

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE ELECTORAL ACT.

A circular letter of instructions, addressed to the magistrates of the territory, has been issued by his Excellency the Governor, for the purpose of drawing their attention to the duties which will devolve upon them, and persons acting under them, in carrying out the provisions of the act of council for dividing the colony into electoral districts and for the election of members to serve in the Legislative Council.

The principal points in this letter are the following:—

The chief constable in every district is between the 10th March and the 10th April to form a list of all persons entitled to vote in virtue of any property situate within the police district of which he is chief constable. Only two classes of persons are to be placed on the list; first, proprietors of lands or buildings to the value of £200; second, householders living in houses worth at least £20 per annum.

The freehold property must be worth £200 clear of all incumbrances, that is to say, it must be worth £200 over and above any mortgage or any other incumbrance that may be upon it.

No mortgagee will be entitled to vote in virtue of his mortgage unless he is in actual possession of the property or in receipt of the rents and profits.

In estimating the annual value of dwelling houses, out buildings required for the use of the family may be included, as well as the garden, but no farm building, or garden if it is larger than is required for the domestic purposes of the family occupying the house.

No person will be entitled to vote who is not of the full age of 21 years, or who is a foreigner, unless he has been naturalized or holds letters of denization from the Governor of New South Wales.

No leasehold interest, however large, can qualify a person to vote, unless he occupies a house of the yearly value of £20, and then his qualification is derived from his household.

No ticket of leave holder can vote; but persons whose sentences have expired, or who have received absolute or conditional pardons, can, if otherwise properly qualified.

No person will be entitled to vote for any property or house of which he was not in possession or occupancy on the 10th October last.

Persons in possession of property in right of their wives only are not qualified as freehold proprietors, though if a man lives in a house belonging to his wife, worth £20 a year, he is qualified as a householder.

No inmate, or lodger, can be qualified to vote, but only the immediate tenant of the house.

There being no clause in the act of parliament enabling joint occupiers to vote, the precedent set by the Judges in deciding upon the Irish Reform Act is to be adopted, and joint occupiers are not to be registered as householders.

The electoral lists are to be made out and exposed to public view by the 14th April, at the latest, and are to remain so exposed until the evening of the 20th April; and from the 14th to the 22nd April persons may claim to have their names inserted on the list, or object to others already upon it, by application as the act directs to the clerk of the bench. By the 23rd April the clerk must prepare lists of such claims and objections, which are to be exposed to public view until 1st May.

The police magistrate of the district, or, if there is no police magistrate, the senior justice of the place resident in the district, is to preside in all courts for the revision of the lists, to be assisted by two resident justices as assessors; but no justice of the peace can act as president or assessor who may be a candidate for the district where the revision is in hand.

The courts for the revision of the lists will extend from the 1st to the 15th May inclusive, and may be adjourned during that period from day to day.

The letter also contains many suggestions for the guidance of the magistrates in the revision of the lists, but the above are all the most important points.

AUSTRALIAN WIT.—A youth at a school not far from this, having a violent inclination to make a pun, which the fear of the birch was not able to restrain, coming to that part of the English grammar where it says, "The helping verbs, have, am, and be, have personal pronouns before them," left out "personal pronouns," and read it, "The helping verbs have am and be before them."—Raymond Terrace Correspondent.

To the Independent Electors of the Counties of Cook and Hunter.

GENTLEMEN—Induced by the solicitations of many valued friends—electors of your Counties—I take the liberty of offering myself as a Candidate to Represent your interests in the forthcoming Legislative Council of this Colony.

In thus coming forward, I beg to say, that although I cannot boast of being an Australian by birth, I may claim to be regarded as an Australian by adoption. Having spent nearly the whole of my life (a period of forty-five years) in the colony, for upwards of thirty of which I have been actively engaged in practical grazing and agriculture; having lent a helping hand to reclaim the once wild and inhospitable forests of Australia to be, what they now are, well tilled and cultivated fields and pasture grounds; and having also a numerous family, sons of the soil; I think these circumstances may in some measure qualify me for the important distinction to which I now aspire, believing, as I do, that no one can represent a country so truly and faithfully as he whose interests are in every point assimilated to those of his constituents. Should you, therefore, honour me by sending me forth as your representative in the future Council, I have determined to go there free and unpledged to any party, or to any line of policy, except that which to my judgment shall appear best calculated to promote the general interests of the colony, and particularly of those counties with which I am so intimately connected, I shall always be ready firmly and fearlessly to oppose by all lawful means every measure of an opposite tendency; relying at all times upon the intelligent and united support of my constituents.

