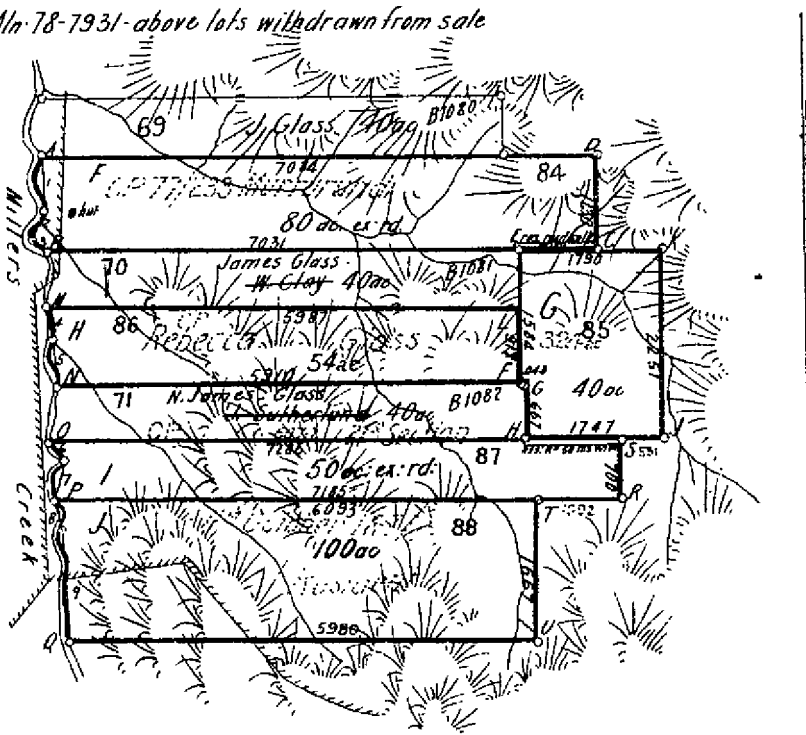
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Sale at Murrurundi 19th Dec^r 1877 postponed to 2nd Feb^r 1878

Country lots F. to J.

Portions 84 to 88

Vide Aln: 78-7931 - above lots withdrawn from sale



CP 75.270, 271, 272
273, 274 withdrawn
77, 32, 824 - C.S.

Note: Portions tinted Red and edged Red on original are on this Diagram edged with thick black line thus —

Information shown in pencil on original is on this Diagram shown thus N^o 67 C.P.

Reference to Corners

Cor.	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on tree
A	190° 10'	Yed. Box	41	69, 84
B	200° 41'	Gum	35	70, 84
C	71°	S th Bark	27	84
D	75°	Gum	50	84
E	101° 15'	Dry Box	29	70, 85
F	114°	Dry Box	28	85, 86
G	23° 5'	Box	50	71, 85
H	27° 55'	Box	37	71, 85
J	1° 0'	S th bark	17	85
K	91°	Forest Oak	65	85
L	183° 30'	Dry Gum	22	70, 86
M	146° 10'	Oak	77	70, 86
N	160° 20'	Oak	54	71, 86
O	29° 9'	Oak	63	71, 87
P	106°	Oak	31	87, 88
Q	293°	Dry Gum	19	88
R	59°	Dry Box	35	87
S	71°	Dry Box	27	87
T	56° 30'	Dry Gum	52	88
U	206°	Forest Oak	17	88

Reference to traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
1	173° 2'	615
2	202° 32'	405
3	133° 3'	210
4	168° 14'	345
5	179° 21'	578
6	134°	298
7	192° 55'	505
8	168° 57'	324
9	177° 50'	1550

Marked in accordance with regulations

Instrument used in Survey Theodolite

Date of Survey 12th to 14 Oct 1876

Value of Improvements £ 55.0.0.

Situated in the Millers Creek Run

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 27th Nov^r N^o 76/177

signed Edw^d S Wyndham

Licensed Surveyor

N^o 76/30
Sth of Corⁿ
Signed J.C.
24th Nov 1876

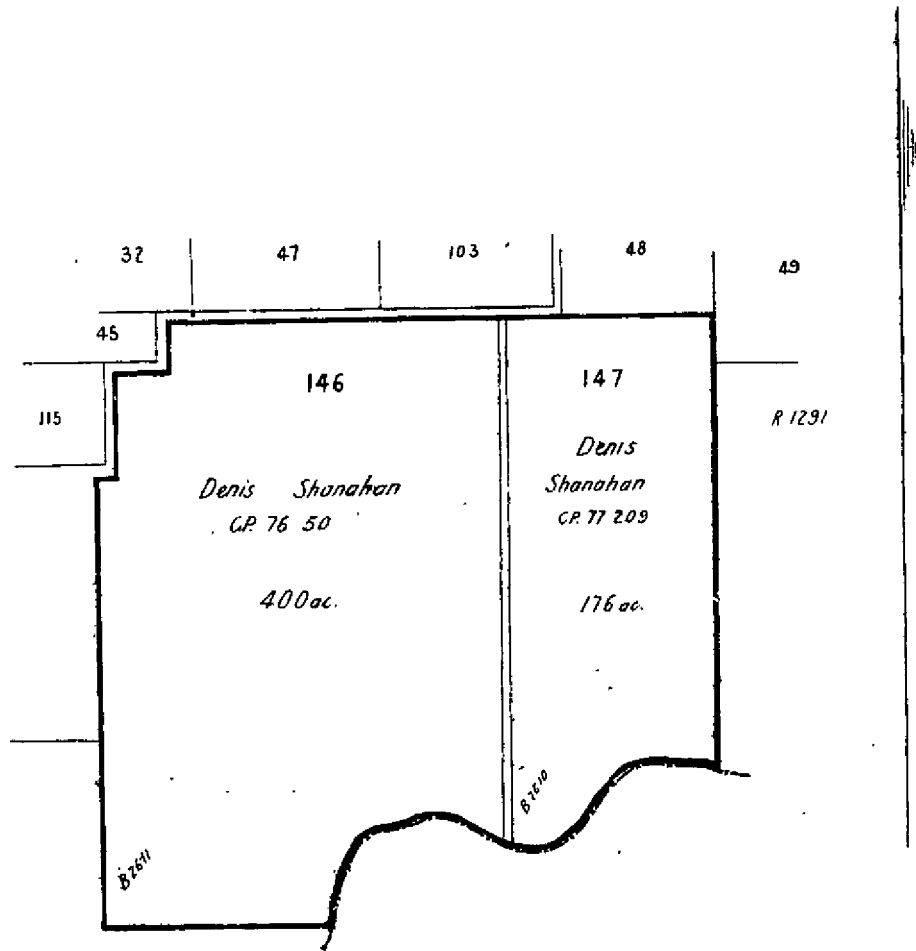
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Signed
Plan accepted
1.5.76
26.10.1877

Drawn by L. De Graaf
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A

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showing extent of D. Shanahan's C.P's



NOTE: The Portions N^{os} 146 & 147 edged Red on original are edged on this Diagram thus _____

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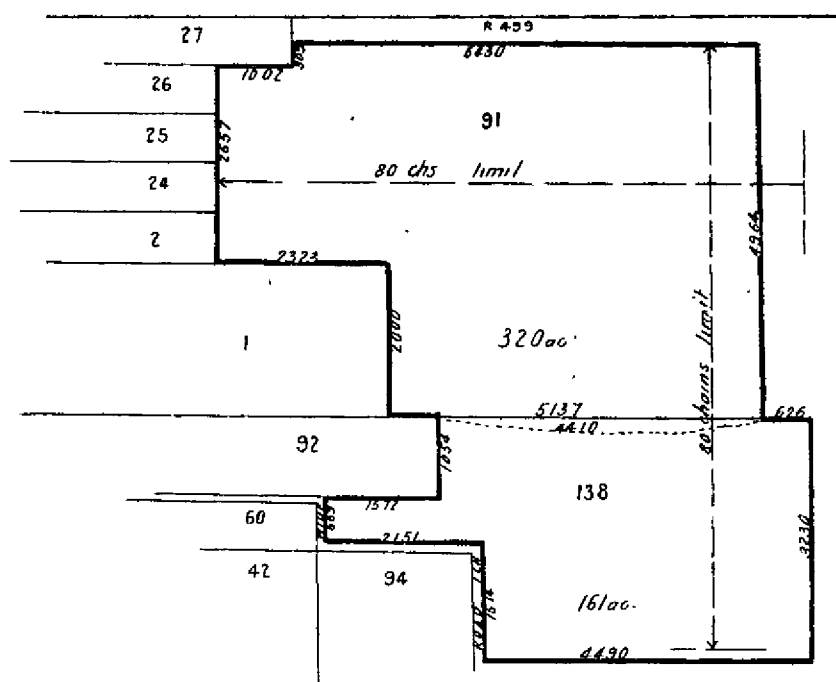
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B

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A.A Company 249600ac



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Diagram edged thus

Lines shown in red on original are on this Diagram shown

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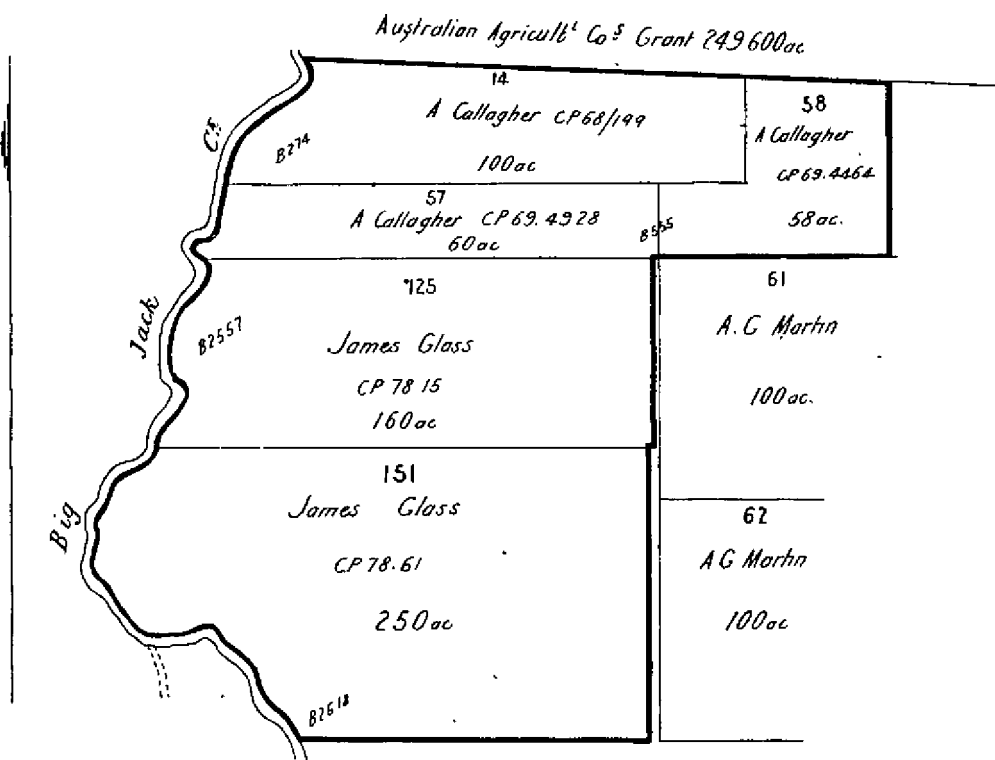
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Shewing extent of J Glass' C.P's



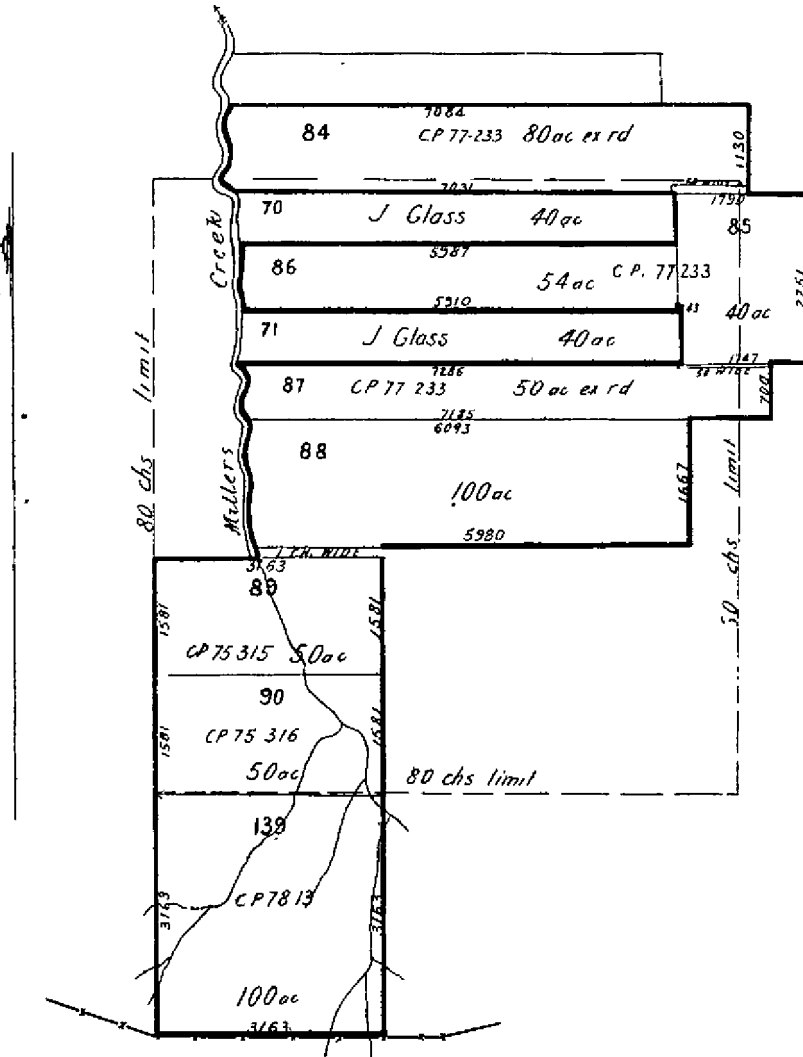
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*Drawn by
A. DeGrafto
Exp. by J. H. J.*

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NOTE Portions edged red on original are on this Diagram edged thus

Lines showing in Red on original are on this Diagram shown thus

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Drawn by
L. D. G. G. G.
1/12/27

(S16.805-11)

Alienation Branch
69 12326
Lands Department

Copy from
Plan

Enclosure No 2
Land Dist. Barrurundi

Of portion of land in the Parish of
Towdri
County of Buckland


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"Crown Lands Alienation Act" by
Richard Shanahan Jun^r

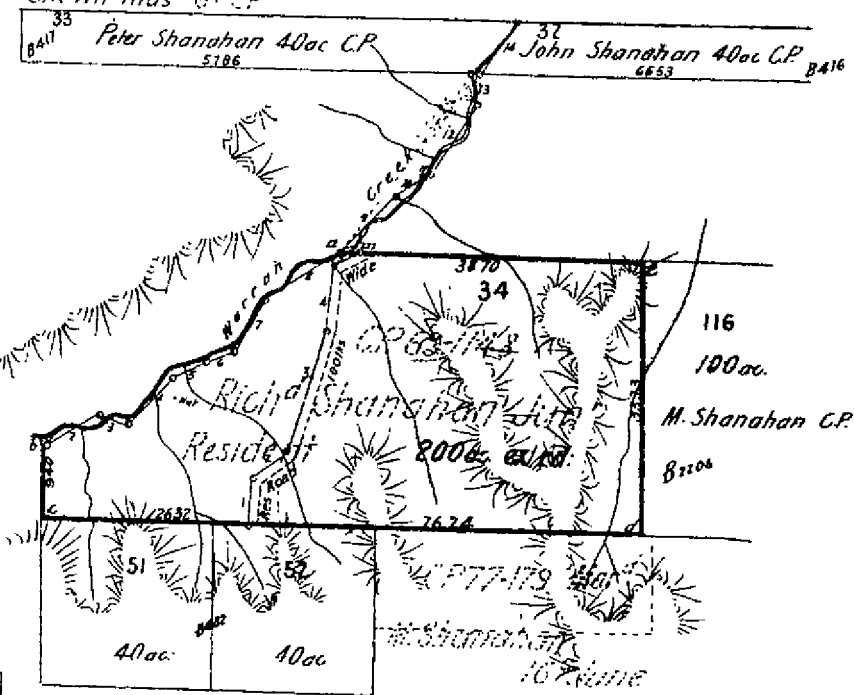
"Warrah Run"

"Liverpool Plains"

Note: Portion lined Red and edged Red on original is on this Diagram edged with thick black line thus 

Information shown in pencil on original is on this Diagram shown thus 

35 Peter Shanahan 40ac C.P. 5186
32 John Shanahan 40ac C.P. 6653



Traverse			
N ^o	Bearing	Distances	
1	121° 20'	0.97	
2	59° 45'	7.72	
3	96° 4'	4.05	
4	43° 58'	7.69	
5	59° 9'	4.87	
6	71° 38'	3.48	
7	32° 5'	7.36	
8	58° 4'	10.97	
9	43° 46'	9.68	
10	55° 7'	4.37	
11	87° 42'	1.00	
12	33° 36'	10.16	
13	356° 49'	3.42	
14	40° 8'	8.70	

Reference				
Cor	Bearing	From	L	On tree
a	355°	Apple	30	
b	306°	Forest Oak	21	34
c	90°	Gum	6	
d	204°	Gum	17	
e	126°	White Oak	12	

Road Traverse		
N ^o	Bearing	Dist
1	3° 47'	54.6
2	52° 48'	55.7
3	17° 48'	150.0
4	7° 15'	83.4
5	63° 55'	89.7

Instrument, Theodolite.
Date of Survey, Aug. 3 1869
Marked in accordance with
the regulations

John Shanahan Jun^r
Surveyor
1869

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter,
No 69-37. Oct 5 1869

Signed Edw. S. Wyndham

Licensed Surveyor

B418.1788

(Sig. 805-12)

Drawn by
L. Deloraine
Et. by S. J. S.

Allⁿ 14512.1869

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PLAN

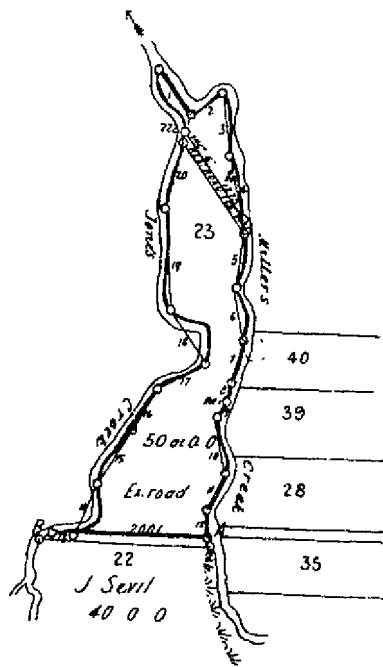
Enclosure to N^o 2

of a portion of Land in the Parish of
Yarrimanbat
County of **Buckland**
Applied for as a Conditional Purchase under the 13th
sections of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act" by
John Hall

Boobadilt Run

Cancelled by B611. and B612. and may remain with papers

Liverpool Plains



Scale, 20 chains to an inch
Instrument, Theodolite
Date of Survey, Sept 29. 1869
Marked in accordance with
the regulations

NOTE: Portion N^o 23 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus _____

Traverse					Reference						
Line	Bearing	Links	Line	Bearing	Links	Cor	Bearing	From	Links	On	Tree
1	144° 51'	687	11	208° 52'	480						
2	55° 46'	498	12	161° 33'	379	A	136° 30'	Apple	72	23	
3	172° 3'	744	13	275° 53'	289	B	5° 30'	do	39	23	
4	166° 29'	963	14	202° 51'	710						
5	187° 22'	667	15	208° 34'	784						
6	168° 48'	588	16	218° 2'	663						
7	173° 31'	547	17	244° 18'	696						
8	179° 33'	244	18	183° 32'	776						
9	210° 13'	213	19	176° 2'	1244						
10	170° 9'	662	20	194° 71'	1155						

Drawn by
L. DeGloria
Exp. by [Signature]

Transmitted to the Surveyor-General
with my letter, N^o 69-36
Nov^r 24th 1869

Nov 69-14
Paid for B612
Signed [Signature]

Signed Edw^d S. Wyndham
Licensed Surveyor

(Sig. 805-13)

Alienation Branch
69 3178
Lands Department

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Plan

Enclosure to N^o 3
Land Dist^o of Murrumbidgee

of 50 acres of land being Portion N^o 28

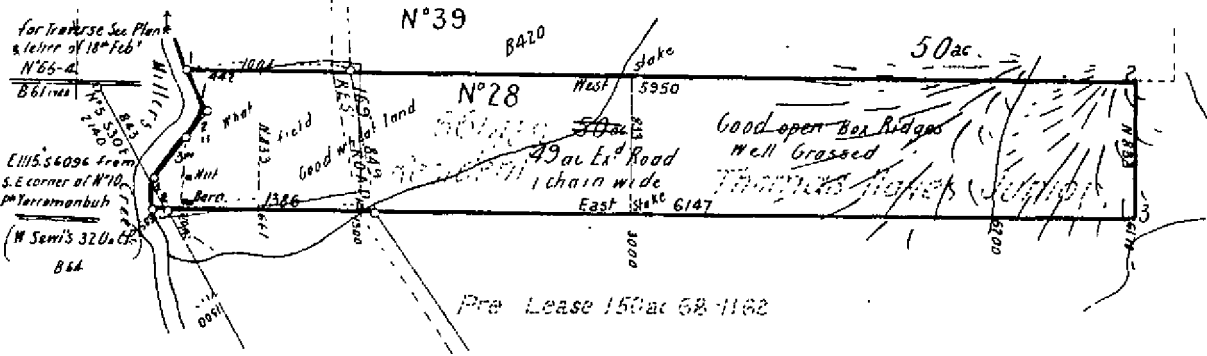
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland N S W

Purchased under section 13th of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by

Thomas Hayes J^r on 1st February 1866

SCALE
0 50 100 Chs
For Res Road Sec S B Vol 10 folio 105

Theodolite used, and Survey completed Feb^r 1869
Thomas Hayes J^r a bona fide Resident
Improvements Hut. Barn Wheat field Value £45



Note: Portion tinted Red and edged Red on original is on this Diagram edged with thick black line thus—

Information shewn in pencil on original is on this Diagram shewn thus N° 27-CP

Drawn by L. Dell'Orallo
Ex. & by 25. 77-27.

Signed F. W. Darby
26 June 1869
Signed 11th June 1869

Traverse

N ^o	Bearing	Dist	N.	S.	E.	W.
1	S 25° 52' E	281	.	258	108	.
2	S 42° 10' W	200	.	148	.	134
3	S 40° 45' W	300	.	227	.	136
4	S 1° E	200	.	200	003	.
				833	111	330
						111
				833	.	219

Corners

N ^o	Bearing	from	Lks	N ^o on 2nd
1	S 9° E	Apple Tree	33	28
2	S 72° 40' W	Box Sap	15	.
3	S 43° 24' E	Box Tree	40	.
4	S 89° 30' W	Apple Tree	27	.

Note. This portion of Land has been measured and marked out under letter Dated July 23rd 1866-868 in strict accordance with the Surveyor Generals Instructions for marking

Transmitted with my letter 69/12 dated March 17th 1869 Murrurundi

Signed F. W. Darby
(Sig. 805-14) signed F. W. W. 69-5

B 332.1788

Alienation Branch
70-13810
Lands Department

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Amended Plan
of a portion of Land in the Parish of
Yarrimanbah
County of Buckland

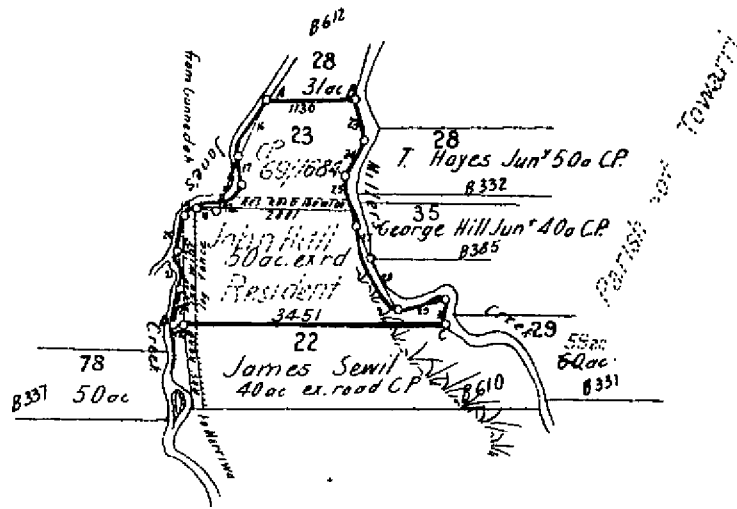
Land Dist^t Murrumbidgee
Enclosure to N^o 15

Applied for as a Conditional Purchase under the 13th section of the "Crown Land Act" by
John Hall

Cancels plan by 69-14512 with papers

"Boobadil Run"

"Liverpool Plains"



Note: Portion tinted and edged Red on original is on this Diagram

edged with thick black line thus

Information shewn in pencil on original is on this Diagram

shewn thus

Traverse		
N ^o	Bearing	Distance
16	207° 40'	776
17	172° 12' below	349
18	275° 55'	289
19	236° 18'	180
20	188° 35'	475
21	173° 30'	432
22	154° 40'	462
23	162° 37'	527
24	208° 52'	480
25	167° 33'	636
27	160° 34'	391
28	147° 16'	718
29	78° 27'	629
30	184° 20'	305
17	170° 13'	361
17a	228° 32'	450

Reference				
Cor	Bearing	From	L	On tree
A	194°	Apple	6	23 28
B	118°	White Box	55	23. 28
C	110°	Apple	44	22. 23
D	152° 30'		26	22 23

Instrument, Theodolite

Date of Survey, October 6th 1870

Marked in accordance with the regulations

Improvements £ 4 0 0

EX-101-10124
NOV 10 1870
T. F. C.
S. W. W.

Road paid for on Nov 10 70
Can & Plan No. 69/114
passed subject to
surcharge signed A.J.
6th July

Drawn by L. DelGratto
Ex^{ty} by

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter, N^o 70-124 Nov^o 10 1870

signed Edw^o S. Wyndham

Licensed Surveyor

(Sig. 805-15)

B611.1788

Alienation Branch
12862/1869
Lands Department

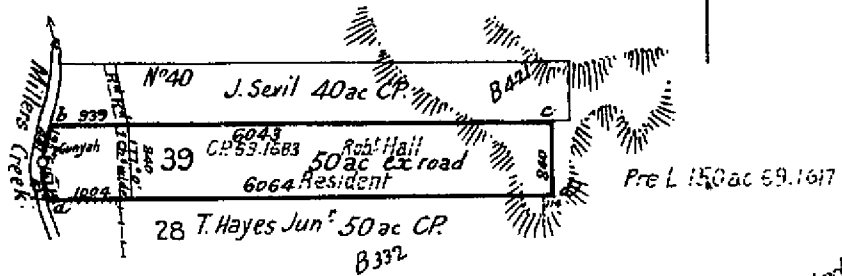
Murrumbidgee
Enclosure to N^o 2

Copy of Plan
of Portion N^o 39
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for as a Conditional Purchase under the 13th section of the C.L.A. Act of 1861 by
Robert Hall.

Boobadil Run

Liverpool Plains



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bearing	From	Lks	N ^o on tree
a		Peg of former Survey	No tree near	
b	240° 0'	Apple	11	39.40
c	145° 0'	White Box	35	39
d	134° 0'	do	30	39

Area exd & Charted
13th Nov 1869
signed H. A. A.
signed T. H. L.
15th Nov 1869

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey Oct^r 4th 1869.

NOTE Portion N^o 39 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shewn by thick black line thus _____
Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken lettering thus - Note
Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter N^o 69.48. Oct^r 20th 1869.

(Signed) Edward S. Wyndham

Lic: Surveyor

Cat N^o B420.1788.

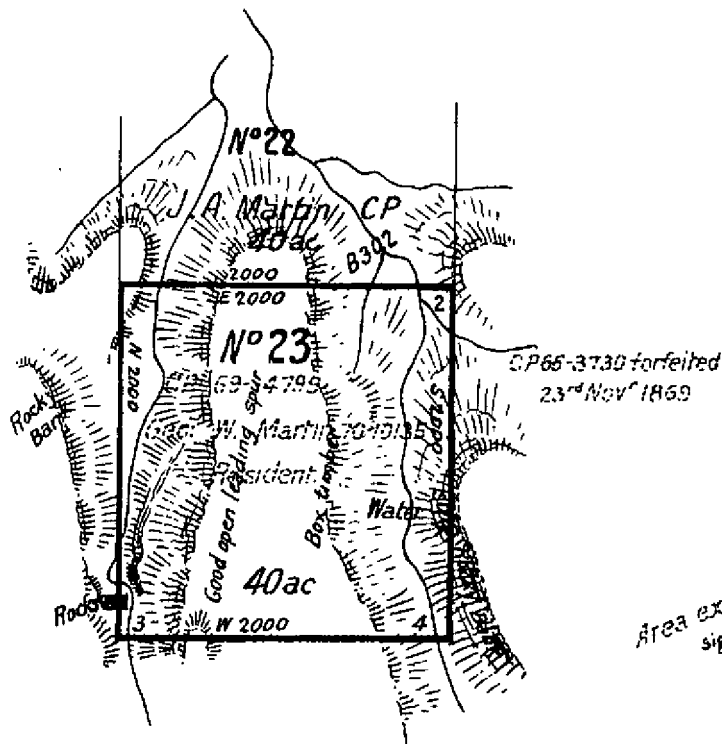
Drawn J Richardson
Exam^d *[Signature]*

(Sig. 805-16)

69.12
signed H.A.A.

Copy of Plan
of 40 acres of land being portion N^o 23 in the
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland
N. S. W

Purchased under Section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by
George Willisbro Martin on 18th Oct^r 66.



Area exd & charted
signed H.A.A.
18th Feb^r 69
signed T.H.L.
24th Feb^r 69

Reference to Corners

Cor	Bearing	From	Lks	N ^o on Tree
1	S36°30'W	Box	24	22.23
2	S8°30'W	SE th BK	21 3/4	" "
3	S50°30'E	Red Gum	3 1/4	23
4	N72°W	Oak	54	"

By G.S.G. 1867
H.S. 1868
G.S. 1869
H.S. 1870

Scale 10 Chains to an Inch

Marked in accordance with regulations under letter N^o 66/587 of Dec^r 29th 1866

Instrument used in Survey Theodolite

Date of Survey Dec^r 1868.

Value of Improvements, Nil

Note Portion N^o 23 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shewn by thick Black line thus _____

Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken lettering thus - Note

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter dated Jan^y 7th 1869, N^o 69/3

(signed) F.W. Darby

Lic^d Surveyor

Cat N^o B303. 1788.

Drawn J Richardson

Exam^d E.H.H.

Note- This Portion of land has been measured and marked out under Letter N^o 66-587 dated 29th Dec^r 1866 in strict accordance with the Surveyor Generals instructions for marking

G.W Martin a non Resident

(Sig 805-17) 69-A
signed H.A.A.

Alienation Branch
1340/1870
Lands Department

Murrumbidgee

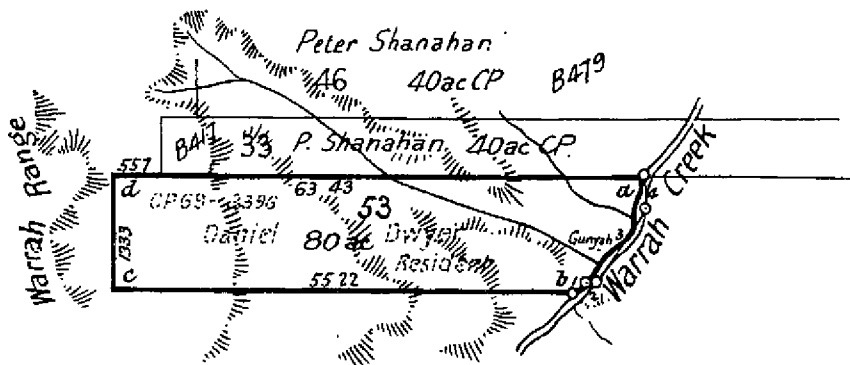
Enclosure B to N^o 3

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of Portion N^o 53
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for as a Conditional Purchase under the 13th Section of the C.L.A. Act of 1861 by
Daniel Dwyer

Warrah Run.

Liverpool Plains



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^s	From	Lks	N ^o on tree
a	136°	Gum	40	33.53
b	40°	Apple	24	53
c	305°	For ^t Oak	26	53
d	29°	Apple	21	53

Ref^{ce} to Traverse

N ^o	Bearing	Distance
1	50° 50'	226
2	87° 42'	100
3	33° 36'	1016
4	356° 49'	342

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey Dec^r 11th 1869
Value of Improvements Nil

Exam^d & Charted
signed T.F.C.
27th APRIL 70
signed T.H.L.
2nd MAY 70

Note Portion N^o 53 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shewn by thick Black line, thus _____
Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken lettering thus - Note
Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter N^o 70/12 Jan^y 29th 70.

signed Edward S Wyndham
Lic Surveyor

Cat N^o B483.1788.

Drawn J Richardson
Exam^d E. J. J. (sig. 805-18)

SEP 10 70-2
signed T.F.C.

Alienation Branch 1337/
Lands Department /1870

Enclosure to N^o 2.
Land Dist^o of Murrumbidgee

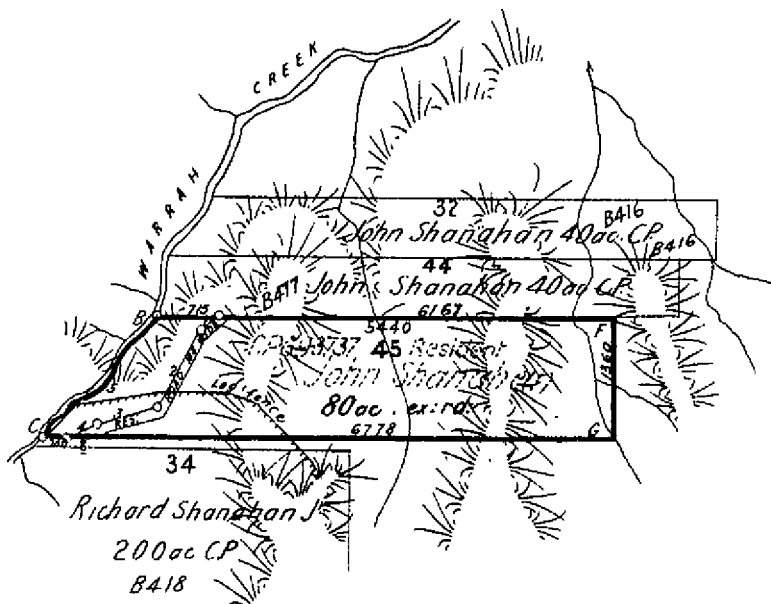
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of a portion of Land in the Parish of
Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for as a Conditional Purchase under the 13th section of the "Crown Land Act" by John Shanahan

Warrah Run

Liverpool Plains



Note Portion lined Red and edged Red on original is on this Diagram edged with thick black line thus —

Information shewn in penalon original is on this Diagram shewn thus N^o 67CP

Traverse		
N ^o	Bearing	Length
1	233° 18'	272
2	211° 32'	949
3	252° 15'	764
4	247° 38'	397
5	44° 32'	1908

Reference				
Cor.	Bearing	From	L	On tree
b	228°	Gum	41	42 45
s	347°	Gum	24	45
f	186°	Yellow Box	6	45
g	135°	Apple	17	45

Instrument, Theodolite
Date of Survey, Dec 1st 1869
Marked in accordance with the regulations
Improvements 120 rod log fence (interior) £ 9

Transmitted to the Surveyor-General with my letter, N^o 70-9 Jan^r 29 1870
Signed Edw^d S Wyndham
Licensed Surveyor

(Sig. 805-19)

Drawn by L. DelGratto
Ex^d by E. J. S.

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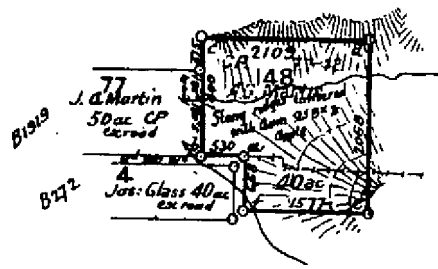
Conditional Sales
79/16265
Dept of Lands

Murrumbidgee
Enclosure A to N^o 3

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 148.
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by
Alex^r G Martin

CP. 77.42 Feb^y. 15th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^g	From	Lks	N ^o on tree
a	95° 3'	Gum	24	148
b	284° 56'	SH BK	54	77.148
c	187° 30'	Gum	27	148
d	336° 3'	Pep ^t	30	"
e	157° 41'	Apple	10	"
f	356° 8'	SH BK	14 1/2	"

Scale 20 chains to an Inch

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey 26th May 1879
Value of Improvements Fencing (5 wire) £15.0.0
Situating in the Warrah Run

NOTE Portion N^o 148 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shewn by thick Black line thus
Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken lettering thus - Note

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 10th June N^o 79/88.

signed J. M. Kelly

Lic: Surveyor

Cat N^o B2609.1788.

Drawn J. Richardson
Exam^d S. J. J.

Plan accepted
11th Feb^y 1880 signed W.D.A.

A1^o 79-15
signed SEP
signed W.D.A.
signed C.L.G.

(Sig. 805-20)

Conditional sales
79/26261
Dep^t of Lands

Murrurundi

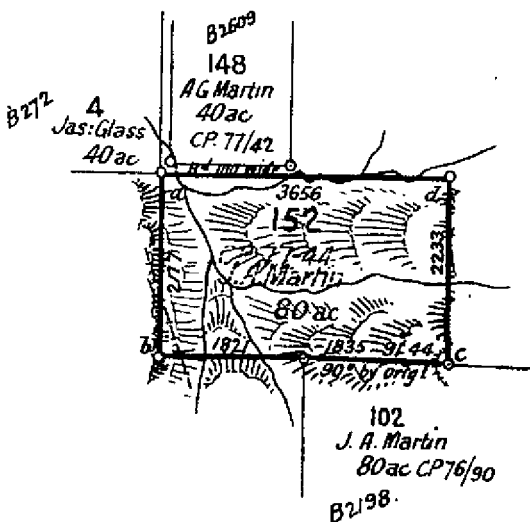
Enclosure A to N^o 3

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 152
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by

John A Martin

CP 77.44 Feb^y 15th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bearing	From	Lks	No on tree
a	152° 30'	Gum	62	4. 152
b	208° 40'	Yell ^o Box	55	152
c	157° 30'	.	8	"
d	347° 45'	Apple	28	"

Scale 20 chains to an Inch

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite

Date of Survey 4th June 1879

Value of Improvements Fencing £5.0.0

Situated in the Warrah Run

Area excl^d & Charted
signed C.L.C.

NOTE Portion N^o 152 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shewn by thick Black line thus _____
Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken letter thus - Note
Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 10th June N^o 79/84.

Cat N^o B2607.1788.

signed J. M. Kelly

Licensed Surveyor.

Drawn J. Richardson
Exam^d *[Signature]*
(Sig. 805-21)

Plan accepted
Feb^y 1880 signed W.D.A.

At 79/15
SEP
signed W.D.A.

Enclosure A to N^o 5.

Cat. N^o B2590.1788

Land District of Murrumbidgee

C. S. N^o
80.18347

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Showing portions 140 to 142 in the
Parish of Towarrri

County of Buckland

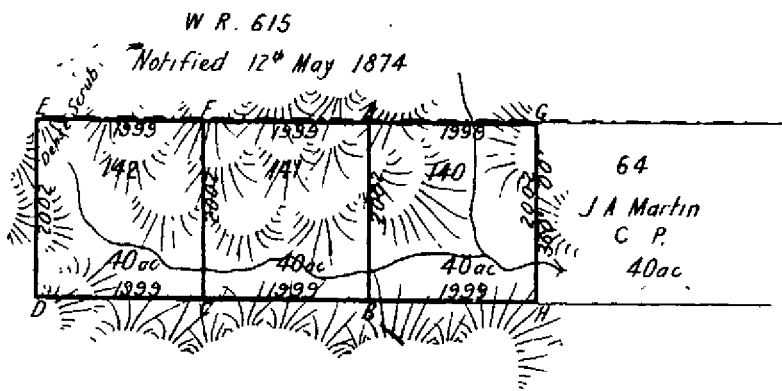
Scale 20 Chains to an Inch

Applied for by A. J. Martin under the 21st clause of C. L. A. Act of 1861

Portion 140 CP N^o 77-49- 22nd February

142 77-175 26th July

141 77-166 13th July



NOTE The portions N^{os} 140, 141, 142 edged Red on original are edged on this Diagram thus
The Reserve edged Green on original is on this Diagram edged thus

CP
TRACING BRANCH
Signed S. G. O.
W. H. M. L. 20th Aug 80

Reference to Corners				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	No on Tree
A	34.3° 4'	St ^h bark	23	140 141
B	31.9° 0'	Apple	33	" "
C	53° 30'	Gum	11 1/2	141 142
D	219° 51'	"	42	142
E	173° 10'	"	14	"
F	219° 45'	"	25	141 142
G	335° 43'	"	10	64, 142
H	60° 30'	"	15	142

Date of Survey 1st & 2nd May
Value of Improvements Nil
(Signed) J M Kelly

Licensed Surveyor
Ex^d W. D. B. H. (Sig. 805-22)

Drawn by
I. DeGore
Ex^d by M. Walsh

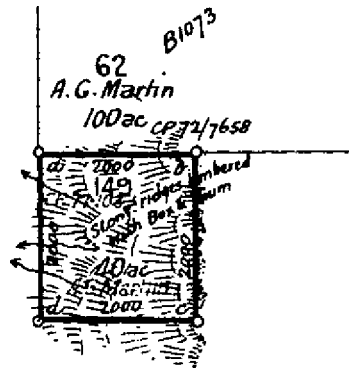
Conditional Sales
79/26264
Dep^t of Lands

Murrumbidgee
Enclosure A to N^o 3.

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 149.
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by

Alex G Martin
CP 77.103 April 19th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^g	From	Lks	N ^o of Area
a	238° 0'	Box	41	62.149
b	317° 0'	"	80	" "
c	130° 57'	"	22	149
d	103° 46'	"	28½	"

Marked in accordance with Regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey 26th May 79
Value of Improvements Nil
Situating in the Warrah Run

Area 238⁰ 0' Charted
Signed C.L.C.

NOTE Portion N^o 149 edged Pink on the Original is on this Diagram shown by thick Black line, thus Information in pencil on original is on this Diagram shown by broken lettering thus - Note Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of 10th June N^o 79/87

signed J.M. Kelly
Lic^d Surveyor

Cat. N^o B2608 1788

Drawn J Richardson
Exam^d

Plan accepted
11th Feb^r 1880. Signed W.O.A.

(Sig. 805-23)

11th 79-15
Sig^d W.O.A.
Sig^d C.L.C.

Conv Sales N^o 79
Land Department 32035

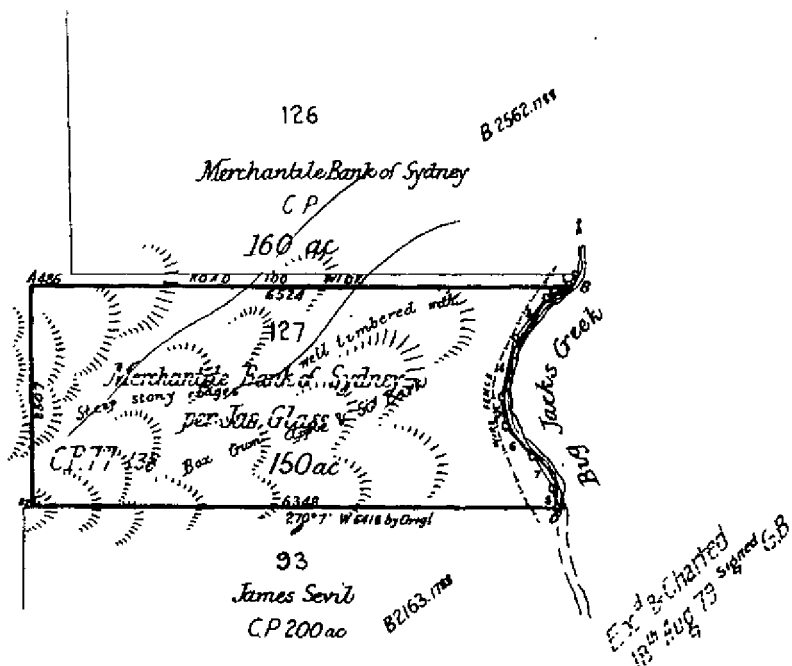
Enclosure A to N^o 2
Murrumbidgee

Copy of
Amended Plan
of 1 portion N^o 127
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by
Mercantile Bank of Sydney

per Jas Glass
Reserve 616 cancelled Jan^y 5th 1878
CP 77138 May 31st 1877

This plan cancels Portion 127 as shown on B 2562 1788



Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	ft on Tree
A	113° 40'	Sty Bark	27	127
B	263° 11'	Apple	33	127
C	175° 10'	Box	24	127
D	84° 47'	Apple	26	93, 127

Reference to Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
2	245° 15'	287
3	218° 44'	573
4	154° 38'	690
5	173° 29'	351
6	138° 56'	480
7	142° 25'	400
8	176° 11'	260
1	154° 1'	103

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey Nov^r 22nd & 23rd 1878
Value of Improvements fencing & 15 Ring £16.
Situate in the Warrabah Run

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my Letter 1st July N^o 3/106

Signed J. M. Kelly
Licensed Surveyor

Cat N^o B. 2598 1788

Note Portion N^o 127 tinted red and edged red on Original is on this Diagram edged with a thick Black line thus Information in pencil on Original is on this Diagram shown in the following Character. Ex² & Overed

Drawn by H. Saville

Examined by E. J. J.

Plan accepted
Signed T. H. L.
27th Sept: 1879

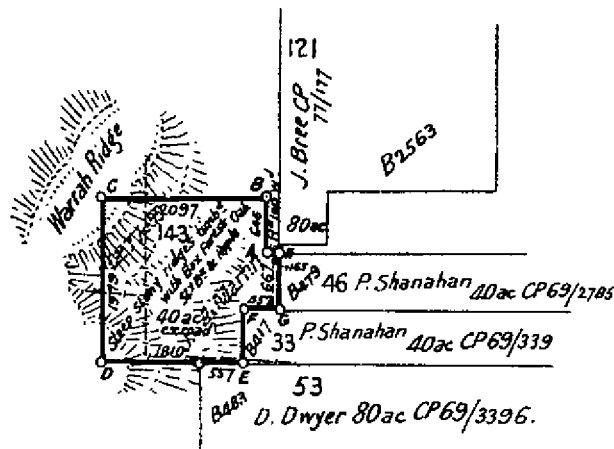
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Signed T. H. L. Sep
1879

Conditional Sales
79/24831
Dep^t of Lands

Murrumbidgee

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 143
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by
John A Martin
CP. 77. 159 July 12th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^g	From	Lks	N ^o on Tree
A	173° 35'	S ^W B ^K	19	143
B	65° 0'	Oak	27½	"
C	74° 27'	S ^W B ^K	25	"
D	284° 12'	"	27½	"
E	90° 0'	"		33. 143
F	117° 0'	"	20	" "
G	180° 0'	Apple	13	46. 143
H	173° 0'	Oak	18	" "

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey 5th May 1879
Value of Improvements Fencing £8.0.0.
Situating in the Warrah Run

Area and Rect^g
signed C.L.C.

NOTE Portion N^o 143 edged Pink on Original, is on this Diagram shewn by thick Black line thus _____
Information in pencil on original is shewn on this Diagram by broken lettering thus: _____
Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 30th May N^o 79/80

Cat N^o B 2614. 1788

(signed) J. M. Kelly

Lic: Surveyor

(Sig. 805-25)

Drawn J Richardson
Exam'd *[Signature]*

Plan accepted
31st May 80 Signed W.D.A

At 79. 13
Signed
Signed W.D.A
Signed C.L.C.

Enclosure A to N^o 4

Cat N^o B2615.1788
 Cond^l Sales N^o 80.18352

Land District of Murrumbidgee

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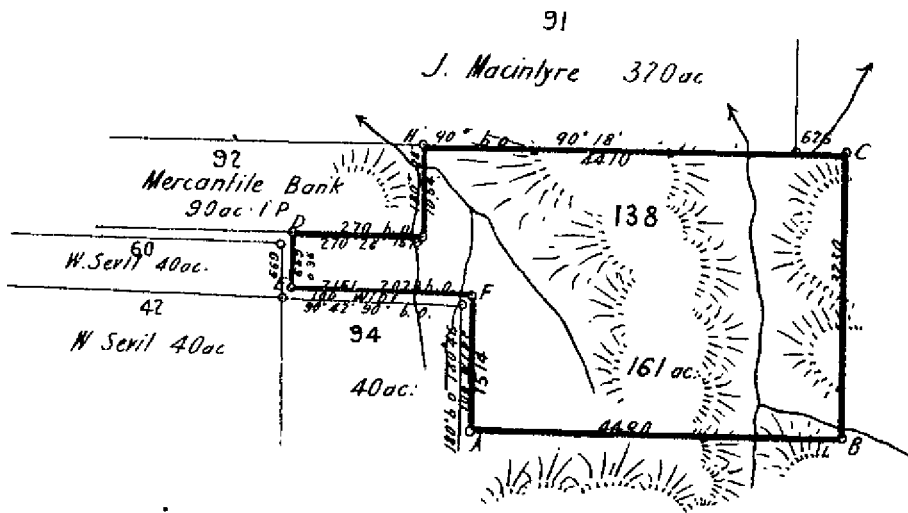
Showing portion 138 in the Parish of
 Towarri

County of Buckland

Scale 20 Chains to an Inch

Applied for by John Macintyre under the 22nd clause of the C.L.A Act of 1861

C.P N^o 77, 202. 6th Sept



C. P.
 TRACING BRANCH
 S. G. O.
 Signed
 W. H. M. L. 16. Oct 80

Reference to Corners				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	Metres
A	220° 54'	St. J. Bank	50	138
B	68° 35'	"	20	"
C	6° 13'	Box	179	"
D	220° 00'	Ded. Box	16	"
E	4° 00'	Box	19	"
F	270° 10'	"	30	"
G	168° 31'	"	43	92.138
H	70° 5'	"	7	"

Date of Survey 23rd Apl 1879

Value of Improvements Nil

(Signed) J M Kelly

Licensed Surveyor

Ex^d W.D.B.H

(Sig 805-26)

Drawn by
 I. Dalgarno
 Ex^d by J.M.K.

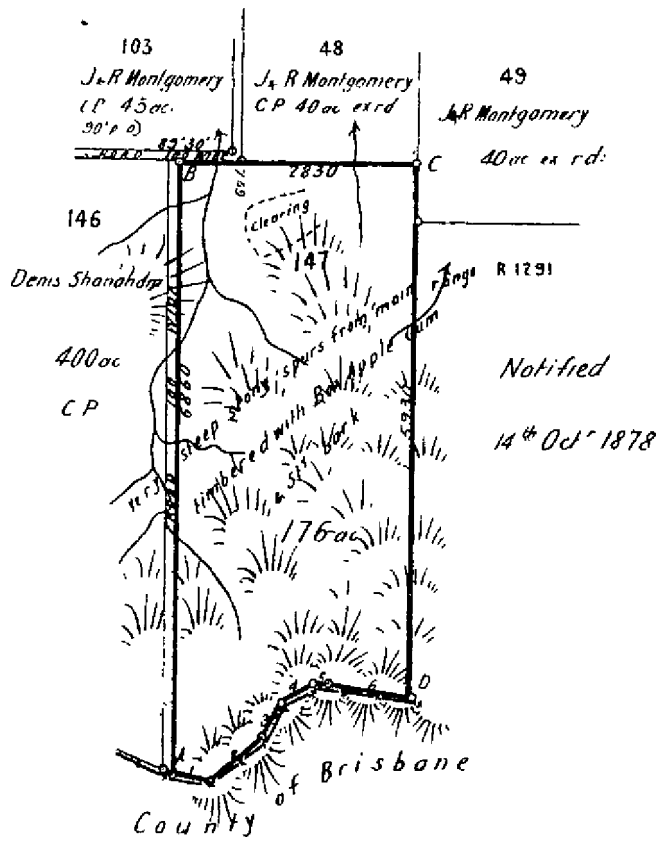
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Cat N° B 2610 1788
 Com^l. Sales N°
 80 18355

Enclosure to N°3.
 Land District of Murrumbidgee

Copy from tracing
 of portion 147 in the
 Parish of Towarri
 County of Buckland
 Scale 20 chains to an Inch

Applied for by Denis Shanahan 21st clause of the CLA Act of 1861
 CP N° 77709 Por 147 13th Sep^r



Note: Portion N°147 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus

Reference to Corners				
Cor	Bearing	From	Links	N° entered
A	109° 22'	Gum	25	147
B	330°	St ^o bark	50	.
C	176°	Gum	9	48.147
D	111° 50'		91	147

C R
 TRACING BRANCH
 Signed W H L G 3rd June 81

Reference to Traverse		
N°	Bearing	Links
1	98° 57'	479
2	50° 15'	786
3	27° 47'	443
4	58° 19'	475
5	95° 30'	172
6	97° 37'	974

Date of Survey 22nd Apl 1879
 Improvements £25
 (Signed) J. M. Kelly

Drawn by
 L. Deane
 Ex^d by S. H. B.

R E

licensed Surveyor

(Sig. 805-27)

Ex^d W D B H

Enclosure A to N^o 7

Cat N^o B2591.1788

Land District of Murrumbidgee

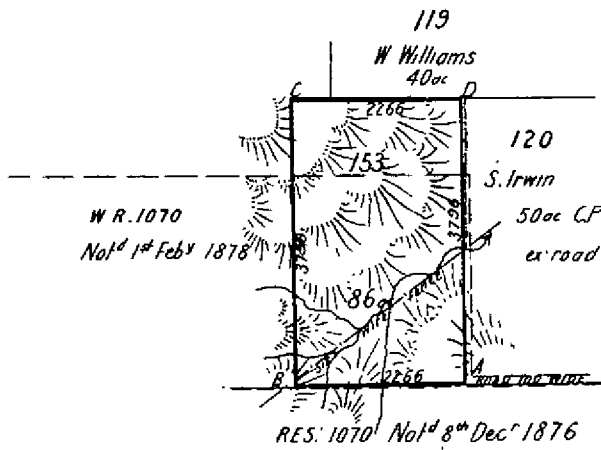
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Showing portion 153 in the
Parish of Narramanbakh
County of Buckland

Applied for by Samuel Irwin. under the 21st clause of
the C.L.A Act of 1861

CPN77-210 Sep^r 13th



C P
TRACING BRANCH
Signed S. G. O
R. H. M. L. 23rd Dec^r 80

Reference to Corners				
Corn	Bearing	From	Links	From tree
A	17° 35'	Box	22	120 153
B	340° 20'	"	26½	153
C	346° 39'	St ^r Bark	54½	"
D	70° 35'	"	54	120 53

Date of Survey 28th March 1879
Value of Improvements Fencing L20
(Signed) J M Kelly

Licensed Surveyor

Drawn by
L. DeGorelle
Exp^d by 2007

NOTE: Portion N^o 153 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus
The Reserve edged Green on original is on this Diagram edged thus

F. W. D. B. H.
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Enclosure A to N^o 3.

Cat N^o B2589 1788

Con Sales N^o

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Land District of Murrumbidgee

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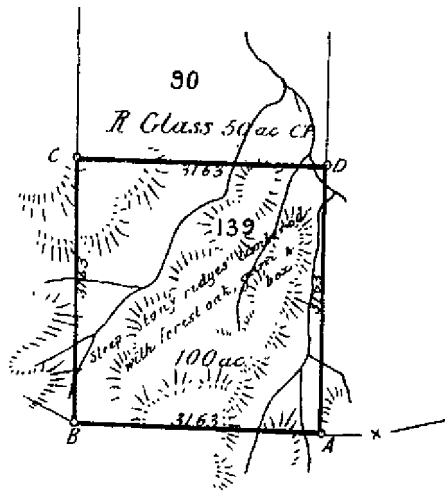
Parish of Towarru

County of Buckland

Scale 20 Chains to an inch.

Applied for by John McMullen under the 21st clause of the
C.L.A. Act of 1861

C.P. 78/13. 28th Feb 79



Co
of
Brisbane

NOTE Portion N^o 139 edged Red on original is edged on this Diagram thus

Reference to Corners				
Cor	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o in lot
A	285° 00'	Oak	15	139
B	60° 00'	-	54	"
C	142° 45'	Dec ^d gum	31	90 139
D	328° 00'	"	13	"

M. C. de Gyulay

Drawn by
L. D. C. 16/10/79
Exd by 20/10/79

(Sig 805-30)

C P
TRACING BRANCH
Signed G. O.
W. H. M. L. 22nd Sep 1880

Date of Survey, 25th April 1879
Improvements, Nil
(Signed) J. M. Kelly

Licensed Surveyor
Ex^d M. D. B. H.

Enclosure to N^o 2.

Conditional Sales
79/
26267
Department of Lands

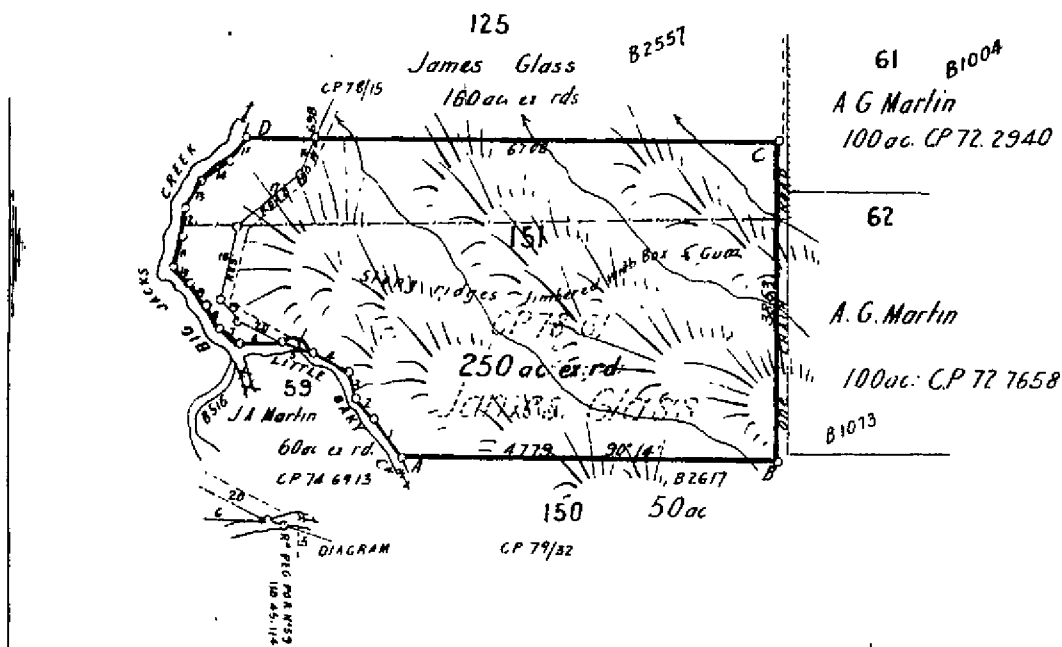
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Land Dist^o of Murrumbidgee

of 1 portion N^o 151
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1881 by
James Glass
C.P. 78 61 June 6th

Cancels B1920 1788



Note: Portion hatched and edged Red on original is on this Diagram edged with thick black thus —

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Reference to Corners

Cor	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on tree
A	358° 30'	S1 st Bark	11	151
B	233° 27'	Box	57	"
C	58° 50'	"	31	"
D	360° 0'	Gum	"	125 151

Plan accepted
subject to approval
14th Oct 1880
Approved by Sec^r for Lands
7. 12. 80
Signed W. D. A.
15th Dec.

Reference to Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
1	144° 3'	645
2	139° 47'	304
3	167° 27'	291
4	114° 16'	539
5	110° 48'	412
6	90° 22'	548
7	122° 34'	291
8	149° 37'	332
9	142° 16'	315
10	132° 44'	291
11	146° 12'	419
12	181° 43'	318
13	210° 34'	398
14	235° 19'	418
15	221° 9'	341
16	205° 25'	462
17	231° 17'	1001
18	194° 21'	895
19	137° 8'	330
20	118° 45'	608

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey, Theodolite
Date of Survey, 30th May 179
Value of Improvements, Fencing £40 0. 0th
Sited in the Warrak Run

Drawn by L. DeGratta
Ex^d by *[Signature]*
(Sig 805-31)

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of 10th June N^o 7/9/90

B2618. 1788

Signed J. M. Kelly
Licensed Surveyor

Nov 79 15
Sep
Res^d Road 1880
Signed C. J. R.
Signed W. D. A.

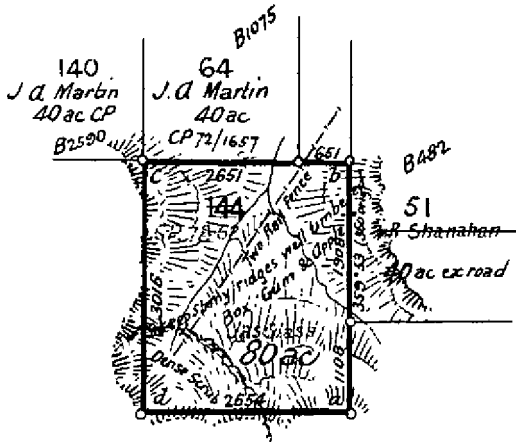
Conditional Sales
79/26266.
Dept of Lands

Enclosure to N^o 2.
Murrumbidgee

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 144.
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by
James Glass

CP 78.62 June 13th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^g	From	Lks	N ^o on Tree
a	349° 0'	Jel Box	48	144
b	119° 13'	Oak	12	"
c	60° 30'	Gum	15	64, 140, 144
d	298° 50'	Cedar	29	144

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey, Theodolite
Date of Survey, 6th May 79

Value of Improvements, Fencing £25.0.0
Situatd in the Warrah Run

Area estd & Charted
Signed J. M. Kelly

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Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 10th June N^o 79/89

(Signed) J. M. Kelly
Lic Surveyor

Cat N^o B2613.1788

Drawn J. Richardson
Exam^d E. A. F. 7

Plan accepted
29th July 1880 Signed W.D.A.

(Sig. 805-32)

You 79-15
Sep W.D.A.
Signed

Conditional Sales
79/26263
Dept of Lands.

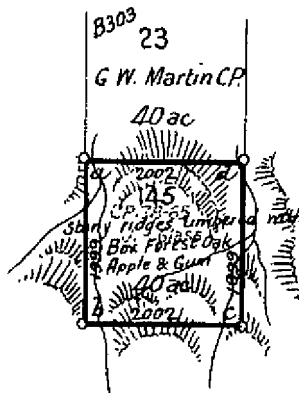
Enclosure A to N^o 4
Murrumbidgee

Copy of Plan
of 1 Portion N^o 145
Parish of Towarri
County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861 by

James Glass

CP 78.65 June 20th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bear ^g	From	Lks	N ^o on tree
a	50° 30'	Gum	3	23-145 by B303 S50° 30' E
b	137° 46'	Apple	17 1/2	145
c	51° 30'	Box	17	"
d	72° 0'	Oak	54	23-145 by B303 N72° 0' W

Area 21st Clause
Signed C.L.C.

Marked in accordance with Regulations
Instrument used in Survey, Theodolite
Date of Survey, 7th May 79
Value of Improvements, Nil
Situating in the Warrah Run

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Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 10th June N^o 79/86

Cat B2612 1788
Drawn J Richardson
Exam'd S. H. P.

Accepted
1880 Signed W.D.A.

(Signed) J. M. Kelly
Lic Surveyor

(Sig. 805-33)
11/15 Sep
Signed W.D.A.
Signed C.L.C.

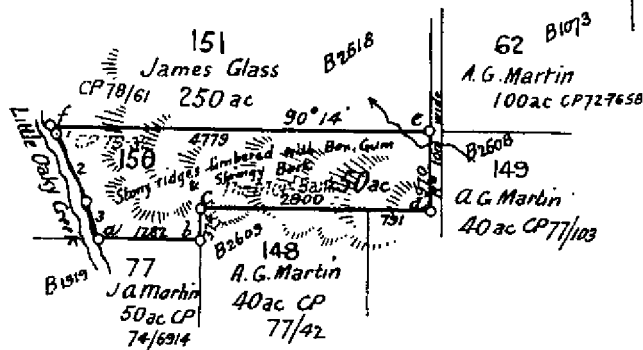
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 Conditional Sales
 79/40110
 enclosure
 Dept of Lands

Murrumbidgee

Copy of Plan
 of 1 Portion N^o 150
 Parish of Towarri
 County of Buckland

Applied for under the 21st Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by
 The Mercantile Bank

CP 79.32 June 5th



Reference to Corners

Cor	Bearing	From	Lks	N ^o on tree
a	117° 30'	Gum	35	150
b	226° 50'	Box	33	77-150
c	187° 30'	Gum	27	148-150
d	333° 20'	SE BK	52	150
e	233° 27'	Box	57	150-151
f	358° 30'	SE BK	11	" "

Ref^{ce} to Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
1	144° 3'	110
2	154° 39'	904
3	162° 19'	483

Marked in accordance with regulations
 Instrument used in Survey, Theodolite
 Date of Survey, 21st May 79
 Value of Improvements, Nil
 Situated in the Warrarah Run

Area edged & Ch^d
 Signed C.L.C.

NOTE Portion N^o 150 edged Pink on Original is on this Diagram shown by thick Black line thus _____
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 Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 1st July N^o 79/102

(signed) J. M. Kelly
 Lic: Surveyor

Cat N^o B2617.1788

Drawn J. Richardson
 Exam^d E. J. J. J.
 (sig. 805-34)

Plan accepted
 11th Feb^r 1880 Signed W. D. A.

Alc 79-23 Con & Plan
 signed W.D.A.
 sig. C.L.C.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S
CREEK RUN;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

A P P E N D I X.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 102. WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884, A.M.

12. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Levien*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon a Conditional Purchase alleged to have been selected by one John M'Intyre and transferred to James Glass, and by James Glass to the Mercantile Bank, and which Conditional Purchase was taken up on the Miller's Creek Run, at the Murrurundi Lands Office.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Gill*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Mackinnon*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Farnell*, and *Mr. Levien*.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 107. WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1884.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from *Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson*, Manager of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, praying that he, or some other officer of the said Bank, may be at liberty to attend and be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the select Committee on "Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run," and be allowed to adduce such evidence as may be deemed advisable concerning the subject matter of the inquiry in the interest of the said Bank.
- Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.

VOTES No. 112. TUESDAY, 10 JUNE, 1884.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from *Esther Ann Glass*, of Gara, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run," with liberty to adduce such evidence as she may be advised concerning the subject matter of the said inquiry in the interests of herself and infant children.
- Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.

VOTES No. 180. SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1884.

2. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN:—*Mr. Levien*, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on the 21st May, 1884, a.m., together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.

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1883-4.

 CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN.

 PROGRESS REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly appointed on the 21st May, 1884, a.m., "with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon a Conditional Purchase alleged to have been selected by one John M'Intyre and transferred to James Glass, and by James Glass to the Mercantile Bank, and which Conditional Purchase was taken up on the Miller's Creek Run at the Murrurundi Land Office," and to whom were referred, on the 28th May, 1884, "the Petition of Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson," and on the 10th June, 1884, "the Petition of Esther Ann Glass,"—have agreed to the following Progress Report:—

Your Committee have examined the witnesses named in the List*, and had See List, page 4. proposed to examine other witnesses in furtherance of the inquiry remitted to them; but as the Parliament will probably be prorogued during the present week they beg to lay the evidence already taken before your Honorable House, and to recommend that the inquiry be resumed next Session.

ROBERT HENRY LEVIEN,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 1 November, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Day, | Mr. Lyne.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Day, | Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Gill.

Mr. Day called to the Chair *pro tem*.

Entries from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, and referring Petitions of Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson and Esther Ann Glass, praying to be represented by counsel before the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Petitions before the Committee.

Resolved,—That Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson and Esther Ann Glass have leave to appear by Counsel or Agent before the Committee.

Resolved,—That Mr. Levien be Chairman of the Committee.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Day, | Mr. Mackinnon.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Gill, | Mr. Day,
Mr. Mackinnon, | Mr. Sydney Smith.

Present:—C. G. Heydon, Esq. (*Counsel for Mr. Wilson*); P. W. Creagh, Esq. (*Solicitor for Mrs. Glass*).

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness produced original papers in the case.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. John Robert McIntyre called in, sworn, and examined.

Notification of the alienation by John McIntyre of his conditional purchase to James Glass; letter from John McIntyre to the Department of Lands in reference to the conditional purchase; and a letter from John R. McIntyre to the Department of Lands, asking for an inquiry, ordered to be appended. (*See Appendices A, B, and C.*)

Chairman handed in a plan, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Separate Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

Mr. George Simms called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. William Clay called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. William Williams called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. James Seivl called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at Two o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1884.

MEMBER PRESENT:—

Mr. Levien.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Gill, | Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Present:—William Owen, Esq. (*Counsel for Mr. Wilson*), C. G. Heydon, Esq. (*Counsel for Mrs. Glass*), P. W. Creagh (*Solicitor for Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Glass*).

Mr. James Seivl called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. George Gray Brodie called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Clerk submitted the following claims for witnesses' expenses:—John Robert McIntyre, £10 15s.; George Simms, £6 15s.; William Clay, £6 15s.; William Williams, £4 1s.; James Seivl, jun., £12 8s. 6d.; George Gray Brodie, £6 8s.; and George Toder, £16 5s.

Resolved,—That the claims as submitted be awarded.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That Mr. Thomas Argent and A. O. Moriarty, Esq., be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Day, | Mr. Gill,
Mr. Mackinnon.

Present:—William Owen, Esq. (*Counsel for Mr. Wilson*), C. G. Heydon, Esq. (*Counsel for Mrs. Glass*), P. W. Creagh, Esq. (*Solicitor for Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Glass*).

Mr. Thomas Argent called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq., called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Gill, | Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Teece.

Napoleon Paton, Esq. (*Licensed Surveyor*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Gill,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Present:—P. W. Creagh, Esq. (*Solicitor for Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Glass*).

Napoleon Paton, Esq., called in and further examined.

Witness handed in a report on the conditional purchase of John McIntyre, dated 9 September, 1884, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix D.*)

Witness withdrew.

Mr. William Brooks called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1884.

The House having adjourned over to Saturday, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Levien, in the Chair.

Mr. Sydney Smith, | Mr. Gill.

Mr. Farnell.

Clerk submitted claim for £46 7s. from Napoleon Paton for witness's expenses.

Resolved,—That the sum of £32 14s. be awarded to Mr. Paton.

Chairman submitted Draft Progress Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. DAY,
MR. GILL,

MR. LEVIEN,
MR. MACKINNON,

MR. S. SMITH.

ROBERT HENRY LEVIEN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Creagh, of the firm of Messrs. Creagh and Williams, appeared as Solicitor on behalf of Mrs. Glass, and Mr. Heydon appeared as Counsel on behalf of the Mercantile Bank.

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, called in and examined on oath:—

1. *Chairman.*] Do you produce the original application of a person named John M'Intyre for a selection and an additional selection, and all papers in connection with a conditional purchase on Miller's Creek Run? I produce the papers in connection with a conditional purchase of John M'Intyre, near Murrurundi.
2. *Mr. Day.*] Was the original purchase taken up on the 24th of June, 1875? On the 24th June, 1875.
3. *Mr. Creagh.*] What is the name of the land agent at Murrurundi? George Brodie.
4. Was he the land agent there on the date of the first application? On the 24th June, 1875, the original application was received, endorsed by George Brodie.
5. What would be Mr. Brodie's duty on receiving the application, that is in reference to the identity of the party—I believe Mr. Brodie was a great many years in that district? Yes.
6. And was well known in Murrurundi? Yes.
7. For many years? Yes.
8. Would it be his duty, if there were any doubt about the identity of the person lodging an application for a conditional purchase, to make inquiries? Certainly.
9. Have you ever heard there was any objection by Mr. Brodie in this case? The application came down to the head office in the ordinary routine of business; there is nothing to indicate there was any objection; on looking at the papers, I observe that the name and signature to the application are written over erasures; the name of Esther Ann Pickering is written at the head of the application in the first instance, and in each case it is erased, and the name of John M'Intyre is inserted. The date, I observe, is also altered.
10. Is Mr. Brodie in the Government Service now? I think he is—I am not quite sure.
11. As land agent? I think so.
12. *Mr. Day.*] Was that selection made by John M'Intyre in person or by an agent? On reference to the papers I see it was taken up by an agent.
13. *Mr. Creagh.*] It would be Mr. Brodie's duty to make inquiries and satisfy himself? It would.
14. Did the application come to the head office in the usual course from Mr. Brodie? Yes, it came in the ordinary course of routine, without any question arising.
15. I find on the papers having reference to an additional conditional purchase there is a certificate that John M'Intyre is over the age of sixteen years, and that is signed by Mr. Brodie; the application was made

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on the 6th September, 1877? That would be explained in this way—in the interval between the first and second application the law was changed, obliging the applicants to be over the age of sixteen years; it was the duty of a land agent, when an application was made through an agent, to satisfy himself that the applicant was over sixteen years of age.

16. The application was tendered through an agent? The second application of September 7th was tendered through an agent.

17. And it was Mr. Brodie's duty as land agent to give a certificate that the applicant was over sixteen years of age? It is his duty to see that all applications are made by persons in accordance with law.

18. *Mr. Day.*] Was it under the law of 1861 or that of 1875? That of 1875.

19. The first application, that for the original selection, was made under the law of 1861; under the law of 1861 selections could be taken up by an agent, but under the law of 1875 an applicant had to appear himself, but it was not necessary that an applicant should appear in person when an additional selection was applied for? It was so held in 1877; the lawyers were of opinion that, in regard to an additional selection, the applicant need not appear himself.

20. *Mr. Creagh.*] As John M'Intyre did not appear, it would be Mr. Brodie's duty to make inquiries to see that the conditions of the law were being complied with? He would be required to certify that the applicant was known to him to be above the age of sixteen years, and I see he has done so in this case.

21. Would he be satisfied on the mere assurance of an agent? Under his instructions he should not have been satisfied with any such assurance; the routine was that an application made through an agent could be received when the land agent was personally aware that the applicant was over sixteen years of age. In this case the land agent has certified that the applicant was over sixteen years of age.

22. In the ordinary routine the land agent was instructed or supposed to satisfy himself in some other way than by the mere statement of an agent, that is, through some independent means, that the conditions of the law were being fulfilled? The instruction was—I will not undertake to say that it was a general one—but the instruction was that a land agent must be personally aware of the fact.

Mr. John Robert M'Intyre called in and examined on oath:—

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23. *Chairman.*] Where do you reside? On Yarraman Creek.

24. How long have you resided there? About sixteen years.

25. Do you know Miller's Creek Run? No, I know nothing about Miller's Creek Run.

26. Are you known as John M'Intyre or John Robert M'Intyre? I am mostly known as John M'Intyre.

27. Were you ever employed on Miller's Creek Run? Never employed; I was there for about a week once, shearing.

28. Who were you employed by then? Mr. James Glass.

29. He was the proprietor of Miller's Creek Run? Yes.

30. During the time you were on Miller's Creek Run—during the time you were shearing there (you say you were shearing there for a week)—did you ever hear or know of anybody named John M'Intyre or John Robert M'Intyre, excepting yourself? No, I never did.

31. In the district—either on the Yarraman or at Miller's Creek—in the whole of the surrounding district—did you ever hear of anybody of that name living there? No, I did not.

32. Do you recollect where you were on the 24th of June, 1875, or in the month of June, 1875? On Yarraman, I expect.

33. Did you ever authorize Mr. James Glass, the proprietor of Miller's Creek Run, to take up any selection for you on that run? No, I never spoke to him about any such thing.

34. Did you ever know a person of the name of J. Crombie Gray? No.

35. Do you know a man of the name of Gray? Well, I knew a man of the name of Gray; he was living at Yarraman Creek.

36. Do you recollect what his Christian name was? No, I do not know what his Christian name was.

37. Did you ever authorize that Gray, or a person of the name of J. Crombie Gray, to take up land for you on Miller's Creek Run? No, never.

38. Did you ever authorize any one to do it? Never in my lifetime.

39. So that if any land has been taken up in your name it was without your authority? Yes.

40. Did you ever authorize any person to take up for you an additional selection on Miller's Creek Run? No.

41. Do you know Mr. William Brooke, of Murrurundi? Yes.

42. Did you ever authorize him to take up any selection, additional selection, for you in your lifetime? Not on Miller's Creek.

43. You knew Mr. James Glass? I knew him, but was not very well acquainted with him.

44. Did he ever have any conversation with you at all about any selections? Never; he spoke to me once or twice about shearing, but never about selections.

45. Never having taken up an original conditional purchase, you never authorized any one to take up an additional conditional purchase? No.

46. Do you know a man named John M'Carthy? No.

47. Did you ever sign any transfer of this land, the original selection or additional selection, to James Glass, in presence of a man named John M'Carthy, at Murrurundi? No, I never did.

48. Did you sign that document which I now show to you, marked "K" (*Appendix A*), and bearing the signature "John M'Intyre x his mark," at Murrurundi, before a man of the name of M'Carthy? That is not my signature at all.

49. You can read and write? Yes.

50. And can write your own name? Oh yes.

51. You have written letters on this subject to me? Yes.

52. You do not know any man of the name of M'Carthy? No.

53. Did you ever sign a declaration before J. W. Knowles, at Murrurundi? Never in my lifetime.

54. Do you know Thomas Argent, an Inspector of Conditional Purchases? I have seen him.

55. Did he ever have any conversation with you at any time in reference to any selections at Miller's Creek? No, he never did.

56. Did he ever see you on any selection at Miller's Creek? Never in his life, not that I am aware of. I was only there one week, and I never saw him.

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57. You do not know whether he knows you or not? No, I do not.
58. If Mr. Argent has sent in various reports—here is one on page 15 of the printed papers, which I will read to you, and then you will understand better. He says in this report: "From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. The man whom I found at work on the land, and who said he was the selector, gave a very straightforward account as to his compliance with the conditions of residence from within three weeks of the purchase of the land,"—did any such conversation ever occur between you and Argent at that or at any other time? It never did.
59. Mr. Argent says further—"the hut was comfortably furnished, and the place generally indicated continuous occupation by some one; I believe the selection is a *bona fide* one, and that the selector is a hard-working industrious man": you say that you never had a hut there? Never.
60. You do not know anything about Miller's Creek? No.
61. You know Yarraman pretty well? Yes.
62. You see on the plan produced (*plan handed in by Chairman—see Separate Appendix*) there are two selections marked, one of 138 acres, the other 91 acres, in the name of John M'Intyre—did you ever occupy either of those pieces of land? No, I never did.
63. Were you ever on them at any time? Never to my knowledge.
64. Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Argent, the Inspector of Conditional Purchases, at any time, on the piece of ground marked 91 acres, or on the one marked 138? Never.
65. Nor did you ever authorize any person to erect improvements and use your name? No, I never did.
66. Or to represent you by name in any way? Never.
67. You see this letter asking for an inquiry into this matter (*Appendix B*); it bears your signature, does it not? Yes.
68. You see there is a second letter asking for an inquiry; that bears your signature also? Yes. (*Appendix C*.)
69. The letters are in my handwriting, but are signed by you? Yes.
70. *Mr. Day.*] You are quite satisfied that you know nothing about any selection or additional selection that was taken up in your name? No, I know nothing at all about it.
71. You never consulted any one about it? No.
72. And never transferred it to any one? No.
73. And never authorized any one to take it up? No.
74. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Were the selections, after they were taken up, advertised in the papers published in the district? I was about 30 miles from Mitchell's Creek district.
75. But you see the local papers? Yes, I used to get them.
76. Did you notice in any of them that land had been taken up in a name the same as your own? I noticed the name.
77. You did not make inquiries as to whether it was taken up for you? No; I was holding a selection of my own at the time. I was a conditional purchaser, and completing the conditions of residence on my own selection.
78. How long was it before you found out there had been a selection taken up in your name—when did you first find out that a selection had been taken up in your name? Through Mr. Levien's letters.
79. You are sure there was no other M'Intyre in that district? I did not know of any one of the name.
80. If there had been any other person of the same name as your own you think you would have been sure to have heard of it? I was 30 miles from Miller's Creek.
81. How long had you held your selection on the 24th June, 1875? I cannot say how long.
82. Somewhere near two years? It may have been about two years—I am not certain.
83. And had another year to do before you could possibly go and reside on another selection? Yes.
84. *Mr. Gill.*] Is your other selection in the name of John M'Intyre or John Robert M'Intyre? I think it is in the name of John Robert M'Intyre.
85. What is your right name? John Robert M'Intyre.
86. That is the name you were baptised in? Yes.
87. So that in reality these selections referred to on the plan ought to have been in the name of John Robert M'Intyre if they were yours? Yes.
88. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Have you ever signed your name with a cross? Never in my life.
89. You have never been asked to do it? No.
90. *Mr. Heydon.*] I understand that you do not swear there is no other John M'Intyre in the district that has been referred to? No, I cannot swear there is no other.
91. But simply that you do not know any one else of that name? That is all.
92. You write and sign your name as John Robert M'Intyre? Yes.
93. One of the documents produced is signed with a cross in the name of John M'Intyre—that is not you? No.
94. You sign your name John M'Intyre, and sometimes John Robert M'Intyre? Yes.
95. You can write, and always did sign your name? Yes.
96. You say that you cannot swear there was no other person in the district of the name of John M'Intyre? I cannot swear there was no other.
97. How did you first come to hear about these selections? I saw it first in the *Murrurundi Times*.
98. Can you tell me when that was? I do not remember exactly when it was.
99. Can you tell me how long it was after the selections had been taken up? The paper generally comes once a week; it must have been fully a week after that I heard of it.
100. And you then assumed that the selection had been taken up by some other man of the name of John M'Intyre? Yes.
101. And you paid no particular attention to it? No, I did not.
102. How long after you saw this in the paper was it that you first moved in the matter with the view of getting an inquiry? How long was it after I first moved?
103. You say you saw the selection notified in the paper about a week after it was taken up, and you paid no particular attention to the occurrence, assuming that it was taken up by some one of the same name as yourself;—now how long after that was it that you first moved in the matter of getting an inquiry? Nine or ten years after, I should say.
104. It is only lately then that you have moved in the matter? Yes.

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105. What was it that made you move in the matter? I received a letter from Mr. Levien.
106. Have you got that letter? I saw it just now. [*The letter referred to is marked Appendix B.*]
107. There was no letter with that from Mr. Levien? No.
108. And you had no conversation with Mr. Levien about the matter before that? No.
109. Simply that a document came to you in an envelope—do you know from whom it came? I do not know who it came from.
110. How did you know where to send it back? The party who brought it to me took it back.
111. Who was the party that brought it? Arthur Gore.
112. Did he tell you anything about it? He only gave me the letter and asked me to read it and see whether there was anything in it I would not sign. I read it, and told him it had nothing to do with me, and I signed it.
113. What did he say—I did not catch your answer? He asked me to read it, and if there was anything in it I did not wish to sign, for I was not to sign it.
114. Who is Arthur Gore? He is a selector, living at Yarraman Creek.
115. Is that all that passed between you and Arthur Gore? I do not recollect anything else.
116. That is all you knew about the document when you signed it? That is all.
117. And all you knew about the whole matter of the inquiry? Yes.
118. Nobody had spoken to you before about it? No, not to me.
119. Then you knew nothing about who wanted you to sign it except Arthur Gore? No.
120. Did he tell you why he wanted you to sign it? He did not.
121. There is no mistake about it—at the time you signed it you knew nothing more about any inquiry than what you have told us—you had no conversation with anybody? No.
122. You had no other conversation with Gore than what you have told us, and you signed the letter? Yes.
123. That being the whole state of your knowledge at the time? That is all.
124. How long have you known Arthur Gore? A few years; five or six years, I expect, off and on. I was not particularly acquainted with him until lately. He took up a selection on Yarraman Creek.
125. Far from you? I am living about a mile from him; I was living there at the time he took up a selection.
126. You know him very well? I have often seen him, off and on.
127. Are you intimate with him? Not intimate.
128. Did it not strike you as a peculiar thing that a man you did not know intimately should come and ask you to sign a letter of that kind? I did not think it would come to anything like this at the time.
129. Why? Because I was not the party.
130. Can you not give any other reason why you signed the letter? Because I was not the party; I did not give my consent for any one to take up the ground.
131. But what made you sign this document at the request of Arthur Gore—you cannot explain more than you have done? No.
132. How far do you say your selection is from the Miller's Creek Run? It is about 30 miles from Yarraman to Miller's Creek.
133. What district is Miller's Creek Run in? Quirindi is the nearest town.
134. Arthur Gore brought you both those letters which have just been shown to you? Yes.
135. And that was all that passed between you and any one else about this matter until you were subpoenaed to come down and give evidence? Yes, that is all.
136. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Would you have signed such a letter as that asking for an inquiry if any stranger had brought it to you? Yes.
137. *Mr. Heydon.*] Was the letter read over to you, or did you read it yourself before signing? I read it over myself.
138. You saw that it asked for an inquiry? Well, I did not understand what kind of inquiry it was to be.
139. You saw in the letter that it asked that an inquiry should be granted you? Yes.
140. *Mr. Creagh.*] Do you recollect what the second letter was about? Whether I had taken up any land at Miller's Creek—that was what I understood it to be.
141. You were told that it was what? I read it, and I understood it to ask whether I had taken up any land at Miller's Creek.
142. That is what you understood it to be, and that is why you signed it? Yes, because I had not taken up any land at Miller's Creek.
143. You say you read the letter, and understood it to say that you had never taken up any land on the Miller's Creek Run? Yes.
144. And that is the letter which you believe you signed? Yes.
145. In what land district is your selection? Murrurundi.
146. You are on Yarraman Creek? Yes.
147. Are you up or down the creek from this land that has been pointed out to you on the plan? It is a different creek altogether—Yarraman Creek. Miller's Creek is 30 miles from Yarraman.
148. You selected on Yarraman? Yes.
149. But the selection pointed out on the plan is on Miller's Creek? Yes.
150. Do you know Mr. Manchee up there? No.
151. Are you near his run? No, he lives on what is called Phillips Creek.
152. You say it is about 30 miles from your selection on Yarraman to the selection referred to on Miller's Creek? Yes, that is what they call it.
153. But to the particular selection referred to? I do not know where the selection is.
154. You do not know anything about it? No.
155. When you say 30 miles, do you mean 30 miles generally from where you live to Miller's Creek? Yes.
156. But taking the ordinary road, you do not know how far it is from your place to the selection on Miller's Creek? No, I do not know where the selection is, whether it is close to the main road or not.
157. Had you any business that took you in the neighbourhood of this selection at any time? Never.
158. It was altogether out of your way? Yes.
159. And when you saw the name "John M'Intyre" in the paper in connection with a selection on Miller's Creek, you conceived that it was a matter that did not concern you at all, being such a distance from you? Yes.

160. And you never made any inquiry about it? No.
161. In fact for aught you know there may have been more than one John M'Intyre on Miller's Creek? There may have been.
162. Was there constant communication of persons passing to and fro between Miller's Creek and your place? Not from Miller's Creek; there was a road from Murrurundi.
163. In fact there was no highway or common road between the selection on Miller's Creek and your place? No.
164. It was not the ordinary course of traffic to pass by it? No, it was out of the way.
165. And when you saw the announcement in the paper you conceived that there might be a man named John M'Intyre, other than you, and that it had nothing to do with you? Yes.
166. Then your evidence simply amounts to this,—that you know nothing about the selection spoken of, that you never signed any document in connection with it,—and that you never were on the selection at all? That is my evidence.
167. I understood you to say that the first you heard of the selection was seeing the announcement in the *Murrurundi Times*, and you heard nothing more about it until you received the letter which is now before the Committee? No; I was holding land on the Yarraman at the time, and I knew that I could not hold land in two places.
168. The signature to the letter produced is Mr. Alfred Gore's signature? Yes.
169. He is also a selector? He is a selector on Yarraman Creek.
170. Is he a man of education? I do not think he is.
171. I understood you to say that Mr. Gore said nothing about having been sent by anybody? He did not say he had been sent by anybody.
172. Did he give you to understand that he came to you of his own accord? Yes, he came to me with the letter where I was working.
173. Did he say he came of his own accord, or that he had been sent by anybody? He did not say.
174. And the first letter that was brought to you was brought to you in the same way? Yes, in the same way.
175. You are quite sure you were on your own selection in 1875? Yes.

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Mr. George Simms called in and examined on oath :—

176. *Chairman.*] What are you? A carrier.
177. Where do you reside? At Miller's Creek.
178. How many years have you been residing there? I cannot say rightly—about fourteen or fifteen years.
179. Do you know the Miller's Creek run very well? Very well.
180. You see Mr. M'Intyre, who has just been examined before this Committee? Yes.
181. Did you ever see him on Miller's Creek, or know of his having a selection there? Never.
182. Did you know any person of the name of John M'Intyre having a selection on the Miller's Creek Run? No, I did not.
183. You see on the plan lying before the Committee there are two selections marked as being in the name of Macintyre—you know Mr. James Seville? Yes.
184. You know where he had a selection? No, I do not.
185. You know Mr. George Forrester? Yes.
186. Do you know where he had a selection on the Miller's Creek run? No, I do not.
187. Do you know Mr. Glass's conditional purchases? I may have known them, but I did not know whether they were selections or not.
188. Do you know the boundaries of Miller's Creek Run? I think I know the boundary.
189. You know that portion of the run which adjoins the A. A. Company's estate? Yes.
190. Did you ever hear of any person by the name of John M'Intyre having selections adjoining the A. A. Company's estate on the Miller's Creek Run? No, I did not.
191. Did you know any person in the district of the name of John M'Intyre? No; but there may have been a person there of the name.
192. But you never heard of one? No.
193. And you never knew of a John M'Intyre, or heard of a John M'Intyre owning a selection on Miller's Creek Run? No, I did not.
194. I suppose you know pretty well all the selections on the Miller's Creek Run? I know all the old hands like, those who have been there a long while, but I do not know all who have taken up new selections.
195. Do you know Irwin and Martin? Yes.
196. They have selections there—they are old hands, are they not? If they had selections I cannot tell where they were.
197. At all events, you never heard or knew of a man named John M'Intyre there in your lifetime, or any person of that name in the district? Never about Miller's Creek; I cannot say about the district, but I never heard the name.
198. *Mr. S. Smith.*] You stated just now that you knew the selectors on the Miller's Creek Run with the exception of the new hands—what would you call a new hand? A man might come and say, "Did you hear about so-and-so having a selection on Miller's Creek?" he would be a new hand.
199. Who would you call an old hand there? Mr. Clay is one of the old hands.
200. How long has he been there? Fifteen or sixteen years.
201. Do you think if a person had selected there eight years ago that you would know him? Well, I dare say I would if he was on the ground personally, but if I only just heard mention of him like I should not.
202. If he was there for a *bona fide* purpose, if he was a *bona fide* selector, and took up land in 1875, and resided on it for the term specified by the Act, and made the necessary improvements to the extent of £400 or £500, do you think you would have known him? I must have done.
203. You have no doubt that if a man named John M'Intyre took up land in 1875, and fulfilled the conditions of the Act by residence and improvements, you would have known him? I must have known him.
204. If a selection was taken up in the name of John M'Intyre in 1875, on the 24th of June in that year, you would have known him? I should have known him.

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205. You have no doubt about that? No; I may have seen some one named John M'Intyre, but I was not acquainted with any one of that name.
206. And if a man named John M'Intyre had taken up land in 1875, and complied with the conditions of the law in regard to residence and improvements, you would have known him? If he had resided on the selection for any time I must have known him.
207. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Are you in the employ of Mrs. Glass now? No.
208. You were a carrier on the station? Yes.
209. Were you working on your own account or for Mr. Glass? I took contract work; I had my own team.
210. You took contracts from selectors on the land, for moving, fencing, and other things? Yes.*
211. You generally had the privilege of doing work for them? Yes.†
212. And if Mr. Glass wanted you to move fencing and stuff you did it? Yes.
213. You would not know whose ground the fencing was wanted for? No.
214. You would see the men on the ground, and they would help you to unload? I did not know Mr. Glass's men when I saw them.
215. But have you not carried fencing and stuff on the selections supposed to belong to John Robert M'Intyre? No; I have done work on the selection, what I am now told they call M'Intyre's.
216. You were working on the selection? I have worked on one selection; I drew some building stuff there.
217. Did you meet any one there of the name of M'Intyre? No.
218. You know as much about the selections there as most people? No, I do not.
219. All your agreements were with Mr. Glass to deliver timber at so much a hundred, at a certain place? That is all.
220. And whilst working about the selection you never heard of a man of the name of M'Intyre? No, I did not meet with any such man personally.
221. Did you know most of the other selectors there? I have been living there a good many years, and I know there is ground taken up as a selection, but I know nothing about it personally.
222. You know where the old hands' land is? It is Hall's, whom old Mr. Glass bought out.
223. Do you think there could have been a man there complying with the conditions of residence without your knowing him or seeing him? I could not say; I never saw him; I see Mr. M'Intyre, who is now before this Committee, but I do not recollect ever seeing him there, though he may have been there and I not known it.
224. But did you ever meet a man there named M'Intyre? No.
225. You met the other men? They are my neighbours; M'Intyre could have gone there and I not known of it.
226. You think a man named M'Intyre might have resided there for three years and you not know it? No; M'Intyre could not have resided there three years without my knowing it; I never called him M'Intyre by name.
227. Are you still doing contract work for Mrs. Glass? I am working now for the Bank.
228. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Do you know the selection they call M'Intyre's? I cannot say for certain.
229. You could not say for certain if you heard any one mention M'Intyre's selection? Not lately.
230. Have you ever been on the place known as M'Intyre's selection? I cannot tell you that; only what they said lately about the selection—some selection at the back of Mr. Clay's paddock; I do not know how much.
231. *Chairman.*] There was no selection with £340 worth of improvements that you know of? No, I do not think there could have been.
232. *Mr. S. Smith.*] You see on the plan there is a selection adjoining the A.A. Company's land—is that the selection? I think it is on the east side of Miller's Creek.
233. That is the only M'Intyre's selection that you ever heard mentioned? Yes.
234. Have you been on that selection? Yes; I have put some building on the selection, but I did not know who it belonged to.
235. Did you ever know any one to reside upon it? No.
236. How often, do you think, have you been across that selection? Well, I cannot say, because sometimes I might not be on it for a month.
237. Is it likely that you would not be on it for six months? Yes; I was away for five months on one occasion; on another occasion I was away for some time.
238. Between 1875 and 1876 can you say what was the longest interval that elapsed between the times you crossed that selection? I cannot say.
239. Do you think it was a month? The time is so far back I do not recollect; riding about you do not think of the time.
240. Can you give any idea of about a month or two months—do you think six months elapsed? No, I do not think that time elapsed; I was on it often enough, because there is a road three chains wide going across it.
241. How far was it you said you carried timber for the building? It might be half a mile; I cannot say the distance for certain, because it is away off the road.
242. How long is it since you carried the timber? It is eight or nine years ago.
243. Is there any place erected there? Yes, I erected a place there.
244. On this very selection? Yes; I don't know whether it is the same or not.
245. But is it the selection known as M'Intyre's? Yes.
246. On the eastern side of the A. A. Company's grant? Yes, on the eastern side.
247. And no one resided in the house which you erected, so far as you know? I cannot say whether they did or not, but they did not reside there so far as I know.
248. *Mr. Day.*] How long did it take you to build the house? Somewhere about a week.
249. It was not a very extensive house then? Not a very large one.
250. Did you draw the stuff on the ground for it? Yes.
251. How long were you drawing the stuff to build the house with? From the time I commenced I cannot

say

* *Added (on revision):*—The only contract work I have done on Miller's Creek was for Mr. Glass.

† *Note (on revision):*—Not selectors, but Mr. Glass.

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- say exactly ; I had to go to Pine Ridge for the stuff ; it would be somewhere about 40 miles from the Pine Ridge to the place where I put up the house, but I did not notice the time.
252. *Mr. Gill.*] Do you recollect what you got paid for it ? I cannot say rightly now what I got.
253. About how much ? There was some other work adjoining, and it was all put together.
254. What did you get altogether ? I cannot give you any idea.
255. Did you do any fencing ? Yes.
256. On that land ? No.
257. Is it fenced ? No ; it is paddock-fenced.
258. Was there no fence put on the selection ? No.
259. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Was the run cleared, or any part of it ? Some of it was rung.
260. Were there 40 acres cleared ? I cannot tell you ; I had nothing at all to do with the clearing.
261. Was there any portion of the land cleared ? I never noticed any.
262. Do you think you would have noticed if it had been cleared ? I must have done.
263. *Mr. Gill.*] Are you sure that it might not have been cleared without you noticing it ? I should have noticed it, I think.
264. Are you sure it could not have been cleared ? I am sure it was not cleared where I put up the place, but it may have been cleared in other parts.
265. Do you think there could have been 2 miles 30 chains of six-wire fencing put up without your noticing anything of it ? No, I must have known of it if it had been up.
266. You did not draw any wire for the purpose of fencing ? Not on the selection we are talking about.
267. *Mr. Heydon.*] What sort of a house did you put up ? It was a skillion place.
268. What was it constructed of ? Pine slabs.
269. What sort of roof had it ? Pine roof with a zinc top.
270. A two-roomed place I suppose ? I think it was.
271. I understood you to say you drew some fencing stuff there ? Not there ; I was asked if I ever drew fencing on Miller's Creek, and I said yes.
272. You say the ground was fenced as a paddock ? It was a boundary paddock, where they made paddocks for sheep.
273. But the place itself was not defined by a fence—it was included in a piece of ground ? Yes.
274. *Mr. Gill.*] The A. A. Company's fence was on one side of it ? Yes.
275. It was separated by a road ? Yes.
276. *Mr. Heydon.*] Did you not know that the place was a selection when you drew the stuff ? I cannot say for a certainty.
277. You cannot say for a certainty whether you knew it was a selection or not ? No, I cannot.
278. When you saw it being rung, did you not know it then to be a selection ? All the place is rung there ; there are hundreds of acres of Crown lands there.
279. Have you not heard it spoken of as a selection ? Yes ; but whether it was a selection or not I did not know.
280. You heard it spoken of as a selection and understood it to be a selection ? Yes.
281. But you did not know the name of the man in whose name it was taken up ? I did not.
282. I suppose there are other selections taken up by men whose names you have not heard ? I dare say there are.
283. You are a carrier, and I suppose you were away a good deal carrying goods—carrying home material for instance ? Yes, I go out into the back country sometimes with the teams.
284. You have been away a good deal in carrying on your business ? During the last few years I have been away a good bit.
285. Between 1865 and 1868 you were away a good deal ? No ; it is only within the last four years I have made up a team and been away much.
286. What were you doing then ? I was a contractor for fencing and that like.
287. And resided at Miller's Creek ? Yes.
288. No great distance from the homestead ? About a quarter of a mile, adjoining the Company's boundary.
289. Anywhere near this particular place we are speaking of ? About three-quarters of a mile from it ; it may have been a mile. My selection ran back three-quarters of a mile.
290. You took up a selection yourself ? My missis did.
291. And you resided on it ? Yes.
292. When did you take up your selection ? Somewhere about fourteen years ago.
293. *Mr. Gill.*] Did you ever know of any person residing on this selection where you put up this skillion house ? No, I did not ; there might have been, but I cannot say.
294. *Mr. Heydon.*] You cannot say that any one did reside there ? No.
295. You cannot say that the conditions of residence were not carried out in regard to this land ? No, I cannot ; all I can say is that I never saw any one residing on it.
296. Did I understand you to say that if there had been a man of the name of M'Intyre residing there for three years you would have heard of him ? Yes.
297. But you cannot say that the conditions of residence were not complied with by somebody ? No, I cannot say that.
298. *Mr. S. Smith.*] You have been over the place frequently and resided near it, and you know what a *bona fide* selector is,—one who fulfils the conditions of the law ; now, suppose in this instance the conditions of the law had been fulfilled as regards residence, and that the necessary improvements were made and other work conducted there, would the general appearance of the place warrant you in saying it was the residence of a *bona fide* selector ? He could not have been there without my knowing it.
299. You do not think the place was conducted in the way a *bona fide* selector would conduct it ? It is hard to say.
300. Do you think if M'Intyre—if there ever was such a man—worked his selection in such a way as to be able to make a living from it, you would have known him ? I'm blest if I can tell.
301. *Chairman.*] If this man M'Intyre had been a carrier or a *bona fide* selector on that supposed selection, no doubt you would have seen him from time to time ? I must have seen him.
302. And if £340 worth of improvements had been put upon this selection, and there had been workmen employed about the place, you would have noticed them ? I must have noticed them.
303. But you did not notice them ? No, I did not.

- Mr. G. Simms. 304. *Mr. Day.*] Have you any recollection as to who employed you to put up a hut on this selection Mr. Glass.
- 9 July, 1884. 305. *Mr. Gill.*] Did Mr. Glass pay you for it? Yes, he did.
306. *Mr. Day.*] You did no other work on that selection than put up the house? No.
307. You never saw a man named M'Intyre there? No.
308. He never paid you money for the work you did? No.
309. Had you an opportunity of seeing whether any stock grazed on that land? There were sheep and cattle and horses.
310. Whose stock were they? I cannot tell you that; some of them were ours and some were Mr. Glass's.
311. Did you see any strange stock belonging to anybody else on it? No; but when store cattle were coming down they might sometimes straggle on it.
312. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Was it in 1875 you carted the timber on the ground? I cannot say rightly, the time is so long ago.
313. It was Mr. Glass who paid you for the timber and carting? Yes.
314. *Mr. Creagh.*] You do not identify the selection at all that has been pointed out to you? I cannot say for certainty looking at the plan.
315. Do I gather rightly from what you have been saying, that you cannot swear whether the evidence you have been giving has reference to the particular selection that has been pointed out to you on the plan? I do not know.
316. You are talking about a selection, but you cannot swear whether the selection pointed out on the plan is the one you are talking about or not? The selection which the Chairman mentioned as being at the eastern side of Miller's Creek Run is the one I am talking about.
317. *Chairman.*] You heard that it was called M'Intyre's? Yes.
318. *Mr. S. Smith.*] There was no other selection called M'Intyre's on the run? Not that I am aware of.
319. *Mr. Creagh.*] In the year 1875 could any person of the name of M'Intyre have gone on the station, taken up a selection, remained there a year, and then have sold it without you knowing anything about it? Well, he may have done that.
320. If he had remained two years you would have heard of him? Well, I may not, do you see.
321. Or three years? You may be on a station twenty years, and live on it, and not know anything about their business or what they are doing on it.
322. Then I understand you to swear that a man of the name of M'Intyre may have taken up a selection on Miller's Creek Run, have been there three years, have transferred it and gone away altogether, without your being aware of the fact that there was a man of that name there at all? He may have been there, and I not know it.
323. *Chairman.*] If there had been a man there of the name of John M'Intyre residing upon land within a mile of your place, and putting £40 worth of improvements upon it, and residing there three years, would you not have known him? I should have known him.

Mr. William Clay called in and examined on oath:—

- Mr. W. Clay. 324. *Chairman.*] What are you? I am a selector.
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326. How many years have you resided there? I was there before selection came up at all.
327. How many years do you think altogether? Four and twenty or five and twenty years altogether.
328. Do you know the Miller's Creek Run very well? Yes.
329. Know all the boundaries of it? Yes.
330. You see Mr. M'Intyre in this room, the gentleman who has just been examined before this Committee; did you ever see him residing at Miller's Creek? No.
331. Did you ever hear of his having a selection there? No, I never saw him until the other day, when I met him at the train coming down to this inquiry.
332. Did you ever know of a man named M'Intyre residing on Miller's Creek? Never.
333. I suppose you knew pretty well all the settlers there? Yes.
334. Did you ever hear of a man named M'Intyre being employed or living on the station? I never did.
335. How far do you live from the eastern boundary of the A. A. Company's estate? Not half a mile from the southern boundary.
336. Did you ever hear of any selections being called M'Intyre's selections on Miller's Creek Run? I never did until a few days ago I heard there was some dispute about some M'Intyre.
337. And that was the first time you ever heard the name of M'Intyre? That was the first time I heard the name.
338. Whose selection adjoins yours? Mr. James Seivl's 160-acre grant or purchase.
339. What is the number of your selection? I think it is No. 2.
340. Look at the plan on the table—you see there is a selection there adjoining yours which is in the name of John M'Intyre—did any selection in the name of John M'Intyre ever adjoin yours that you know of? Never that I know of.
341. Did you ever see a man on the land of the name of John M'Intyre? Never; I only knew of one John M'Intyre in the Colony, and I thought it might have been him; I was surprised when I saw this man now before the Committee.
342. But you never saw the M'Intyre now present residing on Miller's Creek Run or holding a selection there? Never.
343. Did you ever see any improvements on that selection adjoining yours? Never; I saw a hut on it.
344. How much would you value that hut at? Well, I cannot say—it is not worth a great deal.
345. But what do you think would be its value? It might be worth £10.
346. Could there have been 2 miles 30 chains of six-wire fencing on the land without your seeing it? No, because it must have come and joined mine.
347. If there had been such a man would you have seen him? I think so.
348. Has there been any fencing round the selection to your knowledge? No, but it is fenced in in paddocks.
349. But is the selection itself fenced in? No, it is not.

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350. Have you ever noticed any clearing upon the land? No, I have not.
351. If 40 acres had been cleared would you have noticed it? Well, I would, because it is so near mine.
352. Have you been frequently on the land? I have often been on it.
353. Have you ever seen any person residing on it? No, I have not.
354. Did you ever see any one living in the hut at any time? Never.
355. You know Mr. Argent, the inspector of conditional purchases—did he ever go to inspect the selection to your knowledge? I never saw him there; I have seen him at Miller's Creek.
356. Did Mr. Argent ever come to you and make any inquiries about anybody living on the selection by the name of M'Intyre? He never did.
357. Is it not usual for inspectors to come and ask adjoining selectors who lived on the next selection? I do not know.
358. You never knew of a man named M'Intyre residing upon any selection adjoining yours? I did not.
359. But upon this selection, the one that purports to be M'Intyre's, you never saw any one living in the hut? There may have been some one living there, but I never saw any one.
360. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Supposing a person to have lived in the hut and resided there for (say) twelve months, do you think it possible for you not to have seen him? I should have seen him if he had lived there; if anybody had resided there I must have seen him.
361. Must have seen him, you say? Oh yes; I do not think the hut is half a mile from my ground.
362. How frequently have you visited the hut or passed it? Sometimes I might go up occasionally looking for cows or something of that sort, but it was very seldom I got in to look at the hut inside.
363. Did you ever notice any cattle or sheep grazing on the land? Oh yes.
364. Whose were they? They belonged to the Bank, I think.
365. Was that piece of land adjoining yours known as Mr. Glass's property? Well, it was Mr. Glass's, but now I believe it belongs to the Bank.
366. What do you think is the value of the improvements made upon the land? Well, I am sure I don't know; I do not think the hut is worth above £10.
367. All the improvements upon the place known as M'Intyre's selection? Yes.
368. Have you any doubt as to the land that is being referred to? Oh, I know the land to which you refer.
369. And you have no doubt that, so far as you are able to judge, £10 is the value of all the improvements put upon the selection? Yes; Mr. Simms ought to know better than I do, for he is the man who put up the hut.
370. Did you see Simms erect the hut? I was there now and again.
371. You saw him at the time he was erecting the hut? Yes, I was at home at that very time; I don't know whether I did not draw some of the stuff to some of the huts, but I know I was there and saw some of the huts put up.
372. *Mr. Gill.*] Have you been inside the hut? Well, I have gone in occasionally at odd times.
373. Had there been a fire there, or any appearance of people having lived there? No.
374. Did you see any bedding there? No.
375. At any time? At no time at all.
376. Merely a hut, put up and not used? That is all.
377. If there had been a fire made in the hut, and the hut had been used, you would have known? Yes; I think anybody would have known.
378. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Did Inspector Argent inspect your selection? I never saw him.
379. *Mr. Day.*] How long is it since you took up your selection? I do not recollect exactly how many years ago it is; it was an early selection.
380. *Mr. Gill.*] Did the inspector come to inspect your selection after you had taken it up? No, I went and gave in the improvements as I made them.
381. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] You never made any additional selections? No.
382. Did any of your family? No.
383. None of your friends you know of at all had selections which Mr. Argent inspected at that time? No.
384. You never saw Mr. Argent? Oh yes, I have seen him.
385. You never saw him on that selection of M'Intyre's? No.
386. Do you think anybody could go and value the improvements there and examine the hut without your seeing him? Yes, they could.
387. You do not see everybody that may come? No.
388. You are sure they could not make up the improvements on the selection to £340? No.
389. Is the selection ringbarked? Yes.
390. Does not that increase the value of the improvements? Yes.
391. What is the value of the ringbarking? Tenpence.
392. *Mr. Gill.*] Have you noticed any land cleared for crops—the trees taken out? None of it.
393. Might there not be some cleared and you not know? It would be impossible.
394. And there is absolutely no clearing? No clearing at all.
395. And no fencing other than the A. A. Company's fence? Only the Company's fence.
396. Which is not on the land? Yes.
397. Would it be possible for any selector to be living there without you knowing it? I do not think he could.
398. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Can you see the hut from your place? Yes, I can see it from my place.*
399. If there was a light in the hut do you think you could see it? It lies in a gully, and I do not think I could.
400. It was not cleared land—simply dead timber—and even that has not been gathered up? It has not.
401. Did you notice a log sheep-yard on the selection? No.
402. Mr. Argent, the inspector of conditional purchases, states in his report that there is a log sheep-yard on the selection worth £10? I don't know of one.
403. Do you think there could be one without you knowing it? I don't think there could.

404.

* NOTE (on revision):—Cannot see the hut—the roof of it, but can see the greater portion of the ground.

- Mr. W. Clay. 404. *Mr. Gill.*] Were Mr. Glass's sheep shepherded at the time the hut was built? Yes; the sheep were running there, and I have even seen Mr. Glass shepherding himself, keeping the sheep on that part—some sheep that he was going to send away, or some that he did not want to mix with the others.
- 9 July, 1884. 405. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Was that at the time the hut was erected? I cannot swear that.
406. *Mr. Gill.*] Is this land in an enclosed paddock, or is it inside an enclosed paddock which belonged to Mr. Glass? It is in a large paddock.
407. Of Mr. Glass's? Yes.
408. *Mr. Heydon.*] Then, so far as you can say, the hut was put up without any purpose at all—there was no use made of it whatever? I never saw it used.
409. It was put there without any apparent object, so far as residing there is concerned? Yes.
410. Was it not used by the shepherds at all? No, I never saw any.
411. There were no shepherds there at all? There were some old shepherds some distance from it, but not on the place you refer to.
412. I suppose you were asked about this matter before you came down? No; I did not know that I was coming until the constable brought me the summons.
413. Who was Mr. Seivl, who had a selection alongside yours—do you know him? Yes.
414. Was he a neighbour of yours? At one time he was.
415. Before he sold out? Yes.
416. Is Mr. James Seivl going to be a witness in this case? I saw him outside.
417. That is the same Mr. Seivl who had the selection close to yours? Yes.
418. On the plan there is a selection marked alongside yours in the name of James Seivl—do you recollect that being taken up? I think that selection has been taken up a good many times.
419. Who was resident on No. 1 when you took up No. 2? Mr. Seivl.
420. But at the time you took up the selection? There was nobody living there.
421. How long was it vacant? No time; I forget who took it up.
422. Who resided on it when it was taken up? Well, I think it was Mrs. William Seivl who lived there for a time.
423. But William Seivl's selection, I see, is on the other side? There is some ground on each side of me belonging to William Seivl. There is a piece of 160 acres which formerly belonged to old Mr. Seivl.
424. He never resided there in your time? No.
425. He was there before your time? Yes; he was the owner of M'Donell's Creek, and he gave this creek to his son William.
426. You resided on Miller's Creek before you took up the selection? Yes.
427. How long did you reside there before you took up the selection? It may have been a year or two.
428. Was old Mr. Seivl living there at all at that time? He did not live on Miller's Creek; he lived on M'Donell's Creek.
429. Can you give me any idea as to who was the James Seivl who took up a selection adjoining your place? I think it was old Mr. Seivl.
430. He never resided there in your time? No.
431. He used to live there before Mr. Glass lived there? Yes.*
432. *Chairman.*] Did you ever see Mr. M'Intyre, who is present before this Committee, there? No, I never did.
433. If he had lived on the selection you would have known of it? I think I should.

Mr. William Williams called in and examined on oath:—

- Mr. W. Williams. 434. *Chairman.*] What are you? I am a farmer, residing at Singleton.
- 9 July, 1884. 435. Are you in anybody's employ now? No.
436. Whose employ were you in before you went to reside at Singleton? I did work for Mr. James Glass, at Miller's Creek.
437. What time were you employed at Miller's Creek? I went there about the latter end of 1875, I think.
438. What position did you occupy? I was looking after the paddocks, and knocking about.
439. You were superintendent for Mr. Glass? For awhile, but not at first.
440. But afterwards you were superintendent? No, I was only like a man.
441. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Were you a boundary rider—did you look after the fences? Yes.
442. *Mr. Day.*] Was it your duty to look after the fences? Yes, a part of them.
443. To see that they were up all right? Yes.
444. *Mr. Gill.*] Were the boundaries of the run all fenced? It was a kind of a fence round, except one part on the top of the ranges.
445. Did you know the boundaries of the station? I knew them pretty well.
446. You knew all the selectors residing there? I knew some of them.
447. Did you know Mr. Clay's selection—Mr. Clay who has just been examined before this Committee? Yes.
448. His selection almost adjoins the boundary of the A. A. Company's estate? There are two or three between his and the A. A. Company's estate.
449. James Seivl, and Harris, and Joseph Harris have selections between? Yes.
450. You know all those selections, and you know Clay's? Yes; I do not know Clay's boundary, but I know where he lived.
451. Miller's Creek is at the head of his boundary? Yes.
452. Do you know the opposite boundary? That is Clay's top boundary.
453. Yes? No, I cannot say that I know the exact boundary.
454. But you know to within a quarter of a mile of it? Yes.
455. Did you ever hear of any person named M'Intyre living there? No.
456. Did you ever know of a person named John M'Intyre living on the station? There was a M'Intyre there for a while; I do not remember the time, whether it was the latter part of 1875 or 1876.
457. What was his Christian name? He was called Johnny M'Intyre.
458. How long was he employed on the station? He was there in the shearing-time. 459.

* NOTE (on revision):—James Seivl, junr., lived there before Glass, and not James Seivl, senr.

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459. Is this the man (*pointing to a previous witness*)? I do not know him.
460. But you say there was a man of the name employed in the shearing-shed? Yes.
461. That was the only John M'Intyre ever employed on the station in your time that you know of? Yes.
462. Did you ever know of a John M'Intyre being a selector on the station? I heard of a selection being M'Intyre's.
463. Where was it? It was out at the back of Clay's; it was more back from the creek.
464. Did it adjoin the roadway near the A. A. Company's boundary? I cannot say.
465. At all events it was at the back, the furthest away from Clay's selection—if Clay's selection adjoined the creek, M'Intyre's would be further the other way, to the south of Clay's selection? Yes.
466. *Mr. Heydon.*] You say that Clay's frontage was to the creek; was M'Intyre's selection at the back of his? Yes.
467. *Chairman.*] You say you have heard of a selection called M'Intyre's? Yes.
468. During all the time you were employed there did you ever see a man named M'Intyre residing on the selection? No, I did not; still there may have been a M'Intyre there and I not know.
469. You were a boundary rider? Yes.
470. And were frequently round there? Yes.
471. How many times during the whole of your employment were you round there? I cannot say.
472. A hundred times? It may have been a hundred times.
473. Did you ever see John M'Intyre there? No.
474. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Had you charge of certain paddocks, or were you boundary rider generally? At certain times I had charge of certain paddocks; I was supposed to go right round the boundaries at times.
475. But there were certain fences for which you were responsible? Yes.
476. Did M'Intyre's selection adjoin any fence that you had charge of? Yes.
477. Where that selection is is one of the paddocks which you had charge of? Yes, I was supposed to look after that paddock.
478. How long were you looking after that paddock of M'Intyre's? About two years.
479. During the time you were looking after the paddock, did you ever find a man named M'Intyre living on the selection? No.
480. Did you ever hear of any one living in the hut? No.
481. You saw it every time you went into the paddock? Not every time.
482. You had certain paddocks to look after on certain days, you took them in routine like most boundary riders—now how often did you look round that paddock? Once a week, it may be; at times perhaps only once a fortnight.
483. How many paddocks had you to look after? Five.
484. Then you were in them at least once a week? Some of them I should not be in so often.
485. Was the particular paddock referred to one that you thought required a little looking after, or did you regard it as perfectly safe? That corner I did not bother much about; my work was more on the other side, more on the top of the range.
486. Your neighbours were looked after by other boundary riders, but you did not look after the paddock much, still you were in it on the average about once a fortnight? I cannot say the time; I used to be round as often as I could.
487. Once a month, or once every five or six weeks? I may have gone two weeks together, and then have missed two or three weeks.
488. But you were in it twelve times in the year? Yes, more than that.
489. During all that time you speak of did you ever see any one living in the hut? No.
490. Was there a log sheep-yard near the hut? No.
491. No timber cleared off? No; some of it was ringbarked.
492. But was any timber cleared off, or any of the ground cropped? No.
493. No ground cleared ready for the plough? No.
494. Do you think any man could be there erecting fencing round the paddock without your seeing him? There was fencing put up, but I do not know whether it was on the paddock or not.
495. Was that near the hut? Yes, the fence surrounded the hut.
496. About what distance was it away? I cannot say whether that was the fence.
497. However, fencing? More than a mile and a half.
498. It did not enclose or cut off the ground known as M'Intyre's from the other part of the paddock? No.
499. You cannot say whether the fencing was on the survey lines of the selection? No.
500. There was some wire fencing, but you cannot say whether it was on the selection? I could not say. Some part might have been on the selection, and it may all have been on for what I know.
501. It did not just enclose the 40 acres? No.
502. It could only run along one line? It may have run along one line, but I cannot say whether it did or not.
503. But did you know of any one being resident there at all? No.
504. Were you on the station looking after the paddocks at the time Inspector Argent went there? Mr. Argent was on the run, but I do not know whether he was exactly on the paddock or not.
505. Was anybody with him? That I cannot say; I did not see him going out.
506. You have seen him at the station at different times? Yes.
507. But did not know whether he was escorted out there by anybody from the station or not? No; I did not live at the head station, but at one of the paddocks.
508. In the paddock containing the selection? No, about 2 miles from it.
509. Had you to go through M'Intyre's selection to get to the home station? No.
510. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Were you at the station at the time the hut was erected? Yes.
511. Did you ever see anybody residing there? No.
512. Were you ever inside the hut? I cannot say that I ever went into it.
513. Did it ever have the appearance of having been occupied at any time—had there been any fires there? I never took any notice.
514. Do you think any person could have been residing there and you not know of it? They might have been there at times and I not have known, but they could not have been there long without my knowing it.

- Mr. Williams. 515. Do you think a person could have lived there two or three years without your seeing him? No.
516. What do you think was the value of the hut? It is a long time ago—I almost forget, but I suppose it would be worth £7 or £8.
- 9 July, 1884. 517. Did you notice any improvements other than the hut on the ground? It was ringbarked.
518. About what quantity was ringbarked? I think it was all ringbarked.
519. Was any of the land cleared? That is, the timber grubbed out?
520. Yes? No, none.
521. None at all? No. When I say no, I mean that I have seen the saplings cut down.
522. Mr. Gill.] But were they cut out by the roots? Yes.
523. I mean dug out by the roots? Yes, cut with the axe.
524. Not with the spade? No.
525. Mr. S. Smith.] What area of land do you think was cut out in the way indicated? I cannot say.
526. Do you think there would be 40 acres? There may or there may not.
527. Was it all taken clear away—were all the trees taken clear away? Only the young trees.
528. None of the large trees were taken away? No.
529. Not what you called cleared land? No, just thinned.
530. Where do you reside now? Near Singleton.
531. Are you a selector? No.
532. Chairman.] Whereabouts do you live at Singleton? About 12 miles out of Singleton by the road.
533. What is the name of the place? Recluse Farm.
534. On your own property? No, on Mrs. Glass's.
535. You are in the employ of Mrs. Glass at present? No.
536. Do you lease a farm from Mrs. Glass? Yes; I have been paying her £60 a year for the last two years and six months.
537. Mr. Gill.] You spoke about some fencing,—did that fencing go across the land in question and form the subdivision of the paddocks, or did it divide the paddocks? It divided the paddocks.
538. And it came through the selection as the dividing fence of the paddocks? Yes.
539. That was the way in which it was fenced? Yes.
540. On one side was the A. A. Company's fence, and the dividing fence went through the middle of the land? I cannot say through the middle—it went through portions of it; I am not quite certain where the selection goes to; I believe the fencing runs through part of the selection, but how much I cannot tell.
541. Have you any idea how much fencing there was there? I cannot say how much there was.
542. Have you no idea? I have not.
543. Mr. S. Smith.] What kind of fencing was it? Wire fencing.
544. Mr. Gill.] Was there a top rail? No.
545. How many wires? Five wires, I think.
546. Mr. Smith.] How much do you think it would cost to clear the land of the small saplings you speak of? I cannot say.
547. Mr. Mackinnon.] Were the saplings burnt when they were cut down? No, they were left lying; I fancy there was a bit burnt out, but I am not sure.
548. Mr. Smith.] What do you think it would cost? £5 or £6 altogether.
549. You say the land was not cleared of the stumps—it was only the small saplings that were cleared: what do you think it would cost per acre to clear in the manner you speak of? 15s. or 20s. per acre, I should say.
550. Mr. Gill.] What were the improvements worth altogether? I cannot say.
551. £40 the lot? The ringbarking would be worth more than that.
552. I mean the improvements altogether—the cutting down of the young timber, the building of the hut, which you say was worth £7 or £8. Suppose you put £10 on the hut, how much would the cutting down of the timber be worth—would the whole lot be worth £40? I could not say rightly what it is worth; I cannot say how much was cleared.
553. Do you think the cutting down of the timber was worth £20—do you think it was worth anything at all? Of course it was worth something—men would not cut it down for nothing; I should say it ought to be worth £30 or £40.
554. Would the hut be worth £7? £7 or £8.
555. Mr. S. Smith.] You mentioned just now about certain fences having been erected there—how long is it since they were erected—was it previous to the erection of the hut? It was after the hut was put up.
556. Who erected the fencing? Some young chaps of the name of Hall.
557. Who did they erect it for? Mr. Glass, I think.
558. How long was it after the hut was erected? Well, I cannot say how long; it may be twelve months, or longer.
559. Would it be more than twelve months? I think it must have been a little over twelve months.
560. You went to Mr. Glass in 1875—at that time was there any fencing round this selection? No; only the paddock fence; the fence, I believe, ran across the selection, and there was no hut at that time.
561. How often had you used to come down to this selection before the fence was erected—did you come down more frequently on account of there being no fencing? No, not a bit more, because there was the boundary fence out.
562. Where did the boundary fence commence—you say that what was called M'Intyre's selection goes down to the A. A. Company's estate on the eastern side; was that the boundary of the station on that side? Yes.
563. Was there any boundary fence—say on the A. A. Company's side—at the time you went to Mr. Glass's station? Yes.
564. What kind of fence? A wire fence.
565. And that was the boundary of M'Intyre's selection? The fence I speak of fenced the paddock in.
566. But M'Intyre's fence goes to the boundary of the A. A. Company's ground? Yes.
567. Was that fencing up when you went there? Yes.
568. Whose was it? It was between the two—it belonged to the Company as much as the other.

569. Who erected it? I cannot say; it was erected long before my time.
570. What boundary line was erected after that by Mr. Glass? The one that I say ran across the selection that was cutting the paddock in two; it was a large paddock, and it was cut in two.
571. *Chairman.*] So that this selection of M'Intyre's was in the paddock—that is, in Mr. Glass's paddock? Yes.
572. Then, as a matter of fact, M'Intyre's selection was not fenced in? Oh, not to say right round.
573. It was in the paddock? Yes.
574. *Mr. Heydon.*] I understood you to say that you did not exactly know the boundaries of the selection? No, I did not.
575. And you cannot say whether the selection was fenced in or not? I do not think it was fenced in all round.
576. On how many sides was it fenced? I believe one line ran across the top end, another ran down the Miller's Creek Run down the other side.
577. Then it was fenced on three sides, including the A. A. Company's fence? Yes; I cannot speak exactly of the boundaries, and cannot say whether any of these fences were exactly on the boundary lines.
578. But assuming they were on the boundary lines, it was fenced in on three sides with wire fencing? Yes, if they were on the boundary lines.
579. You think it was a five-wire fencing? Yes, to the A. A. Company's estate it was a six-wire fence.
580. You say you looked after the paddock for two years—what years were they? I was there longer than that.
581. But when did you come there? In the latter end of 1875.
582. Did you look after that paddock for the first two years, or was it afterwards? Only part of the paddock; the lower corner I never used to visit.
583. But you say that during part of the time you were there, for a period of about two years, you had to look after that part of the country which included the paddock—can you tell me what two years they were? Part of 1875, '76, and '77.
584. Did your duty ever take you round there at night? No.
585. Can you say for certain whether anybody used to reside there so far as to make it their sleeping-place? I was never there at night.
586. Your business did not take you there at night? No.
587. And you were never inside the hut? I do not recollect ever being inside it.
588. You cannot say, from anything you saw, that some one or other might not have resided there at night and used it as a place for sleeping in, having occupations elsewhere during the day? They might have done and me not know it.
589. It was not your business to inspect that selection? No.
590. How long would it take Mr. Argent to inspect the selection and form an estimate of the value of the improvements, half an hour or an hour? I should think he could do it in that time.
591. I suppose there would be nothing remarkable in the fact of a man going and inspecting a selection and forming a valuation of the improvements made on it, and you not see him there? A dozen might go and I not know anything about it—that is the first time I speak of.
592. How long were you there altogether? I was there for twelve months, and then had nothing to do with it at all; I used to go about the paddocks, but it was not my business to look after them then.
593. How long were you at the station? That was in 1878; a young man named Higgins was looking after it.
594. What you had to do, when there, was boundary riding? For the first two years, up to the time that Higgins came.
595. And during the time he was there you had nothing to do with the boundaries of the paddocks? No; Mr. Higgins had it stopped; it was rented to Higgins; I have gone out to help him muster at different times.
596. How long have you been at Singleton? I came down there I think in '81.
597. You did not take up a selection when you went there first? Yes, I had a selection.
598. It is only lately you have been on this farm you have been speaking about? I came to where I am now in 1881.
599. You did not reside at the head station? No.
600. But lived at some place out in the paddocks? Yes.
601. You were not superintendent of the run? Not at that time; I was looking after the place for a few months at the latter end of 1877; Mr. Glass shifted away from there, but I did not live at the head station.
602. But you did not live at the head station at all? Yes, afterwards, in 1878, I think it was; in January, 1879, I shifted to the head station.
603. And you were there about twelve months before you left? Yes.
604. Up to that time you were living in a little place out in the paddocks, and were a boundary rider? Yes.
605. *Mr. S. Smith.*] You stated that it was your duty to look after this particular paddock from 1876 to near the end of 1878—whose property did you consider it was at the time you were going round it? I thought it was Mr. Glass's of course.
606. Can you remember how long it was after you went there that this house was erected? No, I cannot exactly say.
607. Was it twelve months after you lived there, or twelve months before you went there? It was six or seven months after.
608. Who erected the hut? I think Mr. Glass erected it; of course I only know from the man who put it up.
609. *Chairman.*] In 1877 you say you had the management of the station for a few months? I had the management of the sheep—I had nothing to do with the station like.
610. Whose stock were running on the selection? Mr. Glass's, and other selectors on the creek.
611. Do you remember a man named M'Intyre having stock running there? No.
612. I suppose you knew all the selectors and their stock? Yes.
613. There were no strange stock there? No.
614. You say you had a selection on Miller's Creek? Yes.
615. Who did you hold it for? I took it up for myself.
616. Whose money paid for it? I borrowed the money to pay for it.
617. From whom? Mr. Glass.

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618. To whom did you transfer the selection? To Mr. Glass. I afterwards left him.
619. You borrowed the money from Mr. Glass? Yes.
620. When did you pay it back? When I sold out.
621. He lent you the money to take up a selection, and when you sold out to him you paid him the money you owed to him—is that so? Yes.
622. You took money from Mr. Glass to take up a selection, and then sold it to him? Yes.
623. *Mr. Creagh.*] You transferred the selection to Mr. Glass? Yes.
624. Did you ever know a man named John M'Carthy on that run? Yes, there was a John M'Carthy who used to do some droving.
625. Was he a drover on your station? Yes, he did drive stock there.
626. What year was that? I forget the year.
627. Did you know a man named J. Crombie Gray, or J. Gray? Yes.
628. You do not know where he is? I do not.
629. Do you know a person named J. Seivl? Yes.
630. Have you had any communication from him lately? He wrote to me saying that I was going to be summoned on a land inquiry.
631. *Chairman.*] Have you his letter? Not with me.
632. *Mr. Creagh.*] He did write you a letter? Yes.
633. Can you state shortly whether there was anything in the letter in reference to a conditional purchase? He said I was going to be summoned, or something to that effect, that he was coming down, and that if I would come into Singleton he would see me.
634. Did you go to meet him there? No.
635. You thought it best to keep out of his way? No, I got the letter and the summons almost at the same time.
636. You know something about the Miller's Creek run—do you know whether it ever belonged to the Seivl family? I heard that Mr. Glass bought it off him.
637. Did you ever hear that this man, James Seivl, made a claim to that run at any time, or any part of the run—did you ever hear it in common conversation? I do not recollect.
638. You say there was a man named M'Intyre at one time on the station? Yes.
639. About the year 1875? I cannot say exactly the year, whether it was 1875 or 1876.
640. For all you know this man M'Intyre may have authorized some one to take up a selection on Miller's Creek run in his name? He may.
641. And for all you know this man M'Intyre may have transferred the selection at Murrurundi? Yes.
642. He could do that without your knowledge? Yes.
643. Do you know Dr. Knowles, of Murrurundi? Yes.
644. He is a Magistrate I think? Yes.
645. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Was Mr. M'Intyre employed on the station when you went there? Yes.
646. *Mr. Creagh.*] Was Mr. M'Intyre on the station before you went there? There may have been a M'Intyre on the station before I went there.
647. *Chairman.*] But the M'Intyre that was there shearing was the only M'Intyre you ever knew to be on Miller's Creek? Yes.
648. Was he ever a selector on Miller's Creek during your time? Not that I know of.
649. You say that you do not know that the M'Intyre who was on the station for a short time shearing ever occupied a selection on Miller's Creek Run? No, I do not.
650. Has Mr. Seivl spoken to you at all about this matter? No, he has not.

Mr. James Seivl called in and examined on oath:—

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651. *Chairman.*] You reside at Murrurundi, I think? Yes.
652. You know the Miller's Creek Run? Yes.
653. Were you the owner of that run at one time? I was the owner of certain selections on it.
654. You know the purpose for which this Committee was appointed? Yes.
655. And you have taken an interest in getting information about the matter? I have.
656. Do you know William Clay's selection? Yes, I know it well.
657. Who owns the selection next to it, No. 1? That belonged to two nephews of mine.
658. It is marked on the plan, J. Seivl—had you anything to do with it? Nothing.
659. How long have you known William Clay? Upwards of twenty years.
660. You see two selections on the plan as conditional purchases, and an additional purchase next to Clay's? That is M'Intyre's.
661. M'Intyre's is next to Clay's? Yes.
662. Did you ever know of a man named M'Intyre residing there? Never.
663. You see Mr. M'Intyre in this Committee-room—the gentleman who has been examined as a witness? Yes.
664. Did you ever know him to reside there? Never.
665. How long have you known the two selections that are marked on the plan? From the time the land was first taken up.
666. How often have you seen it, or have you seen it at all lately? I saw it in 1876, 1877, and 1878—I have not seen it since.
667. During those three years you have named did you ever see any person of the name of John M'Intyre residing upon it? No, never.
668. Did you ever see any improvements upon it? Well, no, only a bit of a skillion hut.
669. What would you value that hut at? About £3.
670. Did you see 2 miles or more of wire fencing there? No, the only fencing was that which fenced off all the selections, but which had nothing to do with the selection known as M'Intyre's.
671. The fencing was not on that selection? No; in fact I had all the selections fenced off.
672. Who put up the fences? I put them up.
673. In what year? In 1872 or 1873.
674. What sort of fence was it? A five-wire fence.

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675. That was done not long before the selection was taken up? Yes.
676. Who was the owner of the run at that time? It belonged to my father's estate, the Bobadil Run.
677. Did Mr. Glass not put the fencing up? No.
678. How many times do you think you were over the place during the years 1876, 1877, and 1878? I went over there three times, once in each year, to a place called Jack's Creek, to inspect some sheep I bought from Mr. Glass.
679. Did you ever see any clearing on that land? No.
680. Could there have been 40 acres cleared without your seeing it? No, I do not think there could.
681. The only other improvement you say you saw was a hut? Not a hut, it was a kind of skillion with a flat roof—high in the front, low at the back—no main roof.
682. Did you ever see anybody residing there during that time? Never.
683. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Did you ever go inside the hut? No, I have ridden close by; but you could see that no one resided there—it was all tumbling to pieces.
684. When was that? In 1878.
685. You say the fence was erected in 1872? In '72 or '73.
686. And there has not been any fencing erected since then? Not to my knowledge.
687. No fence was erected up to 1878? Not to my knowledge. The road by which I went passed right through the centre of the selection.
688. How often had you used to go by there? Once in each year, '76, '77, and '78.
689. Did business call you there? Yes, I had to go to a place called Jack's Creek, adjoining Mitchell's Creek.
690. What time in 1876 did you go? I cannot say exactly the month—it was some time in the latter end.
691. Was the hut erected at that time? I cannot say whether or not it was erected at the end of 1876, but I know it was up in 1877.
692. Did you notice a log sheep-yard there? Yes.
693. What do you think that would be valued at? I had that log sheep-yard put up.
694. Is that on the selection which has been spoken of as M'Intyre's? I cannot swear positively that it is.
695. Was it erected by you? Yes.
696. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] In what year? Some time in 1860.
697. Had it been done up or anything? It had been done up at times.
698. Who was it repaired for, M'Intyre—did it form the line of his selection? No, I do not think it did.
699. Was it repaired as it should have been repaired? I do not know.
700. Have you seen it lately? No.
701. Did you see it anywhere about May, 1877? No.
702. You did not see it in 1877 at all? No; I saw it in 1876.
703. Did you go near the yard in 1876? Yes, in the latter end of 1876; I went to put some sheep in, but it was in such a dilapidated state I did not put them in.
704. When did you see it again? In 1877, and it was in the same state then.
705. You saw it in 1877, and it was still unfit for holding sheep? I think it was in 1877, and it was still unfit for holding sheep.
706. *Mr. S. Smith.*] Were any sheep or cattle running there? There were some sheep.
707. Whose were they? Mr. Glass's.
708. You have no doubt that he was the owner of the sheep? No.
709. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Did your land adjoin this, or did you live some distance away? I lived about 20 miles from there, about the Mooki.
710. You were never over the ground with your nephews? I was there in '76, '77, and '78; I lived north of what is called M'Intyre's selection.
711. You would have to go by Mr. Clay's selection? Yes.
712. And every time you passed there you saw no one residing on what is called M'Intyre's selection? No; it was either at the latter end of 1877 or the beginning of 1878 that I saw it last, and there was no fencing at all.
713. But if there had been you would have seen it? Yes, I should have to go through it.
714. Did the owner of the selection (M'Intyre) ever pay your nephews for any share of the fence? No.
715. Were they ever asked to pay half? No, there never was any such man as M'Intyre there.
716. You are sure there were no improvements or fencing made up to 1878? Yes.
717. Were any saplings cut down, or was there any clearing? None at all.
718. Not cut down by the road to make it appear there had been some clearing done? No.
719. *Mr. Gill.*] Who ringbarked it? I had it ringbarked.
720. Did you notice any saplings cut down, or scrub? No, there is no scrub on it.
721. Did the saplings grow again? Yes.
722. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Then Mr. M'Intyre, or whoever may have been there, instead of ringbarking, had to cut the suckers off? Yes, but there were very few suckers on it.
723. *Mr. Gill.*] We have it in evidence that the light trees had been cut down close to the ground by the axe—did you see anything of it? No, there was nothing of the kind.
724. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Did you make it your business to have a look at this selection now and again? Yes.
725. You watched it? No, I did not watch it; I knew very well the man never resided on it.
726. You never asked your nephews to keep an eye on it? I never spoke to them about it.
727. But when riding along the road you made it a point to go up and have a look, to see how it was? Yes.
728. I wonder you did not keep dates? Well, I knew it was crooked, and I used to have a look at it now and again.
729. You never passed the road without going up to have a look at it? No.
730. And there were no residents there at all? None at all.
731. Did Mr. Glass have any shepherding done there, on that sheep paddock? It was all paddock, and there was no shepherding.
732. *Chairman.*] Did you ever know a man named M'Intyre living upon Miller's Creek at all? Never.
733. You were constantly seeing Mr. Glass—did he ever speak to you about a man named M'Intyre? Well, he did.
734. Did he ever tell you that there was no M'Intyre who had a selection? The only thing he said to me was that all these selections were taken up on Miller's Creek.

- Mr. J. Seivl. 735. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] The land was all leased to Mr. Glass? Either Glass or Forester.
 736. If Mr. Glass did get Mr. M'Intyre to select, it was on his own run? Yes, or what was supposed to be his.
 737. *Mr. Heydon.*] Supposed to be his—whose was it then? It belonged to my father's estate.
 738. Then I understand, with regard to the run, it belonged to your father's estate, and not to Mr. Glass at all? Yes.
 739. You, with others, have a considerable interest in it? Yes.
 740. Instead of belonging to Mrs. Glass and her children, it rightly belongs to you? No, to my father's estate.
 741. In which you have an interest? Yes.
 742. Have you taken any steps to assert that right? Yes.
 743. You claim it from the Bank? Yes.
 744. The Bank refuses to recognize your claim in any way? Yes.
 745. Have you taken any steps in a Court of law? No, I gave instructions.
 746. For how long have you made this claim? I suppose over two years.
 747. How long has your father been dead? About five years.*
 748. Why have you not made the claim for the whole five years? Simply because I could not do anything until the death of my mother, at the end of 1880 or beginning of 1881.
 749. And your mother would not take any steps to assert her rights? She transferred her life interest in the land to Mr. Glass.
 750. She would not take any steps herself? No.
 751. *Mr. Gill.*] She had only a life interest in it? That was all.
 752. *Mr. Heydon.*] If you asserted your claim to this successfully you would of course only get the run, less any selections that had been properly made? That is all, of course.
 753. If you could show any selections that were improperly made, you would assert your right to the run inclusive of those selections? If they are thrown back in the run, the probability is they would be put up to auction and sold.
 754. Are your nephews here? No.
 755. You have told us very positively they never made any agreement with anybody about half of the fence? Not that I know of.
 756. You used to go there once a year for three years? Yes.
 757. Is there a main road there at all? Yes.
 758. It goes right through that part? Yes, a measured road.
 759. Where does it lead from? From Miller's Creek to Warrah Creek.
 760. It is not a road between township and township, but simply from Warrah Creek to Miller's Creek? Yes.
 761. Was it a fenced road or a made road? No, a bush track.
 762. And you used to use it? Yes.
 763. And you used to make it your business to examine this particular selection—to have a look at it? Yes.
 764. May I ask your reason for doing so? I knew very well that M'Intyre did not own the land—that he held a selection at Yarraman at the same time.
 765. Because it was not straight you made it your business to look into it? Yes.
 766. Do you make it your business to look into a whole lot of things that are not straight? There are a whole lot of them in the same way.
 767. And you looked into the whole lot of them? Well, I do not say I looked into the whole lot of them—I looked into some of them.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. GILL, | MR. MACKINNON,
 MR. S. SMITH.

ROBERT HENRY LEVIEN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Owen, instructed by Mr. Creagh, appeared as Counsel for the Mercantile Bank; Mr. Heydon appeared as Counsel for Mrs. Glass.

Mr. James Seivl recalled and examined:—

- Mr. J. Seivl. 768. *Mr. Owen.*] I think you stated, when you were being examined the other day, that you had some claim on this Miller's Creek Run? The only claim I have on it is being the executor of my father's estate.
 769. How long have you known this run? I should say, as near as I can recollect, twenty-seven or twenty-eight years.
 770. How far do you live from it? Not further than from 25 to 30 miles.
 771. For the last ten years, what has your occupation been? For the last ten years?
 772. What have you been doing at your residence? Well, dealing in stock; but I hold the station called Mooki Springs.
 773. Is that the station you refer to as being 25 or 30 miles away? Yes, and another station they call Yarraman.
 774. What do you know of this John M'Intyre who has given evidence in this case? I do not know very much about him, only—
 775. Only what? That he was living at Yarraman.
 776. Was he a selector at Mooki Springs? No.

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* Note (on revision):—He died in 1869, which would make it about fourteen years.

Mr. George Gray Brodie called in and examined on oath :—

777. *Chairman.*] You are in the Government Service now at Goulburn? Yes.
778. What position do you occupy there? I am clerk in the Goulburn Gaol.
779. You did occupy the position of Crown Lands Agent at Murrurundi many years, did you not? Yes, I did.
780. How were the applications for selections made in the early part of the time you held that office, personally or by an agent? Before the Act of 1875 it was often done by an agent; that was allowed.
781. Look at this application in the name of John M'Intyre (page 6 of the printed papers); that is the original application for a conditional purchase—you see Mr. John M'Intyre in this room, who has been examined before this Committee? Yes.
782. Have you ever seen him before? I cannot say; I do not recollect; I may have done.
783. Did you ever see him in connection with this application for a conditional purchase at all? That I cannot say.
784. You see it is by an agent, Mr. J. Crombie Grey? Yes, I know the man.
785. Would he have had to attend personally to enter that? I know he did attend frequently at the office, but whether in connection with this selection I cannot say.
786. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] He would have to attend personally if he was acting as an agent? Yes.
787. To have signed it he would have had to attend personally? Yes.
788. Have you ever known of a case where an agent attended with the person applying for a conditional purchase? Yes, I have frequently.
789. Can you say whether it was done in this instance? No, I cannot; in fact I do not remember anything about this case whatever; of course it is one of many hundreds that came before me.
790. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Do you recognize the application at all—do you recognize the handwriting? I believe the handwriting to be Grey's.
791. It is not your writing—he did not get the form from you and get you to fill it up? No, certainly not.
792. You believe it to be Grey's? Yes.
793. There is an application by John M'Intyre here for an additional to that conditional purchase I have just shown you? Yes.
794. At the end of it I find these words: "I certify that John M'Intyre is over sixteen years"—can you say you had seen the applicant at that time, or at any time? Well I must have been satisfied.
795. But that is not the question—did you see him? Well, that I cannot say, I never remember a case where I signed a certificate without being satisfied.
796. You never remember having signed one without seeing the person? I cannot say that; but not without being satisfied that he was over that age.
797. I see the application is made by Mr. Brooke—who is he? What date is that?
798. 6th September, 1877, "*per* William Brooke, agent, Murrurundi"? Well, Brooke was in my employ constantly for about seven years, as a kind of confidential assistant in the office.
799. He acted as agent at that time? No; afterwards he took an hotel at Murrurundi; he then used to act as agent for parties in the district.
800. Suppose Brooke had brought you an application and told you the applicant was above the age of sixteen years, having confidence in him, you would take it without seeing the applicant? Yes, I had implicit confidence in Brooke; I used to trust him with large sums of money; in fact he used to act for me in the lands office.
801. So that you may have added the certificate without having seen the applicant, upon the strength of what Brooke might tell you? It is possible; I do not know any man I have had more confidence in than in him.
802. Can you say he ever brought a man there of the name of M'Intyre—have you any recollection of this additional application having been made at all? No, I have no recollection whatever about the matter; there were so many applications, and so many years have elapsed. I have tried to remember the matter, but I cannot.
803. You would not like to say that any person was brought to you, or that you knew any person of the name of John M'Intyre being brought before you? In both cases where the applications were made they were made through an agent—one by Grey and the second one by Brooke.
804. That is right? Well, I cannot say that I ever saw the man at all.
805. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Was Brooke carrying on any business in the town of Murrurundi on the 6th of September, 1877? I cannot say.
806. What was he? District Court Bailiff.
807. In the Government employ? Yes, but he used to assist me in working up plans.
808. He had the run of the books in giving people information as to what land was available? At the time he was in my employment he had.
809. But at this date, 6th September, 1877? No, he was then carrying on business as an inn-keeper.
810. And land agent? Yes.
811. It was his business, acting as land agent, to fill up applications? Yes.
812. And you, knowing Mr. Brooke, having him so long with you, you had every confidence in him, and that he would not mislead you in certifying as agent for John M'Intyre? I had implicit confidence in him.
813. It was that implicit confidence that made you sign the declaration? I cannot say positively; if I did not see the applicant and signed it without seeing him personally, I believe I have taken Brooke's word for it.
814. In both instances the land has been taken up by an agent, and no doubt you would not have signed the declaration unless you knew the applicant was over sixteen years of age, or it was your confidence in this man who acted as agent? Yes.
815. You never remember seeing M'Intyre, and you must have had great confidence in Brooke? He acted for me for so many years, and I trusted him in matters of much greater importance.
816. Suppose any person in the town not carrying on business as a land agent asked you to sign a declaration without personally seeing the applicant, would you then have signed such a declaration? I do not know any other man I should have had the same confidence in.
817. You believe it was on that account that you signed this declaration—this certificate? Supposing I did not

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- Mr. not see the man himself. There are so many cases at Murrurundi; it is a large district, and it would be impossible for me to retain in my memory every person who came.
6. G. Brodie. 818. Do you recollect signing a declaration for Mr. Brooke? I do not recollect.
- 17 July, 1884. 819. You signed everything he asked you to sign? I had confidence in him, and believe him to be one of the most honest men in the country.
820. I suppose whilst Brooke was still carrying on business as land agent you allowed him to look over the books in your office? I do not think I did—it was not my practice.
821. But to get particulars to write out applications? I might have done.
822. At this time he had the same privilege almost as when he was in your employ? I think he had.
823. *Chairman.*] Looking at the application, can you say whether it is Mr. Brooke's writing or signature? Yes; I do not think the top part of the application is his writing, but that is his signature—I am positive as to that, but I do not think the writing in the body of the form is his.
824. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Has it been dated and the man's name filled in afterwards—is it two different hand-writings in the filling up, the name in one handwriting and the particulars in another? I do not think the writing is Brooke's, but I recognize the signature as being his.
825. Have you any idea whose writing it is? No, unless it is Brooke's; but I do not think it is his; I can state positively as to his signature.
826. You feel confident that Brooke must have known this man M'Intyre before he would take up land for him and ask you to sign the declaration? I should think so.
827. There can be no doubt that he would know who he was filling up the application for? Yes.
828. How long did you know Brooke? Seven years—I knew him intimately.
829. Had he used to be allowed to act as land agent in your business? Yes; when I got leave of absence I used to mention that he would act for me.
830. The Government had every confidence in him, and he had full charge of the office in your absence? Yes; they were not so particular in those days.
831. And that went on for about seven years? Yes.
832. And you feel confident that if he had not known M'Intyre he would not have filled up this application and asked you to sign the declaration? I do not think he would.
833. You have the fullest confidence in him, and think he must have known this man M'Intyre before he asked you to sign this declaration? Certainly.
834. *Mr. Owen.*] You cannot recollect whether you saw this Mr. M'Intyre who is now before the Committee or not? No.
835. You may have seen him? It is quite possible.
836. I suppose with the large number of applications you had, you could not carry a knowledge of all the applicants in your head? No.
837. What character did this Mr. Crombie Grey bear in the neighbourhood—what was he? All I know about him is that he was a young man who came up to the district; I think I heard him once say he had deserted from his ship in Sydney at the time of the gold-diggings.
838. What was his occupation? I think he selected in the district of Murrurundi; for some time after he came he was just knocking about the town and acting as auctioneer or something of the kind, I think.
839. Do you know where he is now? I do not.
840. Is Mr. Brooke living there? Yes, he is keeping the Commercial Hotel at Murrurundi.
841. Do you know whether Grey acted in every case as agent? Yes, I am sure he did in a good many cases.
842. *Mr. Heydon.*] You say Grey acted as agent in a good many cases; it was part of his occupation—auctioneer and land agent I suppose was his occupation? I would not be positive that he had a license, but I think he was an auctioneer.
843. But he was a land agent, and acted for the people? Yes, he was a young man of rather a good education, and used to come in and act for parties.
844. His character was good, was it not? I cannot say that I ever heard anything against him; I looked upon him myself as a man who had thrown his chances away as it were; he certainly was of good character in all respects, so far as I know of him.
845. You say he left his ship and went to the gold-fields? Yes, I think he got married and got amongst rather a bad lot.
846. But his character? I think his character was good—I heard nothing against him; I rather liked the young man myself.
847. He was a young man of good education and character? Decidedly.
848. With regard to Mr. Brooke, can you say how long he has been resident in the district? Over twenty years I think.
849. Has his character stood high? Very high, and does now I believe.
850. You say you had implicit confidence in him? Yes.
851. Had you reason to have great confidence in him? I had.
852. You were intimately connected with him for seven years, and were working with him? I am within limits when I say that.
853. You had known him long before? Yes, much longer.
854. And from what you know personally of his character, and integrity and trustworthiness, I suppose you feel quite sure he would not mislead you in a matter of this kind? I have no reason to think that he would.
855. You are not at all sure you did not see John M'Intyre, to be sure he was not over sixteen years of age? I do not remember anything about it.
856. You cannot say whether you saw him? I cannot say.
857. I think you said that not only you yourself had confidence in Mr. Brooke, but the Government also had confidence in him, and throughout the district he is looked upon as a man of high character and integrity? Yes, certainly.
858. Every one who knows him thinks highly of him? Yes.
859. I suppose he having lived there for twenty years, if there had been anything shady or disreputable about him it would have been known about the district? Yes.

TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1884.

Present:—

MR. DAY, | MR. GILL,
MR. MACKINNON.

R. H. LEVIEN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Owen and Mr. Heydon, instructed by Mr. Creagh, appeared as counsel for the Mercantile Bank, and for Mrs. Glass, respectively.

Mr. Thomas Argent called in, sworn, and examined:—

860. *Chairman*] You are an Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the Lands Department? I was. Mr. T. Argent,
861. Do you know the Miller's Creek Run? I cannot say I do particularly well.
862. Will you look at this document, the original of No. 49 of the printed papers—is that your report? 22 July, 1884.
Yes, that is my report.
863. Do you think you would know the land if it was pointed out to you on the plan? No, I do not think I would.
864. Do you know a man of the name of William Clay? Slightly; I have seen him about Miller's Creek.
865. Do you know his selection? I am not very clear about it, nor about the particulars of any of these selections.
866. On the Miller's Creek Run? On the Miller's Creek Run. I have been dangerously ill for three or four months, and whatever little recollection I had seems to have faded. I will tell you to the best of my ability.
867. *Mr. Day.*] Is that report correct? I believe it is entirely correct.
868. *Chairman.*] It is in your handwriting? Yes, and from that fact I believe it is thoroughly correct.
869. You say "the selector was residing in the hut referred to at the time of my visit; I have no doubt, from the statements of the selector and the appearance of the place generally, that the conditions have been complied with". did you go on the selection? Undoubtedly, as I did in every instance.
870. You saw John M'Intyre, who was here the other day? No, I did not.
871. Who pointed out M'Intyre to you, and who took you upon the selection? I believe he was introduced to me by Mr. Glass, at Murrurundi, and that he went out from Murrurundi with me to the selection.
872. Was that on the first occasion? Yes, I believe it was.
873. Then we are to understand that he was introduced to you by Mr. Glass as the selector, and that he went out with you on to the selection? I believe that was so.
874. There was a man named John M'Intyre here the first day you came—did you notice him on that occasion? No, I did not notice. In point of fact, George Brodie, in answer to my question, "Is Mr. M'Intyre here," said, "I have not seen him." There was really no one, except one or two outside.
875. You have no recollection that any of the persons outside was M'Intyre? No, I have not.
876. Will you look at this document, dated 24 June, 1875, and numbered 58 in the printed papers? Yes, I see it.
877. You will see by the first report you say he had 3 miles of six-wire fencing, £255, but in the second report you say 2 miles and 30 chains six-wire fencing, £190? Yes, I see that.
878. Can you tell us how that mistake occurred? No, I cannot, indeed.
879. You will see "40 acres cleared, £60," in the first report; and in the second it is "40 acres cleared, £120"? Yes, I see.
880. Can you tell us how the discrepancy arises? I do not know, unless I discovered that I had undervalued it.
881. Can you say of your own knowledge that there were 40 acres of cleared land there? I cannot say now, at this length of time. When I gave up my office I handed in all record books and all other books which would have given this information.
882. *Mr. Day.*] But you are satisfied that on the 24th June, 1875, there were 40 acres of cleared land there? I have no doubt about it.
883. *Chairman.*] Can you say you went on to John M'Intyre's selection? I went out to the one that was pointed out to me as M'Intyre's selection, which I believe it was.
884. Would you be surprised to hear that the adjoining selector says there is no cleared land there at all? No, I should not in the slightest.
885. Then you cannot tell us whether it was M'Intyre's selection or not? No, I cannot.
886. Who pointed it out to you? I cannot say that I am positive, but judging from my report I went there with the man who was said to be M'Intyre.
887. *Mr. Day.*] Would it be possible for any one to put you on to another selection? The easiest thing in the world; unless the inspector is very careful indeed in catching sight of the boundary marks he might be very easily misled; he might be put on to a selection that was fully covered with improvements, and it is quite possible to shift the boundary marks, and I have heard of an instance of it being done. That is one way in which no possible foresight can guard against villainy.
888. Then we cannot depend upon the reports sent in? I do not say that.
889. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Is it not the inspector's duty to know? Yes, but it would be impossible for him to know unless he marked it off.*
890. Has he not got the number? In nearly every instance. I cannot see how any inspector's foresight can guard against shifting the marks.
891. But they would not alter the hand-spits? One would not expect such roguery as that.
892. Would you not look to see which way the hand-spits were? Yes, you would, of course. There is more experience to guide the inspector now than there was ten years ago.
893. Do you remember in this instance whether you looked to see which way the hand-spits were? I do not remember.
894. Did you generally do so? Yes, I was very particular. I think I may say I was very seldom caught in these matters. 895.

* NOTE (on revision):—*I.e.*, unless he measured off the selection in the first instance.

- Mr. T. Argent: 895. Was there anybody residing there? My impression is that the selector who went out with me resided there.
- 22 July, 1884. 896. Had he completed his three years? I do not think so; I think it was during his term. I understood that he came in for the express purpose of bringing me out.
897. How did he know? I do not suppose he knew. There is no doubt that these selections belonged to Mr. Glass, who, I presume, sent out for M'Intyre to come in to Murrurundi to me.
898. Were you not going towards Glass's station at that time? I had lots of selections to look after. He had some special object in view, as I imagine. He asked me to send in a speedy report.
899. Had you any instructions from the Government to make this a special case? Yes, I believe I had.
900. From whom? All my instructions came from Mr. Moriarty. As a matter of fact the owners of these stations knew nearly as soon as I did that I had instructions to inspect.
901. You said you had instructions to inspect this specially? I imagine from the circumstances that I had.
902. You were asked to inspect this and leave some older ones? I do not know that.
903. Was there anybody else residing there? No, there was nobody else residing there; it looked just like a hut occupied by a single individual.
904. You do not think it possible that you could have been misled in the land? I do not think so; of course it is possible.
905. You do not think it is probable? I do not think so, from the circumstance of Mr. Glass sending this person out with me.
906. *Chairman.*] You relied a good deal upon Mr. Glass sending to point out these things? I did, thoroughly.
907. So that if Mr. Glass had said—"This is John M'Intyre's selection," you would have taken it to be so? I would have believed almost everything he said to me.
908. *Mr. Day.*] Did you think it was strange that Mr. Glass should send for you to inspect a selection belonging to another man? No, I did not, because I knew pretty well who held the selections.
909. A number of witnesses say there is no fencing or improvements upon this land at all—they might be wrong? They might be wrong.
910. It is quite possible that you may have inspected another selection upon the same station and taken it for this? It is quite possible.
911. *Chairman.*] You do not know Mr. M'Intyre personally? No, I do not.
912. Can you describe what kind of man he was? I can hardly describe him now—it is so long ago.
913. You did not know any of the hands upon the station? No, very few. I would not know more than two or three of them.
914. Yours was a tremendous district to go round? It was very large.
915. *Mr. Day.*] Did the man who was living on the station go by the name of John M'Intyre? He went out with me as M'Intyre. Mr. Glass introduced him to me as M'Intyre.
916. Had you any conversation with him? Yes, I asked him if that was his selection, or something of that sort.
917. You were thoroughly satisfied in your own mind that it was John M'Intyre that you were talking to? Yes.
918. You had no doubt of it? No, and I have none now.
919. The house was comfortably furnished? It was. Nearly all the selections said to belong to Glass were comfortably furnished.
920. But this selection belonged to John M'Intyre? I understood that all the selections on the Miller's Creek Run belonged to Mr. Glass.
921. Although it was taken up in other names? Yes; it was a common practice all over the district.
922. If you understood that, would you not consider it your duty as inspector to report it to the Chief Commissioner? No, I found the utter uselessness of anything of that kind. I did report something of that kind, and got a rap over the knuckles, and was told merely to ascertain whether the person had fulfilled the conditions of residence and improvement.
923. You considered that it was your duty to report that they were dummies? I did, and I did report, some years ago. I was told very shortly that my business was to report as to whether the conditional purchaser had fulfilled the conditions of residence and improvement, and that was all I had to do with it.
924. That came from the Chief Commissioner? † I do not remember whom it came from.
925. *Chairman.*] That same theory used to be set up in the Courts of Inquiry? Yes, it was.
926. You say you do not know how there came to be the difference between the two reports? No, I do not exactly remember.
927. *Mr. Day.*] Do you think it likely that some of the fencing may have been removed in the meantime? It might; a good deal used to be removed, and made to do duty two or three times over. It was quite legal for them to do so.
928. But they would not be able to remove the improvements until the time was up? No.
929. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] I suppose you left that district before the Act of 1875 or 1881 came into operation? No, I did not. I left the district in November, 1881—I then gave up my appointment.
930. Did you inspect any selections on this run after the Amended Act of 1875 made it illegal to employ dummies? I do not think so; I do not remember.
931. *Mr. Owen.*] Will you look at your first report, dated November 30th, 1877, number 37 in the printed papers, you sent that in reference to this selection? Yes, probably it is; I do not remember.
932. In this report you say "The man whom I found at work on the land, and who said he was the selector, gave a very straightforward account as to his compliance with the conditions of residence from within three weeks after the purchase of the land." On that occasion he must have been on the land at the time? I presume he must have been. I might have been wrong in the presumption that I met him at Murrurundi.
933. Having read that report, have you any doubt that at the time of your visit the man must have been on the selection? Not the slightest in the world.
934. You said the hut was comfortably furnished: you have no doubt that that fact was correct at the time of your visit? None whatever. 935.

* NOTE (on revision) :—I was in Murrurundi at the time (my head quarters); Glass came there at the time, and I suppose took the opportunity, when finding me there, of sending out for M'Intyre.

† NOTE (on revision) :—No, it did not; I do not remember from whom it came.

- 935. Can you state now whether this selector was pointed out to you by Mr. Glass? I still think he was.
- 936. At any rate you found him on the selection? I suppose so, according to this.
- 937. Now look at your next report, dated January 12th, 1879—You say "The selector was residing in the hut referred to at the time of my visit." On that occasion the selector was on the ground, and not at Murrurundi? He must must have been on the ground.
- 938. Now look at this other one, dated June 15th, 1879—On that occasion you stated that you found the selector then residing upon his land at the date of inspection. Have you any doubt that he was so residing? I have no doubt, from the fact of the repetition of this report, that the man must have been reported as non-resident, and that is the reason why it was referred to me to report upon. It was not usual to hunt up selectors unless intimation was given that they were not complying with the residence condition.
- 939. Then that being so, your attention would be drawn specially to the question of whether the selector was at that time resident? Pointedly so, during the currency of the three years; but as to whether any individual was John M'Intyre or not I could not say.
- 940. Can you state whether you conversed with the man who was on the land, apparently as selector? Of course I did.
- 941. He gave a very straightforward account? Yes.
- 942. And you got your information from the selector, on the ground? No doubt. I would not take it from anybody else.
- 943. *Mr. Heydon.*] I suppose you have sometimes had to report that residence has not been continuous? Yes, in some instances I had.
- 944. You have had a good deal of experience in finding out whether residence appeared to be *bona fide* or continuous, or whether there was an attempt to impose upon you? Yes, I was eight years employed as inspector in the one district.
- 945. Although there is this possibility as to the site of the selection, you would have a quick eye as to any attempt to impose upon you with regard to *bona fide* residence? Yes, I think so.
- 946. *Chairman.*] You spoke just now of the number of reports: may they not have been urged for the purpose of obtaining a certificate for the land? There was then a system of selectors reporting each other. I used to be worried every week where some one had reported selectors in the neighbourhood of Murrurundi. It used to be a matter of almost monthly occurrence for the same selections to come on again. They could not get a certificate for this land, because the three years was not up.
- 947. You said you knew that these selections belonged to Mr. Glass? I had a pretty good idea.
- 948. And on account of having received information from the Lands Office that you had only two things to inquire into—residence and improvement—and having no doubt that the selections were Mr. Glass's selections, tell me how you sent in that report of June 14, 1875—"I believe the selection is a *bona fide* one"? That may have been my belief then, and after-knowledge may have awakened me to some other facts.
- 949. In that case, why did you not state that you did not believe the selection to be a *bona fide* one? It may have escaped my memory, or very probably I would have done so.
- 950. Have you any doubt about Mr. Glass introducing him to you, or may it have been a mistake? It may have been; I am not positive. It may have been the case of another selector going out with me.
- 951. Can you tell us anything about these selections at all, apart from these documents? I have not the slightest recollection of them.
- 952. You do not know of your own knowledge whether John M'Intyre ever existed or had a selection upon Miller's Creek? No, I have no knowledge whether such a man existed.

Mr. T. Argent
22 July, 1884,

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., re-called and re-examined :—

- 953. *Mr. Day.*] Has it been the custom in the Lands Department formerly to snub the inspectors when they sent in a report that a dummy had taken up a selection for another man? Hardly.
- 954. Has it never been done to your knowledge? *Never. If an inspector knew that an applicant was a dummy and did not report it, he would be more likely to get a severe snubbing.
- 955. If any one had sworn that such was the case? It is quite untrue.
- 956. Would any other officer in the Department communicate with the inspectors and tell them that they had no right at all to interfere, whether they were dummies or not, but that their simple duty was to see that the residence was carried out and that the improvements were completed? It would have been entirely contrary to the practice of the Department.
- 957. Do you think any such document could have been sent to the inspectors? It is quite impossible. Before 1875 the hearing of the *bona fides* was different to what it was afterwards; before then agency had been held by the Privy Council to be a legal thing, and therefore what is known as dummying was a less matter than it was after 1875.
- 958. Then, if you had known, as the Head of the Conditional Purchase Branch, that some of your inspectors understood thoroughly and knew well that there were a number of dummies on a run—selections taken up for the runholder—it would not have been true that they would not dare to report the fact to you? It is quite untrue; the endeavour was, from first to last, to have the most complete freedom of communication between the inspectors and the Government. They were given to understand that they were regarded as the eyes of the Minister, who could not go to the spot and see for himself; they were sent for the purpose of telling us fully what they could see.
- 959. If you had an inspector under you, and you were thoroughly aware that he knew of a number of dummies and did not report them to you, would you consider it right to keep them in the Public Service? As I pointed out, after 1875 the circumstance would have been of much greater importance, whereas before that it would not have been of such consequence. But certainly the inspector should have let the Department know. After 1875 if he knew a man to be a dummy and did not say so, he would run the risk of being promptly dismissed.
- 960. Supposing a man knew and did not report it, in that case would you keep him? Certainly not.
- 961. Did it ever come under your notice, in the management of your Department, that an inspector went out to the wrong selection and reported the improvements that belonged to another selection? Inspectors have made mistakes, but such a case never came under my own knowledge.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq.
22 July, 1884.

962.

* NOTE (on revision):—I understood the questions as referring to the present case; see my answer to later questions.

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Esq.

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962. Plans are sent to them before they are asked to report? Yes; they are supplied with tracings and plans, showing the boundary marks and natural features and the adjacent land, and if they have not information sufficient it is open to them to ask for it. They are supplied with copies of the description.
963. And the selections are all marked at the four corners? The corners are all marked, any divisions shown, and references given to the boundary marks. There is no difficulty to any intelligent man in running the lines of any selection which is put into his hands.
964. Then if the inspector is a competent man, he will have no difficulty in finding the selection which you refer to him? He should have none as a rule. Still much of this country is plain, and in such a case, the inspector, if there are no boundary marks, or they have been defaced, might be mistaken with a piece of small area.
965. In a bush country? That means that there are natural features. In wooded country the lines are marked.
966. This selection was a thinly timbered selection—not a plain at all. Is it not the custom to mark the corners by marks on the trees? So clearly marked that any man of ordinary intelligence could find the marks.
967. If an inspector took ordinary trouble there would be no difficulty? No inspector would be fit for his position if he could not at once identify every selection sent to him.
968. Is it the duty of your inspectors, if they believe a man to be a dummy, to report to you. Certainly.
969. Would they get a slap over the face for doing so? They would get a rap over the knuckles if they did not.
970. *Chairman.*] When were Courts of Inquiry first initiated? About the end of 1875.
971. Is it a usual thing to give certificates without Courts of Inquiry being held? Yes; where the inspector reports the selector continuously resident, and the improvements sufficient, and the selector to be in every way *bona fide*, the certificate is issued.
972. All these selections pass through your hands? I suppose so.
973. I see these selections are from M'Intyre or others to Mr. Glass, and from Mr. Glass to the Mercantile Bank? Yes.
974. Did you urge inquiry for the Mercantile Bank? I do not think so.
975. They took the usual course, I suppose? The practice is to refuse to urge on particular cases, because the inspectors are supposed to take their duties in their routine.
976. Did it ever strike you as a particular feature that in all these selections there is not an inquiry into any one of them? No; I do not make it any part of my business to see who is concerned in cases passing before me.
977. Would you not, if you saw continuous applications coming in like these, one after another, would you not then make it part of your duty to make inquiry as to the change of hands? They would change probably after the declaration is made, and the transfers do not come under my observation at all. I should like to add, with regard to these inquiries, I myself have been at some pains to urge that in all cases of this kind there should be inquiries, that it should be a routine with the Department not to rest satisfied with the inspectors' reports, but that there should be inquiry. I believe Parliament intended that, and I have, in papers that have been published, very strongly urged the adoption of that routine.
978. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] Selections taken up after 1880 are not allowed to go without inquiry? Yes, they might. The rule is very simple. If the inspector finds a man resident, and everything satisfactory, it is not customary to expose the *bona fide* selector to the delay and inconvenience of going before the Court to establish his claim; but if the conditions are not verified by the inspector's report, then it is customary to have an inquiry.
979. But there is no necessity if the inspector's report is satisfactory? No. For a long time it went further than that, and I was at some pains to have the practice altered. At first inspectors thought it sufficient sometimes to write the single word "Satisfactory." I think Mr. Argent himself has done that, and I have pointed out to him that something more was required, and that he had to supply the facts to the Minister for Lands.
980. *Chairman.*] But there have been more inquiries, as a rule, into *bona fide* residence of *bona fide* selectors, than there have been with regard to selectors who held selections for the stations? I do not think so. A number of people who have been *bona fide* selectors took up other land, and as to these they are not very strict as to the performance of the residence conditions. Again, when men take up selections and clear off them, when the three years is up then there is an inquiry.
981. Then you generally rely upon the inspectors' reports? Generally.
982. *Mr. Day.*] Who is responsible for looking carefully for these reports, as to the value of the improvements? I suppose I am. The routine was this: the reports went to Mr. Blackman, who had a clerk working with him, and noted on the margin anything special, and brought it to me if there was anything calling for special attention.
983. Is it usual to memo. every report? Every report is endorsed.
984. Suppose a report comes in in January, which states that there are 40 acres cleared, to the value of £60, and in June, shortly afterwards, another report which says 40 acres cleared, valued at £120; how would you account for that? It might be accounted for—perhaps the stumps had been taken out.
985. Would not this strike you: In the first report he says there are 3 miles wire fencing, £255, and six months afterwards he puts it down as 2 miles and 30 chains, £190? Of course there is a discrepancy there.
986. Would these two things excite your attention? Certainly they would be worth an inquiry.
987. It called for a memo? Yes.
988. You would think it strange that there is none? I should.
989. If a report came in like that you would have some suspicion? I should certainly call for an inquiry. Whoever examined these reports should have called attention to them.
990. I suppose there is nothing inconsistent or extraordinary in having three reports in a short time about a certain purchase? Sometimes it is pointed out to the inspector that we do not want further reports, unless they have something further to say.
991. Do they send in reports without your authority to inquire? They have a general charge to call attention

attention to any departure from the law. They are supposed to make the Government aware of any selector not having resided on the selection, and if the selection is reported adversely by the surveyor, it is specially sent to the inspector for report.

992. *Mr. Mackinnon.*] They are not supposed to send in continuous reports? No.

993. *Chairman.*] He says in No. 37, "The man whom I found at work on the land, and who said he was the selector, gave a very straightforward account as to his compliance with the conditions of residence from within three weeks after the purchase of the land. I believe the selection is a *bona fide* one, and that the selector is a hard-working industrious man." You would not have wanted much more than that? I should have thought that quite sufficient, unless it was made during the currency of the term. I should have expected another at the end of it.

994. In No. 49 he says, "I have no doubt, from the statements of the selector and the appearance of the place generally, that the conditions have been complied with." Would that have satisfied you? Yes; but if the report were made during the currency of the period we should have expected a final report.

995. The selection was taken up in June, 1875, and the first report was in November, 1877; this was in 1879, four years after the selection was taken up? That would have been a final thing.

996. There is another in June, six months afterwards? I should suppose the inspector had omitted to take a note of the reports he had sent in already, unless there was some question of improvements. In the first instance the improvements may not have amounted to £1 per acre.

997. Is there any direction from you asking him to make another report at all? I see a note on the margin of the earlier report in 1879 that the notification of approval of the declaration was sent on the 7th July.

998. So there would have been no occasion to send another report? That was treated as a final report, and the certificate issued upon that. The date of the issue of the certificate was the 7th July. There was no necessity for the other one at all.

999. And there is no note of yours showing that any further report was called for? No further report was called for.

1000. It is safer to have a certificate in your hands for the advance of money? Everybody wants his certificate.

1001. *Mr. Owen.*] If after the date of that report, 12 January, 1879, matters had been brought under the notice of the Department that there was a question about residence or improvements, would not the Department have called for a further report, without there being any endorsement, by direct notice? No; we should have sent the case to a Commissioner for inquiry.

1002. *Mr. Day.*] You would consider in this case that there was no necessity to send it to a Court of Inquiry, on account of the inspector's report being so satisfactory? No.

1003. *Mr. Heydon.*] When did it become the practice of the Department to issue certificates? From the early days of conditional purchases a kind of certificate was issued, but the form of certificate now used was first issued early in 1876—what we now call a certificate dates from the early part of 1876.

1004. There is no record whatever of any censure, or notification to Mr. Argent not to send in his reports so frequently? I cannot undertake to say.

1005. There would be some endorsement of that fact? No doubt there would.

1006. And there is nothing of that kind here? Not in this case. Several inspectors were informed that there was no necessity to repeat their reports, unless there was something further to say. It may have occurred in a prior case, in which Mr. Argent may have done the same thing.

1007. I notice that the Order for laying the papers on the Table of the House says, "Copies of all applications for conditional and additional purchases made by James Glass, John M'Intyre, Rebecca Glass, and James M'Mullen," and I see there are a number of other matters included in the printed paper besides these—Can you explain how that is? I cannot undertake to give an explanation, inasmuch as I was not at all concerned in the matter. I presume the clerks took the order, and literally complied with it.

1008. But if the return, as a matter of fact, goes a long way beyond the Order of the Assembly, you do not know how that is? I do not know how that is. My impression was that the Order was for the conditional purchases on Miller's Creek Run. The officers who prepared these papers are in another branch of the Department.

1009. I suppose there are cases which are pretty shrewdly suspected to be dummy selections, and it is known that it could not be proved? There are many thousands of them. We expect the inspectors to tell us what they know, and put us upon the track to find it out.

1010. *Chairman.*] If the inspector has stated that he suspected nearly all the selections on the Miller's Creek Run to be Mr. Glass's, you would have thought it part of his duty to report that to you? I should think so. It is quite possible that some communication may have been made to Mr. Argent prior to 1876 about dummy selections, which were then legal selections.

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. GILL, | MR. S. SMITH.
R. H. LEVIEN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Napoleon Paton, Esq., called in and examined:—

907. *Chairman.*] You are a licensed surveyor in the Government Service? Yes.

908. You have been specially directed by the Surveyor-General to report upon the selection of John M'Intyre? Yes.

909. Have you searched to see whether there is any fencing upon this ground? Yes, I have searched very diligently. N. Paton,
Esq.
24 Sept., 1884.

910. Has there been any fencing on it at all? No, I could find no trace of it at all.

911. Has there been any clearing upon either portion of this land? No.

912. Looking at the sketch before you, can you say whether there has been any fencing alongside the Agricultural Company's Ground? The Company have fenced in their line.

1017. Is there any fencing on John M'Intyre's line? No.

1018.

- N. Paton,
Esq.
24 Sept., 1884.
1018. There is nothing in the shape of fencing between his line and the road? No. There is a reserve-3 chains wide between Mr. M'Intyre's selection and the Company's ground.
1019. But there is no fence whatever on M'Intyre's land? No.
1020. You see here (*referring to sketch*) the selections of Ann Harris, Joseph Harris, W. C. Scivl, and W. Clay: is there any fence dividing M'Intyre's land from any of these selections? There is a fence on the boundary, but no fence on M'Intyre's land dividing it from the others.
1021. Is there any fencing at all on M'Intyre's selection? None whatever.
1022. That is, a fence dividing it from other selections or other land? No, not on the line.
1023. Being a licensed surveyor, as you are, would you have given that fencing as part of the improvements on M'Intyre's selection? No; because it is not on the line. If it was on the line I would have given half the value.
1024. But there is no dividing fence between the two? No.
1025. If there had been a dividing fence on the line you would have allowed Mr. M'Intyre half the expense of that dividing fence? Not if the other man erected it.
1026. If M'Intyre erected it? Then I would allow M'Intyre for it.
1027. Are there 40 acres of cleared land there on M'Intyre's selection? No, there are not.
1028. Is there any cleared land at all? No.
1029. Did you see any logged sheep yard? No.
1030. Is there any two-roomed slab hut, with verandah and galvanized iron roof? There is the remnant of an old place, with no roof; only a few slabs, and the beams fallen down.
1031. In your opinion was there ever 2 miles and 30 chains of six-wire fence upon that land? No.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Present:—

MR. GILL, | MR. LYNE,
MR. S. SMITH

ROBERT HENRY LEVIEN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Creagh (of the firm of Williams & Creagh, Solicitors) was present on behalf of Mrs. Glass and the Mercantile Bank.

Napoleon Paton, Esq., recalled and examined:—

- N. Paton,
Esq.
25 Sept., 1884.
1032. *Chairman.*] If you look at Mr. Brodie's report, on page 23, No. 58 of the printed papers, you will see that he enumerates (amongst other improvements said to have been effected on the selection referred to) 2 miles 30 chains of six-wire fencing, worth £190—that is on the original selection? Yes.
1033. Is there any fencing there at all? No.
1034. Has there ever been any fencing there? No, I cannot find any trace of fencing having been there.
1035. He has also put down 40 acres of cleared land—is there any cleared land there? No.
1036. Is there any appearance of cleared land? No; the ringed timber is all standing.
1037. How many acres of ringed timber is there? 320 acres; it has all been ring-barked.
1038. Can you say how long ago? About seven years—that is as near as I can say by looking at it.
1039. Now with reference to the statement in the first section of page 69 of the printed papers, I see there that Mr. Argent has put down that there is 173 chains of six-wire fencing, worth £173—is there any fencing there at all? No.
1040. Are there any signs of any fencing? No.
1041. None whatever? None whatever.
1042. He has put down 6 acres of cleared land upon that—is there any cleared land there? None at all.
1043. I see that Mr. Argent states that there are also 50 acres of artificial grass, seed and labour, which cost £30? I saw no artificial grasses; it was just the indigenous or colonial grass, nothing different to what was on the surrounding country.
1044. You have read Mr. Argent's report, both on the original and the additional purchase? Yes.
1045. And you are totally opposed to him in all the statements he has made with regard to both? Yes, I am.
1046. In your opinion, was there any foundation at all for the reports he sent in, in regard to wire fencing and other improvements? No, I cannot say that there was.
1047. *Mr. Smith.*] I see in Mr. Argent's report he makes mention of a log sheep-yard worth £10? Yes.
1048. Are you quite sure there is no log sheep-yard there? No, there is not.
1049. Nor any signs of one having been there? No.
1050. *Mr. Gill.*] I suppose you looked particularly along the lines where the fencing ought to have been? Yes.
1051. Do you think it possible for a fence to have been erected there and taken up again and carried away? I do not think it is; from my experience of such matters I should think not, because in removing a fence that has been up two or three years there is sure to be some trace left—some post left not worth carrying away, and there would be post-holes.
1052. And you saw no indications of posts having been put down and taken up again? No.
1053. Did you make a minute examination? Yes; I found the corner pegs; if there had been a fence the corner pegs would have been taken up.
1054. *Mr. Lyne.*] Was it possible for a fence to be run there in any direction without being on the boundaries and you not have seen it? No, I do not think it is.
1055. Is it not possible for a fence to have been there? No; I travelled up and down and tried to pick up the lines, but I saw no traces of the fence.
1056. *Chairman.*] There is no doubt, in your opinion, that there is not an acre of cleared land on either the original or the additional purchase? There is no systematic clearing at all; all the trees are standing, and are mostly ring-barked and dead.
1057. *Mr. Creagh.*] You have only been in the district twelve months, and do not know what may have occurred previously? No.

William

Mr. William Brooks called in and examined:—

1058. *Chairman.*] You knew Mr. James Glass very well? Yes.
1059. The owner of Miller's Creek Run? Yes.
1060. Used you to act as his agent at all? Yes, always at Murrurundi.
1061. Did you ever make an application for land on his behalf for a man named John M'Intyre? Yes; I think I applied for two lots, an original and an additional selection.
1062. I see there is one dated 6th September, 1871—"John M'Intyre, per William Brooke, Murrurundi"—Who brought you the application? Mr. Glass gave me a copy of it, and I drew it out, I think, or my assistant may have done.
1063. Did you see John M'Intyre? I did not.
1064. Did you ever have any conversation with John M'Intyre in reference to these selections at all, on Miller's Creek Run? None at all; at that time selections could be taken up by an agent for any one.
1065. Do you know M'Intyre? Yes.
1066. I mean the M'Intyre who is the subject of this investigation? Yes, I know him.
1067. He never asked you to apply for any land for him? Never.
1068. Where does he live now? At Yarraman.
1069. He is the same man who was examined before this Committee? Yes.
1070. Appended to the application is Mr. Brodie's certificate—"I certify that John M'Intyre is over the age of sixteen years": Brodie must have put that certificate there, I suppose, on the strength of what you or Mr. Glass said about his age? Yes; it is in reference to the additional selection; I cannot say that.
1071. Did you ever see M'Intyre on the subject of these selections at all? Never.
1072. In fact you did not know M'Intyre in the transaction in any way whatever? Not at all.
1073. The application for the original selection was made by Crombie Grey? Yes, he was my assistant; in fact I gave him a special interest in my business.
1074. And John M'Intyre was not there when the original selection was applied for, nor when the additional selection was applied for—it was done through Mr. Glass? I am certain of that.
1075. You had no conversation with M'Intyre about the matter? None at all.
1076. And never heard him speaking of it? No.
1077. *Mr. Gill.*] It is the same John M'Intyre that is now living at Yarraman? Yes; he was the holder of selections or a dummy at the time for Forester; it is said that he was holding them on Miller's Creek Run.
1078. *Mr. Creagh.*] The John M'Intyre you are speaking of, is he the selector at Yarraman, the same man that was examined by this Committee? Yes.
1079. That is the man you speak of? Yes.
1080. Did you ever hear whether he had been a shearer on Mr. Glass's station? No, I did not.
1081. Might there not have been another man of the same name, a shearer on Mr. Glass's station for a short time, without your knowing it? It is possible there may have been.
1082. Were you aware of the application having been made—the application that was signed by Mr. Grey—was it signed by Grey on his own behalf or by him as your clerk? By him as my clerk; he was with me in business; I gave him a copy of the application; I was not able to attend the Court, and he could attend to the matter as well as I could.
1083. That is how he came to sign it? Yes.
1084. Had you seen the M'Intyre in whose name you were making the application, at that time? No.
1085. What M'Intyre was it? John M'Intyre.
1086. What M'Intyre was it that was represented to you? John M'Intyre.
1087. Did Mr. Glass say it was a selector at Yarraman? No.
1088. And, so far as you know, there was no connection between the two? No; I believe the only M'Intyre in the district was the one at Yarraman. I believed him to be the M'Intyre when the selection was taken up. I know he has been with Glass for a number of years—the same John M'Intyre.
1089. *Chairman.*] Glass and Forest were good friends? Yes.
1090. *Mr. Gill.*] He was at Yarraman, you say? Mr. Glass owned Yarraman at one time; there was a lot of land taken up in Mrs. Glass's time.
1091. Was Mr. Glass taking up land at Yarraman at the time these selections were made? No, on Miller's Creek.
1092. When was M'Intyre last in Mr. Glass's employ? He was in Mrs. Glass's employ; after Mr. Forest bought the station he was in Forest's employ.
1093. How long was that before the selection was made? I cannot remember, although I acted as agent for Mr. Forest.
1094. If Mr. Glass had an interest in Yarraman, he had it at the same time that he had an interest in Miller's Creek? If I had known what evidence was wanted I would have brought my books—they would have given the information.
1095. *Chairman.*] The Mrs. Glass you refer to is Mrs. James Glass, of Singleton? Yes.
1096. *Mr. Creagh.*] Do you know whether Mr. Glass himself had any interest in the Yarraman station? I do not.
1097. Do you know whether John M'Intyre was James Glass's servant at any time? Mrs. Glass's servant.
1098. The John M'Intyre you speak of was never, so far as you are aware, in James Glass's employment—can you say whether he was or not? He was not, to my knowledge. I believe him to be the John M'Intyre in whose name the land was taken up.
1099. But did Mr. Glass tell you so? No.
1100. He did not tell you who Mr. M'Intyre was? No.
1101. The name "John M'Intyre" was merely given to you, and you assumed that it was this very John M'Intyre whom you knew to be in the district? Yes.
1102. It was only your own assumption? Yes.
1103. Do you know Dr. Knowles, who was living at Murrurundi? Yes.
1104. You are aware that he was a test witness to one of the declarations? I am not aware.
1105. Suppose you were shown a paper in which Dr. Knowles had attested this man's signature, this John M'Intyre—not the John M'Intyre that you know, but another John M'Intyre—would you have any doubt about it then? I could not tell John M'Intyre's signature, but I could tell Dr. Knowles's signature.

Mr.
W. Brooks.
25 Sept., 1884.

- Mr. 1106. But if you were shown a declaration made by John M'Intyre, and that John M'Intyre was the
 W. Brooks. person who was examined before this Committee, and the declaration was attested by Dr. Knowles, what
 25 Sept., 1884. would you think of that—would you think that he made a mistake too? Dr. Knowles might not know
 John M'Intyre; I could not say.
1107. The other application that was made by John M'Intyre, that was signed by you? Yes.
1108. And could that be signed in the same way? Mr. Glass gave me the description of the land; some-
 times he would write out the description himself, and sometimes he would not; he would give me his
 cheque and tell me to fill up the application for so and so.

 APPENDIX.

[Ordered to be appended, 9 July, 1884.]

A.

(K.) [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John M'Intyre, in the District of Murrurundi.

I HEREBY notify to you, as Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the District of Murrurundi, that I have (after a residence
 thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to James Glass, of Glasston, the 320 acres of land, situated in the
 county of Buckland, parish of Towarri, which I selected at Murrurundi as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section
 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 24th June, 1875.

Witness—JOHN M'CARTEY.

his
 JOHN x M'INTYRE,
 mark
 Of Glasston, Murrurundi.

Dated at Murrurundi, this 8th August, 1878.
 To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Murrurundi.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
 District of Murrurundi, Land Office, 12th August, 1878. GEO. R. EVANS,
 Additional 200 acres selected by me on the 6th September, 1877. Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

B.

Mr. J. M'Intyre to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

I have been informed that a conditional purchase was taken up in my name at Murrurundi Lands Office, No.
 77-202, 161 acres, and purporting to be transferred by me to the Mercantile Bank. I beg to inform you I never transferred
 the said conditional purchase to the Mercantile Bank, nor ever did I reside upon the said conditional purchase; and any
 declaration the Lands Department may have has never been signed by me as to residence.

Witness—ARTHUR GORE.

I have, &c.,
 JOHN M'INTYRE.

C.

Mr. J. M'Intyre to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to grant me an inquiry with reference to the ownership of
 certain lands, which it has been alleged I have selected at the Lands Office, Murrurundi, and taken up on the Miller's
 Creek Run, and afterwards transferred by me to the Mercantile Bank.
 I have already stated to you in a letter this has never been selected by me or transferred by me, and the signature
 to any application or transfer purporting to be mine is a forgery.

I have the honor herewith to enclose you £10 as required for an inquiry.

I have, &c.,
 JOHN R. M'INTYRE.

[To the Evidence of Napoleon Paton, 25 September, 1884.]

D.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Paton to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions No. 84-291, dated 22nd July, to Mr. District-Surveyor Allworth, and
 transferred to me for action, I have now the honor herewith to inform you that, on the 8th September, 1884, I inspected
 portions 91 and 138, in the parish of Towarri, in the county of Buckland, being the conditional purchases of John M'Intyre,
 for the purpose of ascertaining the nature and value of improvements thereon. The only improvement effected on portion
 91 is 320 acres of ringbarking, at 1s. per acre, = £16; on portion 138, 161 acres ringbarking, at 1s., = £8 1s.; total, £24 1s.
 Part of an old hut still remains on portion 91, but is of no value. The ringbarking appears to have been done about seven
 years ago. Distance travelled to perform this service, 200 miles.

I have, &c.,
 N. PATON,
 Licensed Surveyor.

This report is now forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, with view to the information of the Select Committee
 now sitting.—P. F. ADAMS, 15 Sep. U.S. for Lands. Urgent. The Chief Comr.—C.O., 15/9/84. Copy of this report
 may be forwarded to the Chairman of the Select Committee in reply to his letter, with an intimation that the report will
 be produced if desired.—A.O.M., 19/9/84.

[Plan.]

YARRIMANBAH

Separate Appendix
(Ordered to be appended 9th July, 1884.)

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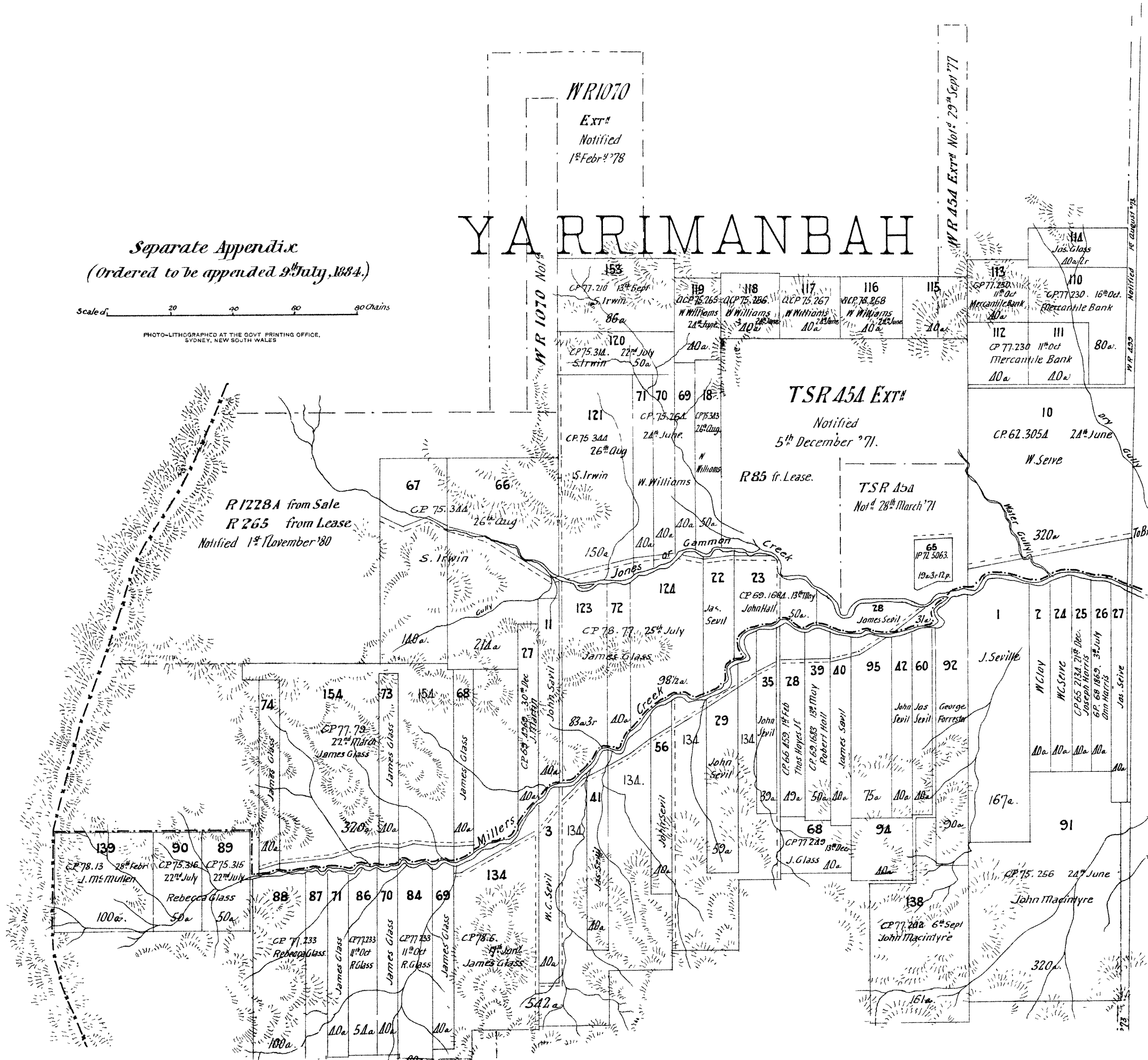
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN.

(PETITION OF F. A. A. WILSON, MANAGER, MERCANTILE BANK.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 28 May, 1884.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson, of Sydney, Manager of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

1. That a Select Committee of your Honorable House was, on the twenty-first day of May instant, duly appointed by your Honorable House "to inquire into and report upon a conditional purchase alleged to have been selected by one John McIntyre, and transferred to James Glass, and by James Glass to the Mercantile Bank, and which conditional purchase was taken up on the Miller's Creek Run, at the Murrurundi Lands Office."

2. That the Mercantile Bank of Sydney is the mortgagee from James Glass of the Miller's Creek property, including the conditional purchase made by John McIntyre, which is about to become the subject of inquiry by such Select Committee, and is therefore directly interested in the result of such inquiry.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays as follows :—

That your Petitioner or some other officer of the said Mercantile Bank of Sydney may be at liberty to attend on behalf of the said Bank, and be heard by counsel or solicitor before the said Select Committee, with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be deemed advisable concerning the subject-matter of the said inquiry in the interest of the said Mercantile Bank of Sydney.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

F. A. A. WILSON.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN.
(PETITION OF ESTHER ANN GLASS.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 10 June, 1884.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Esther Ann Glass, of Gara, in the Colony of New South Wales, widow,—
RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

1. That a Select Committee of your Honorable House was, on the twenty-first day of May instant, duly appointed by your Honorable House "to inquire into and report upon a conditional purchase alleged to have been selected by one John McIntyre, and transferred to James Glass, and by James Glass to the Mercantile Bank, and which conditional purchase was taken up on the Miller's Creek Run, at the Murrurundi Lands Office."

2. That the said James Glass died on the twelfth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, leaving his will, whereby he devised and bequeathed the whole of his property, including the conditional purchase made by John McIntyre, which is about to become the subject of inquiry by such Select Committee, for the benefit of your Petitioner and his children, who are all minors, and appointed her guardian of such children, and that letters of administration of the estate of the said James Glass, with the said will annexed, have been granted to your Petitioner.

3. That the said James Glass mortgaged the Miller's Creek property, including the said conditional purchase, to the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, but, subject to such mortgage, the said property belongs to your Petitioner and the children of the said James Glass, and that therefore your Petitioner, on her own account, and as guardian of the said children, is directly interested in such inquiry.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays as follows :—That your Petitioner may be heard by counsel or solicitor before the said Select Committee, with liberty to adduce such evidence as she may be advised concerning the subject-matter of the said inquiry in the interest of your Petitioner and the infant children of the said James Glass.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Dated this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

ESTHER A. GLASS.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

JOHN TUOHY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MOLONG.

(PAPERS, &c)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 25 January, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made on the 14th November, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers, petitions, correspondence, minutes, surveys, and
 “other documents having reference to a conditional purchase or purchases
 “made by one John Tuohy, of 600 acres, of the 8th September, 1881, at
 “Molong, in the county of Ashburnham.”

(Dr. Ross.)

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JOHN TUOHY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MOLONG.

No. 1.

Application by Mr. J. Tuohy.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Molong.—No. 333 of 1881.

Application by John Tuohy for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 300 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £75, this 8th day of September, 1881, at 12.5 o'clock.

J. H. NISBETT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Molong.

Sir,

8 September, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 300 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £75, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN TUOHY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Molong.

Toogong.

Description.

County of Ashburnham, parish of Nangar, 300 acres, situated about 1½ mile west from Thomas Davis's conditional purchase, 20 chains south of Patrick Coady's conditional purchase, 640 acres, with lines to enclose the area in a square block.

Minute on No. 1.

This is the best description can be procured from the applicant.—J.H.N., 8/9/81.

No. 2.

Mr. J. Tuohy to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Mogong, near Cudal, 8 September, 1881.

I am instructed by the Land Agent at Molong to give further description of the land selected this day. I join block 29, south-east corner, 30 chains from the Mogong Road, running east.

I have, &c.,

JOHN TUOHY.

Minutes on above.

Mr. Smith,—Attach application, and send to Charting Branch.—A.B.C., 27/9/81. Transferred to Mr. Acting-Surveyor Pinnington per District Surveyor.—J. ARMSTRONG, Licensed Surveyor, 5/3/82.

No. 3.

Application by Mr. J. Tuohy.

E.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Tuohy for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 300 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £75, this 15th day of September, 1881, at 10.20 o'clock.

J. H. NISBETT,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Molong.

Sir,

15 September, 1881.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 300 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 300 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £75, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 300 acres.

I am, &c.,

JOHN TUOHY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Molong.

Toogong.

Description.

County of Ashburnham, parish of Mogong, 300 acres, adjoining the eastern boundary of my previous conditional purchase of 300 acres, starting from the north-east corner by lines bearing east, south, west, thence to starting point.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
333	September, 1881.	300
	September, 1881.	300
		600

No. 4.

No. 4.
Application by Mr. E. Coady.

(Molong No. 10, of 1881.)

A.

Application for the purchase of improved Crown Lands.
Received by me this 17th day of October, 1881.

J. H. NISBETT,
Crown Lands Agent at Molong.
Mogong, Canowindra, 12 October, 1881.

Sir,

Having effected the following improvements, which are now my property, and which I value at the amounts set opposite thereto respectively :—

Shingled hut, two rooms	£20	0	0
Chock and log sheep yard... ..	10	0	0
One tank	20	0	0

I have the honor to apply that I may be permitted to purchase, without competition, under the 2nd clause of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, the Crown Lands on which they stand.

The land applied for is situated on Mogong Run, on my pastoral lease, and is held by me.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD COADY.

The Crown Lands Agent, Molong.

Description of land.

County of Ashburnham, parish of Mogong, 40 acres, situated on Denver's Road, and about 1 mile from E. Coady's 40-acre conditional purchase, selected 1863, and about 1 mile from Mogong Creek and on the north side of 40 acres, E. Coady's.

This is the first application made for the purchase in virtue of improvements of land on the run mentioned.—J. H. NISBETT, Land Agent.

Minutes on No. 4.

Mr. Houston.—J.M. (*per* H.P.), 24/10/81. Mr. Hall,—Is the land embraced by this application situated within any pre-lease or auction lease?—E.A.B. (*pro* T. STEVENS), 1/11/81. Mr. Stevens,—The land is not embraced by any prior auction lease.—W.H.H., 1/11/81.

No. 5.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Chief Commissioner.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

13, Church Hill, Sydney, 17 October, 1881.

I have the honor, on behalf of Mr. Edward Coady, the lessee of the run upon which the selection noted in the margin is situated, to protest against the conditional purchase referred to, as it contains improvements of more than sufficient value to bar selection. I may further add that in virtue of the said improvements my client has lodged an application to purchase under the provisions of the 2nd section of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.

Molong, conditional purchase 81-333, 8 September, 1881, 300 acres, John Tuohy.

I have, &c.,
JAMES CARROLL,
Agent *pro* E. Coady.

Minutes on No. 5.

Selector should be warned against improving his conditional purchase and James Carroll informed. Then to Charting Branch.—A.B.C., 27/10/81. Yes.—W.B., 31/10/81.

Referred to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Armstrong for report upon the statements herein. The land asked for by J. Tuohy cannot be clearly identified on the maps of this office; but it would appear that he wishes the purchase to be measured crossing the Mogong Road, and if the land is found not to be improved, to furnish a sketch showing the position of the land applied for and the form of measurement which he proposes to adopt.—E.A.B., *pro* Surveyor-General, 18/11/81.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Armstrong,—Conditional Sales Records please connect papers before sending to secretary and cashier for despatch.—E.A.B. Transferred to Mr. Acting-Surveyor Pinnington. Tracing of adjacent measurements herewith.—E. FISHER, District Surveyor, B.O., 25/3/82. Note. Report required at as early a date as possible, stating full particulars as to value and ownership of each separate improvement. Replied to by my letter 82-46 of 7th June, 1882.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Licensed Surveyor.

No. 6.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

13, Church Hill, Sydney, 17 October, 1881.

I have the honor to request that the application noted in the margin hereof be referred to the District Surveyor for measurement at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,
JAMES CARROLL,
Agent *pro* EDWARD COADY.

Molong, Edward Coady, 50 acres improvement purchase 81-16.

No. 7.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Chief Commissioner.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

13, Church Hill, Sydney, 4 November, 1881.

With reference to the application noted in the margin hereof, I have the honor to request that it will be declared void, in accordance with the practice of the Department in such cases, for the following reasons :—

1. The description is too vague to lead to a correct identification of the land the applicant intended to select.

Molong, conditional purchase 81-333, 800 acres, 8 September, 1881, John Tuohy.

2.

2. The lessee has improvements to the value of £50 upon part of the land embraced in the conditional purchase application.

3. In virtue of the said improvements my client, Edward Coady, the lessee, has applied, under the 2nd section of the Act of 1875, to purchase 50 acres, improved purchase 81-16, Molong.

I have, &c.,
JAMES CARROLL.

Minutes on No. 7.

Mr. Hare, as to further action.—J.R.S., 4/3/82. Conditional purchase 81-333, and James Carroll's protest against it, were forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Armstrong, 18th November, 1881, for report. No further action can be taken pending the receipt of that report.—E.A.B. (*pro* W. Houston), 17/3/82. Conditional Sales Branch. Mr. Houston.—Case transferred to Licensed-Surveyor Pinnington, March, 1882, still unacted on.—J.R.S., 5/5/82. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Pinnington may be reminded, and this paper forwarded to Miscellaneous Branch to, it is suggested, inform Mr. Carroll of the state of the case.—W.H., 10/5/82. Secretary and Cashier.

No. 8.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Tuohy.

(C.P. No. 81-333.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 11 November, 1881.

It having been represented that the 300 acres of land conditionally purchased by you at Molong on the 8th September, 1881, was improved at the date of selection, I am directed to inform you that any improvements which you may place upon the land in question are at your own risk, and that should it be found, after inquiry, that the improvements previously alluded to were of sufficient value to bar selection, it will be necessary to declare your selection void.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Carroll.

Sir, Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 November, 1881.

Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo, on behalf of Edward Coady, protesting against the selection noted in the margin on the ground of improvements, I am directed to inform you that the selector has been warned against proceeding with his improvements pending a report in the matter.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 10.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Land District, Molong, improvement purchase 81-16, by Edward Coady, for 40 acres, dated 17th October, 1881, county Ashburnham, parish Mogong, Mogong Run, Wellington Pastoral District.

16 January, 1882.

It is recommended that the above application be referred to the Occupation Branch, Department of Mines, for a *sketch showing the boundaries of the above run, together with an estimate of the area, name of lessee, and the date of renewal and expiration of lease current at date of application.

CHARLES EDWARD FINCH,
(For Surveyor-General).

The Under Secretary for Lands.

The Under Secretary for Mines.—F.H.W. (*pro* Under Secretary, B.C., 18 January, 1882), Department of Lands.

Name of Lessee.	Appraised area of Run.	Date of last renewal of lease.	Date of expiration of lease.
Edward Coady	1,046 acres, 20 October, 1880	1 January, 1881	31 December, 1885.

The sketch and information required herewith.—H.W., B.C., 18 August, 1882. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 11.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Pinnington.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 13 May, 1882.

I beg to invite your attention to my B.C. of the 29th day of November, No. 81-151, to Licensed-Surveyor Armstrong, but transferred to you, whereby you were directed to report on Coady's protest to Tuohy's conditional purchase No. 81-333, Molong, and I have to request that you will carry out the instructions above referred to with as little delay as possible, and report on this memo. when the instruction will probably be carried out.

I am, &c.,
JOHN F. LANDERS,
(For the Surveyor-General)

Minutes

Conditional purchase 81-333, Molong, 8 September, 1881, 300 acres, John Tuohy.

* Not with papers.

Minutes on No. 11.

Return to the Surveyor-General. The report on this case has been forwarded *vide* my letter No. 82-46, 7th June, 1882.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Licensed Surveyor, 3 July, 1882. Apparently omitted from previous papers forwarded to Surveyor-General.—H. A. CROUCH, Acting District Surveyor, 19 July, 1882.

No. 12.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Pinnington to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Mandagery Creek, 7 June, 1882.

In connection with your instructions to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Armstrong, dated 18th November, 1881, transferred to me 25th March, 1882, to report on the improvements included in John Tuohy's conditional purchases in the parishes of Nangar and Molong, I have the honor to report:—

That on inspection I find that Tuohy has erected the following improvements, viz.:—Before the 7th November a three-roomed house, pine sapling upright, partly plastered, bark roof, valued £40; and about the beginning of January a tank 160 cubic yards, £12. In April he commenced grubbing, and has about 3 acres partly grubbed (£9), and it is a month since he ploughed up a part of Coady's sheep-yard and sowed it with barley. He has also used some of the fencing that formed the sheep-yard to erect the dog-legged fence, shown on tracing, as erected by him.

That Edward Coady's improvements now standing are a shepherd's hut, slabbed and shingled, £20; a very old dam, £6; fencing, forming part of sheep-yard, £3; and the clearing in connection with the yards, £8; total £37. That I consider the value of E. Coady's improvements if in working order would be:—Hut, £25; yards, £6; dam, £6; clearing, £8; total, £45. The sheep-yards and hut were evidently in working order when Tuohy arrived on the ground, as he admits that Coady had a flock of sheep there when he (Tuohy) was building, and they had to be removed on account of the dryness of the season, there being no water in the locality. Tuohy is using the hut to store his chaff, and admits that the door has been pulled down since Coady left and while he was using it, and it is evident that some of the slabs have lately been displaced.

The position of the improvements are shown on the accompanying tracing.

That Tuohy states the land he requires starts 30 chains west of the south-east corner of portion No. 29, parish of Nangar, county of Ashburnham, thence east, thence south, thence west, thence north to starting point, to be measured in a square block. The second conditional purchase to start from the north-east corner of the former, thence east, thence south, thence west, thence north, to starting point.

That the road Tuohy wishes to cross is a road leading from the Main Orange and Forbes road to the Orange and Nanami roads. It has been greatly used lately by the settlers drawing water from and driving their cattle to water at Mandagery Creek, where this road runs into the Orange and Forbes road, but otherwise there is very little traffic on it. *Vide* Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Conolly's report on portion No. 48, parish of Nangar, county of Ashburnham.

I have, &c.,

S. J. PINNINGTON.

Minutes on No. 12.

Submitted under this report that Coady's improvements, valued at £45 at time of Tuohy's selection, protected from conditional purchase an equivalent area of 45 acres. I am of opinion that the road which forms an important means of communication between two main roads should be treated as frontage.—H. A. CROUCH, Acting District Surveyor, Orange, 19/6/82.

By the Surveyor-General:—From this report it would appear that improvements worth at least £40 existed on the land embraced by John Tuohy's conditional purchase 81-333 at the date of application, and in view of this fact, and also as the land is asked for on both sides of the road, from Long's corner to Mogong, which in Mr. Surveyor Crouch's opinion should be treated as a frontage, it is recommended that conditional purchase 81-333, be declared void, which will also necessitate the voidance of the additional conditional purchase, 81-343, unless applicant can be given the option of taking (1) an area equal to that shown by blue hatch lines on the accompanying tracing, but measured with an average depth of 60 chains to the Mogong Road, anywhere applicant may elect between points A and B, together with a refund on the remaining part of the conditional purchase 81-333 and the whole of conditional purchase 81-343; (2), an area equal to that shown by pink hatch lines on the tracing, but measured with an average depth of 60 chains anywhere between points C and D, together with a refund on the remaining part of conditional purchase 81-333 and the whole of conditional purchase 81-343; or (3), an area equal to that shown on the tracing by brown hatch lines, but measured anywhere between points E and F, with an average depth of 60 chains, together with an area equal to the part of conditional purchase 81-343, not embraced by such measurement, but likewise surveyed with an average depth of 60 chains, and a refund on the remaining parts of both conditional purchases. For instance, if he elects to have the part of conditional purchase 81-333 measured in the position shown by broken pink lines, about 210 acres of conditional purchase 81-343 would then be measured as shown by broken blue lines.

In view of the enclosed letter with regard to the value of the improvements conditional sales 82-5,625, correspondence, Mr. Tuohy may perhaps be informed, in addition to the above, that he can obtain an appraisalment on the usual terms.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD, for Surveyor-General, 31/10/82. The Chief Commissioner, Conditional Sales.

By the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales:—Submitted that it is undesirable to lock up this area by giving the applicant, who has made an application that is inadmissible, an elective one, the portions that were open to him and others in the form prescribed by the regulations. He may be advised of the grounds for cancellation of his conditional purchases, and of the mode in which the land can be taken if still available.—A.O.M., 15/12/82.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R.

Mr. Brown—Urgent. Inform.—W.B., 20/12/82. Charting Branch,—Mr. Houston for tracing to accompanying letter to applicant, please.—M.S.M., 17/1/83. Tracing herewith. After action please return the papers to Geographical Division, No. 2.—*Pro.* W. HOUSTON, 25/1/83. Conditional Sales Branch.

No. 13.

Mr. J. Tuohy to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Toogong, 14 July, 1882.
I most respectfully beg to request that you will cause the survey of my ground to be carried out as soon as possible, as I have, through it not being surveyed before, lost all my cattle, and have not been able to go on with my improvements, not knowing which way it will be surveyed. My selection was taken up at Molong on 7th September, 1881. Hoping you will give the above your earliest consideration,

I have, &c.,

JOHN TUOHY.

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

Mogong Road, 19 July, 1882.

We, the undersigned, having inspected and measured the improvements made by Mr. Coady on the land now occupied by and recently selected by John Tuohy, find as follows:—

1. That the said improvements consist of a hut, a waterhole or rough dam, and a thoroughly dilapidated sheep-yard.
2. That the dam or waterhole is a blind creek, part of which has been stopped or dammed by a few saplings thrown across, and the intervals of which have been filled up by earth taken from the sides of the said creek. It is not waterproof, and in the event of dry weather what water it contained would speedily be absorbed by the soil. Its dimensions are as follows:—Mean depth, 2 feet 5 inches; width, 8 feet; and length, 26 feet.
3. The hut is thoroughly out of repair and uninhabitable. According to the statement of George Grant, an old resident in these parts, the materials of which it is composed have been in use for the last twenty-four years to his knowledge, being removed from Mogong Creek to its present site. We consider its outside value to be £3. Dimensions:—Length, 20 feet; width, 10 feet 6 inches; and height, 5 feet 10½ inches.
4. The yard is perfectly useless, and in our opinion valueless.
5. Further, we would add that Thomas Davis, farmer, of Mogong Road, has known the place for the last ten years, and certifies that no other improvements have been on the ground.

E. A. TANCREDE,

And nine others.

No. 14.

Memorandum.

Land District, Molong.—Improvement purchase 81-10, by Edward Coady, parish Mogong, county Ashburnham.

Mr. Brooks to chart run boundaries on office map.

W.H.,

23 August, 1882.

The boundaries of the Mogong Run are shown on parish maps.—H. S. BROOKS, 29 August, 1882.

Applications in virtue of improvements, none.—E. A. BROXSDON, Draftsman, 29 August, 1882.

Mr. Wilson,—For any improvement purchase applications made in virtue of the lease existing at date of application.—W. HOUSTON, 29 August, 1882.

Lands record of improvement purchase applications in Mogong Run, nil.—H. PHILLIPS, Clerk, 1 September, 1882. Mr. Houston.

Minutes on No. 14.

By Surveyor-General:—Approximate area of run, 1,046 acres. No purchases in virtue of improvements have been made during the lease current at the date of this application. Applicant is therefore entitled to purchase 83 acres 2 roods 28 perches.

From the attached report by Licensed-Surveyor Pinnington, conditional sales 82-4,257,* it will be seen that on the 8th September, 1881, when John Tuohy applied for conditional purchase 81-333, the land herein described contained improvements worth £45; subsequently to this some of these improvements were partly destroyed by Mr. Tuohy, and at the date of the surveyor's visit in June, 1882, they were worth only £37. In view of these circumstances it is submitted whether this application may be proceeded with.—CHARLES EDWARD FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 28 June, 1883. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Submitted. The conditional purchaser may, as in other cases, I presume, be allowed the option of appealing to appraisement if he disputes the surveyor's valuation of the lessee's improvements. The conditional purchases have already been declared void.—J.E., 22/8/83. I presume he is aware of this privilege, and the improvement purchase be proceeded with.—J.G.B., 24/8/83. As regards the improvement purchase, the surveyor reports the improvements on the 7th June, 1882, to be of a value of £37 only; it should therefore be refused, and applicant informed that he can appeal to appraisement as to their present value on payment of the usual fee of £6 6s.—F.H.W., 24/8/83. By Under Secretary for Lands:—C.O., 25/8/83. By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 27/8/83.

No. 15.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Tuohy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

Referring to your selections, noted in the margin, I have to apprise you that in view of it appearing by a report from the Survey Department that your original selection is traversed by the road from Long's corner to Mogong, which must be considered and treated as a frontage road, and that 40 acres of the area embraced by your application were improved to an extent sufficient to bar its conditional purchase at date of selection, Sir John Robertson, to whom the matter was specially submitted, decided that both your selections in question should be declared void. Refund vouchers for the deposit money on the respective purchases are herewith enclosed. Likewise a tracing in illustration of the case, and as shewing how you may secure some of the land under a fresh application or applications, if still available, but *on one side of the road only*.

I have, &c.,

WAL. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure

* See No. 12.

Molong conditional purchase 81-333, 300 acres, additional conditional purchase 81-343, 300 acres, J. Tuohy.

Refund vouchers £75 and £75.

Tracing.

[Enclosure A to No. 15.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to John Tuohy.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—		C.S. No. 82-4,257 survey.		
		C.P. No. 81-333.		
Land Office at Molong; date of selection, 8th day of September, 1881; deposit paid on 300 acres .....		.....	.....	.....
Selection void, as the land applied for contains improvements.....		.....	.....	.....
Deposit to be refunded on 300 acres		£	75	0 0

[Enclosure B to No. 15.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to John Tuohy.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—		C.S. No. 82-4,257 survey.		
		C.P. No. 81-343.		
Land Office at Molong; date of selection, 15th day of September, 1881; deposit paid on 300 acres .....		.....	.....	.....
Selection void, as the first conditional purchase is void .....		.....	.....	.....
Deposit to be refunded on 300 acres		£	75	0 0

No. 16.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Molong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Tuohy, on the 8th September, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 300 acres of land is void, as the land applied for contains improvements.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Molong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Tuohy, on the 15th September, 1881, for the conditional purchase of 300 acres of land is void, as the first conditional purchase is void.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land applied for contains improvements, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £75, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 March, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the first conditional purchase is void, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £75, being the deposit money paid thereon.

C.P. No. 81-343.
Molong, John
Tuohy, 15th
September, 1881,
300 acres, £75.
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2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 20.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 March, 1883.

On behalf of John Tuohy, I desire to draw your attention to the nature of his claim to be allowed to retain the conditional purchase, which by your communication, Conditional Sales 82-4,257, Survey, has, it appears, been cancelled, being, as it is alleged, on improved land belonging to one Coady. Mr. Tuohy informs me that such is not the case, because by measurement his own house is situated outside the 40-acre measured portion belonging to Coady. I have also to state that a large number of persons, viz., 11 (eleven), sent in to you last July a statement of the value of the said improvements, which they estimated did not exceed £3. To the improvements Mr. Tuohy, however, does not object, provided that he is allowed to retain the land he has selected, and which it now seems crosses the Long's Corner Road to Mogong, but which is only a mere track.

Mr. Tuohy informs me that if allowed to retain the land he will leave the road and erect a fence on both sides of the same, which will then be no inconvenience to the public. He also informs me that one, a Mr. Inrae, was allowed to cross the same road, and that his conditional purchase was not objected to on this account.

I hope you will reconsider the case of Mr. Tuohy, with the view of enabling him to retain the ground that he has conditionally purchased, and that you will order the refund vouchers to be withdrawn.

I trust, therefore, that you will see the necessity of allowing Mr. Tuohy to retain the land that he has selected, especially as he is willing to offer no objection to Mr. Coady's improvements, even though it can be proved beyond dispute that the said improvements don't cover the value of £3, and which is not enough to bar selection. The case is one, in my opinion, entirely in favour of Tuohy, and on the ground I trust you will give it your earliest reconsideration, with the view that he may be allowed to retain the land he claims by virtue of selection, viz., two 300-acre lots.

I have, &c.,
A. ROSS.

Minutes on No. 20.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 28/3/83.

By Chief Commissioner:—Urgent.—May I ask for an illustrative tracing shewing the alternative forms of measurement indicated by survey memorandum of 31 October, 1882, on 4,257, for the information of Dr. Ross. Charting Branch.—A.O.M., 5/4/83.

Tracing herewith.—E.A.B., *pro* W. Houston, 10/4/83. By Chief Commissioner:—Note Dr. Ross.—A.O.M., 11/4/83. Now for decision as to improvement purchase 81-10, Molong. (*Vide* minute on cover of 82-538 miscellaneous, 28 June, 1883).

No. 21.

Memorandum by Secretary for Lands.

Is the road in question a frontage road throughout? Dr. Ross states that selections have been measured across the road in other cases. J.S.F.

By Secretary of Lands:—The reason should be assigned for making the road a frontage.—J.S.F., 18/4/83.

Minute on No. 21.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—The Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 18/4/83.

No. 22.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Molong, 4 May, 1883.

I cannot but express my deep surprise at the delay in furnishing me with some satisfactory answer in Mr. Tuohy's case; the map and papers of which I left in your office is now going on three weeks since. Before I left Sydney I left the papers in Tuohy's case with you, and if I am not to receive an answer you will at least do me the kindness to return the papers, so that I may be able to make public use of them in another manner.

If ever a law wanted reforming it is the accursed rotten Land Law of New South Wales. The delay in furnishing these papers simply means ruin to Mr. Tuohy.

Another complaint I have to make is the letter of Mr. William Shields I left with Mr. Moriarty, but which has also never been answered.

I have, &c.,
ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

Minutes on No. 22.

Mr. Wiseman,—After a careful search no trace can be found of the cases referred to.—E.B., 11/5/83. Any communication in these cases.—J.W., 11/5/83. Mr. McDonald,—Inform of reference to Survey Department.—W.B., 14/5/83.

Conditional sales, 83-2,382*,—Correspondence was sent to Conditional Sales Records 29 June, 1883, to be sent to the Under Secretary. There is another letter by Dr. Ross in connection with Tuohy's case, registered Roads 83-232*, which was sent to Secretary and Cashier 27 June, 1883, for despatch to Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Crouch, who has been asked to report upon the matter.—E.A.B., *pro* J. T. SMALL, 2/7/83. Conditional Sales Branch.

* See No. 20.

* See No. 23.

No. 23.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Molong, 8 May, 1883.

Herewith I do myself the honor to enclose a petition on behalf of Mr. John Tuohy, respecting his conditional purchases, the correspondence of which being now in your office awaiting your decision, signed by less than 100 residents in the neighbourhood of Mr. Tuohy. The petition prays that the road, $1\frac{1}{2}$ chain wide from Long's Corner to the new line Nanimi Road, may be reduced from the classification of a main road to that of a lane 1 chain wide.

By doing this it is to be hoped that it will enable you to at once decide in favour of Mr. Tuohy obtaining what he is now claiming by virtue of conditional purchases, and which he has improved to the extent of £350.

The case of Mr. Tuohy is a hard one, and the petition I think strengthens his case considerably, and therefore I hope you will now have no difficulty in deciding the case in his favour.

Your earliest attention will oblige.

I have, &c.,
A. ROSS.

P.S.—Herewith I enclose also Mr. Tuohy's letter. Should the petition not come under your Department it will at least show you that the complaint of Mr. Tuohy is a just one.—A. Ross.

Minutes on No. 23.

By Under Secretary for Mines :—Acknowledge.—H. W. Under Secretary, 3/5/83. The Surveyor-General.—H. W. Under Secretary, B.C., 12/58/3.

The object appears to be to lower the character of the road with a view of selecting across it; papers are therefore forwarded to Charting Branch.—A. J. STOPPS, 13/6/83.

Mr. Small, Charting Branch,—Forwarded to Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Crouch for report as early as possible.—J. T. S., *pro* Surveyor-General, 27/6/83.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Lupton will please furnish sketch showing road referred to, and report as to direction and extent of traffic thereon.—H. A. CROUCH, Acting District Surveyor, 10/7/83. Replied to by my letter of 30th August.—JAMES H. LUPTON.

[Enclosure A to No. 23.]

Mr. J. Tuohy to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Mogong Road, Toogong Post Office, 6 May, 1883.

I have the honor to forward herewith the petition which I have got up according to the suggestions, and beg most respectfully that it will have your earnest attention, it being a matter of the utmost importance to me, seeing that I have made the ground my home; and if the classification of the road is not changed to a lane the result will be highly ruinous and disastrous to me.

One thing I beg to submit for your serious consideration, and that is the road has never been surveyed throughout, and has never been gazetted, so that I am advised by Mr. Jago Smith, whose name heads the petition, that it is not a main road.

In conclusion I beg leave to solicit that you may be pleased to use your powerful interest in this matter, and I have no doubt that with your aid, together with the petition, that it will be brought to a successful termination.

The surveyor was out with me, and he gave it as his opinion that there was nothing to block me, as he saw no indications of traffic on the road.

Trusting that you will have the goodness to acquaint me with the result, for which I will be most anxiously looking out; and in the meantime I must convey to you my most heartfelt thanks for the interest and assistance you have rendered in this matter.

I have, &c.,
JOHN TUOHY.

[Enclosure B to No. 23.]

Petition presented by Dr. Ross, M.P., 8th May, 1883.

PETITION of the inhabitants residing in the Toogong and Mogong Districts, praying that the road $1\frac{1}{2}$ chain wide, from Long's Corner to the new line, Nanimi Road, may be reduced from the classification of a main road to that of a lane 1 chain wide.

Your petitioners humbly sheweth that this road has never been surveyed throughout, but only as the ground has been taken up; it is not even used as a stock route, all passings of stock going from the Nanimi line, and enters into this road again at south corner of Boney's Rocks, and very seldom used. Your petitioners further beg to bring under your consideration that this road is only used by the few inhabitants of the immediate neighbourhood.

Your petitioners humbly trust, therefore, that you may be pleased to take this matter into your best consideration, and to grant that the road in question may be reduced from the present classification of a main road to that of a lane 1 chain wide, it being, in their opinion, fully adequate for any traffic ever likely to arise on it; and as witness thereof we beg to subscribe our names, and your petitioners as in duty bound will every pray.

F. JAGO SMITH, J.P.,
(And ninety-eight others).

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Mines to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 11 May, 1883.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Toogong and Mogong districts for the reduction of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ chain road from Long's Corner to the new line, Nanima Road, to 1 chain in width, and to inform you that the matter shall receive immediate attention.

I have, &c.,

GERARD E. HERRING,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 25.

The Chief Commissioner to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 May, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, requesting to be communicated with on behalf of Messrs. Tuohy and Shield, I have the honor to inform you that both of these cases have been referred to the Survey Department.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(pro Chief Commissioner).

No. 26.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Molong, 16 August, 1883.

Some months ago I made a complaint respecting an application made by Mr. John Tuohy, who selected 600 acres 7th September, 1881, county of Ashburnham, parish of Nangar, at Molong, and which has never yet been settled, nor yet have I received any satisfactory answer to the same, although I have repeatedly asked for an immediate attention to the matter. I also forward to you a numerously signed and influential Petition in favour of Mr. Tuohy's selection, and this I regret to say has never been acknowledged or yet replied to.

I do hope that this case will receive your earliest attention, so that justice may be done to Mr. Tuohy. I have been informed that since my complaint was made on behalf of Mr. Tuohy that the same portion of land, or at least part of it, has since been selected by two other selectors, viz., Donovan and Burns.

I trust that this case will receive your immediate attention.

I have, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Minutes on No. 26.

Chief Commissioner,—C.O., 21/8/83. Note sent to Dr. Ross 11 April, 1873, on 83-2,382 correspondence, conditional purchase 81-333, section 13. The two conditional purchases 81-333 and 343 of Mr. Tuohy were declared void on 82-4,257 (survey) on account of the land containing improvements, and also as the land was applied for on both sides of the road from Long's corner to Mogong, being a frontage road; Mr. Tuohy and Dr. Ross were fully informed of the facts of the case. Submitted as to whether there are sufficient grounds for a reconsideration of the case. Two applications have been made by Donovan and Burns, respectively alluded to herein by Dr. Ross, but it is not known whether they are for the same land or for part of the same land as that applied for by Tuohy. The applications have been sent to the local surveyor for report. They were made since the date of voidance of Tuohy's application on 82-4,257 survey.—C.N., 20/9/83.

82-5,625 appears to be the petition alluded to. Can the numerously-signed petition alluded to be traced? Cannot be traced in Conditional Sales Register for this or the last year.—W. MacD., 24/9/83.

Cannot trace in miscellaneous books.—P.M. DeM., 24/9/83. Can the conditional purchases of Donovan and Burns, Molong, be traced, herein alluded to?—C.N. There is a conditional purchase, 83-142, Molong, 14 June, 200 acres, standing in name of D. Donovan, to Surveyor Crouch, 26 July, 1883, also 83-141, same date, P. Byrnes; Crouch, 26 July, 1883, 300 acres. Mr. Blackman,—No other petition than 82-5,625 can be traced. Tuohy's application was declared void on account of the land having been applied for in an inadmissible form (*vide* 82-4,257). A tracing was sent to him with the letter addressed to him on 13 March last, fully explaining the case.—C.N., 24/9/83. He could have made a fresh and proper application for the land required. Refer him to letter sent to Tuohy with explanatory tracing, 13 March, 1883.—W.B., 24/9/83. N.B.—Tuohy called on the Chief Commissioner, who has instructed me to let Tuohy have a duplicate, as he states he gave the vouchers to Dr. Ross.—W.B., 25/9/83. Deposit still available at Treasury, 25/9/83. Duplicate voucher, conditional purchases 81-333 and 343, issued 25 September, 1883.—29/9/83. Conditional Sales Branch. Handed by Mr. Blackman to applicant. It appears that the petition was sent to the Department of Mines, and thence to the Roads Branch.

No. 27.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Lupton to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Cudal, 30 August, 1883.

In compliance with instructions dated 27th June, 1883, issued to Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Crouch, the road referred to in the accompanying petition was inspected by me on 20th July, 1883, and I have the honor to report as follows:—

The road in question connects the Forbes road at Long's corner with the Nanami road at Mogong, passing through Mr. Coady's paddock at the latter place. No road appears to have been reserved through measured portions at Mogong.

This road is the shortest route between Murga and Canowindra, but there is scarcely any traffic between those places at present.

I am informed that farmers on the Belubula River and Nyrang Creek sometimes send their produce along this road to Orange to avoid the hilly country through which the Nanami road passes.

Drovers wishing to take their stock from one main road to the other use this track. Two or three large mobs of cattle passed along in July.

By the appearance of the track I should think that the traffic along the road is very light.

Sketch showing position of road transmitted herewith.

I have charged for this service one day's field work and half day's office work.

I have, &c.,

JAMES H. LUPTON,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 27.

Submitted with my memorandum of the 6th September, 83-120.—H. A. CROUCH, Acting District-Surveyor.

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No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. E. Coady.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 September, 1883.

With reference to your application of the 17th October, 1881, to purchase, in virtue of improvements, the portion of land specified in the margin hereof, I am directed to inform you that your application cannot be complied with as the improvements are not of sufficient value to confer right of purchase.

2. You may however appeal to appraisalment on the usual fee of £6 6s.

I have, &c.,

JOHN G. BLAXLAND,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 29.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Molong.

(I.P. 81-10, Molong.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 September, 1883.

I am directed to state, for your information, that the application, numbered as above, made by Edward Coady on the 17th October, 1881, to purchase under the second clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, containing 40 acres, in the parish of Mogong, county of Ashburnham, has been refused as the improvements are not of sufficient value to confer right of purchase.

I have, &c.,

J. G. BLAXLAND,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 30.

Memorandum to Surveyor-General.

ROADS 83-²/₁₂. Petition relative to road from Orange and Forbes road at Long's Corner, towards Canowindra. Instruction to me 27th June, 83-582 for report. Reported upon by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Lupton's, 30th August, 83-68.

1. In submitting the above report it might further be explained the petition was forwarded with a view of influencing decision on conditional purchases Nos. 81-333 and 343, Molong, by John Tuohy, reported upon by Mr. Acting-Surveyor Pinnington, 7th June, 82-46.

2. These two selections of 300 acres each were taken up, one crossing the above road and one on the eastern side.

3. The severed portion in the western side clashed with improvements effected by Edward Coady, valued by Mr. Pinnington at over £40, a valuation I understand disputed by Tuohy.

4. Tuohy states that he has erected improvements on the western side of the road valued £350, and some on the eastern.

5. He further states that he would be quite willing to take the 600 acres on the eastern side if a portion might be measured for sale on the western to include his improvements, but owing to the inferior quality of the land he would not be willing to take the 600 acres on the western side.

6. The case has been further complicated by conditional purchases Nos. 83-135, 141, and 142, Molong, now under instructions for survey, although it is asserted that sufficient land is available to satisfy the whole of the applications, and that the several applicants are agreeable to modifications.

7. Tuohy is a *bona fide* settler at present occupying a ruinous position.

8. With respect to the road being treated as frontage, I am of opinion that it is likely to become an important thoroughfare, and therefore it would come under the classification of an intended frontage road.

9. Under the circumstances the desirability of seeking Ministerial power of modification is submitted.

10. As the decision may affect the surveys of the conditional purchases mentioned in paragraph No. 6, I would request that the information might be afforded to me. Submitted.

H. A. CROUCH,

Acting District-Surveyor, 6 September, 1883.

Minute on No. 30.

Mr. Small, Charting Branch.—H.W., 21/9/83.

No. 31.

The Chief Commissioner to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 September, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, requesting immediate attention to the case of the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I have the honor to refer you to my letter of the 13th March last, addressed to Mr. John Tuohy, informing him of the voidance of the selections in question, and to the explanatory tracing accompanying such letter.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Molong, conditional purchases 81-333 & 81-343, John Tuohy, 300 and 200 acres, 8th & 15th September, 1881.

No. 32.

No. 32.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Wentworth House, 1 October, 1883.

40 acres, parish
Mogong, county
Ashburnham, 17
October, 1881,
Edward Coady.
Statutory de-
claration.

With reference to your letter of the 4th September, 1883, intimating to my client, Edward Coady, that his improvements on the portion noted in the margin are not of sufficient value to confer on him a right to purchase, I have the honor to enclose herewith a statutory declaration, showing the improvements to be worth £58, being nearly 10s. per acre more than is necessary to entitle my client to purchase under the 2nd section of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.

I have, &c.,

JAMES CARROLL,

Agent for EDWARD COADY.

[Enclosure to No. 32.]

I, EDWARD COADY, of Canowindra, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the 40-acre portion I applied for under the provisions of the 2nd section of the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, on the 17th October, 1881, was improved to the value of £58, and the improvements comprise a house, which cost me £18; a dam, which cost me £25; and sheep-yards, which cost me £15: And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Canowindra, this 27th day of September, 1883,—

EDWARD COADY.

THOMAS FINN, J.P.

[Three sketches.]

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Enclosure to N^o 12.

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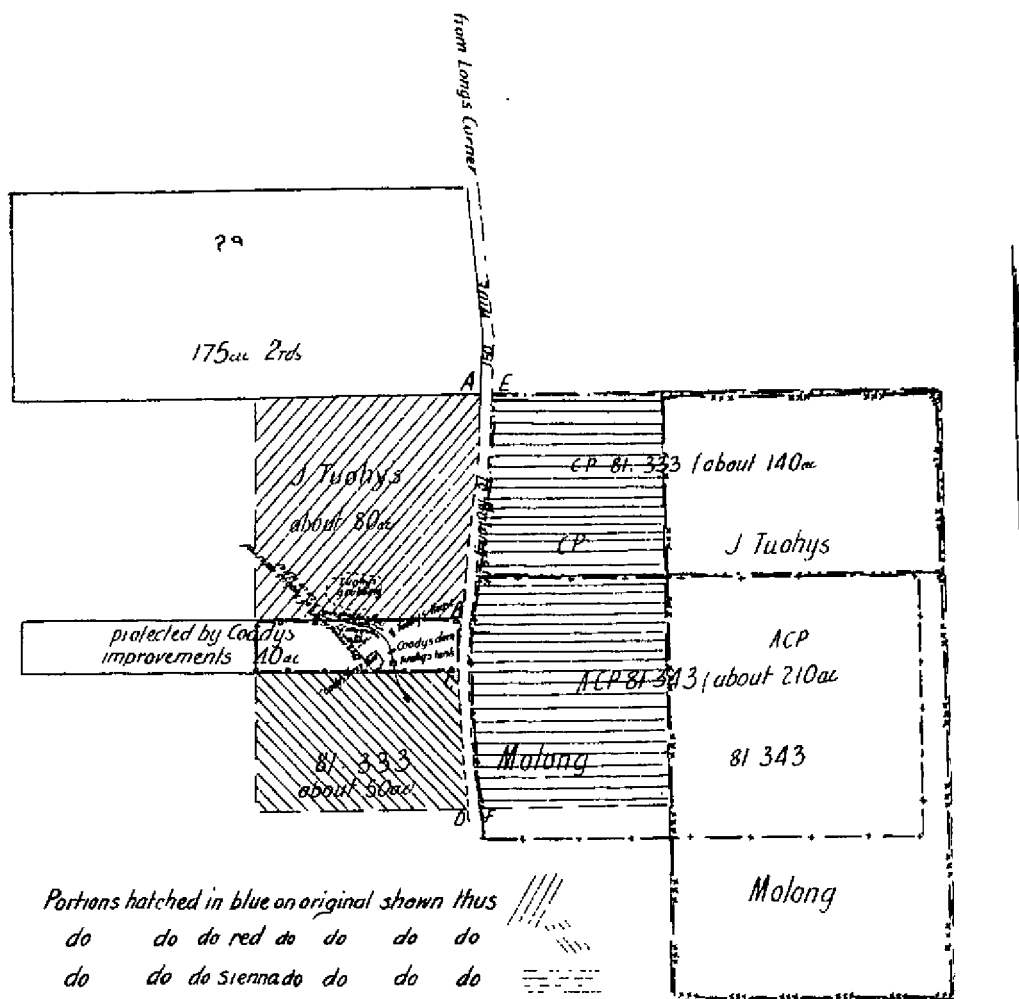
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Drawn D Frost
Exam^d JDS.

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter 82.46
of 7th June.

Signed
S.J. Pennington
Licensed Surveyor

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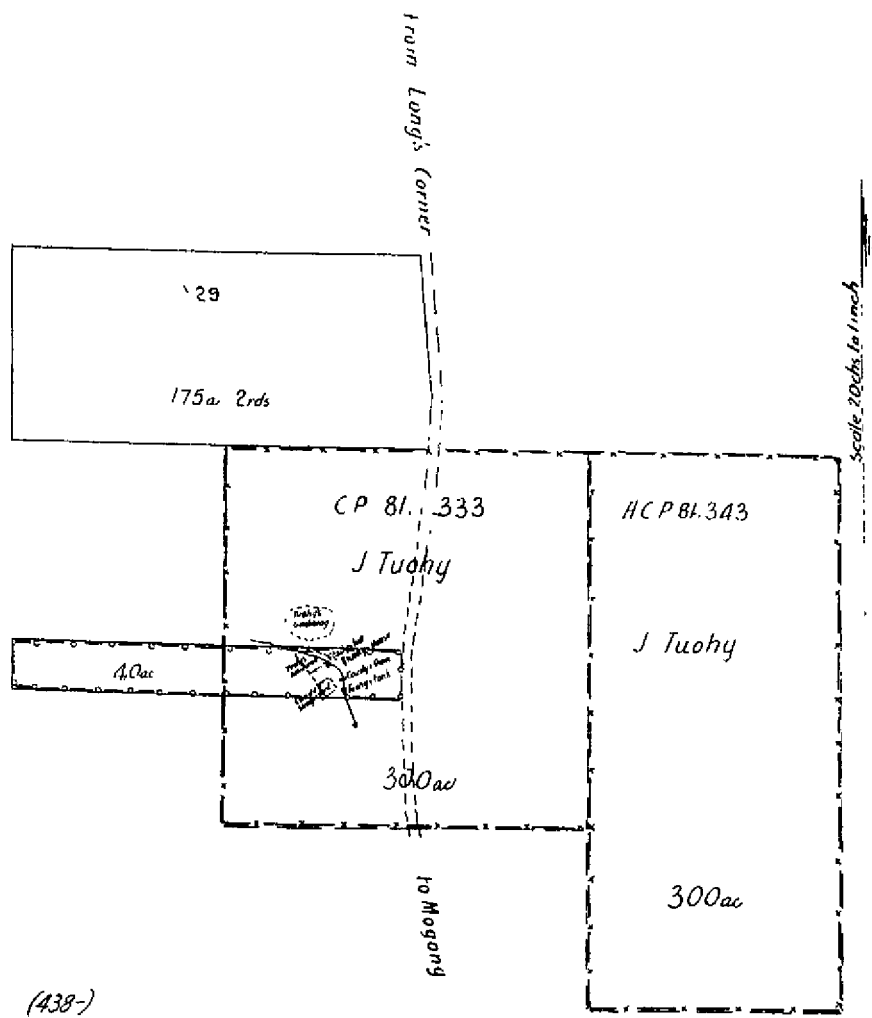
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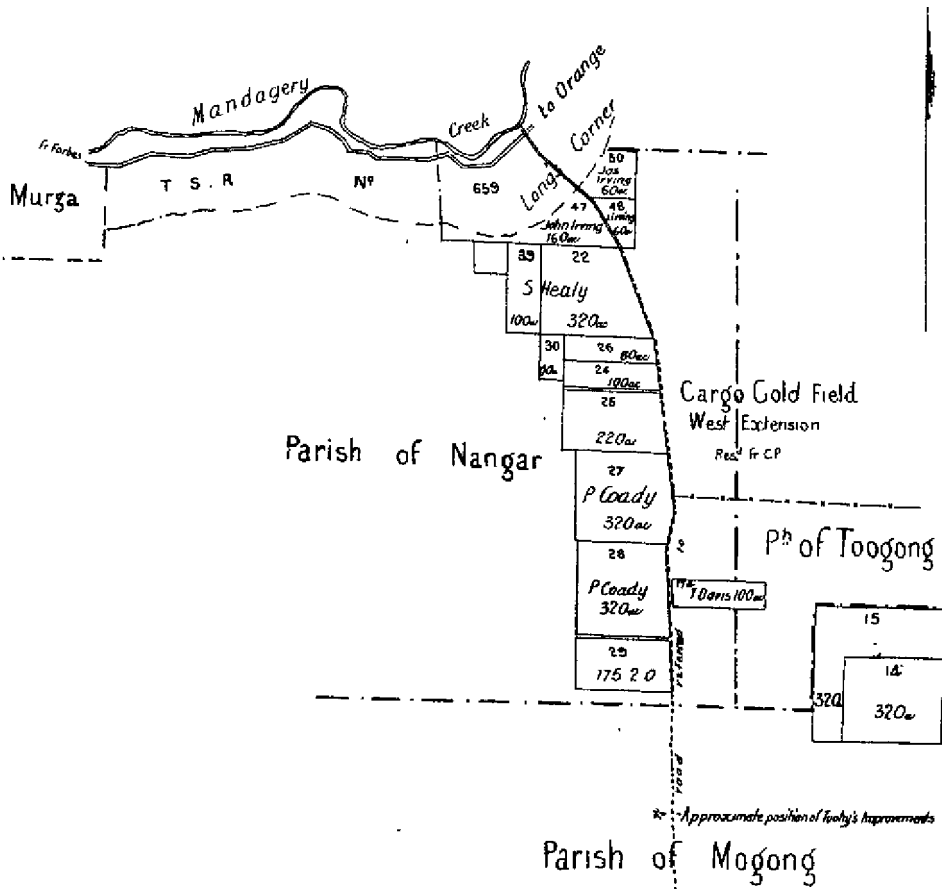
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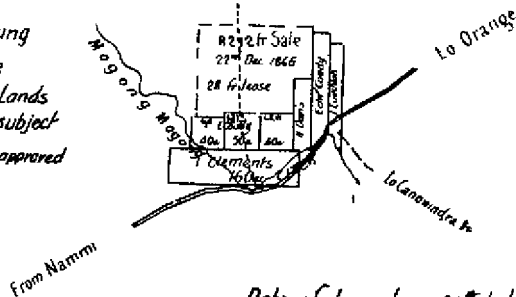
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Drawn by D. Frost
Exd^o J.D.S.

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Date of Inspection 20th July 1883

Signed

James H Lupton

Licensed Surveyor

Transmitted with letter of 30th August N^o 83 68

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

DAVID SCOTT'S GRANT.

(COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—2,500 ACRES.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 6 March, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 5th March, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A copy of the Deed of Grant issued to David Scott, of Sydney, 12th July, 1839, for 2,560 acres of land, county of Northumberland.”

(*Mr. Garrett.*)

GRANT OF LAND—(B).

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—

GREETING :—

Know ye, that in order to promote the due settlement of our territory of New South Wales, and in fulfilment of a promise made, on or before the thirteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, by His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Darling, as Governor thereof, we, of our special grace, have granted, and in consideration of the quit-rent hereinafter reserved, and of the price of the redemption of the same, do hereby grant unto David Scott, of Sydney, his heirs and assigns, subject to the reservations and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land, be the same more or less, situate, lying, and being in the county of Northumberland, and parish of _____, at Lake Macquarie, in our said territory of New South Wales; bounded on the south by a line bearing west two hundred and twenty-nine chains, commencing at a small creek adjoining Cockle Creek; on the west by a line bearing north eighty chains; on the north by a line bearing east seventy chains to Cockle Creek; and by that creek; and also on the east by that creek;—being the land promised to the late James St. John Ranclaud, on or before the date above-mentioned, and of which he was authorized to take possession on 4th September, 1829, as a military officer of upwards of twenty years service, but now granted to the said David Scott, in accordance with the report on case No. 343, made on the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the Colonial Legislature, 5th William IV No. 21, to be called, with all the appurtenances whatsoever, to hold unto the said David Scott, his heirs and assigns, for ever, yielding and paying thereout yearly unto us, our heirs and successors, the quit-rent or sum of one farthing (if demanded) sterling, for ever, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, unless the same shall be redeemed by the said grantee, his heirs, or assigns, within twenty years from that date, at the rate of twenty years purchase: Provided always, that if the said quit-rent be at any time unpaid for the space of twenty days after the same shall become due and payable (although no formal demand shall have been made thereof), it shall and may be lawful for us, our heirs, or our successors, or any person duly authorized in that behalf, to re-enter into the said land, or any part thereof, and thence to remove the said grantee, his heirs, and assigns, and to hold the same, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to have, receive, and take, to and for the use of us and our successors, until we, or our said successors, shall therewith and thereby be fully paid and satisfied the said quit-rent or annual sum of one farthing (if demanded), and every part thereof, and all arrears of the same

same due at the time of our said entry, or which shall accrue due during the time of our possession by virtue thereof, together with all costs and charges attending the non-payment of the said quit-rent and our said entry thereupon, these presents notwithstanding. And also saving and reserving unto us, our heirs and successors, all such parts, and so much of the said land as may hereafter be required for a public way or public ways, in, over, and through the same, to be set out by the Governor for the time being of our said territory, or some person lawfully authorized in that respect, together with all lands within one hundred feet of high-water-mark, on the sea-coast, and on every creek, harbour, and inlet. And also all mines of gold, of silver, and of coals, with full and free liberty and power to search for, dig, and take away the same. And also saving and reserving unto us, our heirs and successors, the right of taking and removing all stone and gravel, all indigenous timber, and all other materials, the produce of the same land, which may be required at any time for the construction and repair of ways and bridges for Naval purposes and for public works, together with the right of ingress, egress, and regress on the land, for all the purposes aforesaid. In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our said territory of New South Wales.

Given under the hand of Sir George Gipps, Knight, our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of our said territory and its dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales, the twelfth day of July, in the third year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

Signed and sealed in the presence of,—
HY. WATSON PARKER.

(L.S.) GEO. GIPPS.

Entered on record by me, this nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

E. DEAS-THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ARBITRATION CASE—HICKEY AND GORDON.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 March, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made on the 14th November, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all Papers connected with the arbitration case, Hickey and Gordon, as to title to land selected on Keogh’s Warrena Run.”

(*Mr. Garvan.*)

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CROWN LANDS.

No. 1.

Application by J. Hickey.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 254 of 1882.

District of Coonamble.
Application by John Hickey (of full age) for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 600 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £150, this 13th day of July, 1882, at 10.17 o'clock a.m.,—
C. G. BEALE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Sir,

Coonamble, 13 July, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 600 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £150, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY,

Coonamble.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Description.

County of Leichhardt, parish of Bimble,* Warrena, 600 acres, bounded by lines starting at a peg marked n about 10 chains southerly from the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run; and bearing thence west, south, east, and north to embrace the area, exclusive of area barred from selection by hut. *Warrena.—C.G.D.

Minutes on No. 1.

I hold no other incomplete conditional purchase.—J.H., 13/7/82.
Certified copy sent this day to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher.—M. CANTY, 17/8/82.

No. 2.

Application by J. Hickey.

E.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by John Hickey (of full age) for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Lands, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 20th day of July, 1882, at 12.40 o'clock,—
C. G. BEALE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Sir,

20 July, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £10 being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
254	13 July, 1882.	600
280	20 July, 1882.	40
Total area..		640

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 600 acres.

I am, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY,

Coonamble.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Description.

County of Leichhardt, parish of Warrena, 40 acres, to adjoin the west side of my present conditional purchase, made 13th July, 1882, and bounded by lines starting at south-west corner of the conditional purchase; and bearing thence west, north, east, and south to embrace the area.

Minutes on No. 2.

Certified copy sent this day to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher.—M. CANTY, 17 August, 1882.
Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher to measure if first conditional purchase is satisfactory and otherwise unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, for Surveyor-General, 17 August, 1882.
Replied to by my letter to the Surveyor-General, 82-118.—ROBERT FISHER, Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

Application by Alice Gordon.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 348 of 1882.

District of Coonamble.
Application by Alice Gordon (full age), spinster, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 640 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £160, this 10th day of August, 1882, at 11.12 o'clock a.m.,—
C. G. BEALE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Sir,

Sir, I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 640 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £160, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

10 August, 1882.

I am, &c.,

ALICE GORDON,
Warrena, Coonamble.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Description.

County of Leichhardt, parish of Bimble, 640 acres, starting at a peg marked A, 20 chains south from the corner of Bimble Run and the south-west corner of the North Coonamble Run; running thence south, thence east, thence north, and thence west, to embrace the area.

Minute on No. 3.

Certified copy sent this day to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher.—M. CANTY, 31 August, 1882.

No. 4.

Mr. J. Hickey to Mr. D. P. Keogh.

Sir,

Coonamble, 21 August, 1882.

I hereby give you notice to discontinue the excavation of a tank which is at present going on by your direction on my conditional purchase.

If the work be not discontinued I shall take legal action against your workmen for trespass.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HICKEY.

No. 5.

Mr. J. Hickey to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Coonamble, 21 August, 1882.

I beg to request that you will be pleased to cause special instructions to be issued to Surveyor Fisher to at once measure my conditional purchase of 640 acres, made at Coonamble on the 13th day of July, 1882, being conditional purchase No. 82-254. I beg that this course will be taken because the lessee of the run, D. P. Keogh, is now excavating a large tank on my land. The work commenced at least one month after I selected it, and if it is intended to claim the land by virtue of this improvement I hereby protest against it.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HICKEY.

Minute on No. 5.

Mr. Blackman.—J.W., 25/8/82. Inform of reference.—W.B., 31/8/82. Mr. Fitzpatrick.*
Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher.—In connection with conditional purchase 82-254, Coonamble.
Instruction forwarded, 17th August, 1882.—M. CANTY, for Surveyor-General, 22/9/82. This case was
reported upon by my letter to the Surveyor-General, dated 2nd October, 82-118.—ROBERT FISHER,
Licensed-Surveyor, 10/10/82.

No. 6.

Application by P. J. Hickey.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 380 of 1882.

District of Coonamble.

Application by Patrick Joseph Hickey (of full age), for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 24th day of August, 1882, at 10 o'clock a.m.

C. G. BEALE,

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Sir,

24 August, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

PATRICK JOSEPH HICKEY,

Coonamble.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Coonamble.

Description.

County of Leichhardt, parish of Warrena, 320 acres. Bounded by lines starting at the south-west corner of John Hickey's conditional purchase of 640 acres, and bearing thence east along the south boundary of John Hickey's conditional purchase; thence south, west, and north to embrace the area.

Minutes on No. 6.

Conditional Sales Branch,—Copy has this day been sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher for survey, if unobjectionable.—M. CANTY, 22/9/82.

No. 7.

Mr. District-Surveyor DalGLISH to Mr. J. Hickey.

S.r,

District Survey Office, Dubbo, 24 August, 1882.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 12th and 21st instant respectively.

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I have reason to believe that instructions to survey, if unobjectionable, your conditional purchase of 640 acres, No. 82-254, taken up at Coonamble on 13th July, 1882, will be issued direct to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, and they may even now be in his possession.

I have therefore forwarded your letters to him direct to be taken into consideration and annexed to the instruction.

I have, &c.,
H.A.E.,
(For J. C. DALGLISH), District-Surveyor.

No. 8.

G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 25 August, 1882.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from one of my constituents which will explain itself. At the same time I would again point out the necessity existing for surveyors to measure the lands of conditional purchases in the Castlereagh district. This matter I brought under the notice of your predecessor, who promised that special attention should be paid to the matter.

I have, &c.,
GEORGE E. CASS.

Minutes on No. 8.

By Under Secretary for Lands :—Urgent. Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 26/8/82.
The statement with regard to delays has been reported on by the Surveyor-General, *vide* Papers 82-6,545 Ministerial.—M. CANTY, 24/10/82.

[*Enclosure to No. 8.*]

Mr. J. Hickey to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Coonamble, 21 August, 1882.

I beg to request that you will be pleased to cause special instructions to be issued to Surveyor Fisher to at once measure my conditional purchase of 640 acres, made at Coonamble on the 13th day of July, 1882, being conditional purchase No. 82-254. I beg that this course will be taken because the lessee of the run, D. P. Keogh, is now excavating a large tank on my land, the work commenced at least one month after I selected it, and if it is intended to claim the land by virtue of this improvement I hereby protest against it.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Hickey.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 September, 1882.

In reference to your communication of the 21st ultimo, respecting the conditional purchases of 600 and 40 acres, made by you at Coonamble on the 13th July and 20th July respectively, I am directed to apprise you that the applications were sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher on the 17th August for his report and survey of the land, should no objection exist, and on receipt thereof you will be further communicated with.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 10.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 23 September, 1882.

I enclose you a letter from Mr. T. A. Jones, of Coonamble, to let you see how Mr. Gordon, lessee of Bundy Run, is working the mineral conditional purchases to defeat the Land Act, and another case of a selector, Hickey, and a Mr. Keogh.

In reference to the surveyor, Fisher, mentioned in letter, I may state that on many occasions I have received letters from selectors accusing him of favouring the squatter as against the selector, or of measuring lots for auction and neglecting to measure selections.

I trust you will give instructions to have these matters inquired into, and try and do something to protect the selectors about Coonamble against the persecutions they are suffering from at the hands of the lessees.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 10.

Mr. Wiseman.—5/10/82. Charting Branch.—W.B., 6/10/82.
Of the conditional purchases herein referred to, those of W. Cook, 82-221, and Emma Cook, 82-222, were forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher, 18th September, 1882, to measure if unobjectionable; and that of Hugh Gordon, conditional purchase 82-225, was forwarded 15th September, 1882; while the letters 82-5,234 and 82-5,264, protesting against H. Gordon effecting improvements on conditional purchases 82-221 and 82-222, and urging survey of those conditional purchases, were sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher 5th September, 1882. With regard to the conflicting conditional purchases of J. Hickey, 82-254, and Alice Gordon, conditional purchase 82-348, selected on 13th July, 1882, and 10th August, 1882, a report has been furnished by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher, and recommendation thereon has been made to the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales that Hickey's conditional purchase be located under 14th section of Act of 1875, as from applicant's starting point, and following the boundaries described, and that Alice Gordon be offered the option, provided Hickey's conditional purchase is located as recommended, of retaining the area not included in Hickey's conditional purchase, with refund on the balance, or of refund of deposit. Attention is invited to Mr. McElhone's letter.—M. CANTY, 24/10/82. The Surveyor-General. By Surveyor-General :—Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales accordingly.—P.F.A., 10/11/82. By Chief Commissioner :—Present state of the recommendation referred to.—A.O.M., 14/11/82. Papers on which the recommendation referred to was submitted are now herewith.—A.B.C., 15/11/82. See decision of Secretary for Lands, to the effect that the question should go to arbitration.—W.B., 15/12/82.

By Chief Commissioner :—May await result.—A.O.M., 19/12/82.

Mr. Brown,—Has the surveyor sent in his reports on the five conditional purchases mentioned? If not a reminder should be sent to him.—C.N., 11/5/83.

[*Enclosure*]

[Enclosure to No. 10.]
Mr. T. A. Jones to Mr. J. Inchan.

Dear Sir,

Coonamble, 9 September, 1882.

I write you particulars of two important cases which require your best energies to bring before the notice of Parliament and the authorities.

* * * * *
The second case is that of Mr. John Hickey, who selected 640 acres on Warrena Run on the 13th day of July, 1882. About three weeks after this, Miss Alice Gordon, a governess at D. P. Keogh's, selects 640 acres at the back of him, and Keogh at once put on a lot of men to sink a tank right on the only available place for making water on Hickey's conditional purchase.

Hickey enters the same protest as Cook, with the same result.

Keogh puts on a double set of hands, to have the work in a forward state when the surveyor comes. Hickey notices him and his workmen to discontinue. No notice is taken. Keogh, after a few weeks, asks the workmen to tell Hickey that the work is not for him, but for Miss Gordon, and that they were not engaged by him at all, which is a lie.

I might tell you that Keogh put in an application at the local Lands Office for an improvement purchase of 120 acres, in virtue of hut. Somehow this application has been withdrawn; and Alice Gordon has selected this very house; and Keogh now says that it belongs to Miss Gordon, and that he has nothing to do with it.

Strange that he would put a value of £120 on it, in order that he might take the good land from Hickey, and then afterwards allow Alice Gordon to select house and all without a murmur regarding the improvements.

I think I have said enough; but if you require further information, write me on the subject.

With regards,—

I have, &c.,

T. A. JONES.

No. 11.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, Coonamble, 2 October, 1882.

I have the honor to return herewith for further instructions Conditional Purchase Applications 82-254, 82-286, 82-348, and 82-380.

I also enclose two tracings showing the position of the relative starting points of conditional purchases 82-254 and 82-348, and also the approximate position of the land applied for by these four conditional purchase applications, together with all other information relating to these applications.

Conditional purchase 82-254 is described as starting at a peg marked *u*, about 10 chains southerly from the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run. This peg was pointed out to me by the applicant on the ground, and I found that its true bearing from the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run was about south 58 degrees east 31 chains. It was driven and partly hidden by a cotton-bush, and could not easily be found by any person searching for it. I myself certainly would never have found it. The applicant states, and in this statement he is corroborated by his brother, that he drove this peg in its present position on the Wednesday before he made his conditional purchase application, and that he was to a certain extent misled in giving the erroneous description of its position by imagining that the fenced line between North Coonamble and Bimble was a due north and south line instead of, as it is, north 30 degrees west.

With regard to the peg marked *a*, referred to in the description of conditional purchase 82-348, I found it without any difficulty, as it was within a few links of the position stated in the application, viz., 20 chains due south of the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run.

The hut shown on tracing and referred to in conditional purchase application 82-254, is the property of the lessee of the run, erected prior to date of this conditional purchase application, and is worth £40, thus barring from conditional purchase 40 acres of land as shown on tracing.

The tank now in course of erection, the position of which is also shown on the large tracing, is being excavated for Alice Gordon. Up to date of inspection about 2,000 yards of earth had been removed therefrom. This tank was commenced on the 11th August, and, notwithstanding Hickey's protests, work has been carried on therein uninterruptedly till now. Alice Gordon's agent, Mr. Keogh, informed Hickey that he considered that Hickey's land started from a point 10 chains due south of the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run, and therefore that the tank was on the land applied for by Alice Gordon, and, until it was decided otherwise, that he would go on with this tank.

The land in dispute contains a good site for the storage of water, viz., a swamp partly surrounded with a hard ridge off which the rain runs readily. This accounts for the two applicants both striving to obtain this land. I think, however, taking into consideration Hickey's statement that his peg was driven before he made his conditional purchase application, coupled with the fact that his lines evidently were intended to run as shown on tracing, as special reference is made in his application to the area barred by the hut, and also that a selector in the back country would naturally choose land so as to include a place where water could be conserved (this swamp being the only place so available on the whole of the land applied for), that it is possible that the peg marked *u* was driven originally in the spot where shown to me, and that Alice Gordon has taken advantage of the error in the description of the direction and distance of this peg from the new corner, and tried by erecting this dam or tank as quickly as possible to obtain some kind of claim to the land she has applied for. I must also state that I do not believe that Alice Gordon is selecting *bona fide* on her own behalf; but of course, as in all such cases, this is difficult of proof. Hickey's statement to me respecting the bearing of the fence between Bimble and North Coonamble Runs must not be lost sight of, as the production of this line would pass very close to the hut; and if Hickey thought that line was a north and south line, he naturally enough would also imagine that a continuation of that line would be his boundary, in which case it would run through the swamp, and also encroach on the land protected by the hut.

I will shortly again be near the locality, when I will examine the ground to see if I can find any trace of a peg having been driven about 10 chains on the continuation of this line, and report to you if I do.

Hickey, when applying for his two conditional purchases of 600 and 40 acres respectively, was not aware of the proximity of water reserve 874. If his peg, therefore, be adopted as his starting point the available portion only of his land, I presume, will have to be measured, in which case conditional purchase 82-286 will have to be declared void, being for 40 acres, only a portion of which is on a reserve.

No other person except Hickey and his brother saw the peg marked *u* until after the date of Alice Gordon's selection.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT FISHER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute

Minutes on No. 11.

Two tracings herewith and two letters from John Hickey to Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish.—R.F. To the Surveyor-General.—J. C. DALGLISH, Dubbo, 11 October, 1882.

[*Enclosure A to No. 11.*]

Mr. J. Hickey to Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish.

Dear Sir,

I hereby protest against an improvement purchase application made by D. P. Keogh, for W. F. Buchanan, at Coonamble, on Warrena Run, parish of Bimble, county of Leichhardt, of 120 acres, in virtue of a hut which I consider of not more value than £40 at the outside. I have selected land, being conditional purchase which bounds this hut, and have left an area for the improvement; and I protest against a larger area being allowed the applicant.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY.

Minutes on above.

Forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher for his consideration. The writer has been informed of this reference to Mr. Fisher.—H.A.E. (for J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor), 24/8/82. To accompany my letter to the Surveyor-General, dated 2nd October, 82-118.—ROBERT FISHER, Licensed Surveyor.

[*Enclosure B to No. 11.*]

Mr. J. Hickey to Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish.

Dear Sir,

I beg to request that you will be pleased to cause special instructions to be issued to Surveyor Fisher to at once measure my conditional purchase of 640 acres, made at Coonamble on the 13th day of July, 1882, being conditional purchase No. 82-254. I beg that this course will be taken, because the lessee of the run, D. P. Keogh, is now excavating a large tank on my land. The work commenced at least one month after I selected it; and if it is intended to claim the land by virtue of this improvement I hereby protest against it.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY.

Minutes on above.

Forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher for his consideration. The writer has been informed of this reference to Mr. Fisher.—H.A.E. (for J. C. DALGLISH, District Surveyor), 24/8/82. To accompany my letter to the Surveyor-General, dated 2nd October, 82-118.—ROBERT FISHER, Licensed Surveyor.

No. 12.

Mr. J. Hickey to Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Surveyor Fisher inspected my land on Saturday, 30th September, in company with myself, and he told me that he would have to report to you before he measured; this he informs me is on account of a dispute raised by Mr. Keogh, the lessee of the run, on behalf of his governess, Miss Alice Gordon.

You will remember a former communication I addressed to you on this same matter, protesting against the action of Mr. Keogh in excavating a large tank on my land. At that time I cautioned Mr. Keogh and his men against continuing the work, verbally and by writing, but it seems to no purpose. It seems now that it is intended to claim the land on account of Alice Gordon, who adjoins my conditional purchase, and must, as a matter of necessity, have her boundaries fixed by mine. My protests have been ignored, and I have been treated by Mr. Keogh, who I suppose acts for his governess, as if I had no right to the land at all. I asked him to come and see my peg; he refused, saying that my peg could not be where I described; thus he has worked the matter until a bogus dispute is got up. I say there never was a dispute, nor could there be a just one, for my peg was down and to be seen, and was seen, by reliable witnesses, fourteen days before Alice Gordon selected, or before Keogh commenced the tank. I maintain, Sir, that this so-called dispute is a piece of outrageous impertinence on the part of Keogh to state that there could be a dispute of this kind, and I beg to request that you will be pleased to advise Mr. Fisher to proceed with the survey without further delay, as I wish to commence my improvements at once. I have timber and material awaiting for some time. Miss Alice Gordon, although a very near neighbour, I have never had the pleasure of seeing on the land or anywhere else, except in Mr. Keogh's buggy in company with himself, in the town of Coonamble.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HICKEY.

P.S.—I may add that the tank is not half finished yet.—JOHN HICKEY.

No. 13.

Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish to Mr. J. Hickey.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 3rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher's report No. 82-118, returning for further instructions conditional purchase applications made by yourself, Patrick Joseph Hickey, and Alice Gordon, was forwarded to head-quarters to day.

I have, &c.,
J. C. DALGLISH,
District Surveyor.

No. 14.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

We have the honor to advise you that Mr. John Hickey applied on the 13th July last for a conditional purchase of 600 acres at Coonamble, "starting at a peg marked x about 10 chains southerly, from the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run, and bearing thence west, south, east, and north to embrace area, exclusive of area barred from conditional purchase by hut."

On

On the 10th August our client, Miss Alice Gordon, applied for a conditional purchase of 640 acres (having before her a copy of the application of John Hickey). It now appears that the two applications conflict, as the prior applicant, Hickey, seeks to prove that his peg marked H is at a distance of over 30 chains east-south-east, instead of 10 chains southerly.

We would therefore respectfully bring this case before your notice, before you would approve of Hickey's application being amended under the 14th section of the Act.

- 1st. Hickey has bound himself to 10 chains from a certain starting point, viz., southerly, but we, in the interest of our client, are willing to give him every latitude, and allow him to go the distance if he chooses south-easterly, and thereby cutting in half the tank, but as this applicant evidently knows the difference between 10 chains and 30 chains, we, in the interests of our client, object to his starting point commencing at the latter distance.
- 2nd. It is evident to you that a starting "peg" is not like that of any other, and may be shifted to suit the convenience of the applicant, and therefore a further evidence that the applicant should be confined to his original starting point, viz., 10 chains.
- 3rd. Our client, Miss Alice Gordon, is a *bona fide* and legitimate selector, and basing her application on that of Hickey's, has excavated a tank on a portion of her land (the only spot for miles around where it is possible to conserve water), where she has expended the whole of her means, and if the amendment as sought by Hickey is allowed she will be completely ruined.

We are assured that Miss Gordon is about to be married, and that she has selected this land in her own interest, and for her future home, and we therefore trust that you will be good enough to confine the prior applicant to the land as applied for by him.

We enclose herewith a tracing showing the land as applied for by Hickey, and that, as applied for by Miss Gordon, from which you will see that if Hickey is confined to his original starting point, viz., 10 chains, his fence would cut right through the centre of our client's tank, which we are quite willing to allow, but we do object to him being allowed to alter his starting point to 30 chains, which would include the whole of the tank and the hut.

Trusting therefore that you will compel Hickey to adhere to his original starting point,

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.

No. 15.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Conditional Purchase 82-254, Coonamble, John Hickey, 600 acres, 13th section.

Conditional Purchase 82-286, Coonamble, John Hickey, 40 acres, 21st section.

Conditional Purchase 82-348, Coonamble, Alice Gordon, 640 acres, 13th section.

Conditional Purchase 82-380, Coonamble, Patrick Joseph Hickey, 320 acres, 13th section.

In view of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher's report and the statements contained therein, it is submitted that as the applicant's (J. Hickey's) starting point is "a peg marked H, about 10 chains southerly from the south-west corner of North Coonamble Run, &c.," which bears about south 58 degrees east 31 chains from the south-east corner of that run, that conditional purchase 82-254 be located under fourteenth section of Act of 1875 for land as per firm red lines, *i.e.*, starting from the peg marked H, averred by applicant to be his starting point and following the boundaries described. The area applied for however will not be available as the conditional purchase would encroach to the extent of about 97 acres on water reserve 874, notified 14th October, 1878.

Conditional purchase 82-254 if thus located will include a tank said to be erected for Miss Alice Gordon on the land applied for by her under conditional purchase 82-348, which is of subsequent date to that of Hickey's and embraces an area of about 194 acres described in the latter conditional purchase.

Should the location of conditional purchase 82-254 be approved it is recommended that J. Hickey be offered the option of retaining the area available within the boundaries, viz., 503 acres, with refund on 97 acres, or of deposit, and that Alice Gordon be offered the option of retaining 446 acres, with refund on 194 acres, or of refund of deposit.

J. Hickey's additional conditional purchase 82-286 should be declared void, as it encroaches on water reserve No. 874, notified 14th October, 1878, and the area available outside the boundaries of the reserve is less than 40 acres.

Conditional purchase 82-380, as applied for broken red lines on tracing, encroaches to the extent of about 150 acres on water reserve No. 874, notified 14th October, 1878. It is therefore submitted that applicant have the option of having the area available, about 170 acres measured with frontage to travelling route reserve, with refund on 150 acres, or of refund of deposit.

ROBERT D. FITZGERALD,

(For Surveyor-General),

18 October, 1882.

Since writing the above a letter has been received from H. H. Brown & Co., on behalf of A. Gordon, to which attention is invited.—R.D.F., 18/10/82.

Minutes on No. 15.

By Chief Commissioner:—The whole question depends upon the position of the peg on which the description of Hickey's (the earlier conditional purchaser) depends. It is described in his application as 10 chains southerly, but was found by the surveyor to be 31 chains south 58 degrees east from the south-west corner of the North Coonamble Run. This is a considerable discrepancy, and I am not clear that it should be disregarded to the prejudice of a subsequent applicant without fuller investigation. The provision for arbitration seems to have been designed to meet such a case.—A.O.M., 31/10/82.

By Secretary for Lands:—Let the question go to arbitration.—JOHN R.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 15.]

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 October, 1878.

Reserves from sale for Water Supply.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that in pursuance of the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the land specified in the Schedule appended hereto shall be reserved from sale for water supply.

BLIGH DISTRICT.

No. 874. County of Leichhardt, parish unnamed, area about 2,170 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing on the right bank of Warrena Creek, at its intersection with the marked east boundary of the reserve on account of population at Coonamble; bounded thence on the west by part of that east boundary bearing north about 4 miles and 8 chains to the marked north-east corner of that reserve; thence on the north by a line bearing east 60 chains; thence on the east by a line crossing Coonamble or Magometon Creek bearing south to Warrena Creek; and thence by Warrena Creek downwards to the point of commencement.

Forms part of the Coonamble Run.

The above is in lieu of reserve No. 110, cancelled by notice of this date.

No. 16.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 6 November, 1882.

With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, requesting, on behalf of Miss Alice Gordon, that in the measurement of John Hickey's conditional purchase, noted in the margin, the starting point as described in his application may be adhered to, and not from the position of the peg as pointed out by him to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, as such amendment of his description would conflict with Miss Gordon's conditional purchase,—I am to inform you that the Minister has approved of the case being referred to arbitration, for which purpose the necessary steps will be taken without delay.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 6 November, 1882.