With respect to my political opinions, Gentlemen, I think I cannot express my sentiments more fully than in the words of a valued friend—it shall be my constant aim and endeavour to promote "The greatest happiness of the greatest number;" and holding as I do, that there should be no political distinctions on account of religion, but that a fair field should be afforded to all, without favour to any, I shall strictly adhere to, and zealously maintain, the principles of entire religious equality.

With regard to immigration, I think that something may yet be done whereby many virtuous and industrious families may be brought to our shores from the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and I am decidedly of opinion this ought to be promoted by every possible means; and until that has been tried, and failed, (and I hold it incumbent on the colonists to make the trial) I shall oppose the introduction of an inferior race from India or elsewhere.

These, Gentlemen, are my views and opinions. Should you be satisfied with them, and approve of me, I shall be most happy to represent your interests in the new Legislative Council, and shall do my best to promote our general welfare. At the same time should you find one who possesses your confidence more fully than I do, one who is more identified with your interests than I am, and who would more zealously promote your welfare, I shall neither be sorry nor disappointed, but, on the contrary, shall gladly use my best exertions for his return as our representative.

In conclusion, I beg to say that as our electoral district is very extensive, it will require some considerable time to pay my respects to you all, and to solicit your votes personally; but I hope to have the pleasure of doing so at an early opportunity, and shall appoint a day and place in each locality to meet you, with a view more fully to explain my sentiments and views.

In the meantime, Gentlemen, I beg to subscribe myself Your devoted and humble servant, GEORGE BOWMAN, Richmond, February 1, 1843.

LOST, between Patrick's Plains and Muswellbrook, a POCKET BOOK, containing several papers of no value to any person but the undersigned; also a Cheque on the Bank of Australasia, Maitland, drawn by—Riddle on account of the estate of John Eales, Esq., for £4 1s. sterling; and a dishonoured bill for £20, drawn by— Any person returning the said papers shall receive a reward of £1. THOMAS HAYDON, Bloomfield, 11th March, 1843.

FOR SALE, by private contract, Three Hundred Head of superior bred CATTLE, amongst which are from eighty to one hundred and sixty Fat Bullocks. Prompt delivery of the above cattle, in the month of April, either on the Paterson River, or at the Sale Yards, East Maitland, as may suit purchasers. For terms, &c., apply to Mr. A. Dodds, East Maitland.

FRUIT TREES. A quantity of the above, of the choicest description, at 1s. and 1s. 3d. each. Also, a quantity of superior Onion Seed. Apply to Mr. Thomas Proutie, Maitland, or to Mr. Edwards, in charge.

FRUIT TREES. APPLES, Pears, Almonds, Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots, Oranges, Citrons, Lemons, Quinces, Loquats, and English Oaks, in varieties, with a great number of other Trees, for Sale. Apply to William Mackin, at Mr. Pilcher's, Maitland. The best months for transplanting deciduous trees are June and July.

Important!—Flour, Bran, Maize.

STEAM MILLS, WEST MAITLAND. WILLIAM NICHOLSON begs to convey, on the advent of a new year, his thanks for the liberal support he has enjoyed for the last twelve months, and to assure his numerous customers that, in consequence of extensive improvements and repairs in his establishment, he is now able to turn out every article in his business in first-rate style. W. N. has appointed Agents at Scone, Murrumbidgee, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Newcastle, and Raymond Terrace, at which places he will be able to supply Flour at a small advance on the Maitland charges, which are as follows:— Fine flour, cash 17s. per 100lbs., booked, 10s. Second ditto, cash 14s. per 100 lbs., booked 10s. Ration ditto, cash 12s. per 100 lbs., booked 14s. The above is always of a very superior quality. N. B. Extensive supplies always on hand. ADVANCE AUSTRALIA! 105

BRABAZON'S

New South Wales General Town Directory and General Advertiser, Price One Guinea. AS the above will be a Standing Work for two years, parties desirous of advertising can do so at the following charges:— One page £3 3 0 Half ditto 1 11 6 H. L. BRABAZON, 15, Phillip-street. All communications post paid. March 3, 1843. 218

Notice.

A NUMBER of CATTLE, supposed to be Stolen, a list of which is subjoined, being now in the Scone Pound, it is requested that any party who has either lost, or has had Cattle stolen, answering the descriptions given, will attend at the Police office, Scone, and give such information as will be likely to lead to the conviction of the offenders. Parties wishing to inspect these Cattle can do so any day, on application to the Poundkeeper, St. Aubin's, Scone, at any hour before nine, a.m. and after three, p.m.

List alluded to in the above notice.

One yellow Bullock, branded JC off rump, cock horns, 3 on the off shoulder, about four years old. One red and white Bullock, branded KER off ribs, one down horn, JA near ribs, JA near thigh, I near rump, about four years old. One brindle Cow, branded SH off ribs, R off shoulder, 9 on shoulder, K off rump, JA on the ribs near side, JA near thigh. One red and white small horned Bullock, branded AEA or R off rump, AW off ribs, about three years old. One red and white Bullock, branded JH off rump, JH off ribs, JH off shoulder, JA near ribs, JA near thigh, about three years old. One brindle and white Bullock, branded SRE near ribs, cock horns, about seven years old. One black Bullock, branded JH off rump, cock horns, about seven years old. One black and white Bullock, white rump, branded MS near rump, cock horned, about six years old. One black Cow, branded JA near ribs, JA near thigh, BY off thigh, W off rump, short horns, about four years old. One red and white Bullock, branded WA near rump, W near ribs, H off shoulder, cock horned, about seven years old. One red Bullock, branded WA near rump, W near ribs, white horns, age about seven years. One red and white Bullock, white rump and belly, branded WR off rump, one down horn, about seven years old. By order of the Police Magistrate, E. F. MANIAY, C. P. S., Scone Police office, February 21, 1843. 190

To Small Capitalists.

TO LET, at a low rent, the BUILDINGS formerly belonging to Government, in the town of Cockfighter's Bridge, consisting of a Cottage with five rooms, a three stabled Stable, Huts, &c., with twenty acres of Land; well adapted for an inn, store, or private residence, being on the great western road, and commanding an extensive run. Apply to Mr. Lewis Gordon, of the Surveyor General's Office, or to HENRY CARMICHAEL, Seaham, William River. 202

To Let.

TO LET, several Small FARMS, on the Cardross Estate, Paterson River, well enclosed, for the term of Five or Seven Years. A Run for Twenty Head of Cattle will be granted in each lease, with other advantages; or, if let in one lot, a run for Cattle in proportion. Early application to be made to JAMES ADAIR, Lennoxton, Paterson River, 20th February, 1843. 183

MAITLAND. TO BE LET, the "WOOLPACK INN" and Premises, late in the occupation of Mr. C. Hughes. This house has long obtained a very large business. The Furniture and Fixtures on the premises may be taken at a valuation. For terms apply to Edye Manning, Esq., Sydney, or to Mr. Pilcher, Maitland. 131

Newcastle.

TO BE SOLD OR LET, a HOUSE, containing 4 rooms and a good cellar, also a large verandah. There are attached a kitchen, laundry, and stable. This house commands a splendid view. For terms apply to Mr. Pilcher, Maitland, or Mr. Kemp, Newcastle. 122

TO LET, at Morpeth, a neat Stone COTTAGE, fit for a family, with out-houses complete, lately occupied by Dr. Williamson; rent moderate. Enquire of Mr. Anlaby, Morpeth Hotel. Possession can be given on the 24th February. ALSO, A Stone Store and Wharf, lately rented by the General Steam Navigation Company, opposite the Morpeth Hotel. 116

THE undersigned are daily expecting— MASDEU RED WINE Pale French Brandy; Both of which they invite the connoisseur to taste. ALSO, Pale White Wine Sherry Port. 187 L. POTTS & CO.