Referring to your letter of the 25th August last, enclosing letter from Mr. John Hickey of Coonamble, the 21st idem, requesting you to take such steps as would procure the early measurement of his conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have now the honor to inform you that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher having reported on the above selection, the Minister for Lands has directed that the question of Hickey's starting point shall proceed to arbitration, there being a conflict between the position of such as described and that pointed out by the applicant.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 6 November, 1882.

Referring to your letter of the 23rd September last, relative to the case of John Hickey's conditional purchase, noted in the margin, and requesting that Mr. Surveyor Fisher's action in the matter may be inquired into, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister for Lands has directed that the question of Hickey's description of the land as applied for, and the boundary of same as desired by him, shall proceed to arbitration.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 19.

G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Sydney, 14 November, 1882.

Please inform me on what date the papers in connection with Mr. John Hickey's conditional purchase at Coonamble were forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, and whether the latter has been instructed to measure conditional purchase alluded to.

An immediate reply will oblige.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE E. CASS.

Minutes on No. 19.

By Surveyor-General:—Mr. Canty as to action. If in geographical division kindly send on for reply. Urgent.—P.F.A., 15/11/82.

If the conditional purchases of John Hickey referred to are conditional purchases 82/254 and 82/286 Coonamble, a report has been furnished by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher that conditional purchase 82/254 clashes with that of Alice Gordon, conditional purchase 82/348, Coonamble, and a recommendation with reference to these conditional purchases was made, whereon the Secretary for Lands has decided that the question should go to arbitration, of which Mr. Cass, M.P., if not already apprised, is to be informed.—M. CANTY, 15/11/82. The Surveyor-General.

By Surveyor-General:—Under Secretary for Lands in order that action may take place if necessary, and inform Mr. Cass by note.—P.F.A., 16/11/82.

No. 20.

Mr. J. Hickey to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Coonamble, 23 November, 1882.

Enclosed please find a letter to Mr. Moriarty, Chief Commissioner, which kindly present and explain for me. I positively refuse to submit to such an unjust decision as to allow my case to go to arbitration, when there is nothing to arbitrate upon.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HICKEY.

[Enclosure to No. 20.]

Mr. J. Hickey to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Coonamble, 23 November, 1882.

In reply to your communication of the 5th November last, conditional sales 82-8,045, relating to my conditional purchase 82-254, I have the honor to protest against the decision of the Department to put my case to arbitration. I maintain that there cannot be a dispute concerning my starting point, as my peg was put down before I selected the land, and I can bring respectable witnesses to prove my statement. I offered to show my starting point to Mr. D. P. Keogh, the lessee of Warrena Run and agent for Alice Gordon, but he refused to look at it, and told me that "I must be mistaken." He commenced to excavate a tank on my land, and I sent him written notice to discontinue work. He ignored my notice. I then gave the tank-sinkers notice, and they told me they were employed by Keogh and were instructed not to desist. I then protested to Mr. Dalglish at Dubbo, to the Surveyor-General, and to the Minister for Lands (*vide* my letters to these). Some time after Mr. Keogh offered to compromise with me if I would pay him for the tank. This I refused to do. He then offered me consideration in money to shift my peg and put the land on an adjoining run; this I also refused to do. Mr. Keogh never directly or indirectly dared to say in my presence that the land I occupied was not the land I described, and I respectfully submit that the whole of this dispute is a piece of downright insolence and a bare-faced attempt to rob me of my land through sheer force of money and political influence. I know that putting the case to arbitration means that I, being a poor man, am sure to be the loser. I submit that the description given by me to the local Crown Lands Agent was sufficiently explicit to enable him to chart my conditional purchase on his office map, and that Mr. Keogh knew that my selection embraced the only water on that part of the country. It must be apparent to you, Sir, that when this man Keogh puts one of his servants on to the adjoining land, and in spite of my protest commences to excavate a tank on the only water-shed I have, that he is doing it with a view to oust me from my holding. I further submit that Keogh has no claim for consideration, because he expended money on this tank with his eyes open and knowing that the land was mine. If this case should be decided against me the whole of my selection will be utterly useless to me and I will be ruined. This dispute about my starting point is one entirely got up by Keogh with a view to oust me. I say that I have known thousands of descriptions given wherein a more vague starting point was given and there was no dispute. I submit that in saying that my peg is situated within about 10 chains of a certain point that it is sufficiently explicit if it be found to be 27 chains, because it would be absurd to suppose that a selector could describe his peg within a chain or two in a place where there are no well-known land-marks. I say further that Surveyor Fisher had no difficulty in discovering my peg, nor need Mr. Keogh have made any mistake if he would have gone with the intention of finding it.

I may tell you, in conclusion, that I have been waited on repeatedly by Mr. Keogh, and offered sums of money to abandon my claim, which I refused to do.

Trusting you will give this your favourable consideration,

I have, &c.,

JOHN HICKEY.

Minutes on No. 20.

Return to me.—W.B., 8/1/83. Mr. Crow, 9/1/83. Papers should have been returned to Mr. Blackman as directed, *vide* memorandum at head of page.—C.N., 4/4/83. Papers now for Miscellaneous Branch.—C.N.

No. 21.

Mr. J. Hickey to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Coonamble, 15 January, 1883.

Referring to your letter (82-8,045) of the 6th November, 1882, *re* my conditional purchase 82-254, 600 acres, in name of John Hickey, taken up 13th July, 1882, and upon which Mr. Surveyor Fisher reported that, owing to conflicting interests between the lessee of the Warrena Run and myself, it was advised that an arbitration should take place, I have to beg that you will take into immediate consideration the following facts:—

First—Mr. Keogh was agreeable to an arbitration which was to take place this week, and at which matters would have been satisfactorily arranged, but owing to serious blood poisoning from diseased sheep he had to leave for Sydney dangerously ill, and in all probability will be deferred from attending to business for some considerable period.

Second—That as Mr. Surveyor Fisher is now in the immediate vicinity, and prepared to undertake the work at once, it would be a positive injustice to me to delay the matter longer, as I wish to fence the selection for the use of my milking cows, from which I depend for a living, and for which there is no other grass procurable—said cows being the only means of supplying the townspeople with milk and myself with a living.

Third—That I wish no injustice done to the Crown lessee or myself, but wish, Sir, a just and definite decision at once under the above extraordinary circumstances.

I beg that, as Mr. Fisher may not be here for months, you will extend your usual courtesy to me as you have shown to many other applicants.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HICKEY.

No. 22.

Telegram from Mr. T. A. Jones to Chief Commissioner.

Coonamble, 23 April, 1883.

KINDLY wire if Alice Gordon's conditional purchase, No. 82-348, of Coonamble, has been voided? Information required by intending selector.

Minutes on No. 22.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Refer to Land Agent.—A.O.M., 23/4/83.
Charting Branch,—Is your action complete?—J.M'G., 26/6/83.

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No. 23.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. A. Jones,

Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

RE your telegram, Alice Gordon's conditional purchase. Refer to Land Agent.

No. 24.

Appointment of Arbitrator.

Coonamble, 26 April, 1883.

I, JOHN Hickey, do hereby, with the consent of Mr. Mark Herrman, of Coonamble, appoint him, the said Mark Herrman, as my arbitrator to act on my behalf in settlement of the dispute as to the position of the starting point of my conditional purchase of 600 acres, No. 82-254, taken up by me at Coonamble, on the 13th day of July, 1882, and which dispute the late Minister for Lands directed should be settled by arbitration.

Witness,—J. A. FLYNN, Solicitor, Coonamble.

JOHN HICKEY.

No. 25.

G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

"Independent" Office, Coonamble, 3 July, 1883.

Again I address you concerning the dispute between Mr. John Hickey and Miss Gordon, both of Coonamble.

The evidence taken at Appraisement Court has been forwarded to you, and I venture to say you must conclude that great hardship is being inflicted on Mr. Hickey, and that his opponent is no more or less than a dummy evading the law. (See District Surveyor's report.) The matter is of such great importance that I most earnestly request that you deal with the case immediately on receipt of this.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE E. CASS.

No. 26.

G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

"Independent" Office, Coonamble, 3 July, 1883.

The evidence taken at Appraisement Court concerning those named in the margin has been forwarded to the Minister for Lands, and I crave your speedy attention to the matter, as it is such a flagrant case of dummyism, and much public feeling exists on the subject.

I feel sure you must conclude by the evidence that Mr. Hickey is a much injured man, and having been put to so much trouble, anxiety, and positive loss, his case should be dealt with without any delay.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE E. CASS.

No. 27.

Appointment of Arbitrator.

I HEREBY appoint William John Taylor my arbitrator in the dispute of the starting point of John Hickey's conditional purchase, as interfering with my conditional purchase.

10 July, 1883.

ALICE GORDON.

No. 28.

Telegram from G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to Chief Commissioner,

Coonamble, 18 July, 1883.

ARBITRATION case, John Hickey *versus* Alice Gordon, takes place on Friday next. Impossible parties agree to umpire. I submit names four gentlemen, each trustworthy and competent—Please get Minister for Lands appoint one immediately by wire, to act on day mentioned, viz.: Peter Aloysius Polin, Mayor of Coonamble, Alderman David M'Cullough, Alderman George Cobb, or William Cook, hotel-keeper.

Minute on No. 28.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Minister can only appoint an umpire on its being shown that the arbitrators have neglected to do so within thirty days after being required by any party to the appraisement:—A.O.M., 18/7/83.

No. 29.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Sydney, 18 July, 1883.

THE Minister can only appoint an umpire on its being shown that the arbitrators have neglected to do so within thirty days after being required by any party to the appraisement.

No. 30.

No. 30.

Mr. W. J. Taylor to The Secretary for Lands.

Re Hickey and Alice Gordon arbitration.

Sir,

Coonamble, 23 July, 1883.

As the arbitrator appointed for Alice Gordon herein, I beg to acquaint the Minister that I and Mr. Mark Herrman, the arbitrator appointed by Mr. John Hickey, have failed to secure the services of an umpire, and I see no reasonable prospect of any person accepting the appointment.

I have acquiesced in the suggestions made by John Hickey as to the respective nominations for the appointment of Mr. Aubert Loughnan, grazier, and Mr. W. Poulton, Manager of the Commercial Bank, Coonamble; but these gentlemen have each declined to act in that capacity.

Any names that I have submitted for the appointment—and amongst whom are notably Mr. Langlo Parker, grazier; Mr. E. A. Spofforth, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Coonamble; Mr. James Inchan, junior, President of the Free Selectors' Association; Mr. Ryder, of Calga, grazier; and Mr. Blake, of Coombia, grazier—have been objected to by either Mr. Hickey or his solicitor.

Mr. Herrman, the arbitrator appointed in conjunction with me, never consulted me, to my recollection, with reference to the appointment of an umpire.

I therefore conceive it my duty to bring the above facts under your notice, to enable you to see the improbability, so far, of the appointment being made by us, and, if I may take the liberty, would suggest that the Minister should appoint an appraiser to deal with and settle definitely the matter in dispute between the parties.

I have, &c.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Minutes on No. 30.

Submitted.—J.M.G., 4/8/83. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fisher was mentioned to me as being on the spot, who might be appointed if approved.—J.G.B., 4/8/83. Submitted.—F.H.W., 6/8/83.

When were the arbitrators appointed?—F.H.W. It does not appear that any arbitration has been commenced, so far as this Branch is concerned.—J.M.G., 7/8/83. Conditional Sales Branch.

H. H. Brown & Co. will write stating date of appointment.—Conditional Sales Branch, 10/8/83.

No. 31.

Appointment of Umpire.

WE, Mark Herrman, of Coonamble, in the Colony of New South Wales, and William John Taylor, of Coonamble, in the said Colony, being the arbitrators for John Hickey and Alice Gordon respectively, in connection with a certain dispute as to the starting point of the said John Hickey's conditional purchase or selection of 640 acres, do hereby nominate and appoint Donald Fletcher, of Balangula, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, to be and act as an umpire in the said matter in case we should not agree as to the award to be made herein; and we declare that his award shall be binding, final, and conclusive on all parties to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

As witness our hands and seals, at Coonamble, in the said Colony, this eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

MARK HERRMAN.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Mark Herrman, in the presence of,—
CHARLES J. ELLIS, Solicitor, &c., Coonamble.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

And by the said William John Taylor, in the presence of,—
CHARLES J. ELLIS.

No. 32.

Declaration by Mr. Mark Herrman.

I, MARK HERRMAN, of Coonamble, in the Colony of New South Wales, storekeeper, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am not directly or indirectly interested in the matter referred to me, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability, hear and determine the matter referred to me under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

MARK HERRMAN.

Signed and declared before me, this 18th day of August, A.D. 1883,—
ROBERT R. BAILEY, J.P.

No. 33.

Declaration by Mr. William J. Taylor.

I, WILLIAM JOHN TAYLOR, of Coonamble, in the Colony of New South Wales, solicitor, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am not directly or indirectly interested in the matter referred to me, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability, hear and determine the matter referred to me under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Signed and declared before me, this 18th day of August, A.D. 1883,—
ROBERT R. BAILEY, J.P.

No. 34.

Declaration by Donald Fletcher.

I, DONALD FLETCHER, of Coonamble, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am not directly or indirectly interested in the matter referred to me, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability hear and determine the matters referred to me under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

DONALD FLETCHER.

Signed and declared before me, this 18th day of August, A.D. 1883,—
ROBERT R. BAILEY, J.P.

No. 35.

Evidence taken before Messrs. Herrman and Taylor, arbitrators, and Mr. Fletcher, umpire.

In the matter of the arbitration concerning the dispute as to the position of the starting point of conditional purchase No. 82-254, taken up on the 13th day of July, 1882, by John Hickey, and decided by the Minister for Lands to be referred to arbitration.

Evidence taken before Mark Herrman and William John Taylor, arbitrators, and Donald Fletcher, umpire.

Evidence of *John Hickey* taken this 18th day of August, 1883, on oath as follows:—

My name is John Hickey; I am a selector residing near Coonamble; on the 13th day of July I took up 600 and 40 acres on North Coonamble Run; on Wednesday, the 12th of July, I put a peg down as a starting point; I put the peg between two dead beasts on the Wednesday; I thought the distance to be about 10 chains from the north corner of the North Coonamble Run; the peg is marked H; I lodged my application with the Crown Lands Agent for the district of Coonamble; on the same Thursday Mr. Edward Blackett came to me and said, "I believe you have selected on Bimble?" I told him I had not; I had selected on Keogh's run; I said, "You can go out to the Bungabah Swamp and between two dead beasts you will see my peg"; he said "All right, I know where they are, I will go and see"; he said, "I suppose it is where I saw you and your brother yesterday"; there were no other dead beasts about there; the peg was near a cotton bush; the peg was not hidden; Mr. Blackett, together with Mr. Fisher, surveyor, and myself, went to the peg; Mr. Blackett led the way; at the time Mr. Blackett went to the peg it was in the same place that I put it; Mr. Blackett said, "I see the peg is in the same place as it was when I was last here"; he said this in the presence of Mr. Surveyor Fisher; Mr. Blackett also said, "This is the place where I saw Hickey on the Wednesday evening before he selected"; after I had selected about three weeks I went to reside on the selection; about a month after I selected some men commenced to make a tank; I asked them under whose instructions they were working; I told them they were building the tank on my ground; they said, "Mr. D. P. Keogh"; they also said Mr. Keogh was paying them; I asked them who marked out the ground; they said, "Mr. Keogh"; they said Mr. Keogh and a man named Colclough pegged out the tank; I gave them notice to discontinue the tank, I also gave Mr. Keogh a written notice; Mr. Keogh told me the men working at the tank were his men; Mr. Keogh said it was not on my land; I asked him why he did not wait till it was measured before he commenced the tank; he said, "I have seen your peg; I saw it due south from the dividing-fence"; I said, "I don't think you did"; it is not due south it is southerly; he said southerly meant due south and no other way; five days after the tank was commenced I asked him to come out and I would show him my peg; he refused to come as he had seen my peg; I asked him if he was going to continue the tank or stop the men; he said, "If the tank is on your ground I won't ask you to pay for it"; he said he would come and see the peg on Sunday; he would not come before; I asked him what time he would be there; he said, "Between three and four"; when I was coming away he said, "I did not see your peg at all; I was telling you a lie all the time"; he said, "I went according to your application"; on Sunday Mr. E. Blackett, myself, and brother (Patrick Hickey), went out to the tank; we were there about 10 minutes past 3; I asked the tank-sinkers if Mr. Keogh had been out there; they said he came there but he did not wait a minute and then went away; we waited about an hour; he never came back; I said to the tank-sinkers, "There is my peg where the dead beasts are; you can show it to him if he returns"; one of the tank-sinkers told me that Mr. Keogh had been out last night and put a peg down in on my ground; the peg was marked A; two letters put in, marked A* and B* respectively; the tank-sinkers told me that the peg had been under their bunk for about a week; he took their axe and put the peg down over there; this was said in the presence of Mr. E. Blackett and Patrick Hickey; I have never moved the peg marked H, and it has never been moved; I last saw it last evening; on several occasions Mr. Keogh has offered to buy me out; he has also offered me other selections in its place; Mr. Keogh also offered if I would give up my selection he would give me the selection of a man named Colclough; Mr. Keogh told me if I would remove my peg back to Blackett's fence and pay him £150 for the tank, and my brother (Patrick J. Hickey) would get a refund for his selection, he, Mr. Keogh, would not dispute the survey; I said I would not; Mr. Keogh said if you go back to Blackett's fence I can make it right with the surveyor to have it all measured on Bimble; I have no knowledge whatever of chaining or land measurement, and my description was prepared by a local Land Agent, Mr. T. A. Jones; I guessed the number of chains by looking at a map in the Lands Office, Coonamble.

*See Nos. 7 & 13.

JOHN HICKEY.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Thomas A. Jones, on oath, states:—I am a land agent, residing in Coonamble; I remember John Hickey coming about the middle of July, 1882; he asked me to fill up a form and description making application for a conditional purchase; before we went to the Land Office, Mr. J. Hickey told me he wanted to start from a peg marked H already down, and it was only to suit the convenience of the Crown Lands Agent that the approximate distance of 10 chains was given in order that he might chart his map;

I distinctly swear that I intended the direction of the line to run almost through the improvement purchase secured by the hut, or the hut itself; I was informed by the Land Agent that an approximate measurement was required to enable him to chart his map, hence my reason for stating to Hickey that 10 chains might mean more or less; I guessed this distance to be about 10 chains by looking at two maps of different scales, both of which were acknowledged to be imperfect; I have had considerable experience in land agency business; I have known descriptions of more vague starting points to be measured without any dispute.

THOMAS AUGUSTUS JONES.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th day of August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Edward Albert Blackett, on oath, states:—I am a grazier, residing at Bimble; I recollect the 12th July, 1882, it was on a Wednesday; I was going along the boundary of Bimble, I saw John Hickey and his brother Patrick Hickey riding about; I saw them get off their horses about 15 or 20 chains from the corner of my boundary; I watched them, they seemed to be driving something in the ground; I then went home; I saw John Hickey at the Lands Office next day; I had no conversation with him that day; Mr. D. P. Keogh told me that Hickey had selected on Bimble; I then went down the town and saw John Hickey and his brother; I asked if they had selected on Bimble; they said no; John Hickey said, "If you want to see my peg go out to Bungabah and you will see my peg between the remains of two dead beasts"; I said I knew where the beasts were, and if the peg were there I could go straight to it; on the 27th August, John Hickey came to Collingwood and asked me to come and see the peg; I went with him; after we went through the fence I went on ahead, and found the peg; I knew where the peg was by his description, and by where I saw him on the Wednesday before he selected, and by the dead beasts; there were no other dead beasts in that neighbourhood at that time; on the 27th August, John Hickey and myself went to the hut, and one of the tank-sinkers told us that Mr. Keogh had been there on the 26th August, and he put down a peg not far from the corner of Bimble boundary; I saw the peg supposed to be put in by Keogh; it was between Hickey's peg and the river; John Hickey's peg could easily be seen by any one looking for it—it was not concealed; I saw the peg yesterday, just before sundown, and it is in the same position as when I first saw it; it was also in the same place when Mr. Fisher, surveyor, stepped over the ground.

E. A. BLACKETT.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th day of August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Patrick J. Hickey, on oath, states:—I am a selector residing near Coonamble; remember the 12th July, 1882; I remember going out with my brother, John Hickey, to put down his peg which was marked H; the peg was put down in a southerly direction from the corner of Bimble boundary-fence, between two dead beasts; the peg was put beside a cotton-bush; it could be easily seen; it was about 18 inches above the ground; we did not measure the distance, but thought it was about 10 chains from the corner; my brother, John Hickey, selected on the following day; I last saw the peg about three days ago; it is the same peg and is in the same place it was put on the 12th July, 1882; I went with Mr. Blackett and John Hickey to see the tank-sinkers; John Hickey gave the tank-sinkers a written notice to discontinue the work as it was on his ground; he also gave Mr. Keogh a written notice; Mr. Keogh first offered to buy us out; afterwards he offered to give us land in place of it or a selection of 640 acres belonging to John Colelough; he afterwards wanted me to withdraw my refund and my brother to remove his peg into Bimble Run; I heard one of the tank-sinkers state that a peg marked A was under his bunk for three or four weeks before Mr. Keogh came and took it, and after Alice Gordon's selection was taken up; he said on Saturday evening Mr. Keogh borrowed their axe to drive the peg; on one occasion I accompanied Mr. Blackett and my brother to see my brother's peg; Mr. Blackett took the lead and said he could go straight to it without being shown; the tank-sinkers had been at work only a few days when my brother gave them notice; the peg has not been removed since it was first put down by John Hickey; I have seen Alice Gordon's peg, it is a tall peg and easily seen; Alice Gordon selected on the 10th August, 1882; after she had selected we went several times to look for her peg, but could not find it till about a month or two after she had selected; I served Alice Gordon with a subpoena; she said she would not come, not even if Mr. Keogh wanted her; I asked Alice Gordon if she had a selection; she said she had, but did not know where it was situated.

PATRICK JOSEPH HICKEY.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th day of August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Dennis Patrick Keogh, on oath, states:—I am a grazier, residing at Warrena, and owner of the Warrena Run; about a week or two after John Hickey had selected I was riding from the direction of the Land Office; I saw Hickey and Colelough talking in the street; Colelough called me over, and said, "This is Mr. Hickey"; I asked him, "Are you the Mr. Hickey that selected upon me?" He said, "Yes, but there is very little upon you, not 200 acres," the bulk of his selection being on Mr. Blackett's run; Colelough asked him did he take in any of the swamp or the hut; he said he did not touch either; I then asked him where was his starting point; he told me it was about 10 chains from the corner of Bimble's fence; I asked him what he meant by 10 chains; he said about 220 paces; I said, "In your description you used the word southerly"; I said "What do you mean by that?—do you mean south or a little south-east or south-west"; after a minute or so he said he meant south; I believe this to be all the conversation that took place in the street as far as I can recollect; in about ten or twelve days afterwards Colelough and myself rode out to his place; I took a compass with me; we looked for Hickey's peg, but could not see it at first; then I said to Colelough I will take the compass and take the direction south from the corner of Bimble fence, and I sent Colelough south from the corner; when I got him in the direction I went and took his place and got him to measure 220

paces;

paces, and about 5 yards from the distance stepped we found some old pieces of myall and a peg standing amongst them; on Wednesday last myself and Colclough went out to see if the peg and the pieces of wood were still there; we found the same pieces of wood and the peg pitched outside them; I could not distinguish any letter on it, but there was a knife-mark on it; I then took the same direction, and Colclough measured 220 yards further; when we came there Colclough put in a temporary peg as a starting point for Alice Gordon's selection, which was there last Wednesday lying on the ground; some time after Alice Gordon's selection was taken up I had a conversation with John Hickey; he was out cutting wood; I asked him to come with me over to the pegs, in order that the thing might be done quietly without any overlapping; he said he had to cut the wood, and he would not go; I do not think I saw him after that till he came to my house, when I went out into the back yard, and he spoke to me about the tank being put down; he said, "What hurry are you in to put down that tank?" I said, "I am not putting it down, it is Alice Gordon"; he said, "Would it not be time enough when the land is surveyed?" I told him I did not think the tank was near his ground at all; he replied he thought his line would go right through it; at this time he gave me a written notice not to proceed with the tank work; some time after I asked him to come out on Sunday and I would bring a compass to show him that the tank was not on his land; he appointed to meet me on the ground at 3 o'clock, and I waited till near 4 by my watch and he never came; I then rode quietly towards home, keeping a good look out for him all the time; I could not see him, and I rode home; I have frequently afterwards asked him to come out and I would take the compass and show him the tank was not on his ground; he always refused; I am informed that he wrote to the Minister for Lands that I made several overtures to him to purchase his selection, which statements I deny; he never asked me to go and see his peg at any time; with reference to John Hickey's statement on oath that I said to him when at Warrena, "I did not see your peg at all, I was telling you a lie all the time, I only went by your description," I will swear such words were never uttered by me; any overtures of sale emanated from John Hickey to me; as to the evidence of John Hickey, wherein he states that I said I could make it right with the surveyor to have it all surveyed on Bimble, such evidence is not true; I can't remember the exact date, but I did take the tank-sinker's axe and put down the square peg marked a in the hole that the temporary peg was in; the day that John Hickey was in at my house I drew out these two allotments on the ground joining but not overlapping; this sketch on the ground was allowing 10 chains due south from Bimble boundary fence for John Hickey and 20 chains for Alice Gordon; I have looked for the peg marked n but have never found it; the peg I refer to marked n is on the plan produced herein and marked c; I do not remember seeing the remains of two dead beasts; I employed the tank-sinkers as agent for Alice Gordon, and told them so at the time.

D. P. KEOGH.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th August, 1883,—

MARK HERBMAN.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

John Colclough, on oath, states:—I am a selector on Warrena Run; about a week after John Hickey had selected I was in town with Mr. Keogh; I saw Mr. Hickey and I said to him, "You have selected on Mr. Keogh, in one of his paddocks, haven't you?" He said, "Yes"; he said, "The most of my ground is on Bimble"; I said, "Do you take in the Bungabah swamp or the hut in your selection?" He said, "I do not go near the hut or the swamp, I take the lower part of the swamp"; I called Mr. Keogh over and said, "This is Mr. Hickey"; he said, "Are you Mr. Hickey that selected upon me?" He said, "Yes"; he said, "There is very little of my ground on you, the greater portion of it being on Bimble; I don't believe there is 200 acres on you"; Mr. Keogh asked him where he started from; he said, "10 chains southerly from the corner of Bimble boundary"; Mr. Keogh asked Hickey what he meant by 10 chains; he said 220 yards; some time after Mr. Keogh and I went to see where he said his starting point was; I stepped 220 yards south, I came to some Myall sticks, a temporary peg was in the ground, it appeared to have some mark as if done by a knife; I stepped 220 yards further in the same direction and put down a temporary peg for Alice Gordon; the swamp in places runs into Bimble, close to the fence; when this conversation took place between Mr. Keogh and Mr. Hickey I was standing close by; there was no letter or number on the peg; I examined it, it was a brown peg, a bit of Myall; I never saw two dead beasts or the peg marked n, though I looked for the peg marked n; I examined the ground all over; I was listening to the conversation which took place between Mr. Keogh and Mr. Hickey, meaning the conversation which took place near the land office; I have not had any conversation with Mr. Keogh concerning the evidence I was to give or have given in this case; Mr. Keogh and Mr. Hickey had some conversation last Wednesday on Hickey's selection; I did not hear any of it; Mr. Hickey said, "I wish you had not put down that tank"; Mr. Keogh said, "I did not put down a tank."

JOHN COLCLOUGH.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th day of August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

Tom Monahan Keogh, on oath, states:—I am a son of D. P. Keogh, of Warrena, and I manage the said station; shortly after John Hickey had selected I was out near the corner of the run, "Bimble and Nebea," and looked about for his starting point according to his description; I could not see a peg marked n; I have seen Hickey several times since in Coonamble; the first time I saw him he said the greater part of his selection was on Bimble Run, only a corner of it came through the fence; he made several propositions for settlement so as to get some land measured for him; he offered to pay the price the tank cost if it was measured in to him; a plan produced, marked *D, was given to me by Hickey; I can't say which of them gave me the plan, they were both together at the time; Hickey said he would like his starting point from the part marked starting point on the plan marked D, or he would be satisfied with the starting point marked x on the plan produced marked D; both he and myself were to see Mr. Fisher (surveyor) to see if the ground could be measured from the point marked x; I saw Mr. Fisher, when he said Hickey would have to apply for a refund and make a second application before he could get it measured that way, meaning from the point x; John Hickey offered to pay the full cost of the tank

* See enclosure A to No. 35.

tank as it now stands; I never offered him any price for it; Hickey offered to allow us the use of his selection providing we would allow him to use certain purchased land belonging to us situate inside the common paddock, which was agreed to; I hold a power of attorney to act on Alice Gordon's behalf; I have never seen the peg marked u; Hickey never offered to show me the peg; I never asked him to show it to me.

T. M. KEOGH.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th day of August, 1883,—

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

*See Enclosure
D. to No. 11.

Edward A. Blackett, recalled, on former oath stated, that he went out in company with John and Patrick Hickey on Sunday afternoon the 27th August and arrived at the peg marked u on plan C*, produced, at 20 minutes past 3; we stayed at the peg about a quarter of an hour and then went across to the hut and remained till nearly 5 o'clock; if Mr. Keogh had come to the peg during the time I was there I could have seen him.

Examined by Mr. Keogh: There are two doors to the hut; I went to the hut but never went inside; the door that was open looked to the eastern side; if Mr. Keogh had been there I could have seen him; the tankmaker said Mr. Keogh had been there but had gone away.

Taken and sworn before us, this 18th August, 1883,—

E. A. BLACKETT.

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

John Hickey, recalled, on former oath states:—Referring to the former statement made by Mr. D. P. Keogh that I said the bulk of my selection was on Bimble and that very little was on Mr. Keogh, not 200 acres; I deny it; I said some of it might be on Bimble; I did not say I did not take in any of the swamp; I deny that I said that 10 chains was about 220 paces; I did not say southerly meant south; I never put a myall peg amongst a heap of myall sticks; on Wednesday last I saw Mr. D. P. Keogh and Mr. Colclough stepping a distance from the boundary fence; they both got off and then I went over to where they had been standing and I saw a lot of sticks heaped together; I could see where they had been taken up from the damp ground; I cannot say who removed the sticks, but it had been done quite recently and there was no other person about; Mr. Keogh did ask me to go and show him the peg, but I was cutting firewood about 2 miles away; I refused to go as I was busy at the time; when Mr. Keogh spoke about putting down the tank he never mentioned Alice Gordon's name; I did not say I thought my line would run through the tank; Mr. Keogh has only asked me once to go to the tank when he had the compass; about November last I did offer to give £150 for the tank providing I was allowed to take the land from the starting point marked u on plan marked C; I never gave plan marked D to Mr. Keogh; it was given by my brother as my agent with my knowledge and consent; Mr. Keogh offered to buy me out; he also offered to give me other land in exchange.

Examined by Mr. Keogh: I swear that two sticks were removed; he offered me Colclough's selection.

Examined by Mr. Colclough: Two sticks were removed.

Taken and sworn by us, this 18th August, 1883,—

JOHN HICKEY.

MARK HERRMAN.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

[Enclosure B to No. 35.]

Copies of applications.

John Hickey.

CONDITIONAL purchase S2-254, 600 acres, 13th section, 13th July, 1882, county of Leichhardt, parish of Warrena.

Bounded by lines starting at a peg marked u about 10 chains southerly from the south-west corner of the North Coonamble Run, and bearing thence west, south, east, and north to embrace the area exclusive of area barred from selection by hut.

Additional conditional purchase S2-286, 40 acres, 21st section, 20th July, 1882, county Leichhardt, parish Warrena.

To adjoin the west side of my present conditional purchase of 600 acres, made 13th July, 1882, and bounded by lines starting at the south-west corner of the conditional purchase and bearing thence west, north, east, and south to embrace the same.

Alice Gordon.

Conditional purchase S2-348, 640 acres, 13th section, 10th August, 1882, county Leichhardt, parish of Bimble.

Starting at a peg marked a, 20 chains south from the corner of Bimble Run and the south-west corner of the North Coonamble Run, running thence south, thence east, thence north, thence west, to embrace the area.

Minute on Enclosure B to No. 35.

This is to certify that the above is a true copy of the entries in the Register of this office made from the original applications.—C. G. BEALE, Crown Lands Agent. The Crown Lands Office, Coonamble, 18th August, 1883.

No. 36.

Award.

To all to whom these Presents shall come.

WE, Mark Herrman and William John Taylor, both of Coonamble, in the Colony of New South Wales, send greeting:

WHEREAS John Hickey, on or about the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, took up a certain conditional purchase or selection of Crown Lands, containing 600 acres, in the parish of Warrena, county of Leichhardt, and Colony aforesaid: And whereas one Alice Gordon did, on or about the tenth day of August following, select or take up a certain conditional purchase or selection

selection of Crown Lands, containing 640 acres, situate as aforesaid: And whereas a dispute having arisen as to the starting point of the said John Hickey's selection, the Honorable the Minister for Lands did direct, by a memorandum under his hand, that the matter in dispute should be referred to arbitration: And whereas the said John Hickey, by a memorandum under his hand, appointed the said Mark Herrman to act as arbitrator for him, and the said Alice Gordon appointed, by a similar memorandum, the said William John Taylor to act as arbitrator for her: And whereas, by a certain memorandum under the hands and seals of the said Mark Herrman and William John Taylor, one Donald Fletcher was appointed umpire in the said matter: Now, therefore, know ye that we, the said Mark Herrman and William John Taylor, having taken upon us the burthen of making the said award, having made the declaration required by the Land Act, having heard and examined all of the evidence produced before us, and having maturely weighed and considered the said matter referred to us as aforesaid, do, in pursuance of the submission made herein, make and publish this our award in writing of and concerning the premises in manner following, that is to say: We do award, order, and direct that the starting point of John Hickey's conditional purchase 82-254, taken up by him on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, is at a peg marked II, and shown on the plan drawn by Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, and hereto annexed, marked "C," and which peg is about 31 chains from the boundary-fence of Bimble Run; and that the tank which was made and excavated by Alice Gordon or her agent after the date of John Hickey's selection is therefore upon the conditional purchase before mentioned of the said John Hickey: And we also award, order, and direct that the following costs, consequent upon the hearing of the before-named reference, amounting to twenty-nine pounds eighteen shillings and sixpence, which are made up as per schedule hereunder written, shall be paid by the said Alice Gordon.

		SCHEDULE.								
Witnesses ...	{	E. A. Blackett...	...	...	...	...	...	£1	1	0
		P. Hickey ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
		T. A. Jones ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
		D. P. Keogh ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
		J. Colclough ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
		T. Keogh ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Arbitrators ...		W. J. Taylor and Mark Herrman, £5 5s. each					...	10	10	0
Umpire ...		D. Fletcher	...	...	...	...	5	5	0	
Clerk ...		C. H. Whiting...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0	
Rent of room while reference heard			...	...	...	...	0	10	6	
C. J. Ellis, solicitor for J. Hickey, attending hearing from 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m.			...	...	...	...	5	5	0	
								£29 18 6		

As witness our hands this eighteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three,—

MARK HERRMAN.

Signed by the said Mark Herrman, in the presence of,—
DONALD FLETCHER.

WILLIAM JOHN TAYLOR.

Signed by the said William John Taylor, in the presence of,—
DONALD FLETCHER.

Minutes on No. 36.

By the Chief Commissioner:—I am not aware of any reason why this award should not be approved.—A.O.M., 4/9/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 5/9/83.
Charting Branch.—W.B., 8/9/83.

No. 37.

Memorandum from C. W. Rennie to Chief Draftsman.

Surveyor-General's Office, Geographical Division No. 4, 21 August, 1883.

PLANS and papers in the cases specified in margin hereof were obtained by Conditional Sales Branch for reference to the Chief Commissioner before entry in this Division, and have not yet been received here, consequently the Surveyor's (Licensed-Surveyor Keele's) accounts are not dealt with.

A memorandum was sent to the Chief Draftsman suggesting that Conditional Sales Branch be requested if possible to forward the papers and plans to Charting Branch. The memorandum was dated 29th May, 1883; no reply has been received, and on verbal inquiry being since made it appears that the papers are not obtainable.

The documents were forwarded, it is understood, with conditional sales 82-4,689, correspondence to the Crown Solicitor in connection with action *re* so-called "Erysipelas Hospital Cases."

In the absence of these plans and papers the Surveyor's accounts remain unpaid.
Submitted.

C. W. RENNIE.

Minutes on No. 37.

The Surveyor-General,—What action shall be taken, for Licensed-Surveyor Keele's accounts cannot be dealt with without the papers?—J. W. ELLIS, 23/8/83.

By Surveyor-General:—Perhaps the Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales will kindly cause the papers to be found, if they are in his office. I am anxious to settle up with this Surveyor.—P. F. ADAMS, 13/9/83. Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

No. 38.

Memorandum from G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Hickey and Gordon Arbitration Case.

122 George-street West, 31 August, 1883.

AWARD sent to Surveyor-General over fortnight ago. Please expedite survey. Rascally shame keeping Hickey out of his land so long, and by a dummy too.

I have, &c.,
GEORGE E. CASS.

Minutes on above.

By the Surveyor-General:—The award by the arbitrators being to the same effect as my recommendation of 18th October, 1882, conditional sales 82-8,045 Survey, it is submitted that action be taken in accordance with the suggestions therein contained.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 15/9/83. The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

By Chief Commissioner:—The substance of the award should be communicated to the respective parties. Then for measurement in accordance with the approved award.—A.O.M., 24/9/83. Mr. Fitzpatrick, 26/9/83.

No. 39.

Mr. P. Hickey to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Coonamble, 5 September, 1883.

I write these few lines to remind you of our arbitration case, so as you will not forget it. I have seen both arbitrators, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Herrman, and they cannot understand why such delay should occur. Mark Herrman posted the awards himself about three weeks ago to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, and therefore I hope that you will not neglect our matter whatever you may do, and as soon as you can let us know. Try and get special instructions sent up at once to survey the land, for our stock are dying up here with starvation. Hoping you and family are enjoying good health,

I have, &c.,
PATRICK HICKEY.

Minutes on No. 39.

Will Mr. Moriarty please expedite matters (Survey) much as possible, and oblige Mr. Cass. With compliments. 7/9/83. Inform of receipt and transmission to Charting Branch.—W.B., 10/9/83. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

No. 40.

Telegram from Mr. J. Hickey to Surveyor-General.

Coonamble, 8 September, 1883.

PLEASE inform me if papers in arbitration case have been dealt with *re* disputed conditional purchase. If so, what result? Reply paid.

Minutes on No. 40.

By the Surveyor-General:—Forwarded to the Chief Commissioner for Conditional Sales, to whom this telegram should have evidently been forwarded.—P.F.A., B.C., 10/9/83. The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

Conditional Sales Branch.—Certified copies of conditional purchases 82-254, 348, and 380 have been extracted and forwarded this day to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Fisher, with instructions on forms F to measure in satisfaction of those conditional purchases in accordance with the submission on papers 82-8,045 (Survey) herewith. The voiding of additional conditional purchase 82-286 has been noted, and the papers are now returned for any further action that may be necessary.—M. CANTY, 25/10/83.

No. 41.

The Chief Commissioner to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 11 September, 1883.

Referring to a letter from Patrick Hickey, under date 5th instant, forwarded by you, having reference to the arbitration case in which he is interested, and urging speedy action in the matter, I have to inform you that the previous papers in the case are under reference to the Charting Branch of the Survey Office; and the present communication has also been referred to that office, with a view to the matter being disposed of at an early date.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 42.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Hickey.

Sydney, 25 September, 1883.

Re your telegram to G. E. Cass, M.P., conditional purchases 82-254 and 82-286, applications to Surveyor Fisher for measurement, 17th August last.

No. 43.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Hickey.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to your conditional purchase noted in the margin, lately the subject of arbitration, a dispute having arisen as to the starting point of your selection, I have to inform you that the award gives your starting point at a peg marked u, and shown on the plan drawn by Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, which peg is about 31 chains from the boundary fence of Bimble Run. This award having been approved by the Minister, your conditional purchase will be measured and located as shown by firm red lines on accompanying tracing. The full area applied for, however, will not be available, as the conditional purchase would encroach to the extent of about 97 acres on water reserve No. 874, and I am therefore to offer you the option of retaining the area available, about 503 acres, together with refund of deposit on the difference, or refund of the whole deposit.

Conditional purchase 82-54, Coonamble, 600 (now 503) acres, 13 July 1882. Tracing and vouchers.

With regard to your later conditional purchase, No. 82-286, I have to state that it must be declared void, as it encroaches on water reserve No. 874, and the area available outside the boundaries of the reserve is less than 40 acres.

Enclosed are two refund orders for deposit on the difference of area on your conditional purchase No. 82-254, and total deposit on selection No. 82-286.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

[Enclosure A to No. 43.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

Dr. to Mr. John Hickey.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 82-254.				
Land Office at Coonamble ; date of selection, 13th day of July, 1882 ; deposit paid on 600 acres				
Selection void to the extent of 97 acres, as it encroaches on water reserve No. 874.				
Deposit to be refunded on 97 acres	£	24	5	0

[Enclosure B to No. 43.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

Dr. to Mr. John Hickey.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 82-286.				
Land Office at Coonamble ; date of selection, 20th day of July, 1882 ; deposit paid on 40 acres				
Selection void, as it encroaches on water reserve No. 874, and the area available outside the boundaries of the reserve is less than 40 acres.				
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres	£	10	0	0

No. 44.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Coonamble.

(C.P. 82-254.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to John Hickey's conditional purchase of the 13th July, 1882, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 503 acres, instead of 600 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £24 5s., the amount of deposit upon the 97 extra acres paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 45.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, having been reduced from 600 acres to 503 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £24 5s. on the area paid for in excess.

C.P. 82-254. Coonamble ; John Hickey ; 13th July, 1882.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 46.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Coonamble.

(C.P. 82-286.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Hickey on the 20th July, 1882, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void as it encroaches on water reserve 874, and the area available outside the boundaries of the reserve is less than 40 acres.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 47.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being void as it encroaches on water reserve 874, and the area available outside the boundaries of the reserve is less than 40 acres, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 48.

The Chief Commissioner to Miss A. Gordon.

Madam, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to the protest on your behalf against the conditional purchases noted in the margin, lately the subject of arbitration, a dispute having arisen as to the starting point of the selection, I have to inform you that the award gives the starting point at a peg marked n, and shown on plan drawn by Licensed-Surveyor Fisher, which peg is about 31 chains from the boundary-fence of Bimble Run. This award having been approved by the Minister, he has decided that the conditional purchase should be located, as shown by firm red lines on accompanying tracing.

I have also to state that your conditional purchase noted in the margin, taken up subsequently to that of Mr. Hickey, encroaches upon his conditional purchase as located, to the extent of about 194 acres, and I am therefore to offer you the option of retaining the area available about 446 acres, together with accompanying voucher for refund of deposit on difference, or refund of the whole deposit.

An early reply as to which of these alternatives you prefer is requested.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

[Enclosure to No. 48.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

Dr. to Alice Gordon.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 82-348. Land Office at Coonamble; date of selection, 10th day of August, 1882; deposit paid on 640 acres. Selection void to the extent of 194 acres, as it encroaches on John Hickey's conditional purchase.	
Deposit to be refunded on 194 acres	£ 48 10 0

No. 49.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Coonamble.

(C.P. 82-348.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to Alice Gordon's conditional purchase of the 10th August, 1882, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found on measurement to be only 446 acres, instead of 640 acres, as stated in her application, she has been informed that she is entitled to a refund of £48 10s., the amount of deposit upon the 194 extra acres, paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

No. 50.

No. 50.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, having been reduced from 640 acres to 446 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £48 10s., on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

C.P. 82-348.
Coonamble;
Alice Gordon;
10th Aug., 1882.

No. 51.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. P. J. Hickey.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to your conditional purchase, noted in the margin, I have to inform you that, as applied for, it encroaches to the extent of about 150 acres on water reserve No. 874, notified 14th October, 1878; and I am therefore to offer you the option of retaining the area available, about 170 acres, together with accompanying voucher for refund of deposit on 150 acres, or refund of the whole deposit.

An early reply as to which of these alternatives you prefer is requested.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

C.P. 82-380.
Coonamble; 24th
August, 1882;
Now 170 acres.
Voucher en-
closed.

[Enclosure to No. 51.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

Dr. to Patrick J. Hickey.

	Amount to be refunded.
	£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No. 82-380.	
Land Office at Coonamble; date of selection, 24th day of August, 1882; deposit paid on 320 acres.	
Selection void to the extent of 150 acres, as it encroaches on water reserve No. 874.	
Deposit to be refunded on 150 acres	37 10 0

No. 52.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Coonamble.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

With reference to Patrick J. Hickey's conditional purchase of the 24th August, 1882, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 170 acres, instead of 320 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of £37 10s., the amount of deposit upon the 150 extra acres paid in excess, for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

P. 82-380.

No. 53.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 October, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, having been reduced from 320 acres to 170 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., £37 10s. on the area paid for in excess.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

C.P. No. 82-390.
Coonamble;
Patrick J.
Hickey;
24 August, 1882.

No. 54.

Telegram from G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P., to Chief Commissioner.

Coonamble, 29 October, 1883.

You informed me 17th ultimo instructions had been issued measure John Hickey's selection; Fisher, surveyor, states that he received no instructions. Reply.

Minutes on No. 54.

By Chief Commissioner:—Present state.—A.O.M., 29/10/83.

Inform of reference.—W.B., 29/10/83. No further action appears to be necessary for Conditional Sales Branch. Papers should now be sent to Miscellaneous Branch.—A.B.C., 6/11/83. Not required in this Branch.—J.M'G., 19/11/83. Mr. Canty. Instructions having issued to the Surveyor, no further action appears necessary in Charting Branch until report or survey shall have been received.—M. CANTY, 23/11/83. Conditional Sales Branch.

No. 55.

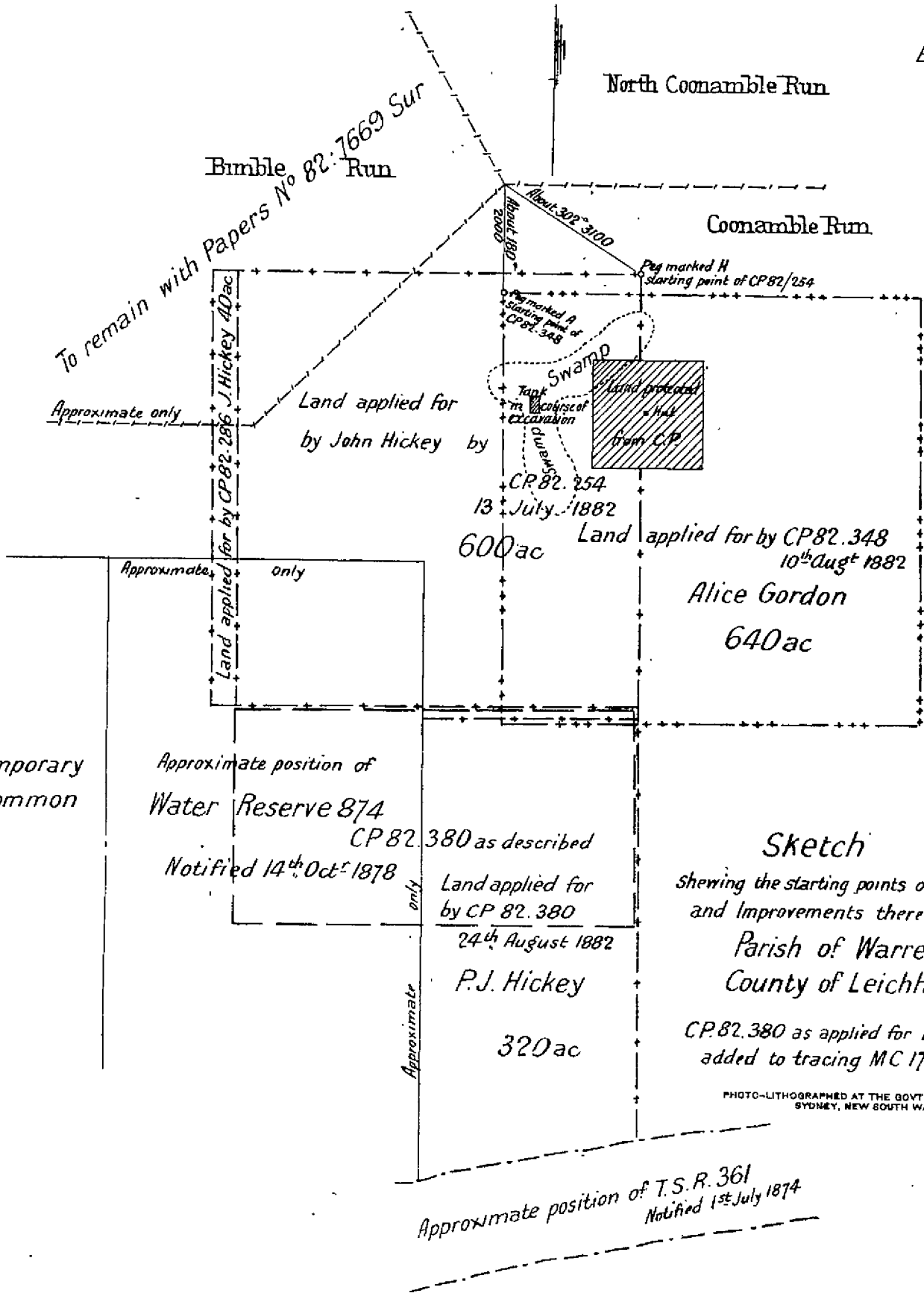
Telegram from Chief Commissioner to G. E. Cass, Esq., M.P.

Sydney, 29 October, 1883.
 INSTRUCTIONS issued to Licensed-Surveyor Fisher to measure Hickey's and Gordon's conditional purchase on the 25th October, 1883.

[Four plans.]

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Sketch
 Shewing the starting points of C.P.s { 82.254
 and Improvements thereon { 82.348
 Parish of Warrena
 County of Leichhardt
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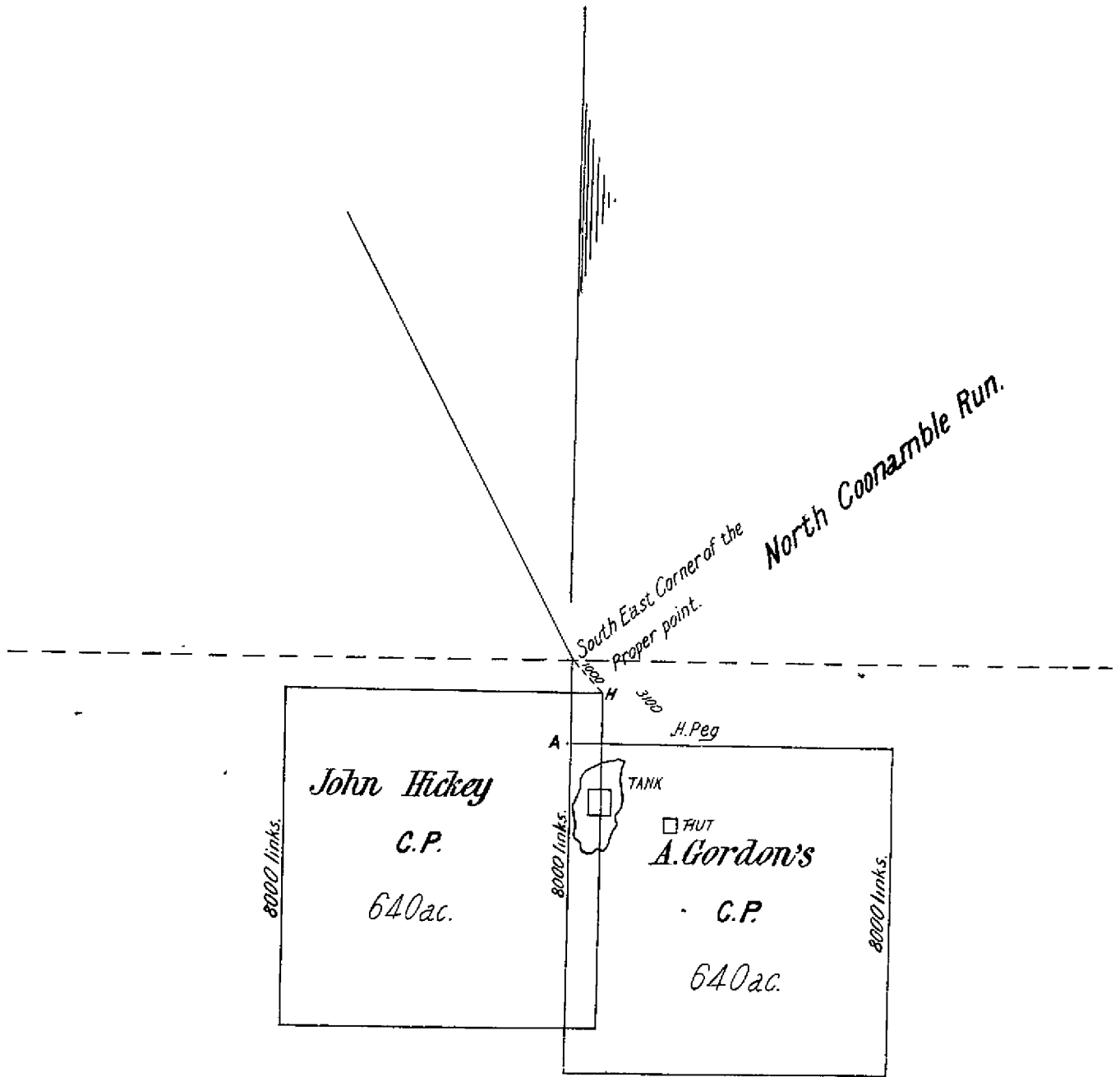
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 Exam^d by J.D.S.
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To accompany my letter to the Surveyor General
 dated 2^d Oct. 82. 118
 signed Rob^t Fisher Lic. Sur.

Enclosure to N^o 14



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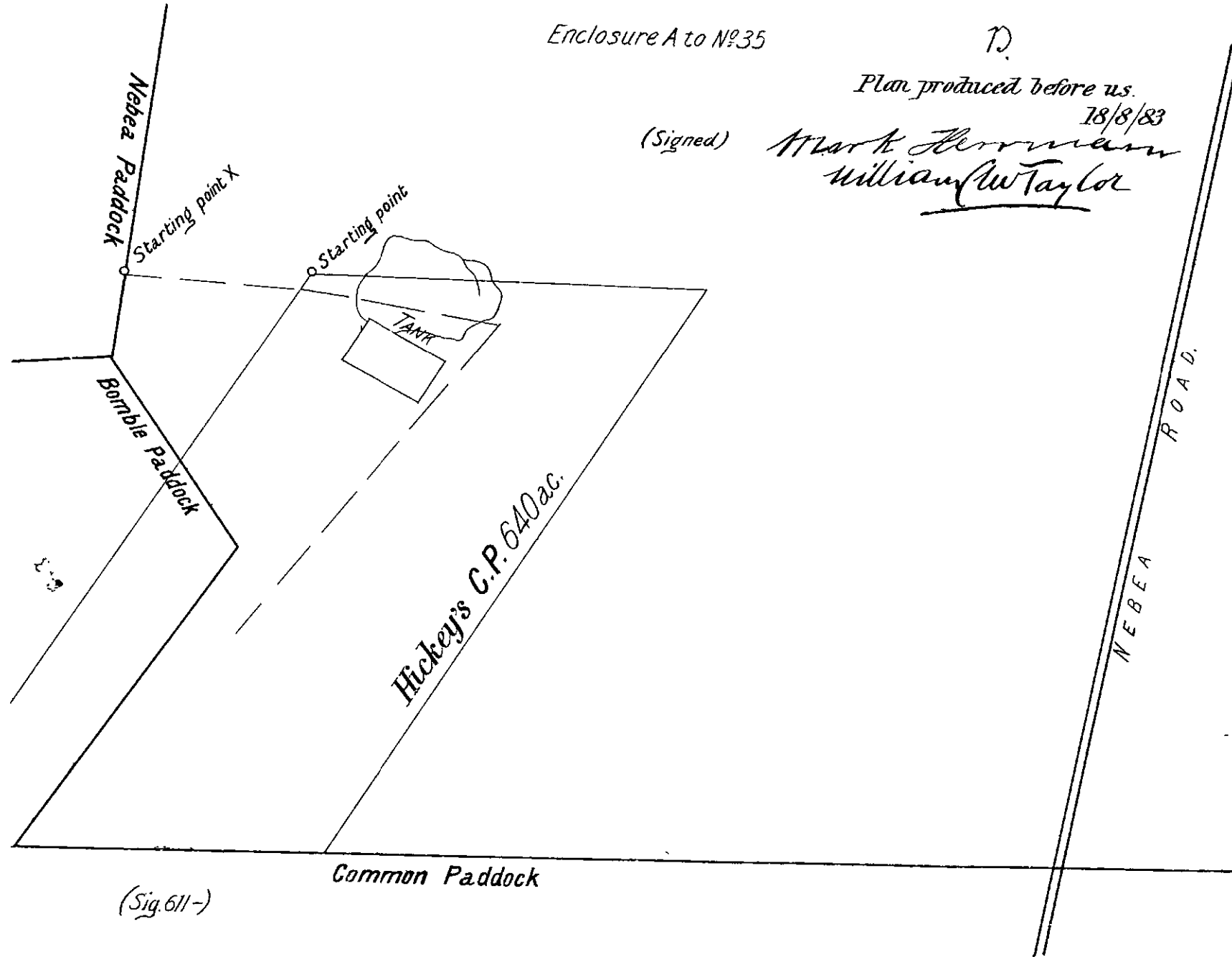
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Plan produced before us.
18/8/83

(Signed)

Mark Herriman
William W Taylor



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1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(MILLGATE v. HONORABLE JOHN SMITH—CONDITIONAL PURCHASE CASE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 March, 1884.

[Laid upon the Table in accordance with promise made in answer to Question No. 18, Votes No. 71, Tuesday, 18th March, 1883.]

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CROWN LANDS.

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No. 1.

The Honorable J. Smith, M.L.C., to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Union Club, Sydney, 8 March, 1883.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, communicating the decision of the Honorable the Minister for Lands in the long pending dispute between Mr. G. F. Millgate and myself, and to tender my thanks for the continuous attention this case has received at your hands. I have, &c.,
JNO. SMITH.

Minute on above.

By Chief Commissioner:—I am not aware of having bestowed any special or continuous attention upon this case.—A.O.M., 12/3/83.

No. 2.

Dr. A. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 29 March, 1883.
I am favoured with a perusal of your letter of 6th March, 1883, addressed to Mr. G. F. Millgate, *re* the reversal of a decision made by the late Minister for Lands, Mr. Hoskins, in a land dispute between Mr. Millgate and Mr. John Smith, in which the matter was decided in favour of Mr. Millgate. I do sincerely trust that you will take the necessary steps to *prevent any deeds* being issued for the land in Mr. Smith's behalf, because the case is one that demands the fullest investigation and protest, and therefore it is my duty to furnish you with this notice on behalf of Millgate. I have, &c.,
A. ROSS.

Minutes on No. 2.

Instructions issued to Mr. Surveyor Crouch to survey 69 acres, improved by Mr. Smith, and to make the necessary amendments in portions 57, 58, 59, and 62 (G. F. Millgate's conditional purchases).—E.A.B., 17 May, 1883.

Now to Conditional Sales Branch for any further action that may be necessary, and then to await survey.—E.A.B., *pro* J. T. SMALL, 17 May, 1883.

Conditional Sales Branch,—Mr. A. Ross, M.P., should be informed to the above effect, then to await survey.—C.N., 28/5/83.

No. 3.

Dr. A. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Molong, 26 April, 1883.
On behalf of Mr. George F. Millgate, of Molong, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following protest against the decision in Millgate's cases. In doing so I have the honor to request that you will "cancel" the forfeiture for the following reasons, as per margin:—
1. At the date of the selection there were no improvements on the land to bar selection, as proved by your surveyor (Mr. Burnside's) report of date 4th April, 1878, being No. 15 of printed correspondence.
2. The several surveys and the several portions have been approved by the Survey Department, and no one portion, even upon the Crown lessees' showing, contains improvements that would bar selection.
3. By reference to the printed correspondence, that the first conditional purchase was made the 1st February, 1877; of these additional conditional purchases were made, and by a minute attached to the same, Surveyor Burnside was instructed on 6th March, 1877, to measure, if unobjectionable. The second was made on the 22nd February, 1877; the others were made subsequent to the above date, and were all referred in like manner to Mr. Surveyor Burnside.
4. On the 4th April, 1878, Mr. Burnside reported (see Nos. 13, 14, and 15 of printed correspondence), and makes reference to improvements he found thereon.

On portion No. 58	...	...	...	...	Nil.
On No. 59, improvements stated	...	...	...	...	£15
ditto	...	...	...	...	15
Total					£30

Of this sum deduct £15 for fencing, post-bored and top rails, which is included, and belongs to the selector, and forms no part of the improvements belonging to the run, leaving £15 the full value of all improvements on the land at the date of selection.

5. See No. 20 of printed correspondence, a subsequent report of Mr. Burnside, dated 29 July, 1878, which confirms his previous report, and confirms also that Millgate erected the fencing referred to above, valued at £15; read also minute of District-Surveyor Fisher, dated 2nd August, 1878.

6. From these reports of your non-officers it is clear that there were no improvements up to the date of the selection sufficient to bar selection.

7. I desire to draw your attention to the fact that although Millgate made his first selection February, 1877, and was all the time living upon and improving his selections, no notice is given by the Crown lessee of any claim for improvements until 17th April, 1878.

8. Notwithstanding Millgate had continually occupied the land no claim was made during the time he was fencing and making other improvements by the Crown lessee until several months had elapsed. The improvements of the selector, and whatever remained of old improvements that might previously have been on the land, became mixed, and when appraiser Crouch was instructed in February, 1880, to value the improvements, being three years after the land was taken up by Millgate, he (Crouch) included improvements that had been made by Millgate; hence his report, that the improvements that had been made by Millgate were of the value of £69, differs from Mr. Surveyor Burnside's report when Burnside first went upon the land to report as to improvements and survey the land for Millgate.

9. Referring to appraiser Crouch's valuation (see Nos. 59 and 60, printed correspondence), I say it is impossible for any man, three years after the land had been in the occupation of the selector, and been used and operated upon, to put a value for clearing such land (and the clearing is the principal item in surveyor Crouch's valuations, the other improvements without the clearing being insignificant). It is quite evident that any evidence that could have been presented to appraiser Crouch must have been of a hearsay character, and could not have been personally inspected by him, nor could they have been found by him to be as described in his letter of the 11th February, 1880, No. 59.

From the foregoing facts, and more especially from your own survey or report that he found no improvements to bar selection and survey of the land, also from the conclusion arrived at by your predecessor (Mr. Hoskins) in favour of the conditional purchaser, I have to request that you will *cancel the forfeiture*, and reinstate the selector.

I have, &c.,
ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

Minutes on above.

By Secretary for Lands:—The printed papers in this case will be sufficient to enable me to reconsider the statements herein contained.—J.S.F., 27/4/83. By Under Secretary for Lands:—Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 27/4/83.

No. 4.

The Chief Commissioner to A. Ross, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 31 May, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 29th March, 1883, on behalf of Mr. Millgate, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been issued to Mr. Surveyor Crouch to survey 69 acres, improved by the lessee, and to make the necessary amendments in portions 57, 58, 59, and 62 (Mr. Millgate's selections).

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 5.

Memo. from Acting District-Surveyor Crouch to Surveyor-General.

Misc. 82-5,135, amendment of portions Nos. 57, 58, 59, and 62, parish of Copper Hill, county of Wellington. Instruction to issue for survey, 18 May, /83-410.

Sir,

2 August, 1883.

The above instructions were transferred to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Mylne, and forwarded to his usual address, Molong, on the 28th May.

In a conversation with him recently, I found they had not been received, and he now reports that he has "made every possible inquiry, but can find no traces of them."

I am unable in any way to account for the loss or miscarriage, and can but seek the issue of duplicate copies.

I have, &c.,
H. A. CROUCH,
Acting District Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 5.

Copy of instructions sent to Mr. Surveyor Crouch, 14 August, 1883.—E.A.B. These papers are now forwarded to Miscellaneous Records to await surveyor's report.—E.A.B. (*per* J. T. SMALL), 14 August, 1883. Please connect Miscellaneous 83-5,135 and 14-459 Misc. before acting as above.—E.A.B. Misc. Records. Reminder sent to Mr. Surveyor Crouch, 12/11/83.—E.A.B. Papers now returned to Records to await report.—E.A.B. (*per* J. T. SMALL), 12 November, 1883. Misc. Records.

No. 6.

Mr. Inspector Griffin to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by J. H. Griffin, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of George F. Millgate, made at Molong, on 1st February, 1877.

Sir,

Bathurst, 4 August, 1883.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd July last, and that I found the selector then was resident upon a selection adjoining

The land, which comprises 200 acres, is now occupied and used by the selector as a farm, and the selector, who follows the avocation of a farmer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements

C.P. 77-25; section 21, portion 57.

improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

20 acres cleared and partly stumped, £4 per acre	...	...	...	...	£80
60 chains of 5-wire fencing, split posts and top rail, at £1 per chain	...	...	...	...	60
200 acres ringbarking, at 1s. 6d. per acre	..	...	...	...	15
					£155

I have, &c.,
J. H. GRIFFIN,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Memo. by Mr. Trollope.

Original conditional purchase of 1869; conditional purchases, 77,,25, 73, 104; area, 400 acres; improved to £237; for approval.—F.T., 9/1/84.

Minutes on No. 6.

This case cannot be sent on for approval pending surveyor's report and plan (amended) of conditional purchases.—W.A., 24/1/84. End of February, 1884.—W.B.

No. 7.

Mr. Inspector Griffin to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by J. H. Griffin, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of George F. Millgate, made at Molong on 22nd February, 1877.

Sir,

Bathurst, 4 August, 1883.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd July last, and that I found the selector then was resident upon a selection adjoining.

The land, which consists of portion 58, parish of Copper Hill, and comprises 100 acres, is now occupied and used by the selector as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of a farmer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

10 chains log fencing at 10s. per chain	...	...	...	...	£5 0 0
10 acres felled and partly cleared at £1 per acre	...	...	...	...	10 0 0
40 acres rubbish and dead wood cleared at 5s. per acre	...	...	...	...	10 0 0
100 acres ringbarking at 1s. 6d.	..	...	...	...	7 10 0
					£32 10 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

George F. Millgate, the selector, wishes that any deficiency in the value of improvements on portion 58 be supplied from the surplus on portion 33, on the Bell River, where he is now residing, and where I found buildings worth £200, cleared land, £240. This is irrespective of the surplus sum on portion 57, adjoining 58, which would amply meet any deficiency here as well as on portion 62.

I have, &c.,
J. H. GRIFFIN,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 8.

Mr. Inspector Griffin to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by J. H. Griffin, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of George F. Millgate, made at Molong on 15th March, 1877.

Sir,

Bathurst, 4 August, 1883.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd July last, and that I found the selector then was resident upon a selection adjoining.

The land, which consists of portion 62, parish of Copper Hill, and comprises 100 acres, is now occupied and used by the selector as a farm; and the selector, who follows the avocation of a farmer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

14 acres felled and cleared at £3 per acre	...	...	...	...	£42 0 0
100 acres ringbarking at 1s. 6d. per acre	...	...	...	...	7 10 0
					£49 10 0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The selector, as on portion 58, wishes any deficiency on the portion 62 to be supplied from surplus on portion 33, where he now resides, on the Bell River, and where I found buildings worth £200, cleared land £240. This is irrespective of the surplus sum on portion 57, adjoining portion 62, and which would amply meet any deficiency here.

I have, &c.,
J. H. GRIFFIN,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 9.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 27 February, 1884.

Conditional purchase, Orange—George Millgate, selector.

Conditional purchase, 1869, portion 33, Molong	40 acres.
Additional conditional purchase, 1875, portion 56, Molong ...	40 "
" " " 1877, made 1st February, Molong	200 "
" " " " " 22nd February, "	100 "
" " " " " 15th March, "	100 "
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	480 acres.

The original conditional purchase was made as far back as the year 1869.

The Crown lessee claimed 60 acres in virtue of improvements on 19th October, 1877, a hut, &c.; but Mr. Burnside, the surveyor, reported they were not worth £40. And although at this time 40 or 45 acres, on which the bulk of the improvements were situated, was vacant, the surveyor did not think the improvements sufficient to secure even this land, but surveyed it for auction sale.

The then Minister for Lands, Mr. Hoskins (80-16,906 miscellaneous), taking into account the whole circumstances, and in view of the surveyor's report, refused to allow the Crown lessee's claim to purchase and confirm the selection; and when again resubmitted on 21/7/81, confirmed his former decision. See No. 1, by Surveyor-General, and minutes thereon.

The Minister having been satisfied with the conditional purchaser, and the selector having made his declarations in 1880, and continued during the last four years to pay the interest, and having also greatly improved the land to an extent that altogether eclipses the so-called improvements claimed by the Crown lessee; moreover, as the Crown lessee has, since the appraisement, removed the iron hut which formed part of the value relied upon, and as seven years have elapsed since the last of the selections were made, and four years since the conditions were all fulfilled and declarations made, it is submitted that the conditional purchaser cannot now be disturbed in his holding, and that a great wrong would be inflicted on the conditional purchaser were the case to be again opened up after the plans had been charted and accepted for upwards of three years; surely this ought to be sufficient time to allow for finality. We therefore having investigated the whole question, submit that the conditional purchaser should not now be disturbed in his holding, other important interests having arisen in the meantime.

ANDREW ROSS, M.P.
ROBERT BARBOUR, M.P.

Minute on above.

By Secretary for Lands:—I know of no reason for altering the previous decision. I think that the decision is legally and substantially correct.—J.S.F., 4/3/84.

No. 10.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. A. Ross and R. Barbour, M's.P.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 10 March, 1884.

Referring to your letter of 27th ultimo, respecting the dispute between the Honorable John Smith and Mr. George Millgate, and requesting that Millgate's claim to the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, may not be disturbed, I have the honor to refer you to the previous decision of Mr. Secretary Farnell, in which he decided that the land improved to the value of £69 was barred from selection, consequently so much of Millgate's selections as encroached upon the 69 acres of improved land was void, and I am now directed to add that the Minister sees no reason for altering his previous decision, and is of opinion that the decision was legally and substantially correct.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner.)

Molong'
C.P. 69-8507
" 76-206.
" 77-25.
" 77-73
" 77-104.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

H. A. HOUGH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT COROWA.
(PLANS, CORRESPONDENCE, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 April, 1884.

RETURN to an Order made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 18th December, 1883, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all plans, correspondence, minutes, and other papers connected with a selection of 140³/₄ acres, made by one H. A. Hough, at Corowa, on 15th May, 1879.”

(Mr. Lyne.)

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H. A. HOUGH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT COROWA.

No. 1.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp, near Mulwala, 20 August, 1878.

I beg to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 208 acres 3 roods, numbered 90, in the parish of Turramia, county of Denison, surveyed for auction sale under instructions (with letter 78-34), dated 21st February, 78-7.

Improvements have been made on the land (by Mr. Whitty, the lessee of Turramia Run) as follows:—Fencing, £38, since former survey by me.

All old survey marks not utilized have been properly obliterated.

I have, &c.,

W. CREED,

Licensed-Surveyor.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Finch says that this case should be dealt with as an auction measurement, and that subdivision can then be made in office as regards the conditional purchases 78-78 and 79-34. The objection to those conditional purchases can be then considered on its merits (79-31,627 C.S.)—J.J.W., 21 August, 1879.

No. 2.

Extract from Instructions to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed.

Extract from instructions referred to in letter 78-6,789.

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THE land to the south of the portion to be measured for conditional purchase 76-49, between reduced portion 92 and reserve 98 should be, if not conditionally purchased in the meantime, measured as a portion for auction sale.

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No. 3.

Extract from Letter by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed.

Extract from letter, referred to in blank cover from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed, reporting on improvements upon portion 92 to 95, parish of Turramia, county of Denison.

Sir,

Camp, near Mulwala, 20 August, 1878.

Improvements at date of survey (viz., 15th June, 1878) on portion 92:—House, £40; tank, £100; and log fence, £5. On portion 93:—Log fence, £10; and clearing, £20. On portion 94:—Tank, £120; fencing, £15; and clearing, £30. And on portion 95:—House, £30; and clearing, £45.

I have, &c.,

W. CREED,

Licensed-Surveyor.

Minute on No. 3.

The following Schedule shows the above more clearly.—W.H., 31 August, 1880:—

Portion.	Nature of Improvements.	Value.	Total Value.	Area.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	a. r. p.
92.....	{ House	40 0 0	145 0 0	130 0 0
	{ Tank	100 0 0		
	{ Fence	5 0 0		
93.....	{ Log fence ..	10 0 0	30 0 0	117 2 0
	{ Clearing	20 0 0		
94.....	{ Tank	120 0 0	165 0 0	222 1 0
	{ Fencing	15 0 0		
	{ Clearing	30 0 0		
95.....	{ House	30 0 0	75 0 0	207 3 0
	{ Clearing	45 0 0		
	Totals.....	.....	415 0 0	677 2 0

No. 4.

Application by Mr. H. A. Hough.

District of Corowa. C. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
No. 78 of 1878.
Application by Henry Arthur Hough for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 68 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £17, this 5th day of September, 1878, at 10:30 o'clock,—

J. HOWARD LOUCHE,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 68 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £ , being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH,
Mulwala.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa.

Description.

County of Denison, parish of Turramia, 68 acres, more or less, being measured portion; bounded on the south by a road; on the north by my last additional conditional purchase of 64 acres; on the east by reserve 98; and on the west by a chock and log fence; correct area of portion not known.

Minutes on No. 4.

Mr. Landers,—Has this plan come in yet?—Licensed-Surveyor Creed, January 13, 1879.

The conditional purchaser may be informed that the measured portion (of which the eastern part is applied for) is numbered 90, and is of area 208 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, as recently measured by Licensed-Surveyor Creed, the subdivision of which it will not be necessary to make if an additional area is applied for of the remaining area. Then return to Charting Branch (Mr. Finch who has papers in this matter.—P.W.R., 2 April, 1879.

No. 5.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

Charting Branch Memo.

Conditional purchase No. 78-78, 5th September, 1878, district Corowa, Henry Arthur Hough, 68 acres, more or less, parish Turramia, county Denison.

Description.

Being measured portion: bounded on the south by a road, on the north by my last additional conditional purchase of 64 acres; on the east by reserve 98; and on the west by a chock and log fence.

Surveyor-General's Office, 10 January, 1879.

Mr. Creed will be good enough to furnish immediately the No. of the portion alluded to in this application, and the date of transmission and No. of his plan. In the event of the lands not having been measured by him, he will be good enough to send this at once to the District Surveyor, in order that the information required may be obtained, and thus save the land applied for from being sent in for auction sale.

W. A. TRENGROUSE,
(For Surveyor-General).

Minute on No. 5.

Portion No. 90, parish of Turramia, plan transmitted 20 August, 78-35, area of portion 208 acres 3 roods.—Wm. CREED, Licensed Surveyor, 11 March, 1879.

No. 6.

Application by Messrs. J. C. Whitty and H. T. Whitty.

Application for the purchase of improved Crown Lands.

Sir,

Turramia, Corowa, 24 April, 1879.

Having erected the improvements detailed below, and which we estimate to be worth £1,280, we have the honor to apply that we may be permitted to purchase, without competition, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, the Crown Lands on which they stand, and which are described hereunder. The improvements referred to are now in our possession.

We have, &c.,

J. C. WHITTY,
(By his Attorney).
H. T. WHITTY.

Nature of improvements.

Three contractors' residences, one boundary-rider's house, clearing 50 acres for ploughing, at £4 an acre, ringing the whole area and removing the fallen dead timber, 4 miles of substantial fencing, and two large tanks.

Description of land.

County of Denison, parish of Turramia, 1,280, being reserve 296, as surveyed; run, Turramia; lessees, J. C. Whitty and H. T. Whitty.

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Minutes on No. 6.

Occupation Office.—28/4/79. Turramia Run, district of Murrumbidgee, is held under a promise of lease by John Charles Whitty and Henry Tarlton Whitty.—E.M. Occupation of Lands, 30 April, 1879. Mr. McLean, 2/5/79.

It is recommended applicant be informed that his application cannot be entertained, as the sale of land within a reserve is considered objectionable. The land applied for being within reserve 296A, notified 29th December, 1866. Moreover, the improvements were effected during the currency of the reservation.—R. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 29/5/79.

No. 7.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. A. Hough.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 April, 1879.

Referring to your conditional purchase application noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the measured portion of which the eastern part is applied for is No. 90, and contains 208½ acres, as recently measured by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed.

The subdivision of it will not however be necessary if the remaining area is taken up by you under additional selection.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 8.

Application by Mr. H. A. Hough.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by Henry Arthur Hough for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 140 acres 3 roods unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £35 3s. 9d., this 15th day of May, 1879, at 11:35 o'clock a.m.—

J. HOWARD LOUCHE,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa.

Sir,

15 May, 1879.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 140 acres 3 roods, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 68 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years; and I herewith tender the sum of £35 3s. 9d., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 68 acres.

I am, &c.,

HENRY A. HOUGH,

Mulwala.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Corowa.

Description.

County of Denison, parish of Turramia, 140 acres 3 roods, lying west of my conditional purchase of 68 acres taken up on 5th September, 1878, and forming remaining portion of allotment 90 on marked tree; and bounded on west by reserve 296.

No. 9.

Mr. H. T. Whitty to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Turramia, Corowa, 26 May, 1879.

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the fact that a Mr. H. A. Hough did select at Corowa, on the 15th instant, 140 acres of the 1,280 acres I applied to purchase on the 24th of April, in virtue of improvements I had effected. The same man previously selected about 200 acres of land of the same portion of land, which was also improved. All my improvements were completed by 1 July, 1877, and the land I now apply for in virtue of these improvements is reserve 296A, as surveyed at that date. The actual cost of the improvements selected by Mr. Hough is £150, beside the fact of his land coming to within 5 chains of a large tank and other valuable improvements of mine. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that you will caution Mr. H. A. Hough not to occupy the land till the value of my improvements are appraised.

I have, &c.,

H. T. WHITTY.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. J. C. & H. T. Whitty.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 June, 1879.

With reference to your application of the 24th April, 1879, to purchase, in virtue of improvements, the portion of land specified in the margin hereof, I am directed to inform you that your application cannot be complied with, as the land is situated within reserve 296A, notified 29 December, 1865; the sale is considered objectionable. Moreover, the improvements were effected during the currency of the reservation.

I have, &c.,

L. G. THOMPSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 11.

C.P. 78-78,
68 acres, 6
September, 1878,
Corowa.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
78	5/9/78.	68
84	15/5/79.	140-3
Total area..		208½

Reserve 296A,
containing 1,280
acres, parish of
Turramia,
county of
Denison.

No. 11.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 22 July, 1879.

I have the honor to inform you that my client, Mr. J. C. Whitty, applied under the 2nd clause I.P. 79-888, J. C. Whitty. for 1,280 acres of land, parish Turramia, county of Denison; such application has however been refused on the grounds that the land applied for was situated within reserve No. 296, and the improvements effected during the currency of reservation.

I now beg to advise you that 200 acres of the whole area applied for never formed part of reserve 296, as the recent survey shows that the eastern boundary of the reserve was extended too far.

I would therefore respectfully request that, as my client has improved the 200 acres to over £1 per acre, and it never formed part of the reserve, to be allowed to purchase this area under his application.

I have, &c.,
G. H. HOLMES.

No. 12.

Mr. G. H. Holmes to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, Sydney, 22 July, 1879.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. H. A. Hough has selected 140 acres of land on Turramia Run. The land applied for was supposed to be included in reserve No. 296, but this is an error, as the subsequent survey shows it to be outside of the reserve, and the land as applied for by Hough was improved to over £1 per acre by my client, Mr. Whitty, the lessee of the run, prior to the date of the conditional purchase application. G.P. 79-34, Corowa.

I would therefore respectfully request that the conditional purchase applicant may be warned not to interfere with the land until a report is obtained to verify my statement as to improvements.

I have, &c.,
G. H. HOLMES.

Minute on above.

Charting Branch for action.—J.J.W., 21 August, 1879.

No. 13.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Camp, near Mulwala, 21 December, 1879.

I beg to transmit herewith an amended plan of one portion of land containing 208 acres 3 roods, numbered 90, in the parish of Turramia, county of Denison, surveyed for auction sale under instructions (*vide* letter 78-34), dated 21 February, 1878.

Improvements have been made on the land by Mr. Whitty, the lessee of Turramia Run, as follows,—fencing, £38, since former survey by me.

All old survey marks have been obliterated which have not been utilized.

The original plan of this survey was forwarded by me under my letter of 20 August, 1878.

I have, &c.,
W. CREED,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 14.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir, Lassington, Mulwala, 14 July, 1880.

As the Surveyor's report on my 140 acres, parish Turramia, county Denison, is no doubt sent in before this reaches you, I venture to trouble you again to learn if it is possible to get my land fenced in at once, if I am to have it in whole or part, as my lambs are coming on, and I am badly in want of the grass; I am so comparatively hemmed in by reserves, as you are I am sure aware, that it is quite impossible to get any more land contiguous, so under these circumstances I hope you will strain a point and let me have it, after the very patient hearing you gave me when I last saw you in company with Mr. Day, and recollecting the very cordial way in which you shook my hand after learning I was almost a towney of yours, I fancy I shall not appeal to you in vain. I could have told you a great deal more, but did not like intruding on your time. I am quite sensible of the honor you did me in shaking my hand so warmly, and feel sure I have got a friend in you, for I really only ask what is just, and not a favour. Being a Herefordshire man yourself, and I having spent nearly all my youth there in the holidays, visiting my cousins there, near Ross and Hereford, by name Dowle, Hartland-street, White and Newman, all gentlemen farmers, well to do, I anticipate good results, although as you said you are but the *Political Head* of the Department. I have been really badly used by Whitty, as Mr. Day knows, and he has gained nothing but my injury. Apologizing for troubling you, and asking the favour of a reply from *you personally*, and hoping by-and-bye to see you in Sydney and have a long talk over old times and scenes,—

I have, &c.,
HENRY A. HOUGH.

No. 15.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir, Corowa, 28 August, 1880.

I wrote you some time ago and got no reply, *re* the 140 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land I saw you in Sydney about, and would most respectfully urge you to make it all right in accordance with your promise. I would earnestly

earnestly beg you to have it made right at once, if you can, as I have rented all my and my children's conditional purchases to Whitty, glad for peace at any price, but he will not pay one farthing rent for that or the 152½ acres waiting to be legalized in special Bill, until it is done; so you see I am actually losing the rent of near 300 acres of land I bought and paid for, and for God knows how long. Do, if you can, hurry it to a completion, for I really cannot afford to lose some £40 a year when I am very hard pushed to meet all demands, and pay 20/ in the £. After the kind way Mr. Day said you spoke of me after leaving Sydney, I am sure you will oblige a near neighbour in a righteous cause.

With my best wishes,—

I have, &c.,

HENRY H. HOUGH.

Minutes on No. 15.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases. Urgent. The matter of Hough's additional conditional purchase, to which reference is made in this letter, should be settled as soon as possible.—J.H., 30/8/80.

See my blank cover memorandum of this date herewith; in view of which the writer may be informed as regards his conditional purchase 79-34 of 140½ acres.—R.D.F., 3/9/80.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 21/9/80.

By Secretary for Lands:—Urgent. The writer of the letter dated 28th August, 1880, should be informed fully in terms of the minute of the Deputy Surveyor-General—J.H., 21/9/80.

No. 16.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Corowa, 1 September, 1880,

Many thanks for your very courteous and prompt reply to my communication of 28th August, which, I need hardly say, has given me much gratification, and I now may, I think, look on that business as settled in a most satisfactory and just way. No other improvements other than those named were on portion 90, so I imagine it would be quite futile Mr. Whitty having any appraisalment on that portion, after the very impartial way in which he has been treated; in short, if he was anxious for justice to be done to his claim he has obtained it in a proper way. Once again thanking you most sincerely,—

I have, &c.,

HENRY A. HOUGH.

No. 17.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

H. A. Hough's conditional purchases, 78-78 and 79-34, and Whitty's improvements.

It does not appear that letters 79-6,408 and 79-8,822 Miscellaneous (Mr. Whitty protesting against H. A. Hough's conditional purchases 78-78 and 79-34, and claiming the land in virtue of improvements) have been replied to.

Upon reference to the enclosed papers, it may be seen that Mr. Whitty's application 79-888 to to purchase 1,280 acres in virtue of improvements, and including the land conditionally purchased by Hough, was refused, as the land had been improved during the currency of reserve 296A, notified 29th December, 1865.

It is now pointed out by Mr. Whitty that part of the land, viz., the 200 acres comprised in portion 90, and being the land conditionally purchased by Hough, is not and never was within the reserve, and consequently he is entitled to purchase that land in right of improvements.

From the Surveyor's report, an extract from which is enclosed, it may be seen that the improvements upon the portions (92 to 95) within the reserve were of insufficient value, on the 13th June, 1878, to debar the whole of the land embraced by those portions, and there is nothing to show that the land has been still further improved; not that additional improvements on the portions within the reserve should affect portion 90, covered by Hough's conditional purchases.

It is gathered from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed's letter that, in December, 1879, the improvements on portion 90, a fence, were worth only £38, and therefore insufficient to bar the conditional purchase of that portion.

It is recommended that Mr. Whitty be informed that his protest against the conditional purchases of Hough cannot be allowed, but it is open for him to prove that other improvements than those specified were upon portion 90 at the date of Hough's conditional purchases, or he may, in the usual manner, apply to have the improvements appraised.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,

(For Surveyor-General).

3rd September, 1880.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. A. Hough.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1880.

With reference to your letter of 28th ultimo, requesting that an early settlement may be arrived at in regard to the case of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, disputed by Mr. J. C. Whitty, who claims the land in virtue of improvements, I am to inform you that an application made by Mr. Whitty to purchase 1,280 acres in virtue of improvements, and including the land conditionally purchased by you, was refused, as the land had been improved during the currency of reserve 296A, notified 29 December, 1865. It is now pointed out by Whitty that part of the land, namely, the 200 acres insufficient in portion 90, and being the land conditionally purchased by you, is not and never was within the reserve, and he therefore claims to be entitled to purchase that land in right of improvements. It is gathered from a communication received from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed that the improvements on portion 97A, a fence, were worth only £38, and is therefore insufficient to bar the conditional

Henry H. Hough,
C.P. 79-34,
140½ acres,
15 May, 1879.
Corowa.

conditional purchase of that portion. I am therefore to state that, under the above circumstances, Mr. Whitty has been informed that his protest against your conditional purchase cannot be allowed, but that it is open to him to prove that other improvements than those specified were upon portion 90 at the date of your conditional purchase, or to apply in the usual manner to have the improvements appraised.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. G. H. Holmes.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1880.

With reference to your letter of 22nd July, 1879, protesting, on behalf of Mr. J. C. Whitty, against the conditional purchase noted in the margin, on the ground of its containing improvements to the extent of over £1 an acre effected by him, I am to inform you that it appears from a communication received from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed on the subject, that in December, 1879, the improvements on portion No. 90 (in which is comprised the land conditionally purchased by Mr. Hough), consisting of a fence, were worth only £38, and therefore insufficient to bar the conditional purchase of that portion.

Henry A. Hough,
Corowa, C.P.
79-34, 140½ acres,
15 May, 1879.

2. I am therefore to state that Mr. Whitty's protest against Mr. Hough's conditional purchase cannot be allowed, but it is open to him to prove that other improvements than those specified were upon portion 90 at the dates of Mr. Hough's conditional purchases, or he may apply in the usual manner to have the improvements appraised.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 20.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 7 October, 1880.

In reply to your communication of the 23rd ultimo, in reference to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, we would draw your attention to the fact that we have this day lodged at the Treasury (as per memorandum hereon) the sum of £1 1s, with a view of having an appraisement instituted to determine the value of the improvements effected by our client, Mr. J. C. Whitty, on the land in question, prior to the date of Hough's application.

C.P. 79-34,
Corowa,
Henry A. Hough,
140½ acres,
15 May, 1879.

We take exception to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Creed's valuation, and ask that you will give instructions to hold the necessary appraisement, to enable our client to substantiate his former statement to the effect that the land was improved sufficiently to bar selection.

Trusting the matter may have your immediate attention,—

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.

Minutes on No. 20.

The sum of £1 1s. has been credited at Treasury this day on the within account.—Treasury, 8 October, 1880. Mr. Thompson.—C.A.P., 10/10/80.

Mr. McLean,—Who is District Surveyor?—H.A.C., 17/11/80. District-Surveyor J. H. Wood, of Albury.

In accordance with the decision on C.S. 80/37,520, the appraisement may be conducted upon receipt of £5 5s., the balance of the fee required, and if there is no objection to the course the District Surveyor may perhaps act as appraiser.—H.A.C., 17/12/80.

By the Under Secretary:—Call for payment of additional fee, and re-submit papers as to appointment of District Surveyor to appraiser.—C.O., 20/12/80.

Borrowed by Survey Branch; returned to-day.—H.A.G.C., 18/1/81.

Miscellaneous or Conditional Sales Records,—Any report of payment of balance of appraisement fee?—H.A.G.C., 22/4/81.

No. 21.

Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

21, Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 6 April, 1881.

We have to draw your attention to the fact that in October last we paid into the Treasury the sum of one guinea, and requested that an appraisement might be instituted to determine the value of improvements effected by our client, Mr. J. C. Whitty, on the land in question, prior to the date of Hough's application. We now hand you the sum of £5 5s., being balance of fees necessary, and respectfully request that the appraisement may take place with as little delay as possible, so as to enable our client to substantiate his statement to the effect that the land was improved sufficiently to bar selection.

C.P. 79-34,
Corowa,
Henry A. Hough,
140½ acres,
15 May, 1879.

We have, &c.,

H. H. BROWN & CO.,

p. J.A.G.M.

Minutes on No. 21.

The sum of £5 5s. herein referred to was credited on 6th instant.—J.J.B. (pro Under Secretary).

The Treasury, B.C., 8/4/81. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Mr. McLean,—Please supply a tracing showing the land in dispute on which the improvements are situated; also state if the land (conditional purchase) is embraced by any other purchase, such as improvement purchase.—J.M'G., 9/5/81.

Tracing herewith. No other claim to the land as far as plan shows.—W.M., 4 July, '81. Mr. M'Guinn.

This is not the case. There is a claim by the lessee, in virtue of improvements.—J.M'G., 10/7/81.

No. 22.

Memorandum.

It is presumed, as the required appraisalment fee has been paid, that an appraisalment to determine the value of the improvements on portion 90A, parish of Turramia, may be instituted, it is suggested that the Survey Office be requested to nominate a surveyor (other than the surveyors who have dealt with the case) who is qualified to act as appraiser. Appraisalment instructions have been prepared and are within.

J. M'G.,
14/7/81.

Minutes on No. 22.

Submitted for name of appraiser in the first instance.—F.H.W., 16/7/81.

By the Under Secretary:—The Surveyor-General will oblige by nominating one.—C.O., 18/7/81.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Creed, who surveyed the land, is the most available surveyor.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor William Cowley is in the next district, and could act if Mr. Creed should not be thought eligible.—F. P. ADAMS, 27 July, /81. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Submitted whether Mr. Cowley, Licensed Surveyor, may be appointed to act.—J. McG., 30/7/81.

By the Under Secretary:—Yes.—C.O., 1/8/81.

Instructions within (in favour of Mr. Cowley) for signature.—J. M'G., 2/8/81.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. C. Whitty.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 August, 1881.

With reference to your letter protesting against Henry A. Hough's application to conditionally purchase a portion of land containing 140 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, parish of Turramia, county of Denison, on the ground that the land contained improvements of sufficient value at date of his application to bar selection, I am directed to inform you that, in view of your protest, the Secretary for Lands has decided that the question of the value of the improvements should be determined by appraisalment.

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I have, &c.,
CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

No. 24.

The Secretary for Lands to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Cowley.

Appointment of appraiser to determine the value of improvements forming matter of dispute.

WHEREAS on the 15th May, 1879, Henry A. Hough applied to purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of land as hereunder described; and whereas J. C. Whitty protests against such conditional purchase, on the ground that the land contained improvements at the date of Hough's application of sufficient value to bar selection, now I, the Minister for Lands, in pursuance of the powers vested in me, under and by virtue of the Lands Acts further Amendment Act of 1880, do hereby appoint William Cowley, Licensed Surveyor, of Albury, in the Colony of New South Wales, to be the appraiser to determine the value of the said improvements on the land in question at the date it was conditionally purchased by Henry A. Hough, viz., 15 May, 1879.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand, this 8th day of August, 1881.

JAMES HOSKINS.

Description of land referred to.

Portion 90A, containing 140 acres 3 roods, parish of Turramia, county of Denison.

I, the within-named William Cowley, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am not directly or indirectly interested in the matter referred to me, and that I will hear and determine it faithfully, honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Subscribed and declared this 21st day of }
October, A.D. 1881, before me,— }

WILLIAM COWLEY.

T. LEVIN, J.P.

No. 25.

Mr. Appraiser Cowley to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report of Mr. Appraiser William Cowley, respecting the improvements effected upon portion 90A, containing 140 acres 3 roods, in the parish of Turramia, county of Denison.

Sir,

Burraja, 29 October, 1881.

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to report that the improvements upon the above-mentioned portion were personally inspected by me, that I ascertained they were commenced and completed upon the dates specified against them respectively, and that I found them to be of the following description and value:—

Description of improvements.	When commenced.	When completed.	Value.
140 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, ringbarking.....	August, 1872.....	August 1877, @ 1s.	£ s. d. 7 1 0
110 acres, gathering all dead and fallen timber, and burning off.....	May, 1877.....	Sept., 1877, @ 5s.	27 10 0
61 chains 60 links, log fence.....	May, 1877.....	Sept., 1877, @ £52 per mile...	40 1 0
		Total.....	£ 74 12 0

These improvements were made at the expense of J. C. Whitty, and are now the property of J. C. Whitty. Without exception, they have not been previously used to satisfy a claim in virtue of improvements; they are without exception of a fixed and permanent character; and without exception they render more beneficial the occupation and use of the land.

Remarks.

In accordance with the regulations, notice in writing was forwarded, on the 3rd October last, to J. C. Whitty and Henry A. Hough, that a Court of Appraisement would be held at the "Post Office Hotel," Mulwala, on the 22nd October. The inquiry was conducted in open Court, at the place named, on the 22nd instant, and the following persons were present and gave evidence:—Henry T. Whitty, Samuel Lee, John Woodward, and Neil M'Donald. The minutes of evidence are transmitted herewith. An area of about 50 acres might be measured to embrace the log fence and part of the clearing, but it would be objectionable on account of the length being so much in excess of twice the width.

I have, &c.,
WM. COWLEY,
Appraiser.

No. 26.

Mr. Appraiser Cowley to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Appraisement of Improvements upon land in dispute between J. C. Whitty, Turramia, and Henry A. Hough, Turramia.

Sir,

Buraja, 29 October, 1881.

In transmitting the attached award, I have the honor to state that the appraisement was made strictly in accordance with the requirements of the regulations under the Lands Acts further Amendment Act of 1880.

Fourteen days' notice in writing of the time and place appointed for the holding of it was given to J. C. Whitty, Turramia, and Henry A. Hough, Turramia.

It was conducted in open Court, at the "Post Office Hotel," Mulwala, on the 3rd October, 1881, and during the investigation there were present the following persons, who were examined as witnesses, upon oath:—Henry Tarrilton Whitty, Samuel Lee, John Woodward, Henry Arthur Hough, Neil M'Donald.

With respect to the evidence, minutes of which are forwarded herewith, and the general merits of the case, I may state that, as both parties admit that the improvements on portion 90A, parish of Turramia, shown in my report and this award were effected prior to the 15th May, 1879, and from the evidence adduced but little difference of opinion exists as to the value of such improvements; it would therefore appear that the only question at issue is, whether these improvements are so effected and of sufficient value to entitle the lessee to purchase the portion in dispute or any part thereof in virtue of such improvements. The whole virtue of the improvements on portion 90A being £74 12s. is equivalent to only 10s. 6d. per acre on the total area of 140 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and the ringbarking and clearing being spread over the whole portion, it is evident that the log fence is the only improvement in virtue of which any area could be measured so as to embrace improvements to the value of 20s. per acre, and to measure an area (say) of about 50 acres, to embrace the log fence, and that area of clearing and ringbarking would I consider be objectionable and contrary to the regulations of the Department, on account of the length of the portion being somewhat in excess of twice its width.

The prescribed declaration was made previously to the appraisement, and my letter of appointment is herewith returned.

I have, &c.,
WM. COWLEY.

[Enclosure A to No. 26.]

Award.

To all to whom these presents shall come, —I, William Cowley, of Albury, in the Colony of New South Wales, send greeting: WHEREAS on the 8th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1881, I was duly appointed by the Minister for Lands, in the Colony of New South Wales, as the appraiser to determine the value of the improvements which belong to Mr. J. C. Whitty, Turramia, and which existed on the Crown Land specified below, at the date, viz., 15th May, 1879, upon which it was conditionally purchased by Henry Arthur Hough: And whereas I have entered upon the consideration of the value of the said improvements, and have heard and considered the evidence produced before me: Now I, the said William Cowley, do hereby declare that the improvements specified in the following Schedule were the improvements which existed on the land at the date before-mentioned, and declare that the sums set against them respectively were the values of the said improvements at that date:—

Description of improvements.	When commenced.	When completed.	Appraised value.
140 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres ringbarking	August, 1872	August, 1877	£ s. d. 7 1 0
110 acres, gathering all dead and fallen timber and burning off	May, 1877	September, 1877, @ 5s.	27 10 0
61 chains 60 links log fence	May, 1877	Sept., 1877, @ £52 per mile...	40 1 0
		Total.....	£ 74 12 0

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 29th day of October, 1881,—

WM. COWLEY,
Appraiser.

Description of land referred to.

Portion 90A, containing 140 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, parish of Turramia, county of Denison.

The improvements were made at the expense of Mr. J. C. Whitty, Turramia, and are now the property of J. C. Whitty, without exception; they have not been previously used to satisfy a claim in virtue of improvements; they are without exception of a fixed and permanent character; without exception they have been effected *bona fide* for the working and beneficial occupation of the land for pastoral purposes; and without exception they are still in existence.

WM. COWLEY,
Appraiser.

[Enclosure B to No. 26.]

Henry Arthur Hough, being duly sworn, saith :—I selected portion 90A, in the parish of Turramia, on the 15th May, 1879; the land was improved as follows, at the date of selection :—A chock and log fence on the east boundary, which I value at £50 per mile when erected; I consider it was erected about two years previously; the whole area was ringbarked, but a great many of the trees were not killed and are living still, they will require ringbarking again; I estimate that one-half of the trees are still living; I value the ringbarking at 1s. per acre; I consider it will cost 6d. or 8d. per acre to ringbark the trees not dead; about 110 acres of the land the fallen timber was gathered and burnt off, the cost of which would be about 2s. 6d., as I do not consider it heavily timbered; in reply to Henry T. Whitty, I am not prepared to say whether there is a single relative on the southern portion of this block; I consider 110 acres will require re-ringbarking; there are more trees left on this portion for shade and splitting purposes than I consider requisite; I have made a declaration with reference to my selection in the same parish for clearing and burning off the dead timber, which I think was 5s. or 6s. per acre, but the land was more heavily timbered than this portion.

Taken and sworn before me, at Mulwala, this 22nd day of October, 1881,—
Wm. Cowley, Appraiser.

HENRY A. HOUGH.

Neil M'Donald, being duly sworn, saith :—I know the portion 90A, parish Turramia, selected by Henry A. Hough; I value the log fence at the present time at £45 per mile; I value the clearing of dead timber and burning off at 3s. 6d. per acre, and the ringbarking value 1s. per acre; some of the trees in the north part of the portion have been badly ringbarked and are still growing, the middle and lower part is well ringbarked; about one-third of the area is badly ringbarked.

In reply to *T. H. Whitty*: I consider it is worth 6d. per acre to gather and burn off the timber that has fallen during the last two years.

Taken and sworn before me, at Mulwala, this 22nd day of October, 1881,—
Wm. Cowley, Appraiser.

NEIL M'DONALD.

John Woodward, being duly sworn, saith :—I am a contractor for bush work, and have lived in this neighbourhood about eighteen years; I know portion 90A, in the parish of Turramia; it was improved prior to being selected by Henry A. Hough; the improvements consisted of ringbarking the whole area, value 1s. per acre; the clearing and burning off dead timber comprises about 110 acres, which I value at 5s. per acre; log fencing, which I valued at £52 10s. per mile; I have been paid 5s. per acre for clearing dead timber and burning off in country similar to this, which I considered heavily timbered; I have known other contractors paid 5s. per acre for clearing similar country.

Taken and sworn before me, at Mulwala, this 22nd day of October, 1881,—
Wm. Cowley, Appraiser.

JOHN WOODWARD.

Samuel Lee, being duly sworn, saith :—I am a selector on Turramia Run; I know portion 90A, in the parish of Turramia—it was improved more than two years ago, and prior to the land being selected by Henry A. Hough; the improvements consisted of ringbarking, clearing and burning off fallen timber, and log fencing; the clearing was well done; I consider the ringbarking worth 1s. per acre; the clearing, gathering fallen timber, and burning off, value 5s. per acre; the log fencing I value at £50 per mile; I am accustomed to work of the above character.

In reply to *Henry A. Hough*: The land was not very heavily timbered, but there was a great quantity of fallen timber on it; about 110 acres of the land was cleared of dead timber and burnt off; I do not know what Mr. Whitty paid for any of the clearing; I should not like to pay £2 10s. for grazing the bullocks—if the contractor for the log fence.

Taken and sworn before me, at Mulwala, this 22nd day of October, 1881,—
Wm. Cowley, Appraiser.

SAMUEL LEE.

Henry Tarlton Whitty, being duly sworn, saith :—I am the lessee of the Turramia Run; I know the portion of land numbered 90A, in the parish of Turramia; this land was improved at the date of Henry A. Hough's application to purchase as a conditional purchase, 15th May, 1879, as follows :—Ringbarking the whole area at 1s. 6d. per acre, clearing all dead timber, bark, and other rubbish off 110 acres, the timber having been ringbarked four years previously, at 5s. per acre; 61 chains 60 links of heavy log fence, valued at £55 per mile—total value, £79.

In reply to *Henry A. Hough*: That the 140 acres was ringbarked by two parties, and that 1s. per acre was paid for part thereof, and 9d. per acre for the remainder; I do not know the names of the contractors for the ringbarking; the sum of £52 10s. per mile was paid to the contractor for the log fence; the sum of £2 10s. per mile was added for expense of paddocking bullocks and supervision of the work.

Taken and sworn before me, at Mulwala, this 22nd day of October, 1881,—
Wm. Cowley, Appraiser.

H. T. WHITTY.

No. 27.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

It is suggested that Mr. Cowley be instructed to make his award. He has only furnished a report, which is of no use in finally settling the contention. As it does not appear that the appraiser extended the time, the award, if now made (the ninety days expiring on 8th instant), would perhaps be irregular and fresh proceedings would have to be instituted. It would therefore be as well to issue fresh appointment.

J. McG.,

4 Nov., 1881.

Submitted.—F.H.W., 4/11/81.

By the Under Secretary :—Inform Mr. Cowley that he has omitted to send in his award, which should have been made on the date of his report, i.e., 29 Oct., 1881.—C.O., 4/11/81.

No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. Cowley.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 November, 1881.

With reference to the matter of the appraisement of the improvements on portion 90A, in the parish of Turramia, county of Denison, recently conducted by you, I have the honor to inform you that you have omitted to send your award in this case, which should have been made on the date of your report, viz., 29th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
Under Secretary.

Minutes on No. 28.

Award forwarded.—Wm. Cowley, 10/11/81. Memorandum to Mr. Cowley to return tracing showing position of improvements.—J. McG., 16 Nov., 1881. Tracing returned.—24 Nov., 1881.

Papers with
form of award
enclosed.

No. 29.

No. 29.

Declaration by Mr. H. A. Hough.

C.P. No. 78-78.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH, of Corowa, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of hut, 78 chains post, rail, and wire fencing, ringing and burning off, and to the value of £100, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Taken and declared at Corowa, this 26th)
day of November, 1881, before me,— }

HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH.

J. HOWARD LOUCHE, J.P.

Description.

County of Denison, parish of Turramia, 68 acres, being conditional purchase No. 78 of 1878, in the district of Corowa, made on the 5th September, 1878.

Minute on No. 29.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £3.—5 December, 1881.

No. 30.

Memorandum.

In this case Henry A. Hough conditionally purchased, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, portion 90A, containing 140 acres 3 roods, parish of Turramia, county of Denison. J. C. Whitty, the Crown lessee of the run on which the land is situated, protested against Hough's application, on the ground that the portion contained improvements of sufficient value to bar selection. In view of this protest, the question of the value of the improvements was referred to appraisal. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor William Cowley conducted the appraisal. It will be seen from the appraiser's award that the improvements at date of selection were of the value of £74 12s. The appraiser reports that these improvements, with the exception of the log fence, cannot be included in an area proportionate to their value, measured in accordance with regulations; the land being a measured portion at date of conditional purchase, and no subdivision fee having been paid, it is submitted that under recent decisions the selection must be declared void. J. McG., 13/12/82.

It should be pointed out that some slight discrepancies appear in the appraiser's award and report. In the award it is stated that the Court was held on 3rd October last, and in the report the date the report was held is given as the 22nd October. The award was not made within the sixty days, and it is not stated by the appraiser that the extension of thirty days was availed of. These, possibly, do not affect the validity of the award, and no difficulty might be raised in giving effect thereto.—J. McG., 13/12/81. This appears to be an error, as all the evidence was on the 22nd October.—F.W.M., on oath.

Submitted for approval.—F.H.W., 14/12/81.

By the Under Secretary:—If the decision of the Supreme Court in *Moore v. Banholt* is to be in any way considered in connection with this case, it would be well to defer final action until the full Court decides. I do not think the award being overdue need be noticed, as all the parties appear to have been present at the Appraisal Court.—C.O., 14/12/81.

By the Secretary for Lands:—I concur.—J.H., 15/12/81.

Re-submitted. It is presumed the conditional purchase will be declared void.—F.H.W., 10/3/82.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Chief Commissioner, as to any action he may deem proper to recommend.—C.O., 13/3/82.

By the Chief Commissioner:—I do not think there is any sufficient ground for the cancellation of this purchase, the land not being improved to £1 per acre wholly or in part. But if the selection is allowed to stand, it should be on the clear understanding that it will be at the holder's risk should any legal proceedings be taken against him by the lessee, consequently upon the decision of the Supreme Court as to improvements on measured land. It would probably be advisable, in the circumstances, that the portions should be withdrawn from lease.—A.O.M., 24/3/82.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R.

No. 31.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me whether the 140 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land about which an Appraisal Court was held in Mulwala, in October last, is yet decided in my favour, as it is a great loss to me being grazed by Whitty's sheep, with no profit to me. Mr. Cowley was the surveyor. Awaiting your early reply,—

Hillside, Cowra, 8 April, 1882.

I have, &c.,

HENRY A. HOUGH.

Minutes on No. 31.

Submitted that the selector should be informed by the C.S. Branch of the decision, and of the subsequent action taken by the Department.—F.H.W., 8/5/82.

By the Under Secretary:—Chief Commissioner.—C.O., 9/5/82. The conditional purchaser should be informed according to decision of 24 March last.—C.N., 16/5/82. Send tracing to Land Agent.—J.D.D. (*per* F. H. WILSON), 23/5/82.

No. 32.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Subject:—Recommending reserve from lease.

[Very urgent.]

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 April, 1882.
 It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that the within defined area of about 208½ acres, in the county of Denison, parish of Turrarnia, be withdrawn from lease, under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

The Executive Council advise that the land herein described be reserved from lease, in terms of the Act referred to.

EDWARD W. M'KENNY,
 Acting Clerk of the Council.

Min. 82-19. Approved.—A.L. Confirmed, 26/4/82.

No. 33.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26th April, 1882.

Reserve from lease for purposes of sale.

It is hereby notified for general information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to withdraw from lease, for purposes of sale, the portion of land hereinafter described.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

MURRUMBIDGEE DISTRICT.

No. 685, county of Denison, parish of Turrarnia, Turrarnia Run; area, 208½ acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-east corner of portion No. 97; and bounded thence on the east by part of the west boundary of reserve No. 98, notified 23rd December, 1865, bearing south 61 chains 60 links to the south-east corner of portion No. 90; thence on the south by the south boundary of that portion bearing west, 33 chains 90 links to its south-west corner; thence on the west by the west boundary of that portion bearing north 61 chains 60 links to the south-west corner of portion No. 97 aforesaid; thence on the north by the south boundary of that portion bearing east 33 chains 90 links, to the point of commencement. To include portion No. 90 as shown on plan catalogued D 675-1,798, at the Surveyor-General's Office.

No. 34.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

A TRACING is enclosed, showing, by green edging, reserve 685 from lease, notified 26th April, 1882, county of Denison, parish of Turrarnia, for the information of the Crown Lands Agent at Corowa.

G. LEWIS,
 (For the Surveyor-General).

B.C., 5 May, 1882.

No. 35.

Extract from *Albury Banner* of 5th May, 1882.

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Reserve from lease for purposes of sale.

No. 686. County of Denison, parish of Turrarnia, Turrarnia Run, area 208½ acres. (Date of Gazette, April 26.)

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Minute on No. 35.

By Under Secretary for Lands:—Let me have the papers.—C.O., 22/5/82.

No. 36.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. H. A. Hough.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 May, 1882.

Referring to your letter of 8th April last, relative to the decision of the Court of Appraisement held on your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable the Minister has decided that there is not sufficient ground for the cancellation of the purchase, the land not being improved to £1 per acre wholly or in part.

The selection will be allowed to stand on the clear understanding that it will be at your risk should any legal proceedings be taken against you by the lessee, consequently upon the decision of the Supreme Court as to improvements on measured land.

I have also to state that the portion 90A has been notified in the Government Gazette as having been withdrawn from lease and included in reserve No. 9.

I have, &c.,
 WM. BLACKMAN,
 (For the Chief Commissioner.)

No. 37.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. J. Lync, M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 May, 1881.

In reference to your personal inquiry respecting the conditional purchase taken up by Mr. H. A. Hough, in the parish of Turrarnia, county of Denison, I have the honor to inform you that it has been decided to allow the selection to stand, on the clear understanding that it will be at the selector's risk should any legal proceedings be taken against him in the Supreme Court as to improvements on measured land, to which effect Mr. Hough was advised by letter of yesterday's date.

I am to add that the land in dispute has been withdrawn from lease, by notice in the Government Gazette of the 26th ultimo.

I have, &c.,
 CHARLES OLIVER,
 Under Secretary.

No. 38.

No. 38.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Lands Agent, Corowa.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 May, 1884.

I am directed to transmit herewith, for your information, a description, with tracing, showing certain land in the county of Denison, which by notice in the Government Gazette of the 26th ultimo, has been reserved from lease, under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act, for the purposes of sale.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 39.

Declaration by Mr. H. A. Hough.

C.P. No. 79-34.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH, of Corowa, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of chock and log fencing, ringing and barking, and to the value of 10s. per acre, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH.

Taken and declared at Corowa, this 12th }
day of August, 1882, before me,— }

H. HARE.

Description.

County of Denison, parish of Turramia, 140½ acres, being conditional purchase No. 34 of 1879, in the district of Corowa, made on the 15th May, 1879.

Minute on No. 39.

Instalment credited at Treasury, £7 Os. 9d.—21 August, 1882.

No. 40.

Mr. J. S. M'Phillamy to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by J. Sydney M'Phillamy, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Henry A. Hough, made at Corowa, on 5th September, 1878.

Sir,

Albury, 31 Aug., 1882.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 30th August, 1882, and that I found the selector then not resident upon the selection.

C.P. 78-78.
County Denison,
parish Turramia,
portion 90, sec-
tion 13.

The land, which consists of mixed forest, and comprises 68 acres, is occupied and used by the selector as grazing land, and the selector, who follows the avocation of a grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut or gunyah, one room	...	...	...	...	...	£2	0	0
Over 1 mile 6-wire fencing	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0
Ringing the area by lessee	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	0
						£71	5	0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection.

The residence is very doubtful in this case, and I would recommend that the case be sent to a Commissioner.

I have, &c.,

J. S. M'PHILLAMY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minute on No. 40.

Inspector thinks residence questionable. Four years after selection, only habitation, hut, £2.—F.T. (for Commissioner), 18/4/83.

No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchases.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 6 April, 1883.

I have the honor to inform you that the balance of purchase money due on the selection mentioned in the margin was credited to Revenue on 5th March, 1883.

H. A. Hough,
Corowa,
140 acres 8 roods,
15 May, 1879.

Balance...	£105	11	8
Deed fee ..	1	0	0
Total..	£106	11	8

I have, &c.,

J. THOMSON,
(For Under Secretary).

Minute on No. 41.

By Chief Commissioner :—For Commissioner, as within noted.—A.O.M., 5/6/83.

No. 42.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hillside, Corowa, 17 April, 1883.

Your favour of 2nd April to hand, containing receipt for rents, 1883, of C. C. Hough and S. E. N. Hough, with your memo. intimating that S. E. N. Hough's rents are two years in arrear. I am much surprised to hear it, and think there must be some mistake, for in 1881 Mr. Hough drew £170 from Bank, as my cheque-book shows, and paid it to the Lands Officer in Corowa, to pay all my rents, including those now in question (not receivable in Corowa), and he (Mr. Louche) promised to forward rents in question to Sydney and forward receipts to me. I was from home at time, and could not attend to it personally. I cannot lay my hands on receipts in question, but will make further inquiries, and doubt not I can clear up the mystery. Of course, should they not turn out paid, I must be content to pay twice; but I know mistakes are made in Land Department in the way of sending all receipts, for one occurred this year, and I had to apply for a receipt, it not being made out.

I have, &c.,

HENRY A. HOUGH.

Minutes on No. 42.

Please attach previous papers.—C.H., 8/5/83. Records.—Mr. Gale,—Cannot trace. Kindly refer to your index.—H.C., 9/5/83. Cannot trace. Further particulars should perhaps be asked.—C.H., 23/5/83. Mr. Curry,—Any letter written to the writer?—H.C., 28/5/83. No trace.—J.A.M'L., 28/5/83. The Land Agent, Corowa, will be good enough to ascertain to what the letter refers.—H.C. (for Under Secretary), B.C., Lands Department, 31 May, '83. Mr. Hough again reminded.—C.J.H., 28/11/83. Mr. Hough attended personally at the office, and informed me that the land referred to in this letter was conditionally purchased, not leased. He produced Treasury receipts for interest and instalment up to date.—C.J.H., 7/12/83.

No. 43.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Pardon the liberty I take in writing, but the urgency of my case demands it. I could not see Mr. Oliver and get papers *re* my petition for compensation through the heavy law costs incurred in defending two actions at law, claiming £4,000 damages through the unfortunate circumstance of my selection being wrong (land already surveyed), whereby I incurred £500 expenses in defending them and it is not yet over, for I am now waiting in Sydney defending a third action for balance of costs, which has cost me another £100, and if I lose the case it will cost me £200 more at least. All this arose through my land being wrongly surveyed, and it is doubly hard on me, for it was surveyed before I selected it; as far as one conditional purchase is concerned it has almost ruined me, by causing me to mortgage my land heavily to pay costs, and what is more I am a *bona fide* selector, and came here with my family to make a home and not to sell out as numbers do, and thereby defeat the intentions of the Act. I never have parted and never will part with an acre of my land if I can help it, but want to settle my family on it after my days. I am in great distress of mind through having to leave my home now and wait on law Courts; my young family are left quite unprotected, and worse still I have not been able to put any crop in this year through death of horse and sheep and cattle; in last year's drought I incurred heavy loss. I only want fair remuneration for my heavy losses. Mr. McElhone and Mr. Geo. Day can testify to the cruelty and hardship of my case. I do, sir, devoutly hope you will cause the papers in my case to be laid before you and the House, and give it your most serious consideration. The case would not have been so bad had I not fallen into the hands of unscrupulous lawyers who betrayed me into the hands of Whitty, and whose iniquitous and unjust extortion I am now defending in Supreme Court. If you would kindly appoint a time to meet me, you would confer a boon on one who has been most harshly treated. Were I not able to prove all I say by indisputable written evidence you could not believe it. With my best respects,—

I have, &c.,

HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH.

No. 44.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 17 June, 1883.

Mr. Oliver being absent, and Mr. Moriarty not knowing the whereabouts of my petition and papers relative to compensation for the heavy losses I sustained in defending two Supreme Court actions in 1878, at the suit of Whitty, lessee of Turramia Run, induces me to write you on the matter, and urge upon your consideration my claim for compensation for the litigation arising therefrom, which is not yet over. As I am now in Sydney, near 500 miles from my home, with no one but my young children to look after it (my eldest boy being only 13 years old), and I have been waiting here near three weeks for the third action in the Supreme Court to come off—set down for the 6th instant. I am compelled to defend it on principle alone, the final claim being for £65 balance of my solicitor's costs, and this small amount has already cost me £100 for lawyer's and barrister's fees, since I have been in Sydney, to raise which I have had to incur a heavy overdraft at the Bank, my property being already heavily mortgaged to meet the other and heavy expenses formerly incurred. I have been shamefully persecuted with law and lawyers since I came to this Colony eight years ago, and solely through Whitty, the lessee, whose only motive was to ruin me with law costs, and thereby compel me to sell my land to him. I need scarcely say I have not done so, and never if I can be allowed to remain in undisturbed possession of my home. I did not come here to dummy land or effect black mail, but to colonize the waste land and make a home for myself, and rear my family in respectability, that they in due time might found homes for themselves, and thereby fulfil the honest intentions of the Land Act. I brought £2,000 with me to the Colony, paid my own and my wife's passage from England here, and settled on the land at the invitation of a paternal Government, which invites people here, and even pays their passage to induce them to come. I have never

never parted with an acre of land but invested every penny I had in it, and never mean to part with it if the Government will but grant me the same protection it extends to its prisoners in the gaol. I only ask for common fair treatment, as I like the Colony and my family like it, and I intend, if I am not driven away by its unjust laws, to end my days here. I am forty-seven years old, have worked hard and undergone many hardships to make a home, and throw myself on your power and mercy to mete out justice to a cruelly used man. My land, it is true, was legalized in 1881, but the two actions occurred in 1878. What with having passed through two severe droughts and law costs, I am heavily in debt. I have no crop in this year, through inability to pay a man to put it in, and death of horses and sheep last year, and earnestly request your serious attention to my petition lying with you. With best respects,—

I have, &c.,

H. A. HOUGH.

Kindly write me a line in reply now, that I may know if I can do any more now I am in Sydney. Mr. Hoskins, the former Minister, promised me he really would urge my claims, knowing the justness of them, but, as you know, nothing has been done, and I do not know whether my petition has ever been laid before the House. Through the worry and trouble I have undergone in connection with it my health has become seriously impaired, so much so that for many months past sleep has been a stranger to me, and, in short, I am ordered a sea voyage for the benefit of my health, but cannot of course go until I have funds to take me, and I am made secure in the possession of my home by being able to resist all attempts to drive me out.—H. A. HOUGH.

Minutes on No. 44.

Included in Gazette of 15th November, 1883.

By Chief Commissioner:—The within paper, 9,168, has been very improperly delayed. Why was it not included in a Gazette when directions to that effect were given? See 9,168.—A.O.M., 15/11/83.

No. 45.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 November, 1883.

It is hereby notified, for the information of all parties interested, that information having been received to the effect that the conditions as to residence or improvements have not been, or are not being, fulfilled in respect to the undermentioned conditional purchases, the claims of the holders of such purchases have been severally referred to Commissioners for inquiry, pursuant to the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.

Due notice will be given by the Commissioners of the times and places appointed by them for holding such inquiries.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

C.S. No.	C.P. No.	Name.	Date of Selection.	Area.	District.	County.	Parish.	Commissioner to whom referred
83-5439	78- 78	Hough, Henry Arthur	5 Sep., 1878	a. r. p.	Corowa ...	Denison	Turrarnia ..	Phillip W. Street, Esq.
	79- 34	Do	...15 May, 1879	140 3 0	do ...	do	do ..	

No. 46.

The Commissioner of Conditional Purchases to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT of an inquiry held at Sydney, on the 16th November, 1883, by the Commissioner for the Western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of Henry Arthur Hough, made at Corowa, on the 5th September, 1878.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 15th November, 1883, in the matter of the above described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz. :—

This is one of those always more or less unsatisfactory cases where the selector, being a married man and having a comfortable home for his family upon a conditional purchase on which the conditions have been fulfilled, resides apart from them on a fresh selection, under the 13th section. I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of Mr. Hough's statements as to his residence under the circumstances mentioned, which appears to have been as fairly carried out as was practicable. If therefore corroborative testimony is not held to be indispensable, as the improvements are sufficient.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be upheld.

I have, &c.,

WHITTINGDALE JOHNSON.

Minute on No. 46.

By the Chief Commissioner.—The inquiry to be completed by the Commissioner of the district, as already directed.—A.O.M., 18/12/83.

[*Enclosure to No. 46.*]

New South Wales }
to wit. }

Before Whittingdale Johnson, Commissioner.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 November, 1883.

INQUIRY under the provisions of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875," into the matter of the fulfilment of the conditions of residence upon the conditional purchase of 68 acres, situated in the county of Denison, parish of Turrarnia, made by Henry Arthur Hough, at Corowa, on the 5th September, 1878.—Henry Arthur Hough, on oath, states:—I am the claimant of the conditional purchase the subject of this inquiry; I lived on the conditional purchase for two years continuously, and made it my *bona fide* home, except when absent on necessary business, slept and had my meals there; for the

the last twelve months I was absent during the week but returned to the selection every Saturday night, remaining there until Monday or Tuesday; I am a married man, and my wife and some of my family lived on a conditional purchase of mine about a mile distant, upon which the conditions had been fulfilled, and my son frequently lived with me on my conditional purchase; I lived apart from my family, sleeping on the selection nearly every night; during the three years I was more than three-fourths of my time on the selection, and it was my only fixed place of abode for the period mentioned; I did not move my family, as they had a comfortable residence on my original purchase, and were near a school for my children; during the last twelve months my family were living on a place I bought some 16 miles distant; the inspection was made a year after the time for the fulfilment of the condition of residence had expired; I valued the hut at £5—it was a comfortable hut—with the exception of improvements to the value of £38 on the land at date of selection; I put up the improvements at my own cost, and partly by my own labour; I was assisting at their erection the whole time, and value them now at £100 at least.

HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH.

Sworn before me, at Sydney, this 16th November, 1883,—

WHITTINGDALE JOHNSON,
Commissioner.

No. 47.

Mr. H. A. Hough to The Chief Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 23 November, 1881.

Happening to hear, quite by chance, that my selections,—viz., 68 acres and 140½ acres—upon which I made my unfortunate declaration, were actually forfeited and in the Government Gazette of last week, I venture to ask if it is true, for I have carefully looked over the Gazettes of last week with a clerk in this Department and can find no such record. Would you kindly inform me if such is the fact, that I may rest contented. I cannot leave Sydney without knowing. If you will not issue my grant, I am sure you will allow me an opportunity in open Court to prove my *bona fide* residence by other witnesses than myself. Kindly answer this or see me.

I have, &c.,

H. A. HOUGH.

P.S.—I had it from a Member too.

No. 48.

Memorandum.

WITH Mr. Lyne's compliments, will the Minister place (after reading) this letter with other papers in connection with Hough's selection of 140 acres, about which there is some dispute.—5/12/83.

Special.—W.B., 10/12. Mr. W.

[Enclosure A to No. 48.]

Mrs. M. Hough to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

I wish to submit to you the following facts in connection with our selections at Turramia, near Corowa:—I, with my husband and family, came from Victoria about 1875 (eight years ago), with the intention of settling here. At that time infants could select, and we selected for our children, and my husband also selected in his own name. This being the case, from that time until now our home has been scattered. The residence provision compelled me to go and live on the selections at various times with my husband and children, that they might comply with the law. The infants could not go and sleep upon their selections alone. My husband was most careful in fulfilling all conditions. Had he not have been so he would have been reported by the lessee of the run, who served him with two writs for £2,000 each for damages for trespassing on his own purchased land, wrongly surveyed by the Government before selection, and since legalised by Act of Parliament, passed in August, 1881, which his own attorney admitted on oath in Supreme Court in June last he never thought to get, but intended to issue writ after writ to harass him and ruin him by costs, that he might hunt him off the land and compel him to sell out. Defending which, and calling him from home so much, has nearly ruined him, and put him in debt at least £1,000, and is not yet ended, as two more Supreme Court actions are now pending in connection therewith, and my husband and myself are now in Sydney waiting trial, and our young children left at home with no protector, and our business quite gone to ruin through continued litigation and absence from home. I went, at great inconvenience to myself and family, on many occasions and stayed with my husband in his house on the land now in dispute as to residence, that his life might not be so lonely, and only moved to a spot near a school (after near six years' residence on Turramia), where I could educate my children, now fast growing up. My husband occasionally came to us, but was always most careful to fulfil the residence on his selection, and in fact was at work with a hired man, and put on all the improvements with his own labour. Had we not taken the course we had it would have been impossible to secure sufficient land to live upon, as it was fast being selected, and all surrounding land is now entirely gone. For the sake of our home, and for the sake of our family, I sincerely trust there may not be delay in giving us the small selection there is now a difficulty about. I do not ask you to do anything you may not consider strictly just, but I do feel you must consider us as belonging to the most *bona fide* class of selectors in the Colony, and who would only under the most extreme circumstances sell one acre of land we hold; in fact, the continued litigation we have endured (six years) would never have occurred had we been merely adventurers—merely taking up land to sell out. We have only 1,800 acres, which, after paying all expenses with the extreme vicissitudes of the seasons, and having lost nearly all our stock in two droughts, leave a bare competency to rear a family on.

I have, &c.,

MARIA HOUGH.

[Enclosure B to No. 48.]

Declaration.

I, MARIA HOUGH, of Turramia, near Corowa, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I, with my husband, came to New South Wales in 1875, when infants could select; that we selected on Turramia for our children; that I had to make my home in several places to enable them to comply with the residence clause; that my husband also selected land; that since that time our home has been a most unsettled one; that my husband took up the 140½ acres now in dispute; that he has *bona fide* fulfilled the residence; that after my children's residence was completed I moved away near a school to educate them; that my husband remained on his selection and made it his home; that I sometimes went at great inconvenience and stayed with him to make his life less uncomfortable and lonely; that he and a hired man did all improvements. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, this 6th day of December, 1883,—

MARIA HOUGH.

JOHN GILL, J.P.

[Three plans.]

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[L. 9d.]

Enclosure to N^o 1

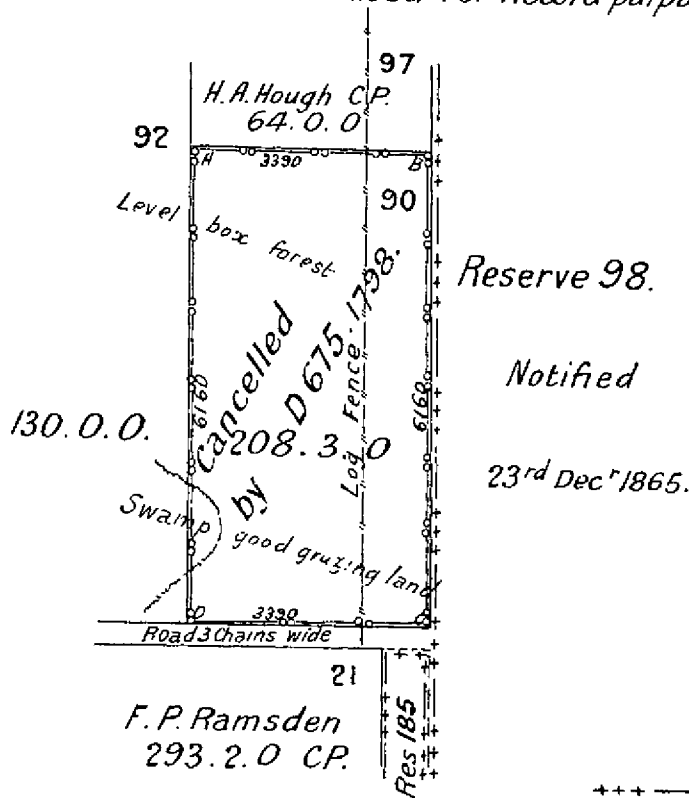
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PLAN

Alienation Branch
6789
5th Sept^r 1878
Lands Department

of Portion N^o 90.
Parish of Turramia
C^o of Denison.

Applied for under the 23rd clause of the C. L. A. Act of 1861 by
Cancelled Plan. To be used for Record purposes only



Reserve 98.

Notified

23rd Dec^r 1865.

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B	261° 39'	"	31	" "			
C	206° 50'	"	87	90			
D	308° 29'	"	56	90.92			

Marked in accordance with regulations
Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
Date of Survey 13th June 1878
Value of Improvements Fence £238.
Situating in Turramia Run

Scale. 0 20 40 60 Chains.

Drawn J. Richardson
Exam^d S

Transmitted to the Surveyor General
with my letter of 20th Aug^t N^o 78/35

(signed W^m Creed

Lic: Surveyor

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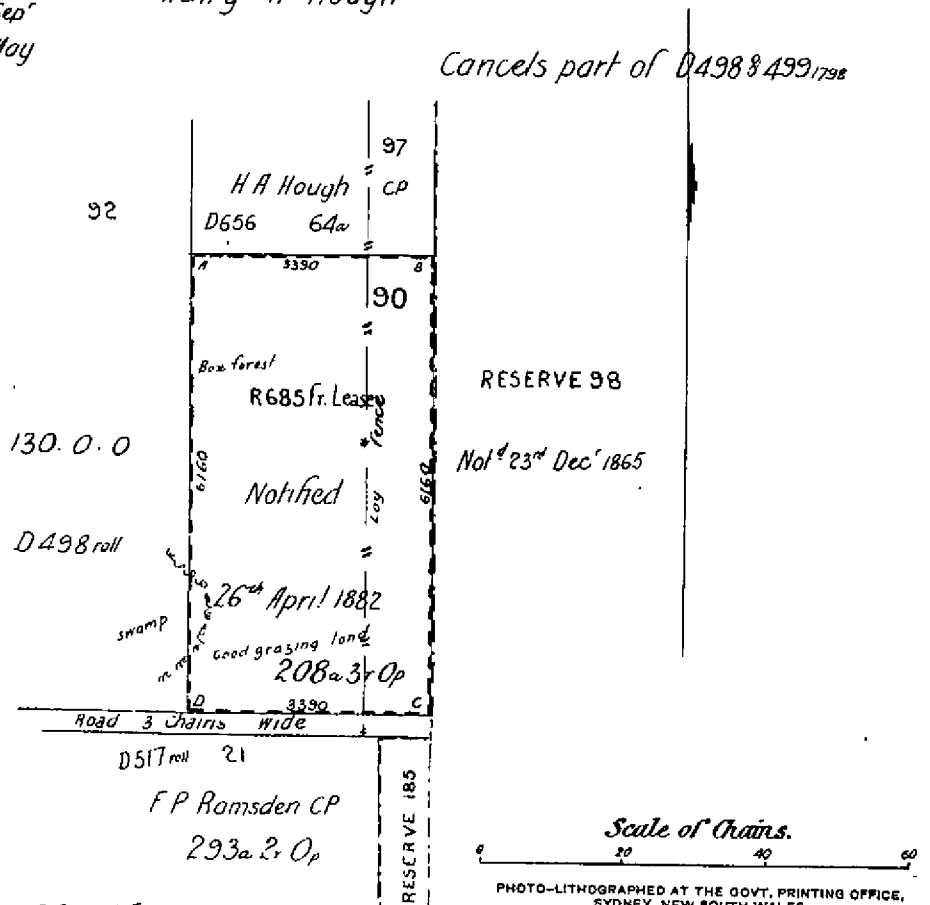
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Copy
 of
 AMENDED
 PLAN
 of 1 portion N^o 90
 Parish of Turramia
 County of Denison

Applied for under the 23rd & 21st clauses of the Crown Lands A. Act of 1861 by
 Henry A Hough

CP 78.18 of 5th Sep
 = 79.34 15th May

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Marked in accordance with regulations
 Instrument used in Survey Theodolite
 Date of Survey 13th June '78
 Value of Improvements fence £38
 Situated in the Turramia Run

Drawn by D Frost
 Exam^d S J J

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 20th Aug^r N^o 78/35

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Signed W^m Creed
 Licensed Surveyor

Traced by H. M^cCluskey
2nd July 1881

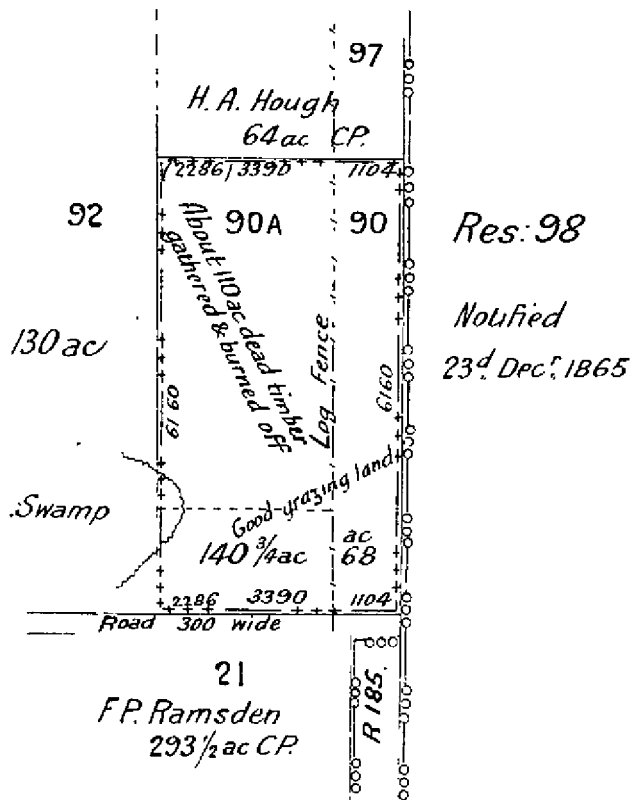
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Parish of Turramia Co^y of Denison
Applied for in virtue of Improvements by
Henry. A. Hough

I. P. for 90 78.78 dated Sept^r 5th 1878
for 90A 79.34 " May 15th 1879



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Situated in the Turramia
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(JOHN COMANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA--PAPERS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 3 April, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 19th February, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ Copies of all documents, minutes, letters, and other papers in connection
“ with the conditional purchases of John Comans, Nos. 73-8,111 and
“ 8,112, made at Wagga Wagga, on 7th August, 1873.”

(*Mr. Barbour.*)

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CROWN LANDS.

No. 1.

Application by Mr. J. Comans.

Application by John Comans (a minor) for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 200 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £50, this 7th day of August, 1873, at 12 o'clock,—

EDWIN H. TOMPSON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

7 August, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 200 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £50, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

JOHN COMANS,

(By his Agent, MICHAEL COMANS),

Sebastopol, Junee.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, 200 acres on the Combaning Run; on the east side by William Gynour's selections of 50 acres and 100 acres, made—the former on the 7th July, 1870, and the latter the 6th October, 1870, at old Sebastopol sheep-station, commencing at the north-east corner of said William Gynour's selection, running along that line south.

Minute on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General :—Mr. Commins,—To measure, if unobjectionable.—W.A.T. (for Surveyor-General), 10/9/1873.

No. 2.

Application by Mr. J. Comans.

Application by John Comans (a minor) for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 100 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £25, this 7th day of August, 1873, at 12 o'clock,—

EDWIN H. TOMPSON,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

7 August, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 100 acres, made on the 7th August, 1873; and I herewith tender the sum of £25, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN COMANS,

(By his Agent, MICHAEL COMANS),

Sebastopol, Junee.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Wagga Wagga.

Description.

County of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, 100 acres of land on Michael Comans' old Sebastopol sheep station, commencing about 10 chains south-east of Michael Comans' small tank. This selection will join my selection of 200 acres made this day.

Minute on No. 2.

By the Surveyor-General :—Mr. Commins,—If first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to measure, if unobjectionable.—W.A.T. (for Surveyor-General), 10/9/1873. B.C., 23/2/1874.

No. 3.

Mr. M. Comans to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Combaning, Cootamundra, 18 December, 1873.

In August last a son of mine selected land on the Combaning Run, Lachlan District, of 100 acres and 200 acres. I acted as his agent, and selected the above land, at the Lands Office, Wagga Wagga, for which I am in possession of receipts. This boy died on the 26th ultimo, and up to his death complied with the Land Regulations.

I now beg to request of you to inform me of how I am to act, so as the land can be secured to me, being his father. Now, as the land is in the course of improvement, I beg you will give your immediate attention, and inform me the course I am to take. I also beg to state that deceased was a minor.

I have, &c.,

MICHAEL COMANS.

Minutes on No. 3.

Mr. Comans should be apprised that it will be necessary that he should furnish a certificate of the Crown Solicitor as to his legal right to the land.—C.N., 23/2/74. Yes.—W.B., 23/2/74.

No. 4.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 March, 1874.

With reference to your letter of the 18th December last, respecting the two conditional purchases made by your son, John Comans, now deceased, noted in the margin, and inquiring what course you are to pursue so that the land shall be secured to you, I am directed to apprise you that you will be provisionally recognised as the holder of the conditional purchase in question so long as you fulfil the conditions of residence and improvements required by the Act; but it will be necessary that you should obtain and forward the certificate of the Crown Solicitor as to your legal right to the land before you will be allowed to transfer the selections or deeds of grant can issue in your favour.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 5.

The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lands Office, Wagga Wagga, 11 September, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit the within notice for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands.

I have, &c.,

EDWIN H. TOMPSON,

Crown Lands Agent.

Minutes on No. 5.

Mr. Williams' attention should be drawn to the letter sent to Mr. Michael Comans, senior, on the 16th March last.—W.B., 7/12/74.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Yes.—A.O.M., 11/12/74.

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

Mr. W. Willans, solicitor, to The Clerk of the Bench, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 28 August, 1874.

On behalf of Mr. Michael Comans, of Combaning, father of John Comans (deceased), I have to give you notice that the same Michael Comans claims to have the deposit of £50 on the conditional purchase of 200 acres, made by John Comans, his son (made 7th August, 1873), at Wagga Wagga, refunded to him, on the ground that the same selection has not been surveyed by the Government within twelve months from the date of purchase.

I have, &c.,

WM. WILLANS,

Solicitor, Wagga Wagga.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. Willans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 December, 1874.

With reference to your letter of the 28th August last, requesting, on behalf of Michael Comans, that the deposit paid on the conditional purchase made by his son, John Comans, now deceased, may be refunded, as the land has not been measured within the period allowed by law, I am directed to apprise you that it is necessary that your client should furnish a certificate of the Crown Solicitor as to his legal right to the land before any action can be taken in the matter, to which effect Mr. Comans was apprised by my letter of the 16th March last.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 7.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Commins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 25 October, 1876.

In accordance with instructions received with your letter of 11th October, 1873, and of 23rd February, 1874, I have the honor to transmit herewith plan of portions 11 and 12, parish of Sebastopol, county of Clarendon, No. 11 applied for under the 13th clause, No. 12 under the 21st, by John Comans. C.P. 73-8,111. A.C.P. 73-8,112.

Applicant is not residing. Improvements consist of a dam, worth about £100, on No. 12, and rung timber and scrub cut down on No. 11 cost about £30.

Applicant died very shortly after the land was applied for. His father, who is the lessee of the run, states that he will fully improve portion 11 if allowed to hold it without residence.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE COMMINS,

Licensed Surveyor.

No. 8.

Description of 200 acres, parish of Sebastopol, county of Clarendon.

Conditional purchase 73-8,111.

200 ACRES, county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, portion 11: Commencing on the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, at a point distant 1 chain east from the north-eastern corner of portion 3 of 100 acres; and bounded thence on the west by that road bearing south 32 chains 63 links west 1 chain, and thence south 27 chains and 37 links; on the south by a line bearing east 33 chains and 88 links; on the east by the western boundary of portion 12 of 100 acres and a line in all bearing north 60 chains; and on the north by a line bearing west 32 chains and 88 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 9.

No. 9.

Description of 100 acres, parish of Sebastopol, county of Clarendon.

Conditional purchase 73-8,112.

100 ACRES, county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, portion 12: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 11 of 200 acres; and bounded thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 27 chains and 3 links; on the north by a line bearing east 37 chains; on the east by a line bearing south 27 chains and 3 links; and on the south by a line bearing west 37 chains, to the point of commencement.

No. 10.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 7 May, 1877.
Lapsed Conditional Purchases.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned conditional and additional conditional purchases of land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have become lapsed through non-receipt of the necessary declarations or non-payment of interest as prescribed by the Act; and that the lands will be offered for sale, as early as practicable, by competition at public auction, if not in the meantime conditionally purchased afresh, which they are liable to be, unless improved within the meaning of the said Act.

RICHARD DRIVER.

No. of C.P.	Purchaser.	Date of purchase	District.	Area.	Section of the Act.	County.	Parish.	Papers.
* 73-8,111	* J. Comans (deceased), * M. Comans previously * recognized.	* 7 August, 1873	* Wagga Wagga	* 200 acres	* 13	* Clarendon	* Warre Warroll	* 76-44,236
* 73-8,112	* Do do	* do	* do	* 100 ,,	* 21	* do	* do	* do
* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *

No. 11.

Mr. M. Fitzpatrick to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

251, George-street, 19 July, 1877.

On behalf of Mr. M. Comans, of Combaning, I venture to ask your kind interposition, under the following circumstances:—Mr. Comans' son John selected at Wagga Wagga, on the 7th August, 1873, two portions of land, 200 and 100 acres, in the county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol. The selector at once went into occupation, but unfortunately he died in November following. These lands were not measured, as the records of the Survey Office will doubtless show, until October, 1876, and Mr. Comans, reading the Act in 1875 as the great majority of people read it, did not perceive that he was called upon to make declaration or take any other action for three years from that date; but without any notice to him the selections were gazetted as lapsed on 7th May last.

I now enclose a declaration made before me by Mr. Comans of the material facts of the case, and I ask that you will reverse the forfeiture on these grounds:—

- 1st. Under the Act of 1875, Mr. Comans is entitled to claim three years, from October, 1876, for the completion of his improvements, the bulk of which are already made.
- 2nd. Mr. Comans having become the owner of these selections by process of law (he is heir to his son) is not required to reside on the land. There was therefore strictly no grounds for the forfeiture, unless it be the non-payment of interest, which he is prepared to rectify.

I have, &c.,

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK.

[Enclosure to No. 11.]

Declaration.

In the Colony of New South Wales.

I, MICHAEL COMANS, of Combaning, in the district of Wagga Wagga, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that on the 7th day of August, 1873, my son, John Comans, selected at Wagga Wagga two portions of land, in the county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, containing 200 acres and 100 acres, respectively; that on or about the day of November, 1873, my said son died, leaving me his heir; that my said son during his life duly resided on the said 100 acres, and commenced to improve the same; that improvements have been constructed on the said 100 acres to the value of over £1 per acre, and on the 200-acre block to the value of five shillings per acre; that these selections were not surveyed until the month of October, 1876. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

MICHAEL COMANS.

Taken and declared, at Sydney, in the said Colony, this fourteenth day of }
July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, before me,— }

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK, J.P.

No. 12.

Memorandum.

THE purchases were declared lapsed in Gazette, 7th May, 1877. Mr. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. Comans (whose deceased son was the rightful owner of the land), states that the declaration was not sent in on account of Mr. Comans believing it unnecessary to do so until three years had elapsed from the date of survey, which did not take place until October, 1876.

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A statutory declaration has been received, setting forth the facts of the case, and Mr. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. Comans, requests an extension of time be granted, and the lapsing be reversed. He should perhaps be informed that as the first purchase is under the 13th clause, it was necessary that a declaration as to residence should have been made, and that until this document has been received no action can be taken in the matter. H.W., 20/12/77.

Minutes on No. 12.

By Chief Commissioner:—I shall take it as a favour if Mr. Blackman will endeavour to bring home to the person answerable for it the delay in submitting the enclosed papers, on which the last note is by Mr. Finch, 10th Sept. Urgent. Immediate.—A.O.M., 7/1/78.
 These papers reached this Branch on the 21st Sept. last, and were acted upon by me and handed to Mr. Curry for submission on the 25th of the same month.—H.W., 18/1/77.
 Mr. Curry is absent through illness.—W.B., 19/1/77.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Fitzpatrick.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 20 February, 1878.
 Referring to your letter of the 19th July last, on behalf of Mr. M. Comans, the father of the applicant (now deceased), for the conditional purchases noted in the margin, requesting that the lapsing thereof be reversed, I am directed to inform you that upon the final declarations in these cases being furnished, verified by the report of the inspector, the case as to the reversal of the lapsing of these purchases will be submitted for the consideration of the Minister for Lands.

Wagga Wagga, C.P. 73-8,111, 200 acres, 13 section. - C.P. 73-8,112, 100 acres, 21 section, Aug. 7th, 1873. John Comans, deceased.

I have, &c.,
 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

No. 14.

Mr. F. Fitzpatrick to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, 251, George-street, 18 March, 1878.
 In accordance with the terms of your letter of the 20th ultimo, in which you inform me that upon receipt of the declarations on the selections of John Comans, deceased, and their verification by the inspector, the reversal of the lapsing will be submitted for the consideration of the Minister, I now have the honor to forward the declarations in question (2), and will pay the interest due into the Treasury.

C.P. 73-8,111, 8,112, Wagga Wagga, Declarations (2)

I have, &c.,
 FRANCIS FITZPATRICK.

Minute on No. 14.

The writer of this letter, on behalf of Michael Comans, having forwarded the declarations, in accordance with the suggestion of this Department, it is submitted whether it be received, an extension of time granted to complete the improvements, and, in the meantime, the cases be allowed to go on to the inspector.—W.B., 25/4/78.

[Enclosure A to No. 14.]

C.P. No. 73-8,111. C. [Alienation Act.]
 Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
 I, MICHAEL COMANS, of Combaning, father of John Comans, a minor, deceased, also his administrator, do solemnly and sincerely declare that he was the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of ringing and clearing, and to the value of £25, have been made on such land at the time of his death; and I declare further, that the said land has been the bona fide residence continuously of the said John Comans from the period of selection and first occupation to the date of his death. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."
 Taken and declared at Wagga Wagga, this 11th } MICHAEL COMANS.
 day of March, 1878, before me, }
 WM. WILLANS,
 A Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.
 County of Clarendon, 200 acres, being conditional purchase No. 744 of 1873, in the district of Wagga Wagga, made on the 7th August, 1873.

[Enclosure B to No. 14.]

C.P. No. 73-8,112. E. [Alienation Act.]
 Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
 I, MICHAEL COMANS, of Combaning, father of John Comans, a minor, deceased, as also administrator, do solemnly and sincerely declare that he was the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a dam, tank, and house, and to the value of £100, have been made on such land at the time of his death. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."
 Taken and declared at Wagga Wagga, this 11th } MICHAEL COMANS.
 day of March, 1878, before me, }
 W. WILLANS,
 A Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.
 County of Clarendon, 100 acres, being conditional purchase No. 745 of 1873, in the district of Wagga Wagga, made on the 7th August, 1873.

No. 15.

Mr. F. Fitzpatrick to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

251, George-street, Sydney, 13 November, 1878.

C.P. 73-S, 111,
73-S, 112,
Wagga Wagga.

On behalf of Michael Comans, I have the honor to apply for an extension of time to complete the improvements on the selections noted in the margin, from three years from date of survey.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS FITZPATRICK.

Minutes on No. 15.

These purchases were lapsed on the 7th of May, 1877. Declarations have since been made, and the cases referred to Inspector Cullen for report, on the 16th July last. Until inspector's report has been received the matter cannot further be dealt with.—F.H.W. By Chief Commissioner:—Inform.—A.O.M., 3/12/78.

No. 16.

Mr. P. Cullen to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by Patrick Cullen, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of John Comans (minor), made at Wagga Wagga, on 7th of August, 1878.

Sir,

Parish Sebastopol, county Clarendon, 7 August, 1878.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 25th November, 1878, and that I found the selector, John Comans, then non-resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of box timber, red soil, and comprises 200 acres, is not occupied and used by John Comans as his residence, and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

There has been a house, but of no value.			
Sheep-yard, about half an acre, enclosed by a split fence	...	£20	0 0
All rung	...	25	0 0
Dam or tank, about 1,200 yards	...	100	0 0
Total	...	£145	0 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection.

I have, &c.,

P. CULLEN,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 16.

Section 13, area 200 acres; improvements, £145; deficiency, £55; residence not fulfilled; extension of time sought for to complete improvements. Submitted, under this report, that as the selector has not been continuously resident the lapsing be upheld.—F.H.W., 24/3/79.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Unless the claimants themselves elect to go before the Inquiry Court.—A.O.M., 23/4/79. By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 24/4/79.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. F. Fitzpatrick.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 20 December, 1878.

C.P. 73-S, 111,
73-S, 112,
Wagga Wagga,
M. Comans.

With reference to your letter on behalf of Mr. Michael Comans, applying for an extension of time to enable him to complete the required improvements on his selections noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that these purchases were declared lapsed on the 7th May, 1877, and that your client having since that date furnished declarations, the cases were referred to Mr. Inspector Cullen on the 16th July last, pending the receipt of whose report the matter cannot be further dealt with.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. F. Fitzpatrick.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 12 May, 1879.

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. No 73-S, 111
Do. 73-S, 112
Gazetted, lapsed
7th May, 1877.

Adverting to your letter of the 13th November last, on behalf of Michael Comans, relative to his selections noted in the margin, I am now to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided, on the report of the Inspector, that, as your client has not been continuously resident upon his selection, the lapsing of the same should be upheld. It is however open to Mr. Comans to demand a Court of Inquiry as to the conditions of residence having been complied with.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

No. 19.

Mr. F. Fitzpatrick to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

251, George-street, Sydney, 18 July, 1879.

C.P. Nos 73-S, 111
S, 112.

On behalf of Mr. M. Comans, I have again the honor to ask that the reversal of lapsing of the selections noted in the margin may take place. Mr. Comans never made any declaration as to residence, as he submits that under the 18th section of the Act, 1875, no residence is necessary.

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As this land has been considerably improved by my client, I would respectfully beg further consideration of the case.

I have, &c.,
F. FITZPATRICK.

Minute on No. 19.

Refer writer to the letter sent him of the 12th May last, apprising him of the decision of the Minister.—F.H.W., 31/7/79.

No. 20.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. F. Fitzpatrick.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 9 August, 1879.

In referring further to the case of the selections noted in the margin, as again brought to my notice by your letter of the 18th of last month, I have the honor to recall to your attention the Minister's decision thereupon, conveyed to you by letter under date 12 May last, and to the course opened to Mr. Comans, junior—proving the fulfilment of the conditions of residence before a Court of Inquiry.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. No 73-8,111
200 acres,
section 13,
7th August.
C.P. No. 73-8,112
100 acres,
7th August,
John Comans,
deceased, lapsed,
Gazetted 7th
May, 1877.

No. 21.

Mr. F. Fitzpatrick to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

251, George-street, Sydney, 22 August, 1879.

In reference to your letter, 12th May last, I have the honor, on behalf of Mr. Comans, to beg that the case be referred to the Commissioner for inquiry.

I have, &c.,

F. FITZPATRICK.

C.P. Nos. 73-8,111
8,112, Wagga
Wagga.

Minute on No. 21.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Special.—A.O.M., 23/8/79.

No. 22.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 October, 1879.

It is hereby notified, for the information of all parties interested, that declarations having been received under the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence and improvements upon the undermentioned conditional purchases, the claims of the holders thereof have now been severally referred, as hereunder detailed, to Commissioners, pursuant to the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.

Due notice will in each case be given by the Commissioners to the claimants of the times and places appointed for investigation of the claims in open Court.

JAMES HOSKINS.

Conditional Sales No.	Conditional purchase No.	Name of selector.	Date of selection.	Area.	District.	County.	Parish.	Commissioner to whom referred.
* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
78-9,819	73-8,112	Comans, John	7 August, 1873.	100 acres.	Wagga Wagga...	Clarendon...	Sebastopol..	George O'Malley Clarke, Esq.
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No. 23.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 February, 1880.

It is hereby notified, for the information of all parties interested, that information having been received to the effect that the conditions as to residence or improvements have not been, or are not being, fulfilled in respect to the undermentioned conditional purchases, the claims of the holders of such purchases have been severally referred to Commissioners for inquiry, pursuant to the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.

Due notice will be given by the Commissioners of the times and places appointed by them for holding such inquiries.

JAMES HOSKINS.

Conditional Sale No.	Conditional purchase No.	Name of selector.	Date of selection.	Area.	District.	County.	Parish.	Commissioner to whom referred.
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79-36,195	73-8,111	Comans, John (deceased)..	7 August, 1873	200 acres.	Wagga Wagga ..	Clarendon...	Sebastopol..	George O'Malley Clarke, Esq.
Do.	73-8,112	do.	do. ..	100	do.	do.	do.	
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No. 24.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 4 February, 1880.

I am directed to invite your attention to the notice in the Government Gazette of to-day's date, by which you will perceive that your claim to the conditional purchases made by you at Wagga Wagga, on the 7th August, 1873, has been referred by the Minister for Lands to Commissioner G. O'Malley Clarke for inquiry, in accordance with the 25th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the Regulations relating thereto, as to the fulfilment by you of the conditions thereof.

I am to inform you that due notice of the time and place appointed for the purpose will be given you by the Commissioner referred to.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales,
(Per W. ARDILL).

No. 25.

Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke to The Chief Commissioner.

Report of an inquiry held at Cootamundra, on the 9th March, 1880, by the Commissioner for the Central South-western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of John Comans (deceased), made at Wagga Wagga, on the 7th August, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, held by me, in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 31st October, 1879, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was represented thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz. :—The fulfilment of the conditions was proved.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be upheld.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE O'MALLEY CLARKE,
Commissioner.

Minute on No. 25.

By the Chief Commissioner :—Re-submit with original conditional purchase.—A.O.M., 25/5/80.

[Enclosure to No. 25.]

Court of Lands Inquiry, Cootamundra.

In the matter of John Comans, deceased, as to fulfilment of conditions of improvements in respect of 100 acres, parish of Sebastopol, county Clarendon.

The administrator of the estate appears.

Michael Comans, sworn, states : I am the father of the deceased, John Comans, who took up the portion of 100 acres under inquiry ; he died about three months after selecting the land ; I cannot say whether he resided on the original ; he was only there a short time—about a month before his death. The improvements are a tank and dam, £93 ; fence, £10 ; and a hut, £6. Total, £109.

Taken and sworn on this 9th March, 1880,—

GEORGE O'MALLEY CLARKE.

MICHAEL COMANS.

No. 26.

Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke to The Chief Commissioner.

REPORT of an inquiry held at Wagga Wagga, on the 19th June, 1880, by the Commissioner for the Central South-western Division, respecting the conditional purchase of John Comans (deceased), made at Wagga Wagga, on the 7th August, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the Gazette of the 31st October, 1879, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was represented thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz. :—The selector died three months after taking this land, having resided up to the date of his illness. The selections are improved to the value of 10/- per acre.

Under these circumstances, I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be upheld.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE O'MALLEY CLARKE,
Commissioner.

Minutes on No. 26.

For approval.—W.B. By the Minister for Lands :—Approved.—J.H., 27/10/80.

The interest on the conditional purchases has not been paid. The representatives of the late owner should be reminded of the default, and that the amount must be paid at once.—W.A., 21/1/81.

Remind.—W.B., 19/9/81. Reminded four times without avail. Submitted.—E.B., 17/4/82

Mr. Blackman. Submit to Chief Commissioner.—W.B., 25/4/82.

By Chief Commissioner :—For next lapsed list (re-advertise lapsing)—A.O.M., 4/5/82.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 26.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Before George O'Malley Clarke, Commissioner.

Court-house, Wagga Wagga, 19 June, 1880.

INQUIRY under the provisions of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, into the matter of the conditions of residence and improvements upon the conditional purchase of 300 acres, situated in the county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, made by John Comans, deceased, at Wagga Wagga, on the 7th August, 1873.

Michael Comans, sworn, states:—I know the two portions of land under inquiry, taken up by my son, John Comans, who died within three months of the selections being made; he resided there, but had to leave immediately afterwards through illness; the 100-acre portion is improved to the value of £145, and the 200-acre portion to the value of 5s. per acre. Taken and sworn on this 19th June, 1880,—

GEORGE O'MALLEY CLARKE.

MICHAEL COMANS.

No. 27.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 November, 1880.

Referring to your conditional purchases noted in the margin, which have been notified as lapsed in the Government Gazette of 7th May, 1877, in consequence of no declarations having been received within the prescribed time, I am directed to inform you that, as your declarations on the above purchases have been subsequently received, the forfeiture has been reversed, and the land withdrawn from re-selection by conditional purchase, to which effect the Land Agent has been appraised.

200 acres and 100 acres, selected at Wagga Wagga, on 7 Aug., 1873.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 28.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 November, 1880.

Referring to the conditional purchases made by Mr. John Comans (deceased), noted in the margin, which have been notified as lapsed in the Government Gazette of 7th May, 1877, in consequence of no declaration having been received within the prescribed time, I am directed to inform you that, as declarations on the above purchases have been subsequently received, the forfeiture has been reversed, and that the land is not now therefore open to re-selection.

200 acres and 100 acres, selected at Wagga Wagga, on 7 Aug., 1873.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 29.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 November, 1880.

Referring to the conditional purchases made by Mr. John Comans (deceased), noted in the margin, which have been notified as lapsed in the Government Gazette of 7th May, 1877, in consequence of no declarations having been received within the prescribed time, I am directed to inform you that, as declarations on the above purchases have been subsequently received, the forfeiture has been reversed.

200 acres and 100 acres, selected at Wagga Wagga, on 7th August, 1873.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 30.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. H. Bray.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 January, 1881.

Adverting to your letter of the 18th March, 1878, in the matter of the selections noted in the margin, of the late John Comans, of Combaning, in which you state your intention of paying the interest due into the Treasury, I have the honor to inform you that no interest has been reported paid on account of these purchases, and that it is necessary that the same should be at once paid, in order that the declarations may be finally dealt with.

Wagga Wagga; 73-8,111 and 73-8,112.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD BROWN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 31.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 9 June, 1881.

I am directed to remind you of a letter from this Department, addressed to your agent in Sydney, informing him that the interest on the conditional purchases noted in the margin had not been paid, but that it was necessary to pay it, and I am to request that you will forward the amount to the Treasury without delay.

Wagga Wagga; 73-8,111 and 73-8,112. John Comans.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD BROWN,
(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 32.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1881
 In reference to my letter addressed to you on 9th June, 1881, on the subject mentioned below, I am directed to draw your attention to the matter, and to request the favour of a reply at the very earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,
 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

Subject alluded to:—Requesting you to forward interest on conditional purchases Nos. 73-8,111 and 73-8,112.

No. 33.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 8 December, 1881.
 In reference to my letter addressed to you on the 9th June, 1881, on the subject mentioned below, I am directed to draw your attention to the matter, and to request the favour of a reply at the very earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,
 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

Subject alluded to:—Requesting you to forward interest on conditional purchases 73-8,111 and 73-8,112.

No. 34.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 February, 1882.
 In reference to my letter addressed to you on the 9th June, 1881, on the subject mentioned below, I am directed to draw your attention to the matter, and to request the favour of a reply at the very earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,
 A. O. MORIARTY,
 Chief Commissioner.

Subject alluded to:—Requesting you to forward interest on conditional purchases 73-8,111 and 73-8,112.

No. 35.

Mr. M. Comans to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir, Prairie Lands, Forbes, 27 February, 1882.
 I do myself the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of 17th instant, with reference to the interest due on the conditional purchases (viz., 200 acres original, and 100 acres additional) of my late son, John Comans, situated on Combaning Run, in the Lachlan district, selected at the Wagga Wagga Lands Office, in August, 1873, and requesting payment of the same.

I do not know the amount of interest now due upon the said conditional purchases, but upon your kindly letting me know I shall immediately forward you the amount.

I have, &c.,
 MICHAEL COMANS.

P.S.—I have lately changed my address. For my present address I will refer you to the commencement of this letter.—M.C.

Minutes on No. 35.

Forwarded to the Treasurer, who will be good enough to supply the information required.—W.B., B.C., 8/3/82. The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

By the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade:—The amounts required are—C.P. 73-8,111, £48 Os. 6d.; 8,112, £24 Os. 3d.—G.E. Treasury, 28/4/82. The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales. Michael Comans should be informed as above.—C.N.

Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, with a request that he will be good enough to state whether the arrears of interest due have now been paid.—W.B. (for the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales), B.C., 11 October, 1882.

The arrears of interest have not yet been received.—G.E., Treasury, B.C., 19 October, 1882. The Chief Commissioner, Department of Lands.

No. 36.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 June, 1882.
 With reference to your letter of the 27th February last, in reply to previous correspondence, and requesting to be informed of the amount of interest now due upon the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I am directed to apprise you that the amounts required are—for conditional purchase 73-8,111, £48 Os. 6d., and for conditional purchase 73-8,112, £24 Os. 3d.

I have, &c.,
 WM. BLACKMAN,
 (For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 73.

Wagga Wagga,
 C.P. 73-8,111,
 200 acres,
 7 August, 1873.
 C.P. 73-8,112,
 100 acres,
 7 August, 1877,
 John Comans

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No. 37.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. M. Comans.

Sir,
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 August, 1882.
In reference to my letter addressed to you on the 22nd June last, on the subject mentioned below, I am directed to draw your attention to the matter, and to request the favour of a reply at the very earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Subject alluded to :—Apprising you of amount of interest due on conditional purchases 73-8,111 and 8,112.

No. 38.

Gazette Notice.

Lapsed conditional purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 2 May, 1883.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned conditional and additional conditional purchases of land, under the several Acts relating to the alienation of Crown Lands, have become lapsed through non-receipt of the necessary declarations and non-payment of balance, interest, or instalment of purchase money, as prescribed by said Acts.

Any of these portions which may be open to conditional purchase may be selected on the expiration of thirty days from the present date.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Conditional purchase No.	Purchaser.	Date of purchase.	District.	Area.	Section of the Act.	County.	Parish.	Papers.	Lease Application.	Charting Numbers.
73-8,111 73-8,112	John Comans... Do	7 August, 1873. do	Wagga Wagga. do	acres. 200 100	13 21	Clarendon. do	Sebastopol. do	Correspondence 82-1,563 do	..... .....	C 1,365-1,578 do

No. 39.

Mr. A. J. Cape to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,
32, Hunter-street, Sydney, 25 May, 1883.

I beg to commend to your notice the following circumstances :—
According to my instructions, on 7th August, 1873, John Comans selected at Wagga Wagga the conditional purchases noted in the margin.

On 7th May, 1877, these conditional purchases were declared lapsed (John Comans having died in the meantime). On the 22nd of November, 1880, the lapsing was reversed, and in June, 1880, a Court of Inquiry having been held, the conditional purchases it is presumed were passed.

The lands in question were sold by Michael Comans, the administrator of John Comans, deceased, to Henry Arthur Palmer and David Blair, the Crown Solicitor's certificate having been obtained and transfer signed, but through some inadvertence the transfer was not lodged, nor was the annual interest from the 7th August, 1876, to date paid.

The conditional purchases were on 2nd instant gazetted as lapsed for non-payment of interest.

Under the circumstances, I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to reconsider the decision that has been come to in gazetting the lapsing of the lands, and direct that the same be reversed, on payment of the arrears of interest due to the present time.

As it is very necessary, in the interest of the owners of the selections, that an early consideration be given, I would respectfully ask your attention to the matter with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,
A. J. CAPE.

Minutes on No. 39.

Submitted.—W.B., 29/5.

By the Chief Commissioner :—Have the arrears been lodged?—A.O.M., 29/5/83. Not yet paid.—
W.H.B., 30/5/83.

By the Chief Commissioner :—Inform.—A.O.M., 30/5/83.

No. 40.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. J. Cape.

Sir,
Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 May, 1883.
With reference to your letter of the 25th instant, requesting that the lapsing of the conditional purchases noted in the margin may be reconsidered, I have the honor to inform you that the arrears of interest on the selection in question have not yet been paid at the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Wagga Wagga.
C. Ps. 73-8,111 &
73-8,112, 200
acres & 100 acres,
7 August, 1873,
John Comans.

No. 41.

No. 41.

Mr. A. J. Cape to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

32, Hunter-street, Sydney, 11 June, 1883.

Wagga Wagga,
C.Ps. 73-8,111 &
73-8,112, 7 Aug.,
1873, John
Comans.

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the arrears of interest due on the conditional purchases noted in the margin have been paid, as appears by the Treasury receipt herewith enclosed.

I would now respectfully ask your early attention to this matter.

I have, &c.,
A. J. CAPE.

No. 42.

Mr. A. J. Cape to The Chief Commissioner.

32, Hunter-street, Sydney, 28 July, 1883.

C.Ps. 73-8,111,
73-8,112, 7 Aug.,
1873, John
Comans.

REFERRING to my letter of 11th June last, I have the honor to request that you may be pleased to authorize the Treasury to accept the arrears of interest due on the conditional purchases noted in the margin, paid to that Department to Suspense Account, on 8th ultimo, in accordance with your request of 31st May last, if the decision of the Minister has reversed the lapsing of these conditional purchases.

As this matter is one of great importance in the interest of the owners of the selections, I would respectfully beg your early attention to this matter.

I have, &c.,
A. J. CAPE.

Minutes on No. 42.

It is stated in 83-5,000, paragraph 3, that the lands in question were sold by Michael Comans (the administrator and father of John Comans, the original selector declared) to Messrs. Palmer and Blair, who have now paid the amounts under reference (£87 15s. 9d.) But no certificate of the Crown Solicitor has been noted as furnished, and no transfer in favour of the present claimants.—C.N., 10/8/83.

The conditional purchases herein referred to were lapsed by Gazette notice, 7th May, 1877, for non-receipt of declarations. Declarations were subsequently received, and case reported upon by Commissioner Clarke, upon whose report the lapsing was reversed, on the 22nd November, 1880. The case however was again lapsed on 2nd May last, applicant having failed to pay arrears of interest due, which he was reminded so to do four times. Interest money has now been paid into the Treasury. It is therefore submitted that the lapsing be reversed, and the Treasury instructed to accept the money.—W.B., 16/8/83.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The interest has been allowed to fall into arrears for years, notwithstanding repeated applications to the parties. But it is of more importance to note that the conditions of improvements were never carried out as required by law. There should have been £1 per acre in '77. There was only 10s. in '80. And the conditional purchases having on the former grounds been declared lapsed, the reduction of value to 10s. per acre made in the year 1880 could not apply to old case. I do not think this case is one admitting of the default being at this late period condoned.—A.O.M., 17/8/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 29/8/83.

Submitted whether forfeited conditional purchase 73-8,112 of 100 acres (portion 12) be sent to auction. Improvements, £145, equal to 29s. per acre.—F.H.W., 12/10/83.

By the Under Secretary:—May be offered.—C.O., 13/10/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 15/10/83. Mr. Blake.—R.H.D., 16/10/83.

By the Minister for Lands:—I do not wish to punish the selector if the only question is as to whether the interest was paid in due course. I think that the lapsing may be reversed.—J.S.F., 18/10/83.

The Chief Commissioner.—R.H.D., 19/10/83.

By the Chief Commissioner:—See memo. as to improvements.—A.O.M., 22/10/83.

By the Minister for Lands:—It appears that this selection was forfeited or lapsed prior to the passing of the Act of 1880, therefore the lapsing cannot be reversed, as the 2nd clause of the Act of 1880 exempts all selections as regards improvements, and this land was not improved according to law at the date of lapsing.—J.S.F., 23/10/83.

Conditional sale, 83-6,604. Mr. Blake.—Conditional purchase 73-8,112 of 100 acres (portion 12) for auction, with improvements, £145.—R.H.D., 14/11/83.

Should not the portions 11-12 be included within the Sebastopol, Junee, and Eurongilly Gold-fields.—M.O'C. BLAKE, 20th Nov., '83. Mr. George Lewis.

No. 43.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. J. Cape.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 18 September, 1883.

Wagga Wagga,
conditional
purchase
73-8,111, 200
acres, 7 August,
1873, conditional
purchase
73-8,112, 100
acres, 7 August,
1873.
Treasury receipt.

Referring to your letter of 28th July last, and previous correspondence on the subject of the lapsed conditional purchases noted in the margin, and requesting that authority may be given to the Treasury to accept the arrears of interest due on same, paid by you on behalf of Messrs. Palmer and Blair, on account of the purchases in question, and placed in Suspense Account, pending the decision of the Minister thereon,—In reply, I have the honor to state that the interest on the purchases in question has been allowed to fall into arrears for years, notwithstanding repeated applications for same.

But it is of more importance to note that the conditions of improvements were never carried out as required by law. There should have been £1 per acre in 1877. There was only 10s. per acre in 1880, and the purchases in question having in the former year been declared lapsed, the reduction in value to 10s. per acre made in the year 1880 would not apply to the case.

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In view of the above circumstances, the Minister has decided that the case is one that does not admit of the default being at this late period condoned.

The Treasury has therefore been requested to return the amounts paid for interest, on application for same, and the Treasury receipt forwarded in your letter is herewith returned.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 44.

The Chief Commissioner to Messrs. Cape & Westgarth.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division.

Gentleman,

Sydney, 7 November, 1883.

Referring to my communication of the 18th September last, addressed to you, Mr. A. J. Cape, in reply to his letter of the 28th July last, on the subject of conditional purchases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister has decided that as the selections in question were declared forfeited prior to the passing of the Act of 1880 such forfeiture cannot be reversed.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Wagga Wagga, conditional purchase 73-8,111, 200 acres, 7 August, 1873; conditional purchase 73-8,112, 100 acres, 7 August 1873, John Comans, Lapsed.

No. 45.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of the Secretary for Lands—that the defined area enumerated in the margin, and situated in the county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, be proclaimed an extension of the Sebastopol, Junee, and Eurongilly Gold-field, under the provisions of the Mining Act of 1874. The above area was included in that originally recommended by the Department of Mines, and includes conditional purchases 73-8,111 and 73-8,112, which are lapsed, *vide* Gazette notice of the 2nd May, 1883. The original gold-field was proclaimed on 6th September, 1878.

Area, 300 acres.

G. LEWIS,

(For the Surveyor-General),

26 November, 1883.

Minutes on No. 45.

For approval.—F.H.W., 3/12/83. C.O., 5/12/83. By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 5 December, 1883.

No. 46.

The Secretary for Lands to His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council.

Minute for Executive Council.—Proclamation of Gold-field.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 December, 1883.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that the portion of Crown Land within described, in the county of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, containing about 300 acres, be proclaimed as an extension to the Sebastopol, Junee, and Eurongilly Gold-field, under the 10th section of the Mining Act of 1874.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Minutes on No. 46.

The Executive Council advise that the area of land referred to be proclaimed as an extension to the said gold-field.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 83-51, 11/12/83. Confirmed, 18/12/83. By His Excellency the Governor:—Approved.—A.L., 11/12/83.

No. 47.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 21 December, 1883.

Some two months ago this selector appealed to me, saying his selection had been lapsed for delays in paying the instalments, but that he had paid them up since, and the money was in the Treasury.

I waited upon you, and you said you would not deprive a man of his selection for that, and in my presence you made a minute on the papers reversing the voidance and reinstating the selector—see your minute dated 18/10/83.

When the papers went to the Chief Commissioner five days thereafter he made a minute directing your attention to some question about the improvements, and you put another minute on the papers, dated 23/10/83, conflicting with the one made in my presence, and it is this conflicting minute that I now ask you to correct.

The facts of the case are these:—

1. The selections were made in 1873.
2. The selector was a careless man, and omitted to make the declaration at the proper time, and the selections were lapsed, 7th May, 1877.
3. The declarations (two) reached the Department of Lands in 1878, and the case was sent to a Commissioner for inquiry, who reported, 19th June, 1880.
4. The lapsing was reversed, 22nd November, 1880, when the selector understood that all omissions and questions as to improvements were condoned.
5. The selector neglected to pay the instalments when due, and the selection was again lapsed, 2nd May, 1883.
6. It was this last lapsing that you reversed.

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After I had seen the minute put on the papers by you of the reversing of the lapsing, I advised the selector that the Minister for Lands had reinstated his selection. I only became aware of the subsequent dealings with the case yesterday, when I applied for the certificate.

The reversing of the first lapsing took place after a Commissioner's inquiry had taken place, and after the Department were fully aware of the extent of the improvements; and this was six months after the Act 1880. The selector believed that all his deficiencies had been condoned, and at the time I applied to you the only question was the delay in paying the instalments.

I therefore request that you will correct the minute of 23/10/83, and reinstate the selector.

Truly yours,
ROBT. BARBOUR.

Minute on No. 47.

By the Secretary for Lands:—I see no reason for re-opening the case.—J.S.F., 16/1/84.

No. 48.

The Secretary for Lands to R. Barbour, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 January, 1884.

With reference to your letter of 21st ultimo, on the subject of the conditional purchases noted in the margin, declared lapsed, and applying for a reversal of such lapsing, I have the honor to inform you that, after careful consideration of the circumstances of the case, the Minister sees no reason for re-opening the case.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. 73-8,111,
73-8,112,
7 August, 1873,
John Comans.

No. 49.

Gazette Notice.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM
to wit. } FREDERICK SEENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order
(L.S.) } of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, } and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Depen-
Governor. } dencies

IN pursuance of the provisions of the Mining Act of 1874, I, Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim that the following shall be deemed a gold-field within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act, that is to say:—

County of Clarendon, parish of Sebastopol, area 300 acres: Commencing at the north-east corner of portion No. 11 of 200 acres; and bounded thence on part of the east by part of its east boundary bearing south 32 chains 97 links to the north-west corner of portion No. 12 of 100 acres; thence on part of the north by the north boundary of that portion bearing east 37 chains to its north-east corner; thence on the remainder of the east by its east boundary bearing south 27 chains 3 links to its south-east corner; thence on the south by its south boundary and the south boundary of portion No. 11 aforesaid bearing west 70 chains 88 links to the south-west corner of the latter portion; thence on part of the west by its westernmost boundary bearing north 27 chains 37 links; thence again on the north by a line bearing east 1 chain; thence by a line bearing north to the western extremity of the northernmost boundary of portion No. 11 aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north by that boundary bearing east, to the point of commencement.

Including measured portions Nos. 11 of 200 acres and 12 of 100 acres, as shown on plan catalogued C. 1,365-1,578, Surveyor-General's Office.

To be called "An extension to the Sebastopol, Jewnce, and Eurongilly Gold-field," proclaimed 6th September, 1878.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES S. FARNELL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

No. 50.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 February, 1884.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the proclamation which appeared in the Government Gazette of the 18th instant, proclaiming certain Crown Lands, area about 300 acres, situate in the parish of Sebastopol, county of Clarendon, as an extension to a gold-field, under the 10th section of the Mining Act of 1874.

I have, &c.,
F. H. WILSON,
(For Under Secretary).

[One plan.]

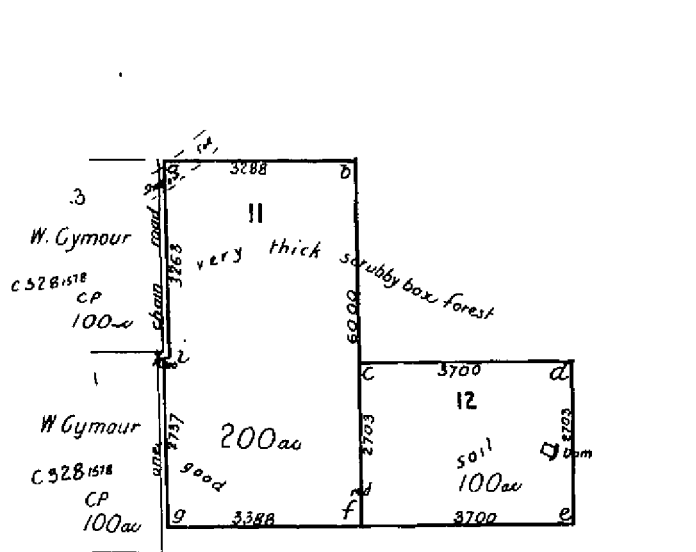
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON THE
CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS;

TOGETHER WITH THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,
MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND
APPENDIX.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 12. TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1883.

13. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of a claim made by Charles Stevens, and arising out of the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, tried in the Supreme Court.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Stokes*, *Mr. Coonan*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 91. TUESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1884.

7. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—*Mr. Vaughn*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th October, 1883; together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.
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CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 30th October, 1883,—“with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of a claim made by Charles Stevens, and arising out of the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, tried in the Supreme Court,”—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List,* whose *See List, page 5. evidence will be found appended hereto, find as follows:—

- (1.) That on the 26th October, 1880, Charles Stevens, junior, a minor, selected two blocks of land, Nos. 76 and 100, containing 640 acres, on the Wonjagong Run, near Forbes, such blocks having been gazetted for thirty-one days previously as open for selection.
- (2.) That Charles Edmund Pearson, the lessee of the said run, had previously held these blocks by virtue of purchase at a Sheriff's sale, without residence.
- (3.) That the said Charles Edmund Pearson entered an action against Charles Stevens, junior, and Charles Stevens, senior, for trespass upon the said land.
- (4.) That the result of the trial was that the forfeiture of the land by the Crown was upheld, and the right claimed by the lessee of the run to hold land by virtue of purchase at a Sheriff's sale, without residence, was declared null and void.
- (5.) That the said Charles Stevens, senior, in defending his son's title to the said conditional purchase, virtually settled, on behalf of the Crown, a most important point in the administration of the Land Law, and incurred an expense, in so doing, of £624 2s. 11d.

2. Your Committee, therefore, in view of the extreme hardship of the case, recommend the claim of Charles Stevens to the most favourable consideration of the Government.

R. M. VAUGHN,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Vaughn.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Vaughn,	|	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Day,	|	Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Vaughn called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That A. O. Moriarty, Esq., C. N. J. Oliver, Esq., and Mr. Charles Stevens be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past *One* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Vaughn,		Mr. Day.
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In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Vaughn in the Chair.

Mr. Stokes,	|	Mr. Day,
Mr. Coonan,	|	Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Charles Stevens called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in a printed letter, relative to his case, which he had distributed to the Members of the Assembly, and which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix A.*)

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That A. O. Moriarty, Esq., and Thomas MacNevin, Esq., be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to To-morrow, at *Eleven* o'clock.]

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Vaughn in the Chair.

Mr. Coonan,	|	Mr. Stokes,
	|	Mr. Day.

Mr. Charles Stevens called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That A. O. Moriarty, Esq., and Thomas MacNevin, Esq., be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Tuesday next, at half-past *Eleven* o'clock.]

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Vaughn in the Chair.

Mr. Stokes, | Mr. Day,
Mr. COOHAN.

Thomas E. MacNevin, Esq. (*Chief Clerk, Department of Justice*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* a letter from Mr. Stevens to the Department of Justice, asking for compensation in the case *Pearson v. Stevens*, with report from Crown Solicitor and Minute of Minister thereon, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix B.*)

Witness withdrew.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* papers relating to the case of Charles Stevens, and *handed in* copies of a *précis* of the case prepared by the Survey Department, of a minute submitted to the Minister for Lands, and the minute of the Minister thereon, which were ordered to be appended. (*See Appendices C 1, 2, and 3.*)

Mr. Charles Stevens called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Vaughn in the Chair.

Mr. Stokes, | Mr. Day.

Committee deliberated.

Adjourned to half-past Two o'clock this day.

There being no quorum at the hour appointed for the resumption of the meeting it lapsed.

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Barbour, | Mr. Day.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Vaughn in the Chair.

Mr. Barbour, | Mr. Stokes.

Chairman *handed in* a statement of the expenses of Charles Stevens arising out of the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix D.*)

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1883.

Present:—

MR. VAUGHN,
MR. DAY,

MR. BARBOUR,
MR. COONAN,

MR. STOKES.

ROBERT MATTESON VAUGHN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Charles Stevens called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are a selector, near Forbes? Yes.
2. You selected on the Wongagong Run? No; my son, Charles Stevens, junior, a minor, selected there.
3. About what time was this selection taken up? On 28th October, 1880, I think.
4. Had the land been previously gazetted as open for selection? Yes, for thirty-one days.
5. Did your son take possession of the land? Yes.
6. Did he make any improvements upon it? He did a little; he had three years to make the improvements in, and there was no hurry.
7. Was an action afterwards commenced by Mr. Pearson, the lessee of the Wongagong Run, against your son? Yes.
8. How long had your son occupied the land before that action was commenced? Very near twelve months before he was served with a writ.
9. What was the nature of Mr. Pearson's claim to the land? The land—two measured blocks of 490 acres and 150 acres—had been selected by John William Taylor, and purchased by Mr. Pearson at a Sheriff's sale. He brought an action in the Supreme Court against my son for trespass on this land.
10. What was the result of the action? A verdict for 40s. damages was given against my son.
11. *Mr. Coonan.*] The verdict was given against your son, on the ground that the land had been improved to the extent of £40? Yes.
12. And your son was mulcted in the costs of the action? Yes.
13. I believe in that action you gave evidence yourself, did you not? Yes.
14. And in giving your evidence in that action, you admitted that certain stock of yours was running on your son's selection with your son's stock? Yes.
15. With his permission? Yes.
16. I believe that, after that action was decided, a writ was issued against yourself for the trespass committed by your stock running on this land? Yes.
17. Did you make any application to the Government to defend the action? Yes.
18. What application did you make? I applied to the Government, through Mr. Armstrong, the land agent, to defend the action.
19. The Government did not take up the case, did they? No.
20. The action went on and was tried in the Supreme Court? Yes.

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21. On the case coming on for trial, do you remember whether there was an arrangement entered into that a verdict should be entered for the defendant and certain points reserved for the consideration of the full Court? Yes.
22. Which points the Court decided against you, and a verdict was then entered for the plaintiff for 40s. damages? Yes.
23. On the case going to the full Court, did you make application again to the Government for assistance—did you make application to the Government to take up the case and argue the points of law? Yes, to pay my expenses.
24. *Chairman.*] Because they were as much interested in the decision of these points as you? Yes.
25. *Mr. Coonan.*] Did the Government do so—did they engage counsel? Yes.
26. The Government engaged counsel and paid them? Yes.
27. Did the Crown Solicitor appear to instruct counsel? Yes.
28. What was the result of the argument before the full Court—was it in your favour? It was.
29. The decision of the full Court was that Charles Stevens, junior's, selection was a good and valid one? Yes.
30. And that being so, and it having been proved that you had his permission to run your cattle on the land in question, the verdict was entered against Mr. Pearson? Yes.
31. You are quite certain that the action brought against you for trespass was for trespassing on the same selection in respect of which a verdict was given against Charles Stevens, junior, in the previous case? Yes.
32. *Mr. Day.*] Then virtually the verdict given against Charles Stevens, junior, was erroneous and bad? Yes.
33. *Mr. Coonan.*] Your son did not go for a new trial in the case in which the verdict was given against him? No.
34. The reason for his not going for a new trial in that case was because he was completely ruined by defending the action? Yes.
35. It was after the verdict had stood in the first case, no new trial having been moved for, that the action was brought against you? Yes.
36. Only for your defending your own action in the second case, and going to the full Court, your son would have been ousted from his selection? Yes.
37. Your son was put to a lot of expense in defending the first action, was he not? Yes.
38. Have you any idea what the costs were? Over £500.
39. *Chairman.*] Did you pay those costs? Yes; I had to borrow the money from the Commercial Bank to pay them.
40. *Mr. Stokes.*] Are you prepared with a schedule of the costs? No.
41. *Mr. Day.*] Have you not the solicitor's bill? No.
42. How did you pay the costs without having the bill—did not your solicitor give you an account of the expenses in this action? No, I went and paid him as it went along; he never sent me any bill of costs; but I know I have laid out the money I have stated through the case.
43. Your solicitor never furnished you with an account? No, but I expect to get an account; I do not owe him much now, or he would have sent me an account long ago. I paid him as it went on.
44. What became of this land—who owns the land now? Another party altogether.
45. Was it taken away from your son? Yes.
46. Did your son allow the land to be taken up by somebody else after hearing the result of the action by Mr. Pearson against you—did he not take any action after that to establish his right to this land? No.
47. Why did he not? Because he had not the means.
48. It was on account of his being ruined? Yes.
49. What became of the land then? Another party selected the land.
50. Up to the decision of the Supreme Court in your case Mr. Pearson held this land by virtue of having purchased Taylor's right to it at the Sheriff's sale? Yes.
51. And by virtue of that he brought the action against you? Yes.
52. After the decision of the Supreme Court the land was open for selection? Charles Stevens, junior, was allowed to be the selector then; another party selected before the case was finished.
53. *Mr. Coonan.*] Who was that? William Stevens.
54. *Mr. Day.*] Did your son take no steps to establish his claim after the decision of the Supreme Court? No.
55. The selector who took the land up, William Stevens, kept it? Yes, he has it now.
56. Although he interfered with your son, and brought an action against him, Mr. Pearson did not interfere with the other selector? No.
57. Did you know the other selector? Yes.
58. Is he your son? Yes.
59. He has the land now? Yes; and the one who has paid all the costs has got no land.
60. Did your son, Charles Stevens, junior, make application to the Government for assistance? I made the application.
61. You made application to the Government on your son's behalf for assistance to defend the action? Yes.
62. Did the Government refuse? Yes.
63. *Mr. Coonan.*] When Charles Stevens, junior, was defending the action brought against him, he applied to the Government for assistance, and they refused to give it to him? Yes.
64. *Mr. Day.*] Has Charles Stevens, junior, made application to the Government at any time since that for compensation? Yes; I have been doing it for him.
65. How have you been doing it? By writing letters.
66. Have you sent the Government an account showing what you claim? I sent the Minister for Justice a letter in which I told him the matter had cost me over £500.
67. Did you give him any detailed account? I sent him an account of what I paid each lawyer.
68. Did you ever get any answers to any of these letters? Yes.
69. *Chairman.*] I made application for you on one or two occasions? Yes; before there was any trial at all you made application.
70. And afterwards? Yes.

71. *Mr. Day.*] Then virtually you got no satisfaction whatever from the Government? No.
72. What did they say in the reply they sent you? They said all they had to do was to pay for the full Court's decision.
73. And they would not recognize any claim of your son? No.
74. Have you got any documentary evidence to show that? Only what Mr. Coonan has in his hand now.
75. Was that a written letter? Yes.
76. And you have had it printed? Yes; I got it printed to send to Members of the House. (*Letter referred to handed in and read. See Appendix A.*)
77. Your son still considers that he is entitled to compensation from the Government? Yes.
78. Are you aware on what ground he claims compensation? On the ground of the cost he was put to in defending the action.
79. *Chairman.*] That you were defending an action which the Government should have defended? Yes.
80. *Mr. Day.*] Why should the Government have defended that action? ———
81. *Mr. Coonan.*] Was it not to prove the legal interpretation of the 18th section of the Act of 1875? Yes.
82. Which up to that time had been a disputed point? Yes.
83. *Mr. Day.*] The action established the fact that the Government were as much interested as you were in having this question settled? Yes; it threw all the land open, and it has been selected since.
84. Therefore your son considers, and has considered all along, that the Government were even more interested than him in the issue of this action? Yes, on account of showing the point up.
85. *Mr. Stokes.*] This case of yours virtually decided the question that purchasers of conditional purchases at a Sheriff's sale were under obligation to fulfil the condition of residence in the same way as the original selectors? Yes.
86. Up to that time it was considered that residence was not required after a Sheriff's sale? Yes.
87. Mr. Pearson, having purchased at a Sheriff's sale, proceeded against you for trespass? Yes.
88. You were actually fighting the case for the Government? Yes.
89. The Government so far recognized your position as to contribute towards your legal expenses? Yes.
90. *Mr. Day.*] But the Government never contributed towards your son's expenses? No.
91. *Mr. Stokes.*] Have you the date of the cancellation of this selection? No.
92. You knew at the time you selected the land that it was open for selection? Yes.
93. Thirty-one days had elapsed between the date of cancellation and the date of selection? Yes, that was proved in Court.
94. Then there was no legal obstacle to your son's selection? No.
95. How long was your son in possession before Mr. Pearson asserted his right to the land? I should say about twelve months.
96. Your son went into possession within three months of making the selection? Yes.
97. And he was resident? Yes, until he was put out.
98. I suppose you do not profess to be well up in business matters? No, I am no scholar.
99. The expense you have incurred in defending these actions has been paid from time to time, and you have not kept a complete account of it? No; all I can show is the Bank account—what money the Bank lent me.
100. You claim £500? Yes; I have laid out more than £500 on the case; I laid out £70 before I borrowed a shilling from the Bank.
101. You have no doubt the actual amount of your expenses was fully £500? Yes, over £500.
102. *Mr. Day.*] What is the name of your solicitor? Mr. McLachlan; his agents in Sydney were Stephen, Laurence, and Jaques.
103. *Mr. Coonan.*] You have had to come from Forbes to give evidence? Yes.
104. Forbes is your place of residence? Yes.
105. I suppose these cases were going on for twelve months? Yes, more; very near two years.
106. I suppose during that time your son and you were not able to do much in your way of business? No, I had to leave the harvest while I was in Sydney.
107. That cost you a lot of money? Yes, it did; and the surveyor cost me a good deal.
108. And as a matter of fact both you and your son were afraid to occupy the land, the subject of these actions, for fear of further actions, and you had to find other land to run your stock upon? Yes; I had to make away with my stock—I had to take away 500 sheep and sell them.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883.

Present:—

MR. COONAN, | MR. DAY,
MR. STOKES.

ROBERT MATTESON VAUGHN, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Charles Stevens re-called and examined:—

109. *Mr. Stokes.*] When you were before the Committee yesterday you were not prepared with a schedule of the expenses you were put to in connection with your case: can you produce it now? Yes. (*Statement produced.*)
110. *Chairman.*] The statement you produce shows a total amount of £508? Yes, that is as near as my head will carry it; I believe I am a great deal more out of pocket than that.
111. *Mr. Day.*] Did you get the statement you produce from your lawyer? I have receipts at home showing what the lawyer charged; the rest is money I paid away myself. I can produce receipts for the money I have paid to the lawyers.
112. Does the statement you now show to the Committee contain your son's costs as well as your own? Yes, the law expenses.
113. Do you expect compensation for your son's losses? Yes; they were all mixed up together; I think I should be allowed both.

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- Mr. C. Stevens. 114. You expect compensation for yourself and your son? Yes; my son bought, and reaped no benefit.
 30 Nov., 1883. 115. *Chairman.*] Would you have taken up the selection if you had not seen by the Government Gazette that the land was open to selection? No, I would not.
 116. It was because you saw by the Government Gazette that the land was open to selection that you took it up for your son? Yes.
 117. *Mr. Day.*] What age was your son when you took up the selection? Somewhere about eighteen.
 118. Were you present at the Lands Office when your son took up the selection? Yes; I acted as agent for him.
 119. *Chairman.*] I suppose the land agent did not say the land was not open to selection? He said it was open for selection.
 120. *Mr. Day.*] Your son asked the land agent if the land was open to selection, and the land agent said it was? Yes; the land agent filled up the application himself. It was in the time of Mr. Edwards.
 121. *Mr. Stokes.*] I think you said you were in possession of the land for twelve months before it was disputed—before you received intimation from the Government? Yes.
 122. Did Mr. Pearson pass any stock over your selection after you had it? No, he never interfered, but his overseer had several times to take the stock off.
 123. You held that to be trespassing, or an encroachment, by Mr. Pearson, up to the time of the action? Yes; it was decided by the Supreme Court that there was no trespass.
 124. *Mr. Day.*] Are you a selector on Pearson's run now? Yes, me and my family have somewhere about three selections. The section my son took up was the only ground available adjoining my own selection. The selections round about me had all been taken up under the Sheriff's sale system.
 125. *Chairman.*] The adjoining land had all been dummied? Yes; they were Sheriff's sale selections.
 126. *Mr. Day.*] Sold by virtue of a decision of the Supreme Court? Yes.
 127. *Chairman.*] They were taken up by some one in the interests of the run? It was believed so.
 128. *Mr. Day.*] You were living there, and would be likely to know—and you say that the land about you was dummied? Yes.
 129. *Chairman.*] There were no residences upon it? Not until after the sale.
 130. The selections were forfeited? Yes.
 131. *Mr. Day.*] How many of these forfeited blocks were sold? Eight or nine.
 132. By the Sheriff? Yes.
 133. Who had the judgment against the owners of them? Mr. Pearson. The greater part of them were selected a second time; the Government received a second lot of money for them. It is me and my son who have been at the expense, and the Government has received the benefit of it.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883.

Present:—

MR. COONAN, | MR. STOKES,
 MR. DAY.

ROBERT MATTESON VAUGHN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Thomas MacNevin, Esq., sworn and examined:—

- T. MacNevin, Esq. 134. *Chairman.*] What are you? Chief Clerk in the Department of Justice.
 5 Dec., 1883. 135. Do you produce certain correspondence called for at the last meeting of the Committee? (*Produces papers.*)
 136. What are these papers? These are the original papers. One is a letter from Mr. Stevens to our Department, asking for certain compensation in the case of Pearson v. Stevens; and there is a report from the Crown Solicitor, and instructions from the Minister to write a letter thereupon.
 137. And the others? I have prepared copies of the papers in case they might be required. (*Hands in copies of the papers. See Appendix B.*)

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined:—

- A. O. Moriarty, Esq. 138. *Chairman.*] You are Chief Commissioner for the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Department? Yes.
 5 Dec., 1883. 139. Do you produce certain papers in connection with the case Pearson v. Stevens? I have some papers here which relate to the case before the Committee.
 140. *Mr. Coonan.*] Do you know whether a person named Henry William Taylor selected two portions of land on — run about the year 1877? He did. Taylor applied at Forbes, in January, 1877, for two portions, one 490 acres and the other 150 acres, making 640 acres in all.
 141. Do you know what became of those selections, with regard to Taylor's holding them? In 1878, before Taylor had them twelve months, notification was received from the Sheriff transferring them to C. E. Pearson. That notification was not recognized because the selections had not been held for twelve months, and were not transferable under the law. Three years afterwards, that is in 1880, the selections became lapsed, the declaration of the residence by Taylor not having been received. I believe that a declaration was received from Pearson, but it was not recognized, because it was not a declaration by the conditional purchaser, and did not allege that he had resided on it.
 142. Therefore they were declared lapsed? Yes.
 143. This 640 acres was afterwards taken up by Charles Stevens, jun., at the Land Office at Forbes? Yes.
 144. On what date? In October, 1880.
 145. Can you find out from the papers whether Charles Stevens, jun., was ejected from the land, and had to give it up, by reason of any illegality or anything? An action was brought against him by Mr. Pearson, apparently in the Supreme Court, but I have here a *précis* of the case, prepared by the Survey Department, which I will read and hand in. (*See Appendix C 1.*) The subdivision of these portions, applied for by Charles Stevens and William Stevens, was approved by Mr. Hoskins on the 13th December, 1881. I may state,

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state, in connection with the trial against Charles Stevens, that it was mentioned to me in the office by a land agent, that the question of residence in Sheriff's sales was being tried, in this case, between parties one of whom had shortly previously sustained a defeat at the hands of the same plaintiff, in the Court; and I represented to the Minister that, as the question affected the general public, it ought to be fully discussed before the Judges. With Mr. Hoskins' concurrence I consulted the Crown Solicitor at once, and we went together to the Court, where we found that the counsel who had the case in hand had gone to Mudgee, and had handed over the brief to another, who had hardly had time to read it. By subsequent instructions from the Minister for Lands it was arranged with the defendant's attorneys as to the costs of the case, and Judge Innes' decision was given, in accordance with the practice of the Department. The matter went before the Full Court, and the appeal was defended at the public cost, but the Full Court upheld the decision of the Judge.

146. Well, then, the Department looked upon this question as one in which they were interested themselves? Unquestionably. I have here the minute which I submitted to the Minister at the time.

147. I understand you to say that, when you found that the legal interpretation of the 18th section of the Act of 1875 was going to be decided by the Full Court, the Government stepped in and paid the expenses of counsel to have the matter argued properly in the interests of the country? Yes. The paper I am going to read has regard to the case. (*Reads minute. See Appendix C 2.*) On that Mr. Hoskins wrote the following minute. (*See Appendix C 3.*) I also wrote to the Crown Solicitor, and I have here a letter from Messrs. Stephen, Laurence, and Jaques, dated September, 1881, in which they say they were acting in a case similar to that of Stevens and Pearson. The Crown Solicitor wrote to me in December, 1881, forwarding a letter from Messrs. Stephen, Laurence, and Jaques, and requesting instructions in the matter. I suggested that the Crown Solicitor might be advised in terms of the Minister's minute. Mr. Hoskins wrote approved, and that, as Mr. Salomon had a general retainer for the Government, it was advisable to retain his services in the case.

148. There can be no doubt that the Government were anxious to have the matter settled by the proper tribunal? None whatever.

149. And they took advantage of this action to appear by counsel at their own expense? I think the case was rather this: that without having any doubt about the legal point, finding that the issue was to be tried before the Judges, the Government were anxious to have it well ventilated, and not settled merely as an issue between the parties.

150. *Mr. Stokes.*] Did Stevens try at any time to get his money back when he was proceeded against by the lessee—have you any application from him for a refund of his deposit money? I do not think there is any such application as that. I have here a letter dated November, 1880, from Charles Stevens, but I do not observe any application of the kind you mention. In this very case, in the previous stage, with regard to the question of improvements, the practice of the Lands Department, resting on the understood terms of the law, and as affirmed under legal advice year after year, with regard to the value of the improvements necessary to bar selection, was not at all represented before the Court. And whilst I have sometimes been held to account for presuming to say that the judgment of the Supreme Court was not in accordance with the intentions of the Legislature, I repeat now that I entertain that view very strongly, having carefully read the judgment, and having, it so happens, drawn the interpretation clause of the Act of 1861 myself with reference to improvements. I do not believe the Judges could have read that interpretation clause, and in the circumstances I have felt entitled to call attention to it. I do not see how any one reading in that clause the words "not less than £1 per acre" could say that £40 in 640 acres would be sufficient.

151. *Chairman.*] What inducement was there for Stevens to take up this land—what was the peculiar machinery for voiding Taylor's selection—what was the nature of the advertisement in the Gazette? The declaration not having been received, the selection has become lapsed, and will be offered at public auction, unless previously selected.

152. The effect would be to notify intending selectors that this land was open to selection? The notice is very general in its terms, and possibly might mislead in some cases where improvements existed.

153. *Mr. Stokes.*] There is nothing in Stevens's application to show that he was cautioned by the agent? No, nothing of the kind.

154. And nothing existed at the time of his application to prevent him taking it up? If the surveyor was correct his application was a good one.

155. And this decision has for ever set at rest the doubt about residence after Sheriff's sales? Yes.

156. Since that decision there has been no notice of action in a similar case? The law was changed in 1880. The question arose under the Act of 1875, and when the case was tried the Legislature had in the meantime altered the law and made it more clear.

157. This action arose in 1880 or 1881, but could only proceed under the old law? The rights had been acquired under the Act of 1875.

158. That decision has cleared away the doubts that existed? I should rather put it that it has cleared away the grounds of any doubts on the mind of parties that the law exempted selectors from residence in such cases.

Charles Stevens recalled and further examined:—

159. *Chairman.*] Do you produce a list of your costs in this case? I wrote to my lawyers, and here is the answer from them. (*Produces letter.*)

160. *Mr. Coonan.*] Do you remember after the action going to the Department and asking for a return of your deposit rather than be put to any inconvenience? Yes, before the case started at all.

161. Who was Minister at the time? Mr. Hoskins.

162. *Mr. Day.*] That was your son's deposit? Yes; I asked for my son's deposit.

163. *Mr. Coonan.*] What was the result of the application? The result was that Mr. Farnell, the Minister of the day, refused to give up the deposit, as Charles Stevens, junior, was the rightful owner, and the other person had nothing at all to do with it.

164. Then you having applied for a return of the deposit, and being refused, you had no choice but to go on with the action or lose the deposit? None.

165. You were not anxious to go on with the action; you said you would sooner see him abandon it if he got the money back? Yes, that is so.

C. Stevens.

5 Dec., 1883.

- C. Stevens. 166. *Mr. Day.*] Did they positively refuse? Yes, on the ground that the selection was good; and when I delivered my message to Mr. Russell he asked me if I could take him before Mr. Farnell, and Mr. Farnell told me the same as I am telling you.
- 5 Dec., 1883. 167. *Mr. Coonan.*] That if he did not comply with the conditions he would lose his deposit? That was the answer from Mr. Farnell.
168. *Mr. Day.*] And it was a *bona fide* selection in law? Yes; afterwards the Judges decided that it was.
169. The last case that came before the Court was decided that your son's was a *bona fide* selection? Yes, but owing to his having had so many expenses he was not able to put in his claim for the amount.
170. *Mr. Coonan.*] He was ruined in fact? Yes, he was ruined. If they would have refunded his money he would have gone no further than that.
171. And you were driven into a lawsuit whether you wished it or not? Yes.
172. Will you supply to the Chairman a detailed copy showing the amount of your claim? Yes, I will forward it to the Chairman.
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CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS.

APPENDIX.

[To the Evidence of Charles Stevens, 29 November, 1883.]

A.

Sir, I beg respectfully to draw your earnest attention to the cases hereunder stated, with a view to obtaining the consideration of your Honorable House.

Braulin, Forbes, 2 August, 1882.

I am, &c.,

C. STEVENS.

PEARSON v. STEVENS.

1. On the 28th October, 1880, Charles Stevens, junr., selected blocks 76 and 100, containing 640 acres, on Wongajong Run, in the parish of Braulin, such blocks having been duly gazetted as open for selection.

2. Charles Edmund Pearson, the lessee of the said run, had previously held these blocks by virtue of purchase at a Sheriff's sale, *without residence*, and, disputing the legality of the selection, entered an action against Charles Stevens, junr., and self for trespass, assessing damages at £1,000 in each case.

3. As the Minister for Lands, who, having gazetted the land open for free selection, was the virtual defendant in the case, refused to act, I determined to act on behalf of self and C. Stevens, junr., he being my son and a minor.

4. The result of this trial, which came three times before the Court, was that the forfeiture of the land by the Crown was upheld, and the assumed right claimed by the lessee to hold land by virtue of purchase at a Sheriff's sale without fulfilling residence was declared null and void.

5. From these facts it will be seen that I was forced into contesting a most important legal point on behalf of the Government, they strangely enough refusing to take action, even in their own cause.

6. This unjustifiable action, with legal expenses, witnesses, &c., cost me at a low estimate £500, and on my applying to the Government to be recompensed as regards my costs I received the following reply:—

"Sir,

"Department of Justice, Sydney, 5 July, 1882.

"In reply to your letter of the 12th ultimo, respecting the payment of your costs in connection with the case Pearson v. Stevens, I am directed by the Minister for Justice to inform you that, as the Government, not being a party to the action, could not appear directly, the Crown Solicitor arranged with your solicitor that Mr. Salomons should appear as your counsel, and that all costs occasioned by his so doing would be defrayed by the Government.

"The costs to be paid by the Government were the costs of Mr. Salomons appearing before the Judge in Chambers and afterwards before the Court, and of your attorney instructing him so to do, and in no way affected the general costs of the action which you now apparently wish the Government to pay."

"I have, &c.,

"THOS. E. MACNEVIN,

"For the Under Secretary."

7. It will thus be seen that the Government intend merely to pay a very small portion of my costs, almost the whole burden falling upon me. And as I have merely fought this case out on their behalf, and have been at the loss of the land, as well as law expenses—for, *although I gained the case, by a strange perversion of the law C. Stevens, junr., lost his land*—I respectfully submit that my case is one that deserves the consideration of your Honorable House, with a view to my being recouped in the heavy expenses I have, as above stated, been put to merely because my son legally selected land declared open by the Government.

I am, &c.,

C. STEVENS.

[To the Evidence of Thomas MacNevin, Esq., 5 December, 1883.]

B.

Mr. Charles Stevens to The Minister for Justice.

Sir,

Braulin, near Forbes, 12 June, 1882.

I beg respectfully to lay the following facts before you for your information:—

I am defendant in the late important case of Pearson v. Stevens.

As I hear from my agent in Sydney that the Government, who were in effect the real defendants in that case, intend—as I respectfully submit they are bound in justice to—to reimburse me my costs, I beg to submit the following detail of such costs for your information.

For the opening of the case I paid cash to Mr. Whelan, solicitor, Forbes, the sum of seventy pounds stg. (£70). Prior to the case was called on he withdrew, as I refused to make certain admissions in favour of the opposing party. I then put the case in the hands of M'Laughlin & Pilcher, solicitors, of Orange, to whom I paid an additional fee of seventy pounds stg. (£70) to carry on the case. As the trial came before the Court in two cases I had again to pay M'Laughlin & Pilcher another fee of forty pounds stg. (£40). Subsequently the matter came before the full Court on appeal, and was dismissed with costs against the plaintiff. I may here mention that I understood the Crown Solicitor to state in Court that the Government would be responsible for all costs, in order to obtain an opinion as a test of the question of what is known as the "Sheriff sale" procedure being valid as doing away with the necessity for complying with the residence clause.

Although I thus gained the case, or rather gained it on behalf of the Government, it is thus obvious that I paid no less than one hundred and eighty pounds stg. (£180) for legal fees alone. In addition there were the expenses of three witnesses twice up and down to Sydney, and on the third occasion that of two. There were also heavy expenses incurred by myself travelling to and fro consulting my lawyers, in addition to my loss of time, and various incidental expenses.

The result is that in order to defend my rights I have had to mortgage my property for £500, and have been turned from a prosperous selector to almost a ruined man.

As throughout I merely acted according to law, and selected the land declared open by the Government—as in fact I merely fought out a test question on behalf of the Government—I trust you will see fit to reimburse me my expenses as soon as possible.

I understand that the costs in the case are now being taxed in the Prothonotary's office, and I respectfully request, as my bills are now over-due, that matters be settled with as great dispatch as possible. I have addressed this communication to you; as although I have written various times to my attorneys, Messrs. M'Laughlin & Pilcher, I have as yet received no reply from them. Trusting for equitable consideration of my case, —

I have, &c.,

CHARLES STEVENS.

Refer to Crown Solicitor as to real facts, and in what department the matter properly is at present.—16/6/82.
W.J.F. The Crown Solicitor, B.C., 17 June, 1882.—W. E. PLUNKETT.

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The Crown Solicitor to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Sir,

Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, 3 July, 1882.

I have the honor to return herewith Mr. Charles Stevens' letter to the Honorable the Minister of Justice, of date 12th June last, and, in reply to the minute of date 16th June, to state that this matter is with the Department of Lands, Conditional Purchase Branch, papers No. 55,596.

The statement made by Mr. Stevens, in his letter, that I stated in Court that the Government would be responsible for all costs, in order to obtain the opinion as a test of the question of what is known as the Sheriff sale procedure being valid is not correct; the question in which the Government was interested was, whether a sale by the Sheriff of the conditional purchaser's interest in land was a devolution of his estate by operation of law which rendered residence by the purchaser unnecessary. The Department of Lands, hearing that this question would be raised in an application in the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, requested me, by letter of date 13th December, 1881, 53,319-81 C.P., to arrange that Mr. Salomons should appear on such application, on behalf and at the costs of the Government, Dr. Sly being retained on behalf of Mr. Stevens. The Government, not being a party to the action, could not of course appear directly, and I therefore arranged with Mr. Stevens' solicitor that Mr. Salomons should appear with Dr. Sly as Mr. Stevens' counsel, and that all costs occasioned by his so doing should be paid by the Government.

The costs to be paid by the Government were the costs of Mr. Salomons appearing before the Judge in Chambers, and afterwards before the Court, and of Mr. Stevens' attorney instructing him to do so, and in no way affected the general costs of the action, which Mr. Stevens now apparently wishes the Government to pay.

I have, &c.,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
Crown Solicitor.

Inform Mr. Stevens in terms of the conclusion of this letter as marked.—W.J.F., 4/7/82. Mr. Stevens, 5/7/82.

The Under Secretary of Justice to Mr. C. Stevens.

Sir,

Department of Justice, Sydney, 5 July, 1882.

In reply to your letter of the 12th ultimo, respecting the payment of your costs in connection with the case of *Pearson v. Stevens*, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to inform you that, as the Government, not being a party to the action, could not of course appear directly, the Crown Solicitor arranged with your solicitor that Mr. Salomons should appear with Dr. Sly as your counsel, and that all costs occasioned by his so doing should be paid by the Government.

The costs to be paid by the Government were the costs of Mr. Salomons appearing before the Judge in Chambers and afterwards before the Court and of your attorney instructing him so to do, and in no way affected the general costs of the action, which you now apparently wish the Government to pay.

I have, &c.,
THOS. E. MACNEVIN,
(For the Under Secretary).

[To the Evidence of A. O. Moriarty, Esq., Wednesday, 5 December, 1883.]

C 1.

Précis.

Charles Stevens, C.P. 81-196; William Stevens, C.P. 81-190.

In this case Charles Stevens selected under C.P. 80-151, 28th October, portions 76 and 100 (640 acres), being J. W. Taylor's lapsed C.P., in November, 1880 (*vide* 80-47,293 C.S. enclosed). Stevens states that he believes improvements to the value of £130 or £140 had been effected by the original applicant (J. W. Taylor), and requested that a subdivision might be allowed should the whole area applied for, 640 acres, not be available, as he anticipated a difficulty with the lessee of the run. This letter was sent on to Mr. L.-S. Duffy for report as to whether the improvements referred to were so situated as to admit of measurement, in accordance with the regulations, of an area corresponding to their value. By the surveyor's report (81-33,127 C.S.) it appeared that improvements to the value of £84 (not including ploughing) had been effected on the two portions (£70 on portion 76 and £14 on portion 100); it was pointed out by the surveyor, however, that part of the improvements above referred to had been effected by the lessee of the run, during the currency of Taylor's C.P., viz., on portion 76, hut and fencing, valued at £31 7s. 6d., and fencing on portion 100, valued at £9 7s. 6d.

Before any action was taken on the surveyor's report, the whole of the papers were obtained, by order of the Supreme Court, in connection with the case *Pearson v. Stevens*, and the case decided against the conditional purchaser. "The question of the value of the improvements being left to the Jury, they found that the value of the improvements on each measured portion was above £40, and accordingly returned a verdict for the plaintiff." (*Vide* enclosure to 81-35,000 C.S. herewith.)

William Stevens now applies for "450 acres, being the remainder of portion 76 which will be left after allowing for the portion which the Minister for Lands may decide is improved."

Charles Stevens also applies for "110 acres, being the balance of measured portion 100 which will be left after the Minister for Lands shall have decided which portion is improved."

Although, according to the decision of the Supreme Court that improvements to the value of over £40 had been effected on each measured portion at the date of C. Stevens' application (80-151), such improvements are not so situated as to admit of measurement in accordance with the regulations of an area corresponding to their value, as may be seen on reference to the accompanying tracing.

The practice of the Department has been that, if improvements to the value of £40 or upwards on a conditional purchase were not so situated as to admit of their being embraced in a measurement, in accordance with the regulations, of a portion of corresponding area, such improvements would not bar C.P. It is therefore submitted whether under the circumstances of this case such practice is to be departed from, and the subdivisions now applied for disallowed, or whether the subdivisions should not be made as indicated by red lines on the tracing, so as to exclude from the C.P.s those parts of the portions containing the more valuable improvements.

It may be pointed out that no action appears to have been taken on C.P. 80-151, in view of the decision of the Supreme Court referred to. It is presumed that under the verdict given by the Jury the purchase is void, and consequently the deposit should be refunded. In the case of this C.P. no subdivision fee was paid.

CHAS. E. FINCH,
(For Surveyor-General).
9 Sept., 81.

B.C. The Chief Comr. Con. Sales.

The verdict had reference apparently to the eligibility of the whole area of the measured portion for conditional purchase, as containing improvements exceeding £40 in value, and will not affect the applications for subdivision, which may be dealt with apart from the general question of improvements. The red lines on the tracing indicating the subdivision applied for, and which it may be assumed from this report is unobjectionable on general grounds, may I presume be approved.

The question of the value necessary to exempt a measured portion from selection must I presume now be considered settled by the decision here quoted and a former one. I do not hesitate to say, with a full sense of responsibility, that I believe this decision to be contrary to the intentions of the Legislature.—A.O.M., 12/9/81.

C 2.

C 2.

Minute by Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.

I AM informed that in a trial now pending in the Supreme Court, and which is to come on for hearing early next week (Pearson *versus* Stevens), the question to be tried will depend upon the validity of the forfeiture of a selection transferred by the Sheriff, and forfeited for non-residence by the transferee.

Acting upon the opinion of the Crown Law Officers that section 18 of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875 (since repealed), exempting from the condition of residence persons acquiring land by testamentary disposition or operation of law, did not apply to voluntary purchasers from the Sheriff, of land subject to that condition, many such purchases have been, after inquiry as in that Act provided for, declared forfeited, and the lands afterwards dealt with as Crown Lands. There is reason to believe that great abuses were attempted under that section in cases of the class described, and in view thereof the action of this Department has been somewhat stringent. The question was recently brought under the view of the present Attorney-General, in connection with the somewhat similar case of purchasers from the Official Assignee of an insolvent estate, and Mr. Wisdom wrote an opinion under date 21/9/81.

It is now submitted that it is very undesirable that a question so important, involving the action of the Government in a variety of cases, should be settled by the judgment in a trial between parties, at least without its full bearings being argued in the public interest; and I venture to submit that the Honorable the Attorney-General might be invited to consider the subject, with a view to some arrangement being authorized for counsel to be retained in connection with the defendant's case, or otherwise as may be thought expedient.—A.O.M., 26/11/81.

C 3.

Minute by Secretary for Lands.

I CONCUR with the suggestions of the Chief Commissioner. The issue about to be tried in the Supreme Court in the case Pearson *v.* Stevens is so important, as affecting the administration of the law by this Department, that it is of the very highest importance that the Crown should be represented at the forthcoming trial by the ablest counsel whose services can be retained. I would beg to call the attention of my hon. colleague the Attorney-General to the urgency of this case, as well as to the fact that up to the present time this Department has always held that the sale of a conditional purchase by the Sheriff does not absolve the purchaser from the fulfilment of the condition of residence.—J.H., 26/11/81.

[Handed in by Chairman, 23 April, 1884.]

D.

Statement of the expenses of Charles Stevens, arising out of the action Pearson *v.* Stevens.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—Between Charles Edward Pearson, plaintiff, and Charles Stevens (the younger) and Charles Stevens (the elder), defendants. Two actions. Defendants' costs and expenses in defending above actions.

<i>Stevens, jun., ats. Pearson.</i>		£	s.	d.
Bill of costs of Mr. E. B. Whelan		76	2	3
Bill of costs of Messrs. M'Lachlan and Pilcher		96	18	3
Witnesses' expenses, May, 1881		173	12	6
Witnesses' expenses, July and August		169	1	0

<i>Stevens, sen., ats. Pearson.</i>		£	s.	d.
Bill of costs of Messrs. M'Lachlan and Pilcher		53	18	11
Witnesses' expenses.....		54	10	0

17 December, 1883. £624 2 11

I.

Forbes, 2 July, 1881.

Mr. Charles Stevens, Dr. to E. B. Whelan.		£	s.	d.
You <i>ats.</i> Pearson.				
31 Jan.—Attending you in long consultation hereon, and you paid me £10 on account of costs		0	13	4
12 Feb.—Having received letter of the 2nd instant from agent hereon, letter to him in reply, that defendant was a minor and would defend by his father.		0	3	8
17 „ —Having received letter of 15th instant from agent, with petition by defendant for appointment of guardian, and affidavit of attesting witness, and perusing		0	6	8
Attending you thereon, and you promised to bring your son into Forbes on Saturday next to sign petition, &c.....		0	3	4
18 „ —Attending you hereon, and you showed me copy letter you had written to Pearson, and other letters, which I advised you were a mistake		0	3	4
19 „ —Attending your son, reading over petition for appointment of guardian, and obtaining his signature thereto.....		0	6	8
The like for your consent		0	6	8
Attending swearing affidavit of attesting witness		0	6	8
Letter to agent, with petition and affidavit		0	3	8
19 Mar.—Having received letter of 17th instant from agent with copy declaration herein, and for instructions for pleas, perusing same		0	3	4
Copy for you		0	5	0
21 „ Letter to agent in reply.....		0	2	8
Attending at Mr. Fraser's, leaving word for you to call upon me when you came in		0	3	4
22 „ Attending at Lands Office for particulars of your selections as taken up and transferred by Sheriff to Pearson		0	3	4
Making copies of entries in Land Agent's book		0	10	0
Copy same for Sydney		0	7	0
23 „ Attending you and Mrs. Stevens, receiving instructions for pleas, and I handed you copy declaration herein		0	13	4
Copy of my letter to Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales		0	3	0
Letter to agent with same, and particulars of selections, &c.		0	3	8
Having received plan and particulars from agent, copy to keep		0	7	0
6 April.—Letter to agent hereon, returning plan and particulars		0	2	8
9 „ Having received letter of the 7th instant from agent, with copy pleas herein—perusing		0	3	4
Copy same for you		0	3	0
14 „ Attending you hereon, and with copy pleas herein, and explaining same to you.....		0	6	8
25 „ Attending you hereon, and I informed you that notice of trial had not yet been given.....		0	3	4
26 „ Letter to agent hereon		0	2	8
2 May.—Attending you obtaining some particulars of the value of improvements on the two portions 76 and 100, and you promised to give me fuller particulars to-morrow, and I informed you of date of trial		0	6	8

1881.		£	s.	d.
3 May.	Attending you hereon, taking particulars of selection and improvements thereon, and making plan of same and particulars	0	6	8
	Copy same to keep	0	3	4
	Attending at Lands Office to ascertain if land still on Lachlan Gold-field, and I found that it was	0	6	8
	Letter to agent, with sketch plan, and as to improvements, &c.	0	3	8
5 "	Attending you hereon as to fees herein, and I requested you to advance me £70 on account of costs...	0	3	4
6 "	Attending you when you paid me £60 on account of costs herein, and generally as to evidence	0	6	8
9 "	Having received letter of 7th instant from agent herein that Mr. Manning advised special case to be heard by the Court; attending you hereon, and you consented	0	6	8
	Telegram to agent informing him	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith, and paid 1s.	0	4	4
13 "	Attending you hereon, reading over Mr. Manning's opinion, Coonan and Ryan's letter of the 11th instant to agent, and agent's letter of the 11th instant to me, and advising you not to go to trial, and you promised to see me again	0	6	8
	Attending you and Mr. Wilson, explaining matters to Wilson, and showing him Mr. Manning's opinion, &c., and you went away with him and promised to see me again	0	6	8
	Attending you again, when you said you would go to trial, and instructed me to wire agent so	0	3	4
	Telegram to agent accordingly	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith and paid 1s.	0	4	4
14 "	Attending you, when you informed me you were going to Sydney to-morrow, and I gave you my agent's address, and you said your wife would call upon me on Monday, as to evidence, &c.	0	6	8
	Letter to agent	0	2	8
17 "	Received telegram from agent asking if I would consent to transfer case to another attorney, telegram in reply that I would	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith, and paid 1s.	0	4	4
19 "	Having received letter of the 17th instant from agent informing me of your offer to sell out to Pearson for £1,600, and with subpoena herein, letter to agent in reply thereto	0	3	8
21 "	Letter to agent returning subpoena herein, and informing him that I had urged Stevens previous to his leaving Forbes to see Surveyor Duffy	0	3	8
	Having received telegram from agent of to-day requesting me to send him letter-press copy of application for subdivision, letter to him therewith	0	2	8
23 "	Having received letters of the 20th instant from agent hereon, also letter of the 21st instant hereon, letter to agent in reply	0	2	8
26 "	Having received telegram from agent asking me to get Commercial Bank to send Pearson's cheque in favour of Stevens for building on Taylor's selection, about April, 1877; attending Manager Commercial Bank hereon, who said that he could not send cheques without Pearson's order, and that he would not be able to distinguish those cheques, as Pearson always drew against numbers	0	6	8
	Telegram to agent, informing him that Morrow would not send cheques without Pearson's order	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith, and paid 1s.	0	4	4
	Letter to agent hereon	0	2	8
30 "	Having received letter from agent, of 27th instant, hereon, attending you hereon after your return from Sydney	0	6	8
	Telegram to agent in reply to his letter of 27th instant	0	2	8
31 "	Letter to you requesting you to employ another attorney.	0	2	8
	Letter to agent informing him	0	2	8
2 June.	Attending you and your wife as to my letter to you requesting you to employ another attorney, and you said you did not wish to do so	0	6	8
11 "	Having received telegram from you from Orange, requesting me to send you papers herein to Orange, telegram in reply	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith	0	3	4
13 "	Telegram to you that I was sending papers to Mr. M'Lachlan to-day	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith	0	3	4
	Telegram to agent to send papers, briefs, &c., to Messrs. M'Lachlan and Pilcher of Orange	0	2	0
	Attending telegraph office therewith	0	3	4
	Letter to Messrs. M'Lachlan and Pilcher, of Orange, with all the papers I had herein	0	2	8
		£14	19	6

AGENCY COSTS.

1st Term, 1881.

Instructions and warrant to defend	0	9	2
Search for precipe	0	4	4
Having received letter that defendant was an infant, letter to plaintiff's attorney as to non-appearance in due time and attending; instructions for petition and affidavit for application for appointment of guardian <i>ad litem</i>	0	6	8
Drawing and engrossing petition	0	8	0
Drawing and copy consent of Mr. Charles Stevens as proposed guardian	0	2	0
Drawing and engrossing affidavit of verification	0	8	0
Letter with same and postage	0	5	4
Drawing and copy order for appointment of guardian	0	5	0
Attending Judge—petition granted and order made	0	6	8
Copy order to file and attending filing	0	4	10
Paid on filing order petition and affidavit	0	4	6
Copy and service of order on plaintiff's attorney	0	4	10
Instructions to retain Mr. Salomons, Q.C., and drawing retainer and attending him	0	6	8
Paid his fee	1	3	6
Appearance, entering and paid	0	12	1
Notice of appearance, copy, and service	0	4	0
Search for declaration	0	4	4
Copy declaration for Mr. Whelan	0	2	0
Perusing and considering declaration	0	6	8
Demand of plan and particulars, copy, and service	0	5	0
Attending plaintiff's attorney, obtaining a week's further time to plead	0	3	4
Having received copy plan and particulars, perusing and considering same	0	6	8
Copy for Mr. Whelan	0	1	6
Attending at Lands Office searching for and perusing original application	0	6	8
Instructions for pleas	0	13	4
Not having received full instructions, attending plaintiff's attorney to obtain further time	0	3	4
Search for Gazette containing notification of lapsing of Taylor's selection	0	3	4
Drawing pleas	0	18	0
Attending Mr. Pilcher therewith to settle	0	6	8
Paid his fee	2	4	6
Copy pleas to file	0	6	0

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	£	s.	d.	
Drawing and copy order to plead several matters	0	5	0	
Attending Judge, same granted	0	6	8	
Copy order to file, and attending filing order and pleas	0	4	10	
Paid	0	2	0	
Copy pleas and order to serve	0	7	0	
Attending serving	0	3	4	
Copy pleas for Mr. Whelan	0	6	0	
Search for replication	0	4	4	
Long letter to Mr. Whelan on case and as to time of trial	0	7	6	
Instructions for conference on evidence	0	6	8	
Drawing case for Mr. Manning to confer and advise	1	0	0	
Attending him therewith	0	6	8	
Paid his fee	2	4	6	
Attending him in conference	0	13	4	
Having received his opinion, perusing and considering	0	6	8	
Copy same for Mr. Whelan	0	4	0	
Attending plaintiff's attorney as to proposed special case	0	6	8	
Letter to Mr. Whelan thereon	0	5	2	
Having received reply consenting, letter to plaintiff's attorneys thereon	0	3	6	
Having received letter from plaintiff's attorneys with admissions which they required to be made, perusing, and letter to Mr. Whelan thereon	0	6	8	
Attendances at Lands Office, endeavouring to expedite survey and subdivision	0	6	8	
Instruction for brief, including numerous and long attendances on witnesses, and taking minutes of evidence, attendance at Lands Office and on Mr. Farnell, and perusing and considering decisions of the Supreme Court relating to the points at issue in the case, and attending searching for judgments and executions against Taylor, under which his selections were sold by the Sheriff	8	8	0	
Paid searches	0	3	0	
Subpœna <i>ad test.</i> , issuing and paid	0	15	0	
Letter to Mr. Whelan therewith and thereon	0	5	4	
Copy subpoena and service on Mr. Golding	0	6	0	
The like on Mr. Turner	0	6	0	
Telegram to Mr. Whelan as to transferring case and attending	0	4	0	
Paid	0	1	6	
Subpœna <i>duces tecum</i> , issuing and paid	0	15	0	
Copy and service on the Surveyor-General, with notice of documents to be produced	0	7	0	
Paid him £1 ls., paid by Mr. Stevens to Mr. Cohen, afterwards returned by Mr. Cohen and given to Mr. Rutter; copy and service on Mr. Cohen	0	6	0	
Telegram to Mr. Whelan to send letter-press copy, application for subdivision, and attending	0	5	0	
Paid	0	1	0	
Letter to Crown Solicitor, requesting him to join in defence on behalf of the Government, and attending				
Telegram to Mr. Whelan to send cheques paid by plaintiff to Stevens for improvements on Taylor's selection, and attending	0	5	0	
Paid	0	1	8	
Drawing brief and proofs, 10 bf. sheets	3	6	8	
Brief for Mr. Salomons, Q.C., 17 bf. sheets	2	16	8	
Attending him therewith	0	6	8	
Paid his fee	13	2	0	
Brief for Mr. Manning	2	16	8	
May 26.—Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4	
May 27.—Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4	
Letter to Mr. Whelan thereon	0	5	2	
Having received telegram from Mr. Stevens to forward brief and papers to him at Orange, looking up same, making list, and making up same	0	6	8	
Letter therewith	0	3	6	
Paid postages	0	1	6	
Term fee	0	15	0	
Paid Mr. Farnell's fee	2	2	0	
	Cr.	76	2	3
By cash		70	0	0
	Balance	6	2	3

2.

Mr. Chas. Stevens, Dr. to M'Lachlan & Pilcher, solicitors, Orange.

C. Stevens, jr., *atts.* Pearson.

	£	s.	d.
1881.			
11 June.—Attending you, when you instructed us to take this defence in hand, when we informed you that it would be necessary for us to obtain the briefs and other papers	0	6	8
Drawing telegram from you to Mr. Whelan for same, and attendance	0	10	0
Paid	0	1	9
The like to his agent, Mr. Russell	0	10	0
Paid	0	1	5
13 „ Attending you on your bringing two packets of papers herein, received from Mr. Russell, and a telegram from Mr. Whelan, refusing to send papers until you named an attorney to take his place, and conferring thereon	0	6	8
15 „ Received and perusing letter from Mr. Whelan accompanying papers	0	3	4
Perusing and considering at length papers in this case, issues, and brief; looking into the case fully, and ascertaining your position in respect thereof and as to your defence, and thereafter attending you, conferring thereon at great length, and obtaining all particulars in connection with your defence to this action	5	5	0
18 „ Letter to Mr. Whelan acknowledging receipt of papers	0	2	8
22 „ Received and perusing letter from you as to obtaining papers for surveyor, so that he might proceed with survey			
25 „ Writing letter in reply, and inquiring what papers you required from Mr. Duffy	0	2	8
29 „ Received and perusing letter from Mr. Fraser, written for you, giving information herein	0	3	4
1 July.—Letter to him in reply, and asking for further particulars	0	0	2
9 „ Received and perusing letter from Mr. Fraser, stating that you had received the papers required for the surveyor, and enclosing Mr. Whelan's bill of costs up to date of his withdrawal from case, and perusing same	0	6	8
12 „ Agents attending on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, requesting to know if we would consent to certain admissions specified in letter, and perusing			
Copy for country	0	1	0
Letter therewith, and for instructions	0	5	4

1881.		£	s.	d.
13	July.—Received and perusing letter from agents, enclosing copy letter from plaintiff's attorneys as to proposal to have a special case stated on certain admissions being made herein,	0	6	8
19	Received and perusing letter from you as to report of surveyor, and as to obtaining evidence of Taylor	0	3	4
22	Agents attending Mr. Coonan on his requesting to know if they had taken out an order for change of venue, and attending, informing him that they had received no instructions in the matter	0	6	8
23	Agents attending Mr. Coonan, when he asked them to make certain admissions, but, being without instructions, they declined	0	6	8
	Drawing and copy long telegram to agents, instructing them to get case postponed, and to lead up to settlement by way of special case, and also to see Mr. Russell and wire in reply, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	6	7
	Agents attending on receipt thereof, and perusing			
	Attending Mr. Coonan, when arranged if case came on before Wednesday it was to be postponed, and that on Monday we were to discuss matter and lead up to admissions	0	6	8
	Telegram to country thereon, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	2	5
	Attending on receipt thereof, and perusing			
	Received and perusing telegram from you herein			
	Drawing and copy telegram in reply, as requested	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	0
25	Long attendance by agents on Mr. Coonan, discussing proposed admissions, and arranging that they should wire to us, and that in the meantime if case called on, neither party to be prejudiced on account of absence of witnesses; long attendance	1	1	0
	Telegram to country as to proposed admissions, and asking for instructions	0	10	0
	Paid	0	3	11
	Long letter to country thereon	0	5	2
	Attending Court case in list	0	13	4
	Received and perusing agents' telegram informing us case in list for to-day, and as to proposed admissions	0	3	4
	Attending you thereon; conferring, when you instructed us not to make admissions	0	6	8
	Telegram to agents accordingly, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	0
	Attending you hereon, making arrangements for trial			
	Letter to agents introducing you to them, and instructing them as to counsel, and further as to case... ..	0	5	0
	Agents attending on receipt of our telegram herein, and perusing			
26	Received and perusing agent's letter as to proposed admissions, and considering	0	3	4
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter instructing them further in this matter			
	Agents attending you and your witnesses at length, going into the matter very fully, and arranging to see Mr. Manning at 4 o'clock	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Manning with brief	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	8	13	0
	Attending Mr. Manning with defendant, in conference, when he advised that we could not substantiate the proposed defence, and that after the decision of Blackman and Dobbin he thought we had better alter our mode of proceedings and make admissions, which defendant declined to do... ..	1	1	0
	Paid his fee and clerk	2	4	6
	Attending Mr. Coonan hereon, when we said we could not make any admissions, and he desired us to write him to that effect.....	0	6	8
	Letter accordingly, and attendance	0	8	4
	Long and special letter to country hereon, pointing out difficulties	0	5	2
	Attending Court; case not in list	0	6	8
	Subpœna <i>du te.</i> for Mr. Cohen.....	0	15	0
	Copy and service	0	6	0
	Subpœna <i>ad test.</i> for Mr. Pearson	0	15	0
	Copy and service	0	6	0
27	Received and perusing long letter from agents herein informing us of counsel's advice, and as to best mode of proceeding under the circumstances	0	3	4
	Received and perusing your telegram as to attendance of witnesses, &c.....			
	Telegram to you in reply, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	2	5
	Telegram to agents on case, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	2	11
	Letter to them to follow, and as to effect of cases recently decided and referred to in their letter, and as to Act of 1880 bearing on the case.	0	5	2
	Agents attending Court; case in list not on.....	0	13	4
	Attending delivering brief to Mr. Salomons.....	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	13	2	0
	Attending Mr. Russell for papers, when he handed them list of papers sent us, draft case, and draft declaration	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Manning with reference to admissions, conferring, when he requested them to furnish him with proposed admissions in writing	0	6	8
	Agents attending you hereon twice, conferring and advising	0	13	4
	Agents attending on receipt of telegram from us, and perusing			
	Attending Mr. Salomons, conferring as to admissions which he advised	0	13	4
	Long letter to country hereon, and as to your desire for our Mr. M'Lachlan's attendance on case....	0	5	2
28	Attending on receipt of agents' letter hereon, and perusing			
	Received and perusing your letter reporting hereon	0	3	4
	Agents attending you again and your witnesses	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Coonan, declining to make admissions, but offering to see counsel, and suggesting what admissions we wanted.....	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Salomons to appoint consultation	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	2	9	6
	Attending to inform Mr. Manning.....	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	1	3	6
	Attending consultation	1	1	0
	Letter to Mr. Coonan, pointing out the admissions we required	0	5	1
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter herein, and perusing			
	Attending Court; case in list not on.....	0	13	4
	Attending to re-seal subpœnas	0	6	8
	Copy and service on Mr. Cohen	0	6	0
	The like, Mr. Pearson	0	6	0
	Subpœna <i>du te.</i> for Mr. Duffy	0	15	0
	Copy and service.....	0	6	0
	Attending you hereon			
	Attending Mr. Manning with proposed admissions in writing, and discussing same with him.....	0	6	8
	Letter to plaintiff's attorneys on matter	0	5	2
	Letter to country, informing fully herein	0	5	2

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		£	s.	d.
1881.				
29 July.	Received and perusing agents' letter, informing us case would not come on till Tuesday, and as to making admissions, and as to section in Alienation Act of 1880 bearing on matter	0	3	4
	Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4
	Attending witness, Mr. Cohen, going through documents with him, and arranging for his attendance	0	6	8
	Paid him	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Coonan at length as to admissions, when same settled subject to your approval	0	13	4
	Attending you several times during the day, when you were to see them to-morrow, in order to discuss proposed admissions with counsel	0	13	4
	Attending for and obtaining Gazette with notice of forfeiture of Taylor's selection	0	6	8
	Paid	0	1	0
	Again attending Mr. Cohen, when he said he had received a telegram ordering him away to Cohar, and asking if we would dispense with his attendance, when they told him we could not	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Manning, instructing him to have case adjourned till Tuesday if it should be called on	0	6	8
30 "	Attending bespeaking Jury panel	0	6	8
	Paid	0	5	0
	Agents attending you on your calling, and pointing out to you admissions which had been arranged between them and plaintiff's solicitors to be made on both sides, and conferring with you thereon, and finally with you to counsel, who after conferring and discussing matter at great length, promised to see Mr. Salomons his leader, and confer with him thereon and let us know later, and attending Mr. Manning later, when he informed us that Mr. Salomons and he were both of opinion that the admissions should be made	2	2	0
	Letter to Coonan & Ryan (without prejudice) thereon	0	5	1
1 Aug.	Attending consultation with counsel from 11 till 12:30	1	11	6
	Attending you on the matter, when you were to see them to-morrow	0	6	8
2 "	Writing long letter to agents explaining that Pearson had originally caused the land to be selected in violation of the 9th section of Act 39 Vic. No. 13, and as to effect of decisions in late cases similar to this	0	7	8
	Agents attending you and Mr. Duffy, discussing matter and Duffy's evidence	0	13	4
	Attending afterwards with you to see Mr. Manning, but he was out, and appointing conference for 2 o'clock	0	6	8
	Attending at 2, but Mr. Manning still away, and arranging for consultation at 4 p.m.	0	6	8
	Attending at 4, when Mr. Manning being in, matter discussed, and he pointed out to you that £40 improvement on the whole block barred selection, on authority of Blackwood and Dobbin	0	13	4
	Attending with you to see Mr. Armstrong, land agent, but he was out, and arranging to go with you in the morning	0	6	8
	Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4
	Attending you and your witnesses, taking further proofs	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Manning in conference as to admissions, and pointing out the difficulties we were in, when he said the admissions were absolutely necessary to get our standing before a Jury	0	6	8
3 "	Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4
	Attending you and witnesses herein	0	13	4
	Drawing and copy admissions in amended form as suggested by Mr. Manning	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Coonan reading over same, when he signed, and attending Mr. Manning, who approved thereof, when they (agents) signed same	0	10	0
	Copy for Mr. Coonan and letter therewith and thereon	0	6	8
	Attending Court; case in list not on	0	8	4
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter herein and perusing	0	13	4
	Letter to country explaining position of matter	0	3	4
	Attending you on your calling, discussing matter further, and with you on Mr. Armstrong, instructing him as to obtaining approval of subdivision	0	5	2
	Attending Mr. Coonan making mutual admissions	0	13	4
4 "	Attending Court from 10 till 1 o'clock, when case fixed for 1:30, and attending from 1:30 till 5, case concluded, verdict for plaintiff 40s., the Jury finding that both portions were improved beyond £40	0	6	8
5 "	Agents attending you and Mr. Armstrong on your calling, and advising as to chances of success if an appeal were made, when Mr. Armstrong said he thought the Government would bear the costs of the appeal, to get rid of the decision of Blackburn and Dobbin	0	5	0
6 "	Letter to country hereon	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Coonan on his calling, and pointing out that his counsel had omitted to apply for a certificate of costs, and arranging that our counsel would appear and argue the matter at any time the Judge should appoint	0	5	2
9 "	Attending Mr. Coonan, when he wanted to make application for costs to-day	0	6	8
	Attending Mr. Manning on matter	0	6	8
	Attending you on your calling with a view to getting the Government to pay the costs of a new trial motion and appeal, and lending you Mr. Manning's brief, and also advising you as to re-selection	1	1	0
10 "	Attending Court; application for costs postponed till Friday	0	6	8
	Attending Court; application made and granted	0	13	4
23 "	Search for order for costs and paid	0	4	4
	Attending on receipt of copy	0	4	4
30 "	Attending paying Court fees	0	6	8
	Paid	0	6	0
	Term fee	0	15	0
17 Oct.	Agents attending Mr. Russell on his inquiring as to order for change of attorney	0	6	8
8 Dec.	Agents attending on receipt of copy bill of costs, affidavits of increase, and notice of taxation for 13th inst., and perusing	0	3	4
	Letter to country on matter	0	0	2
9 "	Received and perusing agents' letter hereon	0	0	2
13 "	Attending taxation, going half through bill, when same adjourned at request of other side; fresh affidavit of increase to be filed	2	2	0
20 "	Attending taxation, when same completed	2	2	0
	Attending Messrs. Coonan and Ryan, comparing and checking items and total	0	6	8
	Attending on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan requesting cheque for £254 13s. 2d., amount of verdict and costs, and perusing	0	3	4
	Letter to country on matter	0	5	2
	Received and perusing same	0	5	2
	Letter to you hereon as to payment of costs	0	5	2
	Term fee	0	15	0
		£96	18	3

Orange, 13th December, 1883.

3.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. No. 181, A.D. 1881. Between Charles Edward Pearson, plaintiff, and Charles Stevens, the younger, defendant.

1881.		<i>Defendant's witnesses' expenses.</i>	£ s. d.
—	May.—	Defendant, twenty-one days, at 21/-	22 1 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Charles Stevens, senr., twenty-one days, at 21/-	22 1 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Geo. Golding, twenty-one days, at 21/-	22 1 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Thos. Turner, twenty-one days, at 10/6	11 0 6
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		— Cohen, twenty-five days, at 21/-	26 5 0
		Travelling expenses, 400 miles	20 0 0
			£173 12 6

4.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. No. 181, A.D. 1881. Between Charles Edward Pearson, plaintiff, and Charles Stevens, the younger, defendant.

1881.		<i>Defendant's witnesses' expenses.</i>	£ s. d.
July and	—	Defendant, fourteen days, at 21/-	14 14 0
August.		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Chas. Stevens, senr., fourteen days, at 21/-	14 14 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Geo. Golding, fourteen days, at 21/-	14 14 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		Thos. Turner, fourteen days, at 10/6	7 7 0
		Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		— Duffy, fourteen days, at 21/-	14 14 0
		Travelling expenses, 276 miles	13 16 0
		— Cohen, eighteen days, at 21/-	18 18 0
		Travelling expenses, 400 miles	20 0 0
			£169 1 0

5.

Mr. Chas. Stevens, Dr. to M'Lachlan & Pilcher, solicitors, Orange.

1881.		<i>You ats. Pearson.</i>	£ s. d.
9	June.—	Received and perusing your telegram instructing us to enter appearance	0 3 4
		Drawing and copy telegram to agents instructing them, and attending to despatch	0 10 0
		Paid	0 1 0
		Letter to agents to follow.	0 0 2
		Letter to you hereon	0 5 2
10	„	Attending on you, receiving copy writ served on you, and taking particulars of your defence	0 13 4
		Further letter to agents hereon	0 5 2
		Agents attending on receipt of our telegram and letter of yesterday's date, and perusing	0 9 2
		Instructions and warrant to defend	0 4 0
		Search for præcipe and paid	0 4 4
		Appearance entering and paid	0 12 1
		Notice thereof, copy, and service	0 4 0
		Letter to country on matter	0 0 2
11	„	Received and perusing agents' letter hereon informing us appearance entered	0 13 4
		Agents attending on receipt of our letter of yesterday's date and perusing	0 4 4
		Attending you, perusing papers brought by you, and discussing the matter generally	0 5 2
28	„	Search for declaration and paid	0 15 0
		Letter to country informing that plaintiff had failed to file declaration	0 4 4
29	„	Attending on receipt thereof, and perusing	0 5 2
		Term fee	0 4 4
16	July.—	Search for declaration and paid	0 3 4
		Copy for country	0 4 4
		Letter therewith, and for instructions	0 3 4
19	„	Received letter from agents, enclosing copy declaration, and perusing same	0 0 4
27	„	Letter to agents instructing them as to pleas	0 6 8
28	„	Agents attending on receipt thereof, and perusing	0 5 2
		Attending Mr. Coonan for, and obtaining further time	0 6 8
		Instructions for pleas	0 6 8
		Drawing same and copy	0 13 4
		Attending Mr. Manning therewith to settle	0 6 8
		Paid his fee and clerk	2 4 6
29	„	Letter to country on matter	0 0 2
30	„	Attending on receipt thereof, and perusing	0 5 0
3	Aug.—	Drawing and copy order to plead several matters	0 7 8
		Attending Judge for signature, and paid	0 4 4
		Fair copy to file and filing	0 4 4
		Fair copy to serve and serving	0 3 4
		Fair copy pleas to file	0 4 4
		Attending filing and paid	0 3 4
		Fair copy to serve	0 6 8
		Attending serving	0 3 4
		Fair copy for country	0 5 4
		Letter on matter, and enclosing same	0 6 8
		Attending Mr. Coonan, and requesting to be supplied with plan and particulars	0 3 4
4	„	Having received from agents letter with draft pleas, perusing and considering same	0 6 8
6	„	Attending Mr. Coonan, when he suggested that this matter should be disposed of by special case, the only point to be decided as to whether the Sheriff's transfer gave the plaintiff a title without residence, and if decided in the affirmative a verdict was to be entered for the plaintiff for 40/- and costs; if in the negative, then for the defendant with costs, when they (agents) were to consider matter and let him know	0 5 2
		Letter to country thereon	0 6 8
		Received and perusing agents' letter submitting terms of special case for our approval	0 13 4
15	„	Agents attending our Mr. M'Lachlan hereon, conferring as to proposition to dispose of this matter by special case, as arranged, when he instructed them to carry out same	0 5 2

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1881.		£	s.	d.
19	Aug.—Agents, on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, as to settling this case by special case, perusing			
	Letter in reply stating terms on which they were to make a special case	0	5	1
	Copy correspondence for country	0	2	0
	Letter therewith and thereon	0	5	4
20	„ Attending on receipt thereof, perusing and considering	0	6	8
23	„ Letter to you, enclosing copies of letters received, and for instructions	0	5	4
3	Sept.—Received and perusing your telegram, promising reply on Monday			
6	„ Agents attending on receipt of and perusing letter enclosing draft special case for perusal and approval			
	Perusing and noting draft	0	10	6
	Copy for country	0	6	8
	Letter therewith and thereon, and for instructions	0	5	4
7	„ Having received from agents letter enclosing draft special case, with request to peruse and approve, perusing and considering same	0	6	8
	Copy thereof	0	6	8
	Long letter to you therewith and advising	0	7	8
10	„ Agents attending Mr. Coonan's clerk, on his urging them to return draft settled, and informing him it had not been returned, when he stated he would wire to country direct	0	6	8
	Received and perusing telegram from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan thereon			
	Writing letter to them in reply	0	5	2
12	„ Received and perusing letter from you with reference to special case	0	3	4
	Copy thereof	0	1	0
	Writing letter to agents therewith	0	5	2
13	„ Agents attending on receipt thereof and perusing			
	Agents attending on receipt of letter from plaintiff's attorney threatening to withdraw consent to agreement for special case, if not returned			
	Copy thereof	0	1	0
	Letter to country enclosing same	0	5	2
14	„ Attending on receipt thereof and perusing	0	6	8
	Writing very long and special letter to you as to the prudence of agreeing to the special case	0	10	8
15	„ Agents attending Mr. Coonan's clerk, on his calling and inquiring herein, and explaining matter to him, and reading extract from our letter to them	0	6	8
19	„ Having received letter from you enclosing extracts from land agent's books as to alienation by Sheriff's sale, perusing same	0	6	8
20	„ Writing letter in reply to you fully	0	5	2
	Term fee	0	15	0
7	Oct.—Agents attending on receipt of letter from Mr. Coonan threatening to withdraw consent, and perusing			
	Copy for country	0	1	0
	Letter therewith and for instructions	0	5	4
	Letter to Mr. Coonan informing him that they had written to us and on receipt of reply would write him again	0	5	1
8	„ Received and perusing agents' letter, enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. Coonan threatening to set case down for trial	0	6	8
10	„ Agents attending Mr. Coonan on his calling and urging consent to special case, when they read to him our letters and told him they were powerless in the matter, and he left intimating that he would set case down for trial	0	6	8
11	„ Search for joinder and paid	0	4	4
	Copy for country	0	1	0
	Search if cause entered for trial and paid	0	4	4
	Letter to country thereon, and enclosing copy joinder, and for further instructions	0	5	4
12	„ Having received from agents letter enclosing copy joinder and stating that they had received notice of trial for the 16th proximo, perusing same	0	6	8
	Copy of letter received from Coonan & Ryan	0	1	0
	Copy of our agents' letter	0	1	0
	Letter to you therewith and informing you as to trial, and to get witnesses ready	0	5	4
17	„ Letter to country hereon	0	0	2
18	„ Attending on receipt thereof and perusing			
24	„ Received and perusing two letters from you herein asking for particulars of evidence required for defence	0	6	8
25	„ Writing explanatory letter to you in reply	0	5	2
3	Nov.—Attending you on your calling			
	Telegram to our Mr. M'Laughlin who was away in Sydney, asking what was to be done, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	2
	Telegram in reply and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	0
	Attending, informing you			
5	„ Attending you and Mrs. Stevens in very long conference on the case, when you stated that you would be willing to have the special case stated in your son's case, discussing matter fully with you	2	2	0
9	„ Writing letter to agents, instructing them to see plaintiff's attorneys and ascertain if such an arrangement could be made	0	5	2
10	„ Agents attending on receipt thereof, and perusing			
	Attending twice to see Mr. Coonan, but without success, and leaving word with his clerk, who was to see him and afterwards see them	0	6	8
12	„ Attending Mr. Coonan's clerk on his calling, and explaining matter to him, when he said Mr. Coonan was ill, but he was going out to his house and would bring them an answer on Monday as to whether the point in the special cases would apply to both cases	0	6	8
	Received and perusing your letter and instructions to brief Mr. Buchanan	0	3	4
	Received and perusing your telegram asking for due notice of date of trial			
14	„ Agents attending again to see Mr. Coonan, but he was still ill in bed	0	6	8
	Attending at various offices inquiring as to probable length of cases proceeding	0	13	4
	Letter to country thereon	0	5	2
15	„ Attending on receipt of agents' letter herein, and perusing			
	Drawing and copy telegram to agents inquiring when case likely to come on, and attendance	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	0
	Agents attending Mr. Coonan, conferring, when he said his client would arrive on Monday and probably would consent, and suggested that in the meantime they should have written consent signed by you	0	6	8
	Attending Court, case not in list	0	6	8
	Attending on receipt of telegram, inquiring as to date of trial, and perusing			
	Attending at various offices inquiring as to probable length of preceding cases	0	13	4
	Letter to country with reference to special case and on matter generally at length	0	5	2
16	„ Attending Court; case not in list	0	6	8
	Drawing and forwarding telegram to you that case not likely to be on this week	0	10	0

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16	Nov.—Paid	0	1	2
17	„ Received and perusing letter from agents, stating that plaintiff's attorneys were willing to submit special case as drawn, and in the event of the question being decided in your favour to allow a verdict to be entered for you in each case.....	0	3	4
	Copy thereof	0	1	0
	Letter to you therewith and thereon	0	5	2
18	„ Attending Court; case not in list	0	6	8
	Attending Court; case not in list	0	6	8
	Attending Court, inquiring as to state of list, when they found there would be an extra week of sittings and three Courts sitting	0	6	8
19	„ Letter to country informing that case fifth in list for third Court, and asking if agreement signed.....	0	5	2
21	„ Received and perusing letter from agents as to probable date of trial	0	3	4
	Received and perusing letter from you declining the offer as to the special case.....	0	3	4
	Drawing and forwarding telegram to you that case would probably come on next Thursday, and requesting you to come with your witnesses	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	0
	Agents attending Messrs. Coonan and Pearson on their calling and discussing this matter, when they were to let our agents know to-morrow whether they would agree to the special case applying to both actions	0	6	8
	Attending Court; case not in list	0	6	8
22	„ Attending Court, searching list, and found case would be on to-morrow	0	6	8
	Telegram to country thereon	0	10	0
	Paid	0	2	3
	Attending on receipt thereof, and perusing	0	2	0
	Copies of your letters of the 10th and 19th instant	0	2	0
	Letter to agents therewith and thereon, and instructing them as to brief, defence, and retaining counsel, &c.	0	5	4
23	„ Attending Court; case in list not on.....	0	13	4
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter instructing them not to make admissions but proceed with defence, perusing	0	6	8
	Long attendance on Mr. Coonan, explaining that the case must proceed, as you would not consent to special case, and arranging that the trial was not to take place before Friday.....	0	13	4
	Instructions for brief, including numerous attendances on you and your witnesses, taking proofs of evidence, numerous attendances at Lands Office, Common Law Offices, Supreme Court, also Sheriff's Office, obtaining full particulars of the selections on which trespasses complained of were committed, and ascertaining exact position thereof as regards title, on which result of trial would depend, letters, attendances, and telegrams	31	10	0
	Drawing brief	2	6	8
	Copy thereof for counsel	3	0	0
	Attending Mr. Buchanan therewith and at very great length thereon, posting him up fully in all particulars of case and on points of our defence	1	1	0
	Paid his fee and clerk	11	0	0
	Attending on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan requesting definite reply whether matter was to be tried by special case, and perusing	0	3	4
	Attending Mr. Coonan, requesting him to admit due selection of land, to save expense of witness attending, when he promised to write to-night	0	6	8
	Letter to Coonan & Ryan, requesting them to state whether plan and particulars were the same in this case as in previous	0	5	2
	Subpœna <i>du. te.</i> Prothonotary.....	0	15	0
	Copy and service.....	0	6	0
	Letter to country on matter.....	0	5	2
	Received and perusing telegram from you stating you had received a telegram from Sydney stating that case would not come on before February	0	5	2
24	„ Letter to agents thereon	0	5	2
	Attending Court, case in list not on, mentioned at 3.30, ordered to stand first in list for Monday ..	1	1	0
	Letter to Coonan & Ryan, suggesting admissions	0	5	1
	Attending on receipt of letter from Coonan & Ryan refusing to make any admissions, and perusing ..	0	3	4
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter informing them of telegram received by you, and perusing ..	0	0	0
	Telegram to country in reply, stating they had not sent telegram referred to, and that case would be on on Monday.....	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	3
	Letter to Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, requesting them to state whether they would not admit that plan and particulars were the same in this as in other case	0	5	1
	Attending Mr. Buchanan to appoint conference	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	2	9	6
	Attending him in conference thereon, engaged over an hour	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Coonan's clerk, and subsequently Mr. Pearson, when arranged that case was to be fixed for Monday, and attending Court, when same mentioned and fixed accordingly	1	1	0
	Subpœna <i>du. te.</i> Minister for Lands	0	15	0
	Copy and service	0	6	0
	Subpœna <i>ad test.</i> Mr. Pearson	0	15	0
	Copy and service	0	6	0
	Letter to country fully on matter	0	5	2
	Received and perusing letter from agents informing as to brief delivered herein, also as to admissions applied for by them, and as to date of trial	0	3	4
	Received and perusing telegram from agents, stating that they had not sent you the telegram, and that case would be on to-morrow	0	3	4
	Drawing and forwarding telegram to you informing you thereof.....	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	2
	Writing letter to agents thereon	0	0	2
25	„ Received and perusing letter from agents stating that they had succeeded in getting case kept back till next Monday.....	0	10	0
	Drawing and forwarding telegram to you informing you thereof.....	0	10	0
	Paid	0	1	8
	Agents attending on receipt of our letter hereon and perusing	0	6	8
	Attending at Lands Office, ascertaining that clerk had papers ready, and informing him that case fixed first on list for Monday	0	13	4
	Attending Court; case in list not on	0	13	4
	Drawing proof of clerk from Lands Office.....	0	10	0
	Copy for Mr. Buchanan	0	3	4
	Attending you and then with you on Mr. Buchanan, at great length.....	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Buchanan subsequently, when he said he found he had to throw up brief and go to Mudgee, but had handed same to Dr. Sly, and attending Dr. Sly with Mr. Buchanan and you, at great length	2	2	0
	Letter to country thereon	0	5	2
26	„ Attending on receipt of agent's letter herein and perusing	0	5	2

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26	Nov.—Attending Mr. Coonan, when he declined to make any admissions, except that the trespasses and plan and particulars in this action were identical with that in the other	0	6	8
	Attending you, and then with you on Mr. Buchanan and Dr. Sly, from 10.30 to 1 o'clock, discussing the matter	3	3	0
	Attending you again, when you intimated that the Government intended to brief counsel, and attending Dr. Sly, informing him thereof	0	6	8
28	„ Attending Court all day, case on, verdict for defendant, leave being reserved for plaintiff to move the Court	4	4	0
	Letter to country on matter	0	5	2
	Paid cabs	0	4	0
29	„ Received and perusing agent's letter, informing as to result	0	3	4
5	Dec.—Search for memo. and paid	0	4	4
	Copy for country	0	3	4
	Letter therewith and as to seeing Crown Solicitor	0	5	4
	Letter to Crown Solicitor suggesting that we should instruct and brief Dr. Sly	0	5	1
6	„ Received agent's letter, enclosing memo. of notice of motion for leave to enter verdict for plaintiff, and perusing and considering same	0	3	4
	Instructions for brief to watch motion for rule nisi for leave	0	6	8
	Drawing same and copy	0	10	0
	Attending Dr. Sly therewith	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	2	4	6
	Attending Court motion, not in list, but called on and rule granted	1	1	0
	Attending Crown Solicitor, requesting to know whether the Crown would take the matter up, when he said he thought it would, but requested us to write again, so that he could lay letter before the Minister	0	6	8
7	„ Long and special letter to Crown Solicitor as to facts, and asking him to take up case on behalf of Crown to defray expenses	0	10	6
	Letter to country thereon	0	0	2
8	„ Received and perusing agent's letter reporting herein	0	4	4
	Search for rule nisi and paid	0	3	4
	Copy for country	0	5	4
9	„ Received agent's letter, enclosing rule nisi, and perusing same	0	3	4
	Attending paying Court fees	0	6	8
	Paid	0	6	0
15	„ Agent's attending on receipt of letter from Crown Solicitor, intimating that Crown would take matter up, and that brief should be delivered to Mr. Salomons as well as Dr. Sly, and perusing			
	Agent's attending Crown Solicitor to ascertain who would prepare the brief, when he said they were to do the work and the Crown would pay us for it	0	6	8
	Copy Crown Solicitor's letter	0	1	0
	Letter to country therewith and thereon	0	5	2
16	„ Attending on receipt of agent's letter enclosing copy Crown Solicitor's letter herein, and perusing	0	6	8
19	„ Agent's attending on receipt of letter from Crown Solicitor requesting to know when consultation was to be held, as he wished to be present at it, and perusing	0	3	4
	Attending bespeaking copy Judge's notes	0	6	8
30	„ Attending for same and to pay	0	6	8
	Paid	2	10	0
	Term fee	0	15	0
1882.				
2	Feb.—Instructions for brief to oppose motion for leave to enter verdict for plaintiff	0	13	4
	Drawing same and copy	0	16	8
	Copy Judge's notes to annex	1	16	8
	Attending Mr. Salomons therewith, and to arrange consultation	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	11	0	0
	Drawing and copy brief for Dr. Sly	0	16	8
	Copy Judge's notes to annex	1	16	8
	Attending him therewith	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	7	12	0
6	„ Attending Mr. Salomons, when he appointed 9.30 to-morrow for consultation	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	2	9	6
	Attending Dr. Sly, informing him thereof	0	6	8
	Paid his fee and clerk	1	3	6
7	„ Attending consultation	1	1	0
8	„ Attending Court; matter in list	0	13	4
13	„ Attending Court; matter in list	0	13	4
15	„ Attending Court on and off all day; case in list reached, and fixed for to-morrow	2	2	0
16	„ Attending Court; rule nisi argued, and discharged with costs	2	2	0
	Letter to country hereon	0	5	2
18	„ Received and perusing agent's letter herein, informing us rule nisi discharged with costs	0	3	4
	Letter to you hereon	0	5	2
22	„ Search for rule and paid	0	4	4
	Attending on receipt thereof and perusing			
	Copy for country	0	3	4
	Letter to country therewith, and for particulars of charges for taxation	0	5	2
23	„ Attending on receipt thereof and perusing	0	3	4
3	Mar.—Received and perusing your letter herein, and as to witnesses' expenses			
24	„ Letter to agents for names and particulars of witnesses	0	0	2
27	„ Agents attending on receipt thereof			
	Letter in reply, enclosing same	0	0	2
28	„ Attending on receipt thereof and perusing			
	Term fee	0	15	0
17	April.—Letter to country for particulars of charges	0	0	2
19	„ Attending on receipt thereof and perusing			
	Letter in reply thereto and with particulars	0	0	2
	Attending on receipt of letter from you herein and perusing			
20	„ Agents attending on receipt of our letter with particulars, and perusing			
23	„ Received and perusing further letter from you herein			
	Writing letter in reply	0	5	2
5	May.—Drawing and copy, bill of costs	2	5	0
	Copy for service	1	2	6
	Affidavit of increase	1	1	0
	Copy for service	0	13	4
6	June.—Letter to agents, inquiring herein	0	0	2
7	„ Agents attending on receipt thereof			
21	„ Further letter to agents herein	0	0	2
23	„ Agents receiving and perusing same, and writing letter in reply	0	0	2

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1882.		
24 June.	—Attending, receiving, and perusing same	
	Term fee	0 15 0
3 July.	—Letter to country, with affidavit of increase to be sworn	0 0 6
4 „	Attending on receipt thereof and perusing	
	Letter to you therewith, and instructions	0 5 6
	Copy affidavit to keep	0 6 8
8 „	Received and perusing letter from you, asking why law expenses not mentioned in affidavit	
	Letter to you in reply	0 0 2
10 „	Received and perusing letter from you, enclosing letter from Minister for Justice as to costs, and returning affidavit	0 3 4
	Copy letter of Minister for Justice to keep	0 2 0
	Letter to agents, returning affidavit of increase	0 0 6
11 „	Agents attending on receipt and perusing	
3 Aug.	—Appointment to tax, and paid	0 4 4
	Attending filing affidavit, and paid	0 4 4
	Notice thereof, copy, and service	0 4 0
	Attending serving copy bill of costs	0 6 8
10 „	Received and perusing letter from you, asking for return of letter from Minister for Justice, and as to this taxation	
	Letter to agents, inquiring as to progress	0 0 2
11 „	Agents attending on receipt thereof	
	Letter in reply	0 0 2
12 „	Received and perusing same	
	Letter to you, enclosing letter from Minister for Justice, and informing you as to taxation	0 5 2
14 „	Attending taxation from 11 to 1 o'clock	2 2 0
	Paid	0 5 0
	Going through and checking items and completing bill	0 6 8
15 „	Attending for allocatur	0 3 4
	Attending filing costs	0 3 4
	Drawing and copy judgment	0 10 0
	Attending signing	0 6 8
	Paid	0 5 0
	Entering proceedings on roll	0 18 6
	Letter to country	0 5 2
	Letter to Coonan & Ryan for costs	0 5 1
16 „	Received and perusing agents' letter, informing us of taxation	
	Term fee	0 15 0
31 Oct.	—Letter to Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, threatening to issue execution	0 5 1
6 Nov.	—Received and perusing letter from you, giving particulars of property standing unencumbered in Pearson's name	0 3 4
13 „	Agents attending on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, informing that Pearson had promised cheque, and perusing	0 3 4
	Letter in reply, declining to wait any longer, and intimating that, unless they sent their cheque, we would issue execution to-morrow	0 5 1
14 „	Attending Mr. Coonan hereon twice as to payment, and informing him we would have to issue execution	0 6 8
	Affidavit of debt	0 14 0
	<i>fi. fa.</i> , issuing and paid	1 14 6
17 „	Attending Coonan & Ryan repeatedly for cheque, and threatening to lodge	
18 „	Attending Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, stating that, unless they forwarded cheque for costs at once, we would lodge <i>fi. fa.</i> during morning, when they promised without fail to send cheque during morning	0 6 8
20 „	Attending Mr. Coonan's office again for cheque, and threatening to lodge execution, when he was out, and clerk said he had gone to see Mr. Laurence hereon	0 6 8
21 „	Attending Mr. Coonan; threatening to lodge <i>fi. fa.</i> , when he promised faithfully to let us have cheque to-morrow, and we agreed to hold our hand till 3 p.m. on that day	0 6 8
22 „	Attending on receipt of letter from Messrs. Coonan & Ryan, enclosing Pearson's cheque for £131 6s. 2d. Attending them, returning same, and pointing out that we must have costs of <i>fi. fa.</i> and cheque payable in Sydney, and receiving their cheque for full amount and giving receipt	0 13 4
	Letter to country thereon	0 5 2
23 „	Received and perusing agent's letter, informing us of settlement with plaintiff's attorneys	0 3 4
1883.		
31 Jan.	—Received and perusing your letter herein, enclosing advertisement of sale of Pearson's stock	0 3 4
		£187 13 7
	Deduct cash received from plaintiff's attorneys, being amount of taxed costs hereon, as between party and party, and costs of writ of <i>fi. fa.</i>	133 14 8
		£53 18 11
Orange, 13 December, 1883.		

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In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. No. 1,317, A.D. 1881. Between Charles Edward Pearson, plaintiff, and Charles Stevens, the elder, defendant.

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1881.		
— Nov.	—Defendant, fourteen days at 21/-	£14 14 0
	Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
	Charles Stevens, jun., fourteen days at 21/-	14 14 0
	Travelling expenses, 251 miles	12 11 0
		£54 10 0

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL
PURCHASE;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 56. THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1884.

7. GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Gould*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of the forfeiture of George Dougherty's conditional purchase made at the Lands Office, Gunnedah, on 18th May, 1876.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. McElhone*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Day*, *Dr. Ross*, and *Mr. Gould*.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 104. THURSDAY, 22 MAY, 1884.

4. GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—*Mr. Gould*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes and Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 14th February, 1884.
- Ordered to be printed.
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GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 14th February, 1884,—“with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of the forfeiture of George Dougherty's conditional purchase made at the Lands Office, Gunnedah, on 18th May, 1876,”—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find as follows:— See List, page 5

1. That on the 18th day of May, 1876, George Dougherty applied to purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, 317 acres of land situate on the Bando Run, being measured portion No. 60, County Pottinger, parish Calala.
2. That, consequent upon the report of Mr. H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, an inquiry was held at Tambar Springs, by Mr. Commissioner Delaney, as to fulfilment by the said George Dougherty of the condition of residence on the said conditional purchase, when the evidence of the said George Dougherty and Henry Vincent Geary, and that of James W. Jones and William Grace, the superintendent and sheep overseer respectively of the said Bando Run, was taken, and the said Commissioner reported that he found condition of residence not to have been fulfilled, and therefore recommended that the said conditional purchase should be forfeited.
3. That the recommendation for such forfeiture was approved on the 3rd December, 1878.
4. That the statutory declaration of fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements, as required by section 18 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, was duly made and lodged at the Lands Office, Gunnedah, by the said George Dougherty, on the 25th day of June, 1879, and the first instalment of £15 17s. on account of the said conditional purchase paid by him and credited at the Treasury.
5. That a further inquiry into the fulfilment of the condition of residence by the said George Dougherty was held at Tambar Springs, before Mr. Commissioner Delaney, on the 31st July, 1879, when the only evidence taken was that of John Smith and John Sharp, and the Commissioner reported as follows:—“I respectfully submit there is nothing in the evidence to warrant me altering the recommendation in my report of the 5th September, 1878; and I have therefore to report that I find such conditions of residence not to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be forfeited.”
6. That no action appears to have been taken by the Department upon such further report until the month of December in the following year, when the recommendation that such forfeiture should be adhered to was approved.
7. That no intimation appears to have been given Dougherty that it had been decided that the purchase should be brought forward for forfeiture until the 7th February, 1880.

8. That the said George Dougherty paid his annual instalments of £15 17s. on account of the said conditional purchase, for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881.
9. That in consequence of a letter from Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., praying for a rehearing of the case, the same was referred to Mr. Commissioner Delaney for that purpose.
10. That an inquiry by way of a rehearing was accordingly held at Tambar Springs, before Mr. Commissioner Delaney, on 1st December, 1881, when the evidence of the said George Dougherty and James William Jones, and that of Robert Sharp, W. Ryan, and John Pryor was taken, the whole of which indicated the fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements by the said George Dougherty, and the Commissioner reported as follows:—"I have therefore to report that I find such conditions * * * * * to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be . . ."
11. That notwithstanding such evidence and report, the forfeiture originally decided in 1878 was approved, and the land subsequently sold by the Crown to the Messrs. White, the owners of Bando Run.
12. That Mr. Commissioner Delaney, when examined by your Committee, explained that he made no recommendation as to forfeiture or otherwise in the report of the last inquiry, as it had to be decided by the Minister, and not by him. And further, that with reference to his last inquiry, if that had been the only occasion it had come before him, considering the evidence given by Dougherty on that occasion, he should have recommended that the selection be allowed.
13. That, in addition to the payment of the deposit of £79 5s. on application for the said conditional purchase by the said George Dougherty, he effected improvements on the same valued at £340, and further paid three annual instalments of £15 17s. each, on account of the said conditional purchase, making in all a sum of £466 16s.; and further, that he the said George Dougherty valued his said conditional purchase at upwards of £2 per acre.

2. Your Committee are of opinion that the conditions of residence and improvements in respect of the said conditional purchase were complied with by the said George Dougherty, and therefore recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Government.