Opposition Good for the Public!

MR. JAMES STILSBY, fully concurring in the above notice, and knowing the advantages the public derive therefrom, begs to inform parties travelling on the road to and from Patrick's Plains that he is only charging Six Shillings fare; starting from Mr. James Cox's, East Maitland, to Mr. Thomas Cox's, Patrick's Plains, calling at Mr. R. P. Cummins's, West Maitland. Though "Her Majesty's Royal Mail" cannot "Fly," the public patronising her, she will reach Patrick's Plains in good time, without sticking in the mud. 210

GRIST! GRISTH GRISTH!!!

THE Settlers on the Hunter and Paterson Rivers are respectfully informed that a large BOAT will commence plying from the above Mills to Raymond Terrace, Morpeth, &c. &c., on the 1st March, and will continue her trips weekly, for the purpose of loading with Grain, which will be ground and returned at the following reduced prices:— Wheat, ground 6d. per bushel. Ditto, dressing 2d. Ditto, smutting 2d. Barley, ground 6d. Maize, ground 8d. Ditto, cracked 4d. Wheat, smutted for the market 3d. Cash on delivery. Wheat or Maize of good quality taken in payment at 6d. per bushel under market prices.

STEPHEN DARK.

S. D. having had considerable practical experience in Colonial and English Milling, will guarantee the highest satisfaction to those persons who may favour him with grain to be ground. A letter addressed to him will meet with immediate attention. Oatmeal and Mustard manufactured at very liberal prices. Flour of a very superior quality on sale at 2s. per 100lbs. under the usual prices. February 24th, 1843. 101

MR. R. P. CUMMINS begs leave respectfully to inform up-country gentlemen that George Taylor, late training groom to Captain Biddulph, has now the charge of his Stables, and he is prepared to receive HORSES for BREAKING, &c. R. P. C. begs to assure gentlemen that the greatest attention will be paid to horses entrusted to his care. Several loose boxes have been erected for the reception of Race or Entire Horses. N.B. Saddle horses and gigs on hire. West Maitland, March 3rd, 1843. 221

THE undersigned, having just received an entire CARGO, ex Lady Leigh, from MANILA, consisting of Tea, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Cigars, Gin, and Spices, offer the same at reduced prices. L. POTTS & CO. March 7, 1843. 235

A Card.

THRUM'S TEMPERANCE REFRESHMENT ROOMS, Bolton-street, Newcastle. Good accommodation and moderate charges. 204

Sales by Auction.

Quiet Milking Cattle.

MR. W. ROTTON will sell by auction, on THURSDAY, the 30th of March instant, at Twelve o'clock precisely, at Mr. J. Lumley's Stock Yards, Singleton, A quiet Milking Herd of CATTLE, consisting of Cows, Calves, Heifers, and Steers, and a few very fine Bullocks. Superior bred Mares and Horses, Terms at sale. 242

MR. A. DODDS begs to intimate that he will, on an early day, according to instructions received from the proprietor, submit to public auction, the whole of a valuable Stud of SADDLE and CARRIAGE HORSES. Further particulars will be given. 100

Important Sale of Horse Stock.

MR. A. DODDS will sell by auction, at the "BUSH INN, BLACK CREEK," on TUESDAY, the 4th April next, at One o'clock precisely (being the first of a series of periodical sales from the stud of C. Berry, Esq., now running at Belford). About Twenty-five BROOD MARES, 3 years and upwards, of first-rate stamp, and stunted to the imported Blood Horse "Seagrave," and to the imported pure Clydesdale Stallion "Farmer's Delight;" including many fit for draught. Ten well-bred, sound, and fresh young HORSES, broke to saddle, and single, double, and tandem harness, 3 to 5 years of age. Terms at sale, and Catalogues to be had, ten days previously, of the Auctioneer, Maitland, and of Messrs. Campbell and Co., of the Wharf, Sydney, of whom, and of the undersigned, all particulars may be obtained. N.B. Refreshments provided gratis. The stock can be viewed at any time prior to the sale, on application to the undersigned; and horses purchased can be left in the paddocks at Belford to suit the convenience of purchasers, but at their risk. ROBERT B. DAWSON, Belford, Hunter River, 10th March, 1843. 237

Valuable Allotments for Sale.