*No. 2 Committee Room,
Sydney, 21st May, 1884.*

ALBERT J. GOULD,
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1884.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Gould.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Gould,	|	Mr. Burns,
Dr. Ross,		Mr. Day.

Mr. Gould called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Gould in the Chair.

Mr. Burns,	|	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,		Mr. Day.

A. O. Moriarty, Esq. (*Chief Commissioner for Conditional Sales*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness produced the papers relating to the case.

Witness withdrew.

John Delaney, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. George Dougherty called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Clerk submitted claim of Mr. John Delaney for expenses attending before the Committee.

Resolved,—That the sum of £6 3s. be allowed to Mr. Delaney as expenses.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Gould in the Chair.

Mr. Day,		Mr. Burns.
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Chairman submitted draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 1884.

Present:—

MR. GOULD, MR. BARBOUR,
MR. BURNS, MR. DAY, DR. ROSS,

ALBERT JOHN GOULD, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq., called in and examined:—

- 1. *Chairman.*] You are Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases? Yes.
- 2. Do you produce the papers in the case of George Dougherty's conditional purchase? Yes, I have the originals here. The papers have been printed from these. (*Papers produced.*)
- 3. Will you refer to the original of the report of Mr. Delaney, on page 11 of the printed papers, No. 22? This is, I think, his third report.
- 4. The final report? Yes. I think I see enough here to show that the printing of this document would convey an erroneous impression as to the meaning of the writer. I observe that this report contains no recommendation, but the last paragraph is printed in this:—"I have to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be and there it stops. It will be seen that this is a report on a printed form, and that there is a blank between the words "conditions" and "to," which has not been filled up, nor has any recommendation been made at the end of the passage. In fact, Mr. Delaney having reported twice previously that the conditions had not been fulfilled, and recommended that the conditional purchase should be forfeited, on this occasion made no further report or recommendation, but simply forwarded the additional evidence taken by him for the consideration of the Minister, omitting however to strike out these words of the printed form, which are meaningless as they stand in the original. I am speaking from memory, and under correction, of course.
- 5. *Mr. Burns.*] What was the final recommendation? There was no recommendation—it is merely a report of the evidence taken at a re-hearing. Mr. Delaney had twice previously reported that the conditions had not been fulfilled, and that the selection should be forfeited.
- 6. *Chairman.*] On this third occasion there was additional evidence, was there not? Yes. I think perhaps it will be well if I give the references in chronological order. By commencing at the last report the case is rather inverted. In 1877 the Inspector of the district reported that George Dougherty was not resident on his selection, and on that report the case was referred for investigation to Mr. Delaney. Mr. Delaney held an inquiry, and took evidence on oath from Inspector Geary, Mr. John William Jones, Mr. William Grace, and George Dougherty himself; and he found that the condition of residence had not been fulfilled, and recommended forfeiture. In November, 1878, the case was considered by the Minister of the day, Mr. Farnell, who approved of a recommendation of mine, in accordance with the Commissioner's report. On two subsequent occasions re-hearings were allowed; after the first of which, in 1879, there was a further report by Mr. Delaney, accompanied by sworn evidence, which was submitted to

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to Mr. Hoskins, in January, 1880, who also approved of a recommendation of mine, in accordance with the Commissioner's report, that the forfeiture should be adhered to. Again, at the request of Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co. and some other parties, a further inquiry was allowed, the report of which is dated in January, 1882; that was submitted to Sir John Robertson, whose decision confirmed that given by his two predecessors. Subsequently to that there was an application for a remission of the forfeiture, and a re-hearing by H. H. Brown & Co.

7. *Chairman.*] Nothing further was done in the way of inquiry? These representations were submitted to Sir John Robertson, who, on a review of the case, declined to alter his decision.

8. Referring to this third report of Mr. Delaney, is it usual to have these reports sent in without any recommendation? No. I find that in this case there is a remark on the margin by Mr. Blackman, calling attention to the fact that there was no recommendation.

9. Mr. Delaney was not communicated with by the Department with reference to that omission? No; the Commissioner had already expressed his view of the case, and the evidence taken by him at this re-hearing was submitted to the Minister for his decision. The Commissioner was told to make a third inquiry, and forwarded the evidence without offering any further opinion, making no recommendation in fact.

10. It seems to me hardly consistent with your statement, that he had not modified his opinion, when he states that he finds "such conditions to have been fulfilled"? I have already stated my belief that that arises from the Commissioner having allowed the words of the printed form to remain in his report uncanceled: and from their being, for convenience, so printed as to form part of his report, which requires additional words to be written in the blanks to make it intelligible; the naked words of an incomplete sentence, as printed, leave a false impression.

11. *Mr. Barbour.*] How could you submit your conclusion to the Minister, and how could the Minister form his opinion, without having a recommendation there? I formed my impression of the case, and so, I presume, did the Minister, from the sworn evidence taken at the several hearings.

12. *Chairman.*] Do you not observe that the evidence is summarized by Mr. Delaney in this report, and that it all goes to show that the conditions had been fulfilled by Dougherty? I do not take it so. Much of this evidence relates to a period subsequent to the forfeiture. The forfeiture was ordered in 1878, and this evidence relates to a period within three years of the selection the original forfeiture having been ordered two years after the selection, on the ground that the condition of residence had not been fulfilled.

13. This summary makes it appear that Dougherty resided on the selection and made it his home for three years and three months? [*The Chairman read the evidence of James Sharp and John Pryor, page 12 of the printed papers.*] It is not for me to question the views of the Chairman or the Committee; I dealt with the case according to my lights, and submitted my views to the Minister; I could do no more.

14. Are you aware that Mr. J. W. Jones, the manager of Bando Station, was not managing or residing at Bando for the first twelve or eighteen months after Dougherty first took up his selection? I do not know anything respecting Mr. Jones's movements. Mr. Jones gave evidence at the first inquiry.

15. And also at this last inquiry: if you refer to the evidence on the last inquiry you will see he says he came to Bando in January, 1878; the selection was taken up in 1876? Yes, I see that.

16. You will see there is no evidence whatever adverse to Dougherty's? I beg pardon; I thought I had conveyed sufficiently clearly that this was the last of a series of examinations, the first having been held on 5th September, 1878; and these subsequent inquiries were considered in the light of how far they would tend to show that the decision arrived at in the first instance was correct or erroneous. The decision arrived at in the first instance was on sworn evidence, amongst which there was evidence by Dougherty, by Inspector Geary, and by Mr. Jones. In his first evidence, in September, 1878, George Dougherty stated: "In three weeks from the date of selection I resided on the conditional purchase, and resided on it continuously for eighteen months; since that occasionally; I have no other home, nor had I since I first went, as above stated, to live on the conditional purchase." Inspector Geary says: "On 19th May, 1877, I inspected conditional purchase taken by George Dougherty at Gunnedah, * * * when I inspected, applicant was not resident on the land; there was nothing to indicate residence but a bark humpy—nothing in it whatever."

17. That was the only time Mr. Geary seems to have inspected the selection? That is the only evidence he gave. Mr. Jones's evidence in September, 1878, is rather important—it is certainly much fuller than his last evidence. He says:—"I am superintendent, Bando station; I reside there; I know the conditional purchase taken by George Dougherty at Gunnedah, area 317 acres, I believe; I have seen the conditional purchase frequently, but I have never seen any one residing on it; there is a hut on the land; I have looked into it, but I never could see any indication of residence whatever."

18. *Mr. Barbour.*] How do you reconcile that with his statement in December, 1881, that he knew "George Dougherty had a gunyah on his conditional purchase in 1880, in which at that time he believed he slept"? Very easily. The evidence relates to two different periods, one in 1878, the other two years afterwards.

19. *Chairman.*] Do you know what payments were made on account of interest on this selection? I have a memo. that the first instalment was received in 1879.

20. Dougherty made the usual declaration? Yes.

21. Can you tell me what has been done with the land since the forfeiture of the selection. I see it was advertised for sale by auction under notice of 29th August, 1882? I see there was a sale to be held on 4th October, 1882, but I do not observe whether it was sold or not.

22. *Dr. Ross.*] In the first report sent in by Mr. Delaney was there any evidence taken on behalf of the selector? The selector's own evidence.

23. What was the evidence taken on behalf of the lessee of the run? I presume the manager, Mr. Jones.

24. Did any one prior to Dougherty's application lay claim to these 317 acres—was there any previous application? In these papers I observe a reference in my own notes to a conditional purchase in the name of Robert Sharp as being very similar to this, and I find that was cancelled. I find a memorandum on Sharp's papers showing that Sharp's selection had been sold by auction, and that the auction sale had been cancelled on the ground that the land was conditionally purchased. I observe, in fact, throughout these proceedings the interest of Messrs. White cropping up; I have not myself had any communication with any parties on account of Messrs. White, but I do observe that up to a certain stage Messrs. White took an interest adverse to the selector, and that, apparently owing to some negotiations between Messrs. White and Dougherty for the purchase of this selection, the opposition then ceased.

25. *Mr. Burns.*] There is no evidence in these papers of Messrs. White having bought the interest of Dougherty? I think there is a letter from or on behalf of Messrs. White with the papers, but I have had many conversations with the agents and other parties on the case, and my impressions in what I have just stated may have arisen therefrom.*

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26. You will see in Mr. H. C. White's letter, page 14, he says: "Dougherty certainly ought not to expect me to help him out of his difficulty, because he did all he could to injure and annoy me while he held the land." That and the other parts of the letter would convey the impression that he was inimical to Mr. Dougherty? I have a clear impression in my mind that prior to this period, when the selection had been forfeited, Messrs. White must have had some negotiations with Dougherty. I remember making a remark to one of the parties who called on me—Mr. H. H. Brown, I think—that if the forfeiture were remitted, the effect would be merely to put Messrs. White in possession of the selection without the conditions having been carried out.

27. *Dr. Ross.*] Who is in possession of this land now? I do not know.

28. *Chairman.*] Has it been sold by auction? I do not know, but I can ascertain. It was advertised for sale in October, 1882, but I am not now able to state with what result.†

John Delaney, Esq., called in and examined:—

29. *Chairman.*] You were a Commissioner under the Lands Act in 1882? I was.

30. Do you recollect holding an inquiry with respect to the conditional purchase of George Dougherty? Yes; I think it is four or five years since I made the first inquiry; I made two or three inquiries, and sent in all my reports to the Lands Department.

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31. Will you refer to your report of the inquiry held on the 1st December, 1881, and read it through—will you read the final paragraph? I gave no opinion then with regard to the matter; I considered it doubtful; I did not then recommend it to be forfeited, as I had done previously.

32. *Mr. Day.*] Did you not say in this report—"I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled"? I did not fill in the blank—I left the matter for the consideration of the Minister, on the evidence, because I considered it a very doubtful case. I had previously made two or three inquiries, and had then made a report and recommendation. The evidence was contradictory. That of Mr. Jones and Mr. Grace at the previous inquiries contradicted Dougherty's. Jones and Grace swore positively that the improvements were not on the land, and that the residence had never been performed. The fact is that my reports were not final—it was all subject to the Minister's decision. In various cases I had sent in reports and my recommendation was reversed; so that when I had any doubt at all in the matter I made no recommendation at all, and therefore left it blank. It had to be decided by the Minister—not by me.

33. *Dr. Ross.*] On three occasions you reported on this case? Yes, I believe I did.

34. On the first two occasions, I understand, you reported that the condition of residence had not been fulfilled, and recommended that the conditional purchase should be forfeited? Yes.

35. On the third occasion you stated—"I have therefore to report that I find such conditions to have been fulfilled"—Did you find that the condition of residence had been fulfilled? No, I have endeavoured to explain that I made no report or recommendation, but simply forwarded the evidence to the Minister. I left the thing blank. It was no use my making a report one way or the other as the matter then stood. I had reported twice previously.

36. Why did you not in your third report confirm your two previous ones—why did you say the conditions had been fulfilled? I did not say they were fulfilled. Those are merely the words of a printed form, and I did not fill up the blank. I did not report that they had been fulfilled. If I had, I should have recommended that the selection should have been allowed.

37. *Mr. Burns.*] These words at the bottom of your report are part of a printed form, and should have been struck out? Yes.

38. You did not do that? No.

39. Did the evidence at the last inquiry go to show that the conditions had been complied with? As I said before, I would not like to give an opinion, because in a number of cases that came before me there was more false swearing, in my opinion, in proportion to the number, than in any other Court in the Colony. They always had the matter arranged beforehand.

40. This summary of the evidence given by you in this report would lead to the assumption that the selector had complied with the conditions? In a legal point of view it might be so, but referring to my previous reports, and the way in which I had filled them up, it was not so.

41. All your reports were based upon the evidence? Yes; I never saw the selection.

42. On the third inquiry you got some additional evidence? Yes.

43. Was it within your province to make a recommendation if you thought fit? Yes. You see here in one report I recommended that the selection shall be forfeited; but when I had any doubt I left it to the Minister, and did not fill up the report.

44. You made no recommendation because you did not feel that you could report? No, because the impression on my mind was that my previous reports, from the evidence, were correct.

45. This evidence on the last occasion was not consistent with the evidence on the previous occasions? I do not think it was.

46. *Dr. Ross.*] Did you, on the last inquiry, place more reliance on the evidence of Mr. Jones, the superintendent of Bando, and of his sheep overseer, than on the evidence produced by Dougherty? Mr. Jones was a Magistrate of the territory and a respectable man, and I had no reason to doubt him. With reference to my last report, if that had been the only occasion that it came before me, considering the evidence given by Dougherty on that occasion, I should have recommended that the selection be allowed; if I had had no previous evidence before me, placing that all on one side, I should have recommended it.

47. *Mr. Day.*] Had you any control over the Inspector? No, the Inspector received his instructions from the Lands Department, and sent his reports to the Lands Department; then they were sent by the Department to me for inquiry.

48. Was the Inspector examined at these inquiries? I think only once.

49.

* NOTE (on revision):—I have frequently seen Mr. H. H. Brown, but am not prepared to state that he saw me as an agent.

† ADDED (on revision):—I find on subsequent inquiry that the land was purchased by Messrs. White.

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49. *Dr. Ross.*] Did you not think it necessary to have the Inspector's evidence at the last inquiry? No; I had seen the Inspector, who said it was no use his attending again, as he had duties to attend to 50 miles away, and he could give no other evidence than he had done on the first occasion.

Mr. George Dougherty called in and examined:—

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50. *Chairman.*] Do you remember making a conditional purchase on the 18th May, 1876, at Gunnedah, of 317 acres of land? I do.

51. Did you go into residence on the land soon after taking it up? Yes, in less than a month after I took it up.

52. Did you take some cattle to the selection? Yes, between fifty and sixty head of cattle and nine horses.

53. Did you reside continuously on the selection for three years? I never was off it only one week.

54. What was the occasion of your being off it then? My wife came down the country to her daughter when she was lying ill, and I came with her.

55. That was for a week? Yes.

56. Beyond that you were continually residing? Yes, I was never off it, unless it was a day now and then for rations.

57. How far was it from Gunnedah? 27 miles.

58. What were you doing during the first eighteen months you were on the selection? I was shepherding my cattle and watering them out of a well.

59. Where was the well? On John Sharp's place.

60. You had no water on your own place? No, I had not then sunk any well.

61. Why did you shepherd your cattle? To keep them on my land—to keep them off Bando Run.

62. Were there no fences? No.

63. The Bando people impounded your cattle if they trespassed? Yes, they impounded them once.

64. What happened to your cattle in the end? They got the Cumberland disease, and most of them died.

65. After that what did you do? I commenced making improvements upon the land.

66. When was it you started making those improvements? The last eighteen months.

67. What were the improvements you put on the land? Wells.

68. How many? Three.

69. Of what depth? One of them was 101 feet, another 84 feet, and the other 40 feet—34 feet of soil and 6 feet of rock.

70. Were they slabbed? Yes.

71. What other improvements did you put on? A house.

72. Of what description? Sawn slabs; I brought them 25 miles.

73. What size was the house? Only one room, about 16 feet I think.

74. How did you manage before you got the house erected? I slept in a bark gunyah.

75. Had you any one to help you building the house and putting down the wells? Yes, Robert Sharp.

76. What do you value the wells at? I value the wells at £1 a foot for the first twenty feet, 30s. the next twenty feet, and £2 a foot for the remainder, for slabbing and sinking.

77. *Mr. Barbour.*] What kind of rock was it? Granite.

78. *Chairman.*] Then, according to your calculation, the 101-ft. well was worth £172, the 84-ft. well £118, and the 40-ft. well £50, making £340 in all? Yes.

79. What do you reckon the house cost? About £15; Mr. O'Hara estimated it that amount.

80. Had you any water on the place before you sunk the wells? No.

81. That was why you sunk the wells? Yes.

82. Do you recollect Mr. Geary, Conditional Purchase Inspector, visiting your place in 1877, about twelve months after you took it up? Yes.

83. Where were you at the time? I was at the upper corner with my cattle.

84. What did Mr. Geary do? He just rode up to the gunyah.

85. Did he look in? He could not look in, because the gunyah was not high enough.

86. Did he dismount? No.

87. The only day you saw him on your place you were on the selection? Yes. My hut was down in one corner, and my cattle in another corner.

88. *Mr. Barbour.*] Did he see you? No, he was not near me.

89. *Chairman.*] How far were you away? About three-quarters of a mile.

90. How did you know it was Mr. Geary? I heard it was Geary afterwards; I was told by old Teddy Ryan.

91. How long after? The day after.

92. *Dr. Ross.*] Had you water in the wells? In two of them I had; in the third I did not go through the rock.

93. What was the object of sinking three wells? To get fresh water.

94. Was the water you got at first not good? No, it was brackish; it was good water for cattle or sheep.

95. Was there good water in the last well? No, there was none.

96. Is there water in the other wells fit to use now? I cannot tell.

97. Are you not living there now? No.

98. How can you value the water if it was not fit to use? There is none better than brackish water for cattle and sheep.

99. Where did you get water for your own use? I had to draw it on a slide from John Sharp's well.

100. *Chairman.*] How far was Sharp's selection from yours? There was only the reserve between his selection and mine.

101. *Dr. Ross.*] How far was it from your gunyah? About a mile. At first I used to bring water in a bucket when I watered my cattle, twice a day.

102. Have you received a refund voucher for the money you have paid for this selection? No.

103. Did you get no money back? No, except for 3 acres; I paid the deposit on 320 acres, but there were only 317 acres, and I got 15s. back.

104. You have not taken any money back since? No.

105. Have you paid any instalments? Yes.

106. *Chairman.*] Why did you not commence putting on your improvements earlier? I could not; my team was away.
107. Why did you want the team? For fetching my slabs out of the scrub.
108. What distance had you to bring them? I fetched the sawn slabs for the house 25 miles from the saw-pit, and I think it might be 10 or 12 miles where I got the slabs for the wells.
109. How many instalments have you paid on account of the conditional purchase? Three.
110. Did you make your declaration of residence and improvement? I did, when my three years were up.
111. At that time did you pay your first instalment? I did, £15 17s. I rode in with Mr. O'Hara, the Inspector, the same day, and he gave me a note to Mr. Jones to say the improvements were all right; I gave it to Mr. Jones.
112. Mr. O'Hara inspected your conditional purchase before you made your declaration? Yes.
113. How long before? Three days.
114. What did he tell you about the improvements? He said they were all right.
115. *Dr. Ross.*] How long did you water your cattle at Sharp's well? For the first eighteen months.
116. Did he ask for any compensation for this? No; he is my step-son.
117. *Chairman.*] How long was it after you made your selection before Mr. J. W. Jones came to the Bando Run? Eighteen months.
118. He could know nothing about your residence in May, 1877? He knew nothing about it. It was Keen impounded my cattle.
119. *Mr. Barbour.*] Did you know Mr. Jones, the superintendent at Bando? Yes.
120. Did you see him often there? I might see him every day very nearly.
121. Did he see you? He spoke to me many a time.
122. On your selection? Yes; he came to the last well I commenced when I was putting the frame on, and he says, "Dougherty, this is a fine frame you are putting on."
123. Did he know you slept in this gunyah? Yes, for he sat inside on my bedside talking to me.
124. Do you know anything about how the land is now—have you left the land? Yes, I have not been on it for a good while; I never heard no word about it till I was going to pay the last instalment; I sent it to the Land Agent at Gunnedah, and the answer came back that he could not receive it, because my land had been forfeited; that was the first I knew about it. I then came down to Sydney and paid the money into the Treasury.
125. That was the third instalment? Yes.
126. And you also tried to have the forfeiture reversed? Yes.
127. But without success? Yes.
128. Did you sell your interest in the land to Mr. White in any way? No; he offered me 25s. an acre for it.
129. You made no bargain with him? No.
130. *Chairman.*] When did he make this offer? Nine months after.
131. Did he tell you anything about it being his land? He said—"I have bought this land." I said—"Have you, why dont you put your sheep on it?" he said—"No, I cannot." I said—"I hope you will never get it back."
132. He then offered you 25s. an acre? Yes, when I would get my papers.
133. But you made no bargain whatever? No.
134. You and Mr. White were not on good terms? No.
135. *Dr. Ross.*] Were there any improvements on the land before you took it up? No.
136. Was it a measured portion? Yes.
137. *Chairman.*] What would you value the selection at? I cannot say. I have been at a great loss through it, for four years now.
138. *Mr. Barbour.*] Would you have been willing to have taken 25s. an acre for it? No, I would not have taken £2.
139. As a selection or as a freehold, do you mean? As a selection.
140. *Dr. Ross.*] How long is it since you ceased to live on it? Some years now. I fell down the well and got my hip hurt, and I have never been able to do a turn since.
141. Have you ceased to live on the land for the last four years? Yes.
142. *Chairman.*] But you paid up your interest? Yes, until they would not take any more.
143. *Mr. Day.*] What improvements had you on the land when Mr. Geary came there? No improvements at all, only the gunyah.
144. How did you keep the cattle at night? I always camped them at night, and I would be up before daylight in the morning.
145. Would they not go off the selection? No, they would lie down; they had good feed and could fill their bellies. I would not go to bed till 9 or 10 o'clock, and would keep my eye on them till then, and if I saw them straggling away I would put them back; then I would be up before daylight again.
146. Inspector Geary swears before the Commissioner—"Applicant was not resident on the land; there was nothing to indicate residence but a bark humpy—nothing in it whatever"; and in his report to the Under Secretary for Lands he says—"There was no appearance of occupancy whatever, no sign of a fire having been lighted, in fact nothing to indicate residence; the humpy is not habitable" ? There was not much of a fire. If I could get two or three chips to boil a quart-pot it was as much as I looked for. I had to carry wood three-quarters of a mile.
147. He says the humpy was not habitable—is that true? It is not true. That was where I slept for eighteen months, and my bedding and saddle and bridle were in it.
148. Where was the fire? I had no fire, only as I made it when I wanted it outside.
149. How far away from the gunyah? It might be a hundred yards. I had no cooking to do, only to boil a quart-pot or a bit of beef.
150. Is it customary for a man, under such circumstances, to make his fire a hundred yards away from his sleeping-place? I did it because there was long grass on the plain, which might have caught fire and burnt the place.
151. Were you at the inquiries that were held? I was at the first and the last.
152. Did you hear Mr. Geary swear the humpy was not habitable? Yes.

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153. And you did not cross-examine him? Mr. Delaney would not allow me to speak. When Mr. Jones was giving evidence Mr. Delaney asked if I had any questions to put, and when I got up to ask them he said, "Sit down; I will not hear you."
154. *Chairman.*] Had you nobody to represent your interest? No.
155. *Dr. Ross.*] Was the Commissioner rude to you? Yes, he was that; he told me to sit down.
156. Did he debar you the privilege of cross-examination? Yes, he told me he would not hear me. I wanted to ask Mr. Jones some questions about the hut. He swore it was built of rough split slabs, and there was not a split slab in it—they were sawn slabs.
157. *Dr. Ross.*] Was there anything about Mr. Jones and Mr. Grace having been got at by Mr. White—any evidence adduced to that effect? Mr. Grace was there almost every day and crossed my land right across my selection, and I went and turned him back once or twice and would not allow him to go across.
158. *Mr. Day.*] At what time did Mr. Jones sit in your humpy and talk to you, as you have said? I cannot say exactly; it was when we were doing the last well.
159. About how long after you took up the land? About three years.
160. Did you hear him swear before the Commissioner, at the first inquiry, that he had often looked into the hut but saw no indications of residence whatever? Yes; that was what I was going to ask him about, but the Commissioner would not allow me. Mr. Delaney and Mr. Geary were two days at Bando before that.
161. Why did you not contradict that evidence? I would not be allowed. I stated that my hut was a sawn slabbed hut.
162. Are you quite sure you asked Mr. Delaney to let you put questions to Mr. Jones? Yes.
163. Will you swear it? I will; and he would not allow me. I told Mr. Blackman about it when I came to Sydney the first time.
164. Was your wife living on the selection at all? Yes, when I got the house built she was.
165. How long had you the selection before your wife went to live on it? It was about fifteen months before I got the house built; that was the first thing I did—stuck up a little house.
166. Before that she lived within a mile of the selection? Yes.
167. Did you go home every night? No, I did not.
168. How often did you go home? I might go there once a fortnight or perhaps not that; I could not go away from my cattle.
169. Who brought your rations? My wife. While she was away with my daughter with the fever I had to get them the best way I could; Sharp's wife used to bake my bread; Sharp was my wife's son; I was the second husband.

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(APPLICATION OF JOHN CONROY TO CONDITIONALLY PURCHASE LAND AT BURROWA.)

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RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 29th April, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers and documents having reference to the application of
“John Conroy, dated the 7th September, 1882, to conditionally purchase
“112 acres of land in the district of Burrowa.”

(*Mr. Slattery.*)

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CROWN LANDS.

No. 1.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Armstrong to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Camp, Pudman Creek, near Burrowa, 28 February, 1862.
I have the honor to transmit the plan of the following portions of land at and near the confluence of Pudman Creek with the Burrowa River, Brial Village Reserve, and on the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning, as surveyed by me, in the county of King, namely:—

Under Conditional Purchase.

- II over IV. 45 acres, on Pudman Creek, adjoining the eastern boundary of the Brial Village Reserve; applied for by Robert Barnard, near Burrowa.
- II over VI. 55 acres, on Pudman Creek, near its confluence with Water-hole Flat Creek; applied for by Michael Carmody, of Pudman Creek, near Burrowa.
- II over VIII. 100 acres, on Pudman Creek, near its confluence with Water-hole Flat Creek; applied for by Valentine O'Hare, of Pudman Creek, near Burrowa.
- II over XVI. 50 acres, on the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning; applied for by Daniel Ryan.
- II over XVII. 38 acres, adjoining; applied for by Daniel Ryan, of Burrowa. The applicant resides on the 50 acres, and is engaged in clearing it and making a dam on the 38 acres.
- II over XXIV. 100 acres, near the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning; applied for by James Carroll, near Burrowa.

Applied for to purchase by auction.

- II over II. 53 acres } In the Brial Village Reserve; on the personal application of James Ryan, of
- II over III. 59 acres } Water-hole Flat Creek, near Burrowa.
- II over VII. 55 acres, near the confluence of Pudman Creek and Water-hole Flat Creek; on the personal application of John Murphy, of that place, near Burrowa.
- II over XIX. 47 acres } Near the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning; on the personal
- II over XX. 24a. 2r. 38p. } application of James Carroll, near Burrowa.
- II over XXXIII. 100a. 1r. } Near the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning, adjoining.
- II over XXXVII. 40a. 1r. }
- II over XXXIV. 99 acres, on Pipeclay Creek; applied for by James Poplin, of Pudman Creek, near Burrowa.

Marked out for sale, not applied for.

- II over I. 30 acres, in the Brial Village Reserve.
- II over V. 53 acres, on Pudman Creek, near Brial Village Reserve.
- II over IX. 40 acres, at the confluence of Pudman Creek with the Burrowa River.
- II over X. 42 acres, on Pudman Creek, near do.
- II over XI. 73 acres, on Burrowa River, near do.
- II over XII. 78 acres, near the confluence of Pudman Creek with the Burrowa River.
- II over XIII. 39 acres } On the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning.
- II over XXI. 44 acres }
- II over XIV. 40 acres }
- II over XV. 43a. 3r. } On the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning.
- II over XVIII. 60a. 2r. }
- II over XXII. 46 acres }
- II over XXIII. 41a. 3r. }
- II over XXV. 41 acres }
- II over XXVI. 31a. 1r. }
- II over XXVII. 41a. 2r. }
- II over XXVIII. 32a. 3r. } Near the new line of road from Burrowa to Gunning.
- II over XXIX. 42 acres }
- II over XXX. 32a. 3r. }
- II over XXXI. 27 acres }
- II over XXXII. 20a. 3r. }
- II over XXXV. 40 acres } On Pipeclay Creek.
- II over XXXVI. 40 acres }

I have, &c.,
JNO. ARMSTRONG,
Licensed Surveyor.

[Enclosure B to No. 1.]

Gazette Notice.—Land Sales.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 July, 1862.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, I, the Minister for Lands, do hereby notify that the following lots of lands will be offered for sale by public auction, at the undermentioned place, at 11 o'clock on the day specified, at the upset price affixed to each lot respectively. (Deposit, 25 per cent.)

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Sale

Sale at the Police Office, Burrowa, on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, 1862.
Suburban Lots.

Lot.	No. of portion.	Area.	Price per acre.	County.	Parish.	Situation.	Remarks.
*	*	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	*	*	* * *	* * *
XX	2-11	53 0 0	2 0 0	King	Unnamed ...	Within the village reserve at Brial, adjacent to the south boundary of E. Ryan's 748 acres.	
YY	2-111	59 0 0	2 0 0	do	do		

No. 2.

Mr. Isaac Stevenson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Burrowa, 29 January, 1877.

I would do myself the honor of addressing you in reference to three portions of land on the right bank of the Burrowa River.

I am informed by the Land Agent at Burrowa that portions Nos. 17, 18, and 19, parish of Gunnary, county of King, have been lying unoccupied for the past fifteen or twenty years, although measured, on account of the high price asked by the Government for said lands, being £2 per acre. They are outside the population boundary, and no one here can tell the reason of these portions being so high while the land alongside of them on the same river and creek can be selected in the ordinary way. I would ask your honor to consider the matter, and have these portions put up to auction at £1 per acre, or else throw them open to selection. I am prepared to tender £1 per acre for them, or to purchase at auction at that price.

I have, &c.,

ISAAC STEVENSON.

Minutes on No. 2.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. District Surveyor Twynam is requested to state whether there is any objection to the sale as country lots of these portions, shown on accompanying tracing, and which were offered as suburban lots at Burrowa, on 13th August, 1862.—T.S. (for Surveyor-General), 2/7/77. Report accordingly, No. 77/99—E.T., District Surveyor, 19/7/77.

[Enclosure to No. 2.]

Gazette Notice.—Land Sales.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 July, 1862.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, I, the Minister for Lands, do hereby notify that the following lots of land will be offered for sale by public auction, at the undermentioned place, at 11 o'clock, on the day specified, at the upset price affixed to each lot respectively. (Deposit, 25 per cent.)

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Sale at the Police Office, Boorowa, on Monday, the 11th day of August, 1862.
Country Lots.

Lot.	No. of portion.	Area.	Price per acre.	County.	Parish.	Situation.	Remarks.
*	*	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	*	*	* * *	* * *
I	xvii	83 2 0	1 0 0	Monteagle ...	Geegullalong	On and near Geegullalong, or Castle's Creek, at and near its confluence with the Boorowa River, adjacent to the west boundaries of Ryan's 646 acres and Campbell's 1,280 acres, and opposite to Ryan's 774 acres, near Boorowa.....	Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide.
*	*	*	*	*	*	* * *	*
On Wednesday, the 13th day of August, 1862.							
T	2-xviii	60 2 0	1 0 0	King	Unnamed ...	On and near the new road from Boorowa to Gunning, between E. Ryan's 1,049 acres and Hurley's 144 acres 1 rood, and Poplin's 238 acres, and adjoining and near D. Ryan's and J. Carroll's portions near Boorowa.....	Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide.
U	2-xix	47 0 0	1 0 0	King	Unnamed ...		
*	*	*	*	*	*	* * *	*

No. 3.

Memorandum.

Alienation 77-743.—J. Stevenson, applying for sale by auction of certain measured lands at Brial, near Burrowa, county of King. For report under B.C. 77/354.

THE portions of land comprising the village reserve at Brial, adjoining the permanent common at Burrowa, and with river frontage, have been measured without regard to design, either as to form or the requisite provision for thoroughfare; there is a ford affording much public convenience at the junction of the Pudman Creek and the Burrowa River, and ample access thereto should be provided.

The

The land is worth about £2 per acre, being of good quality and adapted for agriculture. On account of its proximity to the town of Burrowa it is not required for village settlement.

Before alienation takes place there should be an amended survey, based on a more judicious and symmetrical design, submitted.

E. TWYNAM,

District Surveyor, Goulburn, 19/7/77.

Minute on No. 3.

Submitted to the Surveyor-General as to whether Mr. District Surveyor Twynam's recommendation that the survey of the portions within the Brial village reserve be amended should be carried out.—J.W.E., 9/77.

No. 4.

Mr. M. Carmody to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Burrowa River, Burrowa, 20 October, 1877.

I am desirous of purchasing two portions of Crown Lands on the Burrowa River; they are numbered on the map 18 and 19, situated on the Burrowa River, at its junction with Pudman Creek; if they are for sale at an upset price not exceeding £1 per acre, I will purchase them.

If for sale, you will please to let me know at your earliest convenience, and oblige,—

Yours, &c.,

MICHAEL CARMODY.

Minutes on No. 4.

By the Surveyor-General:—If the portions are alienated as country lands they will be open to conditional purchase as soon as the village reserve is revoked, and they will not realize anything like their value; also, if the land is to be so thrown open to conditional purchase, it would not be desirable to be at the expense of a resurvey except as regards the reservation of necessary roads and crossing-places. Under the circumstances, and notwithstanding the fact of the proximity of the town of Burrowa, it would seem desirable, in order to obtain a fair value for the land, to lay out a small section with a few allotments near the river crossing and subdivide the remainder of the land into suitable suburban portions.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 17 December, 1877. Mr. District Surveyor Twynam.

No. 5.

Memorandum.

Alienation 77-8,537.—Application by M. Carmody for sale of land in village reserve at Brial, county King. For survey, under B.C. No. 77-695.

REFERRING to the minute under your B.C. No. 77-695, whereby it is suggested that a village and suburban lands might be laid out at Brial, I would beg most respectfully to draw your attention to the following points:—The village reserve at Brial, at the junction of the Pudman Creek with the Burrowa River, is distant about 3 miles from the town of Burrowa, on the old road, now disused for purposes of general traffic from Burrowa towards Wheeo, and the settlement immediately adjacent is of insignificant character; the area available for sale is only 1½ acres. Under the circumstances, the site is evidently not desirable for a village, and I would beg to submit that it would be injudicious to establish a village in such a position as to be useless for village settlement; it would be preferable to allow the land to be conditionally purchased at the usual rate than that the Government should stultify its own action by dedicating village and suburban lands merely to evade possible conditional purchase on revocation of the reserve.

There is no reason advanced for the survey and sale of this land, and the conditions are such that beneficial occupation is not a matter of public convenience; therefore it appears to me that alienation would be premature, and that it is desirable for the Government to retain control of the land at present.

It will be observed that this is the only portion of Crown Land opposite to or separated from the permanent common by the river, and water being here accessible on both sides it becomes an eligible position for halting and watering cattle; moreover, it will be seen that this is the only exit for stock from Burrowa eastwards through Crown Land so as to avoid the main road, and it is probable that for the purpose of a driftway the old track or road may be found useful. Under all the circumstances I would beg to advise that the reservation of this land from sale and lease be not revoked.

Submitted.

E. TWYNAM,

District Surveyor, Goulburn, 31st December, 1877.

Minutes on No. 5.

By the Surveyor-General:—In view of this report, it is suggested that the request made to revoke the village reserve of Brial and throw the land open for sale be not complied with, and that the Government retain control of the land, which should be still withheld from sale and lease.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 13/2/78.

The Under Secretary for Lands,—After action return for notation.

By the Under Secretary for Lands.—To be informed as above.—W.W.S., 19/4/78.

No. 6.

Mr. M. Carmody to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Burrowa, 14 March, 1878.

Some three or four months back I made application in writing to your predecessor in office requesting him to inform me as to whether the two farms numbered 18 and 19 on the map, situated on the junction of Pudman Creek and Burrowa River, are for sale at the upset price of £1 per acre or at an increased price. If for sale, will you please say at what price they will be disposed of; I am anxious to purchase them.

I have, &c.,

MICHAEL CARMODY.

No. 7.

No 7.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. M. Carmody.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 May, 1878.
 In reference to your letter of the 30th October last, applying to purchase portions 18 and 19, situated at the junction of the Burrowa and Pudmore Creek, I am directed to inform you that, under a report from the surveyor, it is not deemed advisable to alienate at present the lands referred to.

I have, &c.,

PHILIP F. RICHARDSON,
 (For the Under Secretary).

No. 8.

Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 139, Pitt-street, Sydney, 28 July, 1881.
 We have been instructed by Mr. Isaac Stevenson, J. W. Martin, and other residents at Burrowa, to apply to have portions 17, 18, and 19, county King, parish Gunnary, withdrawn from the Brial reserve and offered at auction without delay.

Upon reference to plan K409, it will be seen that the surveyor reports that it is not at all desirable that these portions should be reserved, being very difficult of access, &c.

At the present time the reserve is only of benefit to owners of adjoining lands, who use it without paying any rent, whilst there are many persons desirous of purchasing if afforded an opportunity.

We therefore respectfully request that this application may be favourably considered.

We have, &c.,

BLOMFIELD & DICKSON.

Minutes on No. 8.

For report of Survey Office.—J.D.D. (*pro* F. H. WILSON), 1/8/81. Mr. G. Lewis.

By the Surveyor-General:—For the consideration and report of Mr. Twynam, as the portions were marked in the year 1862. Mr. Twynam will be good enough to say if they should be remarked.—G. LEWIS (for Surveyor-General), 17th August, 1881. Mr. District Surveyor Twynam.

It is not advisable that these lands be alienated in their present form (*vide* previous reports upon similar applications). If sold at all, the land should be subdivided under a new design; and I think that it would be expedient not to expedite the sale of this land, which is near the town of Burrowa. Submitted.—E. TWYNAM, District Surveyor, Goulburn, 24th March, 1882.

By the Surveyor-General:—It is submitted that above report of the District Surveyor be approved.—CHAS. ED. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 26 April, 1882. The Under Secretary for Lands.

For approval.—F.H.W., 5/5/82. C.O., 9/5/82.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—JOHN R., 12/5/82.

No. 9.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 August, 1881.
 I have the honor to inform you that your letter of the 28th ultimo, on the subject mentioned hereunder, has been referred to Mr. District Surveyor Twynam for consideration and report.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
 (For the Under Secretary).

Withdrawal of portions Nos. 17, 18, and 19, parish of Gunnary, county of King, from the Brial Reserve, and submission for auction sale.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 May, 1882.
 In reference to the application made by you, on behalf of Messrs. Stevenson, Martin, and others, to have portions Nos. 17, 18, and 19, county of King, parish of Gunnary, withdrawn from the Brial Reserve and offered at auction, I am directed to inform you that, under the Surveyor-General's report to the effect that it is not desirable to alienate the land in question, the Secretary for Lands has decided that your request cannot be complied with.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,
 Under Secretary.

No. 11.

Application by John Conroy.

C.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

District of Burrowa.

Application by John Conroy (of age) for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 112 acres unimproved Crown Land.

No. 233 of 1882.

Received by me, with a deposit of £28, this 7th day of September, 1882, at 10 o'clock,—

WM. J. E. WOTTON,
 Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Burrowa.

Sir,

Sir,

7 September, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 112 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £28, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

JOHN CONROY,

Burrowa.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Burrowa.

Description.

County of King, parish of Gunnary, 112 acres, being measured portions Nos. 18 and 19, containing respectively 53 and 59 acres.

Minutes on No. 11.

Portions Nos. 18 and 19, applied for by this application, are shown on the plan of measurements (K 409-1,495) as being within village reserve of Brial, but this reserve is not shown on the county map of King. Will Reserve Branch please state if any proclamation of this reserve was ever made?—H.H., 22/11/82. Can you say if the portions herein referred to are reserved?—G.L., 25/11/82. The Chief Draftsman. By K 409-1,495, they are reserved, and should have been so shown on the county map.—J.W.E., 29/11/82.

No. 12.

Mr. J. Dwyer to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear sir,

Gunnary, Burrowa, 20 October, 1882.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that there has been recently selected a portion of land situate on Pudman Creek and Burrowa River, at the junction of said creek and river, north bank. Now, this land has always been considered as a water reserve till measured into farms, and then was reserved at two pounds (£2) per acre; besides it, a portion of it (about 12 acres) has been cleared and ploughed, and grew crops forty years ago; it adjoins C. Ryan's 740 acres at Brial. The portion selected is in two measured lots, Nos. 18 and 19.

Now, dear sir, you will very much oblige by letting me know whether it can be possible that such land could be lawfully selected. You can plainly see that such land as this from its situation would be long ago taken up.

Now, dear sir, it is utterly unfair that this should be allowed, as it completely cuts off from the only water (permanent) available myself and several other persons, Carmody, O'Hehir, Ryan, and others, whom it greatly injures. I have bought from O'Hehir the land originally selected by M. Canty. In fact it has caused the greatest surprise that such a thing should be allowed.

Dear sir, I will be very thankful for an immediate reply; what I want to know is, whether it is lawful that such land could be selected.

I am, &c.,

JOSEPH DWYER,

Waterhole Flats, Burrowa.

Minutes on No. 12.

Charting Branch—Urgent.—W.B., 23/10/82.

Reserve Branch. — It appears from the map that was in office use in /61, the land formed part of the village reserve; would not the general proclamation of 31st December, 1861 meet the case?—H. HARE, 18/1/1883.

See reply by Chief Draftsman, conditional purchase 82/233.—G.L., 18/1/1883.

By the Surveyor-General:—It is recommended that conditional purchase 82/233, Burrowa, be declared void, as the land applied for is within the Brial Village Reserve (*vide* application). The Land Agent should be informed, with tracing.—CHAS. ED. FINCH (for Surveyor-General), 5/3/1883.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Void.—A.O.M., 25/3/83.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Conroy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Burrowa, on the 7th September, 1882, for the conditional purchase of 112 acres of land, is void, as the land applied for is within the Brial Village Reserve.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure to No. 13.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

Dr. to Mr. John Conroy.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

For the following refund, viz., C.P. No. 82-233.

Land Office at Burrowa; date of selection, 7th day of September, 1882; deposit paid on 112 acres.

Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 112 acres.

Deposit to be refunded on 112 acres£

Amount to be refunded.

£ s. d.

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No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to The Crown Lands Agent, Burrowa.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Conroy, on the 7th September, 1882, for the conditional purchase of 112 acres of land, is void, as the land applied for is with the Brial Village Reserve.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him if required. I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 15.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue Refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land applied for is within the Brial Village Reserve, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £28, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Burrowa, John
Conroy, 7th Sep-
tember, 1882,
112 acres, £28.

No. 16.

Mr. J. Conroy to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear sir,

Brial, near Burrowa, 5 May, 1883.

I send you this letter in hopes that you will do your best for me, and I will be for ever thankful to you. I selected 112 acres of land at Burrowa on 7th September, 1882, and now I am informed that the land is in the Brial Village Reserve and not open for selection. I have now a good three-roomed house and about a half of a mile of fencing and a garden, and 30 acres cleared ready for ploughing, and about 20 acres rung, which in all I value at £80; and I have no place else to go, as I have no horses or bullocks or stock of any kind, and I have a wife and two children. I have the lend of four bullocks to plough the land now cleared.

I now hope you will have the land opened for selection, as there is no likelihood of it ever being a village, as Burrowa is within 4 miles of it; or, if not, could you grant me the land by improving it to the extent of £1 per acre, and to pay it off in instalments yearly, and to leave the £28 deposit paid for selection as part of the payment.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN CONROY.

P.S.—If I cannot get the land by any other means, can I get it with the other 30 acres of Government ground to rent, making in all 142 acres.

Minutes on No. 16.

By the Chief Commissioner:—I do not see how any other action can be taken in the matter than that already communicated to the writer.—A.O.M., 30/6/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 12/7/83.

No. 17.

Mr. A. M'Callum to T. M. Slattery, Esq., M.P.

My dear sir,

Union Mills, Burrowa, 23 May, 1883.

A man named John Conroy selected a piece of land, 112 acres, just outside the Burrowa population boundary, on the 7th September, 1882.

The map at the Burrowa Lands Office at that date showed the land to be vacant and open for selection.

On the 24th April last notice was sent to Conroy that this selection was cancelled, as it was on the Brial Village Reserve, and the present map at the Lands Office, Burrowa, shows it to be a reserve. Now, when was this land reserved, as the books at this office show nothing about it?

Conroy took possession at once after selection and commenced improvements. At the present time he has 30 acres cleared, 20 acres ringbarked, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile brush fence, 5 chains 2-rail fence, three-roomed slab hut, with paled in garden. He has also got several acres under wheat.

In the event of this selection being cancelled Conroy is ruined as sure as any evicted tenant in Ireland, as he has spent all his money on the land, and has had to borrow to enable him to get his crop in.

I think if the matter was properly represented to the Minister for Lands he might, if it is really a reserve, give Conroy a lease so to enable him to at least take his crop off.

Trusting you will give this matter your earliest attention,—

I remain, &c.,

ARGYLE M'CALLUM.

P.S.—I have come to live at Burrowa altogether.—A.M'C.

Minutes on No. 17.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Register. Special.—A.O.M., 8/6/83.

W.B., 12/6/83.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Conroy.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 July, 1883.

With reference to your letter of the 5th May, and Mr. A. M'Callum's communication of the 23rd idem, presented by T. M. Slattery, Esq., M.P., relative to the cancellation of your conditional purchase, noted in the margin, I have the honor, by direction of the Minister for Lands, to inform you that he does not see how any other action can be taken in the matter than that already communicated to you.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Burrows, conditional purchase 82-233, 7 September, 1882, 112 acres, John Conroy, declared void, 24 April, 1883.

No. 19.

Mr. A. M'Callum to T. M. Slattery, Esq., M.P.

My dear Slattery,

Union Steam Flour Mills, Burrowa, 13 August, 1883.

In Conroy's selection I want you to find out why this piece of ground was proclaimed a reserve, when it was proclaimed, and why the Land Agent at Burrowa did not know of its being a reserve, as he told me himself that the first intimation he had of its being a reserve was at the same time notice was sent to Conroy.

My advice to Conroy is to hold the ground until the Crown eject him, and then go at the Government for compensation; but I think, if properly handled, the reserve might be revoked, and Conroy's selection remain good, as happened in the case of Kean's, near Marengo.

Yours truly,

ARGYLE M'CALLUM.

P.S.—Kean's selection was on the Marengo reserve, and he got the portion that he selected took in, taken off the reserve, and given to him.—A.M'C.

Minutes on No. 19.

By the Chief Commissioner:—For papers.—A.O.M., 17/8/83.

Papers herewith.—G.H.P., 20/8/83.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The portion does not appear to have been shown on the map in use at the Land Office at the time of Conroy's application, which however was declared void within six months from the date of it; but several other parties in the vicinity having previously applied to have the land brought to auction, or to select it after auction, and when refused it is apparent that the matter is not limited to the consideration of whatever equitable claim he (Conroy) may be held to possess. The conditional purchase cannot of course be recognized, even should the circumstances seem to call for it, without an Act of Parliament.—A.O.M., 23/8/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 27/8/83.

No. 20.

Extract from the *Yass Evening Tribune*, 16 August, 1883.

"Yass Plains Freeholders' and Free Selectors' Association Special Meeting.

"He (Mr. M'Callum) then proceeded to explain that a man named Conroy selected a piece of ground at Burrowa. When he took it up some person told him it was a reserve; but upon speaking to Mr. Wotton, the Clerk of Petty Sessions, upon the subject that gentleman said it was not a reserve. The man went to work and cleared about 20 acres of the land, erected a house upon it, planted a garden, and effected many other improvements; and after all this had been done notice was sent to Conroy that he had selected on a reserve, and that his deposit money would be refunded to him. He (Mr. M'Callum) advised him to hold on, telling him nobody should get hold of it till the point had been thoroughly tested. He saw Mr. Wotton about it and told him that the first he heard about its being a reserve was a few days ago. He had also spoken to Mr. Slattery about it, and that gentleman promised to do the best he could in the matter. Besides this, he put the matter in the hands of Mr. M'Elhone; and he had hopes that eventually Conroy would be allowed to hold his property. This showed the hardships that some selectors had to put up with."

No. 21.

The Chief Commissioner to T. M. Slattery, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 31 August, 1883.

With reference to the letter of 13th instant presented by you on behalf of Argyle M'Callum, with a view to the restoration of Conroy's conditional purchase, noted in the margin, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the portion may not have been shown on the map in use at the Land Office at the time of Conroy's application, which however was declared void within six months from the date of it. Several other parties however in the vicinity had previously applied to have the land brought to auction, or to select it after auction, and had been refused. It is therefore apparent that the matter is not limited to the consideration of whatever equitable claims Mr. Conroy may be held to possess; and I am to add that the Minister holds that the conditional purchase cannot be recognized, even should the circumstances seem to call for it, without an Act of Parliament.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Conditional purchase 82-233, Burrowa, 112 acres, 7th September, 1882.

No. 22.

The Crown Lands Bailiff, Burrowa, to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Police Station, Burrowa, 15 December, 1883.

I have the honor to report, for your information, that a man named John Conroy is occupying portion of reserve No. 205, county King, parish Gunnary, area about 175 acres, situated near Burrowa, by erecting a house and fence thereon, and cultivating portion thereof.

I am informed that the present occupier selected this land some time ago, but was afterwards informed that it was a reserve. He is now impounding all stock trespassing on the reserve. Five persons (owners of the cattle he has impounded) have taken out summonses against Conroy for imposing excessive damages, viz., 4s. per head.

I have, &c.,

W. H. PRIOR,

Crown Lands Bailiff.

Forwarded through Inspector Brennan.—W. H. PRIOR, Senior Sergeant.

Minutes on No. 22.

Forwarded to Mr. Superintendent Morriset.—P. BRENNAN, Inspector, Yass. Forwarded through the Inspector-General of Police.—E. MORRISSET, Superintendent, Southern District, 18/12/83. The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands.—E.F., Inspector-General of Police, 20/12/83. The trespasser may be called upon to show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him for illegal occupation. T.W.H., 20/12/83.

[Enclosure to No. 22.]

Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 November, 1883.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that in pursuance of the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the land specified in the schedule appended hereto shall be reserved from sale for camping and access to water.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

No. 205, County of King, parish of Gunnary, area about 175 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing on the right bank of the Boorowa River, at the south-west corner of portion No. 4, Edward Ryan's 740 acres, "Brial"; thence bounded on the north by the south boundary of that portion bearing east to its south-east corner; thence on the east by a line partly formed by the west boundary of portion No. 20 of 45 acres bearing south to the right bank of Pudman Creek; and thence generally on the south and west by the right bank of that creek and the right bank of the Boorowa River aforementioned downwards, to the point of commencement; but exclusive of portion No. 16, E. Ryan's 20 acres.

In lieu of the Brial village reserve, cancelled this day.

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No. 23.

The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands, to The Crown Lands Bailiff, Burrowa.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Occupation of Lands, Sydney, 21 December, 1883.

I have to request that you will be so good as to deliver the enclosed letter to John Conroy, calling upon him to show cause why proceedings should not be taken for abatement of the trespass referred to in your report of the 15th instant.

I have, &c.,

E. O'DWYER,

(Pro Chief Officer).

Minutes on No. 23.

Superintendent Morriset.—E.F., Inspector-General of Police, 22/12/83. Superintendent's Office, Goulburn, 24/12/83. Memo.—Forwarded to Senior Sergeant Prior, for his attention.—E. MORRISSET, Superintendent, Southern District. Senior Sergeant Prior, Burrowa. Senior Sergeant Prior delivered the letter to John Conroy on the 29th December instant.—W. H. PRIOR, Senior Sergeant, Burrowa, 29/12/83. Inspector Brennan, Yass. Forwarded to Mr. Superintendent Morriset, Goulburn.—P. BRENNAN, Inspector, Yass, 31/12/83. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—E. MORRISSET, Superintendent, 2/1/84. The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands.—E.F., Inspector-General of Police, 3/1/84.

[Enclosure to No. 23.]

The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands, to Mr. J. Conroy.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Occupation of Lands, Sydney, 20 December, 1883.

Under the instructions of the Honorable the Minister for Mines, I have to request that you will show cause why proceedings should not be taken to compel the abatement of the trespass alleged to be committed by you at Burrowa, reserve No. 205, county King, parish Gunnary, by unauthorized occupation of Crown Lands.

I have, &c.,

T. WARRE HARRIOTT.

No. 24.

Mr. J. Conroy to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Burrowa, 11 January, 1884.

Your Department must surely be labouring under some delusion concerning my occupancy of and trespassing upon reserve No. 205.

Why, the land is my *bona fide* property, having selected same (112 acres) on the 7th September, 1882. It is quite true the Land Department thinks I have no right to hold the selection; but I think I have, and decline to take back my deposit money. What your Department has to do with the matter at present I cannot, nor could any other sane person, understand.

When the Minister for Lands manages to put me off, you may depend you will not have to trouble me about abatement of trespass.

I have, &c.,

JOHN CONROY.

Minutes on No. 24.

It is suggested that this reply to request (to show cause why trespass should not be abated) be forwarded to the Department of Lands with reference to claim asserted.—T.W.H., Occupation of Lands, 14/1/84/.

By the Under Secretary for Mines :—The Under Secretary for Lands.—H. W., B.C., 18/1/84.
 Miscellaneous Branch,—Bring forward and send on for action.—10/3/84. The Conditional Sales Division will perhaps supply the Mines Department with the necessary information respecting the claim made to the land herein specified as a conditional purchase is referred to.—H.G.B., 14/3/84. See Chief Commissioner's minute, *vide* 83-7,243 correspondence, 27/8/83. Conroy's conditional purchase, 82-233, was declared void April, 1882, being within Brial Village Reserve. The selector has been fully informed of the facts of the case care of Mr. Slattery, M.P.—E.B., 19/3/84. Forward these papers to the Under Secretary for Mines.—W.B., 20/3/84/. The Under Secretary for Mines. For instructions as to proceedings in trespass. The conditional purchase under colour of which the land is illegally occupied has been declared void.—Surveyor-General, *per* T.W.H., Occupation of Lands, 22/3/84.
 By the Under Secretary for Mines :—In view of the facts stated, the necessary proceedings may be taken to abate the trespass. Submitted.—H. W., 25/3/84.
 By the Secretary for Mines :—Approved.—J. P. ABBOTT, 28/3/84.

No. 25.

The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands, to The Crown Lands Bailiff, Burrowa.

Sir,

Occupation of Lands Branch, Sydney, 4 April, 1884.

I am directed by the Secretary for Mines to request you to take the necessary proceedings to compel the abatement of the trespass referred to in your report of the 15th December last, by laying an information against Conroy, under the 44th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

You will be good enough to report the result of the proceedings as early as practicable.

I am, &c.,

T. WARRE HARRIOTT,

Chief Officer.

Minutes on No. 25.

Superintendent Morriset.—E.F., Inspector-General of Police, 7/4/84. Forwarded through Inspector Brennan.—E. MORRISSET, Superintendent, 9/4/84. Inspector Brennan, Yass. Forwarded to Senior Sergeant Prior.—P. BRENNAN, Inspector, Yass, 11/4/84. Senior Sergeant Prior, Burrowa.

No. 26

Memorandum.

Criminal Offence.—Apprehension or further Information.

Southern District, Burrowa Station.

OFFENCE: Unlawful occupation of Crown Lands. Offender's name: John Conroy. Full particulars: This offender was summoned before the Burrowa Bench on 16/4/84, by Senior Sergeant Prior, Burrowa Police, on a charge of unlawfully occupying certain Crown Lands, by erecting a house and fence thereon.

Fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs of court; in default, levy and distress; in default of sufficient distress, three days in lock-up; fine not yet paid.

W. H. PRIOR, Senior Sergeant, 16/4/84.

Minutes on No. 26.

Forwarded.—P. BRENNAN, Inspector, Yass, 17/4/84. Mr. Superintendent Morriset, Goulburn. The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands.—E.F., Inspector-General of Police, 21/4/84. Seen.—T.W.H., 22/4/84.

No. 27.

The Crown Lands Bailiff, Burrowa, to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Police Station, Burrowa, 25 April, 1884.

Senior Sergeant Prior begs to report, with reference to the trespass of John Conroy, referred to in the attached letter, that, as directed by the Secretary for Mines, he summoned the offender before the Burrowa Bench, on the 16th instant, and he was fined 10s., together with 5s. 6d. costs of court.

Conroy informed the Bench that he would not remove from the land in question, as he had selected it before it was proclaimed a reserve.

Should the Crown Lands Bailiff proceed further against the trespasser if it is continued at the expiration of one month from the date of the first conviction?

W. H. PRIOR,

Crown Lands Bailiff.

Forwarded through Inspector Brennan.—W. H. PRIOR, Senior Sergeant.

Minutes on No. 27.

Forwarded.—P. BRENNAN, Inspector, 27/4/84. Mr. Superintendent Morriset, Goulburn. Forwarded through the Inspector-General of Police.—E. MORRISSET, Superintendent, 28/4/84. The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands.—E. F., Inspector-General of Police, 29/4/84. May be forwarded to the Department of Lands with reference to papers ordered to be laid upon the Table of the House. See Votes and Proceedings, No. 91, of 29th ultimo.—T.W.H., B. C., 2/5/84. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 28.

The Chief Officer, Occupation of Lands, to The Crown Lands Bailiff, Burrowa.

Sir,

Trespass by John Conroy.

Department of Mines, Occupation of Lands Branch, Sydney, 2 May, 1884.

In reply to the question in concluding paragraph of your report of the 25th ultimo—Should the Crown Lands Bailiff proceed further, &c., &c.—I have the honor to inform you that in ordinary case the course indicated should be pursued unless other instructions be issued.

I am, &c.,

T. WARRE HARRIOTT,

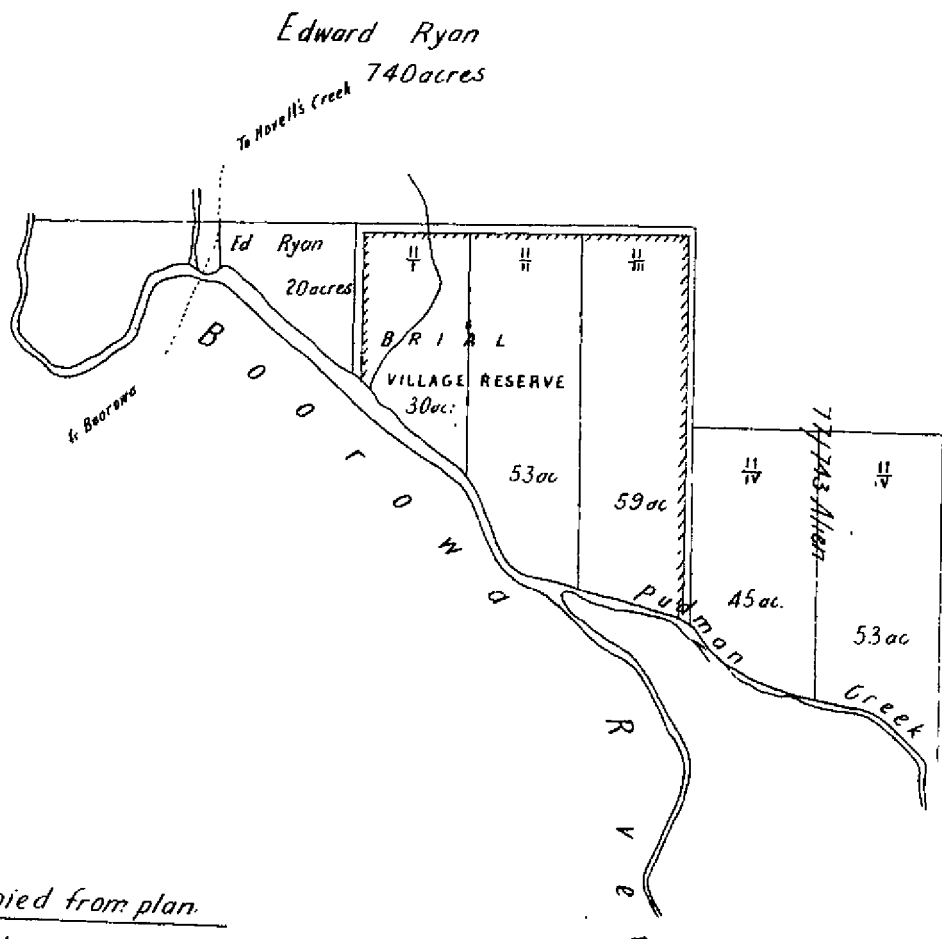
Chief Officer.

Forwarded through the Inspector-General of Police, 2nd May.

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Enclosure A to N^o 1.

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Parish of Boorowa
County of King



Note copied from plan.

The 3 portions in the Village Reserve of Brial 2 of which are applied for have been marked out for sale as it is not at all suitable for a Village and is difficult of access

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF MR. ROBERT JACKSON, OF POKOLBIN.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 July, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated the 19th June, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers relating to the conditional purchase made at Maitland
“by Mr. Robert Jackson, of Pokolbin, in 1870 or 1871, and the alleged
“cancellation of the said selection.”

(*Mr. Burns.*)

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CROWN LANDS.

No. 1.

Application by Robert Jackson.

C.P., No. 2,631.

Land Agent's No., 9 of 1870.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 4th day of August, 1870, at 10 o'clock,—

O. J. SMITHERS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Maitland.

Sir,

4 August, 1870.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

his
ROBERT + JACKSON,
mark.

Cessnock.

Description.

County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, containing 40 acres, bounded on the north and south by P. Green's lands, and on the east and west by Government lands; M'Donald's creek runs through the land.

Minutes on No. 1.

Mr. Haughton to measure, if unobjectionable, B.C., 20 August, 1870.—J.S.A. No. 44. *Vide* amended application since received bearing same registration No., 70/2,631.

No. 2.

Schedule of Report on Conditional Purchase.

SCHEDULE of Report on Conditional Purchase, County of Northumberland, Police District of Maitland.

Land Office Number.	Name of Purchaser.	Date of purchase.	Section.	Area.	Situation.	Date of Inspection.	Nature of improvements	Value of improvements.	Residence.	Remarks.
70/2,631 ...	Robt. Jackson	4th August, 1870.	21 to 31	ac. 4	County Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin.	25 October, 1870.	Building and clearing.	£ 30	Resident	This portion is numbered 162, and was measured by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland.

J. B. HAUGHTON,
Licensed Surveyor.

26 October, 1870.

Minutes on No. 2.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Haughton is requested to say whether he is quite sure that portion 162, parish of Pokolbin, is the land applied for, as the land measured does not appear to agree very well with the description, and moreover contains 50 acres.—J.S.A., 30 November, 1870.

I went to the ground with Robert Jackson, the selector, to ascertain his improvements, and I am quite sure No. 162 was marked on the corner tree. I also heard that the portion contained 50 acres.—J.B.H., 5 December, 1870.

Submitted. The portion indicated by Mr. Haughton does not agree with applicant's description. What action should be taken?—T.H.L., 13 December, 1870.

The application should be cancelled, the land not having been taken as measured.—J.S.A., 20 December, 1870.

For approval.—22 December, '70.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—If the portion taken up is No. 162 and contains 50 acres, cannot applicant have the option of paying up for the extra 10 acres?—W.W.S., 6 January, '71.

The description was so very erroneous that it was thought better in this instance to recommend the cancellation.—J.S.A., 6 January, '71.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.B.W., 17 January, '71.

To be cancelled as directed.—20 January, '71. Certainly.—23 January, '71. Cancellation noted.—17 Feb., '71.

No. 3.

No. 3.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Jackson.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 February, 1871.
 I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Maitland on the 4th August, 1870, ^{Deposit paid, £10.} for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, the land not having been taken as measured.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN,
 Under Secretary.

[Enclosure to No. 3.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.
 Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 February, 1871.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—				
Land Office at Maitland; date of selection, 4th day of August, 1870; deposit paid on 40 acres		10	0	0
Selection cancelled, the land not having been taken as measured.				
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres		10	0	0

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 February, 1871.
 I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, the land not having been taken as measured, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon. ^{Maitland, Robert Jackson, 4 August, 1870, 40 acres, £10.}

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN,
 Under Secretary.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent at Maitland.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 February, 1871.
 I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Jackson, on the 4th August, 1870, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is void, the land not having been taken as measured. ^{C.P. 70-2631.}

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,
 W. W. STEPHEN,
 Under Secretary.

No. 6.

Mr. R. Jackson to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir, Cessnock, 5 July, 1871.
 I have selected 40 (forty) acres of land in a place called the Marrabone, near Cessnock, on the *20th May, 1870. I have resided on it up to the present date, but did not know that it was surveyed, and found to be 50 acres. The Department of Lands told me it was cancelled. I proffered the remainder of the deposit of the 50 acres; it was refused. I will get no satisfaction in Maitland, which leaves me to adopt this remedy. I hope you will do me the favour to see to it, as I am a poor man who wishes to comply with the regulation. ^{*Qty. 4 August, '70.}

I have, &c.,
 ROBERT JACKSON.

Minutes on No. 6.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Mr. Blackman, 9 July.—J.B.W. The Chief Draftsman, 11/7/71.
 If the description given by applicant had been sufficient to show that the 50 acres in question was the portion intended there would probably have been no objection to his request, but under the circumstances he should, I think, re-select his land, giving a correct description as to position as well as area.—J.S.A., 13/7/71. Inform, 15/7/71.

No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Jackson.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 July, 1871.
 With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, respecting the conditional purchase of 40 acres made by you at Maitland on the 4th August, 1870, which was cancelled because the land formed part of a measured portion of 50 acres, I am directed to inform you that if the description given in your application

application had been sufficient to show that the 50 acres in question was the portion you intended to select, there would probably have been no objection to your paying the deposit on the difference of area and retaining the land, but that under the circumstances you should re-select the land, giving a correct description as to position as well as area.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 8.

Mr. R. Jackson to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Cessnock, 2 August, 1871.

With reference to your letter of the 5th, stating that Jackson, of Cessnock, could re-select his land, I wish to know where the deposit money is that I paid, I being told by Smithers that it was in the Bank of Australasia. Hoping you will forward me an order to receive it, and by so doing it will leave me able to select the 50 acres as measured at the time I took up the land. I did not know it was a surveyed lot, but as it stands I am willing to take it up if you send me an order to get me my money.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT JACKSON.

No. 9.

Application by Robert Jackson.

Amended Application.

C.P. No. 137.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Land Agent's No., 13 of 1871.

Application by Robert Jackson for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 50 acres unimproved Crown Lands, under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £2 10s., being a balance of £12 10s., this twenty-sixth day of October, 1871, at 12 o'clock.

C DELOHERY,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Maitland.

Sir,

26 October, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown lands hereunder described, containing 50 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £2 10s., being the balance of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am &c.,

his
ROBERT + JACKSON,
mark.

Cessnock.

Witness to mark,—C. DELOHERY.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Maitland.

Description.

County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, 50 acres, bounded on the west by Peter Green's conditional purchase, on the north, south, and east by Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 9.

Mr. Croft.—This amended application of Robert Jackson should be registered afresh and afterwards placed with papers relating to conditional purchase 70-2631 paper.—11/12/71. Before revoking the cancellation of the purchase made on the 4th August, 1870, reference should be made to the Treasury to ascertain whether the deposit of £10 has been refunded, voucher for which was forwarded to applicant on the 15th February last.—29/12/71. B.C., 29 December, '71.—W.B. (for the Under Secretary). The original deposit of £10 was refunded in March last. The sum of £2 10s., purporting to be the difference in deposit due between 40 and 50 acres, was received into Suspense Account on 7th November, '71. Will the Under Secretary for Lands be good enough to inform me what course should be pursued?—J.T. (for Under Secretary).

The Treasury, B.C., 6 January, 72. As the deposit of £10 has been refunded to Mr. Robert Jackson he should be requested to pay back the money into the Treasury in order that the cancellation of the purchase may be revoked. The amended application of the 26th October last will bear the date of the original application (4th August, 1870), according to decision given on extract enclosed.—W.B., 18/1/72.

By the Under Secretary for Lands:—Inform. The money should be paid at once.—W.W.S. 23/1/72.

No. 10.

The Land Agent, East Maitland, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Police Office, East Maitland, 14 November, 1871.

In compliance with instructions received from you, I do myself the honor to inform you that on the 26th October last I received from Robert Jackson the sum of £2 10s., deposit on 10 acres of land adjoining his conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on 4th August, 1870.

I have, &c.,
C. DELOHERY,
Land Agent.

No. 11.

No. 11.

Extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases.

WEEKLY Extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases made on the 26th October, 1871, in the Police District of Maitland.

No.	Name in full of Conditional Purchaser.	Nearest Post Town to the residence of the purchaser.	Hour.	Area of Selection.	Section of the Act.	Description in full of land selected.	Deposit on additional Area.	Balance of deposit paid.
* 13-71	* Robert Jackson...	* Pokolbin	* ...	* acres. 50	* 13	* County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, bounded on the west by Peter Green's conditional purchase, and on the north, east, and south by Crown Lands.	£ * s. d.	£ * s. d. 5 16 9
Total .....							.....	£5 16 9

I certify that the above is a true extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases made in the Police District of Maitland, on the 26th October, 1871, as required by the 15th section of the Act, 25 Victoria No. 1, and that the deposits paid upon the above purchases, amounting to £5 16s. 9d., were transmitted by me to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade on the 4th November, 1871.

C. DELOHERY,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 11.

By the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade:—Extract is returned to the Land Agent for further information or correction. Upon what purchase of Robert Jackson is it intended the additional deposit, whether £5 16s. 9d. or £2 10s., should be applied? Urgent.—H.L. The Treasury, B.C., 8 November, 1871. To be returned.

No. 12.

Memorandum by Land Agent at Maitland.

Maitland, 14 November, 1871.

MEMO.—The names of Robert Jackson and Richard Jackson were transposed. I now forward a correct extract. Robert Jackson was allowed to take up an additional 10 acres adjoining his conditional purchase of 40 acres, made 4th August, 1870.

C. DELOHERY,
Land Agent.

No. 13.

Extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases.

WEEKLY Extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases made on the 26th October, 1871, in the Police District of Maitland.

No.	Name in full of Conditional Purchaser.	Nearest Post Town to the residence of the purchaser.	Hour.	Area of Selection.	Section of the Act.	Description in full of land selected.	Deposit on additional Area.	Balance of deposit paid.
* 13-71	* Robert Jackson...	* Pokolbin	* 12	* acres. 50	* 13	* County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, bounded on the west by P. Green's conditional purchase, and on the north, south, and east by Crown Lands.	£ * s. d.	£ * s. d. 2 10 0
Total .....							.....	£2 10 0

I certify that the above is a true extract from the Register of Conditional Purchases made in the Police District of Maitland, on the 26th October, 1871, as required by the 15th section of the Act, 25 Victoria No. 1, and that the deposits paid upon the above purchase, amounting to £2 10s., were transmitted by me to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade on the 4th November, 1871.

C. DELOHERY,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Jackson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 February, 1872.

Referring to the extra deposit of £2 10s. paid by you on the conditional purchase made at Maitland, on 4th August, 1870, I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the purchase in question will be revoked if you at once pay back into the Treasury the deposit of £10 refunded to you in March last.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 15.

Mr. R. Jackson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cessnock Post Office, 5 March, 1872.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd February last, I beg to inform you that the deposit of £10 therein referred to was never refunded to me. I authorized the late Land Agent to receive this amount on my account, and I believe the £10 was paid into his credit in the Bank of Australasia, but was not paid by him to me.

I have, &c.,
his
ROBERT x JACKSON.
mark

Minutes

Minutes on No. 15.

As the arrangement between Mr. Jackson and the late Land Agent that the latter should receive the money can only be held in the light of a private one, it is very doubtful whether the Government should be called upon to make good the amount.—26 March, 1872.

By the Minister for Lands :—Approved.—J.B.W., 29 March, 1872.

As the deposit £10 has not been repaid into the Treasury the cancellation of the conditional purchase cannot be revoked, and the sum of £2 10s. in suspense for the extra area of 10 acres should be refunded.—F.H.W., 22/3/79. Submitted.—W.B.

By the Chief Commissioner :—A.O.M., 24/3/79.

By the Chief Commissioner :—What is the state in Register of Conditional Purchase of 26 October, 1871? Has it been declared upon?—A.O.M., 24/3/79.

Cancelled by 70-13,049 land not taken as measured; *vide* amended application having same registration number. No declaration made.—F.H.W., 26/3/79.

By the Chief Commissioner :—I understand there is no existing recognized holding under either of the conditional purchases. If so, the matter of the extra deposit may await some action by the parties or Treasury. The papers should be sent to Charting Branch for their information as to the land.—A.O.M., 29/3/79.

Charting Branch.—F.H.W., 2/4/79. Plan noted.—H.E.W., 14 May, 1879. Conditional Sales Branch. Await official letter from Treasury.—F.H.W., 20/5/79. End of June. Refund of £2 10s. made. Put away.—F.H.W., 15/7/79.

No. 16.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Jackson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 10 April, 1872.

With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, stating that you authorized the late Land Agent at Maitland to receive on your account the deposit on your cancelled conditional purchase of 40 acres at that place, but that he never paid it to you, I am directed to inform you that as the arrangement between you and the late Land Agent, that the latter should receive the money was a private one, the Government cannot be called upon to make good the amount.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 17.

Declaration by Robert Jackson.

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of land.

I, ROBERT JACKSON, of Pokolbin, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of fencing, £25, 12 acres felled, £15, house, £12, and to the value of £52, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence, continuously, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Maitland, this 26th }
day of October, 1874, before me,— }
JOHN LAWRIE, J.P.

his
ROBERT + JACKSON.
mark.

Description.

County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, 50 acres, at Maitland, being conditional purchase N. 137-13 of 1871, in the district of Maitland, made on 26th October, 1871.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

C. DELOHERRY,
Land Agent for Maitland District.

Minute on No. 17.

Interest paid.

No. 18.

Memorandum by Mr. F. W. Rutter.

In dealing with plan N. 533-211 of portion 211, parish of Pokolbin, county of Northumberland, Maitland district, it appears from that plan that portion 162 of 50 acres (cat. N. 883-1,501) is fenced and occupied by one R. Jackson. One Henry Jackson applied for that portion and the adjoining portion 183 for auction sale, but R. Jackson conditionally purchased the former (162) portion in 1870 (70-2,631), which application was cancelled by 70-13,049, and the lands advertised for sale, 28 Oct., /70. Lot R and K. K.—How does that conditional purchase stand?

Charting Branch.

F. W. R.,
25 September, 1879.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 18.

Tucker's survey, marked 26 February, 1879, transmitted with letter on 22/3/79. In view of this memo. it is probable that inspection should be made by the Conditional Purchase Inspector of portion 162, or reference to the Land Agent, as may appear best.—F.W.R., 26 September, 1879. C.S. Branch.—W. WILSON, 30/9/79. C.S. Branch,—In view to above memo.—H.E.W., 16 October, /79. The inspector should be instructed to report.—F.H.W., 22/10/79. Submitted. Yes.—W.B. Mr. M'Lean,—For tracing.—27/10/79. Tracing for inspector herewith.—H.H. M'L., 19 Nov., /79.

No. 19.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, 2 December, 1879. Referring to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am to inform you that by a recent report from the Survey Department, Henry Jackson applied for portion No. 162 and the adjoining portion 183, for auction sale, but Mr. R. Jackson conditionally purchased the former portion, No. 162, which was cancelled, and the land advertised for sale, 28th October, 1870, and to request that an inspection be made of portion No. 162, shown on the tracing enclosed. I have, &c., A. O. MORIARTY, Chief Commissioner.

Maitland, Robert Jackson, conditional purchase No. 70-2,631, 40 acres, 4 August, 1870. Enclosures, tracing, and copy application.

No. 20.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 January, 1880. I am directed to remind you that you have not yet furnished this Department with your report upon the case detailed in the margin, instructions having issued on the 2nd December last, and to request therefore that you will do so with as little delay as possible. I have, &c., A. O. MORIARTY, Chief Commissioner, (Per W.B.)

40 acres, district of Maitland, county of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, selected on 4 Aug., 1870, by Robert Jackson.

No. 21.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 September, 1880. I am directed to remind you that you have not yet furnished this Department with your report upon the case detailed in the margin, instructions having issued on the 2nd December last, and to request therefore that you will do so with as little delay as possible. I have, &c., A. O. MORIARTY, Chief Commissioner, (Per W.B.)

40 acres, district of Maitland, county of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, selected on 4 Aug., 1870, by Robert Jackson.

No. 22.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 November, 1880. I am directed to remind you that you have not yet furnished this Department with your report upon the case detailed in the margin, instructions having issued on the 2nd December last, and to request therefore that you will do so with as little delay as possible. I have, &c., A. O. MORIARTY, Chief Commissioner, (Per W.B.)

40 acres, district of Maitland, county of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, selected on 4 Aug., 1870, by Robert Jackson.

No. 23.

Memorandum by Land Agent at Maitland to Chief Commissioner.

ROBERT JACKSON selected 40 acres of land on the 4th August, 1870, and afterwards, from instructions received from your Department on the 26th October, 1871, I took from Jackson £2 10s. and made an entry in the conditional purchase book as if a fresh purchase had been made that day, treating it as 50 acres, No. 37-13,171; the other purchase was cancelled. This was done I believe as the description was rather vague. I enclose descriptions from the conditional purchase book of the two conditional purchases. I have, &c., C. DELOHERY, Land Agent, 16 December, 1880.

Minutes on No. 23.

Ask at Treasury what money is available.—W.A., 20/1/81. The necessary action in this case cannot be taken until receipt of report from the inspector, who has been requested to furnish one, also reminded four times. A special report should be called for.—W.A., 31/3/81. Mr. Capper,—Inspector Argent, fourth reminder.—30/4/81. Again, 5th time.—24/8/81. Submitted

Submitted as to what steps should be taken so that a report may be obtained from Inspector Argent with regard to portion 162, referred to within. Instructions were issued to him in December, '79, but no reply has yet been received; five reminders have issued.—W.H.C., 10/11/81.

By Mr. Blackman:—Mr. Capper,—As Mr. Argent is about to be dismissed, instructions should issue to his successor as soon as possible after his appointment.—W.B., 25/11/81.

Instructions returned by Mr. Argent.—W.H.C., 16/12/81.

No. 24.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 April, 1881.

I am directed to remind you that you have not yet furnished this Department with your report upon the case detailed in the margin, instructions having issued on the 2nd December last, and to request therefore that you will do so with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner,
(Per W.B.)

40 acres, district of Maitland, county of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, selected on 4 Aug., 1870, by Robert Jackson.

No. 25.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Argent.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1881.

I am directed to remind you that you have not yet furnished this Department with your report upon the case detailed in the margin, instructions having issued on the 2nd December last, and to request therefore that you will do so with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner,
(Per W.B.)

40 acres, district of Maitland, county of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, selected on 4 August, 1870, by Robert Jackson.

No. 26.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 11 October, 1881.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether Robert Jackson has a selection in the Maitland district, on 4th August, 1870, or 26th October, 1871; also whether a declaration has been accepted, and if interest may be received thereon?

I have, &c.,

G. EAGAR.

Minutes on No. 26.

Mr. Robert Jackson held a conditional purchase of 40 acres; the date of the purchase is 4th August, 1870. The selection was declared void and deposit money refunded (*vide* 72-2,485 *aln.*), but the money has not been returned to the Treasury on an amended application having been made. The amended application of 26th October, 1871, for 50 acres, bearing same registration number, 70-2,631, is therefore invalid, as no deposit money is credited on the purchase at the Treasury. The sum of £2 10s., remaining in Suspense Account at the Treasury for the extra 10 acres, comprised in the amended application, should be refunded. Applicant, agent, and Treasury should be apprised.—C.N., 9/2/82.

This case is apparently connected with some of Mr. Smithers' old defalcations.—W.B., 10/2/82.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The claimant may be referred to the intimation dated 22 February, 1872, and informed that the balance of deposit, £10, not having been repaid as therein authorized, the selection is not recognized, and will be declared void. The deposit of £2 10s., and any payments on account of interest, should be refunded. This would be in accordance with the decision of the Minister who dealt with the case; but I must say I think it is hard to compel the conditional purchaser to make good the refund of deposit, which it appears he never received.—A.O.M., 17/2/83.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 21/2/83.

Voiding noted, no further action for Charting Branch.—H.E.W., 12 May, /83.

No. 27.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. R. Jackson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 March, 1883.

I have the honor to refer you to my letter of the 22nd July, 1872, in connection with your amended conditional purchase application noted in the margin, and to state that the balance of deposit, £10, not having been repaid as therein authorized, the selection is not recognized, and will be declared void.

A voucher for the return of deposit of £2 10s. is enclosed, and any payment on account of interest will be refunded on application at the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

40 acres now 50, 26 October, 1871, Maitland.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure to No. 27.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 March, 1883.

		Amount to be refunded.			
		£	s.	d.	
For the following refund, viz. :—					
{ C.S. No. 81-46,031.					
{ C.P. No. 70-2,631.					
{ L.A. No. 13.					
Land Office at Maitland ; date of selection, 26th day of October, 1871 ; deposit paid	on 50 acres.....	2	10	0	
Selection void, as applicant did not repay the £10.					
Deposit to be refunded on 50 acres.....		£	2	10	0

No. 28.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 March, 1883.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as applicant did not repay the £10, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £2 10s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

No. 29.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent at Maitland.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 21 March, 1883.

I desire to inform you that the application of Mr. Robert Jackson on 26th October, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 50 acres of land is void, as applicant did not repay the £10.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

[Tracing.]

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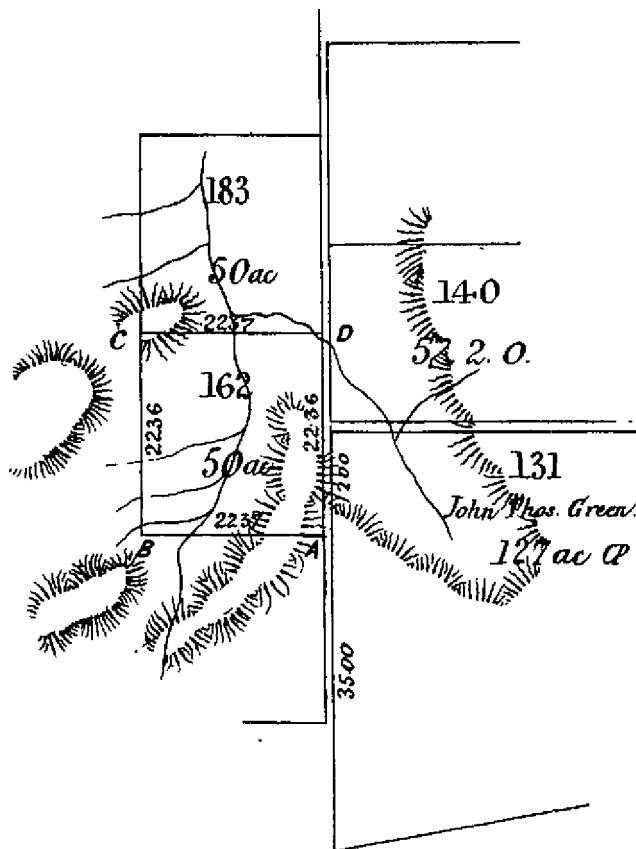
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Tracing

of portion N^o 162 in the
Parish of Pokolbin
County of Northumberland

Applied for by **R. Jackson** under the
13th clause of the C.I. Act of 1861
CP N^o 70/2631.



Reference to Corners				
Cor	Bearing	From	Lks	No on Tree
A	S.	Box Sap		CLXII
B	S. 10' E.	S Bark	48	CLXII
C	N.	Gun/	14	CLXII CLXAXIII
D	S. 32' W	Box	07	CLXII CLXAXIII

Reference to Traverses		
N ^o	Bearing	Links

Date of Survey. 1869.

Improvements Nil.

(Signed) D M Maidland

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G. D.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PETITION OF MR. JOACHIM.

(COPY OF.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 July, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 2nd July, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A copy of the Petition of Mr. Joachim to the Governor, in reference to “ his selections.”

(*Mr. Buchanan.*)

To the Right Honorable Lord AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, President of the Executive Council of New South Wales, and to all other Members thereof, in Council assembled,—

WE HEREBY PRAY :—

That your Honorable Council will take into consideration the circumstances of our case, and in your wisdom give such directions as may seem wise.

We came to this Colony in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and conditionally purchased land in the vicinity of Moama in blocks of three hundred and twenty acres each. We took possession of the same as early as circumstances would admit, but from the fact that the land had not been surveyed we were compelled to fix camps and sleeping-places to the best of our knowledge and belief on the grounds applied for in our various separate applications. On the alleged grounds of non-residence and other grounds we were subjected to long and severe litigation, ending in an appeal to the Privy Council on certain points which the Court decided in our favour.

During the continuance of our difficulties our lands were declared forfeited by notice in the Government Gazette on the alleged ground of non-residence by us.

Acting under the belief that the various legal points decided in our favour by the Privy Council gave us a holding title to the land, and believing that in due course we would be advised by the Department of Lands that the forfeiture of our holdings would be reversed, we took no steps in the matter until the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, when we made and lodged with the Department of Lands the declarations required in the terms of the 18th section of the “Lands Act of 1861,” which declarations have been referred for inquiry, and show officially that we have effected the improvements necessary under the law.

We have from the first held possession of our lands personally, and in proof that we have resided we append hereto a memorandum signed by various of our neighbours, who have no interest whatever in our lands.

We estimate the value of our improvements at seventeen hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling effected by us on our holdings.

We humbly pray your Honorable Council to take a favourable view of our case, and to consider the trying circumstances in which we have been placed, and we submit that such circumstances warrant the reversal of the forfeiture of our holdings and the re-establishment of our conditional purchase titles.

JOHN T. JOACHIM.

SOPHIA JOACHIM.

SELINA JOACHIM.

ANNIE JOACHIM.

W. H. JOACHIM.

WILLIAM JOACHIM,

Administrator to the Estate of George Joachim, deceased.

[Enclosure to Petition.]

Moama, N.S.W., 13 July, 1883.

Sir, We, the undersigned, residents of Moama, and selectors living on the lands adjoining the "Joachims'" selections, hereby state that from our knowledge the said family of "Joachims" lived on their selections, and conformed to the residence condition, and are honestly, morally, and legally, we believe, entitled to their land, having improved and lived on the land in accordance with the Act.

GEORGE REDMAN, J.P.
 GEORGE DORWARD, J.P.
 WILLIAM KYLO. (?)
 RICHARD BERRYMAN.
 EDWARD POOLEY BERRYMAN.
 JAMES LAURENCE.
 JAMES L. KELLY.
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 HENRY HOLSCHIER.
 MICHAEL WELDON.
 ANDREW WALL.
 EDWIN HUGHES.

The Honorable the Minister for Lands.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT TAMWORTH.

(REPORTS, TRANSFERS, DECLARATIONS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 30 October, 1884.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 2nd October, 1884, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all applications made by F. Ivery, W. Adams, C. Ivery, and Isaac Frith, on 23rd January, 1873, and by W. Day, on 13th March, 1873, and by T. Hayden, on 7th August, 1873, and by W. Ivery, on 30th October, 1873, for conditional purchases at Tamworth; together with copies of all reports, transfers, declarations, correspondence, minutes, and all other documents or memoranda in connection therewith.”

(*Mr. Melville.*)

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CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT TAMWORTH.

No. 1.

Application by William Day.

C. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Application by William Day for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 13th day of March, 1873,—

JOHN M'DONALD,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

13 March, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM DAY,
Yarraman.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 40 acres, on the plantation to the south of Lawson's Volunteer Grant, 50 acres, No. 12, and to the east of Hayden's 320 acres, No. 14.

No. 2.

Application by William Day.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by William Day for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 13th day of March, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

JOHN M'DONALD,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
.....	March, 1873.	40
.....	" "	40
	Total area ..	80

13 March, 1873.

Sir, I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 40 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,
WILLIAM DAY,
Yarraman.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 40 acres, to the south of original 40 acres made this day, and east of Hayden's 320 acres.

No. 3.

Application by William Day.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by William Day for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 13th day of March, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

JOHN M'DONALD,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Land Agent's Number	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. acres.
....	March, 1873	40
....	" "	40
....	" "	40
	Total area ..	120

13 March, 1873.

Sir, I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I am now residing; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &c.,
WILLIAM DAY,
Yarraman.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 40 acres, to the south of No. 2, additional 40 acres made this day, and north of Lawson's 80 acres, No. 15.

No. 4.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Bomera, 11 June, 1874.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that in pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter to me of 21st May last, I inspected the land conditionally purchased by William Day on 13th March, 1873, and ascertained the facts hereinafter referred to.

2. William Day was in the hut upon his land when I visited it.
3. The improvements upon the said land consist of a bark hut worth £2, a yard of split mortised posts and round rails worth £5, and 196 rods of substantial two-railed fencing worth about £40; in all £47.
4. I took down the enclosed statements, to which I beg to invite your attention, from William Day, the person before referred to, and from Thomas Hayden, the owner of land adjoining Day's.
5. Day says he entered into possession of his land in the beginning of April, 1873, and at once had a hut erected thereon.
6. Hayden says he saw Day upon the said land in the first week of April, 1873, and saw the hut there then.
7. Hayden also says he had special reasons to notice when Day first came upon the land from the fact that he had had information that Day had selected upon his (Hayden's) pre-leased land, and that he kept a strict lookout to see if Day took possession within a month from the date of purchase, and that he ascertained the date of purchase.
7. There was no evidence offered to me in opposition to these statements.
8. As to continuous residence, Day says, "I have resided continuously upon my land from the date of taking possession to the present time, and it is my *bonâ fide* home."
9. Hayden says, "I have had numberless opportunities of observing whether Day has resided continuously upon the said land, and I am quite sure that he has."
10. I see no reason to doubt from these statements that Day has complied with the conditions of his purchase.
11. Day also says that he is part owner of the cattle grazing over his selection, and over the four adjacent selections of his partners in the cattle, and that he assists in herding the said cattle.
12. He also told me that he * * * * * (Note.—The remainder of report is missing.)

Minutes on No. 4.

No grounds for interference apparently.—A.O.M., 30/6/74.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 8/7/74.

By the Secretary for Lands:—I have some doubts as to the truth of the statements of the parties above-mentioned—J.S.F.

No. 5.

Application by William Day.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Application by William Day for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 200 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £50, this 15th day of July, 1875, at 12:3 o'clock,—

JOHN M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

15 July, 1875.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase.
119	March, 1873.	40
120	"	40
121	"	40
831	July, 1875	200
	Total area..	320

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 200 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 120 acres made on the 13th March, 1873; and I herewith tender the sum of £50, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM DAY,

D. M'CLURE, Agent, Bundalla.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 200 acres, east of and adjoining applicant's three conditional purchases of 40 acres each.

Minute on No. 5.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to measure if unobjectionable.—M.O'C.B., for Surveyor-General, 23 August, 1875.

No. 6.

Declaration by William Day.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, WILLIAM DAY, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, stables, and fencing, and to the value

value of £120, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Coomoo Coomoo, this 17th }
day of May, 1876, before me,— }
H. V. HEWITT, J.P.

WILLIAM DAY.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 120 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchases Nos. 119, 120, 121, of 1873, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 13th March, 1873, at Tamworth.

Minutes on No. 6.

By Chief Commissioner:—For counter-signature.—A.O.M., 17/4/77.
By Secretary for Lands:—R.D., 17/4/77.

No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Conditional Purchases.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 4 August, 1876.

I am directed to inform you that interest due on the selection mentioned in the margin was paid into this office on 3rd instant. The usual declaration did not accompany the payment,

I have, &c.,
G. EAGAR.

William Day,
Gunnedah, 1200,
£140, 13 March,
1873, £2 9s. 9d.,
31 December,
1876.

No. 8.

Declaration by William Day.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, WILLIAM DAY, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 18th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, fencing, and stable, and to the value of £120, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Denman, this 26th }
day of August, 1876, before me,— }
GEORGE A. F. TUBBLE, J.P.

WILLIAM DAY.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 120, 121, and 120 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchases Nos. 119, 120, and 121, of 1873, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 13th March, 1873, at Tamworth.

Minutes on No. 8.

Interest credited, 3rd August, 1876. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands with reference to previous report of credit.—G.E., The Treasury, B.C., 7 September, 1876. Examined and found correct in form.—C.N., 12 January, 1877.

No. 9.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Bundalla, 31 December, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 200 acres, numbered 96, in the parish of Lawson, county of Pottinger, applied for by William Day, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated September 9th, 1875, No. 145. No improvements have been effected on this portion. Applicant resides on his first conditional purchase adjoining.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minutes on No. 9.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—M.O'C.B. Tracing herewith for Inspector's report.—M.O'C.B., 26th July, 1877.

[Enclosure

No. 75-831. Con-
ditional purchase
and plan
herewith.

[Enclosure to No. 9.]

Conditional Purchase 75-831.

Description.

200 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, portion 96: Commencing on the southern side of a road 1 chain wide, at the north-eastern corner of portion 35 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by that road and a line, in all bearing east 68 chains 22 links; on the east by a line bearing south 7 chains and 46 links; on the south by a road 5 chains wide bearing west 40 minutes north 24 chains 48 links; again on the east by that road bearing south 40 minutes west 40 chains and 9 links; again on the south by a line bearing west 38 chains 27 links; and on the west by the eastern boundaries of portions 37 and 36, of 40 acres each, and the eastern boundary of portion 35 aforesaid, in all bearing north 47 chains and 26 links, to the point of commencement.

No. 10.

Notification by William Day

K.

[Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchases by William Day, in the district of Gunnedah. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, the 40 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 13th March, 1873, as also the following additional purchases:—13th March, 1873, 40 acres, and 40 acres; 15th July, 1875, 200 acres.

Dated at Sydney, this 29th January, 1877.

WILLIAM DAY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Bundalla.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

T. K. ABBOTT,

Land Office, Gunnedah, 7 February, 1877.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 10.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent at Gunnedah is requested to note the within transfer in the books of his office, and to return same to this Department first opportunity.—W.B. (for the Chief Commissioner), B.C., 3/2/77. To be returned. The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.

No. 11.

Notification by John McElhone.

K.

[Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchases by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 40 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by William Day, and since transferred to me, and additional purchases, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 13th March, 1873, as also the following additional purchases:—Two additional selections of 40 acres each, on 13th March, 1873, and 200 acres selected 15th July, 1875.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.

JOHN McELHONE,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

Sydney.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

T. K. ABBOTT,

Land Office, Gunnedah, 5 March, 1877.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 11A.

Memorandum.

William Day's conditional purchase, 120 acres, transferred to J. McElhone.

House	£20 0 0
Yard	6 0 0
$\frac{3}{4}$ mile 2-rail heavy fence and three wires	82 10 0
Well, 50 deep, 4 x 4	50 0 0
$\frac{3}{4}$ mile 2-rail fence	30 0 0
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	£188 10 0

No. 12.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 22 March, 1877.

I have the honor to request that you will cause instructions to be sent to Mr. Inspector Argent to report on the improvements erected on selections of 120 acres transferred to me by Mr. Day, also selection of 320 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery, and selection of 300 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery.

The selections transferred to me by Ivery were transferred to him by John Sheahan and William Ivery, and are situated in parish of Lawson and county of Pottinger.

I should feel obliged by your causing the Inspector to send in an early report as to the valuation of improvements on these selections.

I have, &c.,

J. McELHONE.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 12.

Mr. Moriarty, 23/3/77.—The whole of the cases referred to in this letter were, with the exception of conditional purchase 73-11,412, forwarded to Inspector Geary a few days ago. The declaration relating to conditional purchase 73-11,412 has been examined, and that case will be dispatched immediately.—24/3/77.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Send on the last, and tell Mr. Geary to report at once.—A.O.M., 27/3/77.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Geary.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to report at once on the fulfilment of the conditions on the conditional purchases noted in the margin, for which instructions were sent you on the 14th instant.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Commissioner).

Tamworth, now
Gunnedah, C.P.
73-2,560, 2,561,
2,562, each 40
acres, 13 March,
1873, William
Day, now J.
McElhone.

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that these cases have been referred to Mr. Inspector Geary, in whose district they are situated, and he has been called upon to furnish an immediate report as to the fulfilment of the conditions required by law on the selections in question.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Commissioner).

Tamworth, now
Gunnedah, C.Ps.
Nos. 73-2,560,
2,561, 2,562, each
40 acres, 13
March, 1873,
William Day,
now
J. McElhone.

No. 15.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of William Day, made at Tamworth, on 13th March, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 9th April, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises 120 acres, is not occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20	0	0
Fencing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	6	3
Well	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	0	0
Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	0
								£182	10	3

There was no one on the land at the date of my inspection, nor am I aware that the applicant has ever resided on it.

I have, &c.,

HENRY V. GEARY
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

C.Ps. 73-2,560,
2,561, 2,562,
sections 13 and
21, portions 35,
36, and 37.

No. 16.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by William Day, at Denman, on the 26th August, 1876, with reference to the Conditional Purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-2,560; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 13 March, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 35; area, 40 acres; original applicant, William Day; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by William Day, at Denman, on the 26th August, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-2,562; section, 21; district, Gunnedah; date, 13 March, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 36; area, 40 acres; original applicant, William Day; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 18.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by William Day, at Denman, on the 26th August, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-2,561; section, 21; district, Gunnedah; date, 13 March, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 37; area, 40 acres; original applicant, William Day, present holder, John McElhone.

No. 19.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 24 April, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter, dated 23rd April, alienation 77-12,539, conditional purchases 73-2,560, 2,561, 2,562, in reference to conditional purchases transferred to me by William Day, and to advise you that the said conditional purchases were transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, some time since.

I have, &c.,

J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 19.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, as to transfer.—C.N., 5/5/77. Transfer now passed; papers may be put away.—H.A.F., 11/5/77.

No. 20.

Declaration by Andrew Town.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, ANDREW TOWN, of Richmond, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, yards, fencing, and to the value of £320, have been made on the adjoining land; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Bomera, this 5th }
day of October, 1878, before me,— }

SAMUEL HOLE, J.P.

ANDREW TOWN.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 200 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchase No. 831 of 1875, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 15th July, 1875.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 20.

Interest credited at Treasury, £3 9s. 11d.—W.H.B., 18/10/78. Examined and found correct in form.—F.H.W., 9/7/79.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.H., 17/7/80.

No. 21.

Mr. Inspector O'Hara to The Chief Commissioner.

Report by John S. O'Hara, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of William Day, made at Tamworth, on 15th July, 1875.

Sir,

Lawson, 15 July, 1875.

C.P. 75-831, Gunnedah, place, Lawson; section 21, portion 96.

I have the honor to report that I have visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase, on the 7th May, 1880, and that I found the selector then not resident upon this selection.

The land, which consists of plain, and comprises 200 acres, is not occupied but used by lessee of run as grazing land; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Portions 35, 36, and 37, the original.	{	Huts... ..	£15	0	0
		Well	64	0	0
		2 Stockyards	11	0	0
		440 rods 3-wire and 2-rail split fence, 7s.	154	0	0
		Stockyards, containing 50 rods 4-rail split fence, round corner and gate posts, and 26 rods 4-split rail and round posts	70	0	0
			£314	0	0

Total areas, 320 acres. Improvements, £314.

The hut and surroundings upon the original conditional purchase present the appearance of having been occupied for a number of years.

I have, &c.,

J. S. O'HARA,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 21.

Original conditional purchase and two additional conditional purchases approved. Section 21, area, 200 acres; improvements on 320 acres, £314. Residence on original conditional purchase approved. For approval.—W.B., 14/7/80.

No. 22.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Town.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 24 August, 1880.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by you at Bomera, on the 5th October, 1878, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 831; section, 21; district, Gunnedah; date, 15th July, 1875; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 96; area, 200 acres; original applicant, William Day; present holder, Andrew Town.

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No 1.

Application by Thomas Hayden.

Application by Thomas Hayden for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 7th day of August, 1873, at 3 o'clock,—

JOHN McDONALD,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

Tamworth, 7 August, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS HAYDEN,
(Agent, J. C. DARK),

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Tambar Springs.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, on the north-eastern side of the plantation, joining the north side of lot 12 and the eastern side of lot 16, to start from the eastern corner of lot 13. Taken this 7th day of August, 1873.

Minute on No. 1.

By the Surveyor-General:—Mr. Higgins to measure if unobjectionable.—W.A.T., for Surveyor-General, 19 September, 1873.

No. 2.

Mr. J. J. Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

27 June, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of portion of land containing 320 acres, numbered 73, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by Thomas Hayden, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 7th April, 1874, in accordance with your instruction No. 73,277 of the 29th September.

At the time of survey applicant was resident on his land, and had effected improvements consisting of a hut, value 20s., on it.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS.

No. 3

Notification by Thomas Hayden.

A.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Thomas Hayden, in the district of Tamworth.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Tamworth, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to John Sheahan, of Bundalla Creek, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 7th August, 1873, having no additional purchase in virtue thereof.

Dated at Bundalla Creek, this 20th August, 1874.

THOMAS HAYDEN,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Tambar Springs.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

JOHN McDONALD,

Laud Office, Tamworth, 20 September, 1874.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 4.

Declaration by John Sheahan.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, John Sheahan, of Bundalla, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, well, and fencing, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land. And I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of Thomas Hayden and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Bomera, this 14th day }
of October, 1876, before me— }
SAMUEL HOLE, J.P.

JOHN SHEAHAN.

Description.

County of Pottinger; parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at Tamworth, being conditional purchase in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 7th August, 1873.

Minutes on No. 4.

Interest credited at Treasury, £4 16s. 8d.—V.C., 1/11/76. Examined and found correct in form.—
C.N., 20/12/76.

No. 5.

Notification by John Sheahan.

K.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John Sheahan, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to Charles Ivery, of Bundalla, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 7th August, 1873.

Dated at Bomera, this 14th October, 1876.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

JOHN SHEAHAN,
Bundalla.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 23rd October, 1876.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 6.

Notification by Charles Ivery.

K.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Charles Ivery, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by Thomas Hayden, at Tamworth, and transferred to John Sheahan, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 7th August, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 29th January, 1877.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 7th February, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Minutes on No. 6.

By Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, is requested to enter this transfer in the books of his office, and return same to this Department first opportunity.—W.B. (for the Commissioner), B.C., 3/2/77.

To be returned. The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah. Entered, 3/2/77.

No. 7.

Notification by John McElhone.

K [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by Thomas Hayden, and since transferred to me, on 26th February, 1877, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 7th August, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877. JOHN McELHONE, Sydney.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office. T. K. ABBOTT, Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 5 March, 1877.

No. 8.

Memorandum.

T. HAYDEN, 320 acres, transferred to John Sheahan, and by him to Charles Ivery, and by Charles Ivery to me.

House	£35	0	0
Well, 75 feet deep, 6 x 6, slabbed, and nearly all through rock, @ 30/-			
per foot	112	10	0
Powder for blasting	5	0	0
2 miles 1-rail and 5-wire fence	220	0	0
	£372	10	0

No. 9.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 22 March, 1877.

I have the honor to request that you will cause instructions to be sent to Mr. Inspector Argent to report on the improvements erected on selections of 120 acres transferred to me by Mr. Day, also selection of 320 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery, and selection of 300 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery.

The selections transferred to me by C. Ivery were transferred to him by John Sheahan and William Ivery, and are situated in the parish of Lawson and county of Pottinger.

I should feel obliged by your causing the Inspector to send in an early report as to the valuation of improvements on these selections. I have, &c., J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 9.

Mr. Moriarty, 23/3/77. The whole of the cases referred to in this letter were, with the exception of conditional purchase No. 73-11,412, forwarded to Inspector Geary a few days ago. The declaration relating to conditional purchase 73-11,412 has been examined, and that case will be dispatched immediately. 24/3/77.

By the Chief Commissioner:—Send on the last, and tell Mr. Geary to report at once.—A.O.M., 27/3/77.

No. 10.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Geary.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to report at once on the fulfilment of the conditions on the conditional purchase noted in the margin, for which instructions were sent you on the 24th instant. I have, &c., WM. BLACKMAN, (For Commissioner).

Tamworth, now Gunnedah, conditional purchase 73-8,088, 320 acres, 7 Aug., 1873, T. Hayden, now J. McElhone.

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that this case has been referred to Mr. Inspector Geary, in whose district it is situated, and he has been called upon to furnish an immediate report as to the fulfilment of the conditions required by law on the selection in question.

Tamworth, now Gunnedah, conditional purchase 73-8,088, 320 acres, 7 August, 1873, T. Hayden, now J. McElhone.

I have, &c., WM. BLACKMAN, (For Commissioner).

No. 12.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Thomas Hayden, made at Tamworth, on 7th August, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 9th April, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises 320 acres, is not occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____ had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Fencing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£166	0	0
Hut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Well	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	10	0
Windlass	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
									£294 10 0		

I cannot supply any information as to residence; there was no one on the ground at the date of inspection.

I have, &c.,

HARRY V. GEARY,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 12.

By the Chief Commissioner :—The Inspector's estimate of the present value of the improvements is £25 10s. below the value declared to at the end of the three years. This does not appear to me a sufficient ground for questioning the declaration, which is therefore submitted for approval. Residence is not now necessary.—A.O.M., 17/4/77.

By the Minister for Lands :—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by John Sheahan, at Bomera, on the 14th October, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-8,083; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 7 August, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 73; area, 320 acres; original applicant, Thomas Hayden; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 14.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 24 April, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter, dated 23rd April, conditional purchase 73-8,086, 320 acres, in reference to conditional purchase originally taken up by Thomas Hayden, transferred by him to John Sheahan, by John Sheahan to Charles Ivory, and by him to me, and to advise you that the said conditional purchase was transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, some time since.

I have, &c.,

J. McELHONE.

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No. 1.

Application by William Ivery.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Application by William Ivery for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 300 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £75, this 30th day of October, 1873, at 11 o'clock,—

JOHN M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

30 October, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 300 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £75, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM IVERY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth. CHARLES IVERY, Agent. Yarraman.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 300 acres, on the east and south of William Adams' conditional purchase of 320 acres, to adjoin said conditional purchase on the east.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Higgins to measure if unobjectionable.—J. H. (for Surveyor-General), 25th November, 1873.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

27 June, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 300 acres, numbered 76, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by William Ivery, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 10th April, 1874, in accordance with your instructions No. 74-33 of the 18th December, 1873.

At the time of survey applicant was not resident on this land, and had effected improvements consisting of a hut worth 20s. on it. Applicant was absent at the time of survey, but had been previously resident on this selection, which I consider to be *bona fide*.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS,

Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

Notification by William Ivery.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by William Ivery, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to Charles Ivery, of Bundalla Creek, the 300 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 30th October, 1873, having no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.

Dated at Coomoo Coomoo, this 20th March, 1876.

WILLIAM IVERY, Bundalla.

H. V. HEWITT, J.P.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

T. K. ABBOTT,

District of Gunnedah, Land Office, 28th March, 1876.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 4.

No. 4.

Declaration by Charles Ivery.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, CHARLES IVERY, of Bundella, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house and fencing, and to the value of £300, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence, continuously, of William Ivery and myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Bundalla, this 23rd day of }
November, 1876, before me, -- }
SAMUEL HOLE, J.P.

CHARLES IVERY.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 300 acres, at Bundalla, being conditional purchase No. 741 of 1873, in the district of Gunnedah, made on the 30th October, 1873.

Minutes on No. 4.

Interest credited at Treasury, £1 18s. 10d.—V.C., 14 December, 1876.
correct in form.—J.W., 2 February, 1877.

Examined and found

No. 5.

Notification by Charles Ivery.

K.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Charles Ivery, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, the 300 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by William Ivery, at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 30th October, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, 29th January, 1877.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 7 February, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.*Minutes on No. 5.*

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, is requested to enter this transfer in the books of his office, and return same to this Department first opportunity.—W.B. (for the Chief Commissioner), B.C., 3 February, 1877. To be returned. The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah.
Entered, 3/2/77.

No. 6.

Notification by John McElhone.

K.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 300 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by William Ivery, and since transferred to me, on 26th February, 1877, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 30th October, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

J. McELHONE,
Sydney.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 3 March, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Gunnedah.

No. 7.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 22 March, 1877.
I have the honor to request that you will cause instructions to be sent to Mr. Inspector Argent to report on the improvements erected on selections of 120 acres transferred to me by Mr. Day, also selection of 320 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery, and selection of 300 acres transferred to me by Charles Ivery.

The selections transferred to me by C. Ivery were transferred to him by John Sheahan and William Ivery, and are situated in parish of Lawson, and county of Pottinger.

I should feel obliged by your causing the Inspector to send in an early report as to the valuation of improvements on these selections.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

Minutes on No. 7.

Mr. Moriarty, 23/3/77. The whole of the cases referred to in this letter were, with the exception of conditional purchase 73-11,412, forwarded to Inspector Geary a few days ago. The declaration relating to conditional purchase 73-11,412 has been examined, and that case will be dispatched immediately.—24/3/77.

By the Chief Commissioner :—Send on the last, and tell Mr. Geary to report at once.—A.O.M., 27/3/77.

No. 8.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Geary.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.
I am directed to request that you will be good enough to report *at once* on the fulfilment of the conditions on the conditional purchase noted in the margin, for which instructions were sent you in my separate letter of this day's date.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Commissioner).

Tamworth, now
Gunnedah, C.P.
73-11,412, 300
acres, 30th
October, 1873,
William Ivery,
now J. McElhone.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 March, 1877.
Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that this case has been referred to Mr. Inspector Geary, in whose district it is situated, and he has been called upon to furnish an immediate report as to the fulfilment of the conditions required by law on the selection in question.

I have, &c.,
WM. BLACKMAN,
(For Commissioner.)

Tamworth, now
Gunnedah, C.P.
73-11,412, 300
acres, 30th Oct.,
1873, William
Ivery, now
J. McElhone.

No. 10.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of William Ivery, made at Tamworth, on 30th October, 1873.

Sir, I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 9th April, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises 300 acres, is not occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut	£70	0	0
Fencing	166	10	0
Total	£236	10	0

I cannot afford any information as to the applicant's residence.

I have, &c.,
H. V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 10.

By Chief Commissioner :—The Inspector's estimate of the present value of the improvements is £63 10s. less than the declared value.

Residence is no longer necessary. The selector was reported resident at time of survey, and no grounds for questioning the fulfilment of this condition appear.

Mr. McElhone, the present holder of the selections, supplies details of and the actual cost of the improvements, which he gives at £304, or £4 beyond the declared value.

There is no question as to their nature, the only difference is in the value of the hut and fencing, and it is for the Minister to decide whether the discrepancy between the two valuations is of such a character as to render necessary an inquiry before a Commissioner.

There is no doubt there has been substantial expenditure and apparent *bona fides*. At the same time the discrepancy is greater in proportion than would ordinarily be passed over, and I think the better course would be to refer Mr. McElhone's statement to inquiry, with a request that he will explain more in detail the grounds of his own estimate as compared therewith.—A.O.M.

By Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77.

No. 11.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 17 April, 1877.

I have the honor to inform you that to-day I saw Mr. Inspector Geary's valuations of improvements on certain selections transferred to me in virtue of a mortgage given to me on them.

The value placed on such improvements by Mr. Geary is far below the actual cost.

I have the honor to forward you particulars of the improvements on each conditional purchase and the cost of the same, and to request you will take the necessary steps to pass these conditional purchases as improved to the value of £1 per acre.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

The whole of the fencing and stuff to build houses was drawn 12 to 15 miles in the late dry seasons, which made carting dear.

No. 12.

Memorandum.

William Ivery's conditional purchase, 300 acres, transferred to J. McElhone.

House, 26 feet by 13 feet, 2-inch sawn ironbark slabs, verandah, floored and shingled	...	£90	0	0
Over $\frac{1}{4}$ mile 2-rail and post 3 feet in ground heavy ironbark fence, and three wires	...	87	10	0
$1\frac{1}{2}$ mile heavy 2-rail fence, posts 3 feet in ground, and 9 feet apart	127	10	0
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		£305	0	0

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Geary.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

With reference to your reports of inspection of the conditional purchases mentioned in the margin, in which you value the improvements at £236 10s. and £280 respectively, I am directed to forward you statements of the actual cost of the improvements, and to request that you furnish a further report, with a more detailed explanation of your own estimates as compared therewith.

Tracings and copies of the conditional purchase applications are also enclosed.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

C.P. 73-11, 412,
William Ivery,
now J. McElhone,
300 acres,
Tamworth,
county Pottinger, parish of
Lawson.
C.P. 73-506,
Isaac Frith,
now J. McElhone,
320 acres,
Tamworth,
county Pottinger, parish
Lawson.

No. 14.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of William Ivery, made at Tamworth on 30th October, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on 9th April, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises 300 acres, is not now occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

House, 26 x 13 feet, shingled and floored	... ..	£90	0	0
$1\frac{1}{2}$ mile 2-rail split fence (£80 per mile)	120	0	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile 2-rail split fence, 3 wires (£100 per mile)	75	0	0
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		£285	0	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I cannot say that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection, or that he has ever resided on the land. He was on the land when I visited it. My remarks with reference to Isaac Frith's selection also applies to this as to the alteration in the value of the improvements. The amount allowed per mile is considered fair in the locality. Frederick and Edward Rowland stated before the Commissioner's Court, at Quirindi, on the 2nd instant, that "their fence, consisting of two rails and three wires, only cost 5s. per rod, or £80 per mile, carting 15 miles from Colly Blue." *Mr. Ivery valued a similar fence of his at £125 per mile, same material, only carted about 8 miles.*

I have, &c.,
H. V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 14.

By the Chief Commissioner :—This further report leaves only a discrepancy of £15 between the valuation and the amount required for improvements on the selection. There is a much greater discrepancy between the Inspector's two valuations, and in the circumstances I am not prepared to recommend that the declaration should be further questioned.—A.O.M., 10/5/77.

By Secretary for Lands :—I concur.—R.D., 18/5/77.

By Chief Commissioner :—Inform of the corrected estimate, which is still below the required amount.—A.O.M., 14th.

No. 15.

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No. 15.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 18 May, 1877.

Enclosed I send you Mr. G. Paine's valuations of fencing on Liverpool Plains, being the price paid by him whilst managing for Messrs. Christian at Walhallow.

I posted, on Tuesday, a letter to you from Mr. Paine in reference to the same thing, which letter did not reach you.

I have the honor to request you will forward me the decision of the Honorable the Minister for Lands in reference to the case of William Ivery when convenient. By Mr. Paine's price of fencing there will be fully £300 worth of improvements on W. Ivery's conditional purchase.

I have also the honor to request that you will send me the certificate of Isaac Frith's conditional purchase, so that I can forward the same to Mr. Andrew Town, to whom it is transferred.

I have, &c.,

J. McELIIONE.

P.S.—I would beg to call your attention to the price paid by Government for two-rail fences on railway, up to £120 per mile, as per answers to my questions in the House some two weeks since.

[Enclosure to No. 15.]

Mr. G. W. Paine to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 7 May, 1877.

In reference to fencing on Liverpool Plains, my experience while managing for the Messrs. Christian, of Walhallow, was—For a two-railed fence, £90; two-railed and three wires, £110 to £115; one-railed and five wires, £110; and for one-railed and six-wires, £115; and for three-railed, £115, and in some cases £120. These are the prices I have paid, and the drawing is from 10 to 12 miles, 3 feet in the ground.

I have, &c.,

G. W. PAINE.

P.S.—The above refers to first-class ironbark fencing.—G. W. P.

No. 16

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 June, 1877.

With reference to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, originally made by William Ivery, but since transferred to you, I am directed to apprise you that under a further report which has been obtained from Mr. Inspector H. V. Geary relative to the value of the improvements on the land, the Minister for Lands has approved of the declaration not being further questioned.

2. I am also to inform you that the transfer of this purchase from you to Mr. Andrew Town has been accepted, the selection therefore now stands in Mr. Town's name.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Commissioner.

No. 17.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Town.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 3 July, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Charles Long, at Bundalla, on the 23rd November, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-11,412; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 30 October, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 76; area, 300 acres; original applicant, William Ivery; present holder, Andrew Town.

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No. 1.

Application by Frederick Ivery.

C.P. No. 73-597.

Land Agents No., 43 of 1873.

Application by Frederick Ivery for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 23rd day of January, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

JOHN M'DONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

23 January, 1873.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK IVERY,

Yarraman.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

CHARLES IVERY.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, on the right bank of Bundalla Creek, below and adjoining Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres made this day.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Higgins,—To measure if unobjectionable.—R.D.F., B.C., 28/2/73.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

27 January, 1874.

Plan herewith.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 320 acres, numbered 33, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by Frederick Ivery, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 20th of October, 1873, in accordance with your instructions No. 73-40 of the 28th February, 1873.

At the time of survey applicant was resident on this land, and had effected improvements consisting of a hut worth £1 on it.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 2.

Mr. Argent, Inspector Conditional Purchases, Northern District, has been instructed to report on this case, 31/5/74.

No. 3.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Bomera, 12 June, 1874.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that in pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter to me of 21st May last, I inspected the land conditionally purchased by Frederick Ivery on 23rd January, 1873, and ascertained the facts hereinafter referred to.

2. Frederick Ivery was in the hut upon his land when I visited it.

3. The improvements upon the said land consist of a bark hut worth £2, small yard at back of same worth £2, and about 25 rods of substantial two-railed fencing worth £5; in all, £9.

4. I took down the enclosed statements, to which I beg to invite your attention, from Frederick Ivery, before referred to, and from Thomas Hayden, the owner of land adjacent to Ivery's.

5.

5. Frederick Ivery states that he entered into possession of his land about the end of January, 1873, a few days after the races at Tamba Springs, which races came off on 26th January, 1873, and that he had a hut erected upon this land at once after taking possession.

6. Thomas Hayden states that he saw Frederick Ivery upon the said land about the end of January, 1873, and saw the hut there at the same time. He fixes the date from the fact that he visited Murrurundi on special business about the middle of January, and remained there about a week, then returned home, and a few days after saw Ivery, as before stated.

7. As to continuous residence, Ivery states that he has resided upon his land from the day he first took possession to the present time, and it has been from that day and is now his *bona fide* home.

8. Hayden states that he has had many opportunities of seeing Frederick Ivery upon the land referred to, and has seen him there a great number of times, in fact, that he never passed on or near Ivery's land but he saw him there, and is quite positive that Ivery has resided there continuously from the date he first took possession.

9. There was no evidence offered in opposition to these statements.

10. Ivery states that the land was selected for him and the deposit paid thereon by his brother, Charles Ivery, as his agent, and at his request, and that Charles Ivery has paid for the improvements that have been made, and is to pay for those that are to be made on the said land.

11. And that he is to repay Charles Ivery under an arrangement made between them.

12. He also states that he is a part owner of the 550 cattle which graze over his land and over the land of four selectors adjacent to him, and those four are joint owners of the cattle with him.

13. Frederick Ivery further informed me that he had been droving for many years with his brother Charles, and that he had contributed his savings of many years hard work towards the purchase of the cattle before spoken of, and that his share of the profits on said cattle is to be devoted towards the repayment of the moneys advanced to purchase and improve his land.

14. Ivery also states that he assists in herding the cattle.

15. Upon the evidence adduced, and from what I saw, I am of opinion that Frederick Ivery has complied with the law applicable to his purchase.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT.

Minutes on No. 3.

Submitted.—W.B., 20/6/74. Inquiry personally directed to be made by the Secretary for Lands.—W.B., 26/6/74.

By the Chief Commissioner :—No grounds for interference apparently.—A.O.M., 30/6/74.

By the Secretary for Lands :—Approved.—J.S.F., 8/7/74.

[Enclosure A to No. 3.]

Statement of Thomas Hayden respecting Frederick Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land in the county of Pottinger and parish of Lawson.

I, THOMAS HAYDEN, know the land conditionally purchased by Frederick Ivery. I occupy and am the owner of 320 acres of land about a mile distant from Frederick Ivery's purchase. I saw Frederick Ivery upon his land about the end of January, 1873. I saw his hut upon his land at the same time. The hut was then near the north-west corner of his land, and about 5 chains from the Bundalla Creek. I fix the time as the end of January, 1873, from the fact that I had occasion to visit Murrurundi on special business of my own about the middle of January, 1873, and remained there about a week. A few days after my return home I passed along Bundalla Creek, and then saw Frederick Ivery upon his land, and at the same time saw his hut at the place indicated. I have had many opportunities of seeing Frederick Ivery upon his land since the date above referred to, and have seen him there a great number of times, in fact I never passed on or near his land but I saw him there, and am quite positive he has been a continuous resident thereon.

THOMAS HAYDEN,
9 June, 1874.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Statement of Frederick Ivery respecting his conditional purchase of 320 acres of land in the county of Pottinger and parish of Lawson.

I, FREDERICK IVERY, am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, of the 320 acres of land upon which I now reside. The said land was selected for me by Charles Ivery, as my agent, at my request. The deposit required by law was paid by Charles Ivery for me, and the improvements that have been and that are to be made upon the said land are to be paid for in like manner by Charles Ivery for me, in pursuance of an arrangement made between Charles Ivery and myself, under which arrangement I am to repay him. I entered into possession of my land about the end of January, 1873. I know the date from the fact that I took possession of my land a few days after Tamba Springs races. Those races came off on the 26th January, 1873. I had a hut erected upon my land at once after taking possession. That hut was near the north-west corner of my land, a few chains from the creek. I resided in that hut until I erected the hut in which I now reside, and I have continued to reside in my present hut ever since its erection. I have resided continuously upon my land from the day I first took possession to the present time, and it has been from that day and is now my *bona fide* home. I am part owner of the cattle which graze over my land and over the land of four selectors adjacent to me, who are joint owners of said cattle with me. I assist in herding the said cattle.

FREDERICK IVERY,
9 June, 1874.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.

No. 4.

Notification by Frederick Ivery.

[Alienation Act, sections 12, 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Frederick Ivery, of Bundalla Creek, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to Charles Ivery, of Bundalla Creek, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected

selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on 23rd January, 1873, having no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.

Dated at Gunnedah, this 23rd January, 1876.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

FREDERICK IVERY,
Bundalla.
Witness—T. E. NASH.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
T. K. ABBOTT,
Land Office, Gunnedah, 3rd February, 1876. Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 5.

Declaration by Frederick Ivery.

C.P. No. 73-597. E. [Alienation Act.]
Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, FREDERICK IVERY, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a dwelling-house, well, and fencing, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 27th }
day of January, 1876, before me,— } FREDERICK IVERY.
T. K. ABBOTT,
Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchase No. 43 of 1873, in the district of Tamworth (now Gunnedah), made on the 23rd January, 1873.

Minutes on No. 5.

Interest, £11 5s. 7d., credited, 5 February, 1876; examined and found correct in form, 9 August, 1878.

No. 6.

Notification by Charles Ivery.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Charles Ivery, transferred from Frederick Ivery, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to John McElhone, Esquire, of Sydney, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was selected at Tamworth by Frederick Ivery, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Trinkey, this 10th April, 1876.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.
SAMUEL MELVIL.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
T. K. ABBOTT,
Land Office, Gunnedah, 12th April, 1876. Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 7.

Memorandum by Mr. H. Curry.

Conditional Purchase 73-597.

THE selection was made by Frederick Ivery, transferred to Charles Ivery on 23rd January, 1876, and to John McElhone on 10th April, 1876.

On 27th January, 1876, F. Ivery made the declaration which should have been made by C. Ivery, to whom the land had been transferred four days before.

The notice of transfer in favour of the latter was however not registered by the Crown Lands Agent till 3rd February, 1876, and if it is not considered to have been complete and formal till that date the irregularity in the declaration will perhaps be removed.

2/6/76.

I was personally instructed by Mr. Blackman to send the case on.—2/6/76.

No. 8.

No. 8.
Notification by John McElhone.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by Frederick Ivery (and since transferred to me on 10th April, 1876), as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.

JOHN McELHONE,
Sydney.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 5 March, 1877.

No. 9.

Memorandum.

Frederick Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres transferred to J. McElhone.

House, same as on J. Frith's (26 x 13, 1½ inch slabs)	£80 0 0
1 mile 2-rail and 3-wire fence, posts 3 feet in ground, all heavy ironbark	110 0 0
½ mile do. top rail and 6 wires	55 0 0
160 feet cattle-troughs	15 0 0
Well, 35 x 8 x 8	52 10 0
Whim, &c., to work well	25 0 0
Bark hut and stable	5 0 0
	£372 10 0

¾ mile 2-rail fence was removed off this conditional purchase, besides above left on.

No. 10.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Frederick Ivery, made at Tamworth, on 23rd January, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th February, 1877, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection. C.P. 73-597.

The land, which consists of grazing or cultivation, and comprises 320 acres, is occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz.:—Hut, £50; well, £70; troughing, £32; fencing, £150; total, £302.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

From information, I believe the applicant has resided on his selection, but of my own knowledge I cannot say anything. He was not resident when I visited the land, the term of residence having expired.

I have, &c.,

HARRY V. GEARY,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 10.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The improvements are valued at £18 less now than their declared value in January, 1876; this may be accepted, I think, as a substantial verification. Residence is not now necessary.—A.O.M., 19/4/77.

By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77.

No. 11.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Frederick Ivery, at Bundalla, on the 27th January, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-597; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 23 January, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 33; area, 320 acres; original applicant, Frederick Ivery; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 12.

No. 12.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter dated 23rd April, 1877, alienation 77-10,676, conditional purchase 73-597, in reference to conditional purchase, 320 acres, taken up by Frederick Ivory, transferred by him to Charles Ivory, and by him to me, and to advise you that the said conditional purchase was transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, some time since.

I have, &c.,

J. McELHONE.

Sydney, 24 April, 1877.

Minutes on No. 12.

Mr. McDonald,—Has a transfer of this portion been received in favour of Andrew Town, and if so, is it correct, and has it been passed?—C.E.P., 7/5/77.

The transfer was sent on 2nd March last to the Crown Lands Agent, and was returned on the 8th of same month to Records, but has not yet been seen at this Branch.—7/5/77.

Mr. McDonald,—Please have the transfer found, and then deal with it, so that a definite reply can be given to this letter.—8/5/77.

No reply necessary, I think, but the transfer should be looked up and passed if correct.—H.A.F., 8/5/77.

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No. 1.

Application by Isaac Frith.

Conditional purchase No. 73-596.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]
Land Agent's No., 42 of 1873.

Application by Isaac Frith, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land, under section 13, of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 23rd day of January, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

JOHN McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

ISAAC FRITH,

Yarraman.

CHARLES IVERY.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, on the right bank of Bundalla Creek, below and adjoining Charles Ivory's conditional purchase of 320 acres, made this day.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to measure, if unobjectionable.—R.D.F.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 320 acres, numbered 32, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by Isaac Frith, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 22nd of October, 1873, in accordance with your instructions No. 73-41 of the 28th February, 1873.

At the time of survey applicant was not resident on this land, and had effected improvements, consisting of a hut, 10s., and well, worth £21, on it.

Applicant

Applicant is now living on the land, and states that he was absent on business at the time of the survey, and was residing on the land within a month after the date of selection.

I have, &c.,
J. J. HIGGINS,
Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 2.

Mr. Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, Northern District, has been instructed to report on this case.—21/5/74.

No. 3.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Bomera, 12 June, 1874.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that in pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter to me of 21st May last, I inspected the land conditionally purchased by Isaac Frith on 23rd January, 1873, and ascertained the facts hereinafter referred to.

2. Isaac Frith was not upon his land when I inspected it, nor have I seen him up to the present time.

3. The improvements upon the said land consist of a bark hut worth £2, a small stable worth about £1, a well 30 feet deep, with covering and windlass, worth £35, and 180 feet troughing worth £31 10s.; in all, £69 10s.

4. I took down the enclosed statements, to which I beg to invite your attention, from Frederick Ivery, whose hut is within a few yards of Frith's; from Thomas Castledine, a sawyer, whom I found with his wife and children in Frith's hut; and from Clarence Bayly, manager of Mr. Lawson's Premier Run.

5. Frederick Ivery states that he saw Isaac Frith upon his land about a fortnight after he (Ivery) took possession of his, and that he (Ivery) took possession of his about the end of January, 1873; that Frith purchased the land on 23rd January, 1873; and that he (Ivery) is quite sure that he saw Frith upon the land and Frith's hut upon it before the expiration of month from the date of purchase.

6. Ivery further states that he saw two men with Frith on Frith's land the first day he saw Frith there; he gives the names of those two men, and states where he believes they now are.

7. Castledine does not give any evidence as to when Frith first came upon the land, as Castledine only came there in last April.

8. Clarence Bayly says the first and only occasion that he saw Frith upon the land was five or six months ago; he also says that in the early part of February, 1873, he saw a gonyah upon Frith's land.

9. Mr. Bayly will not say that Frith was not upon his land within the time prescribed by law, but he did not see him there, and that he looked for the purpose of seeing whether he was there; that the humpy certainly was there, but whether Frith was on it or not Mr. Bayly cannot say.

10. As to continuous residence, Frederick Ivery, after deserting the positions of three huts erected at different times by Frith, states:—I have seen Frith on many occasions, at the first hut, at the second hut, and at the new hut (the present one).

11. And that he (Frith) resided at the new hut just before he went away droving in the beginning of last month.

12. Castledine says: "I know that Frith resided in the hut upon his land for some days after I came upon the land, in early part of last April."

13. Clarence Bayly says that on several occasions he looked into the humpy on Frith's land and that Frith was not there, but that he may have been there at other times.

14. Frederick Ivery also states that Frith occasionally gets a job at droving, and is then away some time, but always comes back to his land; that he (Ivery) knows that Frith has left Castledine and family in charge of the hut and land until he returns; that he knows Frith has arranged to have a substantial house built upon his land; that the materials for such house are now ready upon Frith's land; and that from a conversation he had with Frith he expects Frith home very soon.

15. Castledine says that Frith went away droving in the beginning of last May and has not returned since; that Frith left him and his family in possession of the hut, and requested him to remain in possession until he returned; that he is now getting materials ready for building a substantial house for Frith, and that he has about £50 worth of timber nearly ready for such building.

16. In addition to these statements, I may mention that I saw upon Frith's land, near his hut, a saw-pit, a quantity of sawn pine, a number of hardwood posts and sleepers, several wall-plates, and a large lot of shingles and slabs—sufficient, I think, for a large house.

17. I do not think there is sufficient evidence to enable me to say that Frith has complied with the law. Still, looking at Ivery's very strong evidence, remembering the large improvements on the land, seeing the quantity of valuable materials apparently ready for further improvements, bearing in mind that it is quite possible for Frith to bring forward the two men whom Ivery says he saw on the land with Frith, and regarding it as possible that Frith's absence for such a long period may be allowable (though I do not think it is), I am unwilling without further investigation to recommend forfeiture in his case.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS ARGENT.

Minute on No. 3.

By Chief Commissioner:—The facts reported seem quite sufficient to show that there is no ground for claiming forfeiture on the ground of abandonment.—A.O.M., 30/6/74.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 8/7/74.

[Enclosure A to No. 3.]

Statement of Frederick Ivery respecting Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres, in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson.

I, FREDERICK IVERY, know Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land. I saw Frith upon his land about a fortnight after I took possession of mine. I took possession of my land about the end of January, 1873. I saw Frith's hut on

on his land the same day I first saw him there. I know that Frith's land was purchased on the same day that mine was, that was on 23rd January, 1873, and I am quite sure that I saw Frith on his land and his hut on it before the expiration of one month from the date of purchase.

I saw two men with Frith on his land the day I first saw him there; the name of one of the men is Thomas Scantling, and the name of the other is Henry Wheal. I believe Henry Wheal is now employed at Mr. Christian's, at Cockfighters Creek, near Jerry's Plains, and I believe Thomas Scantling is droving for Mr. Mackay of Sydney. The first hut I saw on Frith's land was about a quarter of a mile north of the well. That hut was afterwards removed to a position a little to the east of the well, and remained there until Frith's new hut was built nearly opposite to my present hut. I have seen Frith on many occasions at the first hut, at the second hut, and at the new hut. He resided in the new hut just before he went away droving in the beginning of last month. Frith occasionally gets a job at droving, and is then away for a short time, but always comes back to his land. I know that he has left a family in charge of his hut and land on the present occasion of his absence, and I know that he has arranged to have a substantial house built upon his land. I know that the timber and shingles are now upon his land for said house, and that nearly everything is ready for the house to be built. From a conversation I had with Frith before he left I expect to see him every day. I mean by that that he did not expect to be longer away than he has now been.

Witness—THOMAS ARGENT,
10 June, 1874.

FREDERICK IVERY.

[Enclosure B to No. 3.]

Statement of Thomas Castledine respecting Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres, in the county of Pottinger and parish of Lawson.

I, THOMAS CASTLEDINE, know the land known as Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres. I know that Frith resided in the hut upon his land for some days after I came upon the land in the early part of April of this year. Frith went away droving in the beginning of last May, and has not returned since. When Frith went away he left me in possession of the hut with my family, and requested me to remain in possession until he returned. I am now getting materials ready for building the said house.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.
10 June, 1874.

THOMAS CASTLEDINE.

[Enclosure C to No. 3.]

Statement of Mr. Clarence Bayly respecting Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres land, county of Pottinger and parish of Lawson.

I, CLARENCE BAYLY, know the land conditionally purchased by Isaac Frith. The first and only occasion that I saw Frith upon his land was five or six months ago. I then saw him at the "gunyah" erected about 150 yards from the well; I think between the well and the creek—that is, Bundalla Creek. A few days after I saw C. Ivery, as I think, in early part of February, 1873. I saw a "gunyah" erected on Frith's land.

I will not say that Frith was not upon his land within the time prescribed by law, but I did not see him there, and I looked for the purpose of seeing whether he was there. The humpy certainly was there, but whether Frith was in it or not I cannot say. What I mean is, that on several occasions I looked into the humpy and he was not there; but he may have been there at other times.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT,
10 June, 1874.

C. P. BAYLY.

No. 4.

Declaration by Isaac Frith.

E

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ISAAC FRITH, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a house, well, and fencing, whin and troughs, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence continuously of myself. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Gunnedah, this 27th }
day of January, 1876, before me,— } ISAAC FRITH.

T. K. ABBOTT, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchase No. 42 of 1873, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah, made on the 23rd January, 1873.

Minutes on No. 4.

Interest, £11 5s. 7d. Transferred to Charles Ivery, 27/1/76. Transferred to John McElhone.
Examined and found correct in form, 1 June, 1876.

No. 5.

Notification by Isaac Frith.

K.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Isaac Frith, of Bundalla Creek, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to Charles Ivery, of Bundalla Creek,

Creek, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873, having no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.
Dated at Gunnedah, this 27th January, 1876.

ISAAC FRITH,
Bundalla.
T. E. NASH.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
District of Gunnedah, 3 February, 1876.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 6.

Notification by Charles Ivery.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Charles Ivery, transferred from Isaac Frith, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, Esquire, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, selected by Isaac Frith, at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Trinkey, this 10th April, 1876.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.
Witness,—SAMUEL MELVILLE.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
District of Gunnedah, Land Office, 12 April, 1876.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 7.

Notification by John McElhone.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have, after a residence thereon of at least twelve months, this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 20 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by Isaac Frith, and since transferred to me on 10th April, 1876, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

JOHN McELHONE,
Sydney.
Witness,—T. K. ABBOTT.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.
District of Gunnedah, Land Office, 5 March, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 7A.

Memorandum.

Transferred to J. McElhone by Isaac Frith, 320 acres.	
House, 26 feet by 13, of 1½-inch ironbark sawn slabs, verandah shingled and floored	£80 0 0
Over ¼ mile heavy ironbark fence, posts 9 feet apart, 3 feet in ground, 2 rails and 3 wires	82 10 0
½ mile top rail and 6-wires	55 0 0
Dam, 150 bags filled with earth and embankment	15 0 0
160 feet of troughs to water cattle, and 67 well	45 0 0
8 by 8 slabbed, 35 feet deep	52 10 0
Men to work do.	25 0 0
90 feet troughs	22 10 0
Hut and stables	6 0 0
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	£383 10 0

No. 8.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Isaac Frith, made at Tamworth, on 23rd January, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th February, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

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The land, which consists of grazing or cultivation, and comprises 320 acres, is not occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Hut	£50	0	0
Well	70	0	0
Troughing	62	0	0
Fencing	100	0	0
Total	£280	0	0

The selector was not resident on his selection at the time of my visit, nor can I say of my own knowledge whether he has ever resided, beyond hearsay. I was informed that he had. The land was not transferred till the expiration of three years.

I have, &c.,
HARRY V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 8.

By Chief Commissioner:—The Inspector's estimate of the present value of the improvements is £43 less than that declared to in January, 1876. It is to be decided whether in this difference between the declaration and the official estimate (the latter made fifteen months after the former) a reference to Commissioner for inquiry should take place. Residence is not now necessary, but the report as to residence of a former Inspector was considered satisfactory. In the enclosed statement Mr. McElhone supplies details of the actual cost of the improvements on this selection as £383 10s. Following the practice in other cases, as there has been substantial expenditure in improvements, it hardly seems to be necessary at this time further to question the declaration.

At the same time it may be as well to refer Mr. McElhone's statements to Mr. Geary for a further report and a more detailed explanation of his own estimate as contrasted therewith.—A.O.M., 17/4/77.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Inspector Geary.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

With reference to your reports of inspection of the conditional purchases mentioned in the margin, in which you value the improvements thereon at £236 10s. and £280 respectively, I am directed to forward you statements of the actual cost of the improvements, and to request that you furnish a further report with a more detailed explanation of your own estimates as compared therewith.

Tracings and copies of the conditional purchase applications are also enclosed.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM BLACKMAN,
(For Chief Commissioner).

Minute on No. 9.

Forwarded for the information of the Commissioner, with amended reports and explanations.—HARRY V. GEARY, Inspector. The Commissioner of Conditional Sales, 9 May, 1877.

No. 10.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Isaac Frith, made at Tamworth, on 23rd January, 1873.

Sir, I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th February, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing, and comprises 320 acres, is not occupied and used by him at present as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of drover, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

House, 26 x 13, sawn timber, with verandah, and floored ...	£80	0	0
Well, 35 feet, with whim	70	0	0
250 feet troughing, at 4s. per foot	50	0	0
70 chains two-rail fence and 3 wires, at £100 per mile ...	87	10	0
½ mile top-rail and 6 wires, at £100 per mile	50	0	0
	£337	10	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I cannot say that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection. I have not seen him, and therefore cannot say anything about residence. I have made an alteration in this report as regards the estimated value of improvements as compared with my former report, as I find on inquiry of a builder this morning that the house is worth more than I allowed; I have also made a slight alteration as to the fencing. The dam spoken of in Mr. McElhone's statement was not, if I remember aright, pointed out to me. I went over the ground with Mr. Ivery, and certainly saw nothing that could be called a dam. 4s. is a fair allowance for troughing, in the locality, of that description.

I have, &c.,
HARRY V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 10.

By Chief Commissioner:—For approval, under this further report.—A.O.M., 8/5/77.

By Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—R.D., 14/5/77.

No. 11

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 May, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Isaac Frith, at Gunnedah, on the 27th February, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

This deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-596; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 23 January, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 32; area, 320 acres; original applicant, Isaac Frith; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 12.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 24 May, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter of 23rd May, conditional sales 77-15,933. conditional purchase 73-596, notifying me that Isaac Frith's declaration on his conditional purchase of 320 acres, selected at Tamworth, 23rd January, 1873, has been accepted, and to inform you that the said conditional purchase was transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, some time since.

I have, &c.,
JOHN McELHONE.

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No. 1.

Application by Charles Ivery.

Application by Charles Ivery for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13, Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 23rd day of January, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

J. McDONALD,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir, 23 January, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,
CHARLES IVERY,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth. Yarraman.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, on Bundalla Creek, right bank, to commence below an oak tree marked 10.

Minute on No. 1.

Mr. Higgins to measure if unobjectionable.—R.D.F., 26/2/73.

No. 2.

Memorandum by Mr. J. J. Higgins.
Delay memorandum.

Office No.	No.	Date.	Locality.	Particulars.
73-595	73-42	28 February	Parish of Lawson	Survey of C. Ivery's conditional purchase.

Cause of delay.

I have hitherto been unable to carry out this instruction through pressure of work. It will, however, be completed in the course of two or three weeks.

J. J. HIGGINS,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 3.

Memorandum by Surveyor-General.

CHARLES IVERY selected in January last, at Tamworth, several blocks conditional purchases. He is anxious to hasten the measurement (on Lawson River). Can the conditional purchase be identified?—P.F.A., 25 Sept., 1873.

Conditional purchase 73-795, Charles Ivery, made at Tamworth, 23rd January, 1873, for 320 acres, sent to Mr. Higgins for survey on the 26th February, 1873.—W.A.T., 27 Sept., 1873.

By the Surveyor-General:—Reminder to Mr. Higgins, then to Under Secretary, who will perhaps be good enough to inform Mr. Bennett, M.P., of the reminder.—P.F.A., 30 Sept., 1873.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to H. Bennett, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Alienation Branch, Sydney, 18 October, 1873.

With reference to the inquiry made by you respecting Mr. Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres, selected at Tamworth on the 23rd January last, I am directed to inform you that his application was forwarded to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins on the 26th February for the measurement of the land applied for, should no objection be found to exist thereto; and I am to add that the surveyor, whose attention has been twice drawn to the matter, states the survey will probably be completed in the course of two or three weeks.

I have, &c.,
W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 5.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

25 November, 1873.

I HAVE the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 320 acres, numbered 31, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by Charles Ivery, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 20th October, 1873, in accordance with your instructions No. 73-42 of the 4th February, 1873.

At the time of survey applicant was resident on this land, and had effected improvements consisting of a hut worth 10s. on it.

I have, &c.,
J. J. HIGGINS,
Licensed Surveyor.

No. 6.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Bomera, 9 June, 1874.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that in pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter to me of 21st May last, I this day inspected the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery, on 23rd January, 1873, and ascertained the facts hereinafter referred to.

2. Charles Ivery was in the hut on his land when I first visited it.

3. The improvements on the said land consist of the hut referred to, the framework of which is constructed of pine, the ends of slabs, and the sides and roof of bark. Value the hut at £5. There is a humpy at the back of the hut worth about £1.

4. I took down the enclosed several statements from Charles Ivery, the person in question; from Thomas Hayden, the occupier of a conditional purchase about a mile from Ivery's land; from Samuel Melvil, the manager of Trinkey Station; from Charles Bayly, manager of Mr. Town's Bundalla Station; from C. P. Bayly, manager of Mr. Lawson's Premier Station; and from Samuel Holt, manager of Mr. Town's Bomera Station.

5. It will be seen from Ivery's statement, to which, as also to the other statements, I beg to invite your attention, that Ivery asserts he purchased his land on 23rd January, 1873, and that before the end of that month he entered into possession and erected a hut upon it.

6. He is quite positive about the date of taking possession, and fixes it by referring to the fact that he was at Tamba Springs races on 26th January, 1873, and that within three or four days after that date he took possession.

7. Ivery also states that on the day he came on to his land he met Mr. Bayly, manager of Mr. Lawson's Premier Run, fixes the place where he met Mr. Bayly, and refers to a conversation he had with that gentleman in which he told him he had selected the land.

8. Ivery also states that Mr. Melvil, of Trinkey Station, saw him upon his land a day or two after he took possession, and that Mr. Hayden also saw him there a few days after he first came there.

9. Ivery also describes where he erected his first hut as being near Bundalla Creek, and south of his present hut.

10. Thomas Hayden, in his statement, asserts that he had occasion to pass over Ivery's land about the end of January, 1873, and then saw Ivery there, and saw his hut. He fixes the date when he first saw Ivery upon the land from the fact that he had special business to attend to in Murrurundi about the middle of January, 1873, that he remained in Murrurundi about a week, and then returned home, and a few days after his return home went over Ivery's land and then saw him there.

11. Hayden also describes the position of the hut he saw as being near Bundalla Creek, and south of Ivery's present hut.

12. Mr. Melvil, in his statement, asserts that he had occasion to pass over Ivery's land about the latter end of January, 1873, and that he then saw Ivery there and saw the hut there.

13. So far then as to the time when Ivery entered into possession of his land, the three statements—Ivery's, Hayden's, and Melvil's—agree; they also agree as to the hut being upon the land, and as to the position of the hut.

14. On the other side, Mr. Clarence Bayly, the gentleman whom Ivery says he met the day he first came on to his land, asserts that he first saw Ivery on the land in question in the early part of February, 1873, but is not positive about the date, and cannot fix the date, or about the date, by any circumstance that he can remember.

15. He says he was looking for some sheep lost early in February when he first met Ivery upon the land.

16. He says that Ivery had a horse and cart with him, and materials in the cart for erecting a humpy, or perhaps for more than one humpy.

17. He says that within three or four days after he first met Ivery he saw a humpy erected on Ivery's land, and that humpy was near Bundalla Creek, and south of Ivery's present hut.

18. He also says that on the first occasion he saw Ivery on the land they had a conversation, and that Ivery told him he had selected the land.

19. Mr. Charles Bayly could not say when Ivery first came upon the land, or where the first place of residence was erected on it.

20. Mr. Samuel Hole could not say when Ivery first came upon the land in question.

21. He first saw a gunyah there in the month of February, 1873, but could not fix the date by any circumstance he could remember.

22. His reason for saying February, 1873, was that it was shortly after he had heard that Ivery had selected the land.

23. He says the gunyah he saw was near Bundalla Creek, and about south-west of Ivery's present hut.

24. Thus then it will be seen that the statements of two of the three gentlemen opposed to Ivery agree that Ivery was upon his land and had a place of residence erected there early in February, 1873—the land was purchased on 23rd January, 1873—and they also agree that the place of residence was where Ivery and his witness Hayden say it was; the third gentleman could not say when Ivery was first on the land, or where the first place of residence was.

25. Then as to the fact of continuous residence, Ivery says in his statement that he has resided continuously upon his land from the day he took possession to the present time.

26. Hayden says that he has had a great many opportunities of seeing Ivery from the time Ivery first took possession, and that he has seen Ivery on every occasion that he was upon or near Ivery's land, and that he is quite positive that Ivery has resided continuously upon it.

27. Mr. Melvil says that he has been upon Ivery's land upon several occasions since Ivery took possession, and on every occasion saw Ivery upon the land.

28. On the other side, Mr. Clarence Bayly says he has had many opportunities of seeing Ivery; he says that Ivery has been absent from his land on several occasions at races and elsewhere; that he saw him driving sheep on one occasion, but that he does not know how far Ivery went with the sheep, nor how long he was absent from his land, nor can he say how long Ivery was absent on the occasion of the races.

29. He further says that he has been near Ivery's place nearly every second day since he first saw Ivery upon the land, and with the exception of the absences referred to he believes he saw Ivery on every occasion that he was near his place.

30. Mr. Charles Bayly says that he knows Ivery has been absent from his land on two occasions, but cannot say how far Ivery went or long he was absent.

31. He also says that on the only occasion that he was at Ivery's gunyah that he saw Ivery there.

32. Mr. Hole says that he has been close to Ivery's land on several occasions and never saw Ivery upon his land, but saw him away from his land on two occasions.

33. He cannot say how long Ivery was absent from his land on either of these occasions.

34. He also says he was close to Ivery's land on the 18th March, 1874, and did not see even Ivery's gunyah on his land that day, but will not say positively that it was not there.

35. He also says he passed Ivery's gunyah twice previous to 18th March, 1874, and that there was no sign of any one living in it, but cannot say positively whether any one resided in it or not.

36. It thus appears that Ivery's two witnesses, Hayden and Melvil, assert that they have seen Ivery on many occasions on his land since he first took possession.

37. That Mr. Clarence Bayly, one of the witnesses opposed to Ivery, believes that with the exception of a few occasions when Ivery was absent at races and with sheep, that he has seen Ivery on his land nearly every second day since he first saw him there.

38. Mr. Charles Bayly says that on the only occasion that he was at Ivery's gunyah Ivery was there.

39. Mr. Hole says that he never saw Ivery on the land at all, but will not say that Ivery has not resided upon it.

40. As to the time that Ivery's present hut was erected, Mr. Clarence Bayly says there was no other residence upon Ivery's land until within the last five or six weeks but the bark gunyah first erected there.

41. Mr. Charles Bayly says there was no other residence upon Ivery's land but the bark gnyah he first saw there until within the last five or six weeks.

42. Mr. Hole says that the hut upon Ivery's land has been erected since the 18th March, 1874.

43. It will be noticed that Ivery remarks in his statement that there are between 500 and 600 cattle grazing over his land and over the land of four other selectors whose land adjoins his, and that the said four selectors are joint owners of the said cattle with him.

44. With respect to those cattle, Ivery volunteered the information to me that he and his partners had been largely assisted with means to purchase them by a wealthy gentleman in Sydney whom they had served for years, and who had promised to help them on until they had secured homes for themselves.

45. Ivery also stated that the profits upon resale of cattle fattened upon the said land were to be devoted to the repayment of advances made to purchase and improve the said land.

46. I am of opinion that Ivery has established the fact that he was upon his land and commenced to reside upon it within one month from the date of purchase, and that he has resided upon it continuously within the meaning of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I am also of opinion that it is not material whether Ivery's present hut was erected within the last five or six weeks, or when it was erected. I think there is nothing improbable in his assertion to me that a gnyah was a residence suitable to his position and past habits, seeing that he has followed the humble occupation of a drover for years past, until he could obtain a better one; and it appears that as soon as he could get a better residence that he did so.

47. And here I ought to mention that it appears there is great difficulty in getting suitable timber in Ivery's neighbourhood either for residences or fencing, and that I was informed and believe that the materials for the improvements upon Ivery's and the adjacent land had to be brought there from a distance of several miles.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT.

P.S.—I beg to return herewith the tracing and copy of application furnished me.—THOS. ARGENT.

Minutes on No. 6.

Submitted.—W.B., 20/6/74. By the Chief Commissioner:—Where is the complaint of non-residence?—A.O.M., 20/6/74. An inquiry was made by special and personal direction of the Secretary for Lands.—W.B., 26/6/74. By the Chief Commissioner:—There do not appear to be any grounds for further present interference.—A.O.M., 1/7/74. By the Secretary for Lands:—Approved.—J.S.F., 2/7/74. By the Secretary for Lands:—Letters were received from Mr. Town and Mr. Lawson stating that the selectors were non-resident, and action was taken upon the letters and personal statements made by Mr. Town. I do not see the letters with these papers.—J.S.F.

[*Enclosure A to No. 6.*]

STATEMENT of Charles Ivery respecting his conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, CHARLES IVERY, am the lawful owner by conditional purchase of the 320 acres of land upon which I now reside; I applied to purchase the said land, paid the deposit required by law, and was declared the purchaser on the 23rd January, 1873; I entered into possession of the said land and erected a hut upon it before the end of the same month; I am quite positive about the time I took possession, from the fact that I was at Tamba Springs races on the 26th January, 1873, and within three or four days after that date I took possession of the land and commenced to reside upon it in my hut; on the day I took possession of my land I met Mr. C. Bayly, manager of Mr. Lawson's Premier Run; I met Mr. Bayly near the south-east corner of my land and had a conversation with him; I then told him I had selected the land; Mr. Melvil, of Trinkey Station, saw me upon my land a day or two after I took possession; Mr. Haydon, who lives near my land, also saw me upon my land a few days after I came there; the first hut I erected upon my land was near Bundalla Creek and about half a mile to the south of my present hut; I removed the first hut; I removed the first hut after my land was surveyed to a position a few yards south of my present hut, and resided there until I built my present slab hut; upon the completion of my present slab hut I commenced to reside in it, and have continued to reside in it to the present time; I have resided continuously upon my land from the day I took possession to the present time, and it was always from that day and is now my *bona fide* home; there are between 500 and 600 head of cattle grazing over my land and the adjacent land purchased by four other selectors; the said cattle are the joint property of myself and the said four selectors; I can if necessary call upon several persons who know that I have regularly occupied my land.

Witness—THOS. ARGENT, 9 June, 1874.

CHARLES IVERY.

[*Enclosure B to No. 6.*]

Statement of Thomas Hayden respecting Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, THOMAS HAYDEN, know the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery. I occupy and am the owner of 320 acres of land, about 1 mile distant from Charles Ivery's purchase. I saw Charles Ivery upon his land about the end of January, 1873. I saw his hut at the same time. The hut was then about half a mile to the south of the present hut, and near Bundalla Creek. I fix the time as the end of January, 1873, from the fact that about the middle of January of that year I had occasion to go to Murrurundi on some special business of my own, and on my way I met Charles Ivery at Trinkey Station. He and I then had a conversation about selecting land. I was away at Murrurundi about a week. A few days after, on my return home, I had occasion to pass along Bundalla Creek, and through C. Ivery's land. I then saw Charles Ivery, and I saw the hut upon his land. I have had a great many opportunities of seeing Charles Ivery upon his land since that date, and have seen him on every occasion that I was upon or near his land, and am quite positive that he has resided continuously upon it.

Witness—THOS. ARGENT, 9 June, 1874.

THOMAS HAYDEN.

[*Enclosure C to No. 6.*]

Statement of Mr. Samuel Melvil, of Trinkey Station, Liverpool Plains, respecting Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, SAMUEL MELVIL, of Trinkey Station, Liverpool Plains, know the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery. I had occasion to pass over the said land about the latter end of January, 1873. I saw Charles Ivery there, and saw that he had a hut then erected on the said land. I have been upon the same land on several occasions since that time, and on every occasion I saw Charles Ivery upon the said land, and have no doubt that he resided there continuously, and that it was his own *bona fide* home.

Witness to the signature of Samuel Melvil,—
THOMAS ARGENT.

SAMUEL MELVIL,
8 June, 1874.

Statement

Statement of Mr. Clarence Bayly respecting Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, CLARENCE BAYLY, know the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery. I first saw C. Ivery on the said land in the early part of 1873, I believe about 15th February; I am not positive about the date. I had some sheep lost early in February, and I was searching for them when I first saw C. Ivery upon his land. There is no particular circumstance that I remember which would enable me to fix the date or about the date when I first met C. Ivery upon his land. I am quite positive there was no residence of any kind, neither humpy, gunyah, or hut, upon C. Ivery's land when I first saw him upon it, but he had a horse and cart with him, and materials in the cart for erecting a humpy, or perhaps sufficient for erecting more than one humpy. Within three or four days after I first saw C. Ivery upon his land I saw a humpy erected there. That humpy was near Bundalla Creek, near the east bank of the creek, and south of C. Ivery's present hut. I have had many opportunities of observing C. Ivery's land since I first saw him there. I know that he has been away from his land on three or four different occasions since I first saw him there. I know this from the fact of seeing him driving sheep through Mr. Lawson's Premier Run, on his way to either Sydney or Maitland, as I believe, on one occasion, but I do not know whether he went on to either Sydney or Maitland. I did not see Charles Ivery upon his land for nearly three weeks after that occasion, but I will not positively say that he was not there. On another occasion I saw Charles Ivery at Coolah, on Boxing Day, upon which day races were to have taken place, but did not, they having been postponed to New Year's Day, upon which occasion the races did come off. I also saw Ivery at the Coolah races on New Year's Day, but I will not say that C. Ivery did not go back to his land between Boxing Day and New Year's Day. On another occasion he went to Uabah races. I did not see C. Ivery at those races, but Ivery subsequently told me that he was there, and that he ran a horse which I sold to Mr. Bell. I will not say that Ivery did not return to his land between the dates of Coolah races and Uabah races. The distance from C. Ivery's land to where the races took place at Coolah is about 30 miles, and the distance from Coolah racecourse to Uabah is about 20 miles. From C. Ivery's land to Uabah is about 50 miles. With the exception of those occasions, I have had frequent opportunities of seeing C. Ivery upon his land; in fact, I have been near his place nearly every second day since I first saw C. Ivery on the land, and with the exception of the absences before-mentioned, I believe I have seen C. Ivery on every occasion that I have been near his place. There was no other residence upon C. Ivery's land until within the last five or six weeks, but the bark gunyah first erected on the land. On the first occasion that I saw Ivery upon the land we had a conversation, and in the course of that conversation he told me he had selected the land.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.

C. P. BAYLY,
10 June, 1874.

Statement of Mr. Charles Bayly respecting Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, CHARLES BAYLY, know the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery. I cannot say when Ivery first came upon that land, nor can I say when the first "gunyah" or place of residence was first erected there. I know that Charles Ivery has been absent from his land on two occasions. I knew of his absence from seeing him driving sheep between Bundalla and Rockgiddel. On one occasion he told me he was going to Maitland with the sheep, but I do not know whether he went to Maitland or not. On the other occasion I do not know where he was going with the sheep. I do not know how long he was absent from his land on either of these occasions. There was no other residence upon Charles Ivery's land until within the last five or six weeks, unless the bark "gunyah" I first saw there. On the only occasion that I was at Charles Ivery's "gunyah" I saw him there.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.

CHARLES BAYLY,
10 June, 1874.

Statement of Mr. Samuel Hole respecting Charles Ivery's conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and parish of Lawson.

I, SAMUEL HOLE, know the land conditionally purchased by Charles Ivery. I cannot say when Charles Ivery first came upon that land. I first saw his gunyah upon that land in the month of February, 1873. I cannot fix the date of any circumstance that I can remember. The reason I have for saying that it was in the month of February, 1873, is that it was shortly after the time I heard Ivery had selected the land. I have been close to his land on several occasions, and on no occasion did I ever see Ivery upon his land. I saw Ivery away from his land on one occasion driving sheep on the Rockgiddel Road. I do not know how long he was absent from his land. I also saw Charles Ivery at Coolah Races, on New Year's Day. The gunyah I saw on C. Ivery's land was near Bundalla Creek, and about south-west of his present hut. I am positive that there was no other residence than that "gunyah" on the 18th March, 1874. On that date I was close to his land. I went there purposely on that day to see if his fence was being erected on the proper line. I did not see even his gunyah on his land on that day, but I will not say positively that it was not there. The hut at present on Charles Ivery's land has been erected since the 18th March, 1874. I passed his gunyah twice previous to the 18th March, 1874, and there was no sign of any one living in it, but I cannot say positively whether any one resided in it or not.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT.

SAMUEL HOLE,
10 June, 1874.

No. 7.

Declaration by Charles Ivery.

C.P. 73-595.

K.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, CHARLES IVERY, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of a dwelling-house and fencing, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 27th day }
of January, 1876, before me,— }

CHARLES IVERY.

T. K. ABBOTT, Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchase No. 41 of 1873, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah, made on the 23rd January, 1873.

Minute on No. 7.

Interest, £11 15s. 7d., credited 5 February, 1876; transferred to John McElhone, 10/4/76; examined and found correct in form, 1 June, 1876.

No. 8.

Notification by Charles Ivery

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by Charles Ivery, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, Esquire, the 320 acres of land situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Trinkey, this 10th April, 1876.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

SAMUEL MELVIL.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 12 April, 1876.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 9.

Notification by John McElhone.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah. I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by Charles Ivery, and since transferred to me, on 10th April, 1876, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.

JOHN McELHONE,
Sydney.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 5 March, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 9A.

Memorandum.

SELECTIONS transferred to J. McElhone by Charles Ivery—

320 acres, house, two rooms, 26 feet by 13, built of 2-inch sawn slabs, verandah, shingled and floored	£100	0	0
Over $\frac{3}{4}$ mile 2-rail and 3-wire fence, heavy ironbark posts, 9 feet apart, sunk 3 feet in ground, at £110 per mile	82	10	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ mile top-rail and 6-wire " "	55	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ mile 2-rail and 3-wire " "	55	0	0
Yard, 6-rails and gallows	15	0	0
100 heavy, 3 one fence	50	0	0
7 acres cultivation	20	0	0
Stable, 30 feet long, sawn slabs, 14 feet wide, 8 to 14 feet high	30	0	0
	£407	10	0

No. 10.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Charles Ivery, made at Tamworth, on 23rd January, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th February, 1877, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of grazing or cultivation, and comprises 320 acres, is occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut	£70	0	0
Cultivation	8	15	0
Fencing	175	0	0
Stables	20	0	0
Yard and gallows	15	0	0
Total	£318	15	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The applicant was resident on his selection at the time of inspection, and I have seen him before on the land when inspecting in the locality.

I have, &c.,

HARRY V. GEARY,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 10.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The Inspector's estimate is within £1 5s. of the declared value of the improvements. This may be accepted as a substantial verification. Residence is no longer necessary.—A.O.M.

By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77

No 11.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by Charles Ivery, at Gunnedah, on the 27th January, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year, until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-595; section, 13; district, Gunnedah; date, 23 January, 1873; county, Pottinger; parish, Lawson; No. of portion, 31; area, 320 acres; original applicant, Charles Ivery; present holder, John McElhone.

No. 12.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 24 April, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge letter dated 23rd April, in reference to conditional purchase of 320 acres transferred to me by Mr. Charles Sweeney, and to inform you that the said conditional purchase was transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, some time since.

I have, &c.,

JOHN McELHONE.

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No 1.

Application by William Adams.

Conditional purchase No. 73-598. [Alienation Act, section 13.]
Land Agent's No., 44 of 1873.

Application by William Adams for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 320 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £80, this 23rd day of January, 1873, at 10 o'clock,—

J. McDONALD,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

Sir, 23 January, 1873.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 320 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £80, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM ADAMS,

Yarraman.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Tamworth.

CHARLES IVERY.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at the back of and adjoining Charles Ivery's and Isaac Frith's conditional purchase of 320 acres, made this day.

No. 2.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor Higgins to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

25 November, 1873.

Application and
plan herewith.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 320 acres, numbered 34, in the parish of Lawson, in the county of Pottinger, applied for by William Adams, as conditional purchase, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and measured by me on the 25th October, 1873, in accordance with your instructions No. 73/45 of the 28th February, 1873. At the time of survey applicant was resident on this land, and effected improvements, consisting of a hut worth 10s., on it.

I have, &c.,

J. J. HIGGINS,

Licensed Surveyor.

Minute on No. 2.

Mr. Argent, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, Northern District, has been instructed to report on this case.—21/5/74.

No. 3.

Mr. Inspector Argent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Bomera, 11 June, 1874.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that, in pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter of 21st May last, I inspected the land conditionally purchased by William Adams on the 23rd January, 1873, and ascertained the facts hereafter referred to.

2. William Adams was in the hut upon his land at the time of my visit.
3. The improvements on the said land consist of a bark hut worth about £2, and a humpy worth about £1, and 424 rods of a substantial two-railed fence worth about £85; in all £88.
4. I took down the enclosed statements—to which I beg to invite your attention,—from William Adams, above referred to; from Charles Ivery, the purchaser of the adjacent piece of land; from Charles Bayly, the manager of Mr. Town's Bundalla Station; and from Samuel Hole, the manager of Mr. Town's Bomera Station.
5. It will be seen that William Adams says he entered into possession of the said land on the same day that Charles Ivery took possession of his land—that was about the end of January, 1873,—and that a hut was erected thereon without delay.
6. Charles Ivery says he knows that William Adams took possession on the same day that he (Ivery) did, and that that was a few days after the 26th January, 1873, and that a hut was erected the day after Adams took possession.
7. Charles Bayly says he does not know when Adams first came upon the land, or whether he has ever been upon it.
8. Samuel Hole says he does not know when Adams came upon the said land, but that he first saw a gunyah upon it in February, 1873; he also says that in less than a month after he first saw the gunyah he was looking for the corner-pin of Mr. Town's piece of land, No. 11, and that he went up to the gunyah and looked into it and saw no one there.
9. So far then as to the time when Adams entered into possession, Ivery's and Adams' statements agree that he was in possession and had a place of residence erected within one month from the date of purchase, and Samuel Hole's statement confirms theirs as to the fact of there being a place of residence erected in February, 1873; but he cannot fix the date by any circumstance he can remember.
10. The other witness, Mr. Bayly, cannot say anything upon the point.
11. As to continuous residence, Adams says he has resided continuously upon his land from the day he took possession to the present time.
12. Charles Ivery says that to his certain knowledge Adams has resided continuously upon his land, and says that he has had almost daily opportunities of seeing Adams upon his land.
13. Mr. Charles Bayly says he does not know whether Adams has resided continuously upon the land or not.
14. Mr. Hole says he was near Adams' gunyah upon several occasions and never saw anyone there.
15. I think the balance of testimony as to continuous residence is in favour of Adams.
16. It will be observed that Adams says the land was selected for him by Charles Ivery, and the deposit thereon paid by Ivery as his (Adams') agent, and at his request, and that the improvements have also been paid for by Ivery in the same way.
17. And that repayment of those advances is to be made to Ivery under an arrangement made between them.
18. In a subsequent part of his statement Adams says he is a part owner of the cattle which graze over his land and over the four adjacent selections, and that the owners of those four selections are joint owners of the cattle with him.
19. The said cattle are those referred to in my report upon Charles Ivery's selection, wherein I gave the explanation voluntarily made to me by Ivery, to the effect that the profits on resale of said cattle are to be devoted to the repayment of advances made for the purchase and improvement of the land upon which the cattle are being fattened.
20. Adams also stated to me that he has been connected with Ivery droving for the last twelve years, and that he contributed his savings towards the purchase money of the cattle, and that he and his partners in the cattle were assisted in the purchase by a gentleman in Sydney, who holds security over the land and cattle.
21. Upon the statements made, and from what I have seen, I do not feel justified in recommending the forfeiture of William Adams' land.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ARGENT.

P.S.—I beg to return herewith the tracing and copy of application forwarded to me.—T.A.

Minutes

Minutes on No. 3.

Submitted.—W.B., 26/6/74. Inquiry personally directed to be made by the Secretary for Lands.—
W.B., 26/6/74.

By the Chief Commissioner :—No grounds for interference apparently.—A.O.M., 1/8/74.

By the Minister for Lands :—Approved, J.S.F., 8/7/74.

[Appendix A to No. 3.]

Statement of William Adams respecting his conditional purchase of 320 acres of land in the county of Pottinger,
parish of Lawson. C.P. 73-598.

I, WILLIAM ADAMS, am the lawful owner by conditional purchase of the 320 acres of land upon which I now reside. The said land was selected for me by Charles Ivery, as my agent, at my request. The deposit required by law was paid by Charles Ivery for me, and the improvements made upon my land were paid for also by Charles Ivery for me, in pursuance of an arrangement made between Charles Ivery and myself, under which arrangement I am to repay him. I entered into possession of my land the same day that Charles Ivery took possession of his, and my hut was erected without delay. The first hut erected for me was about 200 yards to the eastward of my present hut. That hut was removed to a position a few yards south of my present hut after my land was surveyed. I occupied the latter place until my present hut was erected, and I have resided in it ever since. I have resided continuously upon my land from the day I took possession to the present time. I am part owner of the cattle which graze over my land and over the land of four selectors whose land is adjacent to mine, and who are joint owners of said cattle with me. I assist in herding the said cattle.

WILLIAM ADAMS.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT, 9th June, 1874.

[Appendix B to No. 3.]

Statement of Mr. Charles Bayly respecting William Adams' selection of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger,
parish of Lawson. C.P. 73-598-44.

I, CHARLES BAYLY, know the land conditionally purchased by William Adams. I know that there was no residence upon that land unless a humpy until within the last five or six weeks. The hut that is now there has been erected within the last five or six weeks. I do not know when Adams first came upon the land, or whether he has ever been upon it, or whether he has resided continuously upon it or not.

CHARLES BAYLY.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT, 10 June, 1874.

[Appendix C to No. 3.]

Statement of Samuel Hole respecting William Adams' conditional purchase of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger,
parish of Lawson. C.P. 73-598-44.

I, SAMUEL HOLE, know the land conditionally purchased by William Adams. I do not know when Adams came upon that land. I first saw a gunyah upon Adams' land in February, 1873. I cannot fix the date by any circumstance that I can remember. In less than a month after I first saw the gunyah referred to I was looking for the north-west corner pin of portion 11, the property of Mr. Andrew Town, and I went up to the gunyah on Adams' land and looked into it and saw no one there. I have been near the gunyah on several occasions since and never saw any one there. There was no other residence on Adams' land than that gunyah on 18th March, 1874, the day on which I went to see if C. Ivery's fence was being erected on the proper line.

SAMUEL HOLE.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT, 10th June, 1874.

[Appendix D to No. 3.]

Statement of Charles Ivery respecting William Adams' selection of 320 acres of land, in the county of Pottinger, and
parish of Lawson. C.P. 73-598-44.

I, CHARLES IVERY, know the land upon which William Adams resides. I applied to purchase the said land and paid the deposit upon the same for William Adams, as his agent, and at his request. I have also paid for the improvements upon his land, in pursuance of an arrangement made between William Adams and myself, under which arrangement he is to repay me the amount of said deposit and the amount paid and to be paid by me for improvements on said land. I know that William Adams took possession of his land on the same day as I entered upon mine. That day was a few days after the 26th January, 1873. A hut was erected for William Adams the day after he took possession. He has resided continuously upon his land to my certain knowledge ever since he took possession. I have had opportunities almost daily of seeing him upon his land.

CHARLES IVERY.

Witness,—THOMAS ARGENT, 9th June, 1874.

No. 4.

Declaration by William Adams.

E.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, WILLIAM ADAMS, of Bundalla Creek, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, shed, and fencing, and to the value of £320, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

WILLIAM ADAMS.

Description.

County of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, 320 acres, at Bundalla Creek, being conditional purchase No. 44 of 1873, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah, made on the 23rd January, 1873.

Taken and declared at Gunnedah, this 27th }
day of January, 1876, before me,— }

T. K. ABBOTT.

Minutes on No. 4.

Interest £11 5s. 7d., credited 5th February, 1876. Transferred to Charles Ivery, 27/1/76.
Transferred to John McElhone, 10/4/76. Examined and found correct in form, 1 June, 1876.

No. 5.

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No 5.

Notification by William Adams.

H. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by William Adams, of Bundalla Creek, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months) this day alienated to Charles Ivery, of Bundalla Creek, the 320 acres of land, situate in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which I selected at Tamworth, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873, having no additional conditional purchases in virtue thereof.

Dated at Gunnedah, this 27th January, 1876.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Bundalla.

Witness—T. E. NASH.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Crown Land Sales Office, Gunnedah, 3rd February, 1876.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 6.

Notification by Charles Ivery.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase, Charles Ivery, transferred from William Adams, in the district of Tamworth, now Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to John McElhone, of Sydney, Esquire, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, selected at Tamworth, by William Adams, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated this 10th April, 1876.

CHARLES IVERY,
Bundalla.

Witness—SAMUEL MELVIL.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 12th April, 1876,

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 7.

Notification by John McElhone.

K. [Alienation Act, section 13.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase by John McElhone, in the district of Gunnedah.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Gunnedah, that I have this day alienated to Andrew Town, of Richmond, the 320 acres of land, situated in the county of Pottinger, parish of Lawson, which was originally selected by William Adams and since transferred to me, on 10th April, 1876, as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 23rd January, 1873.

Dated at Sydney, this 27th February, 1877.

JOHN McELHONE,
Sydney.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Gunnedah.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

Land Office, Gunnedah, 5th March, 1877.

T. K. ABBOTT,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 7a.

Memorandum.

William Adams, conditional purchase, 320 acres, transferred to J. McElhone.

House 26 by 13 feet, 2-inch sawn slabs, verandah, shingled and floored...	£90	0	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ mile 2-rail and post, heavy ironbark, and 3 wires, at £110	82	10	0
1 and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile do. 2-rail and 3 wires	137	10	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ mile 2-rail fence	20	0	0
2 yards, cow-bail, bark hut	15	0	0
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	£345	0	0

No. 8.

No. 8.

Mr. Inspector Geary to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Report by H. V. Geary, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of William Adams, made at Tamworth, on 23rd January, 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th February, 1877, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection. C.P. 73-598
section 13,
portion 34.

The land, which consists of grazing or cultivation, and comprises 320 acres, is not occupied and used by him as his residence; and the selector, who follows the avocation of _____ had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£70	0	0
Fencing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	225	0	0
Total ...									£295	0	0

The selector was not resident at the time of my visit, nor can I say whether or not he has ever resided of my own knowledge, not having been called upon to inspect it before. The three years had expired at the date of transfer.

I have, &c.,
H. V. GEARY,
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Minutes on No. 8.

By the Chief Commissioner:—The declared value of the improvements was £320, or £25 more than the Inspector's estimate of their present value. I do not consider this discrepancy sufficient to warrant further delay in passing the declaration, which is therefore submitted for approval; residence is not now necessary.—A.O.M., 7/4/77.

By the Minister for Lands:—Approved.—R.D., 23/4/77.

No. 9.

The Chief Commissioner to J. McElhone, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 April, 1877.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this Department the declaration made by William Adams, at Gunnedah, on the 27th January, 1876, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,
A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner.

Conditional purchase, No. 73-598; district, Gunnedah; original applicant, William Adams; present holder, Andrew Town; date, 23rd January, 1873; area, 320 acres.

No. 10.

J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 24 April, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter, dated 23rd April, conditional purchase 73-598, in reference to conditional purchase of 320 acres transferred to me and originally taken up by Williams Adams, and to advise you that the said conditional purchase was transferred by me to Mr. Andrew Town, of Richmond, sometime since.

I have, &c.,
J. McELHONE.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

WILLIAM FREDERICK COLLIER.
(PETITION OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 28 August, 1884.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of William Frederick Collier, of Sydney, saddler,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

1. That a Select Committee of your Honorable House was, on the fifteenth day of August instant, duly appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into and report upon the Supreme Court proceedings in connection with and upon the conditional purchase of William Frederick Collier, taken at Cooper's Island.

2. That your Petitioner was the selector of the conditional purchase, the Supreme Court proceedings upon which are about to become the subject of inquiry by such Select Committee; that he is the William Frederick Collier referred to in the first paragraph of this Petition; and that he is therefore directly interested in the result of such inquiry.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays as follows :—

That your Petitioner may be at liberty to attend and be heard by counsel or solicitor before the said Select Committee, with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be deemed advisable concerning the subject matter of the said inquiry, in the interest of your Petitioner.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

WILLIAM F. COLLIER,
178, George-street West.

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1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

COLIN MACDONALD.

(PETITION OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 29 October, 1884.

To the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament now assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

- 1st. That your Petitioner disputed the title to portion 81, Bukkulla.
- 2nd. That he elicited evidence from the witnesses on which the C.P. was forfeited.
- 3rd. That the C.P. was not forfeited for want of improvements or residence.
- 4th. That the offence for which it was forfeited is a very grave and serious one.
- 5th. That the C.P. Inspector made a complaint which he proved by his own evidence was unfounded, and your Petitioner who made a well founded complaint was summoned as a witness by the Commissioner, instead of giving your Petitioner seven days' notice to appear as a complainant.
- 6th. That the officials could in a few minutes ascertain from the books in the Inverell or head office that no residence was required at the date of inspection, when £2 5s. (two pounds five shillings) worth of improvements per acre were found on the C.P.
- 7th. That your Petitioner protested against having to attend the Inspector's case, and received no reply to the letters sent on the subject during the twelve months prior to the inquiry.
- 8th. That the 25th section of the Act of 1875 and the regulations provide that the travelling expenses of witnesses, summoned at instance of the Commissioner, shall be paid; but your Petitioner's expenses from Breeza to Inverell have not been paid, although applied for. Your Petitioner lost fourteen days' ploughing to attend the Court; and having stripped and sold the wheat, a loss of £8 is apparent in the yield of the latter part. Your Petitioner does not grudge the loss, even if it is not recompensed in this world or the next, as he has got a C.P. forfeited for fraud, which the officials he believes never do. A few cases, due to the exertions of the dummies or the press, have been brought to light, and the C.P.'s forfeited. In this case the holder of the C.P. was a squatter, who had figured as plaintiff in the Supreme Court. The Department neglected to bring forward the most important witness against him, and forfeited the C.P. without completing case. It was about twelve months after the inquiry that the Department ventured to do so, and in the meantime your Petitioner declined to accept a refund of his deposit, as the Department refused to get more evidence, and an official reported that the charge had failed. As ordinary mortals could not read the latter part of the Commissioner's report, it is an open question whether he recommended the C.P. to be passed or forfeited. Your Petitioner points out that he has done work that Department should do but does not do, and that his expenses have not been refunded, and he therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House may do as it deems proper in the case.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

COLIN MACDONALD.

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(MESSAGE No. 2.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 October, 1883.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a "Bill to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes."

Government House,

Sydney, 11th October, 1883.

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION AGAINST—RESIDENTS OF THE BOGAN ELECTORATE.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 20 November, 1883.

To the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the persons living in the Bogan Electorate,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That your Petitioners regard the Land Bill now before you with serious alarm, inasmuch as they feel satisfied, if it become law it will create widespread ruin throughout this electorate, and put an end to future settlement.

2. That the price proposed to be charged under this Bill both as rent and for fee-simple of land in this district is far in excess of its value, inasmuch as 6 acres will depasture no more than one sheep in all seasons, and owing to the uncertainty of the rainfall, agricultural pursuits are impracticable.

3. That many of your Petitioners would not have become conditional purchasers had it not been for the inducement held out to them of obtaining an area of three times the extent of their conditional purchases as a pre-lease; and to now deprive them of their pre-leases is to render the balance of their holdings utterly useless to them; and it also appears to your Petitioners a very great injustice to confiscate the improvements which have been found indispensable to the profitable working of these pre-leases.

4. That for the aforesaid reasons your Petitioners have the honor to pray you to oppose the passage of the Bill through Parliament.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[*Here follow 1,007 signatures.*]

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.
(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—INHABITANTS OF ADELONG.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 27 November, 1883.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the inhabitants of Adelong and surrounding District, at a public meeting held to consider the proposed Land Bill now before Parliament,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

That the Bill requires the following amendments as regards the mining, agricultural, and pastoral interests:—

First. That the mineral lands be resumed as required for mining purposes in the public interests.

Second. That all lands illegally alienated under the 13th clause of the Acts of 1861, '75, and '80, within proclaimed gold-fields, be resumed in such portions as may be required for mining purposes.

Third. That all lands selected under the 13th and 14th clauses (selections on gold-fields) under the above Acts and the proposed Bill be open for mining on obtaining the necessary permission from the department, which authority to dig and search for gold shall give a prior right to the applicant to hold a claim, subject to the provisions of the laws in force for regulating mining on Crown Lands and lands within gold-fields.

Fourth. That all authorized persons making improvements on Crown Lands within gold-fields, for residence, conservation of water, erection of machinery, or other works for mining purposes, be entitled to purchase without competition (subject to the right to mine) from one to ten acres of land, and that the three mile restriction be expunged from the Bill.

Fifth. That a right be given to cut races, and convey water through private property for gold and other purposes—compensation for such right to be given by arbitration.

Sixth. That the license to cut timber on Crown Lands and reserves for mining purposes be one pound sterling per annum; and that the license to remove such timber shall give teamsters the right to camp and graze on Crown Lands and reserves whilst removing such timber.

Seventh. That the pre-leases now held by selectors should not be interfered with, in consequence of the serious injury it would inflict on the present free selector.

Eighth. That the time for fencing be extended to (3) three years after survey, and the selector be entitled to all existing privileges.

Ninth. That the proposed annual payment of one shilling and sixpence per acre per annum on selections and threepence per acre on leases is excessive, and will completely check further settlement in this portion of the eastern division, as the lands now available are too poor for agriculture, and not worth the rent for grazing.

That unless the Bill is considerably modified, as shown in this memorial, it is quite inadequate for, and to the requirements of, the mining, agricultural, and pastoral interests in developing the resources of the Colony, and that it should not become law in its present form.

We therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House, now assembled in Parliament, will give this memorial its serious and earnest consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 18 signatures.]

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(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.
(PETITION AGAINST—INHABITANTS OF NEW ENGLAND.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 11 December, 1883.

To the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of New England,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That the Land Bill now submitted by the Government is unsuitable to the requirements of the Colony in general and of New England in particular, and should it become law, will tend very materially to prevent further settlement upon the Crown Lands of this Colony, and will also seriously prejudice vested interests of both squatters and selectors.

For the foregoing reasons your Petitioners earnestly pray that your Honorable House will use its best efforts to defeat the Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 726 signatures.*]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.
(PETITION AGAINST—MAYOR OF BROUGHTON VALE.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 17 January, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned, in name and in behalf of the Municipal Council of Broughton Vale,—

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That Petitioners represent a large community of agricultural and dairy farmers, possessing freehold property on which large capital has been expended under the system of conditional purchase contained in the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 and subsequent amending enactments.

That Petitioners regard with deep anxiety and much disappointment the proposed Lands Bill now under consideration of Parliament, as embodying principles inimical to the best interests of the community, and practically ruinous to the important section of agricultural settlers and conditional purchasers; and in the judgment of Petitioners the Crown lessees will not be benefited, but they will be rather seriously injured by the provisions of the Bill, resulting in the withdrawal of capital, commercial depression, and depreciation of the staple products of the Colony.

That Petitioners view with alarm the tendency of the proposed measure to interfere with future settlement, and as being calculated to set class against class, affording no adequate remedy for existing abuses, invading the just rights of the rising generation, and so operating as to deter emigrants with capital from investing in the Colony.

Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to take the premises into consideration, and in the exercise of your wisdom and undoubted privilege to reject the proposed Lands Bill as distasteful to the majority of the population and subversive of their interests.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed in the name and in behalf of the Municipal Council of Broughton Vale, the
Corporate Seal being hereto affixed.

(L.S.) ALEXANDER HANLON,

Council Chambers, 2 January, 1884.

Mayor.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—ELECTORS OF BARRABA AND TAMWORTH.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 22 January, 1884.

To the Hons. the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

We the undersigned inhabitants of Barraba and Members of the Electorate of Tamworth,—

PETITIONERS HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

1stly. That the abolition of pre-leases is most ruinous to the *bona fide* selectors, who in very many instances selected with a view of obtaining pre-leases, and in our own immediate district the majority of selectors were induced to select, believing that the Government would carry out the present Land Law in its integrity, and that our holdings would be greatly enhanced in value by the addition of pre-leases, which if we are now deprived of will render the bulk of our holdings too small to keep sufficient stock for the support of our families.

2ndly. That the fencing clause is unjust and oppressive to the selector of limited means, and if carried will place the lands of the Colony beyond the grasp of the poorer classes.

3rdly. That the non-residence clause be rendered of benefit to town residents alone, seeing that if such precaution be not taken the Crown Lands will be monopolized by capitalists.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that you will take the several matters contained herein into your serious consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[*Here follow 82 signatures.*]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—RESIDENTS OF WENTWORTH.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 22 January, 1884.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Honorable House, the humble Petition of the undersigned Selectors and Residents in the district of Wentworth, in the Western Division,—

SHOWETH :—

That if the Bill now before your Parliament for the alteration of the Land Laws of the Colony be passed, it will materially and prejudicially affect the interest of your Petitioners, and in particular, if the clauses referring to the Western Division be passed, cause ruin to many of the selectors in the district.

The present law, which has proved a boon and blessing to many an industrious family, your Petitioners most respectfully ask may not be repealed.

Your Petitioners beg most respectfully to point out to your Honorable House that, should the present Act be amended, the clauses in reference to pre-emptive leases to squatters, and the system of reserves which has been much abused, may be so amended as to prevent the large owners monopolizing that which was intended for the use and enjoyment of the many.

That improvement purchase and land sales be abolished, except for town and suburban land.

That free selection be continued, with rights to pre-emptive leases as contiguous as possible to the selection.

That the deposit be one shilling per acre, and nineteen annual instalments of one shilling per acre in payment of the fee simple.

The rent of the pre-emptive leases to be the same as at present.

Your Petitioners beg most respectfully to bring before your Honorable House the fact that, if the Bill now before the House be passed into law, it will be a gross injustice to your Petitioners and selectors generally, and a great detriment to the interests of the Colony generally.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to take these matters into your consideration.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 23 signatures.]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—SELECTORS AND LANDHOLDERS OF BOMBALA.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 29 January, 1884.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled

1. We, the undersigned, selectors and landholders in the District of Bombala, Monaro, view with alarm the proposal in the new Land Bill (which has passed its second reading) to abolish all pre-leases, and should the same become law we shall be utterly ruined and our positions rendered untenable.

2. The chief part of us whose signatures are attached have gone to the expense of ring-barking and fencing-in our said leases, relying upon the good faith of the Government. If our leases are taken away we shall be compelled to sell out, and our holdings will revert to the original run-holders.

3. The land we hold as lease is poor, unsaleable country, and not likely to be required for sale or settlement for a number of years, and we are content with the present tenure by which we hold it.

4. The minimum rent of £8 per section, fixed by the new Bill for what land may be held as pre-lease, we humbly submit is most excessive, considering the poorness of the land.

5. We also submit that the time given for fencing by the new Bill is far too short, and beyond our powers to comply with.

6. We therefore most respectfully pray that these portions of the Bill may be modified in Committee, and particularly that our pre-leases be respected.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 55 signatures.]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—BAGO AND UPPER TUMBARUMBA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 31 January, 1884.

To the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Gentlemen,—

The Committee of the Bago and Upper Tumbarumba Progress Association, noting that the new Land Bill now before the House contains no provision for mining interests, such as are comprised in the existing Land Act, respectfully beg in the interests of miners in this locality to request that the subjoined resolutions, which have been adopted at various miners' meetings, be embodied in the new Land Bill, during its progress through Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

1st. That all mineral lands be resumed, as required for mining purposes, in the public interest.

2nd. That all lands improperly obtained and withheld from mining research under the 13th clause of the Land Acts of 1861, '75, '80, being within proclaimed gold fields, be resumed in such portions as may be required for mining purposes.

3rd. That all land selected under the 13th and 14th clauses of Land Acts on gold fields be open to mining on permission obtained from the Minister for Mines, whose authority to dig and search for gold shall give a prior right to the discoverer to hold a claim, subject to the provisions of the law in force regulating mining on Crown Lands within gold fields.

4th. That all authorised persons making improvements on Crown Lands within gold fields, by residence, conservation of water, or other works required for mining purposes, be permitted to purchase, without competition, from 1 to 10 acres, subject to the abovementioned conditions.

5th. That a right be given to cut races and carry water through private property for gold and other mining purposes, on compensation being given by arbitration.

6th. That the license to cut, split, and remove timber on Crown Lands, or reserves, for mining purposes, be £1 per annum, and that the license give the right to teamsters to camp and graze their teams on all Crown Lands or reserves.

The Committee therefore pray that your Honorable House will give effect to the foregoing amendments.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

On behalf of the Committee,
SHELDON C. SMITH,
Chairman.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS OF GUNBAH, HAY, AND HILLSTON.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 31 January, 1884.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,—

We the undersigned *bona fide* conditional purchasers of land in and around Gunbah, county of Nicholson, Hay, and Hillston Land Districts, hereby petition you to secure to us our pre-leases by the new Land Bill before your Honorable House.

We do so on the following grounds, namely:—

That we have been induced to come to this district, and conditionally purchase lands, the very best of which, in an average season it takes three acres to feed a sheep, one of which conditions was our pre-leases.

That to abolish these pre-leases would be repudiation on the part of the State, would force us to sell out our holdings at any price, and thereby help monopoly in land, decrease settlement, and bring ruin to thousands of homes.

That an equitable distribution of a portion of the Crown Lands on lease among conditional purchasers at present settled on the land, as well as to future conditional purchasers, is the surest way not only to promote but to retain settlement of the people on the soil.

That this district either at the present or in the near future will not bear close settlement for many reasons, the principal one of which is the very small amount of rainfall.

That what might appear to some people too large an area to allot to one person by conditional purchase and pre-lease would not so appear if such people were acquainted with the different circumstances of this district.

That such areas will be doing the work of building up a nation by rearing large families on them, among whom these areas in the near future will be subdivided, and altered circumstances make them capable of rearing four families in place of one.

That in any case where this result would not be brought about the Government should retain the power of resuming such areas by paying a fair present value for them, and place others on such areas as would bring about such results.

That consolidated pre-leases is an abuse of the law of 1861 is illegal, and should therefore be abolished.

That some of these consolidated pre-leases amount to ninety thousand acres, if not in many instances more, outside which area would support twenty families if subdivided, but only support now one or two boundary-riders.

That four or five thousand acres is not too much of a pre-lease or conditional lease to grant or secure to one person with his conditional purchase, for settlers if not prosperous will be no support to the State or country, and prosperous they cannot be here unless they can own one or two thousand sheep.

That many conditional purchasers have been left so situated by abuses of existing Land Laws as to preclude them from extending their areas on either adjoining or conterminous lands. That such conditional purchasers should be considered in the new Bill, by allowing them to extend on the nearest Crown Lands if not more than five miles distant from their original purchase, or the Government should resume their holding and pay them a fair present value, and provide them with another home where they could get their area.

That your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take these premises into your most serious consideration, and that you make such alterations in the Bill now before your Honorable House as shall secure to your Petitioners conditions securing a tenure of their pre-leases, for which they are willing to pay a fair rental.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 95 signatures.]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—CROWN LESSEES OF THE CLARENCE DISTRICT.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 31 January, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Crown Lessees and others in the Clarence District,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the minimum rental proposed to be charged in the new Land Bill of 2d. per acre on all pastoral lands in this the Eastern Division (comprising as it does so much useless and barren country, on which only store cattle can be raised, and on which wool cannot be grown) is excessive and arbitrary, and if carried into effect would be ruinous to the majority of the runholders, who would be forced to sacrifice and abandon their holdings.

That the only just and equitable method of determining rentals would be by appraisalment and classification, and basing the rental on the grazing capabilities of each holding.

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the Eastern Division should be bounded on the west by main dividing range.

That the proposed tenure of five years only is altogether inadequate, and offers no inducement to the lessee to expend his capital in making permanent improvements so as to derive any benefit therefrom, and said tenure should be very considerably extended.

That on the eastern watershed the division of runs in all cases is not desirable, owing to the large quantity of alienated land in detached blocks, and the residue of unalienated land being mostly valueless for selection, and where such division is decided upon the Government should furnish the necessary plans.

That the proposed method of election of local Land Boards is objectionable. That said Boards should consist of persons practically acquainted with the capabilities of the district in which they will adjudicate, and one-half of whom at least should be appointed by the electors in their respective districts.

That the time proposed to be allowed (six months) for fencing a selection is altogether too limited, and should be considerably extended; and Land Boards should have power to exempt agricultural scrub lands from fencing when such is unnecessary; and all fencing should be considered and valued as improvements.

That Crown lessees should not be compelled to pay half-cost of fencing unless such fence adjoins their purchased land, and that the right of impounding shall not be allowed off any purchased or preleased land until same be substantially fenced.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that you may be pleased to take this petition into your favourable consideration, and afford such relief as may seem to you just and equitable, and most conducive to the benefit, welfare, and prosperity of all classes of the community in this district, and of the Colony of New South Wales in general.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed in name and on behalf of the Crown lessees and others of the Clarence District.

[Here follow 4 signatures.]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.
(PETITION RESPECTING PRE-LEASES—ELECTORS OF THE HUME.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 27 May, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors of The Hume Electorate,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That the proposal in the Land Bill now before your Honorable House, enacting “that all land held under pre-emptive lease shall after the 31st December 1884 be held to be Crown Lands freed from such lease,” will if it becomes law operate against the interests of a large number of persons who hold these leases, many of whom selected inferior land in order to obtain them and to hold with greater security, and without which their conditional purchases are of much less value.

That the proposal to substitute conditional leases, and limiting them to purchasers who are resident will be a great hardship, inasmuch as many have fulfilled all the conditions required of them at the time these leases were approved of, and have again selected, consequently will be unable to comply with the condition of residence required by the proposed conditional leases, while at the same time their pre-lease will be taken away, and become part of the run on which it was originally situated ; which is practically taking the pre-lease from the conditional purchaser (who has fenced and otherwise improved it) and handing it over to the pastoral lessee. The hardship becomes more apparent when it is seen that the Land Bill proposes to give such lessee a secure tenure of half the area of his Crown Lands, which will include these pre-leases taken from the conditional purchaser who is not permitted to retain them without tenure.

We therefore pray that your Honorable House would be pleased to provide in the new Land Bill that conditional purchasers be allowed the option to retain their pre-leases on the present tenure, and are content that they remain open for selection ; and also a fair annual value to be taken by appraisement, and surveyed to ascertain correct area.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 101 signatures.]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.
(PETITION AGAINST—FARMERS OF WELLINGTON.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 2 October, 1884.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, Sydney.

The humble Petition of Farmers and others of Wellington :—

We, your most humble Petitioners most respectfully invite your attention to, and are led to hope that you may perceive that it is to the best interests of the Colony, and to the industrial classes in particular, to expunge the fencing clause from the Land Bill now before the Legislative Council. The fencing clause would undoubtedly deter many from selecting, and would prove ruinous to those who did select, as it must be clearly apparent that people with limited means require to be left at liberty to improve the land in the manner best calculated to bring in a speedy return, without being compelled to fence the whole of the land, which in many cases would prove an unnecessary and ruinous proceeding.

We therefore pray that when the Bill is again submitted for your consideration you will use your best endeavours to prevent it from becoming law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 277 signatures.*]

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

(PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF—RESIDENTS OF BUNDARRA AND DISTRICT.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 8th October, 1884.

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of Bundarra and District, in the Colony of New South Wales,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That at a public meeting held at Bundarra, on 25th September, 1884, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:—

1. That in the opinion of this meeting the clauses in the new Land Act abolishing pre-emptive leases and substituting conditional leases with less area and compulsory fencing within two years, with no preferent right to purchase by selectors under the Act to be repealed, and also the resumption of half the Crown Lands from selection, are injurious to the interests and prosperity of the whole Colony and to the inhabitants of New England in particular.

2. That in the opinion of this meeting all existing rights and vested interests should be upheld and respected; that all holders of pre-lease lands held by virtue of conditional purchases should be entitled to retain them; and further, that such pre-leases should be converted into conditional leases with security of tenure for ten years, with the option of purchasing a part or the whole within ten years, and that the rent of such conditional leases be 1d. per acre per annum.

3. That existing conditional purchasers have the same privileges on the leasehold as on the resumed areas, especially as to the power to increase the areas of their conditional purchase to the 640 acres originally contracted for with the Government.

4. That the above resolutions be embodied in the form of a petition and sent to Mr. Proctor for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

For the foregoing reasons your Petitioners earnestly pray that your House will use its best efforts to amend the Land Bill and make such alterations as will meet the wishes of your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 83 signatures.]

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE LAND LAW.

(PETITION OF H. W. S. EDMUNDS.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 16 November, 1883.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

THIS PETITION HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That the people have not now that natural enjoyment of their rights upon the land of their country which they should have.

That it is disgraceful in a people possessed of such enormous wealth as we are that a portion of the people—by far the greater part—should be compelled, from circumstances beyond their control, to locate themselves in lanes and back slums, in habitations so small, so miserable and so wholly unfit for human occupation as homes, that regard can be paid neither to decency, comfort, health, nor morality.

That every living man of average health possesses in himself the power of creating sufficient wealth wherewith to support himself and a family in comfort, provided the machinery of civilization be in proper working order, and that it is only from some radical defect in the social system that the birth of a child is a source of poverty and not a positive addition to the prospective wealth and well-being of the world.

That our national expenditure in maintaining our schools is but a useless expenditure, unless the people are able to be provided with better homes, and that no individual circumstances, however humble they may be, should compel him to forfeit his natural claims and rights to the opportunity of making for himself and his family a pleasant dwelling place, and to health, fresh air, and order.

That a soil of a country is the common property of its inhabitants, because necessary to their living and to the production of that food upon which they must all be fed, and that accordingly it should be employed for the highest good of the entire population in common.

That in order to convert the present homes of the people into suitable dwelling places for human beings in a christian civilized state it is necessary that the people should possess each an individual stake in the country.

That any laws with respect to the public use of the land which will give permanent satisfaction to the people must be constituted on the principle so truly equitable that every being born into the world brings with him an inherent claim to a part of the earth's surface, whereon he may have the opportunity of continuing his existence until he be removed from the earth by the same power that planted him there.

That when the people rule, the ownership of greater part of the common heritage by a few thousands may not wisely or safely be allowed so to remain, inasmuch as those few are, independently of their irresponsibility to the State, unfit to be entrusted with entire control over that part of the earth to which thousands have a just claim, in order to sustain that existence which has become theirs not of their own wills.

That the people become thrifty and possessed of healthful habits when they individually feel that their common claims receive just recognition.

That under just administration of an Act providing for the enjoyment of the common rights of the people upon the land this country might be made to sustain in comfort many millions of our fellows.

That the possession of a vested conservative interest in the State by the holding of a stake therein is that which should belong to all, independent of colour, creed, or opinions, and is that which is the surest guarantee of good behaviour on the part of the possessors.

That the recognition of the common claims of the people in respect to the land will be the surest means of attracting capital to investment in the soil, thus adding to the wealth and strength of the country in the safest possible manner, and affording security such as none other can give for the rights of property and the permanency of the most valuable institutions of the people.

That the present system of land administration affords no guarantee that personal interest shall be an adequate security that land held under it shall be employed to the general advantage, and that those who hold land now in most instances employ it solely to their own aggrandisement.

That the right of each man to the use of the earth is limited only by the like rights of his fellow-men, and that the maintenance of this right necessarily forbids absolute private possession of land, and that this latter is wholly opposed to the spirit of the British Constitution, according to which "all the land in the Kingdom is held subject to the claims of the people, whether it be so specified or not." And "an individual can only hold an estate inland," which is virtually primarily vested in the Sovereign on behalf of the people.

That vast numbers of the people are forced, from circumstances over which they have no control, to take up their abode in small, unpleasant, dwelling places in narrow streets and by-ways, where misery, impure air, dens of infamy, and general social demoralization are the most enticing surroundings.

That in order best to secure the proper enjoyment of the common rights of the people upon their legal natural heritage, it is expedient that, as with all other public properties, the land be placed under public management with a view towards meeting the highest interests, not merely of the present generation but of all future generations; and that until the State itself becomes its own landlord, discontent and poverty must prevail, and although great riches may be amassed by some, the majority of the people will remain deprived of much comfort to which they are entitled.

That under State management in respect to the settlement, occupation, and transfer of the land, tenure of land could be made just as secure and fixed as now.

That in placing the land under public management your Petitioner is of opinion that it will be necessary to provide as follows:—

I. That, as including in them all others, the following chief public interests in the land be recognised and provided for, viz.:—

- (a) The domestic interest.
- (b) The manufacturing and trading interest.
- (c) The agricultural interest.
- (d) The mining interest.
- (e) The timber interest.
- (f) The pastoral interest.
- (g) The public combinations interest.

The domestic interest, as being that common to all civilized beings, be they connected with whatever other public interest. The manufacturing and trading interest, as being that of converting the raw materials of nature into articles required by man, either to sustain his life or to provide for his comfort and convenience, and of storing and preserving them, and of distributing them amongst those for whom they were produced. The agricultural interest, as being that of cultivating the soil with a view to the production of food or material required by man for himself or his creatures. The mining interest, as being that of extracting from the ground such metals and minerals as may be deemed to have a human use and value. The timber interest, as being that of obtaining native wood for public purposes. The pastoral interest, as being that of pasturing from time to time on public lands not otherwise required by the public animals good for the food of man and for other human purposes. The public combination interest, as being that of any lawful corporation, any church or congregation of people for the worship of God, any duly constituted authority or assemblage of persons for matters of State, any friendly or scientific association, or any society for purposes not otherwise provided for.

- II. That with a view toward ascertaining what parts of the country are most suitable to be devoted to the agricultural, the mining, the timber, and the pastoral interests, such competent experts be appointed as shall be necessary to furnish the required information, and that such experts consist of parties made up of a practical agriculturist and a practical geologist.
- III. That all public lands, whether transferred to the public individual use or whether Crown lands, be equally under the operations of the Act providing for the public management of the land.
- IV. That the land devoted to each interest respectively be divided into allotments, yet that until other provision be made it be open to any person, subject to the terms of the Act providing for the public management of the land, to occupy as many allotments as he choose.
- V. That, as soon as the required information as to suitability of the land has been obtained, it be laid out into allotments, of size hereafter stated, according to the particular interest for which the land may be suited, and that towards this end such surveyors as shall be necessary be appointed.
- VI. That land at present in use in connection with the domestic interest be not subject to examination by experts aforesaid.
- VII. That the examination and apportionment of lands transferred already to individual use be completed within eighteen months from date of commencement, and that the Public Management Act come into operation actively in each locality as it shall be made ready, and that until such time existing arrangements continue undisturbed.
- VIII. That as soon as the Public Management Act come into operation in any locality duly qualified officers be appointed to determine separately the pecuniary equivalent for whatever interest individuals by ownership in fee simple, or by lease or other system of possession, may possess in the respective allotments into which the land may be divided, and that such interest be in every case reckoned by the value of the land as represented by the price latest obtained for land of a similar character in the immediate neighbourhood, and by the value of erected improvements as shown by trustworthy documents or evidence as to their cost, and by the present market value of material employed in such improvements—having regard to the price of the labour concerned in their erection—due allowance in every case, where necessary, being made for depreciation in value owing to decay of structure.
- IX. That all improvements erected in accordance with the terms of the Public Management Act be duly valued upon erection, as shall be specially provided for in connection with each interest respectively.
- X. That in order to provide an opportunity for appeal against any valuation made under the Public Management Act, special Courts of appeal be established to inquire into appeals, and to award such further sum, where due, as shall make up the full pecuniary equivalent for private interest.

- XI. That where improvements intended for human habitation are already erected on portions of grounds of smaller size than the allotments which may be prescribed by the Public Management Act, such improvements be open to occupation similar to those on allotments of the required size, saving, however, that the occupants of such improvements on payment of compensation in a sum determined as the pecuniary equivalent therefor, in the manner which may be prescribed by that Act, retain undisturbed possession of such improvements, without however, having, unless provision be made otherwise by special private contract, any entitlement to the fee-simple of the land on which they stand, and that as soon as such improvements become in such a state of disrepair as, in the opinion of duly appointed officers to inquire into such matters, shall render them unfit for human occupation, no further improvements be erected on such ground, unless as part of a proper sized allotment, or in connection with the manufacturing and trading, or the public combination interest, and that, as in all other cases of occupation and ownership of pecuniary interest, nothing prevent the owner of the land disposing of his interest therein for any consideration he choose to accept, or the occupant of the improvements from transferring at any time his interest therein to any other person for any consideration he choose to accept.
- XII. That building improvements on lands of larger size than the allotments prescribed by the Public Management Act be under the same provisions as those on ground of smaller size than the said allotments, according to the respective interest in which it be situated, saving, however, that any unimproved allotment in whole or in part in such ground shall be open to occupation.
- XIII. That the domestic interest in connection with all other interests be kept distinct from, although conjoined to all other interests, by the establishment of separate villages for domestic purposes.
- XIV. That any unoccupied allotment in connection with any interest be open to occupation by any person, subject to the payment of compensation to the extent determined by valuation, either by immediate payment in full of the whole of such sum, together with 10 per cent. of such sum added, in consideration of accommodation afforded by the erection of improvements, if any, and if not, in consideration of the reversion of the private interest of the owner of the land, or by the payment of the whole value, together with 10 per cent. added, at the rate of 10 per cent. a year, the whole amount bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. a year, payment being made according to arrangement (by the week, month, or quarter) with the owner of the land, and entitling to full and undisturbed possession—that the interest accruing be added on year by year to the principal—thus extending the time of payment, provided however, that at any time full compensation as aforesaid become paid, the payee shall only be required to pay interest for the time during which he was paying the compensation, and that any such occupant shall have the right to pay any further sum than 10 per cent. a year in compensation, and that in consideration thereof it be optional with him whether or not he pay anything further until such time as by paying only at the rate of 10 per cent. a year further payment would become due; and further, that any owner be allowed to receive any less payment per year than 10 per cent. of the value, provided however that when at any time by any rate of payment the sum total—the principal, together with the interest—be paid, the payee or he to whom the same shall transfer possession be recognized as the owner in full of such land, and whatever improvements thereon standing.
- XV. That any person in occupation of any holding, compensation for which not being fully paid, and not having transferred his interest therein to any other person, be allowed to yield up possession to the owner on giving notice to him of a period according to that under which payment of compensation is made, viz., week, month, or quarter, and that the amount paid in compensation by the resigning occupant be accounted as payment on account of accommodation afforded for the time during which he was in occupation.
- XVI. That any person failing to pay his dues in accordance with the provisions of the Public Management Act, whether at the rate specified thereby, or at a lesser rate, as may be arranged privately, be liable to procedure at law for the recovery of such dues, under “the Distraint and Replevin Act of 19th December, 1851.”
- XVII. That where improvements shall be erected on lands in which there is a private pecuniary interest to be met the owner of the land (or rather of the private pecuniary interest in the land) have power, in the event of the occupant failing to pay his dues as aforesaid for twelve consecutive months, to take possession of the land and its improvements, and to dispose of the same, and, after meeting the demand of himself on account of the term of such person, hand over all and any surplus receipts to the dispossessed occupant, until their full appraised value shall become met, in case of failure to pay which, that the said dispossessed occupant have power to recover his dues by law.
- XVIII. That no occupant of any improved holding, excepting by express decision of Parliament to the contrary, be allowed to make any alteration in any building until the full compensation for the holding shall have been paid, saving however that this provision apply not to additions not tending in any manner to depreciate the value or lessen the use of existing buildings.
- XIX. That no compensation for private pecuniary interest in the land itself be paid by any occupant of any holding in any interest situated in present Crown Lands: provided however that, where requisite, compensation be paid for erected improvements.
- XX. That any land occupied for fourteen years consecutively, without any application for compensation being made, be exempt from payment of compensation; and that in all cases for the purpose of carrying out the Public Management Act the date of occupation be considered the date of that Act coming into operation.
- XXI. That when once the land has been valued no further valuation thereof be made; that the valuator issue to the persons interested certificates of appraisement, showing their respective pecuniary interests in the land and its improvements separately; and that duplicates thereof be recorded in the Land Department of the district.
- XXII.

- XXII. That no place intended for purposes of human habitation be erected in a street, or any way of communication narrower than 66 feet, and that all back ways be of the width of 23 feet; and further, that the Government have power, in order to provide for the extension of existing ways of communication, to the required size by the resumption of such land as may be necessary, subject to the payment of compensation as aforesaid therefor, and that notwithstanding anything to the contrary, hereafter or aforesaid, especial valuations be made of the individual pecuniary interest in the land resumed; and that in such cases of compensation the sum thus received be deducted from that due on account of the same private interest in any allotment of which such resumed land formed a part.
- XXIII. That, as Parliament provide the necessary funds, the Government resume any or all pecuniary interest held by private persons in the *land* by compensating therefor, as aforesaid, and that such resumed lands be, to all intents and purposes, the same as if Crown Lands as aforesaid.
- XXIV. That unoccupied unimproved land in the domestic interest, including therein the manufacturing and trading interest and the public combination interest, be open to occupation: provided that, at the same time as any person wish to occupy, no contract for the erection of building improvements to be commenced within a month from that date shall have been accepted.
- XXV. That 66 feet above high-water mark, along the banks of all rivers, harbours, inlets, water collections above 20 feet long and 10 feet wide, and sea-shores, be reserved for public purposes; that the Government compensate as aforesaid for any existing private pecuniary interest in any such lands; and that such lands be employed solely for suitable public purposes.
- XXVI. That to every 300 allotments in any domestic village to be formed under the Public Management Act, land for public purposes as hereunder be laid out, viz. :—
- For public school purposes, 3 acres.
 - „ water works, 3 acres.
 - „ sewerage works, 2 acres.
 - „ recreation, 5 acres.
 - „ reserve for village, wood supply, 10 acres.
 - „ reserve for production by village, management of cereals, 10 acres.
 - „ reserve for pasturing of common village cattle, 10 acres.
 - „ public hall, 1 acre.
 - „ miscellaneous public purposes, 10 acres.
- XXVII. That any building erected in any interest, excepting in accordance with the terms of the Public Management Act, be declared a public nuisance, and that persons offending be liable to a fine of £40 a day the nuisance continue.
- XXVIII. That building improvements already erected in connection with the domestic interest on lands devoted to any other interest be allowed to be occupied for domestic purposes, subject to the conditions aforesaid in respect to compensation, and in respect to the particular interest in which the land be situated: Provided that so soon as such improvements become unfit for occupation no further such improvements be erected.
- XXIX. That no lands intended for use in connection with the domestic interest have a front facing to any lane; and that no places intended for human occupation be erected with a front facing to any lane or way of communication narrower than 66 feet.
- XXX. That, excepting agricultural and mining lands, the domestic interest—including therein the manufacturing and trading and the public combination interests—supersede all and every others as may from time to time be considered necessary to meet the public requirements in this respect.
- XXXI. That villages in connection with the domestic interest be established at such places, and in conjunction with other interests, as the Government consider advisable from time to time.
- XXXII. That allotments in the domestic interests be of the uniform size of 50 × 100 feet, or contain a total area of 5,000 square feet; and that in every such laying out, whether or not in connection with any other interest, the reserves aforesaid be provided for.
- XXXIII. That the domestic and the manufacturing and trading and the public combination interest be distinct only from conditions of building and extent of holding of ground.
- XXXIV. That to every 300 allotments, or at other suitable place connected with any other interest—saving the manufacturing and trading and the public combination—there be formed a domestic village as aforesaid.
- XXXV. That in the domestic interest no one person be recognized as actual occupant of more than one allotment, subject to the condition of improvement as aforesaid.
- XXXVI. That any new building erected in the domestic interest be required to have a plot of ground in front of 5 feet depth to the front facing of the allotment, for the purposes of a garden or verandah, and a space of at least 3 feet each side of the house, in order to secure a circulation of fresh air around the house, and of 10 feet at least at the back of the allotment for yard purposes.
- XXXVII. That the rooms of every place erected in connection with the domestic interest, in accordance with the terms of the Public Lands Management Act, be of a size not less than 10 feet by 12 feet by 10 feet; and that not more than two adult persons or four children be allowed to sleep at one time in any one such room or cubic space.
- XXXVIII. That any improved land, or improved land in actual ownership, in any domestic village, be eligible to be used in the manufacturing and trading interest, or the public combination interest, subject in all cases, where necessary, to the conditions of compensation aforesaid.
- XXXIX. That any land taken for use in connection with the manufacturing and trading interest be required to have erected thereon, within a period of two years from date of occupation, improvements at the rate of at least £50 to every 10 square feet in such ground; the valuation of such being in every case made by the Local Government valuator, and being determined

- determined by *bonâ fide* receipt of expenditure; and that on such conditions the extent of land to be occupied by any one person be unlimited: Provided that if any such land be not improved, at the rate to be prescribed, for one month from the expiration of such time, it be open to any person, so desiring, on payment of compensation for the private interest in such ground, to take possession of the whole or any portion thereof: Provided further, however, that if there be no person desirous of taking possession, the original possessor, if desired, retain occupancy on similar terms for a further period of two years; and so on until improvements of the required value be erected, or until a fresh occupant be obtained.
- XL. That any occupant of land for manufacturing and trading purposes have power to transfer his interest therein to any other person for any consideration he chose to accept; and in case of any such transfer that the new occupant or holder have the before-specified time wherein to execute the required improvements from the date of his accepting occupation, if not already erected.
- XLI. That no existing building used together in connection with the domestic and the manufacturing and trading interests be allowed upon being repaired or renovated to be used for purposes connected with the domestic interest, saving however, that at any time any building occupy the necessary sized land, any owner in full thereof being in possession have power to convert it into the domestic interest, subject to its regulating conditions, and likewise that any owner in full of any land in the domestic interest being in actual possession have power, subject to the conditions of the interest, to convert his holding or any portion of it into the manufacturing and trading interests.
- XLII. That the manufacturing and trading interest be subject to the same conditions of occupancy and compensation as the domestic interest.
- XLIII. That all minerals contained in any land in the territory be reserved to the Crown, and that the Government have power to dedicate the ascertained mineral land to the mining interest, and that it compensate as aforesaid all improvers and owners for whatever personal interest is severally held in the land so dedicated.
- XLIV. That lands dedicated to the mining interest be open for occupation in allotments of the size of 50×100 ft., or of 5,000 square feet of ground, and that upon payment in advance of 3d. a year on each such allotment, and of a moderate royalty upon each ton of ore raised, any person hold as many allotments as desired.
- XLV. That any leaseholder of an allotment in the mining interest continue to hold possession during pleasure upon the aforesaid conditions, subject alone to disturbance of possession by resolution to that effect by the Governor in Council, on account of the land being required for other public purpose.
- XLVI. That in case of non-payment of dues in this interest the same be recovered under the Act providing for the recovery of rent, and of tenements unlawfully held over; and that until payment be made all works on such land shall be prevented from being carried on; that all machinery in use, or ore raised, be detained for a month as security for payment, and if payment be not then made, that such machinery or ore alone as may be necessary be sold by public auction, any extra proceeds than those required to meet dues going to the defaulter.
- XLVII. That upon the lease of any holding lapsing there be allowed one month's grace to remove any machinery or implements, and that any such lapsed holding be open to occupation as in case of a new allotment: Provided that the previous holder have equal opportunity with all others, and that when there be more than one applicant for the same holding the successful applicant be determined by lot.
- XLVIII. That as aforesaid provision be made to meet domestic interest in connection with the interest by the establishment of a village in close proximity to the mining reserve, and that to every square mile of such land there be a domestic village.
- XLIX. That any holder of mining land have power to transfer his interest therein to any other person for any consideration he choose to accept.
- L. That upon the expiry of the term of present leases of mineral lands they be brought under the operations of the Management Act.
- LI. That between and around every mineral holding there be left a passage of 6 ft.
- LII. That agricultural lands be surveyed into allotments of the uniform size of 40 acres, and that to every 300 of such allotments there be established in a suitable locality adjacent a domestic village.
- LIII. That any person subject to payment of compensation for any private pecuniary interest in any such land as aforesaid be able to occupy for the purposes of this interest any one allotment, and upon it being cultivated to a certain standard and extent, as may be required by regulations issued by the Governor in Council, any other and so on on like terms; and that if the holder of any agricultural land allow it to remain uncultivated for a continued period of six months at a time it be open to any person or corporation so desiring, on payment of whatever private pecuniary interest there may be in such land to take possession thereof subject to the aforesaid conditions.
- LIV. That the present holders of agricultural lands hold possession of them subject to the conditions aforesaid.
- LV. That no improvements for purpose connected with the domestic interest be allowed to be made on agricultural lands, but that where such improvements have been already built they be allowed to be occupied until they become unfit for occupation, but that such occupancy affect not to the contrary the aforesaid conditions of occupation or transfer.
- LVI. That at intervals of every ten agricultural allotments there be allowed a space of 66 ft. for purposes of public communication, and that such ways lay at right angles to, and extend to the main roads, and that the Government compensate as aforesaid for any private pecuniary interest in any land taken for such purposes.
- LVII. That lands not devoted to other interests be open to occupation for pastoral purposes.

- LVIII. That excepting (where necessary) by the Government, no permanent buildings be erected on pastoral lands, but that at suitable convenient places a domestic village be reserved.
- LIX. That pastoral lands be valued at so much an acre, and that subject to payment of compensation for private pecuniary interest, if any, in such land, any person be able to take up any quantity of land up to 30,000 square acres on the further condition that the occupant pay rent to the Crown at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. an acre per year, and that within three years from date of occupation not less than five head of cattle or ten sheep be in possession of the occupant for every acre of land he takes up.
- LX. That upon any land being occupied for pastoral purposes, and it appear upon actual inspection for three following years, by an Inspector of Stock, that the requisite number of stock are not upon any such land occupied for pastoral purposes, all of such land, excepting that actually required as aforesaid, be open for occupation by any other person on condition that the private interest therein be met by the payment of pecuniary compensation as aforesaid, provided that the original occupant have equal opportunity with all others after the expiration of twelve months from date of land being re-open to public occupation.
- LXI. That present holders of pastoral land retain possession subject to the conditions of the Public Land Management Act, the date of occupation in such cases being the date of that Act coming into operation.
- LXII. That lessees of pastoral lands have power to transfer their interest therein to any other person for any consideration they choose to accept, and that the first applicant for any land open to occupation be the occupant subject to the aforesaid considerations; and that whenever more than one person is an applicant for the same land at the same time the successful applicant be determined by lot.
- LXIII. That all holdings be fenced with fencing of an approved kind, and that every alteration of boundary require an alteration of the fencing.
- LXIV. That upon the expiry of any lease through any cause a month's grace be allowed for removal of private property from land, and that in default of removal within such time the Government dispose of the same by auction, and, after deducting costs, hand over proceeds to owner.
- LXV. That between and around all pastoral holdings there be left a passage of 66 feet, and that all such passages be to all intents and purposes public ways of communication.
- LXVI. That at an interval of 10 miles in all roads, in this interest, reserves of forty acres be set apart for travelling stock purposes.
- LXVII. That subject to payment of compensation for private pecuniary interest, where any, in any pastoral land, upon there not being sufficient land in any land adjoining belonging to any other interests, on giving a month's notice to the occupant it be allowed that a portion of land of size according to the interest be taken from the pastoral land.
- LXVIII. That the Government have power, subject to payment of compensation for private pecuniary interest in the land, to take any pastoral lands for purposes of other interests, on giving to the occupants, if any, one month's notice of such intention.
- LXIX. That to meet the timber interest the Government have power to reserve from time to time such forest lands as shall be necessary.
- LXX. That a license to fell timber on any portion of a reserve up to 5 acres in extent, subject to regulations to be made by the Governor in Council in respect to the size of timbers to be felled, be granted to any person on condition that an annual fee in advance of 1s. an acre, or portion thereof, be paid, and of 2s. for every hundred superficial feet of cedar, red gum, ironbark, tulip-wood, and of 1s. for every hundred superficial feet of other kind of timber; and that on such conditions being fulfilled the lessee continue to hold during pleasure, subject alone to disturbance of possession by the land being required by the Government for other public interest, or by all the trees on the block eligible to be felled having been felled.
- LXXI. That all forfeited holdings in this interest be treated as if new; that unauthorized removers of timber be punished; and that any licensee have power to transfer his interest therein to any other person.
- LXXII. That the domestic interest in connection with the timber interest be provided for by the establishment of convenient domestic villages.
- LXXIII. That upon the expiration of present leases of timber lands they be brought under the operations of the Public Land Management Act.
- LXXIV. That between each holding there be left on all sides a passage of 16 feet for a public way of communication; and that all occupants of timber lands in which there is a private pecuniary interest be required to meet that interest as aforesaid.
- LXXV. That all combinations of persons for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Public Land Management Act in respect to the domestic, the manufacturing and trading, the mineral, the agricultural, the pastoral, and timber be treated in the same manner as individuals, but that any combination for purposes distinct from those interests subject to payment of compensation, if any, to enter into possession of any improved holding or of any unimproved land, provided that if not otherwise specially provided by Act of Parliament, there be erected thereon building improvements to a value at the rate of £50 to every 10 square feet of such ground within two years from the date of occupation.
- LXXVI. That if any land taken for the last-mentioned purposes be not improved as aforesaid for one month from the expiration of such time, any person or combination have power subject to payment of compensation to take over any such land: provided that if such land be not so taken over the original holders retain renewed occupancy on like terms for a further period of two years, if desired, and that any combination have power to transfer its interest to any person or other combination.
- LXXVII. That existing combinations retain possession of their holdings subject to the terms of the Act for the public management of land, and that for all purposes connected therewith the date of occupancy be considered the date of that Act coming into operation.

LXXXVIII. That nothing prevent the Government taking for any general public purpose what ever land in any interest it may require.

LXXXIX. That upon the decease of any holder his interest in any land or holding devolve upon his wife, any will or testament to the contrary notwithstanding, and that in the event of the decease of the wife without re-marriage, that the interest of the holding or land belong to the children, if any, or to the next of kin, if there be no issue.

LXXX. That in the event of the re-marriage of the wife of a deceased holder the husband become co-proprietor with the wife of any interest she holds in her former husband's property.

LXXXI. That in order to provide funds for carrying out of the Public Management Act that each individual holder be taxed annually 1s. an acre or portion thereof: provided that this apply not to leased lands.

LXXXII. That the Minister for Lands or other officer of the Crown, being a Member of the Legislative Assembly, have responsible administration of the Public Lands Management Act but that for its efficient local administration the territory be divided into districts, and the necessary officers appointed as required by the Governor in Council.

Your Petitioner considers that if this all-important land question be not now settled in a satisfactory manner, by providing for the State management of the land, the ill consequences of any other system of occupation and use of the public estate will become in the future even greater than they have been in the past.

In conclusion, your Petitioner prays your Honorable House to pass such a measure in respect to the public use of the common heritage as shall secure to all the greatest opportunity for them to enjoy their rights, that needful space, fresh air, pleasant surroundings, and enlivening sunshine, be common to all.

And, as in duty bound, your humble Petitioner will ever pray.

HENRY WILLIAM SANDERSON EDMUNDS.

Sydney, 10th November, 1883.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LAND LEGISLATION.

(PETITION SUGGESTING AMENDMENTS--MAYOR OF DUBBO.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 25 June, 1884.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

This humble Petition of Robert Booth, Esq., the Worshipful the Mayor of Dubbo, as Chairman of a public meeting of squatters, selectors, and citizens, resident in the pastoral districts of Bligh, Wellington, and the Warrego, and the town of Dubbo, held in the Town Hall, Dubbo, on the thirteenth day of May instant,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, namely :—

1. That, in view of the heavy losses sustained in the north-west during the last three years, by pastoral tenants and conditional purchasers, in consequence of the drought, this meeting is of opinion that Parliament should be respectfully petitioned to so frame legislation as, in some way, to mitigate their condition in the future when the Colony may again be visited by these periodic calamities.
2. That this meeting is of opinion that a maximum rental should be fixed for all pastoral holdings, and that all rentals be appraised ratably therewith, according to carrying capacity.
3. That this meeting is of opinion that the existing rights of pre-lease holders should be respected, as far as consistent with public policy, and, further, that no legislation can be considered permanently satisfactory which does not, as respects tenure and rental, place the pre-lease holder and the Crown tenant on an equal footing.
4. That a Petition embodying the above resolutions be signed by the Mayor, on behalf of this meeting, and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

That your Petitioner respectfully prays that your Honorable House will take the matters named into your serious consideration, and grant such relief as to you may seem fit.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dubbo, 23 May, 1884.

ROBERT BOOTH,
Mayor and Chairman.

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Arakoon	Macquarie			161	Parish of Arakoon	a. r. p. about 60 0 0	Public Recreation	Misc: 83-17,499	M. 9-2069
Dungowan	Parry			65	do Piallamore	10 0 0	do	83-18,870	L. 172-1,834a
Goulburn	Argyle		Part of 4		City of Goulburn	about 2 2 0	Site for Hospital	83- 7,105	G. 800b
Mudgee	Phillip				Parish of Bumberra	about 28 2 23	General Cemetery	83-20,075	C. 978-1,984 R
Wallerawang	Cook				do Lidsdale	7 2 0	do	83-10,838	C. 999-1,984 R
Yass	Murray	11 & 12	2		Town of Yass, parish of Hume.	1 0 6	Public Recreation	83-11,882	M. 42-2,070
Do	do	9 & 10	8		do do	0 3 34	do		
Argent's Hill	Raleigh			73	Parish of Buckra, Bendinn.	2 0 0	Public School site	82- "380	P. 891-1,978
Barmednan	Bland				Town of Barmednan, parish of Mandamah.	2 0 0	do	83-16,697	P. 1,054-1,978
Benl	Lincoln			90	Parish of Beni	2 0 0	do	83-18,008	P. 1,055-1,978
Botobolar	Phillip			311	do Bayly	2 0 0	do	83-14,612	P. 1,006-1,978
Brookstead	Sandon			11	do Gyra	2 0 0	do	83-16,297	P. 1,022-1,978
Bunalo	Cadell			85	do Thyra	2 0 0	do	83- 266	P. 1,053-1,978
Cambewarra West	Camden			163	do Illaroo	2 0 0	do	83-17,514	P. 1,016-1,978
Castle Doyle	Sandon			104	do Tiverton	2 0 0	do	83-16,200	P. 1,023-1,978
Cave Creek	Ashburnham			245	do Barton	2 0 0	do	83-16,488	P. 1,040-1,978
Clandulla	Roxburgh			14	do Clandulla	2 0 0	do	83-15,989	P. 1,032-1,978
Clevedon	Sandon			239	do Clevedon	2 0 0	do	83-14,107	P. 910-1,978
Craigie	Wellesley			162	do Hayden	2 0 0	do	83-18,009	P. 843-1,978
Currajong	Ashburnham			77	do Currajong	2 0 0	do	83-17,827	P. 966-1,978
Darby's Falls	Bathurst			100	do Milburn	2 0 0	do	83- 878	P. 1,074-1,978
Dark Corner	Roxburgh			37	do Coolahungal	2 0 0	do	83-16,997	P. 1,034-1,978
Ferndale (Stock-yard Creek)	Clarence			215	do Copmanhurst	2 0 0	do	83-15,904	P. 1,061-1,978
Five-mile Creek	Clarendon			294	do North Gundagai	2 0 0	do	83-10,098	P. 1,037-1,978
Greenbridge Swamp	Clive			345	do Tenterfield	2 0 0	do	83-10,800	P. 1,013-1,978
Gullen Flat	Argyle			161	do Pomeroy	1 0 0	Addition to Public School site.	83- 727	P. 1,063-1,978
Hulong	Cooper	4, 5, 6, & 7	32		Village of Whitton	1 3 28	Public School site	83-18,278	W. 1-2,280 R
Jacques	Argyle			83	Parish of Bungonia	2 0 0	do	83-17,431	P. 1,056-1,978
Khancohan	Selwyn			21	do Youngal	2 0 0	do	83-17,432	P. 1,000-1,978
Kilrush	Harden			479	do Cullinga	10 0 0	do	82-16,040	P. 1,004-1,978
Kowen	Murray			70	do Arungula	2 0 0	do	83-15,253	P. 1,043-1,978
Lang's Creek	King			257	do Taunton	2 0 0	do	83-15,250	P. 1,042-1,978
Lower Tallawang	Bligh			58	do Puggoon	2 0 0	do	83-14,608	P. 1,040-1,978
Manar	Murray			112	do Warrl	2 0 0	do	83-17,147	P. 1,085-1,978
Meryla	Camden			87	do Meryla	2 0 0	do	83-10,662	P. 971-1,978
Minjary	Wynyard			4	do Minjary	2 0 0	do	83-17,417	P. 1,023-1,978
Mount Cooper	Wellesley			103	do Jettiba	2 0 0	do	83-17,427	P. 1,004-1,978
Munghorn	Phillip			12a	do Bayly	2 0 0	do	82- 1,923	P. 802-1,978
Orandelbina	Gowen			23	do Orandelbinnia	2 0 0	do	83-18,134	P. 1,017-1,978
Orundumbi	Vernon			77	do Andy	2 0 0	do	83-18,298	P. 1,075-1,978
Pelican Creek	Rous			260	do South Gundarumba	1 0 16	do	82-14,630	P. 975-1,978
Randwick	Cumberland				do Alexandria	2 0 0	do	82-19,830	P. 1,033-1,978
Rocky Ponds	Gordon			37	do Rocky Ponds	2 0 0	do	83-17,433	P. 1,036-1,978
Roswood	Hardingo			44	do Elderbury	2 0 0	do	83-16,862	P. 1,001-1,978
Rushforth	Clarence			121	do Rushforth	2 0 0	do	83-16,995	P. 1,021-1,978
Stubbo	Bligh			48	do Stubbo	2 0 0	do	83-16,257	P. 1,014-1,978
Sugarloaf	Northumberland			9	do Mulbrion	2 0 0	do	83- 6,237	P. 1,087-1,978
Sunnyside	Clive			132	do Glenlyon	2 0 0	do	83-16,301	P. 1,067-1,978
Tooma	Selwyn			173	do Tooma	2 0 0	do	83-17,430	P. 1,065-1,978
Upper Hunter	Brisbane			26	do Macqueen	1 2 19	do	82-18,741	P. 1,034-1,978
Urangeline	Urana			151	do Hebden	2 0 0	do	83-17,145	P. 927-1,978
Warburton	Wellington	1	25		Village of Warburton, parish of Biraganbil.	2 0 0	do	83- 2,256	P. 1,078-1,978
West Bargo	Camden			180	Parish of Bargo	2 0 0	do	83-13,533	P. 904-1,978
Wilson's Downfall	Buller			461	do Ruby	2 0 0	do	83-16,299	P. 1,030-1,978
Yetman	Ararawatta	2	4		Village of Yetman	1 3 37	do	82- 8,568	P. 1,002-1,978

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						a. r. p.		Misc.	
Barrington	Culgoa	14	Parish of Barrington.....	200 0 0	Public recreation	63-21935	W. 70-1834
Bokhara	Narran .....	.....	.....	.....	Do Cowga	8 0 0	General Cemetery.....	82-20557	C. 982-1084 and N. 29-1989 B. 1-2196R.
Bulla Creek (Monteagle.)	Monteagle	10, 17, 18, and 10.	36	.....	Village of Bulla, parish of Wilton.	1 3 36	Public School site.....	83-17010	
Bullock Island (Onebyganiba.)	Northumber- land.	2	32	.....	Parish of Newcastle..	0 1 0	Site for Sailors Reading-room	6000	N. 115-844
Cape Hawke	Gloucester .....	.....	.....	17	Do Talawahl	2 0 0	Public School site.....	20551	P. 996-1078
Coonamble	Leichhardt .....	.....	.....	.....	Do Warrena	1,570 0 0 (exclusive of roads.)	Permanent Common	23580	B. 90-1834
Cudal	Ashburnham .....	.....	.....	.....	Do Cudal	170 0 0 (exclusive of road)	Do	19054	W. 122-1834B
Dingo Creek	Macquarie .....	.....	.....	121	Do Lewis	2 0 0	Public School site.....	14609	P. 1081-1078
Goobang	Ashburnham .....	.....	.....	42	Do Beargamil	2 0 0	Do	21295	P. 506-1078
Gulgong	Phillip .....	.....	Part of 19	.....	Village of Gulgong, parish of Guntawang.	1 0 0	Site for Roman Catholic Church	7431	G. 3-2089R.
Holey Flat	Macquarie .....	.....	.....	84	Parish of Stewart.....	2 0 0	Public School site	11118	P. 993-1078
Kingston	Mitchell	1, 2, 9, & 10	11	.....	Village of Kingston, parish of Burke.	2 0 0	Do	19380	K. 2-2240R.
Murrumburnah ..	Harden.....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Murrumblood	2 2 10	Additions to Church of Eng- land and Roman Catholic burial ground.	20293	C. 971-1084
Nangus Creek ..	Clarendon .....	.....	.....	.....	Do Nangus	4 1 24	General Cemetery	19205	C. 987-1084
Parramatta (The Old Racecourse).	Cumberland ..	5, 6, 7, & 8.	42	.....	Town of Parramatta South, parish of St. John.	2 0 0	Public School site.....	5400	P. 137-750R.
Rollands Plains..	Macquarie .....	.....	.....	c 83	Parish of Cogo	8 1 8	General Cemetery.....	20552	C. 984-1084
South Deniliquin	Townsend	3a	1	.....	Town of South Denili- quin.	0 2 38½	Addition to site for Benevolent Institution.	13525	D. 44-1453
Stockyard Creek	Wellington .....	.....	.....	115	Parish of Berrandong..	2 0 0	Public School site.....	19420	P. 1052-1078
Watergumben....	Bathurst .....	.....	.....	84	Do Canowindra..	2 0 0	Do	19422	P. 1011-1078
Woolwich	Cumberland	Village of Woolwich, parish of Hunter's Hill.	0 0 15½	Reserve for Public Wharf	17299	C. 489-2030

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Adelong	Wynyard	Town of Adelong	a. r. p.	Public Recreation	Misc.	
Plagetaff Hill (Sydney).	Cumberland	City of Sydney	4 1 35	do	84- 181	M. 345-1,834
Do	do	.....	.....	.....	do	6 1 0	do	83-24,883	C. 34-2,063
Gol Gol	Wentworth	I	47	.....	Town of Gol Gol	1 1 4	Observatory	"	"
Grepfall	Monteagle .....	.....	.....	123	Parish of Brundah	0 0 35	Public School site	83-12,697	P. 1,136-1,078
Gulligal	Pottinger .....	.....	.....	31	do Gulligal	2 1 36	General Cemetery	83-13,497	C. 983-1,034
Janning	St. Vincent .....	.....	.....	54	do	9 0 6	Public School site	83-17,149	P. 1,092-1,078
Meerschaum	Rous .....	.....	.....	83 & 89	do Farnham	2 0 0	do	83-14,933	P. 1,163-1,078
Mudbury Creek	Murray .....	.....	.....	154	do Meerschaum	1 2 0	Sites for Church of England Church and Parsonage.	83-23,800	C. 865-1,934
Mullaly	Pottinger .....	.....	.....	171 & 172	do Jinglemoney	2 0 0	Public School site	83-17,374	P. 1,173-1,078
Prospect & Sher- wood.	Cumberland .....	.....	.....	.....	do Mciville	2 2 0	do	83-15,649	M. 3-2,279
Randwick	do	.....	.....	.....	do St. John	3 3 37	Public Recreation	83-21,079	C. 45-2,063
Shooter's Hill	Westmoreland .....	.....	.....	94	do Alexandria	25 0 0	Public Park	83-13,655	C. 43-2,063
Tamworth	Ingils .....	.....	.....	43	do Kowmung	2 0 0	Public School site	83-22,590	P. 1,113-1,078
Warradocery	Forbes .....	.....	.....	47	do Tamworth	4 3 37	Cattle Sale-yards	83-13,705	L. 143-1,690
Witpinjong	Phillip .....	.....	.....	126	do Wallah Wallah	2 0 0	Public School site	83-17,685	P. 1,154-1,078
Wellington	Wellington .....	.....	.....	.....	do Cambo	2 0 0	do	83-10,883	P. 839-1,078
Wongajong	Forbes .....	.....	.....	70	Town of Wellington	37 0 21	Public Recreation	83-23,202	P. 1,141-2,125 R
					Parish of Waayourigong	2 0 0	Public School site	83-23,368	W. 25-2,075 P. 1,120-1,078

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Bellingen.....	Raleigh	123	Village of Bellingen, parish of South Bellingen.	a. r. p. 8 0 10	Public Recreation	Misc. S3-18,659	M. 11-1,834 B
Bunglebrah ...	Durham ...	.....	...	161	Parish of Lewinsbrook .	2 0 0	Public School site	S3-20,550	P. 1,088-1,078
Bombala	Wellesley	17, 18, & 10	2	.....	Town of Bombala	1 2 0	Sites for Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence.	S4. 125	C. 106-1,084
Weekes	Raleigh	4	6	...	Village of Weekes, parish of South Bellingen.	4 0 0	Public Recreation	S3-18,660	M. 10-1,831 B

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Baradine	Baradine			14	Parish of Baradine (Town of Baradine).	a. r. p. 120 0 0	Public Recreation	Misc. 84- 3,091	L. 176-1,884 A
Candelo	Auckland	7 and 8	8		Town of Candelo	1 0 0	Addition to Public School site.	83-20,624	P. 1,199-1,978
Circular Quay (Sydney)	Cumberland				Parish of St. James (City of Sydney).	0 0 7 1/2	Approach to Circular Quay and other public purposes.	" -25,264	C. 40-2,068
Currowan	St. Vincent			18	Parish of Currowan	2 0 0	Public School site	84- 665	P. 1,148-1,978
Dowe	Darling			85	do Dowe	2 0 0	do	" - 187	P. 1,152-1,978
Emu Flat	Wynyard			260	do South Wagga	2 0 0	do	83-26,066	P. 1,131-1,978
Greg Greg	Selwyn			82	Parish of Greg Greg	2 0 0	do	" -20,055	P. 1,067-1,978
Hunter's Hill	Cumberland				do Hunter's Hill	27 0 0	General Cemetery	" -12,924	C. 1,006-1,984
Hunter's Hill (Sunnyside)	do				do do	0 0 19	Reserve for Public Wharf	" 18,642	C. 491-2,030
Illilwa	Waradgery			150	do Iny	2 0 0	Public School site	" -25,998	P. 1,127-1,978
Jingellic East	Selwyn			48	do Jingellic East	2 0 0	do	" -22,056	P. 1,107-1,978
Kentucky	Sandon			174	do Harnham	2 0 0	do	84- 767	P. 1,159-1,978
Manildra	Ashburnham			241	do Gregra	2 0 0	do	" - 959	P. 1,010-1,978
Mimosa Park	St. Vincent			100	do Woodburn	2 0 0	do	" - 664	P. 1,109-1,978
Narromine	Narromine	62			Village of Narromine (Parish of Wentworth).	10 0 10	General Cemetery	83- 6,616	C. 993-1984 B
Rosewood	Selwyn			65	Parish of Craven	2 0 0	Public School site	" -15,251	P. 1,053-1,978
Saucy Creek	Wentley			204	do Maharatta	2 0 0	do	81-23,897	P. 852-1,978
Temora	Bland				do Bundawarrah	1 1 30	Additions to Church of England and Roman Catholic Burial Grounds.	83-11,008	C. 904A-1,984
Urana	Urana			204	do Urana	466 3 0	Public Recreation	84- 3,402	M. 348-1,834 B
Wagga	Goulburn			123	do Wagga	2 0 0	Public School site	83-20,053	P. 1,156-1,978
Wallendbeen	Harden	204			do Wallendbeen	8 1 8	General Cemetery	" -15,422	C. 1,007-1,984
Wilcannia	Young	6	12		Town of Wilcannia	0 2 0	Site for Municipal Chambers.	" -24,680	W. 6-1,037
Wyaldra	Phillip	1 and 3	10		do Wyaldra	1 2 0	Sites for Church of England Church and Parsonage.	" -13,090	C. 977-1,984
Yallana	Townsend			82	Parish of Yallana	2 0 0	Public School site	" -26,061	P. 1,130-1,978

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Capertee	Roxburgh	Parish of Bandamora ..	a. r. p. 3 1 8	General Cemetery	Misc. 83-18,073	C. 1,002-1,084
Casino	Rous	9	19	.....	Town of Casino, parish of North Casino.	0 2 1	Site for Town Hall.....	84- 941	C. 86-1,590
Cooma	Beresford	16	22	.....	Town of Cooma	0 1 0	Site for Municipal Council Chambers.	83-21,836	C. 23-1,331
Greta	Northumb'land .....	.....	.....	.....	Village of Greta, parish of Branxton.	3 0 18	Extension to Public Recrea- tion Reserve.	84- 1,483	N. 37-2,071 B
Liverpool	Cumberland .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of St. Luke	296 3 5	Permanent Common....	83-12,664	C. 41-2,063
Mount Pleasant .. (Hanging Rock)	Parry .....	.....	.....	182	Parish of Nundle	0 1 0	Site for School of Arts ..	„ 23,245	P. 1,023-1,764
Warialda	Burnett .....	.....	33	.....	Village of Warialda	10 0 0	Site for Hospital.....	„ 22,682	W. 13-1,371
Warragubogga ..	Denison .....	.....	.....	83	Parish of Warragubogga..	7 3 38	General Cemetery	„ 7,228	C. 989-1,984
Wentworth.....	Wentworth ..	9	25	.....	Town of Wentworth, par- ish of Neilpo.	0 0 36 $\frac{1}{2}$	Site for Town Hall.....	„ 19,482	W. 15-1,685
Young	Monteagle	B. 7, & 6	38A	Town of Young	0 3 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sites for Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence.	„ 84,449	Y. 60-1,763

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Argyle	Argyle	196	Argyle	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site	Misc. 84- 3,292	P. 1,196-1,978
Brunswick	Rous .....	.....	.....	120	Parish of Brunswick	12 0 0	General Cemetery	83-25,779	C 1,011-1,984
Buckra Bendinni	Raleigh .....	.....	.....	80	Parish of Buckrabendinni	2 0 0	Public School Site	19,894	P. 1,173-1,978
Charleyong	St. Vincent .....	.....	.....	60	Charleyong	2 0 0	do	84- 657	P. 1,140-1,978
Comoroug Island	do .....	.....	.....	54	Parish of Numbaa	2 0 33	do	2,284	P. 1,151-1,978
Digger's Flat	King .....	.....	.....	75	Digger's Flat	2 0 0	do	3,787	P. 1,195-1,978
Gooloongolok	Gloucester .....	.....	.....	17	Gooloongolok	2 0 0	do	83-25,074	P. 1,129-1,978
Lambing Hill	Bligh .....	.....	.....	122	Lambing Hill	2 0 0	do	84- 1,644	P. 1,096-1,978
Millsville	Wellington .....	.....	.....	300	Millsville	2 0 0	do	2,622	P. 1,163-1,978
Pericoe	Auckland .....	.....	.....	47	Parish of Pericoe	2 0 0	do	2,611	P. 1,119-1,978
Port Macquarie East	Macquarie .....	.....	.....	.....	Town of Port Macquarie East	0 1 16	Addition to Public School Site	2,333	P. 1,138-1,978
Raleigh East	Raleigh .....	.....	.....	53	Raleigh East	2 0 0	Public School Site	2,008	P. 1,153-1,978
Rocky Plain	Wallace .....	.....	.....	88	Rocky Plain	2 0 0	do	3,289	P. 1,172-1,978
Spring Valley	Argyle .....	.....	.....	164	Spring Valley	2 0 0	do	83-23,954	P. 1,084-1,978
Tomingley	Narronine .....	.....	.....	4	Tomingley	2 0 0	do	84- 3,771	P. 1,187-1,978
Upper Tallawang	Bligh .....	.....	.....	31	Upper Tallawang	2 0 0	do	3,178	P. 1,048-1,978
On Wambanumba Creek	Monteagle .....	.....	.....	142A	Wambanumba	2 0 0	do	2,648	P. 1,111-1,978
Whiteley's Flat	Wellington .....	.....	.....	180	Whiteley's Flat	2 0 19	do	2,629	P. 1,164-1,978
Wingen	Brisbane	1	17	Town of Wingen	2 0 0	do	83-16,966	P. 1,162-1,978
Yalwal	St. Vincent	11	Yalwal	2 0 0	do	84- 2,632	P. 1,180-1,978

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Bexhill	Rous	1	16	Parish of Bexhill	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site.....	Misc. 84- 3,293	P. 1,126-1,978
Black Swamp ..	Clive .....	....	....	170	Parish of Timbarra	2 0 0	do	„ 3,600	P. 1,167- „
Boree	Clarendon ..	....	....	131	Parish of Boree	2 0 0	do	83-10,308	P. 1,117- „
Brookside	Gough .....	....	....	48	Parish of Scott	2 0 0	do	„ 21,507	P. 1,110- „
Bull Plain	Denison .....	....	....	129	Parish of Bull Plain ..	2 0 0	do	84- 5,239	P. 1,174- „
Chaucer	Bathurst .....	....	....	68	Parish of Chaucer.....	2 0 0	do	„ 5,400	P. 1,128- „
Cole	Camden .....	....	....	43	Parish of Cumberline ..	2 0 0	do	„ 2,588	P. 1,183- „
Crawford River..	Gloucester ..	....	....	70	Parish of Nerong	2 0 0	do	83-11,676	P. 1,124- „
Cudgebong	Bligh .....	....	....	181	Parish of Yarrolbil ..	2 0 0	do	84- 5,637	P. 1,190- „
Dalrymple's Plains.	Beresford .....	....	....	141	Parish of Blinjura	2 0 0	do	„ 4,200	P. 1,192- „
Girilambone ..	Cambelego ..	....	....	57	Parish of Girilambone..	2 0 0	do	„ 3,479	P. 1,183- „
Googong	Murray .....	....	....	51	Parish of Googong	2 0 0	do	„ 2,630	P. 1,114- „
Hartford	Vernon .....	....	....	358	Parish of Norton	2 0 0	do	83- 8,810	P. 1,112- „
Hillview	Sandon .....	....	....	266	Parish of Lawrence	2 0 0	do	„ 16,965	P. 1,186- „
Ilabo	Clarendon ..	....	....	65	Parish of Billabong	2 0 0	do	84- 5,237	P. 1,168- „
Milliwindi	Darling .....	....	....	196	Parish of Keepit	2 0 0	do	„ 5,393	P. 1,191- „
Native Dog	Ashburnham ..	....	....	178	Parish of Toogong	2 0 0	do	83- 6,508	P. 990- „
(near Cargo) Numbia	Wallace .....	....	....	74	Parish of Jimenbuen ..	2 0 0	do	84- 6,245	P. 1,160- „
Obley	Gordon .....	....	Part of 8	....	Town of Obley, parish of Wandawandoo.	3 0 8	do	83-25,330	P. 1,208- „
Pond's Creek ..	Gough .....	....	....	0	Parish of Clive	2 0 0	do	„ 24,953	P. 1,122- „
Redbank	Northumber- land.	....	....	44	Parish of Kooree	2 0 0	do	„ 16,847	P. 906- „
Sawpit Gully ..	Monteagle ..	....	....	1882	Parish of Young	2 0 0	do	84- 1,858	P. 1,235- „
Wallagoot	Auckland .....	....	....	84	Parish of Wallagoot....	2 0 0	do	83-20,622	P. 1,227- „
Wallaroo	Bathurst .....	....	....	163	Parish of Cowra.....	2 0 0	do	84- 2,831	P. 1,141- „
Wingham	Macquarie .....	....	....	....	Village of Wingham....	14 0 9	Public Recreation	„ 8,122	M. 6-2,069
Yarrhapinni ..	Dudley	151	Parish of Yarrhapinni ..	2 0 0	Public School Site.....	„ 3,295	P. 1,100-1,978

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Barnedman	Bland	3	9	Town of Barnedman, parish of Mandurah.	^a 0 ^{r.} 1 ^{p.} 0	Site for School of Arts ..	Misc. 84- 5,850	B. 1-2,274
Blackheath	Cook	617	2	....	Village of Blackheath .	1 1 0	Sites for Church of Eng- land Church and Par- sonage.	4,007	B. 4-2,206
Bolivia	Ctive	....	....	115	Parish of Bolivia	8 1 8	General Cemetery	7,016	C. 1,008-1,084
Botobolar	Phillip	....	....	$\frac{7}{10}$ $\frac{1}{11}$ $\frac{1}{12}$	Parish of Botobolar	2 0 0	Roman Catholic Church Purposes.	10,701	P. 808a-2,125
Bowenfels	Cook	....	....	....	Parish of Lett	1 0 0	Wesleyan Cemetery	83-25,197	C. 1,016-1,084
Braidwood	St. Vincent	32	5	....	Town of Braidwood	0 0 16	Addition to site for Lit- erary Institute.	84- 267	B. 21-1,008
Coopernook	Maoquarie	....	....	118	Parish of Harrington	7 3 33	General Cemetery	5,251	C. 990-1,084
Eugowra	Ashburnham	{ 1 1	{ 10 18A	{	Village of Eugowra	1 2 0	Sites for Church of Eng- land Church and Par- sonage.	82-17,001	C. 1,005-1,084
Frederickton	Dudley	....	....	181	Parish of Yarrabandi.	25 0 0	Public Recreation	84- 5,834	M. 12-1,834
Guym (Mother of Ducks Lagoon).	Sandon	....	....	90	Parish of Falconer	8 1 8	General Cemetery	6,211	C. 1,003-1,084
Kiama	Camden	18	5	....	Town of Kiama	0 0 24	Site for Town Hall.....	83-17,064	K. 40-1,001
Liverpool	Cumberland	....	....	....	Town of Liverpool, par- ish of St. Luke.	2 0 11	Roman Catholic and Pres- byterian Cemeteries in connection with the Liverpool Asylum.	84- 4,205	C. 981-1,084
Loftus	Clarendon	21	1	....	Village of Loftus, parish of South Jewee.	0 1 0	Site for Mechanics' Insti- tute.	83-20,504	L. 1-2,201a
Do	do	13, 14, 1, 2, 3, and 4.	1	....	do	1 0 20}	Sites for Church of Eng- land Church and Par- sonage.	84- 4,966	L. 1-2,201a
Martindale	Hume	....	....	490	Parish of Corowa	2 0 0	Public School Site	83- 0,338	P. 1,101-1,078
Milparinka	Evelyn	....	....	1	Town of Milparinka	320 0 0	Public Recreation	84- 8,440	A. 17-1,834
Obley	Gordon	....	....	....	Parish of Obley	7 3 34 inclusive of road	General Cemetery	6,218	C. 986-1,084
Old Bar (Manning River).	Gloucester	....	....	....	Parish of Dohnock	342 3 6	Public Recreation	10,587	G. 17-2,066
Paddington	Cumberland	....	....	....	Parish of Alexandria	2 1 12	do.	10,602	C. 54-2,063
Peel	Roxburgh	1	2	....	Village of Peel	0 2 0	Site for School of Arts ..	1,033	P. 10-1,364
Ryde	Cumberland	Parish of Hunter's Hill.	0 0 14	Public Recreation	10,192	R. 9-2,113

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Armidale.....	Sandon.....	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15	59	City of Armidale.....	a. r. p. 2 3 10	Public School Site	Misc. 84- 8,209	A. 43-1,354
Barwang	Harden.....	.....	.....	61	Parish of Douglas	5 0 0	do	83-13,657	P. 1,189-1,978
Black Rock	Beresford.....	.....	.....	32	Parish of Woolumla	2 0 0	do	84- 7,702	P. 1,170-1,978
Castle Hill	Cumberland ..	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Castle Hill	88 2 15	Public Recreation	10,082	C. 50-2,063
Cheetham's Flats	Westmoreland	.....	.....	221	Parish of Antonio	2 0 0	Public School Site	7,700	P. 1,226-1978
Dalton	King .....	.....	.....	.....	Town of Dalton	8 0 8	General Cemetery	3,147	C. 931-1,994
East Ballina	Rous .....	.....	.....	.....	Town of East Ballina, Parish of Ballina.	10 0 0	do	5,055	C. 1,021-1,934
Gunnenbene	Nandewar .....	.....	.....	140	Parish of Gunnenbene ..	2 0 0	Public School Site	83-21,139	P. 1,212-1,978
Mullion Creek ..	Wellington	167	Parish of Mulyan	2 0 0	do	84- 7,394	P. 1,229-1,978
Yambla (Bowna West).	Goulburn.....	221	Parish of Yambla	0 2 23	do	3,824	P. 1,250-1,978

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Berry Jerry	Bourke			41	Parish of Berry Jerry	a. r. p. 8 1 8	General Cemetery	84- 5,403	C. 1,000-1,084n
Booorooban	Townsend	1	15		Village of Booorooban	2 2 0	Public School Site	83-22,999	P. 1,258-1,078
Bowan Park (near Cudal).	Ashburnham			250	Parish of Bowan	10 3 0	Public Recreation	84-11,882	W. 185-1,834n
Bungawalbin	Richmond			194	Parish of Bungawalbin	1 1 35	Public School Site	„ 6,002	P. 1,270-1,078
Buraja	Hume				Parish of Buraja	8 1 8	General Cemetery	„ 8,314	C. 1,014-1,984
Byron, Parish of	Arrawatta			400 & 401	Parish of Byron	1 2 0	Sites for Church of England Church and Parsonage.	„ 5,429	C. 787 & 708-1,984
Crookwell River	King			194	Parish of Romner	2 0 0	Public School Site	83-22,126	C. 202-1,978
Galargambone	Gowen				Village of Galargambone	8 1 8	General Cemetery	84- 8,058	C. 1,017-1,984
Goulburn	Argyle		Part of 40		City of Goulburn	6 0 0	Site for Hospital	„ 8,800	G. 96- 834
Grafton, South	Clarence	9 & 8	5		Town of South Grafton	1 2 18	Sites for Church of England Church and Parsonage.	„ 11,772	A. 9-1,359
Little Dural	Cumberland			30	Parish of Nelson	2 0 0	Public School Site	83-10,274	P. 1,209-1,078
Narromine	Narromine	2	7		Town of Narromine	2 0 0	do	84- 8,232	P. 1,243-1,078
Ryde	Cumberland				Parish of Hunter's Hill	18 0 0	Public Recreation	83-18,900	R. 9-2,113
Sofala	Roxburgh		18		Town of Sofala	10 0 0	do	84-12,278	R. 15-2,073
Watson's Reef	Harden			94	Parish of Cumbamurra	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 4,364	P. 1,235-1,078

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Bundarra	Hardinge	Town of Bundarra	a. r. p. 4 3 26	Public Recreation and Show Ground.	Misc. 84-11,768	N. 122-1834

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Arakoon	Macquarie	2	22	Town of Arakoon	a. r. p. 2 0 19	Public School Site	Ms. 84- 6,681	P. 1,143-1,978
Bokhara	Narran .....	.....	16	.....	Village of Bokhara	8 0 23	do	9,505	P. 1,171-1,978
Bang Bang	Forbes .....	.....	.....	49	Parish of Bang Bang	2 0 0	do	8,162	P. 1,213-1,978
Borce Cabonne ..	Ashburnham ..	.....	.....	248	Parish of Borce Cabonne ..	2 0 0	do	8,316	P. 1,215-1,978
Bluff Rock	Clive .....	.....	.....	158	Parish of Bluffland ..	2 0 0	do	7,015	P. 1,220-1,978
Bungendore	Murray .....	.....	26	.....	Village of Bungendore ..	10 0 14	Public Recreation	13,163	B. 16-1,004r
Calabash	Monteagle .....	.....	.....	70	Parish of Willawong	2 0 0	Public School Site	8,477	P. 1,281-1,978
Eringonia	Culgoa	3, 4, 5	5	.....	Town of Eringonia	1 2 0	do	8,282	E. 1-2,031
Fladbury	Gough .....	.....	.....	22	Parish of Fladbury	2 0 2	do	8,107	P. 1,238-1,978
Galore	Urana .....	.....	.....	59	Parish of Galore	2 0 0	do	8,224	P. 1,217-1,978
Hannah Bay ..	Gloucester .....	.....	.....	1	Parish of Tomarce	2 0 0	do	8,167	P. 1,236-1,978
Horse-shoe Bend	Clive .....	.....	.....	116	Parish of Bolivia	2 0 0	do	9,443	P. 1,221-1,978
Kiandra	Wallace .....	.....	.....	30	Town of Kiandra	2 0 0	do	83-24,545	P. 1,205-1,978
Mount Hope ..	Blaxland .....	.....	.....	71	Parish of Mount Hope ..	2 0 0	do	81- 8,165	P. 1,201-1,978
Nambucca Heads	Raleigh .....	.....	.....	1A	Village of Nambucca ..	1 0 36	do	6,998	P. 1,276-1,978
Nymagee	Mouramba	1	21	.....	Village of Nymagee ..	2 2 24 about	do	6,004	P. 1,269-1,978
Do	do .....	.....	.....	.....	At Nymagee	12 0 14	General Cemetery	13,503	N. 1-2,242r
Nyngan	Oxley	2	13	.....	Village of Nyngan	2 0 0	Public School Site	2,992	P. 1,247-1,978
Wallamba River..	Gloucester ..	.....	.....	132	Parish of Wollom	3 1 33	do	10,593	P. 1,232-1,978
Walgett	Baradine .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Walgett	100 0 0	Public Recreation	12,993	L. 170-1,834ar
Teramby	Gloucester	2	1 and	71	Village of Teramby	1 2 20	Public School Site	81- 6,092	G. 936-1,497 and T. 1-2,270r

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Beaconsfield . . .	Bourke	17	Parish of Beaconsfield	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site . .	Misc 84-11,313	P. 1,273-1,978
Belowra	Montesgle . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	191	Parish of Dananbilla . .	2 0 0	do	„ 11,341	P. 1,244-1,978
Bluff River	Clive . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	45	Parish of Jondol	2 0 0	do	„ 10,650	P. 1,232-1,978
Larry's Point	Dampier . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	41	Parish of Donovan	2 0 0	do	„ 8,100	P. 1,166-1,978
New Italy	Richmond . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	72	Parish of Donaldson	2 0 0	do	„ 11,173	P. 1,271-1,978
Robertson	Camden . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	140 to 154 inclusive.	Village of Robertson, parish of Yarrawa.	10 0 0	Public Recreation	„ 13,815	C 440-1,621n
Temora	Bland	6	4	.. . . .	Town of Temora, parish of Bundawarral	0 1 0	Site for School of Arts . .	„ 9,542	T. 5 2,244n
Wagragobilly	Ducceboch	Parish of Wagara	8 1 8	General Cemetery	„ 12,610	C 1,613-1,984

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Cudgen	Rous	63	Village of Chinderah, parish of Cudgen.	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site	Misc. 83-15,782	P. 1,286-1,078
Graham	King .....	.....	.....	124	Parish of Kenyu	2 0 0	do	64-14,000	P. 1,233-1,078
Greenmantle ..	Georgiana ..	.....	.....	74	Parish of Grabine	2 0 18	do	„ 9,075	P. 1,313-1,078
Hay	Waratgery ..	.....	.....	.....	Town of Hay	19 0 0	Water Supply and other Public purposes.	„ 15,305	L. 500-1,834
Millengandi (Boggy Creek)	Auckland ..	.....	.....	62	Parish of Panbula	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 11,679	P. 1,254-1,078
Nora Creek	Gordon .....	.....	.....	166	Parish of The Gap	2 0 0	do	„ 15,241	P. 1,241-1,078
Parramatta	Cumberland..	.....	.....	.....	Town of Parramatta (at the Masonry Dam, parish of Field of Mars)	0 0 13½	Site for Public Baths ..	„ 9,091	P. 174- 750
S. Fernmount ..	Raleigh .....	.....	.....	146	Parish of South Bellingen	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 8,343	P. 1,311-1,078
Victoria Park ..	Cumberland..	Parish of Petersham	23 8 10	Public Recreation	„ 14,551	C. 25-2,030

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Bairnald	Caira.....	Town of Bairnald	a. r. p. 46 0 36	Public Park.....	Misc. 84-17,005	D. 31-1,834
Bigga	Georgiana.....	.....	.....	118	Parish of Kevestone	2 0 0	Public School Site	12,940	P. 1,240-1,978
Big Ridge	Sandon .....	.....	.....	217	„ Dangarsleigh	2 0 0	„	85-16,454	P. 948-1,978
Burrumbuttock.....	Hume .....	.....	.....	156	„ Burrumbuttock.....	3 0 0	„	84- 9,637	P. 1,251-1,978
Cambewarra West.....	Camden .....	.....	.....	169	„ Illaroo	2 0 0	„	12,953	P. 1,242-1,978
Galwadgerie	Wellington.....	.....	.....	145	„ Galwadgerie	2 0 0	„	13,289	P. 1,036-1,978
Glen Hill	Camden .....	.....	.....	74	„ Burragorang	2 0 0	„	12,948	P. 1,264-1,978
Good Good	Berksford.....	.....	.....	21	„ Good Good	2 0 0	„	13,415	P. 1,252-1,978
Hawkin's Creek.....	Darling .....	.....	.....	113	„ Barraba	2 0 0	„	11,581	P. 1,249-1,978
Narrabri Railway Station.....	White	1	7	.....	„ Cooma	2 0 0	„	10,671	P. 1,198-1,978
Narrama	Townsend.....	.....	.....	Part of 41	„ Blackwood	2 0 0	„	13,058	P. 1,328-1,978
Paramellowa	Couralle	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, & 12	31	Village of Paramellowa.....	3 0 29	„	14,295	P. 1,200-1,978
Warne.....	Wellington.....	71	Parish of Warne	2 0 0	„	11,027	P. 1,068-1,978

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vic. No. 1, sec. 5.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedi- cated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Balranald	Cairn	11	15	....	Town of Balranald	a. r. p. 0 2 0	Site for School of Arts	Misc. 84-10,977	B. 20-1,405
Do	do	6	3	....	do do	4 0 39	do Public Wharf	" 10,973	B. 19-1,405
Bermagui	Dampier	1	7	....	do Bermagui	2 0 0	Public School Site	" 16,000	P. 1,320-1,978
Bo Bo Creek	Gloucester	....	....	134	Parish of Boooloowaa	2 0 0	do	" 13,019	P. 1,258-1,978
Charleville	Bathurst	....	....	122	do Clarendon	2 0 0	do	" 17,924	P. 1,254-1,978
Coota	do	....	....	111	do Coota	4 0 0	do	81-9,618	P. 779-1,978
Darbalara	Buecleuch	....	....	74	do Darbalara	2 0 0	do	B. 1,097-2,009	B. 1,252-2,009
Eunanoreenya	Clarendon	....	....	163	do Eunanoreenya	2 0 0	do	84- 8,198	P. 1,301-1,978
Ferndale	Wynyard	....	....	142	do Balfow	2 0 0	do	" 17,923	P. 1,320-1,978
Flowerburn	Georgiana	....	....	179	do Wangalo	2 0 0	do	" 18,032	P. 1,304-1,978
Glenbog	Wellesley	....	....	41	do Glenbog	2 0 0	do	" 17,610	P. 1,312-1,978
Gunbar	Nicholson	....	....	47	do Honuna	2 0 0	do	" 18,075	P. 1,284-1,978
Juncce Junction (Loftus)	Clarendon	....	....	....	do Boree	8 1 8	General Cemetery	" 17,403	P. 1,299-1,978
Middle Harbour	Cumberland	....	....	....	do Willoughby	0 2 11	Recreation, Wharf, and Access to Water.	" 18,170	C. 58-2,063
Do	do	....	....	....	do do	5 1 25	do	"	"
Milparinka	Evelyn	7	14	....	Town of Milparinka	1 0 0	Public School Site	" 11,618	P. 1,325-1,978
Mountain Station	Harden	....	....	250	Parish of Muttama	2 0 0	do	" 17,912	P. 1,297-1,978
Mount M'Donald	Bathurst	1 & 2	1	....	Town of Mount M'Don- ald, parish of Dun- lary.	0 1 30	do	" 17,908	P. 1,275-1,978
Ophir	do	....	....	66	Parish of Worcester	2 0 0	do	" 17,910	P. 1,298-1,978
Peate's Ferry	Cumberland	1 & 2	6	....	do Cowan	8 2 0	do	" 17,925	P. 1,305-1,978
Severn	Gough	....	....	15	do Louis	2 0 0	do	" 18,003	P. 1,302-1,978
Shannon Brook	Richmond	....	....	155	do Bundock	2 0 0	do	" 17,907	P. 1,295-1,978
Tongut	Waradgery	....	....	48	do West Warad- gery.	2 0 0	do	" 17,417	P. 1,292-1,978
Torrington	Clive	....	....	6	do Bates	2 0 0	do	" 17,154	P. 1,290-1,978
Tumbarumba	Selwyn	....	....	....	do Tumbarumba	148 1 0 (exclusive of road.)	Public Recreation	" 10,913	M. 359-1,334
Upper Colo	Cook	....	....	60	do Colo	2 0 0	Public School Site	" 17,929	P. 1,281-1,978
Upper Lewis Fonds.	Bathurst	....	....	64	do Worcester	2 0 0	do	" 17,918	P. 1,293-1,978
West Ballina	Rous	60	Town of West Ballina, parish of Ballina.	0 2 8	Site for Public Baths	" 15,133	B. 23-1,612

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ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Beardy	Gough .....	.....	.....	62	Parish of Beardy Plains	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site	Misc. 84-20,195	P. 1,335-1,073
Bobandara	Wellesley.....	.....	.....	{ 123 to 134 }	do Maffra	8 1 8	General Cemetery.....	„ 13,142	C. 1,016-1,034
Bridgewater.....	Ashburnham.....	.....	.....	86	do Bell.....	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 15,242	P. 1,077-1,078
Cathcart	Wellesley.....	.....	{ Part of 52 }	.....	Village of Cathcart ..	8 1 8	General Cemetery.....	„ 7,707	C. 1,024-1,034
Cooranbong	Northumberland .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Dora	62 1 0	Public Recreation	„ 22,486	N. 53-2,071
Germanton	Goulburn.....	2	7	.....	Town of Germanton (on Ten-mile Creek).	0 1 19	Site for Mechanics' In stitute.	„ 15,933	G. 5-2,220
Grenfell	Monteagle .....	.....	.....	886	Parish of Brundah	280 1 0	Public Recreation.....	„ 21,123	L. 502-1,334
Kelly's Creek	Hardinge .....	.....	.....	12	do Cope's Creek.	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 20,107	P. 1,261-1,078
Narrabri	Naudewar	20	4	.....	Town of Narrabri	0 2 0	Site for Council Chambers.	„ 7,563	N. 10-1,733
Narrawa.....	King.....	.....	.....	172	Parish of Narrawa	2 0 0	Public School Site	„ 19,777	P. 1,335-1,078
Parkes	Ashburnham	1	11	Town of Parkes, parish of Currajong.	0 1 0	Site for Council Chambers.	„ 13,630	P. 37-2,139

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vic. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 83-5234	960	Clarence.....	Moombah	5 acres	23 April, 1883	2141
"	961	"	"	10 "	"	"
"	962	"	"	10 "	"	"
"	963	"	"	10 "	"	"
"	966	"	"	370 "	"	"
"	964	"	"	2 rds. 24 pr.	"	2142
"	965	"	"	3 acres	"	"
5218	171	Macquarie.....	Kinchela	20 "	"	"
"	172	"	"	15 "	"	"
"	173	"	"	11½ "	"	"
"	174	"	Arakoon	2½ "	"	"
2356	175	"	"	75 "	"	"
5234	956	Clarence.....	Moombah	4a. 2r. 30p.	"	"
"	957	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	958	"	"	3a. 0r. 30p.	"	"
"	959	"	"	6 ac. 2 rds.	"	"
5945	537	Perry and Wentworth	Pruella, Gumpongulla, Barrara, and other runs.	125 sq. miles	25	2231
6479	968	Clarence.....	Woodford	50 acres	"	2233
6414	147	Bligh	Talawang	42a. 1r. 28p.	"	"
5049	153	Argyle	Billyrambja	150 acres	"	"
5945	536	Wentworth	Darling	530 "	"	2234
6930	1434	Hardinge	Drummond	640 "	"	"
"	1435	"	"	640 "	"	"
4907	2773	Bourke	Bungambil and Windeyer	8 sq. miles	1 May, 1883	2291
7104	1848	Canbelego	"	640 acres	2	2437
6770	868	Wellesley	Wangellic	150 "	"	"
7276	1850	Canbelego	"	640 "	"	"
7274	171	Murray	Currandooly.....	140 "	"	2438
"	172	"	"	150 "	"	"
"	173	"	Merigan	325 "	"	"
82-20546	143A	Brisbane	Cranbourne	7a. 3r. 7p.	7	2571
20547	144A	"	Howard	24a. 3r. 37p.	"	"
20548	145A	"	"	21a. 0r. 33p.	"	"
20549	147A	"	"	58½ acres	"	"
20540	148A	"	"	102½ "	"	"
20550	175A	"	"	29a. 2r. 36p.	"	2572
83-5109	953 W. ex.	Clyde	Wammerawa	2,360 acres	"	"
"	954 W. ex.	"	"	1,350 "	"	"
"	955 E. ex.	"	Willenbone	1,660 "	"	"
4664	954	Clarence.....	Coaldale	120 "	"	"
2377	2506A	Bland	Bundawarrarah	50 "	"	"
4443	2743	Bourke	Berry Jerry	700 "	"	"
2380	2754	Bland	Mandamah	3 ac. 3 rds.	"	"
4449	2756	Franklin	Merungle	90 acres	"	"
"	2757	"	Ideraway and Kirindi	2,304 "	"	"
2466	2762	Bland	Euroka	306 "	"	"
4528	1878	Jamison	Dealwarraldi and Burven East.	2,200 "	"	2573
4526	1879	"	Burren East, Dewhurst, and Graham.	2,880 "	"	"
5424	3046	Wynyard	Tarrabandra	80 "	"	"
3642	1432	Hardinge	Aconite	640 "	"	"