MR. E. TURNER begs to acquaint the inhabitants of the districts of the Hunter and Paterson rivers, that he will offer for sale by public auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March instant, at Twelve for One o'clock precisely, at the Union Hotel, in East Maitland, All that piece or parcel of LAND, situate in the Town of SINGLETON, bounded on the north by Hunter-street 108 feet, on the east by land of L. Duguid 132 feet, on the south by allotments Nos. 144, 143, and 142 of the said township, 108 feet, and on the west by land of James Doyle 132 feet, be the same more or less. ALSO, An Allotment of Land, situate in the village called Trafalgar, in the parish of Middlethorpe, bounded towards the north west by Nelson-street 80 feet, towards the north east by allotment 9 180 feet, towards the southeast by Hunter River 60 feet, and towards the southwest by allotment 7 180 feet, or thereabouts. ALSO, An Allotment of Land situate near to the last described allotment, bounded towards the north by the road to the Paterson 240 feet, towards the southeast by Nelson-street aforesaid 280 feet, towards the west by a line running northwest 100 feet, more or less. AND ALSO, Three valuable Allotments of Land, situate in West Maitland. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the office of Mr. John Turner, Solicitor, East Maitland, and of the Auctioneer. Maitland, 10th March, 1843. 239

MAITLAND PRICE CURRENT.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Ale and Porter, Dumber's, Assnatto, Beer, Hunter brewery, Brack, per loaf of 4 lbs, Bricks, per 1000, Butcher's Meat: Beef, per lb, Mutton, ditto, Pork, ditto, Veal, ditto, Butter, fresh, per lb, Calf Skins, each, Candles, mould, per lb, Dip, per lb, Cheese, per lb, Coal, per ton, Coffee, per lb, Currants, Zante, per lb, Eggs, per dozen, Firewood, per load, Flour: (Nicholson's Mills, for cash), First quality, per 100 lbs, Second, ditto, Ration, ditto, Bran, ditto, (At Portus's Mills, for cash), First quality, per 100 lbs, Second, ditto, Ration, ditto, Bran, ditto, Fruit: Peaches, per dozen, Apples, ditto, Quinces, ditto, Melons, each, Grain: Wheat, per bushel, Maize, ditto, Oats, Derwent, ditto, Barley, ditto, Hay, per ton, Hides, green, each, Dried, per lb, Hops, per lb, Lemon Syrup, per dozen, Lime, per bushel, Milk, per quart, Mustard, per 1 lb bottle, Per 1/2 lb ditto, Nails, three-inch, per 1000, Batten, ditto, Shingle, ditto, Flooring brads, ditto, Spike, per lb, Poultry: Ducks, per couple, Fowls, ditto, Geese, each, Raisins, Cape, per lb, Rice, per lb, Salad Oil, per bottle, Salt, per owt, Per basket, Saltpetre, per lb, Sheep Skins, clipt, each, With wool, each, Soap, Colonial, per lb, English, ditto, Spirits: Brandy, per gallon, Gin, per case, Rum, per gallon, Stock: Bullocks, fat, per cwt 14s, Ditto, working, each, Cows, good milch, Sheep, ewes, each, Ditto, wethers, ditto, Horses, each, Sugar, per ton, Mauritius, per lb, Fine, ditto, Leaf, ditto, Tea, per lb, Timber: Cedar, cut, per foot, Hard wood, per 100 feet, Joists, Shingles, per 1000, Tobacco, Negrohead, per lb, Colonial, Zwrppatins, per gallon, Vegetables: Potatoes, per cwt 5s to, Cabbages, each, Onions, per lb, Cucumbers, per dozen, Wines: Port, Wardell's, per dozen, Sherry, ditto, Champagne, ditto.

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