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Ms. 83- 4665	1827	Oxley	Tabratong and Balcombe	3,432 acres...	7 May, 1883	2573
" "	1829	"	Tabratong and Curtis	6,400 "	" "	" "
4665	1832	"	Tabratong	983 "	" "	" "
5207	1849	Clyde	Gralwin	1,000 "	" "	" "
4446	147	Phillip	Lennox	320 "	" "	" "
4162	188	Bathurst	Milburn	40 "	" "	2574
82-20543	150A	Brisbane	Howard	256 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" "	" "
83- 4958	1541	Gregory	Mingebar	2,700 "	" "	" "
4958, Aln. 885	1542	"	"	1,700 "	" "	" "
Ms. 3376	560 E. ex.	Stapylton	Yooloobil	2,764 "	" "	" "
82-15932	137A	Forbes	Bandon and Erasa	998 ac. 2 rds.	" "	" "
83- 2573	302 ex.	Narran	Coheinda	1,420 acres	" "	" "
2572	304 ex.	"	Boogenderra	640 "	" "	" "
4287	468 N. ex.	"	Coonghan	288 "	" "	" "
" "	764	"	Coonghan and Mildool	15 sq. miles	" "	2575
" "	765	"	Mildool	2,000 acres	" "	" "
" "	766	"	Coonghan and Mildool	10 sq. miles	" "	" "
253	479 ex.	Clyde	Willie Culling	640 "	" "	" "
4764	1880	Jamison	Thalaba	880 "	" "	" "
4665	1830	Oxley	Teranion and Tabratong	1,720 "	" "	" "
" "	1831	"	Balcombe and Curtis	2,280 "	" "	" "
4448	2443W. ex.	Urana	Napier	388 "	" "	" "
4445	215 cx.	Brisbane	Waverley	4 "	" "	2576
4451	114	Wellington	March	540 "	" "	" "
4844	838	Cowley	Bumbalong	750 "	" "	" "
2213	852	Auckland	Nungatta	525 "	" "	" "
4287	763	Finch	Yeranbah	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ sq. miles	" "	" "
82-17682	773	Gunderbooka	Lcila	640 acres	" "	" "
83- 4282	837	Cowper	"	5,350 "	" "	" "
887	1547	Cunningham	Gunning	380 "	" "	" "
4665	1828	Oxley	Tabratong	500 "	" "	" "
4447	1833	"	Lawson	1,547 "	" "	" "
5110	1268	Benarba	Tellaraga	355 "	" "	2577
5208	2764	Bourke	Davidson and Langikal- kal.	1,580 "	" "	" "
" "	2765	"	Davidson	860 "	" "	" "
" "	2766	"	Davidson and Ariah	2,130 "	" "	" "
4285	839	Finch	Borah, Campbell, and Calmuldi.	2,825 "	" "	" "
4286	840	"	Urandoole	1,300 "	" "	" "
4303	376 S. ex.	Ashburnham	Toogong	11 "	" "	" "
2672	2763	Forbes	Boyd	592 "	" "	" "
1523	151	Argyle	Brodalbane	420 "	" "	2578
" "	152	"	Wologorong	400 "	" "	" "
4282	834	Cowper	Davidson	860 "	" "	" "
" "	835	"	"	1,920 "	" "	" "
4760	841	Narran	"	2,450 "	" "	" "
3514	1629	Canbologo	Lynch	2,500 "	" "	" "
" "	1630	"	"	800 "	" "	" "
" "	1631	"	Grabweed and West Bo- gau, Nos. 3 and 4 runs	1,000 "	" "	" "
" "	1632	"	"	2,500 "	" "	" "
" "	1633	"	Gidakambone	640 "	" "	" "
4307	777	Finch	Imbergee	25 "	" "	2579
" "	779	"	"	20 "	" "	" "
2076	28A	Bligh	Nandoura	610 "	" "	" "
4525	995 ex.	Leichhardt	(Yonendah Run).....	134 "	" "	" "
3857	1186 ex.	Stapylton	Welbon	500 "	" "	" "
5203	2744	Gipps	Trigalarna and Carawan- dool.	3,000 "	" "	" "
4282	836	Cowper	"	2,500 "	" "	" "
5206	659 ex.	Ashburnham	Boree Nyrang	57 "	" "	" "
9383	1725	"	Bunbury, Terarra, and Dulladerry.	1,400 "	" "	" "
4307	776	Finch	Imbergee	3,850 "	" "	2580
4307	778	"	"	3,670 "	" "	" "
2871	116 S. cx.	Benarba	Boonangar	4,830 "	" "	" "
2868	1275	"	Noocra	920 "	" "	" "
3462	1543	Leichhardt	Colony	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" "	" "
4444	2742	Forbes	Brangan	9 "	" "	" "
4665	1834	Oxley	Tabratong	35 "	" "	" "
4450	2752	Bland	Trigalong	763 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" "	" "
82-19635	983	Rous	Tuckombil	10 "	" "	2581
13466	854	Beresford	Bransby	14 "	" "	" "
83-1798	1540	Lincoln	Bald Hill	680 "	" "	" "
4305	831	Clyde	"	1,440 "	" "	" "
" "	832	"	"	1,440 "	" "	" "
" "	833	"	"	1,920 "	" "	" "
867	1546	Cunningham	Gunning	13 "	" "	" "
82-18968	189	Bathurst	Canowindra	42 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" "	" "
Aln. 3758	3047	Cadell	Benarca	219 "	" "	" "
2870	653 N. ex.	Benarba	Tyrrell and Boronga	1,640 "	" "	2582
Ms. 83-2954	771A	Clyde	Techawanta	640 "	" "	" "
5212	3065	Townsend	Hebden	640 "	" "	" "
5204	142	Northumberland	Ourimbah	24 "	" "	" "
4156	1264 N. ex.	Benarba	Yarrol	600 "	" "	" "
4659	1856A	Pottinger	Gunnedah	400 "	" "	" "
4769	85	Roxburgh	Clandulla	4a. 0r. 36p.	" "	2583
4769	86	"	"	15a. 3r. 10p.	" "	" "

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Ms. 83-3215	2548	Bourke	Ardlethan, Davidson, and Arian.	10,240 acres	7 May, 1883	2583
2968	2761	"	Davidson, Kildarry, and Langikalkal	7,400 "	"	"
2366	1271 S. ex.	Pottinger	Denison West and Brigalow.	7,000 "	"	"
2459	1433	Gough	Robertson and Diehard	12,800 "	"	"
3538	1429	Sandon	Enmore	830 "	"	"
3588	1430	Sandon and Vernon	Eastlake, Lawrence, Enmore, and others.	14 square miles	"	"
4233	838	Finch	Langloh and Birben	2,560 acres	"	2584
5108	155	Cook	Blackheath	2 "	"	"
4449	2755	Franklin	Kirindi and Ideraway	64 "	"	"
4761	3058	Wakool	Cangan	80 "	"	"
789	3059	Hume	Corowa	5a. 3r. 39p.	"	"
5820	141	Raleigh	Buckra Bendini	180 acres	9	2633
6583	858	Auckland	Nungatta	300 "	"	"
6582	1842	Narromine	Temoin	1,440 "	"	"
"	1843	"	Derribong	1,560 "	"	"
6583	859	Auckland	Nungatta	45 "	"	"
2208	855	"	Gooyan	320 "	14	2686
"	856	"	"	160 "	"	"
6410	160A	Brisbane	Myrabluan	85 "	"	"
82-20552	177A	"	Howard	174 "	"	2687
83-5544	176	Macquarie	Carnerross	60 "	"	"
5373	169	Murray	Majura	42a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
6478	687 ex.	Leichhardt	Bogewang	600 acres	"	"
5048	1545	Gowen	Urabillo	480 "	"	"
3978	308 N. ex.	Couralhe	Talmor	1,320 "	"	"
"	604 N. ex.	"	"	2,200 "	"	"
2134	1273	Stapylton	Limebon	920 "	"	"
3977	350A. ex.	Benarba	Meero	540 "	"	"
6411	946A	Bland	Morangarell	640 "	"	"
3377	1209 ex.	Denham	Pokataroo and Long Point	500 "	"	2688
6410	157A	Brisbane	Webimble	49 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	161A	"	Myrabluan	82 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	163A	"	Webimble	128 "	"	"
6230	2772	Forbes	Mulyan	305 "	"	"
82-3516	1619	Fluders	"	2,500 "	"	"
83-5936	1838	Ashburnham	Bocobidgle	43 "	"	"
2610	2777	Clarendon	Houlaghan	100 "	"	2689
6477	1821A	Jamison	Eckford, Thalaba, Dangar, and Markham.	1,520 "	"	"
C.S. 82-8965 Sur.	1748 ex.	Baradine	Merritonbea	50 "	"	"
Ms. 83-6477	1834A	Jamison	Meriah	1,160 "	"	"
"	1884	"	Bolcarrol and Burrendong	2,800 "	"	"
"	1885	"	Bolcarrol and Brigalow	160 "	"	"
"	1886	"	Bunna, Bulycroi, and Bunyah.	1,900 "	"	"
6480	845	Narran	Bunnawanna	2,700 "	"	"
5935	1839	Ashburnham and Cunningham.	Nelungalong and Gunningbland.	1,000 "	"	"
781	726A	Clarence	Tyndale	173 "	"	2690
6285	860	Wallace	Matong	40 "	"	"
"	861	"	Jimenbuen	200 "	"	"
5665	587 N.E. ex.	Clyde	Willa Murra	1,250 "	"	"
C.S. 82-9625 Cor.	844	Cowper	Banga	3,380 "	"	"
Ms. 83-5953	1840	Kennedy	Derribong and Hastings	1,300 "	"	"
6418	2776	Dowling	Whoeyo	75 "	"	"
82-17680	774	Gunderbooka	Goldson	200 "	"	"
83-6475	140	Raleigh	Nambucca	70 "	"	"
3659	179	Macquarie	Camden Haven	650 "	"	2691
1594	23A	Brisbane	Wickham and Worondi	1,557 "	"	"
6411	2750	Bland	Morangarell	5,620 "	"	"
5374	194	King	Boorowa	43 "	"	"
6409	2775	Monteagle and Forbes	Bumbaldry and Bronla	268 "	"	"
2204	857	Auckland	Bondi	300 "	"	2692
6282	862	"	Coolangubra	950 "	"	"
C.S. 82-32120 Dept.	577 ex.	Robinson	Cohn	40 "	"	"
Ms. 11935	86	Georgiana	Garrynian	44 "	"	"
82-9173	2768	Harden	Wilkie	8 "	"	"
83-6411	2751	Bland	Morangarell	5 "	"	"
6281	886 S. ex.	Waradgery	Toogimbic and Gre Gre	2,160 "	"	"
82-18624	2767	Mouramba	Hartwood	4a. 1r. 8p.	"	2693
83-6476	846	Cowper	Nidgery	52 acres	"	"
6466	1274	Courallie	Parramellowa	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
7499	971	Rous	Jasper	40 "	16	2751
7629	730 W. ex.	Robinson	Cobar	40 "	"	"
7027	855	Gunderbooka	"	6 sq. miles	"	"
"	856	"	Bullamunta and Brandis	1,680 acres	"	"
7728	25 ex.	Northumberland	Warkworth	102 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	2752
7133	543	Manara	Clare, Younga South, Wellesley, and others.	48 sq. miles	"	"
7132	544	"	Whitminbah, Katabritoi, Bingarrah, Casey, and Amoonah.	54 "	"	"
"	545	"	Darnich, &c.	10 "	"	"
"	546	"	Whitminbah	6 "	"	"
7998	875	Gunderbooka	"	640 acres	"	"

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Ms. 83-3883	1276	Benarba	Narrawall, Dundunga, & Gil Gil.	3,768 acres	16 May, 1883	2752
6460	2784	Bourke	Beaconsfield and Trickett	8,440 "	"	2753
"	2785	"	Northcote and Ingalba ..	16,000 "	"	"
"	2786	"	Mandamah	4,550 "	"	"
7611	1448	Clive and Gough	Moogem & Eastern Water	14,200 "	"	"
0720	150 ex.	Stapylton	Tuncoosy & Mt. Pleasant	4,960 "	"	"
4843	872	Beresford	Colinton	60 "	"	"
C.S. 83-3856	1277	Courallie	Booloroo	239½ "	"	"
Ms. 7283	538	Livingstone and Werunda.	.....	100 sq. miles	"	2754
"	850	Clyde, Narran, Cowper, & Gunderbooka	.....	75 "	"	"
8135	307 ex.	Narran .....	.....	8½ "	"	"
6284	3052A	Urana	Gunambil	1,400 acres	21	2822
4398	282 N. ex.	Wentworth	Tapio	321½ "	"	2823
5821	215 N. ex.	Stapylton	Illingramindi	1,352 "	"	"
6756	818A	Monteagle	Yungoo and Narrallen ..	640 "	"	"
6757	941A	Bland	Balabla	978 "	"	"
6474	2748	"	Yerai	720 "	"	"
"	2749	" .....	.....	160 "	"	"
6767	2782	Blaxland	Whoey	236 "	"	"
"	2783	" .....	.....	385 "	"	"
6761	296 fur. ex.	Flinders .....	.....	1,200 "	"	"
6762	1846	Kennedy	Bentinck and Ormonde...	1,920 "	"	"
"	1845	"	Stanley and Somerset ..	1,920 "	"	2824
5822	215 W. ex.	Stapylton	Illingramindi	1,280 "	"	"
"	215 E. ex.	"	Limebon	800 "	"	"
3470	874	Wellesley	Meringo and Merriangah	2,350 "	"	"
6881	128	Gloucester	Bulla Delah	27 "	"	"
6880	867	Auckland	Yarammie	25½ "	"	"
4858	3069	Buccleuch	Talbingo	640 "	"	"
6759	1216A	Courallie	Bmiguy	705 "	"	2825
6757	2779	Bland	Balabla and Bribaree....	1,760 "	"	"
6474	2746	"	Weedallion	1,480 "	"	"
4813	65 ex.	Manara .....	.....	4 sq. miles	"	"
4814	541	"	Casey	2,470 acres	"	"
4812	542	"	Darnick	2,240 "	"	"
6761	519 S. ex.	Flinders .....	.....	800 "	"	"
"	521 S. ex.	" .....	.....	1,440 "	"	"
Rds. 226-3	2778	Bourke	Lupton and Bourke	186 "	"	2826
Ms. 6753	2780	Sturt and Nicholson..	Beaconsfield and Wyche-proof.	151 "	"	"
Rds. 81-517-2	2781	Sturt	Currahooh	69 "	"	"
Ms. 83-6758	1830A	Bland	Eurabba and Euroka.....	3,260 "	"	"
6474	2745	"	Yerai	3,080 "	"	"
6474	2747	Bland .....	.....	640 "	"	"
81	3068	Goulburn	Gerogery	18 "	"	2827
8733	539	Barrona and Ularara	.....	4 sq. miles	23	2893
8659	1278	Murchison	Fulowrie and Horton ..	1,560 acres	"	"
8083	858	Gunderbooka and Barrona.	Ford's Bridge, &c.	1,920 "	"	"
8311	196	King	Bango	40 "	28	2940
8731	878	Beresford	Coolringdon	288 "	"	"
"	78	Camden	Jamberoo and Kiama.....	202 "	"	2941
"	112	"	Jamberoo	200 "	"	"
"	119	"	Wallaya	4,800 "	"	"
"	120	"	Bunberra	180 "	"	2942
"	121	" .....	.....	193 "	"	"
"	122	"	Wallaya and Broughton..	440 "	"	"
"	155	"	Broughton	15 "	"	"
"	156	" .....	.....	52 "	"	"
"	157	" .....	.....	60 "	"	2943
"	168	"	Broughton and Wallaya..	2,280 "	"	"
"	173	"	Cambewarra	100 "	"	"
"	174	"	Cambewarra and Bunberra	350 "	"	"
"	175	"	Jamberoo and Kangaloon	1,600 "	"	"
"	45	St. Vincent	Conjola, Cudmirah, and Farnham.	24,000 "	"	2944
"	115	"	Conjola	51 "	"	"
"	122	"	Monga and Coghill.....	13,000 "	"	"
7916	307 W. ex.	Dampier	Wagonga	4,200 "	"	"
6975	195	King	Mundoonen and Dalton...	320 "	"	2945
7914	534	Merunda	Curroga and Goonalgaa..	6 square miles	"	"
"	535	" .....	.....	9 "	"	"
"	536	" .....	.....	6 "	"	"
"	537	Rankin .....	.....	4 "	"	"
7416	1373 ex.	Gregory	Merrimba	1,000 acres	"	"
6974	538	Manara	Manfred and Wellesley..	2,000 "	"	"
6972	539	"	Willis	4 square miles	"	"
6973	540	"	Leura	4 "	"	"
7915	1854	Gordon	Rocho	320 acres	"	"
185	2789	Harden	Wilkie	2 "	"	"
7321	87	Roxburgh	Hearne	35 "	"	2946
5713	970	Clarence	Great Malow	4 "	"	"
7419	1004 ex.	Benarba	Greenaway and Pearse ..	1,600 "	"	"
"	1008 ex.	"	Wirri North	2,352 "	"	"
"	1279	"	Pearse and Wirri North	1,356 "	"	"
7497	869	Wellesley	Gulgin	40 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-7123	3060	Goulburn	Albury	6a. 2r. 14p.	28 May, 1883	2946
7131	848	Finch and Narran ..	Akolia and Mureabun ..	3,200 acres	"	"
4084	1175 ex.	Gordon	The Gap	220 "	"	"
6966	1841	Clyde	Gidgerah	1,980 "	"	"
2553	1844	Gregory	Goolagoola, Pentagon, and Eulamoga.	1,360 "	"	"
7127	3071	Urana	Clive	520 "	"	2947
"	3072	"	Waltandoon	715 "	"	"
7419	15 ex.	Bonarba	Kello and Pearce	2,496 "	"	"
7281	7A	Dudley	Clybuca	70 "	"	"
7131	847	Finch and Narran ..	Gurilly and Akolia	2,656 "	"	"
7420	1412 W. ex.	Ashburnham	Moura	100 "	"	"
7280	3070	Mitchell	Hanging Rock	48 "	"	"
8732	854	Narran	Goonoo	2,176 "	"	"
7913	154	Argyle	Tarago	5½ "	"	2948
4074	178	Macquarie	Wyoming	46 "	"	"
8392	177	"	Stewart	10 "	"	"
81-18602	148	Phillip	Cumbo	20 "	"	"
83-6971	1889	Jamison	Boorah	192½ "	"	"
6965	829 S. ex.	Richmond	Donaldson	120 "	"	"
5838	851	Yanda	Cumbadore, &c.	1,920 "	"	"
2471	2774	Bland	Moonbuca	1,520 "	"	2949
82-537-1 Rds.	1887	Pottinger	Mondoba and Digby	2,340 "	"	"
Ms. 83-5955	1839A	Ashburnham and Cuningningham.	Nelungalong and Gunningbland.	1,000 "	"	"
7497	870	Wellesley	Gulgin	8a. 3r. 29p.	"	"
7135	3051	Selwyn	Jengellie East	142 acres	"	"
82-18860	156	Cook	Blackheath	1r. 13p.	"	2950
83-7279	255 ex.	Rous	North Casino	38 acres	"	"
6742	871	Cowley	Gurrangora	960 "	"	"
7130	3070	Denison	Tocumwal	5a. 2r.	"	"
82-20189	3061	Wynyard	Tunut	18 acres	"	"
83-6964	967	Clarence	Yamba, Gulmarrad, and Taloumbi.	200 "	"	"
7418	1847	Oxley	Boro	1,320 "	"	2951
5599	1436	Sandon	Metz	40 "	"	"
8032	810A	Bland	Carumbi	1,145 "	30	2990
"	2053A	"	Moonbuca	677½ "	"	"
"	2792	"	Yarran and Geraldra ..	90 "	"	"
"	2793	"	Moonbuca	80 "	"	"
8823	3062	Mitchell	Mimosa and Faithful	611 "	"	"
8032	2790	Bland	Moonbuca	393 "	"	3000
8032	2791	"	Geraldra and Yarran ..	120 "	"	"
"	1469 ex.	"	Carumbi and Moonbuca ..	555 "	"	"
"	2056 ex	"	"	108 "	"	"
7017	875	Dampier	Guinea and Dolondundale	640 "	"	"
8966	874	Narran	"	1,000 "	"	"
7219	877	Beresford	Big Badja	2,200 "	"	"
8117	35A	Brisbane and Durham	Alma and Beltrees	1,893 "	4 June, 1883	3081
2007	19A	Brisbane	Wentworth	2,190½ "	"	"
4530	2788	Nicholson	Redbank	45 "	"	3082
6600	1890	Pottinger	Urangera, Taumba, and Bingle.	13 square miles	"	"
6265	95A	Brisbane	Watt and Campbell	3,602½ acres	"	"
7498	500 S ex.	Buller	Acacia	700 "	"	"
"	1439	"	"	1,000 "	"	"
4530	2787	Nicholson	Redbank	2 "	"	3083
7178	873	Beresford	The Brothers	40 "	"	"
9458	881	Auckland	Bondi	240 "	6	3143
"	882	"	Bondi and Genoa	250 "	"	"
9708	883	Wellesley	Glenbog	235 "	"	"
"	884	"	"	300 "	"	"
9753	543	Barrona	"	640 "	"	"
7282	1393 ex.	Sandon	Metz	470 "	"	3144
8084	218 A. ex.	Bourke	Berrembed	442 "	"	"
8118	192	Bathurst	Waldegrave	2½ "	"	"
9636	1281	Courallie	Boolooroo	239½ "	"	"
9051	1451	Hardinge	Blake	640 "	"	"
8700	853	Gunderbooka and Barrona.	"	40 square miles.	"	"
8317	1891	Darling	Barraba	96 acres	11	3230
82-18975	1437	Gough	Inverell	12 "	"	"
"	1438	"	"	110 "	"	"
83-5955	1839	Ashburnham and Cuningningham.	Nelungalong and Gunningbland.	1,000 "	"	"
8312	876	Auckland	Candelo	2 roods.	"	3231
8307	1440	Buller	Colongon	800 acres.	"	"
"	1441	Clive	Timbarra	1,110 "	"	"
"	1443	"	Barney Downs	600 "	"	"
"	1444	"	Dickson	1,280 "	"	"
"	1446	"	Jondol	545 "	"	"
"	1447	"	Bolivia and Jondol ..	640 "	"	"
"	1442	"	Timbarra	320 "	"	"
"	1445	"	Forest Land	1,280 "	"	"
8313	208	Macquarie	Macquarie	150 "	"	3232
8316	3080	Wakool	Whymoul	667 "	"	"
7917	1855	Ashburnham	Bunbury	360 "	"	"
8315	142	Dudley	Boonanghi	60 "	"	"
8320	1851	Clyde	Willoi	3,200 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-8320	1852	Clyde	Ulourie	5 square miles.	11 Juno, 1883	3232
"	1853	"	Gingie	3,200 acres.	"	"
8313	207	Macquarie	Macquarie	200 "	"	"
10007	544	Thouleanna	"	640 "	"	3279
Cor. 82-10215	1347	Gough	Fletcher	257 "	18	3319
Ms. 83-9054	1863	Oxley	Beardina	640 "	"	"
9052	1873	Gordon	Gilgal and Roche	640 "	"	"
82-20551	176A	Brisbane	Howard	172 "	"	3320
83-2542	4B	Rous	Pimlico	456 "	"	"
82-20545	37A	Brisbane	Howard	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
83-9050	1860	Oxley	Boro	4,750 "	"	"
3639	1861	Oxley and Narromine	Neverfire and Centrebit	2,640 "	"	"
8493	2555A.	Monteagle	Cocomingla	963 "	"	"
5734	1230	Courallie	Mungie Bundie	1,000 "	"	3321
8481	191	Bathurst	Cowra	1 "	"	"
8482	190	"	"	1a. 1r. 5p.	"	"
9054	1862	Oxley	Narrar	9 acres.	"	"
82-13418	1866	Kennedy and Ashburnham.	Wombin, Limestone, Goomimbla, & Currajong.	25 square miles.	"	"
83-8701	1869	Oxley	Beablebar and Balcombe	1320 acres.	25	3434
"	1870	"	Cremorne	320 "	"	"
8496	202	Macquarie	Macquarie	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ roods.	"	3435
"	203	"	"	2 "	"	"
8699	859	Gunderbooka	Mungunyah	123 acres.	"	"
"	861	"	"	550 "	"	"
"	863	"	Mungunyah and Leila	2,600 "	"	"
"	865	"	"	2,040 "	"	"
"	867	"	"	1,980 "	"	"
"	869	"	"	3,000 "	"	"
"	870	"	"	1,630 "	"	"
"	872	"	Goldson	1,630 "	"	"
5052	1858	Oxley	Brandis and Greig	3,870 "	"	3436
8701	1868	"	Boro, &c.	2,370 "	"	"
8699	868	Gunderbooka	Beablebar and Teranion	2,370 "	"	"
"	871	"	"	2,100 "	"	"
8500	1864	Gregory	Goldson and Greig	2,000 "	"	"
8496	193	Macquarie	Bergo	2,320 "	"	"
"	194	"	Macquarie	1 rood.	"	3437
"	195	"	"	1 acre.	"	"
"	196	"	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
8497	1549 ex.	Bourke	Kinilabah	3 roods.	"	"
8699	493 E. ex.	Gunderbooka	Mungunyah	37 acres.	"	"
8496	189	Macquarie	Macquarie	210 "	"	"
"	197	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	199	"	"	19 "	"	"
"	205	"	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
8699	864	Gunderbooka	"	28 "	"	"
"	866	"	Leila	2,150 "	"	3438
8496	866	"	Bibildoolie	760 "	"	"
8026	646 ex.	Macquarie	Macquarie	1 "	"	"
8699	873	Murchison	Eulowrie	100 "	"	"
8496	180	Gunderbooka	Brandis and Bullamunta.	400 "	"	"
"	181	Macquarie	Macquarie	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	182	"	"	1a. 3r.	"	3439
"	186	"	"	2 roods	"	"
"	198	"	"	8 acres	"	"
7733	488 ex.	Narran	"	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	490 ex.	"	Warrambool	750 "	"	"
8496	200	Macquarie	Macquarie	800 "	"	"
"	201	"	"	5 "	"	"
8699	862	Gunderbooka	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
7180	375 W. ex.	Gunderbooka	Mungunyah	560 "	"	3440
6059	972	Gordon	Cullen	760 "	"	"
6203	1449	Richmond	Donaldson	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
6623	1450	Gough	Fladbury	40 "	"	"
8496	204	Clive	Tenterfield	46 "	"	"
"	184	Macquarie	Macquarie	3a. Or. 8p.	"	"
"	206	"	"	2 roods	"	"
"	191	"	"	8 acres	"	3441
"	190	"	"	4a. Or. 26p.	"	"
"	187	"	"	2a. 2r. 32p.	"	"
5928	852	Narran	Coobung	3r. 38p.	"	"
8699	806	Gunderbooka and Culgoa.	Mungunyah and Erin-gonia.	6 square miles	"	"
8496	188	Macquarie	Macquarie	3,600 acres	"	"
"	192	"	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	3442
"	183	"	"	4 "	"	"
7136	3079	Waradgery	"	3 roods	"	"
6376	1871	Cunningham	Russell and Gre Gre	2,560 acres	"	"
10266	959 ex.	Burnett	Tinda and Tollingo	3,200 "	"	"
9881	842 ex.	Auckland	Gournama	1,130 "	27	3489
9645	3063	Mitchell	Genoa	525 "	"	"
10266	352 B. ex.	Burnett	Burrandana and Westby..	8,410 "	"	3490
C.S. 82-8016 Sur.	2794	Monteagle	Gournama	300 "	"	"
Ms. 83-10741	3084	Urana	Dananbilla	43 "	"	"
10694	1903	Ashburnham	Clive	224 "	"	"
9605	973	Richmond	Forbes	18 "	"	3491
"	974	"	Myrtle	1,200 "	2 July, 1883.....	3560
8419	879	Beresford	Ellengowan and Darke	3,700 "	"	"
			Bredbo and Rowland. ...	625 "	"	3561

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Ms. 83-9461	1565	Ashburnham	Cumble and Bell	500 acres	2 July, 1883	3561
"	1566	"	Troubalgie	1,000 "	"	"
"	1567	"	Collett and Belabula	500 "	"	"
"	1568	"	Nangar	1,850 "	"	"
"	1569	"	Bocobidgle	1,600 "	"	"
"	1570	"	"	560 "	"	"
"	1571	"	Gunningbland	250 "	"	"
"	1572	"	Mouro	500 "	"	"
"	1573	"	Kamandra	600 "	"	"
"	1574	"	Boree, Nyrang, and Barton.	1,200 "	"	"
"	1575	"	Manildra	500 "	"	3562
"	1576	"	Warregal	160 "	"	"
"	1579	"	Nelungalong	640 "	"	"
"	1580	"	Nanami	470 "	"	"
"	1581	"	Goinbla and Trajere	2,000 "	"	"
"	1582	"	Nanami and Trajere	270 "	"	"
"	1583	"	Carrawabity	640 "	"	"
"	1584	"	Collett	900 "	"	"
"	1585	"	Carrawabity	1,500 "	"	"
"	1586	"	Bunbury	700 "	"	"
3304	1589	Gordon	Obley and Ganoo	2,000 "	"	3563
"	1590	"	Dubbo and Wyaldra	1,300 "	"	"
"	1591	"	Oxley and Whylandra	2,000 "	"	"
"	1592	"	Oxley	1,500 "	"	"
"	1593	"	Roche	700 "	"	"
"	1594	"	Gallengambel, Belmore, and Roche.	1,560 "	"	"
"	1595	"	Gallengambel	2,000 "	"	"
"	1596	"	Veech	1,200 "	"	"
"	1597	"	Wagstaff	2,500 "	"	"
"	1598	"	Rocky Ponds and Hyandra.	2,500 "	"	"
9461	1197	Ashburnham	Gregra and Dulladery	400 "	"	"
8705	1620	Kennedy	Cobkopie and Bellardery	1,280 "	"	"
"	1621	Kennedy and Narramine.	Burrill, Hervey, and Mingelo.	1,900 "	"	3564
"	1622	Kennedy	Strahorn and Graddle	1,000 "	"	"
"	1623	"	Graddle	640 "	"	"
"	1624	"	Ossory	1,700 "	"	"
"	1625	"	"	1,200 "	"	"
"	1626	"	Derribong	2,000 "	"	"
"	1627	"	Mungerie	700 "	"	"
"	1628	Narramine and Kennedy.	Gilmour, Bulgandramine, and Mungary.	2,500 "	"	"
11119	2803	Nicholson	Gonowhe and Honuna	8,227 "	"	"
9463	533	Mootwingie	Nootumbulla	1,020 "	"	3565
8124	1550	Lincoln	Bungicbomar	60 "	"	"
7138	2795	Blaxland	Mount Hope	50 "	"	"
9609	883	Gunderbooka and Barrona.		4,320 "	"	"
9459	857	Narran	Briery	1,600 "	"	"
9460	475 S. ex.	Clyde	Thuara	800 "	"	"
5728	1875	Gordon	Burgoon	180 "	"	"
9505	1856	Gregory	Burgo and Boonum	2,050 "	"	"
5991	540	Tandora	Pamamaroo	7,500 "	"	3566
9510	2769	Dowling	Merri Merrigal	1,600 "	"	"
9510	2770	"	"	1,600 "	"	"
"	2771	"	"	1,640 "	"	"
C.S.82-8112 Sur.	294 b. W. ex.	Cadell	Tantuan	400 "	"	"
Ms. 83-8030	1452	Hardinge	Balala	320 "	"	"
9457	1439 N. ex.	Ashburnham	Wanera	75 "	"	"
9467	1865	Gordon	Strahorn and Wanda Wandoug.	960 "	"	"
82-14549	1877	Gregory	Bannah	191 "	"	"
83-15922	209	Macquarie	Yarratt	2 "	"	"
9608	1510 A	Waradgery	Thellangering, Hackett, Willama, and Ulonga.	9,457 "	"	3567
10037	556 ex.	Sandon	Hillgrove and Metz	700 "	"	"
9505	1788 ex.	Oxley	Kungerbil	400 "	"	"
5829	143	Dudley	Yarrabappmi	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
9505	1857	Oxley	Kungerbil	340 "	"	"
9466	880	Beresford	Bumyan, Dangelong, and Gladstone.	640 "	"	3568
9509	2796	Dowling	Moneybung	809 "	"	"
2509	2797	"	Townsend & Moneybung	640 "	"	"
9509	2798	"	Moneybung	640 "	"	"
8028	1453	Hardinge	Chapman	43 "	"	"
9609	884	Barrona		2,800 "	"	"
9473	127	Gloucester	Curruki	10 "	"	3569
10767	1312 ex.	Franklin & Waljeers.	Murnia, Rocta, Lallal, and Howatson.	2,150 "	4	3609
10767	2809	Franklin	Kendal and Vieta	3,840 "	"	"
"	2810	"	Moolhong and Rocta	3,840 "	"	"
11589	2829	Nicholson	Griffiths and Ivanhoc	3,200 "	"	"
"	2830	"	Ivanhoc	7,360 "	"	"
11679	2835	Waljeers	Massie	330 "	"	3610
"	2836	"	"	160 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-11403	2838	Waljeers	Massie	2,640 acres	4 July, 1883	3610
11267	890	Wallace	Townsend	190 "	"	"
"	891	"	Townsend and Jinderboine.	250 "	"	"
11270	89	Cumberland	Southend	160 "	"	"
11581	199	King	Narrawa	40 "	"	"
10673	895	Auckland	Wallagoot	100 "	"	"
11589	2831	Nicholson	Griffiths	1,920 "	"	3611
10474	197	Camden	Cambewarra	30 "	9	3690
"	198	"	Wallaya	35 "	"	"
"	199	"	"	50 "	"	"
"	200	"	"	60 "	"	"
"	201	"	Kiama	100 "	"	"
"	202	"	Kangaloon	150 "	"	"
"	203	"	Bugong	250 "	"	"
"	204	"	Burrawang	250 "	"	3691
"	205	"	"	300 "	"	"
"	206	"	Yarrawa	325 "	"	"
"	207	"	Bugong and Cambewarra	650 "	"	"
10164	889	Finch	Borah	798 "	"	3692
10162	905	"	Collarindabri, Barwon, and others.	17,229 "	"	"
"	906	"	Glatherindi	160 "	"	"
10475	129	Gloucester	Wollom	110 "	"	"
11590	2825	Sturt	Currathool	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
6765	1836	Gregory	Buttaborne	435 "	"	"
11590	2822	Sturt	Currathool	2 "	"	"
10476	198	King	Lerida	2a. 1r. 24p.	"	3693
6070	115	Wellington	Three Rivers	8 acres	"	"
8722	264 N. ex.	Ewenmar	Berida	5 "	"	"
7978	975	Rous	Dunoon	50 "	"	"
6765	88 ex.	Gregory	Battaborne	229 "	"	"
"	875 ex.	"	"	54 "	"	"
10165	1880	Narromine	Monro	4 "	"	"
9582	197	King	Mundoonen	35 "	"	"
8029	1455	Hardinge	Williams & Sandy Creek	160 "	"	"
11590	2578	Sturt	Currathool	15 "	"	"
"	2811	"	"	3a. 0r. 32p.	"	3694
"	2812	"	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres	"	"
"	2813	"	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	2814	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	2815	"	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	2816	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	2817	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	2828	"	"	3r. 32p.	"	"
"	2823	"	"	5 acres	"	"
"	2820	"	"	25a. 0r. 32p.	"	3695
8576	888	Cowley	Orroral	640 acres	"	"
8296	190	Durham	Marwooa	2 "	"	"
7954	195	Camden	Bargo	2a. 0r. 11p.	"	"
11590	2819	Sturt	Currathool	3a. 2r. 16p.	"	"
"	2824	"	"	2a. 3r. 32p.	"	"
8642	1878	Ashburnham	Manildra	160 acres	"	3696
11590	2827	Sturt	Currathool	375 "	"	"
5215	2800	Clarendon	Billabung	49a. 0r. 30p.	"	"
11590	2821	Sturt	Currathool	5a. 2r. 33p.	"	"
8418	887	Beresford	Wangrah	840 acres	"	"
11590	2826	Sturt	Currathool	28a. 2r. 32p.	"	"
"	2818	"	"	43a. 0r. 32p.	"	3697
10474	196	Camden	Kiama	15 acres	"	"
12545	90	Cumberland	Southend	36 "	10	3759
"	91	"	"	21 "	"	"
"	92	"	"	22 "	"	"
"	93	"	"	45 "	"	"
"	94	"	"	73 "	"	3760
10508	27 ex.	Windeyer	Palinor	1,600 "	11	3763
10509	28 S. ex.	"	Palinor, Bingerry, and Illawla.	1,920 "	"	"
"	363 ex.	"	Palinor	1,900 "	"	"
10510	549	"	Ootoowa	2,016 "	"	"
8040	1034 S. ex.	Hardinge	New Valley	390 "	"	"
8042	137 W. ex.	"	Roumalla	160 "	"	"
10852	208	Camden	Burrawang	150 "	"	3764
10856	210	"	Bundanoon, Meryla, and Sutton Forest.	900 "	"	"
10853	209	"	Cambewarra	1,000 "	"	"
10397	1463	Gough	Deepwater	46 "	"	"
12395	2583	Clarendon	South Jevnee	3 roods	"	3765
10855	211	Camden	Illaroo	107 acres	"	"
11849	1869 N. ex.	Urana and Mitchell...	Galore and Mimosa	440 "	"	"
11925	193	Bathurst	Lucan	38a. 1r.	"	"
10461	780 ex.	Beresford	Stannard	185 acres	"	3766
11923	896	Wallace	Cootralanta	90 "	"	"
9282	315A further ex.	Courallie	Yarraman	650 "	"	"
9355	148	Bligh	Uarbry	2r. 20p.	"	"
8325	143	Northumberland	Wyung	2,000 acres	16	3828
"	144	"	"	10,000 "	"	"
10311	77	Roxburgh	Jesse	5,120 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-10163	73 ex.	Narran		3,780 acres	16 July, 1883	3828
"	359 ex.	Culgoa		3,220 "	"	"
"	378 ex.	"		3,520 "	"	"
"	876	Narran		935 "	"	"
"	877	"		1,700 "	"	"
"	878	"		7,200 "	"	"
"	880	"		8,000 "	"	"
"	881	Culgoa		4,480 "	"	"
"	882	"		15,200 "	"	"
"	885	Narran		4,300 "	"	3829
10795	1898	Narromine	Wentworth	3a. 3r. 35p.	"	"
9631	128	Gloucester	Forster	21a. 3r. 23½p.	"	3830
7857	1879	Ashburnham	Gregra	10 acres	"	"
10795	1888	Narromine	Wentworth	55a. 1r. 20p.	"	"
"	1889	"	"	287a. 1r. 38p.	"	"
"	1891	"	"	12a. Or. 4p.	"	"
"	1893	"	"	6a. 1r. 10p.	"	"
"	1895	"	"	6a. 1r. 10p.	"	"
"	1897	"	"	3a. 3r. 35p.	"	"
10472	889	Cowley	Booroomba	900 acres	"	"
10861	548	Manara	Wawilly	250 "	"	3831
Aln. 82-12471	2799	Monteagle	Bungalong	28 "	"	"
Ms. 83- 6388	784 ex.	Narran	Dickenson, &c.	15½ sq. miles.	"	"
"	899	"	"	13½ "	"	"
10795	1901	Narromine	Wentworth	28 acres	"	"
11412	1907	Gordon	Loombah	160 "	"	"
10166	887	Finch	Dunumbal	2,200 "	"	"
"	888	"	Dunumbal and Somerville	802 "	"	"
11274	2804	Forbes	Wattamondara	1,300 "	"	3832
"	2805	"	Morongla and Wattamondara.	3 sq. miles	"	"
"	2806	"	Bang Bang	630 acres	"	"
8817	219A	Jamieson	Drilool	160 "	"	"
10410	223	Brisbane	Gundy Gundy	33a. 3r. 32p.	"	3833
9917	545	Yancowinna	"	800 acres	"	"
11413	1552	Leichhardt	Woolingar	1,150 "	"	"
1860	144	Dudley	Panton and Warbro	145 "	"	"
10035	885	Wallace	Buckalum	75 "	"	"
10795	1886	Narromine	Wentworth	7a. Or. 16p.	"	"
"	1890	"	Timbrebungie	7a. 3r.	"	"
"	1900	"	Wentworth	3a. 3r. 35p.	"	"
11278	547	Wentworth	"	1r. 24p.	"	3834
10038	3082	Waradgery	Paradise	200 acres	"	"
10795	1892	Narromine	Wentworth	8a. 1r. 37p.	"	"
"	1894	"	"	5a. Or. 22p.	"	"
"	1896	"	"	1 acre	"	"
"	1899	"	"	3a. 1r. 20p.	"	"
8413	542	Young	Morabin	3,000 acres	"	"
8838	102	St. Vincent	Mullendaree	55 "	"	3835
11414	1908	Narromine	Willedah	30 "	"	"
10169	902	Finch	Cunborah, Plumbolah, Moramina, and others	3,610 "	"	"
9880	155	Argyle	Bourke	60 "	"	"
10477	156	"	Bunnaby	67 "	"	"
10410	224	Brisbane	Gundy Gundy	33a. 1r. 25p.	"	"
11411	1906	Narromine	Algalah	1,180 acres	"	3836
11409	1904	Gordon	The Gap	480 "	"	"
10861	2807	Mossgiel & Manara	Ivanhoe and Wawilly	1,344 "	"	"
10795	1887	Narromine	Wentworth	10 "	"	"
11415	1876	Ashburnham	Forbes	2a. Or. 17½p.	"	"
931	1456	Sandon	Clevedon	3a. 3r. 23p.	"	"
9507	84 ex.	Gloucester	Nerong	43 acres	"	3837
10795	1885	Narromine	Wentworth	504 "	"	"
9432	1905	Ashburnham	Molong	20 "	"	"
8121	541	Barrons	"	2,560 "	23	3847
11916	978	Rous	Ballina	30 "	"	"
11108	1283	Benarba	Pearce and Wirri North	1,356 "	"	"
10794	324A	Nicholson	Whcalbah South and Mea Mia.	3,000 "	"	"
"	1154A	"	Mea Mia North	640 "	"	"
"	2024A	"	Honuna North	640 "	"	"
11273	1454	Hardinge	Cooper	640 "	"	"
11920	256 ex.	Finch	Dunglear, Eumenbah, and Yerangle.	1,120 "	"	"
10174	469 ex.	"	Glatherindi	82 "	"	"
11932	910	Clyde	Wilga	2,125 "	"	"
10979	191	Durham	Glendon	126 "	"	3848
11926	977	Fitzroy	Waihon and Woogoolga.	240 "	"	"
11927	980	Rous	Warrazambil	50 "	"	"
11387	819 E ex.	Gipps	Ilgindrie	400 "	"	"
"	1280 N ex.	"	"	270 "	"	"
11929	2581	Bland	Eurabba	100 "	"	"
11930	1894	Barradine	Doyle and M'Farlane	6,000 "	"	"
8041	1457	Hardinge	Nuandle	720 "	"	"
12090	1458	Vernon	Winterbourne	2,100 "	"	"
"	1459	"	Emu	1,000 "	"	"
"	1460	"	Winterbourne	575 "	"	"
"	1461	"	"	360 "	"	3849
10170	451 ex.	Finch	Cunnianna	25 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-10167	892	Finch	Dunumbral	624½ acres.	23 July, 1883	3949
"	893	"	Dunumbral and Somerville	4,776 "	"	"
"	894	"	Dunumbral	947½ "	"	"
9429	892	Dampier	Bermagabee	2r. 7p.	"	"
"	893	"	"	1½ acres	"	"
"	894	"	"	2½ "	"	"
17348	913	Narran	Birrurua	232 "	"	"
11930	1895	Baradine	Evans, Cumberland, and M'Farlane	4,800 "	"	3950
"	1896	"	M'Farlane	3,200 "	"	"
11919	1898	Leichhardt	Matouree and Balgah	3,800 "	"	"
"	1899	"	Matouree and Moora	1,280 "	"	"
"	1900	"	Matouree and Gidginbilla	760 "	"	"
"	1901	"	Keadool and Collinomie, &c.	1,440 "	"	"
"	1902	"	Keadool and Matouree	880 "	"	"
12397	1883	Gregory	Northcote & Mt. Forster	1,700 "	"	"
12088	1910	Cunningham	Cookey's Plains, Kars, and Berewombenia	1,900 "	"	"
11930	1893	Baradine	M'Farlane, Goangra, and Cumberland	3,300 "	"	"
11930	1897	"	Evans and Cox	4,900 "	"	3951
11924	1905	Jamieson	Coorong	11 "	"	"
10172	890	Finch	Wallah and Cunniana	2,320 "	"	"
"	891	"	"	1,660 "	"	"
10173	895	"	Wamell and Qunga	490 "	"	"
"	896	"	Cocoran and Wamell	2,706 "	"	"
"	897	"	Mebea and Qunga	788 "	"	"
10168	900	"	Yourblah and Durgell	3,700 "	"	"
10170	901	"	Cunniana	2,070 "	"	3952
"	903	"	"	170 "	"	"
"	904	"	Clatherindi and Yarraman	268 "	"	"
10668	546	Young	Wilcanna	19 "	"	"
11918	976	Rous	Boorabee Back Run	320 "	"	"
11266	303 ex.	Narran		1,450 "	"	"
"	712 S ex.	Culgoa and Narran	Beri, &c.	800 "	"	"
10171	898	Finch	Corcoran	2,073 "	"	"
11266	909	Narran	Cobinda	2,800 "	"	"
7278	1546	Ewenmar	Bugabada	712 "	"	3953
"	1547	"	"	1,040 "	"	"
10906	1282	Bernarba	Bundori	750 "	"	"
12085	1909	Ashburnham	Barragin	125 "	"	"
10991	2332	Franklin	Yandembah	3,272 "	"	"
"	2333	"	Yandembah and Audrey	2,880 "	"	"
11275	2802	Forbes	Mulyandry	210 "	"	"
10794	1155A	Nicholson	Mea Mia North	640 "	"	3954
11929	2580	Bland	Eurabba and Morangorell	8 sq. miles	"	"
11269	1903	White	Mollee	320 acres	"	"
9462	3073	Urana	Bingagong	740 "	"	"
"	3074	"	"	1,180 "	"	"
"	3075	"	Colombo	1,150 "	"	"
"	3081	"	Thurrowa	980 "	"	"
2841	908	Finch	Birrah Tultawah	6,400 "	"	3955
12088	1911	Cunningham	Yourblah and others	580 "	"	"
10462	898	Beresford	Brewombinia and Yarrabundi	600 "	"	"
8412	157	Argyle	Good Good, Rowland, and Stannard	30 "	"	"
12087	897	Wellesley	Bourke	5 "	"	"
12090	1462	Vernon & Sandon	Wellington	40 "	"	"
11556	150	Phillip	Winterbourne and Lawrence	140 "	"	"
12397	1881	Gregory	Botobolar	1,380 "	"	3956
"	1882	"	Northcote and Mt. Foster	1,620 "	"	"
17348	914	Narran	Northcote	2 "	"	"
11922	1904	Jamieson	Birrurua	640 "	"	"
10174	549 ex.	Finch	Meriah	100 "	"	"
12091	2834	Monteagle	Yarraman	5 "	"	"
10794	2801	Nicholson	Woodonga	45½ "	"	3957
11928	979	Clarence	Honuna	740 "	"	"
11271	907	Gunderbooka	Woodford	55 "	"	"
13282	2844	Nicholson	Pera	489 "	25	4003
13361	558	Evelyn & Tongowoko	Redbank	50 sq. miles	"	"
12988	879	Barrona		2½ sq. miles	"	"
13361	365 ex.	Yungnulgra		960 acres	"	4004
"	377 ex.	Evelyn and Yantara	Menamurtee	1,920 "	"	"
"	456 ex.	Yungnulgra	Beefwood	2,160 "	"	"
"	547	Young	Wilcanna and Brougham	2,560 "	"	"
"	550	Yungnulgra	Kandy and Williams	2,560 "	"	"
"	551	Yungnulgra & Mootwingee		2,560 "	"	"
"	552	Yantara	Yanderberry	2,560 "	"	"
"	553	"		640 "	"	"
"	556	Tongowoko		2,560 "	"	"
"	557	Poole & Tongowoko		2,560 "	"	"
"	549	Yungnulgra	Cope, &c.	870 "	"	"
12463	899	Wallace	Jinderboine	160 "	"	4005

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Ms. 83-12464	900	Wallace	Crackenback	130 acres	25 July, 1883	4005
13361	548	Young	Murchison and Dry Lake	640 "	"	"
"	555	Tongowoko	"	1,280 "	"	"
"	554	Yantata and Evelyn..	"	1,280 "	"	"
12023	839 ex.	Auckland	Pericoo	90 "	"	"
13468	1475	Hardinge	Aconite	20 sq. miles	"	"
13126	901	Wallace	Townsend	500 acres	"	4006
10891	145	Northumberland	Warkworth	1,000 "	30	4123
12089	3087	Hume	Howlong	2 roods	"	"
13584	1284	Stapylton	Limebon	1,375 acres	"	4124
12409	1064A	Forbes	Wheoga and Mandry	924 1/2 "	"	"
11169	1867	Gregory	Northcote	2,160 "	"	"
1590	149	Bligh	Puggoon	20 "	"	"
15917	151	Phillip	Bayly	10 "	"	"
4250	210	Macquarie	Lewis	9a. 2r. 30p.	"	"
11931	1906	Baradine	Merritombea	38 acres	"	4125
C.S. 83-805 Sur.	832 S. ex.	Gapps	Cadalgnla	15 1/2 "	"	"
Ms. 12396	1907	Baradine	Goangra	122 "	"	"
"	1908	"	"	400 "	"	"
12246	886	Yanda	Yandagalla and Kerie	4,640 "	"	"
425	130	Gloucester	Forster	16a. 1r. 16p.	"	"
12396	13A	Baradine	Goangra	1,648 acres	"	"
12580	1831 ex.	Jamison	Burrendong	240 "	6 August, 1883	4220
"	1909	"	"	660 "	"	"
11881	915	Robinson	Kaloogleguy	800 "	"	"
9780	919	Narran	"	3,486 "	"	"
"	920	"	Cowga, &c.	7,636 "	"	"
C.S. 82-9841 Sur.	1853 ex.	Monteagle	Cudgymaguntry	30 "	"	"
Ms. 83-8057	1464	Hardinge	Barlow	850 "	"	"
12579	1553	Gowen	Yaleogrin	560 "	"	4221
12480	2362	Blaxland	Mouramba	1,600 "	"	"
"	2363	"	"	640 "	"	"
"	2364	"	Currawallah	640 "	"	"
"	2365	"	Urambie	640 "	"	"
"	2366	"	Warrabillong & Urambie	680 "	"	"
"	2367	"	Meldior	700 "	"	"
"	2368	"	Meldior and Illewong	1,280 "	"	"
9780	917	Narran	"	2,500 "	"	"
"	918	"	"	1,330 "	"	"
8046	878 E. ex.	Hardinge	New Valley	1,280 "	"	"
82-20143	904A	Jamison	Bunyah, Burrendong, and Belar.	640 "	"	4222
C.S. 4822 Cor.	2296N. ex	Selwyn	Yellowin	44 "	"	"
Ms. 83-12991	916	Gunderbooka	Paka Boyong, &c.	22 sq. miles	"	"
11670	1138 ex.	Ewenmar and Gregory	Galargambone and Tailby	1,040 acres	"	"
11672	1355 ex.	Gregory	Gandymungydell	1,920 "	"	"
11670	1555	Ewenmar	Galargambone	500 "	"	"
"	1556	"	Warrie	1,480 "	"	"
13070	911	Finch	Bundaburrina	195 "	"	"
11884	1215 ex.	Gowen	Munda	1,440 "	"	4223
12479	2678	Monteagle	Young	5a. 2r. 36p.	"	"
13069	912	Robinson	Mopone	1,730 acres	"	"
82-18038	150	Bligh	Stubbo	20 "	"	"
83- 295	200	King	Taunta	8 "	"	"
82-19364	178	Murray	Amungula	20 "	"	"
83- 6104	3088	Selwyn	Craven	18 "	"	"
8820	146	Northumberland	Ourlinbah	8 "	"	4224
1593	25A	Brisbane	Wickham	2,000 "	"	"
12478	2726	Bourke	Lupton and Berremed	320 "	"	"
12987	1874	Oxley	Gilginbah	1,840 "	"	"
13068	131	Gloucester	Foster	150 "	"	4225
13072	147	Northumberland	Pokollin	35 "	"	"
14481	1914	Baradine	Ulambe	1,300 "	8	4273
"	1915	"	Meritonbie and Ulambe	3,800 "	"	"
14721	911	Cowper	"	4,080 "	"	"
"	912	Canbelogo	Glenariff, &c.	5,120 "	"	"
"	1920	"	Kidgery, Neiley, and Wilgabone.	2,560 "	"	"
C.S. 3465 Cor.	886	Auckland	Genoa	850 "	"	4274
Ms. 13224	904	"	Burragate	360 "	"	"
13755	906	Beresford	Throsby and Kybegan	1,000 "	"	"
14486	1919	Narromine	Mullah Back, Triange, and Goan.	2,880 "	"	"
Ms. 5563	1563	Leichhardt	Moorambilla	2,400 "	"	"
Ms. 13028	778 ex.	Benraba	Numby Numby and Coonalgra.	845 "	"	"
13029	1285	"	Boonerey	3,000 "	"	"
13027	1286	"	Myall and Boonery	2,500 "	"	4275
13258	2861	Nicholson	Bonyarco and Honuna North.	3,190 "	"	"
"	2863	"	Bulgura and Euragabah	5,890 "	"	"
14172	927	Gunderbooka	Sutherland	1 sq. mile.	"	"
14584	927 ex.	"	"	1,400 acres.	"	"
12416	902	Wallace	Arable and Myall	450 "	"	"
13258	2860	Nicholson	Elliott	594 "	"	"
13457	905	Wellesley	Burrinbucoo and Coolambooka.	360 "	"	4276
14521	560	Killara	Towri	1,280 "	"	"
8498	2837	Clarendon	North Gundagai	2 "	13	4363

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Aln. 83- 2669	3086	Denison	Mullwala	20 acres.	13 August, 1883...	4363
Ms. 13071	3089	Goulburn	Jerra Jerra	1,360 "	"	"
82- 7154	88	Roxburgh	Clandulla	20 "	"	4364
83- 945	89	"	Coolamigal	20 "	"	"
930	116	Wellington	Piambong	3a. 2r.	"	"
82-19641	1476	Sandon	Tiverton	20 acres.	"	"
83-18739	1477	"	Cyra	6 "	"	"
82-16622	1478	Buller	Ruby	22 "	"	"
17282	1479	Vernon	Andy	20 "	"	"
83- 411	1481	Clive	Glenlyon	8 "	"	"
16621	1482	"	Tenterfield	25 "	"	"
18922	1913	Ashburnham	Barton	20 "	"	"
13263	1236 N. ex.	Mossgiel	Wee Elwah	3,200 "	"	4365
9610	1509 ex.	Blaxland	Cagellico	3,000 "	"	"
11457	1909	Flinders	Murrabudda	3,600 "	"	"
15063	164	Cook	Irvine	960 "	15	4407
"	165	"	"	1,160 "	"	"
"	166	"	"	574 "	"	"
"	167	"	Irvine and Bilpin	720 "	"	"
"	169	"	Burralow and Wheeny	1,800 "	"	"
15004	2852	Waljeers	Carngham	160 "	"	"
15045	3107	Urana	Galore	102ac. 1r.	"	"
14594	907	Wellesley	Quidong	43 acres.	"	4408
15004	2850	Waljeers	Larnaca and Tartoo	640 "	"	"
"	2851	"	Yarto, Kingswell, and Carngham	3,840 "	"	"
15266	170	Cook	Coomassie, Woodford, Jamison, &c.	110,000 "	"	"
13996	914	Wallace	Wambook	240 "	"	"
15063	168	Cook	Bilpin	840 "	"	"
13075	1910	Parry	Nundle	14 "	"	4487
13599	132	Gloucester	Tillegra	60 "	"	4488
13265	1473	Arrawatta	Wandera	126 "	"	"
13604	1480	Hardinge	Buchanan	960 "	"	"
11975	489 E. ex.	Narran	"	1,360 "	"	"
11974	490 E. ex.	"	"	1,600 "	"	"
11976	494 ex.	"	"	1,120 "	"	"
13691	833 ex.	Gregory	Stanhope	700 "	"	"
13531	90	Roxburgh	Clandulla	1a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	91	"	"	1r. 38p.	"	"
11977	493 ex.	Natran	"	1,680 "	"	"
11973	921	"	"	960 "	"	4489
11981	922	"	"	880 "	"	"
11983	924	"	"	1,760 "	"	"
11980	925	"	"	2,080 "	"	"
11982	926	"	"	2,240 "	"	"
13265	1465	Arrawatta	Wandera	2½ "	"	"
"	1466	"	"	2½ "	"	"
"	1467	"	"	2½ "	"	"
"	1468	"	"	9a. 2r. 38p.	"	"
"	3064	Goulburn	Jorgyla	25 acres.	"	4490
13257	3085	"	Yarra Yarra	39 "	"	"
13602	1912	Ashburnham	Engowra	37 "	"	"
1170	159	Argyle	Bungonia	8 "	"	"
6252	179	Murray	Warri	10 "	"	"
82- 18403	2842	Clarendon	North Gundagai	10 "	"	"
83- 9034	903	Wellesley	Jettiba	8 "	"	"
13531	2584	Blaxland	Ulaumbong and Hyandra	1,250 "	20	"
13531	2610	"	West Uabba	3,200 "	"	"
11675	605 ex.	Cowen	Eringacrin	30 "	"	4491
13596	1474	Inglis	Scott	10 "	"	"
13266	179 ex.	Bathurst	Galbraith and Lowry	112 "	"	"
10471	180	Murray	Bywong	840 "	"	"
13260	2582	Mossgiel	Gunnagai	800 "	"	"
13073	3090	Urana	Clyde	256 "	"	"
13265	1471	Arrawatta	Wandera	1½ "	"	"
"	1472	"	"	1 "	"	"
13601	774 ex.	Gregory	Stanhope	90 "	"	4492
C.S. 82-34707 Dep.	2839	Dowling	Uabba	340 "	"	"
83-3202 Sur.	1554	Leichhardt	Warrena	180 "	"	"
Ms. 13265	1469	Arrawatta	Wandera	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	1470	"	"	2½ acres	"	"
13597	1883	Jamieson	Bibel	160 "	"	"
11907	1469 S. ex.	Bland	Combaning and Gundi-bindyal	220 "	"	4493
Aln. 13598	158	Argyle	Goulburn	2a. 3r. 29p.	"	"
Ms. 13267	2862	Nicholson	Huntawong, South Marowie, &c.	11 sq. miles	"	"
15217	2855	Mouramba and Blaxland	Brigstocke, Hume, Carlisle, &c.	22,800 acres	22	4 1
15455	567	Barrona	"	31,000 "	"	"
15775	482 ex.	Culgoa	Barrigun and Belalie	3,000 "	"	"
14943	1566	Lincoln	Murrumbidgee	733½ "	"	4572
15267	1566 ex.	"	Murrumbidgee and Macquarie	1,370 "	"	"
13758	212	Camden	Yarrawa	4,000 "	"	"
15223	986	Richmond	Riley	7 "	"	"
"	987	"	"	20 "	"	"
"	985	"	"	440 "	"	4573
14756	1488	Hardinge	Cope's Creek	18 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-13423	3098	Goulburn	Jindera	145 acres	22 August, 1883	4573
15265	3108	Hume	Burrangong	355a. 2r.	"	"
14905	941	Narran		2,560 acres	"	"
15508	2857	Franklin	Lallal	6 sq. miles	"	"
15003	911	Auckland	Colombo	7,000 acres	"	4574
15524	171	Cook	Kedumba	40 "	"	"
15776	1570	Leichhardt	Noonbar	3 sq. miles	"	"
"	1571	"	Mundare	1,380 acres	"	"
14259	160	Argyle	Breadalbane	12a. Or. 37p.	"	"
14176	926	Cowper	Bye	40 acres	"	"
14249	913	Wellesley	Wollondibby	56 "	"	"
15413	56	Livingstone		13 sq. miles	"	4575
"	219 ex.	"	"	60 "	"	"
15264	151	Bligh	Bowman	55 acres	"	"
13942	992	Clarence	Woodford	200 "	27	4641
"	993	"	"	16 "	"	"
13943	194	Bathurst	Dunleary	10 "	"	"
13948	158	Cook	Megalong	3 "	"	"
15268	936	Gunderbooka	Bullamunta, Talaa, Pera, &c.	3 sq. miles	"	"
14765	940	Cooper	Bourke and Banga	44 acres	"	"
15336	148	Northumberland	Koree	8½ "	"	4642
82- 7674	3092	Urana	Hebden	20 "	"	"
83- 3106	3095	Selwyn	Youngal	10 "	"	"
"	73	"	Tooma	11a. Or. 20p.	"	"
82-18484	3097	Wynyard	Minjary	10 acres	"	"
83- 6927	1483	Hardinge	Elderbury	8a 1r. 35p.	"	"
10588	1914	Ashburnham	Currajong	10 acres	"	"
6256	1917	Gordon	Rocky Ponds	8 "	"	"
732	1918	Ashburnham	Beargamil	12 "	"	"
13697	2841	Blaxland	Buckley	10 "	"	4643
15225	561	Werunda, Rankin, and Booroondarra.		100 sq. miles	"	"
13810	441 ex.	Yanda	Tatiara	40 acres	"	"
15263	935	Gunderbooka		37 sq. miles	"	"
12493	757 fur. ex.	Benarba	Wirrir North	280 acres	"	"
15007	912	Wellesley	Glenbog	320 "	"	"
13811	1912	Jamieson	Thalaba and Bunyah	2,520 "	"	"
13812	1916	Narramine	Algolah	1,450 "	"	4644
13948	151 ex.	Cook	Megalong	2a 2r. 13p.	"	"
13813	928	Robinson	Cobar and Weltie	107 acres	"	"
12293	37A	Cook and Hunter	Gindantherie and Capertee	640 "	"	"
12553	1558	Lincoln	Dunedoo	480 "	3 September, 1883.	4774
14037	981	Rous	Whian Whian	210 "	"	"
"	982	"	"	160 "	"	"
15322	934	Gunderbooka	Sutherland	46 "	"	"
15105	1287	Burnett	Gragin	300 "	"	4775
14295	1913	Jamieson	Cubarroo and Drildool	420 "	"	"
15103	1207 ex.	Hardinge	Laura	9,300 "	"	"
15323	931	Culgoa		90 sq. miles	"	"
"	932	Gunderhooka	Brandis, Gurriwarra, &c.	21 "	"	"
14086	618 ex.	Rous	Runnymeade	24 acres	"	"
15219	445 ex.	Benarba and Courallie	Boonoon, Talnoi, &c.	280 "	"	"
14149	432 fur. S. ex.	Denham	Merrywinbone and Finley	2,900 "	"	"
15006	1489	Hardinge	Drummond	1,530 "	"	"
14083	983	Richmond	Canira	75 "	"	4776
15593	929	Beresford	Clifford	142 "	"	"
16163	994	Rous	Nimbin	320 "	"	"
14177	2846	Waradgery	Warrigal and Hiawatha	3,040 "	"	"
15003	2854	Harden	Moppity	168 "	"	"
11661	1485	Gough	Kingsgate	160 "	"	"
14147	1911	Jamieson	Warrambool and Cubbarroo North.	900 "	"	"
13111	1487	Sandon	Eumore and Merigalah	25 sq. miles	"	4777
16141	74	Westmoreland	Kendale and Blenheim	145 acres	"	"
15062	1291	Burnett	Yagoe and Bogarnildi	840 acres	"	"
15105	1296	"	Gragin	54 "	"	"
15104	929	Yanda	Winbar	560 "	"	"
12453	69A	Northumberland	Mulbring and Teralba	10 sq. miles	"	"
14095	1557	Lincoln	Beni	18 acres	"	4778
14602	1564	Gowan	Orandelbinia	20 "	"	"
8262	910	Wellesley	Hayden	10 "	"	"
14146	3091	Urana	Galore	140 "	"	"
15005	2803 ex.	Nicholson	Honuna	50 "	"	"
11917	147	Raleigh	Bowra	14 "	"	"
16420	995	Richmond, Rous, and Drake.	Shannon, Mummulgum, and Sandilands.	30 sq. miles	"	"
14596	429 ex.	Irrara	Birrawinnia	3 "	"	4779
10374	2848	Monteagle	Brundah	3r. 34p.	"	"
14082	1484	Arawatta	Burgundy	11 acres	"	"
10374	2849	Monteagle	Bruudah	1a. 2r. 6p.	"	"
15231	2856	Gipps	Pullabooka	184 acres	"	"
12305	3093	Buecleuch	Nanangroe	160 "	"	"
2381	148	Raleigh	Congatinni	2 "	"	4780
14084	157	Cook	Linden, Kedumba, and Cooba.	4,800 "	"	"
10327	930	Finch		4,480 "	"	"
11917	146	Raleigh	Bowra	5 "	"	"
16142	84 ex.	Cumberland	Holsworthy	47½ "	"	"

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Ms. 83-14599	569	Young	Wilcannia	2 acres	3 September, 1883.	4780
11917	145	Raleigh	Bowra	8½ "	"	"
16592	3121	Wynyard	Umutbec	210 "	5 "	4841
15434	917	Auckland	Nericoe and Mataganah	290 "	"	"
16869	570	Mootwingee		640 "	"	"
16822	123 S. ex.	Benarba	Ballalla and Yarrol	3,200 "	"	4842
16823	124 A. ex.	"	Boonuckledi	640 "	"	"
14460	2858	Blaxland	South Peak, East Gulgannia, Goonan, &c.	17,920 "	10 "	4918
15521	654 ex.	Kennedy	Babathnil	42 "	"	"
14972	2652	Bourke	Ashbridge, Devlin, and Dunah.	62,000 "	"	4919
13154	2740	Cooper	Bingar, Binya, and Stanbridge.	30,000 "	"	"
15446	988	Rouse	Coraki	6½ "	"	"
14258	3099	Buccleuch	Cromwell	860 "	"	"
13561	1486	Arrawatta	Ashby	640 "	"	"
15447	283 A. ex.	Narran	Denman and Coobienda	700 "	"	"
14263	133	Gloucester	Wollom	2a. 1r. 35p.	"	4920
14262	149	Northumberland	Popran	1½ acres	"	"
12294	1289	Murchison	Dinoga	25 "	"	"
15445	989	Buller	Peacock	240 "	"	"
"	990	"	Evans, Peacock, and Bonalbo.	320 "	"	"
"	991	"		640 "	"	"
14761	195	Bathurst	Waldegrave	38 "	"	"
14942	3102	Wakool	Yarrein	160a. 1r.	"	4921
16326	103	St. Vincent	Albert, Benandra, Bolaro, &c.	200,000 acres	"	"
15444	1490	Sandon	Armidale	1a. 2r. 16p.	"	"
14942	3101	Wakool	Yarrein	86a. 1r. 35p.	"	"
14775	110 ex.	Raleigh	Unkya	120 acres	"	4922
7227	3106	Denison	Warragbhogra	20 "	"	"
14776	984	Clarence	Wolli Wolli	450 "	"	"
14944	913 ex.	Clive	Strathearn	15 "	"	"
12921	933	Narran	Eugindear	1,400 "	"	"
14945	3100	Boyd	Jurrumbula	320 "	"	"
14595	159	Cook	Falnash	27 "	"	"
14260	908	Wallace	Arable	20 "	"	4923
15448	1278 ex.	Murchison	Eulowrie	48 "	"	"
17479	684 ex.	Gowen	Yalcogrin	200 "	12 "	4977
"	705 ex.	"	"	200 "	"	"
16347	932	Wallace	Clyde	160 "	"	"
16740	134	Gloucester	Craven	83 "	"	"
17479	1576	Gowen	Galargambone	150 "	"	4978
"	1577	"	"	200 "	"	"
"	1578	"	Callangoan	500 "	"	"
"	1579	"	"	400 "	"	"
"	1580	"	Galargambone and Callangoan.	320 "	"	"
16069	930	Wallace	Billenbalong	400 "	"	"
17038	2872	Bland	Narraburra	1,150 "	"	"
17479	1581	Gowen	Yalcogrin	800 "	"	"
16615	1297	Benarba	Caidmurra and Myall	700 "	"	4979
"	1298	"	Bomery	1,400 "	"	"
"	1299	"	"	1,000 "	"	"
17413	2867	Forbes	Bogalong	167½ "	"	"
16730	192	Durham	Mirannie	120 "	"	"
17480	2873	Bland	Narraburra, Boginderra, and Thurungby.	17 sq. miles	"	"
17479	858 ex.	Gowen	Terrabile	480 acres	"	"
"	72 ex.	"	"	120 "	"	4980
16213	931	Wallace	Gungarlin	420 "	"	"
14857	163	Cook	Blackheath	182 "	17 "	5062
15525	915	Auckland	Bemboka	60 "	"	"
15533	196	Bathurst	Walli	640 "	"	5063
12653	1103 ex.	Murchison	Turrawarra	55 "	"	"
17021	2847	Harden	Murrumbola	235½ "	"	"
9604	1892	Baradine	Denevoli and Birrybah	1,440 "	"	"
15890	921	Wallace	Abington and Mowamba	350 "	"	"
"	922	"	Mowamba	600 "	"	"
"	923	"	Clyde	640 "	"	"
"	924	"	Blakefield and Ingebirah	2,500 "	"	"
"	925	Wallace & Wellesley	Ingebirah, Blakefield, Grose, &c.	12,000 "	"	"
"	926	Wallace	Wilson, Blakefield, &c.	26,500 "	"	5064
14061	1559	Gregory	Dryburgh	1,360 "	"	"
14601	1561	"	Collyburl	1,100 "	"	"
14600	559	Livingstone	Wambah	2½ "	"	"
14092	3094	Goulburn	Mountain Creek	500 "	"	"
14601	1560	Gregory	Collyburl	920 "	"	"
"	1562	"	"	900 "	"	"
"	1563	"	"	2,670 "	"	5065
15890	919	Wallace	Clyde	70 "	"	"
"	920	"	Mowamba	113 "	"	"
14857	162	Cook	Blackheath	37a. 2r. 10p.	"	"
15450	939	Finch	Gordon	720 acres	"	"
11389	943	Clyde	Yarrawin	57 "	"	"
14857	160	Cook	Blackheath	19a. 3r. 10p.	"	"

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Ms. 83-14857	161	Cook	Blackheath	Sa. 2r. 39p.	17 September, 1883	5065
15527	916	Wollesley	Turj	305 acres	"	5066
15526	135A	Argyle	Turrillo	42½ "	"	"
12300	201	King	Taunton	165 "	"	"
14941	3103	Wakool	Wetuppa	5,000 "	"	"
11124	3105	Urana	Palmer	3,340 "	"	"
15611	1854	Ashburnham	Barragin and Cargo	280 "	"	5067
15890	918	Wallace	Clyde	100 "	"	"
4493	927	Dampier	Wyabene	14 "	"	"
15610	3104	Urana	Wangh	3 "	"	"
17435	1916	Denham	Mungerarra and Reynolds	3,600 "	19	5149
16614	1300	Courallie	Weah Waa	1,270 "	"	"
17392	1406	Hawes and Macquarie	Mummel and Mackay	630 "	"	"
17780	998	Buller	Robertson	320 "	"	5150
18026	555	Livingstone .....	.....	15 square miles	"	"
10802	1001 ex.	Burnett	Goorabil and Bogamildi	4,480 acres	"	"
17392	1495	Hawes	Mummel	770 "	"	"
17050	213	Camden	Bundanoon	250 "	"	"
17508	3124	Wakool	Towweruki	1,030 "	"	"
10839	3119	Denison	Gereltery	375 "	"	"
82-19260	2858	Mouramba	Priory Plains	136½ "	24	5224
83-16690	2864	Bland	Wargin	724 "	"	5225
16379	3117	Hume	Sherwyn	200 "	"	"
15733	3110	Buccleuch	Nimbo and Baloo	640 "	"	"
"	3111	"	Nimbo and Jibeen	360 "	"	"
"	3113	"	Jibeen & Goobaragandra	640 "	"	"
"	3114	"	The Peaks & Peppercorn	480 "	"	"
16684	950	Finch	Burrawandara	620 "	"	"
18969	197	Bathurst	Canowindra	25a. 2r. 3p.	"	"
12365	117	Wellington	Burrandong	20 acres	"	"
14770	1491	Gough	Beardy Plains	40 "	"	5226
15612	1093 ex.	Gregory	Girralong	200 "	"	"
15059	355A N. ex.	Courallie	Weebullabulla and Mungie Bumdie	100 "	"	"
16688	742 E. ex.	Burnett	Burnett	35 "	"	"
"	742 W. ex.	"	"	75 "	"	"
16689	997 ex.	Ararawatta	Redbank	40 "	"	"
16688	1160 E. ex.	Burnett	Burnett	36 "	"	"
"	1160 W. ex.	"	"	30 "	"	"
15057	1292	Benarba	Yarowah and Hamilton	7 sq. miles	"	"
15060	1293	"	Meroe, Gin, &c.	7½ "	"	"
12040	945	Narran	Denman & Boogendeera	1,600 acres	"	"
14469	942	Finch	Barwon & Glatherindi	984 "	"	5227
16684	951	"	Daraaba	210 "	"	"
16378	880 ex.	Wellesley	Hayden	25 "	"	"
16377	3116	Buccleuch	Peppercorn	640 "	"	"
15990	948	Clyde	Waveney	1,800 "	"	"
16684	952	Finch	Daraaba	3,200 "	"	"
804	3109	Wakool	Moolpa	10 "	"	"
16691	2859	Bland	Wargin	120 "	"	"
16294	392A	"	Narraburra	640 "	"	5228
15991	1347 ex.	Gough	Fletcher	270 "	"	"
16381	3118	Goulburn	Mungabarina	250 "	"	"
16693	664 W. ex.	Hardinge	Clare	4,300 "	"	"
14762	1290	Stapylton & Benarba	Bengerang and Benarba	2,800 "	"	"
16016	96	Cumberland	Hunter's Hill	3r. 31p.	"	5229
16380	3115	Wynyard	Goldspink and Courabyra	1,280 acres	"	"
17192	933	Beresford	Cosgrove & Murrumbucka	400 "	"	"
12039	967	Narran	Teraboola, Milroy, &c.	76 sq. miles	"	5279
18131	935	Wallace	Townsend	225 acres	"	"

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vic. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 83-16685	2740 ex.	Cooper	Bingar	40 acres	1 October, 1883...	5322
17436	1568	Leichhardt	Bulgah, Collinowie.....	1,500 "	"	5323
14229	824	Clyde	Welman and Wommera...	1,300 "	"	"
5446	149	Phillip	Bumberra.....	38a, 2r. 33p.	"	"
17436	1567	Leichhardt	Bulgah	6 sq. miles	"	"
10177	1583	"	Wingadee.....	1,100 acres	"	"
14229	829	Clyde	Welman	4½ sq. miles	"	5324
17416	376A	Forbes	Bogalong	812 acres	"	"
18440	37 ex.	Gloucester.....	Tuncurry	70 "	3	5387
"	139	"	"	108 "	"	"
18672	766 W. ex.	Clyde	"	3,520 "	"	"
18545	482 fur. ex.	Culgoa	Belalie, Thurmylae, &c...	4,000 "	"	"
19144	2882	Bourke	Mandamah	320 "	"	5388
"	2883	"	"	320 "	"	"
19070	571	Irara	"	4 sq. miles	"	"
"	572	"	"	4 "	"	"
18441	3094 ex.	Goulburn	Mountain Creek	48 acres	"	"
18442	3128	"	Wagra	72 "	"	"
18440	137	Gloucester.....	Tuncurry	10 "	"	"
"	138	"	"	32 "	"	"
"	140	"	Wang Wank	52 "	"	"
"	141	"	"	43 "	"	"
17058	119 ex.	Camden	Wallaga	40 "	"	5389
17835	3125	Hume	Quat Quatta	47 "	"	"
18440	142	Gloucester.....	Wang Wank	74 "	"	"
18545	980	Culgoa	Belalie, Thurmylae, &c...	2,000 "	"	"
17793	202	King	Alton	40 "	"	"
18066	2281	Harden	Muttama	40 "	"	"
18638	203	King	Narrawa	140 "	"	"
18440	143	Gloucester.....	Gooloongolok, Talawahl, &c.	380 "	"	5390
17142	997	Clarence.....	Coldstream	50 "	8	5440
17143	996	Fitzroy	Woogoolga	80 "	"	5441
12814	1493	Clive	Tenterfield	10 "	"	"
15432	1922	Gordon	Binya	240 "	"	"
12773	955	Finch	Cowelba	1,920 "	"	"
"	956	"	Tutawa	2,280 "	"	"
17411	2965	Nicholson	Russell, Synnot, &c.	5,936 "	"	"
13226	909	Wellesley	Cathcart	34 "	"	"
15964	2866	Bland	Bribaree	1,038 "	"	5442
17412	2868	Waljeers	Howartson and Trawalla	6 sq. miles	"	"
15432	1923	Gordon	Bolderogery and Warra- barry.	323 acres	"	"
16838	1295	Murchison.....	Cobbadah	199 "	"	"
16837	953	Finch	Barnbah	3,200 "	"	"
"	954	"	"	1,288 "	"	"
8987	193	Durham	Lewinsbrook	36 "	"	"
16840	567 ex.	Finch	Moramina	400 "	"	5443
C.S. 194 Sur.	3120	Cadell	Toorangabby	2 "	"	"
Ms. 15599	1294	Benarba	Bucknell and Yaronah ...	1,760 "	"	"
16840	902 ex.	Finch	Moramina.....	120 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-17837	1921	Narromine.....	Turrigung, &c.	13,500 acres	8 October, 1883...	5443
20682	75	Westmoreland	Bimlow	2a. 36p.	"	"
17616	1584	Lincoln	Adclyne	34a. 26p.	"	"
17617	737 ex.	"	Terramungamine	30 acres	15	5553
18432	976	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	127½ "	"	"
16946	114 ex.	Macquarie.....	Dawson	100 "	"	"
18086	143 ex.	Bligh	Warung	1,250 "	"	5554
17613	1573	Gregory	Quilbone	1,020 "	"	"
14273	2831A	Nicholson	Griffiths	1,920 "	"	"
14921	1890 ex.	Mitchell.....	Cuddell, Gillenbah, &c....	6,630 "	"	"
17832	3126	Buccleuch	Brungle and Killimicat...	1,776 "	"	"
17618	1575	Gregory	Bibbyjibbery, &c.	3,550 "	"	"
17991	469 ex.	Tara and Wentworth	Bulpunga and Moorpa	1,600 "	"	5555
18084	26 ex.	Bligh	Meruthera	50 "	"	"
17872	76	Westmoreland	Norway	200 "	"	"
17607	1569	Lincoln	Gamba, Bomely, &c.	7,400 "	"	"
17995	426 ex.	Manara	Wawilly and Yelty	1,700 "	"	"
15158	726 ex.	Gowen	Gowang and Uargon	1,400 "	"	"
15074	1574	Napier	Bramble	2 sq. miles	"	"
15886	944	Narran	Terrawalka	800 acres	"	"
17999	966	"	Teriabola	2½ sq. miles	"	"
18083	152	Bligh	Goodiman.....	22 acres	"	5556
17873	2869	Bland	Barnedman and Yiddah..	476½ "	"	"
"	2870	"	Yiddah	170 "	"	"
"	2871	"	Wargin and Yiddah	633 "	"	"
18432	968	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	969	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	970	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	971	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
18429	562	Delalah	"	5,600 acres	"	5557
"	563	"	"	8 sq. miles	"	"
"	564	"	"	10 "	"	"
"	565	"	"	4,000 acres	"	"
17612	1572	Gowen	Naman and Tooraweanah	420 "	"	"
17992	122 ex.	Wentworth	Cudmore	4 sq. miles	"	"
17994	552	Windeyer	Merco	280 acres	"	"
17993	554	Manara	Yhoul	403 "	"	"
17552	934	Auckland	Bournda	95 "	"	"
15886	562 ex.	Narran	Terrawalka	2,560 "	"	"
18432	974	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	2 "	"	"
17833	959	Narran	Narrandool	13 "	"	"
17150	1918A	Ashburnham	Beargamil.....	12 "	"	5558
18432	977	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	50½ "	"	"
"	973	"	"	17a. 0r. 34p.	"	"
16440	135	Gloucester.....	Fens	1,180 acres	"	"
18432	972	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
15166	2879	Harden	Murrinboola	3r. 4p.	"	"
18432	975	Gunderbooka	West Bourke	4 acres	"	5559
Aln. 1486	1301	Murchison	Hall	280 "	"	"
Ms. 15444	1490	Sundon	Armidale	1a. 2r. 16p.	"	"
18082	152	Phillip	Dungarce	29 perches	"	"
"	3136	Hume	Croighton	713 acres	17	5599
18868	1935	Ashburnham	Parkes	12 "	"	5621
20139	2891	Waradgery	Budgee	949 "	"	"
19769	1507	Arrawatta	Pindari and Weean	640 "	"	"
19055	1011	Richmond	West Coraki	2 ac. 2 rds.	"	5622
"	1012	"	Coraki	1a. 1r. 13p.	"	"
"	1013	"	West Coraki	3 roods	"	"
"	1014	"	"	1 ac. 2 rds.	"	"
"	1015	"	"	2 roods	"	"
18868	1931	Ashburnham.....	Parkes	5 acres	"	"
"	1932	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	1933	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	1934	"	"	5 "	"	"
16883	127 ex.	Gunderbooka	Brandis, &c.....	10½ sq. miles	"	"
16882	871 ex.	"	Greig, &c.....	10½ "	"	"
19055	1005	Richmond	West Coraki	2 ac. 2 rds.	"	5623
"	1006	"	"	1 ac. 1 rd.	"	"
"	1007	"	"	9 acres	"	"
"	1008	"	"	2 roods	"	"
"	1009	"	"	2 ac. 2 rds.	"	"
"	1010	"	"	2 acres	"	"
19818	956	Wallace	Eucumbene and Midling-bank.	720 "	"	"
Aln. 4040	954	Dampier.....	Bumbo	121 "	"	"
Ms. 19055	1016	Richmond	West Coraki	1a. 1r. 29½p.	"	"
19637	153	Bligh	Lorimer	215 acres	"	5624
"	154	"	"	82 "	"	"
19188	214	Macquarie.....	Rowley	146 "	"	"
19186	215	"	Dawson and Marlee	126 "	"	"
19187	216	"	Dawson	200 "	"	"
19055	1002	Richmond	West Coraki	88 "	"	"
"	1003	"	"	138 "	"	"
"	1004	"	"	24 "	"	"
"	1017	"	"	9 "	"	5625
"	1018	"	"	1 ac. 2 rds.	"	"
19684	2887	Bourke	Buddigower & Clermiston	6 sq. miles	"	"
"	2888	"	Willandra and Drumston	6 "	"	"
"	2889	Cooper	Lewes	6½ "	"	"

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Ms. 83-19810	955	Wallace.....	Addicumbene and Cabramurra.	225 acres	17 October, 1883...	5625
18773	2886	Bland.....	Boginderra.....	55 "	"	"
18790	51 ex.	Auckland.....	Wallagoot.....	1a. 2r. 24p.	"	5626
"	59 ex.	"	"	80 acres	"	"
18521	1303	Courallie.....	Paramellowa.....	880 "	"	"
19012	87	Georgiana.....	Yewrangara.....	530 "	22	5697
"	88	"	"	560 "	"	"
12374	1918	Pottinger.....	Rodd and Kickerbell....	220 "	"	"
19192	3129	Townsend.....	North Zara.....	1,020 "	"	"
18758	335 ex.	Wallace.....	Peak.....	250 "	"	"
19501	573	Young, Tandora, and Yancowinna.	"	150 sq. miles	"	"
18431	978	Gunderbooka.....	Mulga.....	200 acres	"	5698
18133	1494	Gough.....	Eden and Paradise.....	350 "	"	"
18758	953	Wallace.....	Caddigat.....	115 "	"	"
17790	213	Macquarie.....	Mackay.....	128½ "	"	"
20588	121 fur. ex.	Benarba.....	Tala.....	1,400 "	24	5777
20587	122 ex.	"	Bunarba.....	2,400 "	"	"
20590	449 ex.	"	Dindierna and Bunarba..	1,250 "	"	"
20589	1184 ex.	"	Turrawah.....	800 "	"	"
19135	1305	Burnett.....	Burnett and Gunea.....	1,000 "	"	"
17916	1492	Hardinge.....	Chigwell.....	1,600 "	"	"
20722	225	Brisbane.....	Coulson.....	40 "	"	5778
20721	82 ex.	Georgiana.....	Jeremy and Thompson...	325 "	"	"
20230	62 ex.	Roxburgh.....	Bandamora.....	570 "	"	"
18399	1582	Leichhardt.....	Cocywarrah.....	1,162 "	29	5840
16070	1497	Hawes.....	Yoko.....	110 "	"	"
15680	715 ex.	Gunderbooka.....	Pera.....	320 "	"	"
17389	2880	Forbes.....	Broulee.....	724 "	"	"
18716	1445A ex.	Wakool.....	Noorong.....	350 "	"	"
18364	936	Auckland.....	Colombo.....	15 ac. 39 p.	"	"
17996	965	Narran.....	Yamby and Booroomundi	1,440 acres	"	"
19190	381 ex.	Perry.....	Pooncaira.....	3½ sq. miles	"	5841
13947	3122	Goulburn.....	Gerogery.....	184 acres	"	"
"	3123	"	Jindera.....	286 "	"	"
18714	441 ex.	Yanda.....	Winbar.....	2,200 "	"	"
18715	902 ex.	Finch.....	Gingie.....	10,500 "	"	"
17996	963	Narran.....	Briery.....	1,850 "	"	"
"	964	"	Yamby.....	1,740 "	"	"
7341	118	Wellington.....	Boomby.....	110½ "	"	5842
18433	588	Werunda.....	Wilcannia South.....	1,000 "	"	"
17785	999	Buller.....	Robertson.....	160 "	"	"
18869	1001	Fitzroy.....	Martin.....	60 "	"	"
17998	27 ex.	Windeyer.....	Palinor.....	1,000 "	"	"
19189	553	Wentworth.....	Tugima.....	4 sq. miles.	"	"
"	553 ex.	"	"	1,500 acres	"	"
13510	582 ex.	Finch.....	Boorooma.....	720 "	"	"
17996	857 ex.	Narran.....	Briery.....	510 "	"	"
18712	979	"	Sawers and Wilson.....	6,400 "	"	"
18898	982	Clyde.....	Grandoonbone.....	2,300 "	"	"
"	983	"	Grandoonbone and Richardson.	2,300 "	"	5843
19185	1023	Rous.....	Ballina.....	1a. 1r. 5p.	"	"
19057	1501	Gough.....	Rusden.....	20 acres	"	"
13516	675 ex.	Narran.....	Yamby.....	1,920 "	"	"
18793	454 ex.	Dampier.....	Wapengo.....	40 "	"	"
18713	1000	Clarence.....	Coldstream.....	58 "	"	"
18871	1302	Murchison.....	Caroda.....	810 "	"	"
18364	942	Auckland.....	Colombo.....	1r. 20p.	"	5844
"	943	"	"	2r. 16p.	"	"
"	944	"	"	1½ acre	"	"
"	945	"	"	2a. 13p.	"	"
"	946	"	"	3a. 13p.	"	"
15608	739 ex.	Gough.....	Gordon.....	400 acres	"	"
18867	775 ex.	Clive.....	Tenterfield.....	200 "	"	"
16608	1500	Gough.....	Gordon.....	295 "	"	"
19060	984	Clyde.....	Cowabee.....	920½ "	"	"
18719	1498	Hardinge.....	Russell, &c.....	1,200 "	"	5845
17202	1939	Ashburnham.....	Warregal.....	140 "	"	"
C.S. 9365 Sur.	212	Macquarie.....	Khatambuhl.....	23 "	"	"
9364	211	"	"	11 "	"	"
Ms. 18364	937	Auckland.....	Colombo.....	2r. 26p.	"	"
"	938	"	"	5a. 1r.	"	"
"	941	"	"	2r. 11p.	"	5846
16608	1499	Gough.....	Gordon.....	730 acres	"	"
17996	675 ex.	Narran.....	Yamby.....	270 "	"	"
"	961	"	Briery.....	1,500 "	"	"
"	962	"	Yamby.....	2,880 "	"	"
16884	129 ex.	Gunderbooka.....	"	13 sq. miles	"	"
"	855 ex.	"	Taree, &c.....	14 "	"	"
18364	939	Auckland.....	Colombo.....	15a. 33p.	"	"
17154	136	Gloucester.....	Bohnoek.....	450 acres	"	5847
18364	947	Auckland.....	Colombo.....	2a. 0r. 13p.	"	"
"	948	"	"	2a. 0r. 33p.	"	"
"	949	"	"	4a. 2r. 14p.	"	"
"	950	"	"	6a. 2r. 35p.	"	"
"	951	"	"	9a. 3r. 16p.	"	"

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Ms. 83-16612	1502	Hardinge	Moredun	450 acres	29 October, 1883...	5847
8744	928	Dampier.....	Noorooma.....	2 "	"	"
19191	144	Gloucester.....	Talawahl	1 acre	"	"
14850	1069 ex.	Gregory	Dynong.....	840 acres	"	5848
18364	940	Auckland	Colombo	1a. 1r. 4p.	"	"
"	952	"	"	3 acres	"	"
20938	179	Cook	Kurrajong, Merroo, &c...	7,850 "	31 "	5907
19011	89	Georgiana	Tuena	215 "	"	"
20625	963	Auckland	Numbugga	35 "	"	"
20419	16 ex.	Camden	Wallaya and Yarrawa ...	1,250 "	"	5908
20418	214	"	Wangandery	95 "	"	"
18353	1306	Stapylton	Careunga	2,700 "	"	"
20869	3142	Buceluch	Cowrajago	1,368 "	"	"
20939	2897	Dowling.....	Merri Merrigal	816 "	"	"
	833 A	Gough, Clive, and Arrawatta.	Frazer, Muir, &c.	630 sq. miles	"	5909

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(THIRD SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 83-10115	172	Cook	Blackheath	1r. 19p.	5 Nov., 1883	5985
"	173	"	"	5a. 2r. 5p.	"	"
"	177	"	"	14a. 1r.	"	"
19110	1181 ex.	Baradine	Jamalong	100 acres.	"	"
18717	981	Robinson	Weltie	48 "	"	"
11393	77	Westmoreland.	Kowmung	20 "	"	5986
10840	2890	Forbes	Waayoungong	20 "	"	"
9357	3137	Selwyn	Jingellic East	4a. 1r. 30p.	"	"
13871	1524	Gough	Scott	20½ acres	"	"
17997	566	Barrona	"	2,483 "	"	"
14150	2843	Cooper	Cuba	72½ "	"	"
20870	3139	Buccleuch	Nimbo and Baloo	685 "	"	"
14028	906 S. ex.	Forbes	Forbes	290 "	"	"
18658	149	Fitzroy	Coff and Moonce	140 "	"	5987
13902	90	Georgiana	Cuddlyong and Thalaba	800 "	"	"
7635	1917	Nandewar	Thereby	3 "	"	"
5828	151	Dudley	Yarrhapinni	10 "	"	"
13411	178	Cook	Lidsdale	10 "	"	"
10619	1503	Gough	Swanvale	39a. 1r.	"	"
18517	1024	Rous	Jiggi	160 acres.	"	"
17204	1506	Buller	Marsh	190 "	"	"
17784	1019	"	Robertson	12 "	"	5988
20014	217	Macquarie	Arakoon	20 "	"	"
19415	175	Cook	Blackheath	5a. 3r. 30p.	"	"
"	176	"	"	4a. 1r. 3p.	"	"
20902	964	Wallace	Middlingbank	360 acres	7	6053
"	965	"	Eucumbene	400 "	"	"
"	966	"	Addicumbene	440 "	"	"
"	967	"	Eucumbene	520 "	"	"
21582	2905	Bland	Tubbal	510 "	"	6054
20868	1733 ex.	Wynyard	Wercholdera	28 "	"	"
20544	3138	Urana	Bingagong	150 "	"	"
20728	658 ex.	Benarba	Kielo and Greenaway	320 "	"	"
20937	2902	Franklin	Myamyu	320 "	"	"
21777	2903	Harden	Coolac	82 "	"	"
20868	3141	Wynyard and Selwyn.	Batlow, Yellowin, &c. ...	320 "	"	6055
19978	3143	Buccleuch	Killimicat	167 "	"	"
20729	659 ex.	Benarba	Colymungoul	183 "	"	"
20730	815 ex.	"	Myall	118 "	"	"
19829	991	Narran	"	1,470 "	"	"
19830	992	"	"	1,520 "	"	"
20062	3133	Townsend	Barratta	2 "	12	6138
"	3134	"	"	2 "	"	"
"	3135	"	"	5 "	"	"
16348	1510	Gough	Glen Innes	1 "	"	"
"	1511	"	"	1 "	"	"
18059	1518	Vernon	Walcha	2½ "	"	"

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Ms. 83-18059	1519	Vernon	Walcha	2 rds.	12 Nov., 1883	6138
"	1520	"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ ac.	"	"
"	1521	"	"	1a. 2r.	"	"
18759	1523	Sandon	Armidale	7a. 0r. 30p.	"	"
19911		Werrnda		4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles	"	6139
16618	1264 W. ex.	Gowen	Kirban	470 acres	"	"
20281	1602	Ewenmar	Collemburrawang	1,100 "	"	"
20269	1599	"	Armitree and Bourbah	3,000 "	"	"
20275	1724A ex.	Nandewar	Tippereena	20 "	"	"
16348	1509	Gough	Glen Innes	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
18059	1513	Vernon	Walcha	5 "	"	"
20280	949	Finch	Gingie	1,960 "	"	"
420	1945	Clyde	Thuara	3,231 "	"	"
18059	1515	Vernon	Walcha	10 "	"	"
20281	1601	Ewenmar	Collemburrawang	2,200 "	"	6140
18059	1514	Vernon	Walcha	8 "	"	"
18338	1526	Sandon	Dumaresq	37 "	"	"
20282	986	Robinson	Davies	3,600 "	"	"
"	987	Cowper	Coorilla	3,840 "	"	"
"	988	Yanda	Tinderra and Ramsay	3,020 "	"	"
"	989	Cowper	Wererina	3,200 "	"	"
20281	1600	Ewenmar	Collemburrawang	500 "	"	6141
420	1940	Clyde	Womboin	1,024 "	"	"
20002	3130	Townsend	Barratta	5 "	"	"
"	3131	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	3132	"	"	5 "	"	"
18059	1516	Vernon	Walcha	1a. 3r. 8p.	"	"
"	1517	"	"	1 acre	"	"
14029	2885	Forbes	Currowong	102 acres	"	"
20276	1249 ex.	Jamison	Holebah	765 "	"	"
20277	1597	Lincoln	Bolaro	840 "	"	6142
"	1598	Lincoln and Bligh	Bolaro and Rouse	360 "	"	"
20274	977 ex.	Courallie	Greenbah	65 "	"	"
18661	150	Raleigh and Fitzroy	North Bellinger, &c.	420 "	"	"
20273	1512	Clive	Glen Lyon	36 "	"	"
20282	985	Robinson, Yanda, and Cowper.	Cobar, Moponc, &c.	73 sq. miles	"	"
16630	1596	Leichhardt	Tendgerie	2 "	"	"
20003	1644 ex.	Mossgiel	Elic	123 acres	"	"
20272	815	Gough	Boyd	45 "	"	"
9538	5A	Richmond	Riley	800 "	"	6143
21841	3145	Boyd	Jurambula & Banandra	3,570 "	"	"
16348	1508	Gough	Glen Innes	2 "	"	"
18759	1522	Sandon	Armidale	2a. 3r. 10p.	"	"
20007	204	King	Boorowa	40 acres	"	"
20004	1100 ex.	Forbes	Tallabung	44 "	"	"
20011	205	King	Gunnary	175 "	"	6144
20180	218	Macquarie	Wingham	110 "	"	"
18614	1304	Benarba	Meroe	1,280 "	"	"
22021	1038	Narran		16 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles	14	6199
"	1039	"	Langboyde, &c.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	1040	"	"	8 "	"	"
"	1041	"	"	10 "	"	"
"	1042	"	"	5 "	"	"
20835	1024	"	Drumdelang	3,200 acres	"	6200
"	1025	"	"	3,200 "	"	"
22000	1532	Gough, Clarke, and Hardinge.	Ben Lomond, &c.	1,311 "	"	"
22260	1043	Cowper	Cockerminia	24 sq. miles	"	"
"	1044	"	Banga	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
22009	1959	Narromine	Tomingley and Gundong	512 acres	"	"
22262	1025	Fitzroy	Bardool	120 "	"	"
21042	1022	Clarence	Ashby	68 "	"	6201
21690	215	Camden	Wallaya	18 "	"	"
19190	381 ex.	Perry	Pooncaira	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles	"	"
19957		Livingstone	Narbooka and Pipla	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	6202
22261	1026	Rous	Ballina	62 acres	"	"
21782	172	Argyle	Tarago	3 "	19	6305
20271	1595	Napier	Mendooran	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	6307
20380	2884	Nicholson, Sturt, and Cooper.	Melbergen, Melbergen South, &c.	4,290 "	"	"
20271	1585	Napier	Mendooran	2 "	"	6308
"	1586	"	"	2 "	"	"
"	1587	"	"	2 "	"	"
"	1588	"	"	3 rds. 30 per.	"	"
"	1589	"	"	3 rds. 30 per.	"	"
"	1590	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	1594	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
21364	130	Argyle	Goulburn	12 acres	"	"
Aln. 3537	1944	Gordon	Rocky Ponds	10 "	"	"
Ms. 19753	578	Killara	Cobrilla	1,440 "	"	6309
18994	1021	Clarence	Coaldale	160 "	"	"
20379	1946	Oxley	Mumbrabah	320 "	"	"
19142	91	Georgiana	Wangalo	39a. 0r. 7p.	"	"
14858	550	Wentworth	Tugma	640 acres	"	"
"	551	"	Cudmore	640 "	"	"
20378	2892	Harden	Coppabella	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
16610	1525	Gough	Wellington Vale	160 "	"	"
16278	1610	Gowen	Yaleogrin	704 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"

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Ms. 83-20271	1591	Napier	Mendooran	6½ acres	19 Nov., 1883	6310
"	1592	"	"	7 "	"	"
"	1593	"	"	2½ "	"	"
16398	2901	Sturt	Currahooh	178½ "	"	"
22765	571	Windeyer	Whurlie and Power	6 sq. miles	21 "	6363
"	572	"	Ahena and Leichhardt	6½ "	"	"
22440	1036	Rous	Teven	46 acres	"	"
22950	1027	"	Berwick	2,416 "	"	6364
"	1028	"	"	450 "	"	"
"	1029	"	Brunswick, Jasper, &c.	4,860 "	"	"
"	1030	"	Jasper and Clunes	5,840 "	"	"
"	1031	"	Teven	360 "	"	"
"	1032	"	Meerschaum	360 "	"	"
"	1033	"	Tuombil	1,600 "	"	"
"	1034	"	Billimiddel, Cudgen, &c.	10,720 "	"	"
"	1037	Richmond	Riley	1,200 "	"	"
"	1038	Clarence	Ashby	670 "	"	"
"	1039	"	Richmond	720 "	"	6365
"	1040	"	Lawrence	1,934 "	"	"
"	1041	"	Taloumbi & Gulnarrad	2,576 "	"	"
"	1042	Fitzroy	Woogoola, Corindi, &c.	2,912 "	"	"
"	1043	"	Woogoola	960 "	"	"
"	1044	"	Bagawa, Orara, &c.	6,800 "	"	"
"	1045	"	Woogoola	1,440 "	"	"
"	1046	"	Corindi	384 "	"	"
"	1047	"	Woogoola	2,400 "	"	"
22366	1045	Culgoa	Barrington	180 "	"	"
22765	568	Windeyer	Yarlalla, Bingerry, &c.	6 sq. miles	"	6366
"	569	"	Power and Whurlie	6 "	"	"
"	570	"	Bingalong and Ellerslie	6 "	"	"
22860	3153	Mitchell	Milbrulong	127½ acres	"	"
22357	1612	Leichhardt, Ewenmar, and Lincoln.	Coonamble, Budgeon, &c.	184 sq. miles	"	"
22873	97	Cumberland	Gordon	106 acres	"	"
22448	1035	Rous	Broadwater	32 "	"	"
22550	105	St. Vincent	Currambene	1,100 "	"	6367
"	106	"	Bherwerre	1,125 "	"	"
22950	1027	Rous	Berwick	2,416 "	23 "	6431
"	1028	"	"	450 "	"	"
"	1029	"	Brunswick	4,860 "	"	"
"	1030	"	Jasper and Clunes	5,840 "	"	"
"	1031	"	Teven	360 "	"	6432
"	1032	"	Meerschaum	360 "	"	"
"	1033	"	Tuombil	1,600 "	"	"
"	1034	"	Billimiddel, Moobal, &c.	10,720 "	"	"
"	1037	Richmond	Riley	1,200 "	"	"
"	1038	Clarence	Ashby	670 "	"	"
"	1039	"	Richmond	720 "	"	"
"	1040	"	Lawrence	1,934 "	"	"
"	1041	"	Taloumbi and Gulmarrad	2,576 "	"	"
"	1042	Fitzroy	Woogoola, Waihon, &c.	2,912 "	"	"
"	1043	"	Woogoola	960 "	"	6433
"	1044	"	Bagawa, Orara, &c.	680 "	"	"
"	1045	"	Woogoola	1,440 "	"	"
"	1046	"	Corindi	384 "	"	"
"	1047	"	Woogoola	2,400 "	"	"
22160	833a	Gough, Clive, and Arrawatta.	Frazer, Muir, &c.	630 sq. miles	"	"
21796	104	St. Vincent	Farnham	10 acres	26 "	6446
21478	577	Tandora	Titabaira	4 sq. miles	"	"
19966	939 N. ex	Benarba	Werrit and Tillaloo	2,560 acres	"	"
20666	999	Narran	Mungrada	4,640 "	"	"
21365	566	Livingstone	"	4 sq. miles	"	"
21362	146	Gloucester	Tuncurry	3 acres	"	6447
21478	574	Tandora	Hume and Titabaira	20 sq. miles	"	"
"	575	"	Titabaira	4 "	"	"
21792	1605	Leichhardt	Oural	1,020 acres	"	"
21786	1606	"	Goorianawa and Nar-ratigah.	520 "	"	"
20665	1614	Lincoln	Cobborah	180 "	"	"
21365	563	Livingstone	Quandong	920 "	"	"
21779	1035 fur-ther ex.	Courallic	Biniguy	41 "	"	"
21788	919A	Bland	Curraurrama	640 "	"	"
21778	572A fr. Sex	Waradgery	Wilgah	12 "	"	"
20217	1528	Clive	Angoperan	500 "	"	"
20666	993	Narran	Warrambool	1,440 "	"	"
"	994	"	"	2,060 "	"	6448
"	995	"	Sulawar	2,000 "	"	"
"	996	"	"	1,440 "	"	"
"	997	"	"	4,800 "	"	"
"	998	"	"	320 "	"	"
"	1000	"	Mungrada	2,400 "	"	"
20662	1013	Culgoa	Barrington	3,200 "	"	"
"	1014	"	Belalie	3,200 "	"	"
"	1015	"	Thurmylae	3,200 "	"	"
"	1016	"	"	1,600 "	"	"
"	1017	"	Eringonia	1,120 "	"	"
"	1018	Irrara	"	3,200 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-20662	1019	Irrara		3,200 acres	26 Nov., 1883.	6449
"	1020	"		3,200 "	"	"
"	1021	"		1,600 "	"	"
"	1022	"		1,600 "	"	"
19772	1023	Narran		3,200 "	"	"
19281	1034	Finch	Dungalcarand Yerrangle	4,300 "	"	"
20670	1941	Gordon	Wagstaff, Hyandra, &c.	640 "	"	"
"	1942	"	Rocky Ponds, Hyandra, &c.	323 "	"	"
17981	1943	Ashburnham	Terrara and Coonambro	680 "	"	"
21798	3144	Denison	Warmatta	740 "	"	"
21293	1603	Leichhardt	Winnaba	480 "	"	6450
21790	26A	Gresham	Kaloe	770 "	"	"
21789	656A	Rous	Meerscham	122 "	"	"
21358	557	Caira	Bunumburt	800 "	"	"
22433	54A	Forbes	Bandon & Mulyandry	4½ sq. miles	"	"
21477	1529	Hardinge	New Valley	150 acres	"	"
21034	1031	Culgoa	Bourbah	1,720 "	"	"
21033	1037	Narran		1,300 "	"	"
21291	1138 ex.	Cunningham	Badjerribong	149 "	"	"
21479	152	Dudley	Clybucca	1 "	"	"
21478	354 ex.	Tandora	Titabaira	300 "	"	6451
16216	355 ex.	Menindie	Kinchega and Laidley	5 sq. miles	"	"
21365	561	Livingstone	Wambah	73 "	"	"
22433	1455A	Forbes	Bandon and Cumbijowa	1,120 acres	"	"
20935	2898	"	Goonigal & Warraderry	1,060 "	"	"
"	2899	"	Binda	705 "	"	"
"	2900	"	"	760 "	"	"
20663	1923	White	Orr and Manum	900 "	"	6452
"	1924	"	Tannawanda	931 "	"	"
20666	1001	Narran	Mungrada, &c.	8 sq. miles	"	"
20662	1003	Culgoa	Barrington	1,187 acres	"	"
"	1004	"	Belaie	640 "	"	"
"	1006	"	"	1,340 "	"	"
"	1007	"	"	551 "	"	"
"	1009	"	Thurmyla	1,350 "	"	"
"	1010	"	"	1,100 "	"	"
"	1011	"	Thurmyla and Eringonia	567 "	"	6453
21583	1026	Finch	Collarindabri	340 "	"	"
21365	564	Livingstone	Walls, &c.	10½ sq. miles	"	"
"	565	"	"	4½ "	"	"
"	567	"	"	2½ "	"	"
20659	2893	Bland	Stockinbingal	142 acres	"	"
21785	28B	Gresham	Buccarumbi	626 acres 1 rood	"	"
20670	1646 ex.	Gordon	Rocky Ponds & Hyandra	767 acres	"	"
21365	562	Livingstone	"	4 sq. miles	"	6454
20664	1527	Hardinge	Swinton	6½ acres	"	"
20666	1002	Narran	Mungrada	1,400 "	"	"
20662	1005	Culgoa	Belaie	950 "	"	"
"	1008	"	Thurmyla and Belaie	1,280 "	"	"
"	1012	"	Eringonia	1,360 "	"	"
21480	1027	Gunderbooka	Nidgerie	2,560 "	"	"
"	1028	"	Sutherland	2,040 "	"	"
"	1029	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	1030	"	Talaa and Polo	2,560 "	"	"
20843	971	Dampier	Mornya	360 "	"	6455
"	972	"	"	300 "	"	"
"	973	"	Congo	35 "	"	"
"	974	"	"	50 "	"	"
"	975	"	"	175 "	"	"
"	976	"	Bodalla	450 "	"	"
"	977	"	"	25 "	"	"
"	978	"	"	90 "	"	"
"	979	"	"	50 "	"	"
"	980	"	Nooroona	70 "	"	"
22433	1350A	Forbes	Mulyandry and Bandon	4½ sq. miles	"	6456
20940	2895	Forbes and Monteagle	Enaldrie and Weddin	5,500 acres	"	"
"	2896	Forbes and Bland	Wheoga, Maudry, &c.	8,800 "	"	"
20669	1378A	Clive	Dickson and Forest Land	13,600 "	"	"
21036	1032	Culgoa	"	1,500 "	"	"
"	1033	"	"	1,600 "	"	"
21031	1035	Narran	"	1,470 "	"	"
21032	1036	"	"	1,470 "	"	"
20665	1620	Lincoln	Cobborah	80 "	"	6457
18540	1308	Stapylton	Yoolobil	930 "	"	"
22173	1960	Oxley	Nyngan	1,300 "	"	"
20665	1617	Lincoln	Cobborah	2a. 2r. 12p.	"	"
"	1618	"	"	5½ acres	"	"
"	1619	"	"	2a. 0r. 19p.	"	"
20497	166	Bhgh	Tertabau	5 acres	"	"
20665	1621	Lincoln	Cobborah	2a. 0r. 29p.	"	"
19828	990	Culgoa	"	1,600 acres	"	6458
20665	1615	Lincoln	Cobborah	4a. 2r. 17p.	"	"
"	1616	"	"	13 acres	"	"
20936	2894	Harden	Jungong	6½ "	"	"
20348	145	Gloucester	Willabah	10 "	"	"
21363	3140	Bacclench	Killmicit	100 "	"	"
21788	2904	Bland	Curraburrama	264 "	"	6459
20347	957	Auckland	Pambula	135 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-22969	1046	Finch	Boorooma	400 acres	28 Nov., 1883.	6515
"	1047	"	"	1,400 "	"	"
22872	1786 W ex.	Oxley	Beablebar	110 "	"	"
23596	1065	Cowper	Mulga	30 sq. miles	"	"
23099	1068	Narran	"	5 "	"	6516
"	1069	"	"	5 "	"	"
23508	94	Georgiana	Isabella and Beemarang	1,695 acres	"	"
22971	3150	Buccleuch	Bramina	12 sq. miles	"	"
C.S. 10170 cor.	1049	Rous	Tunstall	89 acres	"	"
"	1052	"	"	131 "	"	"
Ms. 23510	982	Wellesley	Wellington	65 "	"	"
Aln. 4400	199	Bathurst	Walli	230 "	"	"
Ms. 23509	981	Wallace	Wilson and Popong	200 "	"	6517
83-22977	3148	Mitchell and Urana	Corobimilla and Waugh	640 "	"	"
22970	3151	Buccleuch	Bramina	640 "	"	"
21669	787 ex.	Beresford	Duncan	380 "	"	"
23507	93	Georgiana	Beemarang and Isabella	775 "	"	"
23099	1067	Culgoa	Tatala	5 sq. miles	"	"

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vic. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 83-21963	1531	Buller	Acacia	320 acres	3 December, 1883...	6587
22358	958	Beresford	Micaligo	225 "	"	6588
"	959	do	do	260 "	"	"
"	960	do	Colinton and Micaligo	280 "	"	"
"	961	do	Billilingra and Bransby	1,100 "	"	"
"	962	do	Micaligo	1,600 "	"	"
15301	1288	Benarba	Narawal and Galloway	1,440 "	"	"
22623	1048	Rous	Nembin and Terania	640 "	"	"
19649	714a	Wallace	Jimembuen	9 "	"	6589
22584	158	Gloucester	Tomaree	4 "	"	"
"	107 ex.	do	do	1 r. 1 per.	"	"
"	151	do	do	3 r. 30 per.	"	"
"	152	do	do	1 a. 2 r. 24 per.	"	"
"	153	do	do	1 acre	"	"
"	155	do	do	1 a. 1 r. 9 per.	"	"
"	156	do	do	3 a. 3 r. 8 per.	"	"
21787	1607	Gregory	Tongamba, Ingloga, &c.	3,800 acres	"	6590
"	1608	do	Melrose	1,600 "	"	"
"	1609	do	Mellerstain	4,480 "	"	"
22172	142	Bligh	Warung and Gunna	1,970 "	"	"
22175	143 & ex.	do	Warung	2,150 "	"	"
22168	95a	Brisbane	Watt and Campbell	3,602½ "	"	"
10409	157	Bligh	Wauluman	20 "	"	6591
22584	108 ex.	Gloucester	Tomaree	2 r. 20 per.	"	"
12023	160	do	Curecki	2 acres	"	"
22313	968	Beresford	Cooma	4 a. 1 r. 11 p.	"	"
21965	1530	Gough	Ben Lomond	175½ acres	"	"
20658	1020	Rous	Teven	20 "	"	"
22437	.....	Macquarie	Kinchela	14 "	"	"
"	.....	do	do	27 "	"	"
"	.....	do	do	80 "	"	"
20657	280 fur. ex.	Richmond	Bungawalbin	32 "	"	6592
Aln. 83- 4120	1307	Benarba	Telleraga	960 "	"	"
Ms. 83-22584	150	Gloucester	Tomaree	26½ "	"	"
"	157	do	do	2 "	"	"
22313	969	Beresford	Cooma	4 "	"	"
"	970	do	do	6 a. 3 r. 21 per.	"	"
22584	154	Gloucester	Tomaree	3 r. 27 per.	"	"
22167	216	Camden	Yarrawa	4 a. 0 r. 37 per.	"	6593
22584	159	Gloucester	Tomaree	26 a. 3 r. 24 per.	"	"
24264	1981	Gordon	Gundy	5,500 acres	5	6657
23861	180	Cook and Roxburgh.		720,000 "	"	"
23911	581	Yancoinna	Bray	1,480 "	"	6658
23975	153	Raleigh	Bowra	550 "	"	"
24264	123	Wellington	Wellington	200 "	"	6659
22034	1924	Ashburnham	Currajong	1 "	10	6719
"	1925	do	do	34 per.	"	"
"	1926	do	do	1 r. 24 per.	"	"
"	1947	do	do	5½ acres	"	"
"	1948	do	do	5½ "	"	"
"	1949	do	do	5½ "	"	"
"	1950	do	do	1½ "	"	"
"	1951	do	do	5½ "	"	"
"	1952	do	do	5 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-22034	1953	Ashburnham	Currajong	5½ acres	10 December, 1883	6719
"	1954	do	do	3 "	"	"
"	1955	do	do	5½ "	"	"
"	1956	do	do	5½ "	"	6720
"	1927	do	do	2 a. 0 r. 8 per.	"	"
"	1928	do	do	3 a. 2 r. 12 per.	"	"
"	1930	do	do	5 acres	"	"
"	1936	do	do	208 "	"	"
"	1929	do	do	81 a. 3 r.	"	"
"	1937	do	Parkes	122 acres	"	6721
"	1938	do	Currajong and Parkes	3,127 "	"	"
23597	1053	Rous	Buron and Brunswick	384 "	"	"
22580	34 ex.	Westmoreland	Balfour	80 "	"	"
22435	2906	Mouramba	Rosch	14 a. 2 r. 6 per.	"	"
22581	62a ex.	Roxburgh	Clandulla	50 acres	"	"
22034	1957	Ashburnham	Currajong	72 "	"	6722
22654	70a	Bathurst	Clarendon	40 "	"	"
21572	2907	Blaxland	Matakana South & Oneida	280 "	"	"
20546	158	Bligh	Munmurra	12,646 "	"	"
22555	226	Brisbane	Temu and Murrull	47 "	"	"
23047	1085	Cowper and Clyde		36 sq. miles	"	"
23048	947 ex.	Drake	Churchill	180 acres	"	6723
C.S. 6081 Cor.	200	Bathurst	Tenandra	101 a. 3 r.	12	6787
Ms. 83-23588	1629	Leichhardt	Toora	184 acres	"	"
23848	1628	do	Warragan	580 "	"	"
23363	1050	Rous	Queebun	80 "	"	6788
24301	986	Wallace	Abington and Beloka	135 "	"	"
24300	985	do	Abington	200 "	"	"
24136	1099	Cowper	Rye, Gongolgon, &c.	33 sq. miles	"	"
23945	1631	Lincoln	Murrungundie and Ballimore.	2,700 acres	17	6903
23235	246 N. ex.	Benarba	Oreel	460 "	"	6904
22981	306 ex.	Culgoa	Brenda	720 "	"	"
"	1048	Narran		3,200 "	"	"
"	1049	do		2,560 "	"	"
"	1050	Culgoa		1,250 "	"	"
"	1051	Narran		1,440 "	"	"
"	1052	do	Coobienda	2,700 "	"	"
24570	1541	Gough and Clarke	Ben Lomond	118 "	"	"
23235	1842 S. ex.	Benarba	Ryanda, Oreel, & Gooman	152 "	"	"
23669	162 ex.	Irrara		2,560 "	"	6905
"	576	do		3,840 "	"	"
22981	1053	Narran	Boogenderra	1,150 "	"	"
11149	352b ex.	Burnett	Mandoe	25 "	"	"
23293	1888	Jamison	Cubbaroo North	480 "	"	"
19980	3147	Hume	Burraja	545 "	"	"
23496	1054	Robinson, Yanda, and Cowper.		73 sq. miles	"	"
22982	3149	Townsend	Brassi	78 acres	"	"
23665	1613	Lincoln	Cobborah	1 "	"	6906
23849	2912	Waradgery	Hay	18 "	"	"
15427	1922	Darling	Dowe	20 "	"	"
3107	3154	Selwyn	Greg Greg	10 "	"	"
12821	3155	Townsend	Yalama	18 "	"	"
17699	3164	Goulburn	Wagra	20 "	"	"
22976	111 ex.	Northumberland	Tuggerah	40 "	"	"
22978	3152	Wynyard	Werboldera	42 "	"	"
24569	804 ex.	Wallace	Abington and Mowamba	235 "	"	6907
24252	1103	Canbalego & Cowper.		110 sq. miles	10	6981
25450	2915	Harden, Monteagle, & Forbes.		13,000 acres	"	"
"	1947	Ashburnham, Kennedy, Narramine, & Gordon.		54,000 "	"	"
25306	227	Brisbane	Page	360 "	"	"
25392	990	Auckland	Werriberri	1,000 "	"	6982
24228	3160	Boyd	Waddi	1,000 "	21	6987
"	3161	do	do	460 "	"	"
"	3162	do	do	110 "	"	"
23494	1626	Gowen	Cowang and Kerban	620 "	31	7118
"	1627	do	Kerban	380 "	"	"
24579	582	Irrara		4 sq. miles	"	7119
23521	888 ex.	Ewenmar	Milda	90 acres	"	"
23500	1622	Gregory	Merri	2 sq. miles	"	"
17804	1623	Leichhardt	Waddiwong and Amos	640 acres	"	"
22925	606 ex.	Burnett & Couralhe.	Gravesend and Biniguy	960 "	"	"
19965	861 fur. ex.	Courallic	Combado	236 "	"	"
23367	1309	Benarba	Moomin and Mallowa	3 sq. miles	"	"
"	1310	do	Moomin, Markham, and Mallowa.	7½ "	"	"
18997	1322	Murchison	Evans	1,600 acres	"	"
"	1323	do	Drummond	1,700 "	"	"
"	1324	do	Curon and Macintyre.	1,900 "	"	7120
"	1325	do	M'Kinnon	1,900 "	"	"
Aln 83-4189	1878 ex.	Jamison	Dealwarrald	50 "	"	"
Ms. 83-21245	781 ex.	Cowper	Davidson	68 "	"	"
23499	1074	Narran		1,480 "	"	"
"	1075	do		1,920 "	"	"
"	1076	do		2,880 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-23499	1077	Narran	2,560 acres	31 December, 1883	7120
"	1078	do	5,120 "	"	"
"	1079	do	1,280 "	"	"
"	1080	do .....	.....	1,280 "	"	"
"	1081	do .....	.....	1,600 "	"	"
"	1083	do .....	.....	1,600 "	"	"
"	1084	do .....	.....	1,600 "	"	"
"	1085	do .....	.....	3,200 "	"	7121
23869	3146	Wynyard	Gilmore	118 "	"	"
23522	1066	Finch	Kurrangong and Wilkie ...	18½ sq. miles	"	"
"	1070	do	Womborah and Corona ..	8½ "	"	"
"	1071	do	Currall	3 "	"	"
"	1072	do	Murcabun and Gurilly ...	7 "	"	"
20414	1092	Narran	Denman	320 acres	"	"
"	1093	do	Coobienda & Boogenderra	5 sq. miles	"	"
18224	1271 E. ex.	Narramine	Wentworth	385 acres	"	"
14168	107	St. Vincent	Currowan	10 "	"	7122
14585	108	do	Marlowe	10 "	"	"
14932	109	do	Woodburn	2 a. 1 r.	"	"
16623	954	Wellesley	Burnima	3 acres	"	"
24435	1535	Sandon	Harnham	6 "	"	"
20887	1979	Ashburnham	Gregra	10 "	"	"
82-24323	1969	do	Eugowra	6 "	"	"
"	1966	do	do	7 "	"	"
"	1968	do	do	5 a. 3 r. 6 per.	"	7123
"	1970	do	do	3½ acres	"	"
"	1971	do	do	4 a. 1 r. 12 per.	"	"
"	1972	do	do	4 a. 1 r. 14 per.	"	"
83-23494	1625	Gowen	Wingabutta	469 acres	"	"
23364	1051	Rous	Queebun	400 "	"	"
22924	1311	Benarba	Wollongimba & Millebee	1,300 "	"	"
23468	1326	Stapylton	Tantarana	293 "	"	"
22341	1533	Vernon	Tia	640 "	"	"
23499	1073	Narran .....	.....	1,060 "	"	"
24199	1144 ex.	Wynyard	Calafat	3 "	"	"
23872	92	Roxburgh	Clandulla	2 roods	"	7124
23871	93	do	do	2 "	"	"
23873	94	do	do	2 "	"	"
23874	95	do	Callen Bullen	4 acres	"	"
23877	96	do	do	5 "	"	"
23875	97	do	do	4 "	"	"
23876	98	do	do	5 "	"	"
23870	174	Cook	Blackheath	21 a. 1 r.	"	"
23868	983	Wellesley	Bombala	5 a. 2 r. 32 per.	"	7125
24323	1964	Ashburnham	Trajere	2 acres	"	"
"	1965	do	do	4 a. 2 per.	"	"
"	1967	do	Engoura	2 acres	"	"
"	1973	do	do	4 "	"	"
"	1974	do	do	2 "	"	"
11446	1980	Gregory	Mount Foster	680 "	"	7126
24830	1959 E. ex.	Narramine	Tomingly and Gundong ..	640 "	"	"
23495	100 ex.	Dudley	Warbro	640 "	"	"

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No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 83-26018	3169	Goulburn	Albury	13 a. 3 r. 24 p.	9 January, 1884	259
25649	1538	Gough	Beardy Plains	150 acres	"	"
"	1539	do	do	70 "	"	"
25499	3163	Selwyn	Indi	171 "	"	"
25989	228	Brisbane	Wybong and Denman	2,650 "	"	260
84- 444	234	do	Terell and Wentworth	90 "	"	"
83-26018	3170	Goulburn	Albury	4 a. 30 p.	"	"
26016	112	St. Vincent	Bateman	40 acres	"	"
25616	1327	Benarba	Warren	2,560 "	"	"
25064	1636	Leichhardt	Bulgogar	4 square miles	"	261
25056	1155 ex.	Nandewar	Berrioge	660 acres	"	"
24576	194	Durham	Underbank	5½ "	14	322
"	161	Gloucester	do	21 "	"	"
15314	583	Barrona		2,560 "	"	"
24432	196 fur. E. ex.	Rous	Runnymede	81 "	"	"
24321	1143 N. ex.	Urana	Palmer and Borecerry	165 "	"	"
24643	202	Bathurst	Carlton	22 "	"	323
24399	204	do	do	40 "	"	"
21305	122 ex.	Wentworth	Cudmore	4 square miles	"	"
24021	295 N. ex.	Benarba	Cowmerton	600 acres	"	"
"	295 S. ex.	do	Cowmerton and Coubal	2,240 "	"	"
"	303 S. ex.	do	Whalan and Brigalow	2,480 "	"	"
24025	1010 ex.	do	Single and Krui	175 "	"	"
24021	1311	do	Cowmerton	1,280 "	"	"
"	1312	do	Whalan and Cowmerton	2,120 "	"	"
24023	1315	Benarba and Courallie	Boonoona and Talmoi	686 "	"	"
20222	1316	Stapylton	Mungle	1,280 "	"	"
24431	236 N. ex.	Gough	Balaclava	58 "	"	"
24016	1086	Narran		2,560 "	"	324
"	1087	do		3,800 "	"	"
"	1088	do		3,900 "	"	"
"	1089	do		2,400 "	"	"
"	1090	do		3,300 "	"	"
"	1091	do		3,100 "	"	"
24322	1975	Narromine	Wentworth	1 "	"	"
"	1976	do	do	3 "	"	"
"	1977	do	do	1½ "	"	"
"	1978	do	do	1½ "	"	"
24581	1100	Narran		2,800 "	"	"
"	1101	do		3,840 "	"	"
"	1102	do		3,600 "	"	"
24575	1317	Murchison		70 "	"	325
24947	1106	Narran	Bunnawanna, &c.	6 square miles	"	"
15314	576 ex.	Barrona		1,100 acres	"	"
24947	595 ex.	Cowper	Bookambone, &c.	11 square miles	"	"
"	1107	do		11 "	"	"
24645	203	Bathurst	Carlton	44 a. 3 r.	"	"
24198	1314	Stapylton	Bengerang	27 acres	"	"
24947	1108	Cowper	Bookambone	4 square miles	"	"
25069	987	Beresford	Clifford and Rose Valley	640 acres	"	326
677	991	Auckland	Werriberri	1,000 "	"	"
24793	1632	Gowen	Galargambone	6 "	"	"
"	1633	do	do	6 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-24875	2900	Monteagle	Young	88 acres	14 January, 1884	326
21555	988	Wellesley	Cathcart	2 r. 3 p.	"	"
24783	1634	Gowen	Galargambone	6 "	"	327
23530	1103	Fitzroy	Turville	65 "	"	"
24200	3157	Goulburn	Forest Creek and Pulle-top.	5,330 "	"	"
24784	3158	Urana	Boree Creek	11 "	"	"
24430	1534	Drake	Mookima	66 "	"	"
24204	3156	Townsend	Edgar	800 "	"	328
24003	2908	Monteagle	Young	8 "	"	"
Cs. 83-6454 Sur.	2570 ex.	Hume	Billabong Forest	13 a. 2 r.	"	"
Ms. 83-24306	1982	Cunningham	Yarrabundi	1,020 acres	"	"
23724	33 ex.	Macquarie	Ralfe	320 "	"	"
84- 150	2925	Blaxland	Gounelgerie	2,560 "	16	403
"	2926	do	Wagga	2,560 "	"	"
"	2927	Mouramba	Nymagee and Wills	2,320 "	"	"
517	1328	Benarba and Stapylton	Gumyanna, Willimil, &c.	7½ square miles	"	"
"	1329	Stapylton	Paleranga and Willimil.	2½ "	"	"
83-25885	1958	Ashburnham	Bowan	360 acres	"	404
84- 585	181	Murray	Bullongong	200 "	"	"
292	998	Cowley	Gudgenby	312 "	"	"
588	206	King	Bunton	128½ "	"	"
83-25972	1789 ex.	Wakool	Boyd	1,850 "	21	516
25069	1790 ex.	do	Mallan	320 "	"	"
25360	1055	Drake	Black Camp	640 "	"	517
"	1056	do	Alice	300 "	"	"
"	1057	do	Carnham	280 "	"	"
25361	1058	Richmond	Riley	190 "	"	"
"	1059	do	Esk and Tabbimoble	950 "	"	"
"	1060	do	Double Duke	1,100 "	"	"
"	1061	do	Myall	960 "	"	"
"	1062	do	do	180 "	"	"
"	1063	do	Powerpa	650 "	"	"
"	1064	do	Myrtle	160 "	"	"
"	1065	do	Whiporie and Burrawanga.	800 "	"	"
25365	1543	Gresham and Drake	Wellington and Pahoi	1,280 "	"	"
"	1544	do do	Cowan and Cangi	1,600 "	"	"
"	1547	Gresham	Urania and Barool	800 "	"	"
"	1548	do	Cowan	700 "	"	"
"	1545	Gresham and Drake	Cowan, Cangi, &c.	640 "	"	"
"	1546	Gresham	Cungiebung and Jackadgery.	640 "	"	518
25593	401 ex.	Young	Copaka	1,000 "	"	"
25587	584	Barrona		4 square miles	"	"
24657	300 W. ex.	Lincoln	Bomely	450 acres	"	"
"	1648	do	Bomely and Gamba	650 "	"	"
25506	1925	Jamison	Cabbaroo North	2,340 "	"	"
25588	1927	Leichhardt	Moora, &c.	2,400 "	"	"
25788	1983	Gordon	Redbank	770 "	"	"
24945	74a ex.	Richmond	Myrtle	20 "	"	"
25502	2914	Dowling	Lachlan	328 "	"	"
25217	661 ex.	Fitzroy	Corindi	350 "	"	519
"	1067	do	Duckan Dulkan	480 "	"	"
"	1068	Fitzroy and Gresham	Braylesford and Duckan Dulkan.	480 "	"	"
"	1069	Fitzroy	Turville	200 "	"	"
"	1070	do	do	140 "	"	"
"	1071	do	Ermington	360 "	"	"
25216	1077	Buller	Beary	640 "	"	"
"	1078	do	Gore	640 "	"	"
"	1079	do	Lindsay	320 "	"	"
"	1080	do	Evans	420 "	"	"
25641	989	Auckland	Tantawangalo	152 "	"	"
"	990	do	do	129½ "	"	"
12699	201	Bathurst	Cowra	20 "	"	520
8147	160	Bligh	Worobil	11 "	"	"
19009	217	Camden	Cumbertine	10 "	"	"
13231	150	Northumberland	Quarrybylong	4 a. 0 r. 2 p.	"	"
22802	110	St. Vincent	Yerriyong	40 acres	"	"
25992	111	do	Dangera	8 "	"	"
14689	121	Wellington	Mulyan	20 "	"	"
14390	122	do	Broombec	15 "	"	"
25694	1645	Eweumar	Bobarah	20 "	"	"
25982	2918	Monteagle	Marina	9 a. 2 r. 24 p.	"	"
16061	992	Wallace	Jimenbuen	10 acres	"	521
23747	995	Auckland	Pericoe	134 "	"	"
25586	584	Booroondarra		3,888 "	"	"
25500	585	Werunda	Gunyulka	2,240 "	"	"
22427	2913	Cooper	Yarangery	83 "	"	"
25495	1837 ex.	Jamison	Warrambool	90 "	"	"
Aln. 1894	1934	Benarba	Dangar	840 "	"	"
Ms. 25967	3165	Townsend	Conargo	18 "	"	"
25477	1115	Cowper	Hillsborough	3,100 "	"	"
25986	996	Auckland	Mumbulla, &c.	350 "	"	522
24872	1635	Leichhardt	Coonamble	2,900 "	"	"
25364	1120	Drake, Rous, & Buller		130 square miles	"	"
25589	1318	Murchison and Jamison	Paleroo, Caroda, Fringle, &c.	39 "	"	"

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Ms. 83-22835	1542	Gresham	Urania and Springbrook	6,400 acres	21 January, 1884...	522
25063	1984	Cunningham	Taratta and Mowabla ...	3,700 "	"	"
"	1985	do	Mount Nobby & Taratta	3,450 "	"	"
25501	27a fur. ex.	Durham	Underbank	12½ "	"	523
25493	1054	Rous	Coraki	10 "	"	"
19128	574	Livingstone	Wambah	590 "	"	"
9782	1853 E. ex.	Baradine	Yearanan	26 "	"	"
25594	1926	Leichhardt	Warragan	2,690 "	"	"
23445	1429 ex.	Oxley	Beardina	570 "	"	"
24872	16 ex.	Leichhardt	Coomamble	800 "	"	"
25692	1111 fur. ex.	Nandewar	Duresdecr	45½ "	"	"
24944	715 ex.	Sandon	Kentucky	80 "	"	"
Cs. 82-7189 Sur.	214 ex.	Rous	East Gundurimba	30½ "	"	524
Ms. 83-25968	1949	Flinders	Yamma and Nardoo	1,920 "	"	"
25981	2919	Monteagle	Murrungal	640 "	"	"
25505	151	Northumberland	Hexham	5 "	"	"
23524	124	Wellington	Mudgee	42 "	"	"
23215	1109	Finch	Collarindabri	3 "	"	"
"	1112	do	do	3½ "	"	"
18656	98	Cumberland	Alexandria	2 roods	"	"
25302	1082	Rous, Richmond, Clarence, &c.	.....	10 square miles	"	525
24580	1630	Ewenmar	Killendoon	1,020 acres	"	"
20209	580	Mootwingee and Yungnulgra.	.....	4 square miles	"	"
26017	997	Wallace	Nimmo	750 acres	"	"
25593	582	Young	Copaka	200 "	"	"
25993	994	Dampier	Noorooma	2 "	"	"
21021	152	Northumberland	Cowan	2 a. 3 r. 12 p.	"	"
20912	1946	Cunningham	Carrobbolin	830 acres	"	526
25289	1638	Leichhardt	Nugal	390 "	"	"
"	1639	do	Colony	250½ "	"	"
"	1640	do	Castlereagh	640 "	"	"
"	1641	do	Kidgar	1,600 "	"	"
"	1642	do	Castlereagh	416 "	"	"
"	1643	do	Bogewang	320 "	"	"
"	1644	do	Brewan and Mourabie	1,440 "	"	"
25363	1083	Rous	Brunswick	2 "	"	"
24319	1637	Lincoln	Dubbo	250 "	"	527
24752	3172	Buceleuch	Bogong	1,400 "	"	"
25217	1072	Fitzroy	Tallowudjah & Towallum	650 "	"	"
"	1073	do	Tallowudjah	750 "	"	"
"	1074	do	Kremnos	280 "	"	"
"	1075	do	Sherwood	320 "	"	"
"	1076	do	Waihon	320 "	"	"
25038	1948	Cunningham	Corella	640 "	"	"
25216	1081	Buller	Bonalbo	520 "	"	"
"	1549	do	Antimony	600 "	"	"
"	1550	do	Ellerslie	250 "	"	"
25987	2920	Clarendon	Jewnce	3 "	"	528
"	2921	do	do	2½ "	"	"
25215	110	Finch	Collarindabri	5 a. 1 r. 8 p.	"	"
"	1111	do	do	"	"	"
"	1113	do	do	"	"	"
"	1114	do	do	"	"	"
25979	3106	Townsend	Bullatella	73 acres	"	"
25970	2749 ex.	Bland	Yerai	150 "	"	"
25268	205	Bathurst	Purfleet	10 "	"	"
84- 362	156	Dudley	Warne	300 "	23	587
83-25988	993	Auckland	Puen Buen	5 "	28	677
84- 414	1122	Narran .....	.....	3,200 "	"	"
"	1123	do .....	.....	2,240 "	"	"
83-19824	1814 E. ex.	Gordon	Cardington	200 "	"	"
84- 155	1950	Ashburnham	Barrakin	12 "	"	"
83-24919	152	Northumberland	Mandalong	81 "	"	"
84- 154	1536	Inglis	Winton	1,280 "	"	678
"	1537	Hardinge and Inglis	Balala, Roumalla, &c. ...	10 square miles	"	"
83-26049	159	Bligh	Rouse	20 acres	"	"
17701	1951	Gordon	Cardington	10 "	"	"
17041	1952	Canbelego	Gidalambone	8 a. 1 r. 4 p.	"	"
17353	1953	Narromine	Gundong	10 acres	"	"
84- 158	71 ex.	Brisbane	Nerobingalba	57 "	"	"
170	2931	Franklin	Vieta	5 square miles	"	"
83-17667	178 ex.	Camden	Kiama	18 perches	"	679
84- 167	100	Cumberland	Cowan	2 acres	"	"
169	2928	Harden	Bobbara	10 "	"	"
414	1118	Culgoa .....	.....	3,200 "	"	"
"	1120	do	Bourbah and Tatala	2,000 "	"	"
"	1121	do	Tatala	3,200 "	"	"
151	1418 ex.	Mossgiel	Kilkoobijal	854 "	"	"
83-23980	3166	Townsend	Banangalite	1,130 "	"	"
24026	3167	Wynyard	Umutbee	810 "	"	"
84- 414	1119	Culgoa	Bourbah	1,280 "	"	680
161	2929	Mossgiel	Corowra	1,280 "	"	"
83-24026	3168	Wynyard	Umutbee	1,280 "	"	"
84- 162	1084	Rous	Ballina	2 "	"	"
414	1117	Culgoa	2,240 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 763	1098	Clarence	Copmanhurst	240 acres	4 Feb., 1884	909
"	1099	"	Lanitza	290 "	"	"
"	1100	"	Qwyarigo	260 "	"	"
"	1091	Fitzroy and Clarence...	Qwyarigo and Sherwood	1,140 "	"	910
83-25259	2923	Blaxland	Ulambong and Hyandra	3,650 "	"	"
"	2924	"	Ulambong and Hyandra	3,940 "	"	"
			North.			
Aln. 12426	1321	Burnett.....	Muscle	233a. lr.	"	"
Ms. 25776	154	Raleigh	North Creek & Buckra	520 acres	"	"
			Bendinni.			
84- 649	1551	Sandon	Metz	100 "	"	"
" 518	1133	Narran	"	2,880 "	"	"
83-22743	184 ex.	Bathurst	Tintern	103 "	"	"
" 23767	99	Roxburgh	Rylstone	16 perches	"	911
84- 651	587	Young	Wilcannia	5a. lr.	"	"
"	588	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	589	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	590	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	591	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	592	"	"	8a. 2r.	"	"
"	593	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	594	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	595	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	596	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	597	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
83-25507	9A	Richmond	Darke and Donaldson...	6a. lr. 39p.	"	"
84- 763	527 ex.	Clarence	Calamia	1,012 acres	"	912
"	1089	"	Rushforth	30 "	"	"
"	1090	"	Qwyarigo	160 "	"	"
"	1092	"	Red Rock and Corindi...	400 "	"	"
"	1093	"	Red Rock and Corindi...	640 "	"	"
"	1094	"	Scope	150 "	"	"
"	1095	"	"	800 "	"	"
"	1096	"	Maryvale	698 "	"	"
"	1097	"	Canoulam and Yamba...	920 "	"	"
83-25484	3171	Buccleuch	Yamba	290 "	"	"
84- 518	1132	Narran	Wyangle	496 "	"	"
83-15662	814A	Rous	"	4,640 "	"	913
84- 160	99	Cumberland	Mullumbimby	113 "	"	"
" 766	2922	Forbes	St. George.....	114 "	"	"
" 159	2930	Bourke and Bland	Bogolong	396 "	"	"
			Robertson and Mimosas	310 "	"	"
			&c.			
547	232	Brisbane	Cherson	56 "	"	"
"	229	"	"	251 "	"	914
763	1101	Clarence and Richmond	Banyabba, Richmond,	20 sq. miles	"	"
			&c.			
83-25925	586	Young	Cobrilla, Moorabin, &c.	1,800 acres	"	"
84- 717	316 N. ex.	Rous	North Casino	20 "	"	"
"	316 S. ex.	"	"	17 "	"	"
Aln. 82-12268	1320	Burnett.....	Gragin	100 "	"	"
Ms. 84- 547	230	Brisbane	Cherson	229a. 3r. 2p.	"	"
"	231	"	"	279 acres	"	"
" 651	598	Young	Wilcannia	5a. lr.	"	915
"	599	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"
"	600	"	"	5a. lr.	"	"

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Ms. 84-	651	601	Young	Wilcannia	5a. 1r.	4 Feb., 1884	915
"	"	602	"	"	5a. 1r.	"	"
"	"	603	"	"	5a. 1r.	"	"
"	547	233	Brisbane	Cherson	53 acres	"	"
83-25946	1044A	Fitzroy	Bagowa, Orara, &c.	680 "	"	"	"
25473	1116	Culgoa	Gurrivarra	2½ sq. miles	"	"	"
Aln.	3158	785 ex.	Courralhe	Carore	12 acres	"	916
84-	764	2932	Mossgiel	Conoble	640 "	"	"
"	518	1124	Narran	"	2,960 "	"	"
"	"	1125	"	"	3,520 "	"	"
"	"	1126	"	"	3,200 "	"	"
"	"	1127	"	"	3,200 "	"	"
"	"	1128	"	"	5,760 "	"	"
"	"	1129	"	"	4,160 "	"	"
"	"	1130	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	"	1131	"	"	3,200 "	"	"
"	656	1859	Oxley	Ruby and Cajldry	2,800 "	"	"
"	763	603 ex.	Clarence	Woombah	56 "	"	917
"	"	1085	"	Woombah and Nanogai	320 "	"	"
"	"	1086	"	Woombah	140 "	"	"
"	"	1087	"	Ashby	160 "	"	"
"	"	1088	"	"	170 "	"	"
83-22231	173	Argyle	Marulan	10 "	"	"	"
20138	837a	Wallace	Middlingbank	12½ "	"	"	"
13113	1552	Clive	Timbarra	20 "	"	"	"
22244	207	King	Rugby	8 "	11	"	1080
26001	355 ex.	Mcundie	Kincheqa and Laidley	5 sq. miles	"	"	"
20663	1923a	White	Orr and Manum	900 acres	"	"	1081
"	1024a	"	Taunawanda	931 "	"	"	"
84-	1964	308 fur. ex.	Courralie	Talmoi	1,000 "	13	"
"	1603	444	"	Talmoi and Yarraman	550 "	"	"
"	2439	1003	Auckland	Mumbulla	3,000 "	"	"
"	1580	1002	Dampier	Tanga	2,500 "	"	1156
"	2467	1004	Auckland	Bournda, Kameruka, &c.	6,500 "	"	"
"	2539	188	Murray	Monkellan	600 "	"	"
"	1171	1937	Nandewar	Berrioge	360 "	"	"
"	2195	1001	Beresford	Colinton	200 "	"	"
"	1987	2940	Blaxland	Gougelgerie	1,260 "	"	1157
"	2252	1936	Pottinger	Baan Baa	345 "	"	"
"	970	1332	Benarba	Greenaway	1,330 "	"	"
83-22983	2910	Harden	Murrumboola	8½ "	18	"	1228
"	22983	2911	"	"	8½ "	"	"
84-	548	1931	White	Cooma	41 "	"	1229
"	"	1928	"	"	7 "	"	"
"	"	1929	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	"	1930	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	"	1933	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	2536	1988	Canbelego	Gidalambone	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1989	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1990	"	Nealey	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1991	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1994	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	548	1932	White	Cooma	150 acres	"	1230
"	2536	1992	Canbelego	Neiley	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1993	"	Gidalambone	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1995	"	Neiley	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
83-21147	999	Beresford	Binjura	8 acres	"	"	"
84-	2536	1998	Canbelego	Gidalambone	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	"	1997	"	"	620 acres	"	1231
"	"	1996	"	Courebone	270 "	"	"
"	3053	1007	Beresford	Cooma	3a. 1r. 16½p.	25	1390
"	3245	220	Camden	Wallaya	375 acres	"	"
"	3053	1008	Beresford	Cooma	3a. 0r. 11p.	"	"
"	"	1009	"	"	10a. 1r. 30p.	"	"
"	3063	2950	Bland	Mandamah	200 acres	"	"
"	3012	114	St. Vincent	Bherwerre	201 "	"	1391
"	3011	189	Murray	Amungula	180 "	"	"
"	3298	616	Barrona	"	640 "	"	"
"	740	1130	Clarence	Richmond	120 "	"	"
"	3607	1131	"	Tyndale	200 "	"	"
"	3061	2951	Harden	Birrena	160 "	"	"
"	3053	1010	Beresford	Cooma	24a. 2r. 8p.	"	"
"	3759	1166	Narran	"	2,560 acres	"	"
"	3758	1167	"	Goonoo	1,280 "	"	"
"	3455	2949	Monteagle	Bumbaldry	62 "	"	1392
"	3554	1653	Napier	Binnaway	620 "	"	"
"	2320	153	Northumberland	Hay	58 "	"	"
"	"	154	"	"	57 "	"	"
"	"	155	"	"	41½ "	"	"
"	3663	1133	Clarence	Clarenza	220 "	"	"
"	3407	226	Macquarie	Stewart	65 "	"	"
"	3053	1006	Beresford	Cooma	2a. 2r. 20p.	"	"
"	"	1005	"	"	2a. 36p.	"	1393
"	"	1336	Benarba	Dirchnabildi	3,600 acres	27	1437
"	1151	158	Dudley & Clarke	Nulla Nulla, &c.	225 sq. miles	"	"

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 4TH SECTION OF THE ACT 25 VICTORIA No. 1.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vic. No. 1, sec. 4.

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No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 84- 785	901 ex.	Burnett	Cox	30 acres	3 Mar., 1884	1507
83-25697	2907A	Blaxland	Matakana S. & Oneida	280 "	"	"
84- 791	2917	Forbes	Ualdrie	660 "	"	"
790	2933	Gipps	Bolagamy	960 "	"	"
91	1556	Clarke	Day and Howell	660 "	"	"
1984	1574	Clive	Jondol	40 "	"	"
1048	1136	Culgoa .....	.....	6,720 "	"	"
"	1137	" .....	.....	5,120 "	"	"
"	1138	" .....	.....	6,400 "	"	"
"	1139	" .....	.....	5,120 "	"	1508
"	182	Murray	Monkellan	630 "	"	"
1179	1024A	Gregory	Noonbah and Duffity	2,020 "	"	"
1991	120A	Clarence	Copmanhurst	320 "	"	"
83-20561	2486 ex.	Mossgiel	Pahnyra	1,224 "	"	"
84- 786	1941	Denham	Pagan	158 "	"	"
1048	1134	Culgoa .....	.....	640 "	"	"
"	1135	" .....	.....	640 "	"	"
"	1144	" .....	.....	500 "	"	"
83-20560	266A	Clarence	Copmanhurst	54 1/2 "	"	1509
84- 1986	623 ex.	Rous	Etrick	85 "	"	"
"	623 N. ex.	"	"	160 "	"	"
"	686 ex.	"	Bungabbee	220 "	"	"
"	1104	"	Tyalgum, Burrell, &c.	640 "	"	"
"	1105	"	Murwillumbah & Burrell	480 "	"	"
"	1106	"	Tunstall and Bungabbee	360 "	"	"
"	1107	"	Boorabee	150 "	"	"
"	1108	"	Loadstone	250 "	"	"
"	1109	"	"	160 "	"	"
"	1110	"	"	160 "	"	"
"	1111	"	Rosebury	500 "	"	"
"	1112	"	"	260 "	"	"
"	1113	"	Findon and Sherwood	960 "	"	"
"	1114	"	Findon and Coughal	960 "	"	1510
"	1115	"	Findon	160 "	"	"
1332	1062A	Clive	Graham	300 "	"	"
1331	2934	Blaxland	Cocan and Victor	876 "	"	"
1824	1827 ex.	Jamieson	Billaboo	312 "	"	"
792	1939	Denham	Pagan	1,549 "	"	"
648	1504	Vernon	Boulton	280 "	"	"
83-17839	960	Narraan	Hammond	920 "	"	"
84- 1817	1158	Clyde	Yarrowin	2,560 "	"	"
83-25833	207	Bathurst	Chaucer	20 "	"	1511
Minis. 83- 7674	161	Bligh	Yarobil	20 "	"	"
Ms. 19486	222	Macquarie	Wingham	8 "	"	"
84- 8827	2939	Clarendon	Billabong	10 "	"	"
83-21138	1943	Darling	Keepit	3 "	"	"
19820	3186	Denison	Bull Plain	38 "	"	"
84- 1326	92	Georgiana	Bigga	7 "	"	"
792	1940	Denham	Terribie	51 "	"	"
1819	101	Cumberland	St. Luke	7a. Or. 28p.	"	1512
783	1102	Rous	Blakebrook	28 acres	"	"
1936	1116	"	Condong	200 "	"	"
"	1117	"	Billinudgee	250 "	"	"
"	480 N. ex.	"	Berwick	40 "	"	"
1048	1140	Culgoa	640 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 1048	1141	Culgoa	166 acres	3 Mar., 1884.	1512
"	1142	"	640 "	"	"
"	1143	"	720 "	"	"
1128	2942	Nicholson	Houma	2 "	"	1513
2266	2025	Canbalego	Nirranda	200 "	"	"
2265	2026	"	Warong	200 "	"	"
366	195	Durham	Dyrring and Broughton	1,250 "	"	"
1818	196	"	Mt. Royal and Leibeg	10,000 "	"	"
1986	951 ex.	Rous	Berwick	800 "	"	"
"	1118	"	Lismore	160 "	"	"
561	1578	Inghis	Congi	270 "	"	1514
1333	2916	Waljeers	Yarto	200 "	"	"
1025	223	Macquarie	Mackay	550 "	"	"
438	893 ex.	Rous	Brunswick	84 "	"	"
1825	1649	Ewenmar	Bobarah	197a. 1r.	"	"
83-12185	125	Wellington	Ironbarks	6 acres	"	"
84- 985	1646	Lincoln	Murrumbidgee	44 "	"	1515
208	2938	Franklin	Thononga	1,300 "	"	"
1330	1553	Clive	Bluffland	200 "	"	"
1177	183	Murray	Urialla	600 "	"	"
"	184	"	Monkellan	640 "	"	"
1181	185	"	Yarrolumba	640 "	"	"
1822	774 ex.	Auckland	Yowaka	175 "	"	"
1986	1119	Rous	South Gundarimba	60 "	"	1516
83-15162	3174	Wynyard	Umbutbee	2 "	"	"
84- 1180	186	Murray	Burra and Tuggeranong	540 "	"	"
83-17494	836A	Rous	Tuckombil	1 acre	"	"
84- 985	1647	Lincoln	Murrumbidgee	750 acres	"	"
1823	1000	Auckland	Yowaka	220 "	"	1517
1821	3173	Urana and Mitchell	Clive, Mundawaddy, &c.	350 "	"	"
83-25555	614	Booroodarra, Woore, and Mossiel .....	.....	100 sq. miles	10 Mar., 1884	1639
Aln. 84- 80	113	St. Vincent	Nowra	7 acres	"	"
Ms. 84- 2267	2936	Harden	Cungegong	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	2937	"	"	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
3174	1571	Gough	Inverell	75 "	"	"
1681	285	Brisbane	Yarraman	650 "	"	1640
83-23199	327 ex.	Wentworth, Tailla, &c. .....	.....	60 sq. miles	"	"
13331	355 ex.	Windeyer	Polia	2,200 acres	"	"
23199	583	Wentworth, Tailla, &c. .....	.....	56 sq. miles	"	"
84- 981	2027	Blaxland & Cunningham	Mouramba and Oxley S.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	2028	Mouramba & Flinders	Roset, Hathaway, &c.	18 "	"	"
3092	535 ex.	Finch	Collarindabri, &c.	70 acres	"	"
981	928 ex.	Ashburnham	Bindogandri & Bunbury	890 "	"	"
"	928 ex.	"	Bindogandri	250 "	"	"
"	948 ex.	Cunningham	Gillenbine, &c.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles	"	1641
2687	1225 ex.	Narromine	Bulgandramine and Gundong	540 acres	"	"
"	1378 ex.	Cunningham and Kennedy	Melrose, &c.	19 sq. miles	"	"
981	1379 ex.	Flinders and Cunningham	Nangerybong, &c.	17 "	"	"
"	1830	Cunningham & Ashburnham .....	.....	1 sq. mile	"	"
"	1702 ex.	Ashburnham	Gunningbland, &c.	550 acres	"	"
2691	1986	Narromine and Gordon	Gundong, &c.	21 sq. miles	"	"
2687	2031	Narromine	Gundong	2,000 acres	"	"
2250	948	Couralhe	Weebullabulla, &c.	760 "	"	"
"	948 ex.	"	Bundoowthidie	40 "	"	"
6556	2945	Blaxland	Guagong	5 "	"	1642
83-21126	1935	Baradine	Peni	2 "	"	"
18230	157	Raleigh	Nambucca	10 "	"	"
20406	1558	Clive	Bolivia	3 roods	"	"
"	1559	"	"	1a. 1r. 9p.	"	"
"	1560	"	"	1a. 3r. 3Sp.	"	"
20620	1561	"	Angopperan	2 acres	"	"
20408	1562	"	Bolivia	4 "	"	1642
20404	1563	"	"	2 "	"	"
20405	1564	"	"	1a. 2r. 8p.	"	"
20409	1565	"	Angopperan	2 acres	"	"
20407	1566	"	Bolivia	1 acre	"	1643
84- 2255	206	Bathurst	Somers	11a. 3r. 21p.	"	"
2205	208	"	Byng	10 acres	"	"
1826	208	King	Branah and Numby	120 "	"	"
2679	615	Menindie and Tandora .....	.....	1,280 "	"	"
2256	1184 ex.	Lincoln .....	.....	560 "	"	"
2682	1121	Fitzroy	Woogoolga	40 "	"	"
2683	561	Menindie	Menindie	1,920 "	"	"
1328	1154B	Nicholson	Mia Mia North	640 "	"	"
2267	2808	Harden	Cungegong	5a. 2r. 21p.	"	"
"	2935	"	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres	"	"
2535	1122	Fitzroy	Woogoolga, &c.	4,350 "	"	1644
"	1123	Rous	Berwick	1,980 "	"	"
"	1124	Clarence	Lawrence	2,860 "	"	"
"	1125	Rous	Berwick	448 "	"	"
"	1126	"	Tevon	312 "	"	"
"	1127	"	Meerschaum	250 "	"	"
2534	608	Tandora	Malakoff	1,328 "	"	1645
17216	300A	Gresham	New bold & Braylesford	850 "	"	"
Aln. 84- 3078	159	Raleigh	Bowra	2a. 2r. 26p.	"	"
Ms. 2688	1568	Sandon	Sobraon	940 acres	"	"
437	1569	Clarke	Donghboy	880 "	"	"

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Ms. 84-2526	82 ex.	Culgoa	Darling	4,330 miles	10 Mar., 1884	1645
981	2029	Cunningham	Cunningbland	5 square "	"	"
2534	604	Young	Sutherland	1,760 acres	"	1646
2534	605	"	Parkes	750 "	"	"
"	606	Tandora	"	1,760 "	"	"
"	607	"	"	414 "	"	"
"	609	"	"	640 "	"	"
"	610	"	"	2,100 "	"	"
"	611	"	"	1,440 "	"	"
"	612	Yancoinna	Mount Gipps	1,360 "	"	"
3090	187	Murray	Ginninderra	640 "	"	"
3052	89A	Argyle	Guinecor	110½ "	"	"
2259	576	Wentworth	Neelpo	1 acre	"	1647
"	577	"	"	1 "	"	"
"	578	"	"	5a. 2r.	"	"
2267	2874	Harden	Cungegong	2½ acres	"	"
"	2875	"	"	1a. 3r. 33p.	"	"
"	2876	"	"	1a. 3r. 33p.	"	"
"	2877	"	"	1a. 3r. 33p.	"	"
"	2878	"	"	1a. 3r. 33p.	"	"
2259	575	Wentworth	Neilpo	5a. 2r.	"	"
2368	218	Camden	Bugong	45 acres	"	1648
"	219	"	Cambewarra	50 "	"	"
3082	1651	Leichhardt	Gilwary and Devon	2 square miles	"	"
"	1652	"	Gilwary	2 "	"	"
2523	1331	Stapylton and Benarba	Bundori, Newcastle, &c.	22,400 acres	"	"
2258	1555	Gough	Wellingrove	1,830 "	"	"
1153	197	Durham	Liddle	36 "	"	"
361	153	Northumberland	Pokofbin and Milfield	35 "	"	"
1774	1987	Ashburnham	Bell	4a. 2r.	"	"
3051	102	Cumberland	Holsworthy	22½ acres	"	1649
2267	2845	Harden	Cungegong	36 "	"	"
2689	2030	Ashburnham	Wangan	190 "	"	"
2522	224	Macquarie	Arakoon	22 "	"	"
3175	1134	Rous	Terranora	75 "	"	"
C.S. 83-10309 Sur.	1157	Culgoa	Tawaggan	330 "	"	"
Ms. 84-2267	2840	Harden	Cungegong	12a. 2r. 18p.	"	1650
2690	1567	Sandon	Hargrave	20 acres	"	"
2374	430A	Wallace	Lake and Wambook	621 "	"	"
83-24040	2033	Ashburnham	Forbes	4 "	"	"
84-2684	613	Yancoinna	Albert	4 square miles	"	"
2685	25E ex.	Tara	Bulpunga	410 acres	"	1651
Aln. Ms.	25 ex.	St. Vincent	Novra	5 "	"	"
2740	198	Durham	Troy	8 "	"	"
4532	1656	Leichhardt & Baradine	Coonamble, &c.	58 square miles	12 Mar., 1884	1749
4534	1945	Baradine and White	Merrimbombra, &c.	148,800 acres	"	"
4533	1944	Nandewa, Jamieson, & Courralie	Narrabri, &c.	21,280 "	"	"
4531	1580	Gough	Glen Innes, &c.	57,600 "	"	"
4463	221	Camden	Berrina	96 "	"	1750
4373	222	"	Couridjah	250 "	"	"
4227	105	Cumberland	North Colah	60 "	"	"
4702	1017	Auckland	Eden	300 "	"	"
4937	1018	Dampier	Murrah	200 "	"	"
3680	662 ex.	Burruett	Singapore	270 "	17 Mar., 1884	1838
3618	3175	Townsend	Puckawidgee	300 "	"	"
2527	700A	Haulinge	Everett	350 "	"	"
"	700B	"	Everett and Elderbury	160 "	"	"
"	700C	"	Elderbury	30 "	"	"
3780	209	King	Kildare	10 "	"	"
3475	103	Cumberland	Cowan	2 "	"	1839
3476	104	"	"	2 roods	"	"
3474	100	Roxburgh	Ben Bullen	5 acres	"	"
20842	2947	Momamba	Gwynno	40 "	"	"
2738	1335	Stapylton	Adams	530 "	"	"
2827	1197A	Hardinge	Everett	640 "	"	"
3517	1573	Gough	Glen Innes	22 "	"	"
3985	676 ex	Finch	Ulah	1,600 "	"	"
3681	1128	Rous	Kynnumboon and Murrwillumbah	600 "	"	1840
3777	62A ex.	Roxburgh	Aurly	40 "	"	"
3673	1014	Dampier	Wadbilliga and Yourio	700 "	"	"
3614	3176	Urana	Napier	640 "	"	"
5139	621	Landsborough	"	640 "	19 Mar., 1884	1921
5141	622	"	"	4 square miles	"	"
5138	626	Young	Cameron	670 acres	"	"
5562	1172	Cowper	Bye and Conga	6,500 "	"	"
5062	166	Gloucester	Ballah Delah, &c.	680 "	"	1922
"	165	"	Forster	220 "	"	"
5140	1141	Gresham and Fitzroy	Braylesford and Duckan Duckan	480 "	"	"
4253	1942	Leichhardt	Warragan	660 "	24 Mar., 1884	1989
3762	1654	Lincoln	Micketymulga	20 "	"	1990
4742	563	Wentworth	Tiltar	810 "	"	"
"	564	"	Palmyawah	426 "	"	"
"	565	"	Bulubula and Darling	3,976 "	"	"
"	566	"	Darling	256 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 4742	567	Wentworth	Connargee	840 acres	24 Mar., 1884	1990
"	568	"	"	1,820 "	"	"
"	569	"	"	746 "	"	"
"	571	Perry	Pooncaira	1,980 "	"	"
"	572	"	Pooncaira & Pimpanga..	2,600 "	"	"
"	573	"	Pimpanga and Wreford	440 "	"	1991
"	574	"	Wreford.....	80 "	"	"
"	575	"	Barrara and Moorara	1,700 "	"	"
"	576	"	Pooncaira	984 "	"	"
"	577	"	Glenstall	148 "	"	"
"	578	"	Barritt	1,768 "	"	"
"	579	"	"	440 "	"	"
"	580	"	Tartna	4,730 "	"	"
"	581	"	Yenda.....	2,471a. 3r.	"	"
"	582	"	"	320 acres	"	"
"	584	Wentworth	Tiltao	268 "	"	"
"	585	"	"	2 sq. miles	"	1992
"	586	"	Tapio	1 sq. mile	"	"
"	587	"	"	480 acres	"	"
"	588	"	Merche	2 sq. miles	"	"
"	589	"	"	1 sq. mile	"	"
"	590	Perry	Barrara	320 acres	"	"
"	592	"	Tolarno	3 sq. miles	"	"
"	596	"	Pooncaira	910 acres	"	"
3712	1436	Gipps	Towyal	345 "	"	"
1603	2009	Ashburnham	Dulladerry	Sa. 2r. 30p.	"	1993
"	2010	"	"	6 2 30	"	"
"	2013	"	"	2 2 33	"	"
"	2014	"	"	2 0 0	"	"
"	2015	"	"	5 1 8	"	"
"	2016	"	"	2 2 1	"	"
"	2017	"	"	5 1 8	"	"
"	2018	"	"	4 3 8	"	"
"	2020	"	"	5 0 0	"	"
"	2021	"	"	4 2 7	"	"
2940	680 ex.	Finch.....	Milrea and Lollup	4,320 acres	"	"
4742	570	Wentworth	Connargee	325 "	"	1994
"	591	Perry	Barritt	360 "	"	"
3599	360A ex.	Burnett.....	Balfour	120 "	"	"
2525	2941	Blaxland	Coree	1,760 "	"	"
4156	1160	Finch.....	Combadero, &c.	4,650 "	"	"
"	1161	"	Moramina	600 "	"	"
"	1162	"	" &c.	4,650 "	"	"
"	1163	"	Moramina	1,914 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	1164	"	Cumborah	80 "	"	"
1608	2011	Ashburnham	Dulladerry	1r. 32p.	"	"
"	2012	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	2019	"	"	5 1 21	"	"
"	2023	"	"	1 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	1995
5389	583A	Barrona	"	2,560 acres	"	"
4153	1138	Fitzroy	Wahon	400 "	"	"
3781	692A	Wallace	Napier	245 "	"	"
3884	1575	Clarke	Allingham and Brown...	1,280 "	"	"
"	1576	"	Kangaroo and Allingham	960 "	"	"
3885	1577	"	Day	320 "	"	"
2075	1655	Gregory	Ninia and Carwell	1,280 "	"	"
3478	1129	Drake	Sandelands	80 "	"	"
2941	826 ex.	Finch.....	Milrea	2,080 "	"	"
3664	1999	Ashburnham	Manildra	200 "	"	"
3473	101	Roxburgh.....	Ben Bullen	5 "	"	1996
2965	2960	Forbes	Thurungle	40 "	"	"
4155	1159	Culgoa	Corella	200 "	"	"
4256	191	Murray.....	Jingera	570 "	"	"
2524	1650	Clyde	Corinda, &c.	3,680 "	"	"
2254	1328 ex.	Leichhardt	Ningear	1,660 "	"	"
4152	1137	Richmond	Darke.....	20 sq. miles	"	"
4394	1337	Murchison and Burnett	Dumboy, &c.	10,800 acres	"	1997
3465	1132A	Rous	Bungabee	37a. 1r.	"	"
423	1015	Wollesley	Hayden	1a. 0r. 17p.	"	"
2078	513A S. ex.	Gregory	Ninia	960 acres	"	"
3786	1012	Auckland	Brogo	319 "	"	"
83-24298	1013	Wallace	Abington	11 "	"	1998
84- 1608	2022	Ashburnham	Dulladerry and Gregra	135 "	"	"
3786	1011	Auckland	Brogo	20a. 3r. 15p.	"	"
3467	1133A	Rous	Loadstone	50 acres	"	"
1608	2924	Ashburnham	Gregra	3a. 1r. 32p.	"	"
4254	174	Argyle	Turrallo	32 acres	"	"
1859	190	Murray.....	Magura	5 "	"	"
4396	192	"	Molonglo	500 "	"	1999
3937	3177	Buccleuch	Adjunbilly and Wyangle	14,000 "	"	"
5799	1024	Cowley	Orroral	480 "	26 Mar., 1884	2057

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Ms. 83-17213	20A	Drake	Pucka and Hassan	1,280 acres	31 March, 1884	2150
84-4741	1572	Clive	Jondol	100 "	"	"
5277	184	Cook	Blackheath	Sa. 3r. 27p. "	"	2151
"	185	"	"	10a. 3r. 10p. "	"	"
"	186	"	"	18a. 3r. "	"	"
"	187	"	"	73 acres "	"	"
"	188	"	"	10a. 1r. 20p. "	"	"
"	189	"	"	25 acres "	"	"
4303	164	Gloucester	Tuncurry	150 "	"	"
4636	126	Wellington	Mudgee	3a. 2r. "	"	"
C.S. 83-5881 sur.	170 ex.	Harden	Bookhan	6 acres "	"	"
Ms. 84-4157	2952	Monteagle	Murringo	220½ "	"	"
"	2953	"	"	56½ "	"	2152
4550	2964	Forbes	Ooma and Erasa	690 "	"	"
83-22532	80	Westmoreland	Antonio	10 "	"	"
24930	127	Wellington	Mulyan	20 "	"	"
C.S. 6635 sur.	2959	Harden	Coppabella	3½ "	"	"
Ms. 17911	1020	Beresford	Woolumla	8 "	"	"
84-4289	581	Young	Wilcanna	104 "	"	"
5842	2039	Canbelego	Gidalmbone	2 "	"	2153
"	2040	"	Neiley	1½ "	"	"
"	2041	"	Courebone	1½ "	"	"
"	2042	"	Gidalmbone	1½ "	"	"
"	2043	"	Neiley	1½ "	"	"
"	2044	"	"	1½ "	"	"
4923	109	Bathurst	Tenandra	37 "	"	"
4157	2954	Monteagle	Murringo	20 "	"	"
4921	1557	Gough	Scone	400 "	"	"
5926	1946	Jamison	Warrambool	450 "	"	2154
5926	1947	"	Cubbaroo North	299½ "	"	"
4928	3179	Wakool	Boyd and Burbagadah	1,120 "	"	"
4929	3180	Cadell	Tantonan	150 "	"	"
4548	120A	Camden	Bunberra	150 "	"	"
"	121	"	"	110 "	"	"
2545	193	Murray	Wamboin	2½ "	"	2155
5545	194	"	"	"	"	"
6024	1173	Cowper and Clyde	Brewarrina, &c.	Ga. Or. 24½p. "	"	"
4406	619	Irrara	Bungunyarra	102 sq. miles "	"	"
4547	1016	Beresford and Wallace	Jillimatong and Bradley	74 acres "	"	"
4734	1096 N.E. ex.	Oxley	Cremorne	2,350 "	"	"
4319	154	Phillip	Bara and Botobolar	1,575 "	"	"
5872	1017A	Auckland	Eden	150 "	"	2156
2991	1137	Fitzroy	Turville	260 "	"	"
4737	1132	Rous	Wiangarie	65 "	"	"
S3-18346	1139	"	Murwillambah	60 "	"	"
84-3983	162	Gloucester	Binderra	Ga. 3r. 11p. "	"	"
3880	79	Westmoreland	Lowther	1r. 31½p. "	"	"
5877	666A	Cowley	Cuppacumbalong	50 acres "	"	2157
5277	181	Cook	Blackcath	104½ "	"	"
6042	190	"	Strathdon & Warragamba	45a. 1r. "	"	"
5845	1174	Cowper	East Bourke	20 acres "	"	"
2967	156	Northumberland	Coorumbung	30 "	"	2158
C.S. 84-1292 sur.	153	Phillip	Moolarben	3 "	"	"
				80 "	"	"

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Ms. 84-383	163	Gloucester	Willabah	22 acres	31 March, 1884	2158
3152	1140	Richmond	Esk and Tabbimoble	1280 "	"	"
4740	1949	Jamison	Dewhurst	252 "	"	"
4543	227	Macquarie	Torrens	5 "	"	2159
5927	229	"	Beranghi	37½ "	"	"
3778	210	King	Garway	35 "	"	"
4927	2944	Bland	Moonbuca, &c.	7900 "	7 April, 1884	2339
5706	1938	Darling	North Barraba	650 "	"	"
1569	168	Gloucester	Tomaree	10 "	"	2340
S3-24923	2961	Forbes	Bang Bang	15 "	"	"
14167	1019	Dampier	Donovan	10 "	"	"
12303	3187	Goulburn	Albury	10a. 1r.	"	"
S4- 2543	1582	Gough	Fladbury	22a. 0r. 39p.	"	"
S3-20556	1583	Clive	Bluffland	2 acres	"	"
S4- 4927	2956	Bland	Yarran	158 "	"	"
"	2965	"	"	137 "	"	"
"	2053B	"	Moonbuca	677 "	"	2341
"	2054A	"	"	480 "	"	"
"	2955	"	Yarran	308 "	"	"
"	2957	"	Dinga Dingi	1160 "	"	"
"	2938	"	Carumbi	1137 "	"	"
5075	1027A	Clarke	Falls	320 "	"	"
5077	2000	Oxley	Mudall	1360 "	"	"
4920	43A	Camden	Burrawang	59 "	"	"
4927	2943	Bland	Carumbi and Dinga Dingi	650 "	"	2342
5224	3181	Urana	Urana	4a. 3Sp.	"	"
"	3182	"	"	5a. 1r. Sp.	"	"
"	3183	"	"	5a. 1r. Sp.	"	"
"	3184	"	"	3a. 0r. 2Sp.	"	"
"	3185	"	"	5a. 1r. Sp.	"	"
4927	2790A	Bland	Moonbuca	230 acres	"	"
S0-15588	1021	Auckland	Bega	67 "	"	2343
S4-5606	102	Roxburgh	Bocoble	30 "	"	"
"	103	"	Tabrabucca	640 "	"	"
4865	445fur. ex.	Courallie	Talmoi	400 "	"	"
4863	729 ex.	"	Yarraman	30 "	"	"
5070	1338	Benarba	Cooloobong, &c.	3112 "	"	"
5226	3178	Mitchell	Corobimilla	2840 "	"	"
5124	2034	Flinders	Wicklow and Delby	2350 "	"	"
5275	170 ex.	Cook	Burralow	41 "	"	2344
5274	62A ex.	Roxburgh	Airly	40 "	"	"
6916	1027	Cowley	Tharwa	200 "	9	2419
6709	195	Murray	Thurrabilly	52 "	"	"
6569	1026	Wallace	Bullenbalong	10 "	"	"
S3-21835	1022	Beresford	Cooma	1 "	"	2420
S4- 3615	175	Argyle	Wingalla	20 "	"	"
5879	1146	Fitzroy	Woogoolga, &c.	4350 "	"	2421
6922	154 ex.	Camden	Burrawang, &c.	80 "	"	"
6764	"	Cook	Hartley	206½ "	"	"
6918	223	Camden	Jellore	62½ "	"	"
6076	1145	Rous	Berwick	79 "	"	"
7137	1183	Cowper	"	16000 "	"	2422

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Ms. 84- 4574	2969	Forbes	Tallabung	266 acres	21 April, 1884	2624
5514	68A	Cook	Gooloomboin	44 "	"	2625
5573	78	Westmoreland	Irene	450 "	"	"
5847	116A	Gowen	Gumin	640 "	"	"
3760	1353 ex.	Leichhardt	Wyaberry	700 "	"	"
949	1382 W. ex.	Nandewar and Darling	Dowe and Rangira	650 "	"	"
5840	1579	Vernon	Andy	220 "	"	"
5841	1581	Clive	Barney Downs	120 "	"	"
5673	1168	Finch	Bimber	5½ sq. miles	"	"
5674	1169	"	Moramama and Bow Bow	8½ "	"	"
5672	1170	"	"	3,430 acres	"	"
5677	1171	"	Scott	4 sq. miles	"	"
5726	169	Gloucester	Nerong	3½ acres	"	2626
3383	1658	Gowan	Uhunga and Burrendah	2,160 "	"	"
872	1659	Leichhardt	Waddiwong & Aberfoyle	320 "	"	"
2918	1660	Gregory	Gradgery	760 "	"	"
4375	1661	Gowan	Wilber	1,740 "	"	"
Aln. 5307	278 ex.	Wellesley	Gunning Grach	17½ "	"	"
Ms. 4496	157	Northumberland	Cowan, &c.	290 "	"	"
5564	3188	Waradgery	Willis, Wingen, &c.	2,560 "	"	"
5533	938	Robinson	"	560 "	"	"
332	155	Bligh	Stubbo	40 "	"	"
5191	2970	Bland	Bimbi	2 "	"	2627
"	1177	Cowper	Bourke	5 "	"	"
5537	82	Westmoreland	Kendall and Oberon	81 "	"	"
5728	1023	Auckland	Wallagoot	8 "	"	"
3760	1611 ex.	Leichhardt	Wyaberry	1660 "	"	"
3761	1670	"	Brewan	720 "	"	"
5724	228	Macquarie	Harrington	1½ "	"	2628
5843	1602	Leichhardt	Eulah	80 "	"	"
83-25369	633	Young	Wilcannia	1r. 39p.	"	"
84- 3723	1581A	Gough	Glen Innes	7a. 2r. 13p.	"	"
5727	104 ex.	Macquarie	Lansdowne	12 acres	"	"
5533	937	Robinson and Booroodarra.	"	46 sq. miles	"	"
5729	236	Brisbane	Wingen	580 acres	"	"
3760	1611	Leichhardt	Wyaberry	260 "	"	2629
5928	1570	Gough	Inverell	70a. 3r. 16p.	"	"
6196	3192	Goulburn	Gerogery	3 acres	"	"
6336	1176	Yanda	Yandagulla	267 "	"	"
83-23656	2035	Ashburnham	Boree Cabonne	10 "	"	"
84- 5676	1657	Leichhardt	Carrabear	960 "	"	"
5725	158	Northumberland	Spencer	30 "	"	"
7143	1597	Clarke	Aberfoyle	40 "	"	2630
7142	962 E. ex.	"	Rampsbeck	190 "	"	"
"	1593	"	Gill	170 "	"	"
"	1594	"	Warner and Aberfoyle	714 "	"	"
7143	1595	"	Lagune	420 "	"	"
"	1596	"	Gill	170 "	"	"

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Ms. 81- 7101	1341	Benarba	Galloway and Young ...	1,500 acres	21 April, 1884	2630
7818	128	St. Vincent	Yadboro, &c.	80,000 "	23 "	2635
7355	1030	Wellesley	Alexander	640 "	28 "	2750
6324	627	Young	Kambula	4 sq. miles	" "	2751
6325	246 ex.	"	Wilcannia	240 acres	" "	"
5794	1340	Benarba	Young	1,280 "	" "	"
6340	206 ex.	Nandewar	Theriby	3 "	" "	"
6387	1166A	Darling	Rangira	670 "	" "	"
6334	61A	Yanda	Wittagunna	600 "	" "	"
83-23366	1695 ex.	Oxley	Narran	180 "	" "	"
84-6333	597	Tara	Cal Lal	3,360 "	" "	"
6326	1664	Leichhardt and Clyde	Kidgar, &c.	8,000 "	" "	"
"	1950	Leichhardt	Waddiwong and Amos..	3,020 "	" "	"
"	1951	"	Amos	1,240 "	" "	"
4407	946	Narran	Mogila	4½ sq. miles	" "	2752
5929	2007	Blaxland and Cuning- ham.	Guagong, &c.	11,800 acres	" "	"
6322	1306 ex.	Darling, North	Baraba and Tiabundie.	252 "	" "	2753
6472	2980	Gipps	Manna	17½ "	" "	"
C.S. 83-12200 sur.	2575 E. ex.	Boyd	Elginbah	20 "	" "	"
Ms. 84-6334	710A	Yanda	Wittagunna	4 sq. miles	" "	"
6157	2008	Canbelego	Kidgery	340 acres	" "	"
3605	2032	Gordon	Buckinbah	330 "	" "	"
83-23366	2047	Oxley	Beardina and Dooran ..	2,000 "	" "	"
84- 6480	2972	Monteagle	Young	30a. 39p.	" "	"
4357	1684	Gough	Fletcher	640 acres	" "	2754
4407	947	Narran	Cowga	1,170 "	" "	"
83-23366	2045	Oxley	Narran	400 "	" "	"
"	2046	"	Teroobleand Beleringa...	1,300 "	" "	"
84- 6326	261 ex.	Leichhardt	Waddiwong & Youendah	1,100 "	" "	"
"	1406 ex.	"	Kidgar	370 "	" "	"
5929	2001	Cunningham	Kahnga	960 "	" "	2755
"	2002	"	"	1,282 "	" "	"
"	2003	"	Gulgo	1,560 "	" "	"
"	2004	"	Micabil	1,600 "	" "	"
"	2005	"	"	1,500 "	" "	"
"	2006	"	Kiargarthur	1,920 "	" "	"
"	2033	"	Gulgo, &c.	3,500 "	" "	"
4506	1933 ex.	Harden	Bowning	50 "	" "	"
6474	2979	Bland	Cullingerar and Gidgin- gidgungbung.	720 "	" "	"
6158	1601	Arrawatta	Redbank	140 "	" "	"
6323	1179	Cowper	Mulga	18 "	" "	2756
6327	2971	Blaxland	Mounts Hope & Solitary	144 "	" "	"
6470	2974	Forbes	Erasa and Mulgandry ..	111 "	" "	"
"	2975	"	Erasa, &c.	241 "	" "	"
"	2976	"	Erasa	135 "	" "	"
"	2977	"	Ooma	76 "	" "	"
"	2978	"	"	234 "	" "	"
5574	1585	Clive	Moogem	640 "	" "	"
6339	1663	Lincoln	Wartie	36 "	" "	2757
6657	1586	Clive	Bolivia	10 "	" "	"
6335	108	Cumberland	Cowan	2 "	" "	"
6473	2973	Waradgery	Warrigal	1,320 "	" "	"
5277	182	Cook	Blackheath	4a. Or. 20p.	30 "	2827
"	183	"	"	15a. 3r. 10p.	" "	"
8376	1034	Beresford	Woolunla	400 acres	" "	"
8424	1345	Murchison	Bingara, &c.	1,120 "	" "	2828
8372	1152	Rous	Unungar, &c.	30 sq. miles	" "	"
83-21249	2052	Ashburnham	Wise	40 acres	" "	"
84- 8076	1188	Narran	Terrawalka	640 "	" "	"
7632	1033	Wallace	Jimenbaen	112 "	" "	"

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Ms. 84- 7399	2948	Mossgiel	Ivanhoe	10 acres	5 May, 1884	2887
7177	170	Gloucester	Willabah	4½ "	"	"
6198	38	Hunter	Mirrie	40 "	"	"
6665	1147	Rous	Loadstone	700 "	"	"
6590	3193	Buccleuch	Brungle	14 "	"	"
"	3194	"	"	38 "	"	"
6658	1155 N. ex.	Nandewar	Berrioye	240 "	"	"
"	1155 S. ex.	"	"	501 "	"	"
6073	624	Livingston & Werunda	"	9 sq. miles	"	2888
"	625	Yantara, Farnell, &c.	"	130 "	"	"
6707	1548	Leichhardt	Bimble & Coonamble ..	1,000 acres	"	"
"	1549	"	Yuma	990 "	"	"
6594	2962	Gipps	Bibbipolee, &c.	4,410 "	"	"
"	2963	"	Bimbeen, &c.	7,030 "	"	"
6337	1948	Darling	Dowe	300 "	"	2889
6823	2037	Oxley	Carval	1,295 "	"	"
"	2038	"	" & Warren	370 "	"	"
6467	2982	Bland & Bourke	Wargin, &c.	215 "	"	"
"	2983	Bland	"	250 "	"	"
6342	129	Wellington	Warne	20 "	"	"
6686	127	St. Vincent	West Nelligen	1½ "	"	2890
6341	1667	Leichhardt	Woolingar	510 "	"	"
"	1668	"	Mowima	1,160 "	"	"
"	1669	"	"	1,400 "	"	"
6395	1148	Fitzroy	Woogoolga.	45 "	"	"
7176	1181A	Baradine	Jamalong	427 "	"	"
6667	1456 N. ex.	Jamison	Bibil	43 "	"	"
"	1556 N. ex.	"	Dobikin & Woolabra ..	1,400 "	"	"
"	1556 S. ex.	"	Bibil	82 "	"	"
6207	3191	Hume	Bulgandry	51a. 1r. 29p.	"	"
6653	1590	Sandon	Gyra	800 acres	"	2891
6856	602 ex.	Narran	Yamby	960 "	"	"
6594	2966	Gipps	Udah	370 "	"	"
"	2967	"	"	100 "	"	"
7032	3139 ex.	Buccleuch	Nimbo	153 "	"	"
6195	3189	Wynyard	Gadara	35 "	"	"
6856	1181	Narran	Yamby	2,560 "	"	"
6855	628	Yancowinna	Bray	320 "	"	"
7388	1592	Gough	Herbert	530 "	"	2892
6663	1588	Clarke	Avondale	600 "	"	"
"	1589	"	"	90 "	"	"
6659	1178	Finch	D'Eripas, &c.	280 "	"	"
6854	1180	"	Bogra	1,370 "	"	"
6856	1182	"	Yamby	1,840 "	"	"
6855	581 ex.	Yancowinna	Bray	320 "	"	"
7777	131	St. Vincent	Farnham	100 "	"	2893
Cs. 83-10351 Sur.	1155A ex.	Nicholson	Mia Mia North	64 "	"	"
Ms. 84- 6823	2036	Oxley	Carval	225 "	"	"
6668	1025	Wellesley & Beresford	Nummitabel, &c.	7,000 "	"	"
6208	3190	Buccleuch	Adjungbilly	550 "	"	"
7105	1029	Wellesley	Thoko	9 "	"	"
7178	122 ex.	Northumberland	Coorumbung	90 "	"	2894
6594	2968	Gipps	Younga	130 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 6660	160	Raleigh.....	South Bellingen	3½ acres	5 May, 1884	2394
83-24017	449	Nandewar	Narrabri	2½ "	"	"
84- 7104	1028	Auckland	Burrigato	5 "	"	"
6590	3195	Buccleuch	Killimicat	36 "	"	"
6664	1587	Arrawatta	Redbank	10 "	"	"
6592	152 ex.	Macquarie	Stewart	60 "	"	2895
8526	1035	Wellesley	Gulgin	40 "	7 "	2951
8158	3193	Townsend	Bungooka	320 "	"	"
Aln. 1435	130	St. Vincent	Nowra	197½ "	"	"
Ms. 8519	1677	Lincoln, &c.	Dubbo, Beni, &c.	290 sq. miles	"	2952
8356	181 ex.	Murray	Bullongong	200 acres	"	"
7478	1031	Auckland	Candelo	1 "	12 "	3058
"	1032	"	"	1 "	"	"
7476	3197	Wynyard	Hindmarsh	5 "	"	3059
5338	3001	Harden	Wallendoon	547 "	"	"
1992	1554	Clive	Romney	18a. 3r. 20p.	"	"
7477	3196	Wynyard	South Gundagai	95 acres	"	"
6781	2995	Franklin	Whealbah	5 "	"	"
7031	2981	Forbes	Tallabung	640 "	"	"
7276	1213 fur. ex.	Canbelago	Boree	158 "	"	3060
6669	38A	Camden	Wollongong	580 "	"	"
7277	2048	Ashburnham	Troubaigie, &c.	16,320 "	"	"
7776	129	St. Vincent	Woodburn	500 "	"	"
9318	1348	Benarba	Boronga	500 "	14 "	3119
9319	1349	Benarba & Stapylton	" &c.	2,880 "	"	"
9044	774 ex.	Auckland	Yowaka	200 "	"	"
9317	1347	Benarba	Tycawina	700 "	"	3120
9320	1351	Stapylton	Paleranga, &c.	1,280 "	"	"
9314	1955	Darling	Belmore	34 "	"	"
9049	1184	Narran	Kelvedon	2,720 "	"	"
9316	1193	"	Cato	2½ sq. miles	"	"
9315	1194	"	"	2 "	"	"
"	1195	"	Restrevor	2½ "	"	"
"	1196	"	"	2½ "	"	"
84- 9336	636	Barrona and Irrara	"	20 sq. miles	"	"
9231	1350	Stapylton	Canary	3,360 acres	"	"
9049	1185	Narran	Narrandool	960 "	"	3121
7968	208A	King	Bramah and Numby	195 "	19 "	3245
7678	1150	Rous	Borrabee or Jiggi	180 "	"	"
Aln. 83- 4197	2862 ex.	Nicholson	Weenya	69 "	"	"
Ms. 84- 6822	191	Cook	Blackheath	26½ "	"	3246
"	192	"	"	8a. 1r. 31p.	"	"
"	193	"	"	17a. 2r.	"	"
"	195	"	"	79 acres	"	"
"	196	"	"	9a. 2r.	"	"
8221	314A	Yanda	Woola	5 sq. miles	"	"
7253	2049	Narromine	Emerweena	1,350 acres	"	"
7996	538 ex.	Livingstone	Surbiton	40 "	"	3247
7984	1673	Leichhardt	Urawilkie, &c.	5,040 "	"	"
C.S. 83-8664 Cor.	2994	Bland	Bribaree	60 "	"	"
Ms. 84- 6822	194	Cook	Blackheath	8a. 2r. 27p.	"	"
"	197	"	"	4a. 2r. 1p.	"	"
"	198	"	"	4a. 3r. 3p.	"	"
7510	90 ex.	Gloucester	Nerong	50 acres	"	"
7514	1598	Clive	Bimby or Moogem	640 "	"	"
7513	1599	Gough	MacIntyre	2,880 "	"	"
6720	881E ex.	Sandon	Wentworth, &c.	2,200 "	"	3248
7480	2991	Mouramba	Flinders, &c.	56,500 "	"	"
7509	159	Northumberland	Cowan	790 "	"	"
8219	106	Cumberland	"	½ acre	"	"
7387	1671	Lincoln	Dubbo	20 acres	"	3249
7387	1672	"	"	20 "	"	"
8243	80A	Northumberland	Awaba	78½ "	"	"
7989	1342	Benarba	Cudgildool	423 "	"	"
83-21422	1953	White	Cooma	4 "	"	"
84- 8211	200	Cook	Blackheath	8 "	"	"
2919	1952	Parry	Dungowan	20 "	"	3250
9172	162	Bligh	Cope, &c.	1,280 "	"	"
8096	2997	Monteagle	Young	4a. 3r. 36p.	"	"
6822	199	Cook	Blackheath	6a. 0r. 8p.	"	"
7995	1674	Leichhardt	Moorambilla	12 acres	"	"
6452	956A	Finch	Tutawa, &c.	1,407 "	"	"
7559	1600	Gough	Stonehenge	12 "	"	3251
7106	726 ex.	Wallace	Marrinumbra	5 "	"	"
8094	2996	Harden	Binalong	80 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 9603	1429 N. ex.	Sandon	Eumore	5½ sq. miles	21 May, 1884	3329
9364	231	Macquarie	Queen's Lake, &c.	132 acres	"	"
9674	1155	Rous	Fairymount	141 "	"	3330
9558	601	Tara	Wannawanna	287a. 2r.	"	"
9829	1157	Rous	Murwillumbah	120 acres	"	"
9623	138	St. Vincent	Conjola	60 "	"	"
6004	1163	Richmond	Donaldson	10 "	26 "	3415
4322	3006	Bourke	Beaconsfield	8 "	"	"
7274	1603	Clive	Jondol.	10 "	"	"
8628	629	Killara	Peri	200 "	"	3416
8630	630	Fitzgerald	Warramutty	200 "	"	"
8793	399	Caira	Budgerie	200 "	"	"
7122	3199	Urana	Galore	5 "	"	"
8564	1190	Clyde and Narran	"	1 "	"	"
8627	107	Cumberland	Gordon	30 "	"	"
9253	1037	Wallace	Clyde	40 "	"	"
"	1038	"	Jinderboine	40 "	"	"
"	1039	"	Kalkite	100 "	"	"
"	1040	"	Crackenback	300 "	"	"
8813	134	St. Vincent	Bateman	4a. 2r. 5p.	"	3417
6702	766 ex.	Courallie	Bogree	86 acres	"	"
"	766 fur. ex.	"	"	25 "	"	"
8444	3200	Goulburn	Cumeroona, &c.	906 "	"	"
8217	2050	Cunningham	Condoulin, &c.	3,100 "	"	"
8631	1954	Baradine	Walgett	20a. 0r. 12p.	"	"
8628	631	Killara	Peri and Lake	2,360 acres	"	3418
8630	632	Fitzgerald	Warramutty	2,320 "	"	"
8793	600	Caira	Budgerie	2,560 "	"	"
8813	132	St. Vincent	Bateman	2a. 1r. 24p.	"	"
"	133	"	"	2½ acres	"	"
8306	2014A	Bland	Geraldra	2,880 "	"	"
8790	1191	Cowper	Redbank	400 "	"	"
8148	1678	Leichhardt, Gowen, &c.	Moorambilla, &c.	280 sq. miles	"	"
7536	1344	Benarba	Boonoona	237 acres	"	3419
8159	1186	Finch	Berben	3,350 "	"	"
8812	224	Camden	Yarrawa	9a. 3r. 28p.	"	"
"	225	"	"	10a. 0r. 4p.	"	"
8789	1602	Arrawatta	Nullamanna	25 acres	"	"
5846	243 W. ex.	Clarence	Tynedale, &c.	1,200 "	"	"
8813	135	St. Vincent	Bateman	10 "	"	3420
"	136	"	"	15½ "	"	"
"	137	"	"	19½ "	"	"
8792	49 ex.	Benarba	Willalec	137 "	"	"
7526	1343	Courallie	Wathaga	640 "	"	"
8791	1346	Benarba	Boyanga, &c.	1,970 "	"	"
8814	3201	Townsend	Warriston	3,150 "	"	"
8210	962A	Clarke	Warner	133 "	"	"
8071	1639 W. ex.	Gordon	Wagstaff, &c.	190 "	"	"
7838	1134A	Rous	Terranora	170 "	"	"
9935	128 ex.	St. Vincent	Corang, &c.	6,500 "	28 "	3421
10120	1053 S. ex.	Rous	Byron	1,000 "	"	3463
10328	991 ex.	Urana	Cullivel	126 "	"	3464

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Ms. 84- 7103	1591	Hardinge	Torryburn	1,200 acres	2 June, 1884...	3558
9129	242	Clarence	Banyabba, &c.	25 sq. miles	" "	"
"	243	"	Tyndale, &c.	25 "	" "	"
"	260	"	"	71 acres	" "	"
8073	2836 S. ex.	Waljeers	Massie	107 "	" "	"
"	3002	"	"	135 "	" "	"
9431	3007	Harden	Bowning... ..	780 "	" "	"
1993	355 ex.	Wentworth	Burril	500 "	" "	3559
9432	3202	Caira	Belar, &c.	4,500 "	" "	"
"	3203	"	Williamson, &c.	7,400 "	" "	"
"	3204	"	Telford, &c.	11,000 "	" "	"
"	3205	"	Pugmallee, &c.	7,700 "	" "	3560
8754	3015 ex.	Wynyard	Bulalgee	11 "	" "	"
9123	1187	Yanda	Woola	600 "	" "	"
9511	3207	Buccleuch	West Goodradigbee	42 "	" "	"
9129	244A	Clarence	Glen Ugie	13 sq. miles	" "	3561
"	245A	"	Chapman	20 "	" "	"
8632	2984	Cooper	Coolaragang, &c.	1,020 acres	" "	"
"	2985	"	Cuba and Hulong	5,098 "	" "	"
"	2986	"	Dallas	300 "	" "	"
"	2987	"	Dallas, &c.	6,560 "	" "	"
"	2988	"	Yarrangery	3,820 "	" "	3562
"	2989	Sturt	Bringagee, &c.	4,200 "	" "	"
"	2990	"	Benerambah	600 "	" "	"
"	2992	Cooper	Coolaragang	880 "	" "	"
"	2993	"	Dallas	2,200 "	" "	"
5521	1036	Wellesley	Mabaratta	4 "	" "	3563
7680	1859 N. ex.	Oxley	Rutledge	60 "	" "	"
6101	3005	Sturt	Downey and Beabula	2,600 "	" "	"
9131	1956	Inglis	Tamworth	4 "	2 "	"
"	1957	"	"	100 "	" "	"
7359	162	Raleigh	South Beltingen	2 "	" "	"
9430	3206	Urana	Morundah South	50 "	" "	3564
9053	109	Cumberland	Cowan	7 "	" "	"
81- 5183	432A	Evelyn	"	24 sq. miles	4 "	3617
84- 2278	94A	Dudley	Burragong, &c.	28 "	" "	"
80-11918	96A	Raleigh	Warrell	4,500 acres	" "	"
73- 2392	274A	Sandon	Arding	76 "	" "	"
74- 1095	317A	"	Saltash and Arding	240 "	" "	"
Aln. 80- 2943	664A	Hardinge and Gough	Clive, &c.	265 sq. miles	" "	"
"	664A ex.	Hardinge	Tiengha	14,000 acres	" "	3618
Ms. 79-12969	857A	Buller	Ruby, &c.	35 sq. miles	" "	"
82-13421	857A ex	"	Corry, &c.	40 "	" "	3619
81- 164	1140A	Arrawatta	Lockerby	25,000 acres	" "	"
83-10750	1393A	Sandon	Metz, &c.	20 sq. miles	" "	"
13929	1393A ex.	"	Metz	470 acres	" "	3620
8814	1436A	"	"	40 "	" "	"
14952	1475A	Hardinge	Almite	20 sq. miles	" "	"
71- 1645	351A	Gordon	Veich	640 acres	" "	"
C.S. 83-4115 cor.	675A	Ashburnham	Kamandra	1,100 "	" "	"
Ms. 71- 1847	11A	Bathurst	Blake	1,025 "	" "	"
78- 9101	48A	"	Torrens	480 "	" "	"
80- 1142	74A	Northumberland	Taralba, &c.	800 "	" "	"
81-18790	83A	"	"	3,000 "	" "	"
80- 2083	36A	Roxburgh	Jesse	150 "	" "	3621
70- 2124	12A	Westmoreland	Bolton, &c.	600 "	" "	"
72- 4500	508A	Clarendon	North Gundagai	120 "	" "	"
81-15600	1348A	Harden	Harden	17 "	" "	"
79- 7919	1566A	Forbes	Birangan, &c.	1,280 "	" "	"
1748	1602A	Montegle	Young	15 "	" "	"
C.S. 81-55853	1757A	Bland	Congou	42 "	" "	"

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Ms. 74-4610	3016	Clarendon	Eurongilly	164 acres	4 June, 1884...	3622
84-10999	3017	Monteagle	Young and Baxter	2,500 "	"	"
769	1144A	Wynyard	Oalifat	164 "	"	"
81-23261	2894A	Mitchell	Burrandana, &c.	8,260 "	"	"
83-17429	3098A	Goulburn	Jindera	145 "	"	3623
78-4278	49A	Camden	Belanglo	1,573 "	"	"
83-13248	458A	Wellesley	Hayden	1,000 "	"	"
80-5074	490A	"	Currowang	650 "	"	"
84-10664	3217	Wynyard	Wood	10,500 "	"	3624
"	3218	"	Umbango	80 "	"	"
"	3219	"	Humula	470 "	"	"
"	3220	"	"	100 "	"	"
"	3221	"	Kenjura and Oberne	4,450 "	"	"
"	3222	"	Tywong, &c.	3,400 "	"	"
"	3223	"	Oberne, &c.	1,270 "	"	3625
"	3224	"	Gregado	81½ "	"	"
"	3225	"	"	40 "	"	"
"	3226	"	"	51½ "	"	"
"	3227	Selwyn	Mate	82 "	"	"
78-6202	119A	Beresford	Brausby	71½ "	"	"
84-9703	226	Camden	Couridjah	115 "	"	3626
81-7685	1185A	Gough	Clive	2,150 "	"	"
84-10354	203	Cook	Megalong, &c.	13,360 "	"	"
10927	23B	Gloucester, &c.	"	22,000 "	"	"
10926	3018	Bland	Wallundry, &c.	19,000 "	"	"
83-20293	1604	Clive	Bolivia	60a. 3r. 16p.	9	3703
84-10028	232	Macquarie	Macquarie	26 acres	"	3704
"	233	"	"	340 "	"	"
"	234	"	Cairncross	610 "	"	"
"	235	"	Queenslake and Burrowan	3,840 "	"	"
9816	202	Cook	Irvine	28 "	"	"
"	201	"	"	61 "	"	"
9815	110	Cumberland	Bulgo and Heathcote	5,742 "	"	"
9814	83	Westmoreland	Bindo	1,520 "	"	3705
83-26002	604	Menindie	Laidley, &c.	4½ sq. miles	"	"
"	605	"	"	9 "	"	"
19130	606	"	Cawndilla, &c.	28 "	"	"
84-9738	874 ex	Courallie	Booramine	530 acres	"	"
"	942 "	"	"	960 "	"	"
9980	114A	Wellesley	Wellington	50 "	"	"
9725	2071	Gregory	Boomagril	950 "	"	"
8528	634	Landsborough, &c.	"	62 sq. miles	"	"
9729	1604 ex	Napier	Terrawinda	380 acres	"	"
9739	1605	Gough	Ben Lomond	1½ "	"	3706
"	1606	"	"	2 "	"	"
83-19131	602	Menindie	Paringi and Laidley	5 sq. miles	"	"
19130	607	"	Cawndilla and Tandon	5 "	"	"
"	608	"	Cawndilla	3,200 acres	"	"
84-10025	237	Brisbane	Isie	2 "	"	"
9726	1154	Clarence	Clarenza	15a. 1r. 30p.	"	"
9894	3008	Cooper	Comapira	350 acres	"	"
10027	55 ex	Gloucester	Underbank	68 "	"	3707
8048	1535 "	Gregory	Mellerstam	580 "	"	"
9732	1679	Ewemner	Bundijoe, &c.	1,600 "	"	"
10126	1156	Rous	Mullumbimby	15 "	"	"
9727	1201	Finch	Collarindabri	2 "	"	"
9979	1439A	Buller	Acacia	3,800 "	"	"
9251	1041	Wallace	Clyde	24 "	"	"
9734	635	Livingstone	Cowary	2 "	"	3708
9735	2072	Gordon	Dubbo	3r. 30p.	"	"
9812	2070	Oxley	Mulla Mulla	2,100 acres	"	"
7466	2945A	Blaxland	Guagong	5 "	"	"
9886	3009	Gipps	Pullahooka	112 "	"	"
7987	1389 ex	Leichhardt	Woolingar	120 "	"	"
10024	160	Northumberland	Cowan	2 "	"	"
6780	161	Raleigh	North Bellingen	2 "	"	3709
11295	236	Macquarie	Kinchela	707 "	11	3798
11365	1684	Lincoln	Woorooboomi	2,490 "	"	"
11363	174A	Drake	Churchill and Ewengar	60 sq. miles	"	"
11362	328A	"	"	4½ "	"	"
74-5726	219A	Buller	Wylie	6½ acres	"	"
5724	220A	"	Bookookoorara	35 "	"	"
75-3778	241A	"	Wylie	9 "	"	"
74-5767	356A	Gough	Boyd	14 "	"	"
84-1404	1057A	" and Clive	Wellington Vale, &c.	180 sq. miles	"	"
11364	1309A	Flinders	"	6½ "	"	3799
11115	416A	Dampier	Tanja	3,224 acres	"	"
11294	757	Urana	Clive	40 "	"	"
11214	49A	Bathurst	Cowra	10 "	"	"
11118	55A	"	Lyndhurst	570 "	"	"
11215	211	"	Kemilworth	5,600 "	"	"
C.S. 83-3827 Dep	70A	Bligh	Yarragal	4 "	"	"
Ms. 81-12602	109A	Gloucester	Bindera	1a. 1r. 12p.	"	3800
84-11111	1494A	Monteagle	Coba	1,220 acres	"	"
"	1495A	"	" &c.	8,320 "	"	"
11114	2613A	Harden	Murrumboola	64½ "	"	"
81-13002	2817A	Wynyard	Batlow	100 "	"	"
84-11112	3230	Selwyn	Ourance, &c.	1,440 "	"	"

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Ms. 84- 9254	850 E. ex.	Hardinge	Morse	60 acres	16 June, 1884	3883
9574	171	Gloucester	Stockton	600 "	" "	3884
10335	3208	Denison	Mulwala	1,340 "	" "	" "
"	3209	"	Boomanoomana	960 "	" "	" "
"	3210	"	"	2,100 "	" "	" "
"	3211	"	"	108 "	" "	" "
"	3212	"	Cottadidda	300 "	" "	" "
"	3213	"	"	280 "	" "	" "
"	3214	"	"	150 "	" "	" "
"	3215	"	Barooga	2,500 "	" "	" "
"	3216	"	Mulwala, &c.	4,400 "	" "	" "
10190	132	Wellington	Borcenore	40 "	" "	3885
10151	603	Menindee	Bintulla, &c.	1,440 "	" "	" "
"	609	"	Nettleogoe, &c.	66 sq. miles	" "	" "
10153	1355	Benarba	Dorabeeba	206 acres	" "	" "
10338	1203A	Jamison	Westawaa, &c.	1,360 "	" "	" "
9737	674 ex.	Leichhardt	Edgeroi, &c.	48 "	" "	" "
"	811 ex.	"	Urawilkie, &c.	200 "	" "	" "
"	1665	"	Warraba East, &c.	960 "	" "	" "
"	1666	"	Urawilkie, &c.	3,040 "	" "	" "
10151	610	Menindee	Mitta	5 sq. miles	" "	3886
"	611	"	Bintulla	9½ "	" "	" "
10336	1959	Darling	Baldwin	3 acres	" "	" "
10585	1358	Benarba	Yarouah	89 "	" "	" "
10157	1353	"	"	10,493 "	" "	" "
10154	1354	"	Tellaraga	100 "	" "	" "
10152	2051	Oxley	Warren	430 "	" "	" "
82-19316	130	Wellington	Galwadgere	19a. 2r. 36p.	" "	3887
84- 9733	2065	Gordon	Gundy	160 acres	" "	" "
"	2066	"	Ganoo	2,140 "	" "	" "
"	2067	"	Gundy, &c.	1,870 "	" "	" "
"	2068	"	Ganoo	450 "	" "	" "
"	2069	"	Obley	670 "	" "	" "
83-24550	230	Macquarie	Ellenborough	20 "	" "	3888
84- 9733	2064	Gordon	Bolderogery, &c.	1,640 "	" "	" "
8220	1687 N.E. ex.	Oxley	Cremorne	870 "	" "	" "
9411	182B	Durham	Glendon	72 "	" "	" "
11752	1961	Denham	Waigett	358 "	18 "	3947
10584	1357	Murchison	Gum Flat	512 "	23 "	4007
7856	1043B	Sandon	Enmore, &c.	100 "	" "	" "
7136	1229A	Gordon	Bolderogery	320 "	" "	" "
10337	1962	Jamison and Courallie	Gehan, &c.	10,730 "	" "	" "
9729	1604	Napier	Terrawinda, &c.	5,760 "	" "	" "
9126	3003	Blaxland	Erramaran	50 "	" "	" "
10195	131	Wellington	Towac	1,570 "	" "	4008
9791	656A ex.	Rous	Meerschaum	100 "	" "	" "
10663	1359	Benarba	Dindierna	640 "	" "	" "
10087	3228	Townsend	Booroobran	50 "	" "	" "
7588	111	Cumberland	Cowan	½ "	" "	" "
9417	139	St. Vincent	Albert, &c.	475 "	" "	" "
8337	1159	Rous	North Lismore	35 "	" "	4009
10661	1200	Narran	Cowga	12a. 0r. 16p.	" "	" "

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Ms. 82-18230	209	Bathurst	Dunleary	2a. Or. 4p.	23 June, 1884	4009
83-17404	227	Camden	Cambewarra	12 acres	"	"
84-10769	3014	Bland	Bundawarra	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre	"	4010
10661	1198	Narran	Cowga	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
	1199	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
3001	228	Camden	Iharoo	9a. 2r. 38p.	"	"
4501	229	"	Burrangorang	8a. Or. 16p.	"	"
83-25577	95	Georgiana	Keverstone	40 acres	"	"
84-10368	104	Roxburgh	Airly	40	"	"
7634	967A S. ex.	Clarke	Warner	1,040	"	4011
8337	1160	Rous	North Lismore	8	"	"
10156	1352	Benarba	Keelo	120	"	"
10659	1550 ex.	White	Mannum	66	"	"
9706	3015	Nicholson	Langtree	160	"	"
C.S. 83-1421 Cor.	3010	"	Gouowlia	640	"	"
Ms. 84-10583	1356	Benarba	Numby Numby	320	"	4012
9124	3004	Blaxland	Creamy Hills	40	"	"
6802	3019	Cooper	Grong Grong	1,280	"	"
80-1142	74A	Northumberland	Teralba, &c.	800	"	"
84-11749	1044A ex.	Fitzroy	Bagawa	520	25	4117
"	1044A fur. ex.	"	Moonee	1,440	"	"
"	1047 ex.	"	Woogoolga	1,200	"	"
11748	1164	Rous	Brunswick	2,800	"	"
"	1165	"	Terranora	2,300	"	4118
"	1166	"	"	500	"	"
"	1167	"	"	1,100	"	"
"	1168	"	Dunoon	640	"	"
"	1169	"	"	150	"	"
"	1170	"	"	80	"	"
"	1171	"	Kynumboon	4,000	"	"
"	1172	"	Dunbittle	1,800	"	"
"	1173	"	Lismore	810	"	"
"	1174	"	Berwick	5,140	"	4119
"	1175	Richmond	South Ballina	250	"	"
11750	1176	Rous	Tunstall	290	"	"
"	1177	"	Murwillumbah	2,800	"	"
"	1180	"	Ballina	170	"	"
"	1181	"	Meerschaum	300	"	"
"	1182	"	"	180	"	"
"	1183	"	"	190	"	"
"	1184	"	Wollumbin	800	"	"
"	1185	"	"	1,700	"	4120
"	1187	"	Teven	50	"	"
"	1188	"	"	600	"	"
"	1189	"	"	150	"	"
"	1191	"	Pimlico	50	"	"
"	1192	"	"	200	"	"
"	1193	"	Tuckombil	300	"	"
"	1194	"	"	80	"	"
"	1195	"	"	100	"	"
"	1196	"	"	180	"	"
"	1197	"	"	200	"	"
"	1198	"	Byron	6,000	"	"
"	1199	"	Jasper and Byron	6,400	"	4121
"	1200	"	Whian Whian	1,920	"	"
"	1201	"	Bexhill	115	"	"
"	1202	"	"	120	"	"
"	1203	"	"	900	"	"
11749	1204	Clarence	Southgate	60	"	"
"	1205	Fitzroy	Corindi	960	"	"
"	1206	"	Woogoolga	1,280	"	"
11750	1211	Rous	Tuckombil	130	"	"
"	1178	"	Ballina	43	"	"
"	1179	"	"	170	"	"
"	1186	"	Billinudgel	6,500	"	"
"	1190	"	Newrybar	3,000	"	4122
11964	1207	Cowper and Clyde	Wommera, &c.	51 sq. miles	"	"
11938	1225	Richmond	Barrawanga	80 acres	"	"
"	1226	"	Darke	80	"	"
11497	2089	Narromine and Gordon	Mingelo, &c.	68 sq. miles	"	"
8945	210	Bathurst	Waldegrave	92 acres	30	4172
10766	867 S. ex.	Monteagle	Yambira	19	"	"
11098	1042	Auckland	Bowinda	600	"	"
2264	1962	Ashburnham	Mumbidge, &c.	1,570	"	"
10778	3011	Clarendon	Nangus	1,120	"	4173
2264	1959	Ashburnham	Parkes	2,560	"	"
"	1961	"	Martin	1,920	"	"
"	1963	"	Forbes, &c.	4,210	"	"
10876	2074	Canbelego	Kidgerry	1,475	"	"
"	2077	"	Warranbilla, &c.	1,700	"	"
"	2080	"	Hall	3,800	"	"
"	2081	"	Boree and Lynch	3,370	"	"
11422	638	Yungnulgra	Rostrevor, &c.	3,062 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4174
11416	261 ex.	Tandora	"	1,920	"	"
"	614	Menindie, &c.	Laidley, &c.	56 sq. miles	"	"
10878	1683	Leichhardt	Edgeroi, &c.	1,780 acres	"	"
11418	892 fur. ex.	White	Mannum	25	"	"
12049	49B	Camden	Belanglo	1,573	"	"

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Ms. 84-11094	211	King	Crookwell	47 acres	30 June, 1884	4174
10780	3012	Waradgery	Dowling, &c.	2,360 "	"	"
7769	1958	Jamison	Brigalow	1,570 "	"	"
12049	83B	Northumberland	Teralba, &c.	3,000 "	"	4175
11397	133	Wellington	Burrandong	1,300 "	"	"
11396	1687	Gowen	Yalcogrin	5 sq. miles	"	"
11220	1487 ex.	Sandon	Eamore, &c.	1,800 acres	"	"
9683	1360	Benarba	Cudgildool	1,080 "	"	4176
10877	1361	"	Merroe, &c.	1,920 "	"	"
10779	1626A	Forbes	Tallabung	2,830 "	"	"
10770	304 fur. ex.	Richmond	Cocombell	20 "	"	"
10876	2075	Canbelego	Kidgery	1,540 "	"	"
"	2078	"	Grahweed	350 "	"	"
"	2079	"	Warranbilla	1,025 "	"	"
11417	639	Yungnulgra	Moona Murtee	600 "	"	4177
10876	2073	Caubelego	Kidgery, &c.	1,320 "	"	"
"	2076	"	Grahweed	336 "	"	"
10779	1627A	Forbes	Tallabung	102 "	"	"
11483	212	King	Kenyu	8 "	"	"
9664	172	Gloucester	Tuncurry	2 "	"	"
10660	1192	Cowper	Little	200 "	"	"
10875	1608	Gresham	Urania, &c.	39 sq. miles	"	4178
"	1542	"	"	6,400 acres	"	"
12049	23C	Gloucester, &c.	"	22,000 "	"	"
10777	3013	Forbes	Oona, &c.	5,820 "	"	"
11097	438A	Beresford	Gladstone	20½ "	"	"
11419	613	Tara	Wilton	5 sq. miles	"	4179
"	612	"	Wilpatera	5 "	"	"
2264	1960	Ashburnham	Parkes and Martin	2,280 acres	"	"

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Ms. 84-11398	1686	Clyde	Grandool, &c.	4 sq. miles	2 July, 1884	4257
12758	239	Macquarie	Stewart	22 acres	"	"
11153	3234	Buccleuch	Talbingo, &c.	8,000 "	"	4258
12517	163	Bligh	Curryall	66 "	"	"
11398	1685	Clyde	Grandool	2,100 "	"	"
11921	3233	Wynyard	Mingary	66½ "	"	"
11638	2086	Flinders	Babinda, &c.	6,600 "	7 July, 1884	4360
11637	2087	Kennedy	Wellwood, &c.	3,200 "	"	"
11339	117A	Brisbane	Cranbourne	1,651 "	"	4361
10588	24A	Phillip	Bongledie	2,300 "	"	"
11580	96	Georgiana	Glengarry	2½ "	"	"
11482	1163	Rous	Dunbittle	340 "	"	"
11579	112	Cumberland	Holsworthy	26 "	"	4362
11479	2033	Flinders	Grahway	250 "	"	"
"	2084	"	Nangerybone	1,200 "	"	"
"	2085	Mowramba	Beloura	400 "	"	"
12761	1044	Dampier	Bodalla	100 "	"	"
11480	1162	Rous	Langwell	131 "	"	"
11421	619A	Mitchell	Arajoel	3,000 "	"	"
10723	1609	Clive	Bluffland	720 "	"	4363
10033	152 ex.	Macquarie	Stewart	70 "	"	"
9252	1043	Wallace	Clyde	250 "	"	"
10033	3038	Bland	Gidgingidginbung	53½ "	"	"
10082	3039	"	Mandanah	67 "	"	"
11479	3028	Mowramba	Beloura	2,200 "	"	"
10727	1202	Cowper	Bonglega	2,260 "	"	4364
12188	648	Tongowoka	"	6,400 "	9 July, 1884	4655
11143	1617	Clive	Tenterfield, &c.	14 sq. miles	"	"
12880	239	Brisbane	Cherson	52 acres	"	4656
12699	915 ex.	Ashburnham	Goimbla	135 "	"	"
11646	1688	Lincoln	Lincoln	9,920 "	"	"
"	1689	"	Lincoln, &c.	37,630 "	"	"
10991	1918 ex.	Wynyard	Bulalge	4,000 "	"	"
12937	377 ex.	Fitzroy	Allan, &c.	7 sq. miles	"	"
13445	173	Gloucester	Wollom	130 acres	"	4657
7677	1149	Rous	Borabce	960 "	"	"
13490	230	Camden	Burrawang	890 "	"	"
13444	652	Yancowinna	"	20 sq. miles	"	"
11639	1681	Gowen	Galargumbone	630 acres	"	"
13096	649	Yancowinna	Stephen	320 "	"	4658
"	650	"	Bolaira	1,300 "	"	"
"	651	"	Lewis	1,200 "	"	"
9602	1607	Sandon	Enmore	150 "	14 July, 1884	4789
2901	2082	Gordon	The Gap	10 "	"	"
10729	1203	Cowper	Nidgory	1,350 "	"	"
9736	1682	Ewenmar	Collie	160 "	"	4790
9259	1161	Fitzroy	Martin & Blaxland	480 "	"	"
12276	238	Brisbane	Isis	62½ "	"	"
12454	1680	Lincoln & Ewenmar	Daley, &c.	60 sq. miles	"	"
12277	162	Northumberland	Mandolong	20 acres	"	"
963	1362	Courallie	Moree	3r. 4p.	"	"

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Ms. 84-13967	1971	Buckland	Werrie	180 acres	16 July, 1884	4840
14005	543 S. ex.	Rous	Tunstall	30 "	"	"
13933	197	Murray	Talagandra	90 "	"	"
14004	1285	Rous	Loadstone	15 "	"	"
13514	241	Macquarie	Killiwarra	340 "	"	"
13827	3071	Bland	Yeo Yeo	81½ "	"	4841
14003	1103 ex.	Cowper	Coronga	640 "	"	"
13697	2090	Ashburnham & Gordon	Beargamit, Hyandra, &c.	90 sq. miles	"	"
12518	237	Macquarie	Kinchela	8 acres	21	4959
"	238	"	Kempsey	4 "	"	"
11454	3051	Monteagle	Murringo	100 "	"	"
12762	212	Bathurst	Glenlogan	740 "	"	4960
12756	30 ex.	Bligh	Berrenderry	17 "	"	"
12757	240	Macquarie	Stewart and Harrington	80 "	"	"
10393	640	Irrara	"	3,200 "	"	"
"	641	"	"	3,200 "	"	"
"	642	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	643	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	644	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	645	"	"	2,560 "	"	"
"	646	"	"	1,280 "	"	"
12450	1207	Clarence	Clarenza	5 "	"	"
"	1208	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	1209	"	"	35 "	"	"
"	3047	Bland	Bundawarra	63a. 1r. 18p.	"	"
C.S. 83-10935 Sur.	1352 for ex.	Jamison	Oreel	350 acres	"	4961
Ms. 84-12482	178 B. ex.	Inglis	Winton	250 "	"	"
"	1610	"	Pringle	540 "	"	"
"	1611	"	"	640 "	"	"
"	1612	"	Winton and Retreat	400 "	"	"
12481	1613	"	Winton	720 "	"	"
"	1614	"	"	640 "	"	"
12523	140	St. Vincent	Currock, Burrill, &c.	640 "	"	"
"	141	"	Buddawang, Currock, &c.	1,280 "	"	"
"	142	"	Monga & Murrengebung	640 "	"	"
8829	3053	Clarendon	North Gundagai	1r. 13p.	"	"
11056	3032	Cooper	Yalgogoring	3,200 acres	"	4962
"	3033	"	"	1,300 "	"	"
11054	3035	"	Bolaro	1,350 "	"	"
"	3036	"	"	4,200 "	"	"
11055	3037	"	Barialong	3,200 "	"	"
11057	3041	Bourke	Ramsay and Yithan	6,600 "	"	"
12480	1006 ex.	Vernon	Boulton	620 "	"	"
11311	1615	Inglis	Loonango	120 "	"	"
11379	3040	Bourke	Yarranjerry	1,880 "	"	4963
12521	3043	Waljeers	Kingswell and Tartoo	3,840 "	"	"
12516	3042	Mossgiel	Kilkoobyal	430 "	"	"
12453	1292 ex.	Benarba	Umbrie	700 "	"	"
11402	1754 ex.	Jamison	Edgeroi	424 "	"	"
"	1919	"	Myall Hollow & Boorah	75 "	"	"
"	1920	"	Gehan, Woollabrar, &c.	3,200 "	"	"
12450	1210	Clarence	Clarenza	22 "	"	"

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Ms. S4-12760	196	Murray.....	Amungula	200 acres	21 July, 1884	4964
13344	1206	Cowper	East Bourke	5 "	"	"
10080	3034	Bourke	Tara	310 "	"	"
12365	3045	Bland	Bundawarra	1a. 3r.	"	"
"	3046	"	"	9a. 2r. 36p.	"	"
12759	68 ex.	St. Vincent	Tomerong	108a. 3r.	"	"
12452	1422 ex.	Leichhardt	Nugal	320 acres	"	"
14326	334 N. ex.	Ashburnham	Munbidgle	40 "	23 "	5010
11726	1055	Dampier	Wagonga	24 perches	28 "	5119
11725	1056	"	"	1 rood	"	"
9950	3236	Selwyn	King	2 acres	"	"
13512	214	Bathurst	Canowindra	7½ "	"	5120
13407	617	Woore	Brongham	640 "	"	"
13285	1228	Rous	Ballina	18 "	"	"
13283	552A	Tara	Winda	280 "	"	"
13275	616	Manara	Bonton	480 "	"	"
13410	1967	Baradine	Wheoh	640 "	"	"
13284	1974	Leichhardt	Trielman	1,440 "	"	"
13280	1618	Inghs	Haning	640 "	"	"
"	1619	"	"	160 "	"	"
10565	1621	Harding	Williams	700 "	"	"
13342	712A	Culgoa	Beri	840 "	"	"
13408	1222	Finch	Plumbolah, Gorie Gorie, &c.	343 "	"	5121
9626	3237	Townsend.....	Coolagah	16a. 2r. 20p.	"	"
12364	3056	Bland	Combaning & Trigalong	4,250 acres	"	"
3371	3052	Monteagle	Murrengo	29a. 2r. 30p.	"	"
4456	3062	"	Young	24 acres	"	"
11306	3048	Bourke	Yarrangery	3,970 "	"	5122
13281	1616	Vernon	Norton	1,100 "	"	"
13513	240	Brisbane	Cherson	48a. 3r.	"	"
357	1278	Rous	Tuckombil	11 acres	"	"
13510	170 ex.	Cook	Burralow	40 "	"	"
13528	173A	Macquarie	Kinchela.....	11½ "	"	"
13518	213	Bathurst	Three Brothers	2 "	"	5123
13519	39	Hunter	Wonga	24 "	"	"
"	40	"	"	80 "	"	"
"	41	"	"	50 "	"	"
"	42	"	Whybrow	12 "	"	"
13515	242	Macquarie	Killawarra, Wyoming, &c.	261 "	"	"
11465	1345A	Waradgery	Thellangering, Hackett, &c.	9,900 "	"	5124
12522	3044	Nicholson	Gonowlia, Churnside, &c.	6,150 "	"	"
9130	1968	Jamison	Wangan	1,572 "	"	"
13405	931 ex.	Culgoa	Beri	380 "	"	"
13279	615	Wentworth	Tugima	4,660 "	"	5125
14607	1920 S E ex.	Canbelego.....	Gilgoonbon and Kidgery	1,280 "	30 "	5195
14630	3079	Bland	Trigalong	154 "	"	"

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Ms. 84-14073	1333	Burnett.....	Gournama	863 acres	4 Aug., 1884	5295
"	1334	"	"	300 "	" "	"
13286	1168	Rous	North Casino.....	2 "	" "	"
13921	3061	Harden	Bookham	36 "	" "	"
13834	174	Gloucester	Tinonec	53 "	" "	5296
14154	175	"	Bohnock.....	50 "	" "	"
"	176	"	"	67 "	" "	"
13696	1031 ex.	Lincoln.....	Erskine	30 "	" "	"
"	1084 ex.	"	Bruah	225 "	" "	"
11644	1463 ex.	Napier	Malcolm	160 "	" "	"
14044	279A	Tara	Waltragile	3 sq. miles	" "	"
13842	1969	Pottinger	Tamba.....	40 acres	" "	"
13835	1970	Darling.....	Mundowey	40 "	" "	"
12456	611	Gough	Scone	20 "	" "	"
"	612A	"	"	40 "	" "	"
"	613A	"	"	41½ "	" "	"
"	614A	"	"	41½ "	" "	5297
"	615A	"	"	60 "	" "	"
"	616A	"	"	61½ "	" "	"
"	617A	"	"	62 "	" "	"
"	618A	"	"	225 "	" "	"
13132	664A w. ex.	Hardinge	Clare	4,300 "	" "	"
11869	97	Georgiana.....	Yewrangara	40 "	" "	"
11871	3232	Mitchell	Mundow & Berry Jerry	11,200 "	" "	5298
13698	1690	Gowen	Eranganorin, &c.	35,000 "	" "	"
14040	164	Dudley	Yarravel	21 "	" "	"
"	166	Durham	"	10 "	" "	"
13696	1691	Lincoln.....	Bruah	520 "	" "	5299
13286	1162	Richmond	South Casino.....	20 "	" "	"
"	1167	Rous	North Casino.....	2½ "	" "	"
13703	1364	Benarba	Noora	1,760 "	" "	"
10072	1973	Jamison	Drildool	320 "	" "	"
13843	2930A	Buccleuch.....	Wagara	70 "	" "	"
13838	1284	Clarence	Clifden	1a. 3r. 32p.	" "	"
11872	1960	Jamison	Tarlee	200 acres	" "	"
13840	1972	Darling.....	Tarpoly	2 roods	" "	"
14047	73A	Brisbane	Watt	812 acres	" "	5300
14157	244	Macquarie	Redbank.....	250 "	" "	"
14041	118 ex.	Phillip	Price	40 "	" "	"
14045	1695	Ewenmar	Collemburrawang.....	790 "	" "	"
Cs. 84-5115 Sur.	618A ex.	Blaxland	Torcobil	42 "	" "	"
Ms. 84-14156	3054	"	Hyandra.....	690 "	" "	"
Cs. 84-1601 Sur.	3142 ex.	Buccleuch.....	Cowrajago	60 "	" "	"
Ms. 84- 7999	375 fur. ex.	Gough	Ben Lomond, &c.....	260 "	" "	"
13831	180 ex.	Cook	Marangaroo	40 "	" "	5301
"	180 ex.	"	"	42a. 1r. 12p.	" "	"
13839	155	Phillip	Derale	2a. 2r. 32p.	" "	"
13831	180 ex.	Roxburgh.....	Cullen Bullen	40 acres	" "	"
13286	1169	Richmond.....	South Casino.....	3 "	" "	"
"	1281	Rous	North Casino.....	2½ "	" "	"
"	1282	"	"	1½ "	" "	"
"	1283	"	"	2½ "	" "	"
"	1279	Rous and Richmond ...	North and South Casino	13 "	" "	"

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Ms. 84-14040	243	Macquarie	Beranghi	3 acres	4 Aug., 1884	5302
13836	103SA	Wallace	Jinderboino	40 "	"	"
13286	1163	Rous	North Casino	130 "	"	"
14158	3055	Dowling	Wardry	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
13278	1425	Gregory	Girralong and Quandong	1,800 "	"	"
"	1426	Clyde	Quabothoo	1,800 "	"	"
"	1427	Gregory	Girralong	2,880 "	"	"
14040	165	Dudley	Yarravel	5 "	"	"
14046	1696	Lincoln	Murrumbidgee	20 "	"	5303
13286	1161	Richmond	South Casino	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	1164	Rous	North Casino	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	1165	"	"	1 "	"	"
13923	3063	Forbes	Molyra	7 "	"	"
13841	488 ex.	Wynyard	Tywyng	17 "	"	"
13286	1166	Rous	North Casino	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
"	128	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
Aln. 84- 2203	3235	Hume	Corowa	9a. 28p.	"	5304
Ms. 84-14608	1168 s. ex.	Gough	Highland Home	540 acres	"	"
15480	200	Murray	Palerang, &c.	38 sq. miles	6 Aug., 1884	5359
15654	1045	Auckland & Wellesley	Bredbendowra, &c.	11,800 acres	"	5360
15675	929 e. ex.	Sandon	Springmount	1,000 "	"	"
"	929 n. ex.	"	Wentworth	600 "	"	"
"	929 w. ex.	"	Talbuster & Wentworth	800 "	"	"
15417	3081	Clarendon	Sebastopol	40 "	"	"
15068	2095	Oxley	Mumbrabah, &c.	5,000 "	"	5361
13705	1692	Lincoln	Dunedoo	480 "	11 Aug., 1884	5458
"	1693	"	Bolaro	1,300 "	"	"
83-23497	1055	Robinson and Yanda	Kaloglegny, &c.	69 sq. miles	"	"
84- 6332	1175	Clyde	Willary, Wilga, &c.	6,720 acres	"	"
83-23497	1062	Robinson	Cuttagaroo	200 "	"	"
"	1063	Yanda	Wittagoona	200 "	"	"
"	1064	"	Narwarce	200 "	"	"
84-10480	618	Wentworth	Wentworth	10 "	"	5459
83-23497	1056	Robinson	Buckwaroon & Coonumberto	640 "	"	"
"	1057	"	Cuttagaroo & Coonumberto	1,860 "	"	"
"	1058	Yanda	Mittagoona	1,842 "	"	"
"	1059	"	Mulga	220 "	"	"
"	1060	"	Narwarre, &c.	2,366 "	"	"
25633	1048	Wellesley	Tombong	6 "	"	"
84-14686	1626	Clive	Bates	10 "	"	"
14521	134	Wellington	Towac	1r. 17p.	"	5460
14340	3031	Harden	Binalong	11 acres	"	"
15228	128 ex.	St. Vincent	Corang, Sassafrass, &c.	137,000 "	"	"
14784	3074	Blaxland	Mount Hope	2 "	"	"
14339	3072	Harden	Jindalec	6 "	"	"
10479	617	Wentworth	Wentworth	20 "	"	5461
13705	1694	Lincoln	Bolaro	380 "	"	"
83-23497	1061	Yanda	Derrina, &c.	2,560 "	"	"
84-14340	3029	Harden	Binalong	138 "	"	"
"	3030	"	"	16a. 2r. 20p.	"	"
14338	3073	"	Demondrille	25 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres	"	"
13515	242	Macquarie	Kullawarra	227 "	"	5462
14638	860 ex.	Gowen	Wilber	240 "	"	"
15802	3082	Clarendon and Bland	Sebastopol, &c.	333 "	13 Aug., 1884	5520
16087	177	Gloucester	Craven	240 "	"	"
15936	84	Westmoreland	Binlow	165 "	"	"
16113	231	Camden	Burrawang	370 "	"	"
16114	232	"	Cambewarra	500 "	"	5521
15723	3248	Hume	Sherwyn	45 "	"	"
8610	215	Bathurst	Worcester	20 "	18 Aug., 1884	5613
8609	216	"	"	20 "	"	"
1491	217	"	Clarendon	2a. 3r. 27p.	"	"
7046	98	Georgiana	Wangalo	9a. 3r. 9p.	"	"
9250	1287	Richmond	Bundock	6 acres	"	"
7461	1291	Fitzroy	Bardsley	10 "	"	"
11624	3075	Forbes	Wallah Wallah	9a. 3r. 19p.	"	"
11524	3076	Clarendon	Emanoreenya	8 acres	"	"
7841	3077	Harden	Muttama	8a. 36p.	"	"
9539	3080	Monteagle	Young	3r. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.	"	5614
7547	1049	Wellesley	Glenbog	8 acres	"	"
7250	3246	Wynyard	Buttow	10 "	"	"
15232	3078	Nicholson	Honuna	15a. 2r.	"	"
14681	1288	Richmond	West Coraki	80 acres	"	"
10022	198	Murray	Goorooyaroo	12 "	"	"
13927	163	Raleigh	Congariuni	180 "	"	"
14680	465 ex.	Couralic	Bumble	38 "	"	5615
6160	1339	Benarba	Single and Krui	1,100 "	"	"
13277	1963	Jamison	Warrambool, &c.	1,880 "	"	"
"	1964	"	Coolga, &c.	1,092 "	"	"
14878	3063 ex.	Mitchell	Westly	220 "	"	"
15598	655	Yancowinna	Bray	12 "	"	"
14783	1623	Gough	Glen Innes	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	5616
8609	218	Bathurst	Worcester	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
14780	1697	Clyde	Werribiddie	2,010 "	"	"
13918	962A e. ex.	Clarke	Ramsbeck	190 "	"	"
14637	1625	Buller	Bookookoora	75 "	"	"
14783	1622	Gough	Glen Innes	6 "	"	"
14632	1624	Clive and Buller	"	5 sq. miles	"	"
15857	1368	Burnett	Gourama	72 acres	20 Aug., 1884	5693
16160	2096	Oxley	Garule	72 "	25 Aug., 1884	5747

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Ms. 84-16160	2100	Oxley	Garule	18a. 3r. 26p.	25 Aug., 1884	5747
15234	1627	Gough	Louis	10 acres	"	5750
16160	2099	Oxley	Garule	2 "	"	"
15220	213	King	Biala	10 "	"	5751
15219	145	St. Vincent	Araluen	1r. 30p.	"	"
"	146	"	"	1a. 3r. 20p.	"	"
"	1290	Rous	Nimbin	250 acres	"	"
Aln. 84- 1300	3244	Wynyard	Battow	12a. 3r. 30p.	"	"
84-15219	147	St. Vincent	Araluen	2a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
15432	653	Young	Kopago	1,834 acres	"	"
15174	4A	Dudley	Uralgurra	1½ sq. miles	"	"
15231	2091	Gordon	Warraterry, &c.	520 acres	"	"
11153	2094	"	Gilgah, &c.	160 "	"	"
15233	1630	Hardinge	New Valley	300 "	"	5752
15222	80 ex.	Georgiana	Gurnang	130 "	"	"
14876	1047	Beresford	Tinderry, &c.	630 "	"	5753
14880	204A	Wallace	Myalla	1,600 "	"	"
13694	2092	Kennedy	Strahorn	3,000 "	"	"
15235	2093	"	Carolina	3,600 "	"	"
14879	3243	Selwyn	Welaregang, &c.	440 "	"	"
15236	376 ex.	Sandon	Elton, &c.	1,200 "	"	"
15219	143	St. Vincent	Araluen	21½ perches	"	5754
"	144	"	"	1a. 1r. 22½p.	"	"
14040	164	Dudley	Yarravel	21 acres	"	"
"	166	"	"	10 "	"	"
15430	199	Murray	Carwoola	49 "	"	"
14881	3239	Urana	Yathong	1a. 2r. 8p.	"	"
13388	1250 s. ex.	Jamison	Pian	640 acres	"	"
15236	1629	Sandon	Yarrowick	75 "	"	"
15169	1289	Rous	Giggi	70 "	"	5755
15236	1628	Sandon	Saltash	88 "	"	"
15300	3245	Townsend	Willeroo	42 "	"	"
16160	2097	Oxley	Garule	2½ "	"	"
16543	3251	Townsend	North Zara	200 "	"	"
15223	1631	Buller	Koreelah	360 "	"	"
15224	204	Cook	Kedumbah	160 "	"	5756
16160	2101	Oxley	Garule	1 rood	"	"
"	2102	"	"	2 roods	"	"
"	2103	"	"	1a. 2r.	"	"
"	2104	"	"	"	"	"
"	2105	"	"	"	"	"
"	2106	"	"	"	"	"
"	2107	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	2108	"	"	"	"	"
"	2109	"	"	"	"	"
"	2098	"	"	1 acre	"	5757
15434	2217A	Urana	Palmer	1,760 acres	"	"
14882	3240	Denison	Cottadidda	105 "	"	"
14583	3241	"	Tocumwal	400 "	"	"
"	3242	"	Woperana	360 "	"	"
16762	1059	Beresford	Montagu	102½ "	27 Aug., 1884	5811
16760	1060	Wellesley	Boco	145 "	"	"
16700	1369	Courallie	Moree	130½ "	"	"
16764	1228	Rous	Brunswick	180 "	"	5812
16761	1057	Wallace	Murroo	81½ "	"	"
16759	1061	Beresford	Gladstone	120 "	"	"
"	1062	"	"	100 "	"	"
16763	1058	"	The Brothers	90 "	"	"
17377	1230	Rous	Nimbin	230 "	"	"

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Ms. 84-15947	1612 ex.	Leichhardt	Moolambong	80 acres	1 Sept., 1884	5914
15945	1656 ex.	"	Coeywarrah	80 "	"	"
8307	2999	Franklin	Gonowlia	501 "	"	5915
"	3000	"	Gonowlia, Kongong, &c.	13 sq. miles	"	"
13411	1790 ex.	Jamison	Queerbrri, Buncarroll, &c.	2,900 acres	"	"
"	1966	"	Yarranbar, Nowley, &c.	6,600 "	"	"
15804	1528 ex.	Gowen	Kringaneriu	40 "	"	"
10634	614A	Rous	Ballina	2 "	"	5916
15503	282A	Wellesley	Burrumbuco	4,000 "	"	"
14831	1705 ex.	Wynyard	Murraguldrie, &c.	6,500 "	"	"
8307	2999	Franklin	Terry and Goolaganni	1,280 "	"	"
15298	3238	Townsend	Boooroban	200 "	"	5917
13903	3247	Denison	Mulwala	3r. 35p.	"	"
15499	245	Macquarie	Stewart	290 acres	"	"
15806	654	Yungnulgra	"	1,280 "	"	"
15946	719 fur ex.	Evenmar	Merrigal	40 "	"	"
15500	742 ex.	Clyde	Ethelberg	1,440 "	"	"
10831	1975	Darling	Wilson	5 "	"	"
10394	1214	Culgoa	Barrington	320 "	"	5918
19642	3249	Wakool	Barham	25 "	"	"
15944	1390 ex.	Gowen	Wilber	200 "	"	"
15803	1205	Narrau	"	240 "	"	"
16727	656	Yancowinna	Lewis and Robe	150 "	"	"
"	662	"	"	600 "	"	"
16678	1215	Gunderbooka & Barrona	"	16,321 "	"	5919
16727	657	Yancowinna	Robe	5a. 1r. 9p.	"	"
"	658	"	"	"	"	"
"	659	"	"	"	"	"
"	660	"	"	"	"	"
"	661	"	"	2a. 2r.	"	"
17421	1290 ex.	Rous	Nimbin	60 acres	3	5989
17463	106	Roxburgh	Castleton	176 "	"	"
17595	202	Murray	Oronmear	1,300 "	"	"
17422	1279 fur ex.	Narromine	Frost	900 "	"	5990
"	1480 ex.	"	Myall Camp	380 "	"	"
"	2114	"	Wentworth	240 "	"	"
"	2115	"	Enerweena	280 "	"	"
7479	3083	Gipps	Milbee	640 "	8	6059
"	3084	"	Milbee & Merribooka	640 "	"	"
"	3085	"	Merribooka	640 "	"	"
16427	1404 E. ex.	Leichhardt	Mourabie	252 "	"	"
"	1404 W. ex.	"	"	204 "	"	"
17739	207	Cook	Strathdon	3a. 30p.	"	6061
16636	211 ex.	King	Crookwell	10 acres	"	6062
16086	927 ex.	Stapylton	Benson	136 "	"	"
16092	463 ex.	Courallie	Mia Mia	30 "	"	"
16541	3250	Wakool	Whymoul	3,060 "	"	"
83-24114	1096	Narrau	Woolnorth	960 "	"	"
"	1097	"	"	1,280 "	"	"
"	1098	"	Blantyre	1,020 "	"	"
24785	1105	"	Narrandool	1,440 "	"	"
84-17403	1189	"	Blantyre	92½ "	"	"

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Aln. 84-14025	1210	Narran	Blantyre, &c.	927 acres	8 Sept., 1884	6062
"	1211	"	Narrandool.....	1,574 "	"	"
Ms. 16542	445A	Beresford	The Brothers.....	67 "	"	6063
17739	211	Cook	Strathdon	6½ "	"	"
16430	386 ex.	Gough	Campbell	25 "	"	"
9728	1094	Narran	Woolnorth.....	8,000 "	"	"
S3-24785	464 ex.	"	Narrandool and Cato ...	920 "	"	"
16086	1366	Courallie	Bogree, Boolooroo, &c...	540 "	"	"
"	1367	Stapylton	Wallon	38 "	"	"
16425	1976	Baradine	Baradine.....	204a. 3r. 10p.	"	6064
16423	1532 ex.	Clarke	Ryanda	153½ "	"	"
16085	1365	Benarba	Gunathera	394 "	"	"
16432	1634	Gough	Stonehenge	112 "	"	"
15067	1637 ex.	Lincoln	Dubbo	14 "	"	"
16089	225	Macquarie	Lausdowne.....	50 "	"	"
14026	1185A	Narran	Narrandool.....	960 "	"	6065
24114	1095	"	Woolnorth & Morabilly	2,560 "	"	"
84-17739	208	Cook	Strathdon	5½ "	"	"
"	209	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	210	"	"	8½ "	"	"
"	206	"	"	1a. 12p.

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Ms. 84-17236	1215	Rous	Terranora	3r. 25p.	15 Sept., 1884	6197
"	1219	"	"	1 acre	"	"
"	1228	"	"	2 acres	"	"
17594	214	King	Narrawa	8 "	"	"
15796	3087	Forbes	Binda	2a. 1r. 20p.	"	"
11867	1046	Wallace	Blakefield	20 acres	"	"
17351	176 ex.	Gloucester	Bohnock	70 "	"	"
15504	241	Brisbane	Park	14 "	"	6198
"	242	"	"	2a. 2r.	"	"
17249	1069A	Gregory	Dynong	2,050 acres	"	"
17236	1218	Rous	Terranora	10 "	"	"
"	1229	"	Cudgen	9 "	"	"
14781	109 fur. ex.	Denison	Langunya	9 "	"	"
"	1044 E. ex.	"	Langunya and Finley	550 "	"	"
9685	501A	Gunderbooka and Irrara	"	325 "	"	"
17248	539A	Gordon	Nowra	3,200 "	"	"
17245	2110	Narromine, Kennedy, &c.	Burrell, &c.	640 "	"	"
14435	2112	Gordon	Dubbo	640 "	"	6199
17247	2111	Canbelego	Tootalally	1r. 20p.	"	"
17236	1212	Rous	Cudgen	200 acres	"	"
"	1216	"	Terranora	1a. 2r. 8p.	"	"
"	1224	"	"	8 acres	"	"
"	1223	"	"	7a. 0r. 24p.	"	"
"	1222	"	"	14a. 3r. 7p.	"	"
"	1221	"	"	70 acres	"	"
15991	3091	Monteagle	Cudgen	40 "	"	"
17233	99	Georgiana	Young	1 "	"	"
17595	202	Murray	Groveland	320 "	"	"
17236	1213	Rous	Oronnear	1,300 "	"	6200
17422	2115	Narromine	Cudgen	4a. 2r. 2p.	"	"
"	2114	"	Enerweena	280 acres	"	"
"	1489 ex.	"	Wentworth	240 "	"	"
17250	1279 fur ex	"	Myall Camp	380 "	"	"
17236	1632	Gough	Frost	900 "	"	"
Roads 83-479-2	1217	Rous	Boyd and Yarraford	700 "	"	"
84-17404	1965	Jamison	Terranora	11a. 1r. 2Sp.	"	6201
17234	105	Roxburgh	Coolga	354 acres	"	"
11232	1270	Burnett	Winburn	158 "	"	"
17230	2113	Clyde	Myalla	220 "	"	"
17250	1550 ex.	Gough	Gangarry, &c.	4½ sq. miles	"	"
17235	746 ex.	"	Balaclava	41 acres	"	"
16721	352 B. ex.	Murphison	Yarraford	130 "	"	6202
17231	1980	White	Molroy	80 "	"	"
17402	1 ex.	Gregory	Tannawanda	376 "	"	"
19026	205	Cook	Bena	76 "	"	"
"	1655	Clarke	Woodford	170 "	"	"
"	1656	"	Balblair	60 "	17	6289
19027	1657	Sandon	Laguna	640 "	"	"
19028	1658	Hardinge	Harnham	52 "	"	"
17246	1978	Baradine	New Valley	3,600 "	"	6290
"	1979	Baradine	Baradine, &c.	5,000 "	22	6363
17479	1064 ex.	Baradine and Gowen	Ukerbarley, &c.	2,200 "	"	"
"	"	Lincoln	Geurie	33 "	"	"

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S4-17742	3252	Cadell	Moama and Bama	6,500 acres	22 Sept., 1884	6364
"	3253	"	Bama, &c.	37,000 "	"	"
17743	3254	"	Toorangabby, &c.	51,200 "	"	"
"	3255	"	Perricoota	810 "	"	"
17905	220	Bathurst	Torrens	2a. 1r. 10p.	"	6365
13323	135	Wellington	Cooper	20 acres	"	"
11947	3094	Harden	Morney Morney	3a. 1r. 7p.	"	"
2016	3093	"	Murrumboola	3a. 0r. 2p.	"	"
13127	3092	Monteagle	Kikiamah	8 acres	"	"
13396	178	Gloucester	Nerong	3a. 0r. 34p.	"	"
17904	1646	Gough	Severn	120 acres	"	"
17905	222	Bathurst	Torrens	2	"	6366
"	221	"	"	1a. 2r. 32p.	"	"
17904	1638	Gough	Severn	2½ acres	"	"
"	1640	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	1643	"	"	8 "	"	"
"	1645	"	"	4½ "	"	"
17905	219	Bathurst	Torrens	7a. 0r. 8p.	"	"
17904	1639	Gough	Severn	4½ acres	"	"
"	1644	"	"	5 "	"	"
10990	1648	"	Beardy Plains	9a. 3r. 13p.	"	6367
4228	1649	Hardinge	Cope's Creek	10 acres	"	"
13684	1647	Gough	Inverell	3a. 1r. 7p.	"	"
13242	1231	Rous	North Lismore	8 acres	"	"
17904	1641	Gough	Severn	4½ "	"	"
17597	201	Murray	Talagandra	13 "	"	"
17939	1919 ex.	Narromine	Treangi	1,440 "	"	"
17905	224	Bathurst	Torrens	8a. 0r. 12p.	"	6368
17904	1642	Gough	Severn	15 acres	"	"
17900	1024 ex.	Narran	Drundelang	812 "	"	"
"	1025 ex.	"	"	1,040 "	"	"
17480	3256	Mitchell and Wynyard	Sandy Creek	2 "	"	"
18238	3267	Wynyard	Umbango	18½ "	"	"
17905	223	Bathurst	Torrens	5a. 0r. 13p.	"	6369
17246	1977	Baradine	Ukerbarby	540 acres	"	"
17900	1131 ex.	Narran	Bunyip	320 "	"	6368
17596	143 ex.	Murray	Monkellan	42 "	"	6369
18012	664	Yancowinna	Bray	1½ "	24	6417
"	665	"	"	4½ "	"	"
"	666	"	"	4½ "	"	"
"	667	"	"	3 "	"	"
"	672	"	"	2 "	"	"
"	673	"	"	5 "	"	"
18970	190	Gloucester	Topi Topi, &c.	1,500 "	"	6418
18390	1063	Cowley	Cuppacumbalong	420 "	"	"
18962	1064	"	Gudgenby	640 "	"	"
"	1065	"	Yarara, &c.	640 "	"	"
18373	163	Northumberland	Wyong	78 "	"	"
19317	2119	Gordon	Wagstaff	240 "	"	"
18309	1054	Beresford	Wangrah	90 "	"	"
18012	669	Yancowinna	Bray	10 "	"	6419
"	663	"	"	136 "	"	"
"	668	"	"	12 "	"	"
"	670	"	"	5 "	"	"
"	671	"	"	78 "	"	"
18244	3088	Bourke	Elliott	2 "	20	6505
15669	1053	Beresford	Cooma	2 "	"	"
16065	1052	Dampier	Noorooma	1 rood	"	"
18239	3090	Bourke	Currawannana	30 acres	"	"
17423	1217	Culgoa	Booroominia	1,600 "	"	6506
"	1216	"	"	1,600 "	"	"
"	386 ex.	"	West Milroy	5 sq. miles	"	"
"	69 ex.	"	Kunreberce	4½ acres	"	"
"	1220	"	Booroominia	400 "	"	"
"	1223	"	Kunreberce	6 sq. miles	"	"
"	1227	"	Payera	8 "	"	"
"	1230	"	Booroominia	5 "	"	"
"	1229	"	Payera	5 "	"	"
18153	1104	Narran	Woolnorth	1,664 acres	"	"
18154	1233	"	Morella, &c.	9,688 "	"	"
13327	1204	Finch	Bunghill	690 "	"	"
17423	1218	Culgoa	Booroominia	1,920 "	"	6507
"	1221	"	West Milroy	6½ sq. miles	"	"
"	1222	"	"	2½ "	"	"
"	1226	Gunderbooka	Gurriwarra	3½ "	"	"
"	1225	Culgoa	Kunreberce	2½ "	"	"
"	1224	"	"	2½ "	"	"
"	1228	"	Payera	6 "	"	"
18156	1650	Araratta	Pindari	1,000 acres	"	"
10983	136	Wellington	Erudgere	5 "	"	"
18865	1936	Buckland	Carroll	2a. 0r. 25p.	"	"
18155	1050	Auckland	Yurrammie	14½ acres	"	6508
15883	225	Bathurst	Purfleet	60 "	"	"
11528	3089	Bourke	Currawannana	28 "	"	"
18240	3086	Gipps	Waroo	460 "	"	"
17423	1219	Culgoa & Gunderbooka	Gurriwarra, &c.	18 sq. miles	"	"
19029	1654	Hardinge	New Valley	5,200 "	"	"
18241	1238	Yanda	"	40 "	"	6509

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Ms. 84-19997	1377	Ararawatta	Bengalla	51 acres	1 Oct., 1884	6571
19591	866 ex.	Auckland	Tantawangalo	42½ "	" "	"
19254	2057	Oxley	Wera	1,500 "	6 "	6702
18603	1637	Hawes	Cooplacurripa	60 "	" "	"
"	1636	"	"	132 "	" "	"
"	1635	"	"	594 "	" "	"
19254	2056	Oxley	Wera	1,250 "	" "	"
"	2061	"	Cajildry	700 "	" "	"
"	2060	"	Buddabadah	360 "	" "	6703
"	2062	"	Cajildry and Terangan	1,500 "	" "	"
"	2063	"	Terangan	1,500 "	" "	"
18602	1651	Sandon	Armidale	1a. 2r. 38p.	" "	"
17603	3020	Mouramba	Knox and Wills	2,560 acres	" "	6704
"	3021	"	Nymagee, &c.	1,590 "	" "	"
18603	1633	Hawes	Nowendoc, &c.	80 "	" "	"
19254	2053	Oxley	Nyngan, &c.	13,320 "	" "	"
"	2054	"	Buddabadah, &c.	800 "	" "	"
"	2055	"	Cajildry and Terangan	2,900 "	" "	"
Cs. 84-18719	30 ex.	Cook	Blackheath	20 "	" "	6705
Ms. 84-18718	30 ex.	"	"	25 "	" "	"
18374	1237	Yanda	Bimbea	9,000 "	" "	"
18502	1460A	Vernon	Winterbourne	600 "	" "	"
17603	3023	Mouramba	Knox and Evans	2,560 "	" "	"
19254	2058	Flinders	Murrabudda, &c.	3,200 "	" "	"
"	2059	Flinders and Oxley	The Plains, &c.	6,100 "	" "	"
18372	1232	Narran	Mungrada	1,545 "	" "	"
18604	619	Menindee	Kinchega	150 "	" "	6706
17603	3022	Mouramba	Knox and Ellis	640 "	" "	"
19377	1066	Wallace	Marrinumbra	54a. 1r.	8 "	6807
16511	164	Northumberland	Dora	62a. 1r.	" "	"
20293	1258	Robinson and Flinders	Colin and Geweroo	640 acres	" "	"
"	2121	Flinders	Boree	1,680 "	" "	"
20695	366 n. ex.	Murchison	Gum Flat	20 "	" "	6808
"	366 s. ex.	"	"	8½ "	" "	"
20581	3275	Denison	Finley	5a. 1r. 8p.	13 "	6862
"	3276	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	" "	"
19656	947 ex.	Leichhardt	Aberfoyle	30 "	" "	6863
19398	317 ex.	Caira	Bocathan	5 "	" "	"
19191	1372	Burnett	Gill	78 "	" "	"
"	1100 ex.	"	Baroma	14 "	" "	"
"	901 fur. ex.	"	Cox	43 "	" "	"
19195	1981	Leichhardt	Gunna, &c.	2,884 "	" "	"
"	1983	"	Sussex, &c.	2,450 "	" "	"
"	1985	"	Ularbec	1,440 "	" "	"
19552	2118	Ashburnham	Barton	7 "	" "	"
19559	2116	Kennedy	Graddle	450 "	" "	"
19615	2117	Ashburnham	Barton	70 "	" "	6864
19560	1990	Jamison	Wecta Waa	590 "	" "	"
"	1989	"	"	260 "	" "	"
19191	1982	Leichhardt	Tooloora, &c.	3,251 "	" "	"
"	1984	"	Ularbie, &c.	2,700 "	" "	"
19614	1051	Dampier	Bermague	2½ "	" "	"
17124	1676a	Forbes	Wheoga	960 "	" "	"

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	County	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 84-18841	226	Bathurst	Bathurst	10 acres	13 Oct., 1884	6864
19185	1155	Clyde	Yarrowin	1,400 "	"	6865
"	1154	"	Thudie	1,268 "	"	"
"	1153	"	Yarrowin	1,440 "	"	"
"	1152	"	Ethelberg	640 "	"	"
"	1151	"	"	1,672 "	"	"
"	1150	"	Galar, &c.	1,900 "	"	"
"	1149	"	Briarie	1,288 "	"	"
"	1148	"	"	1,268 "	"	"
"	1147	"	Galar	4 sq. miles	"	"
"	1146	"	Galar, &c.	4 "	"	"
"	1145	"	Thudie	5 "	"	6866
"	630 s.w. ex.	"	Briarie	360 acres	"	"
19194	1373	Burnett and Murchison	Adams, &c.	30,000 "	"	"
19616	2120	Canbelego	Gidalambone	3a. 1r. 7p.	"	"
19195	793 fur. ex.	Burnett	Cox	430 acres	"	6867
"	793 ex.	"	Cox, &c.	40 "	"	"
6156	1811A	Jamison	Brigalow, &c.	811 "	"	"
18794	1991	"	Dealwarraldi, &c.	1,260 "	"	"
17603	3025	Mouramba	Priory Plains	800 "	"	"
"	3024	"	Hume	2,400 "	"	"
19185	1156	Clyde	Briarie	1,500 "	"	"
15545	85	Westmoreland	Vulcan	2 "	"	6868
7251	115	Cumberland	South Colah	3a. 3r. 31p.	"	"
16336	137	Wellington	Cunningham	20 acres	"	"
15190	1699	Gowen	Balumbrial	20 "	"	"
5680	3102	Forbes	Cumbijowa	10 "	"	"
17603	3026	Mouramba	Jamison	480 "	"	"
"	3327	"	Hume, &c.	640 "	"	"
19558	1376	Benarba	Single	108 "	"	"
19764	203	Murray	Krawarree	73 "	"	6869
20581	3271	Denison	Finley	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	3273	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	3274	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	3277	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	3272	"	"	3a. 3r.	"	"
19256	1047A	Beresford	Tinderry	630 acres	"	"
18069	1652	Hardinge	Toryburn	1,050 "	"	6870

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

No. of Papers.	No of Reserve	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ma. 84-20366	156	Phillip	Fitzgerald	40 acres	15 Oct., 1884	6935
21914	2002	Baradine	Worigal	40 "	"	"
20944	164	Bligh	Terraban	108 "	"	"
21185	678	Yancowinna	Bray	320 "	"	6936
19912	3268	Wakool	Nunnagoyt	5,200 "	20	7013
20044	1306A	Forbes	Mulyandry and Erasa	3,705 "	"	"
20163	243	Brisbane	Murulla and Temi	117a. 2r. 31p.	"	"
19986	45A	Richmond	Tatham	1 sq. mile	"	"
19922	3263	Townsend	Nallam and Boyes	13,500 acres	"	"
19919	3264	"	Derrulaman	4,200 "	"	"
19916	3265	"	Towool, &c.	68,680 "	"	7014
19921	3258	Wakool	Gonn, &c.	80,000 "	"	7015
"	3261	"	Mellool	2,240 "	"	"
"	3260	"	"	2,760 "	"	"
19917	3262	"	Townsend	38,500 "	"	"
19921	3259	"	Gauic	1,820 "	"	"
19154	114	Cumberland	Nelson	102 "	"	7016
20042	1700	Gowen	Belar	520 "	"	"
19985	676	Livingstone	"	23 sq. miles	"	"
"	675	"	"	37 "	"	"
"	674	"	"	35 "	"	"
20001	1374	Benarba	Millebee	540 acres	"	"
19758	1658	Hawes	Rowley	1,200 "	"	"
20250	400 ex.	Narran	Moonghamoola, &c.	3,900 "	"	"
"	398 ex.	"	Ballanbillion, &c.	1,550 "	"	"
19918	3257	Urana	Bingagong	1a. 2r. 4p.	"	"
19756	1659	Sandon	Dumaresq	22 acres	"	7017
19981	1698	Leichhardt	Warragan and Colima	320 "	"	"
20042	362 ex.	Gowen	Belar	160 "	"	"
5692	381 ex.	Perry	Pooncaira	2,368 "	"	"
15399	2122	Gordon	Ponto	110 "	"	"
19982	88	Westmoreland	Speedwell	600 "	"	"
"	87	"	Jooriland and The Peaks	1,000 "	"	"
"	86	"	The Peaks	400 "	"	"
20001	1375	Benarba	Millebee	370 "	"	7018
13881	3270	Hume	Mahonga	2 "	"	"
19763	2676 ex.	Forbes	Nanima	56½ "	"	"
20002	1988	Denham	Browne and Dewhurst	4,150 "	"	"
"	1987	"	Browne, Roberts, &c.	1,970 "	"	"
20485	1259	Narran	Berruma	10 "	"	"
13032	3266	Mitchell	Osborne	18 "	"	"
20915	1671	Hardinge	Elderbury	70 "	22	7093
"	1664	Sandon	Falconer	9a. 2r. 16p.	"	7094
"	1666	"	"	34a. 1r. 24p.	"	"
"	1670	"	"	54 acres	"	"
"	1667	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	1668	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	"
"	1674	"	"	1 acre	"	"
"	1673	"	"	1 "	"	"
"	1669	"	"	5a. 1r. 8p.	"	7095
21381	1379	Benarba	Yarroll	320 acres	"	"
20915	1672	Sandon	Falconer	19 "	"	"
"	1665	"	"	34a. 1r. 24p.	"	"
20486	464A ex.	Narran	Narrandore, &c.	960 "	27	7212
18791	2957	Bland	Dinga Dinga	144 "	"	"
20369	3107	"	Morangareh	9a. 2r. 26p.	"	"
20690	677	Young	Peveril	640 acres	"	"
16657	899A	Rous	Brunswick	17½ "	"	"
20483	117 ex.	Narran	Hammond	2,170 "	"	"
13324	138	Wellington	Boomey	6a. 3r. 10p.	"	7213
20380	176	Argyle	Upper Tarlo	9a. 0r. 31p.	"	"
20567	1233	Rous	Cudgen	11a. 0r. 38p.	"	7214
22212	686	Farnell	Byjerkino	640 acres	29	"
22213	685	"	"	10 "	"	"
21697	1263	Narran	Papperton	5 sq. miles	"	"
21696	1262	"	Bannockburn	2½ "	"	"
21971	1260	Culgoa	Berri	3½ acres	"	"
21975	40	Vernon	Bergen-op-Zoom	40 "	"	"

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25
Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Woombah	165 acres ...	645 acres ...	County of Clarence, parish of Woombah ...	23 April, 1883.
Extension of Town of Cobar ...	87 „ ...	.....	County of Robinson, parish of Cobar	2 May. „
Extension of Village of Brasfort .....	.....	6,080 acres.	County of Cook, parish of Jamieson	4 June, „
Extension of Town of Glen Innes .....	.....	19,000 „	County of Gough, parishes of Glen Innes and Dittmas.	4 „ „
Village of Loftus	43 acres ...	.....	County of Clarendon, parish of South Junee	11 „ „
Extension of Town of Port Macquarie.	7a. 3r. 18p.	.....	At Kooloonbung Creek	25 „ „
Village of Carrathool West....	690 acres ...	.....	County of Sturt, parish of Carrathool	9 July, „
Village of Narromino	375 „ ...	3,607 acres.	County of Wentworth, parishes of Went- worth and Timbregongie.	16 „ „
Village of Wandera	140 „ ...	500 „	County of Arrawatta, parish of Wandera ...	20 Aug., „
Extension of Town of Moree	322 „	County of Cowallie, parish of Moree	24 Sept., „

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Extension to Suburban Lands at Bombala.	350 acres...	County of Wellesley, parish of Bombala.....	8 Oct., 1883.
Town of West Bourke	56 acres ...	2,400 ,, ...	County of Gunderbooks, parish of West Bourke.	15 ,, ,,
Village of Colombo	180 ,, ...	220 ,, ...	County of Auckland, parish of Colombo.....	29 ,, ,,

1883.

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City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Extension to Suburban Lands, Village of Blackheath.	.....	70 acres, ex- tension to suburbs.	County of Cook, parish of Blackheath	5 Nov., 1883.
Extension to Suburban Lands, Village of Mendooran.	.....	1,020 acres, extension to suburbs.	County of Napier, parish of Mendooran ...	19 „ „
Village of Cobborah (Extension)	About 310 acres, exten- sion to vil- lage.	About 7,080 acres, exten- sion to sub- urbs.	County of Lincoln, parishes of Adelyne and Cobborah.	26 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25
Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Teramby	150 acres ...	213 acres ...	County of Gloucester, parish of Tomaree ...	3 Dec., 1883.
Town of Engowra.....	270 „ ...	600 „ ...	County of Ashburnham, parish of Engowra, &c.	31 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITE FOR VILLAGE.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Site for a Village, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.

Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Jewnee (Extension)...	72½ acres ...	County of Clarendon, parish of Jewnee	21 Jan., 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Town of Narrabri West	392 acres ...	.....	County of White, parish of Cooma	18 Feb., 1884.
Village of Girilambone.....	400 „ ...	2,150 acres...	County of Canbelego, parishes of Neiley, &c.	18 „ „
Extension to the suburban lands of Murrumburrah.	63 „ ...	County of Harden, parish of Murrumboola...	18 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act
25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Katoomba, extension to suburban boundaries.	.....	1,430 acres...	County of Cook, parish of Blackheath.....	31 March, 1884.
Village of Lawson.....	140 acres	County of Cook, parishes of Jamieson and Linden.	2 April, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Extension to suburban lands at Dubbo.	100 acres .	County of Lincoln, parish of Warrie	28 April, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 25 Vict. No. 1, sec. 4.

ABSTRACT of Sites for Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.

Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Blackheath	1,300 acres...	County of Cook, parish of Blackheath	19 May, 1884.
Village of Murringo	180 „	County of Montegle, parish of Murringo ...	19 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act
25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Bateman	About 75 acres.....	About 110 acres ...	County of St. Vincent, parish of Bateman ...	26 May, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Bye-Rock	850 acres	County of Cowper, parish of Bye.....	2 July, 1884.

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ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act
25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Town of Parkes	330 acres ...	1,130 acres...	County of Ashburnham, parish of Currajong	16 July, 1884.
Town of Temora (extension to Suburbs).	.....	1,770 „ ...	County of Bland, parish of Bundawarra	21 July, 1884.
Town of Wilcannia (extension)	17 acres.....	County of Young, parish of Wilcannia	30 July, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Town of Casino .....	.....	3,000 acres (extension)	Counties of Richmond and Ross, parishes of North and South Casino.	4 Aug., 1884.
Village of Goobang	110 acres ...	115 acres ...	County of Ashburnham, parish of Parkes ...	11 " "
Village of Umaralla (amended boundaries).	466 " ...	975 " ...	County of Beresford, parishes of Umaralla and Undoo.	11 " "
Town of Glen Innes .....	.....	26 acres (extended area)	County of Gough, parish of Glen Innes.....	18 " "
Town of Nevertire.....	220 acres ...	1,460 acres...	County of Oxley, parish of Garule.....	25 " "

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act
25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Purnamoota	160 acres ...	.....	County of Yancowinna, parish of Robe	1 Sept., 1884.
Village of Glonbrook	130 „	County of Cook, parish of Strathdon	8 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25
Victoria, No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Chinderah.....	250 acres ...	1,750 acres...	County of Ross, parishes of Terranora and Cudgen.	15 Sept., 1884.
Town of Silverton	207 „ ...	890 „ ...	County of Yancowinna, parish of Bray.....	24 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act
25 Victoria No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Ulupna	208 acres ...	438 acres ...	County of Denison, parish of Finley	13 Oct., 1884.
Town of Forbes	950 „	County of Ashburnham, parish of Forbes ...	13 „ „

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Village of Guyson	200 acres ...	1,100 acres...	County of Sandon, parish of Falconer.....	22 October, 1884.

1883.

(THIRD SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO THE USE OF PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 32ND SECTION OF THE ACT 39 VIC. No. 13.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 39 Vict. No. 13, sec. 32.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Place.	County	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association	No. of Papers.	Cat. No of Plan.
						a. r. p.		Miscellaneous	
Coonabarrabran	Gowen			211	Parish of Coonabarrabran	10 0 0	Coonabarrabran Pastoral and Agricultural Association.	83-3,575	C. 18-1,704
Cowra	Forbes			231	Parish of Mulyan	10 0 0	Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association	83-13,922	F 1,561-1787
Gulgong	Phillip			86 and 90	Parish of Guntawang	15 0 0	Gulgong Agricultural Association.	83-10,046	P.759-2,125 R

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED FOR THE USE OF PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 39 Vic. No. 13, sec. 32.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Association, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria, No. 13.

Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Wingham	Macquarie	117	Parish of Wingham	a. r. p. 25 0 0	Upper Manning Agricultural and Horticultural Association.	84-8,123 Ms.	M. 1,729-666

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED FOR THE USE OF PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 39 Vic. No. 13, sec. 32.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria, No. 13.

Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. Plan.
Murrurundi	Brisbane	Parish of Murrurundi ..	n. r. p. 5 0 0	The Murrurundi Agricultural and Horticultural Society.	Ms. 88-24,854	M. 24-1,100.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria, No. 13.

Place.	County.	Allotment.	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Uralla	Sandon	508	Parish of Uralla	a. r. p. 23 1 33	Southern New England Pastoral and Agricultural Association.	84-3,009	U. 18-1,585

1883-4.

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Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Candelo	Auckland .....	.....	.....	177	Town of Candelo	a r p. 13 2 30	Candelo Agricultural and Pastoral Association.	Ms. 84-11,476	C. 13-1,906
Germanton	Goulburn .....	.....	.....	186	At Germanton	7 0 33	Germanton Pastoral and Agricultural Society.	84-10,386	G. 3-2,229
Wilcannia	Young	84	At Wilcannia	20 0 0	Wilcannia Pastoral Society	84- 8,011	W. 12-1,037

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

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ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria, No. 13.

Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Queanbeyan	Murray .....	.....	32	.....	Town of Queanbeyan ..	a. r. p. 10 0 0	The Queanbeyan Pastoral & Agricultural Association.	Misc. 84-8,974	Q. 42-1,057
West Kempsey ..	Dudley .....	.....	.....	.....	Town of West Kempsey, parish of Yarravel.	12 0 0	The Macleay River Agricultural and Horticultural Association.	8,835	K. 21-1,593
Wollongong	Camden	Parish of Wollongong (exclusive of a road).	53 0 0	The Wollongong Agricultural Society.	8,318	W. 11-1,25

1883-4.

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Place.	County.	Allotment	Section.	Portion.	Locality.	Area.	Name of Association.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Cooma	Beresford.....	Town of Cooma	a. r. p. 6 1 24	The Cooma Pastoral, Agricultural, and Ploughing Association.	Misc. 84-20,384	C. 24-1,381

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(THIRD SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43
Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Town of Forbes—by opening a road through sections 47 and 48	24 April, 1883.
Village of Cargo—by a deviation of Loftus-street.....	17 " September, 1883.
Town of Colombo	

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS FOR TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43
Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Town of Arakoon.—Design altered by the closing of a lane through part of section 22	24 March, 1884.
Village of Blackheath.—Design altered by including in the suburban lands a small area originally dedicated as town lands.....	”
Town of Forbes.—Design altered by modifying the limits of the town boundaries.....	”
Town of Goobang.—Design altered by the curtailment of the town and suburban boundaries.....	”
Town of Parkes.—Design altered by the extension of the suburban boundaries.....	”

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.
(ALTERATION IN DESIGN OF VILLAGE.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vict. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alteration of Design of Village, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria, No. 29.

Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the Design of the Village of Robertson by closing the lanes through sections 5 and 6	21 April, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43
Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Village of Currathool.....	19 May, 1884.
Village of Bokhara.....	"

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43
Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the design of the Town of Parkes by changing the limits of the Town boundaries and a portion of the design within the Town boundaries.	3 June, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the design of the Village of Candelo, by the closing of that part of Monsro-street and road extending westerly from that street, within the proposed Show Ground; also the reservation of roads on the north, west, and south sides of the proposed Show Ground.	23 June, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vict. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act
43 Victoria, No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the Design of the Village of Umaralla by converting allotments to the north-west of Charles-street into suburban portions.	15 July, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act
43 Victoria, No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
<p style="text-align: center;">Town of Emu.</p> By including that part of the Town Lands within portion No. 41, parish of Strathdon, County of Cook, within the Suburban Lands of Emu.	23 July, 1884.
<p style="text-align: center;">Village of Parmellova.</p> By closing the lane between allotments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 10, 11, and 12 of section No. 31.....	23 " "

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act
43 Victoria, No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
<p style="text-align: center;">Village of Goobang.</p> By closing a lane dividing section No. 28	11 August, 1884.
<p style="text-align: center;">Village of Butler's Falls.</p> By closing certain roads fronting allotments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of section No. 1, running along the banks of the Macquarie River, and between allotment No. 4 of section No. 1 and portion No. 204.	18 " "

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 29, sec. 22.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43
Victoria No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the design of the Town of Coldstream, by closing part of Southgate-street, dividing sections 31 and 32, approved to be dedicated for Public Recreation.	15 September, 1884.

1883-4.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS IN DESIGNS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.)

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ABSTRACT of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act
43 Victoria, No. 29.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Alteration of the Design of the Village of Manildra and of the Village and Suburban boundaries	28 October, 1884.

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