

**APPREHENSION OF A DESERTER.**—On Wednesday last constable Crawford apprehended a man named John Doyle, a private of the 90th regiment, from which he was a deserter, on the race course. He was brought before the police bench on the following morning, and having admitted that he was a deserter from the above regiment he was ordered to be forwarded to the commanding officer at Newcastle; and the bench stated the reward should be applied for in favour of the constable who apprehended him.

**DISORDERLY HOUSES.**—The police are beginning to look rather sharply after houses of this character, and not before it is time, as they are generally the receptacles of all kinds of rogues and disorderly characters. Two assigned servants, absent without leave, have been taken out of one of them kept by a woman named Cranfield during the week. Each of these men were brought before the police bench, and both sentenced to fourteen days confinement in the cells, and one of them ordered to be returned to government.

**HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS.**  
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

**WOLLOMBI.**

The locale of the Stockyard Creek, in this district, hitherto known as the abode "where health and plenty cheered the labouring swain," presented the traveller on Friday last with a feminine exhibition of physical prowess which the pugilistic amateur is rarely greeted with. A young and interesting landscape of Australia's mild earth—the proprietress of a valuable allotment of land abutting the possessions of a fragment from the "first gem of the earth and flower of the sea"—reckless of the adage that "the longest way round is the shortest way home," pursued the even tenor of her way along an old but newly-proscribed path through the latter's occupancy; carolling, as she sped, the popular ditty of "The Bush of Australia," which, being interpreted, meant hostility. On the part of Erin the assault was commenced by a shower of corn cobs, whose whizzing gyrations threatened early annihilation to fair Australia, but fate enshrouded her favorite within the mantle of security, and the missiles fell innocuous to earth; hereupon the combatants closed, and although appearances preponderated in favor of Hibernia, the result convinced the spectators that the battle is not always to the strong. Round 1. Sparring on both sides, with loss of head-gear to Hibernia, whose elf-locks, floating in the wind, afforded an inviting grasp to Australia; both went down, Hiber. under. 2. A desperate conflict ensued in the recurrent position in which the chances of war placed the belligerents, Australia's frontispiece suffering severely from the dental weapons of her opponent; this round terminated by the combatants assuming the perpendicular, which betrayed, through the flaunting folds and tatters of either robe, that "not a charm of beauty's mould" deigned to stay where nature placed it. 3. Hibernia directed her energies to unrobing her opponent, but in vain; she fell heavily to earth, and being totally freed of her garments glided speedily from Australia, there being little to lay hold of. Hibernia's laurels now presented sordid and yellow leaves, and, perhaps remembering her nudity, she fled the field, after some impotent efforts to dismantle Australia. At this juncture the helpmate of the vanquished Pythoness appeared on the scene, and was with difficulty prevented from wreaking his ire on the victorious Venus by the convincing aid of a *haus gawn soggarth* (anglicè, death without clergy) shillelah.

**SINGLETON.**

**STOCK, TRADE, &c.**—The live stock in general in this district looks well, but unfortunately we have no market for the surplus, and the consequence is that even some of our most wealthy settlers find it difficult to pay their labourers and to meet their tradesmen's bills. They are willing enough to pay in live stock, but this is of no use, as the parties who would receive such stock cannot convert it into money. Orders are therefore obliged to be given and received. Some of these are payable a few days after sight, but if the sum is to a large amount they are usually for long dates. As the times now are, the storekeepers cannot afford to take these orders, unless the amount is taken out in goods or discount allowed; and when these orders are remitted to Maitland or Sydney, too many of them are unfortunately dishonored, thus embarrassing those who were depending upon them to meet their bills. Many five and ten shillings orders have been in circulation, but we are glad to say most of these have disappeared lately, as very few persons will take them, finding it both difficult and expensive to obtain cash for them. Another description of money still more objectionable consists of orders drawn by superintendents and overseers up the country on their employers resident in this district, which orders are seldom paid, and never can be without a great deal of trouble. However, notwithstanding the difficulties with which we are surrounded, we still live in hopes of better times.

**NEWCASTLE.**

**STATE OF THE GAOL.**—The following was the state of her Majesty's gaol on Wednesday last:—For trial, males 41, females 4; for other stations, male 1; under sentence to hard labour, males 4, females 5; in the cells, male 1, female 1; debtor, female 1; confined, males 0, female 1; waiting for assignment, females 17; total, males 66, females 29.

**MARKETS, &c.**—The markets are extremely dull, and nothing doing. In the police office business there has been nothing worthy of observation.

**ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

**PRIME COST OF WHEAT IN SYDNEY FROM VALPARAISO.**

To the Editors of the Maitland Mercury.  
GENTLEMEN—Believing that no statement of the cost of wheat, imported into this colony from Valparaiso, has appeared in any of the newspapers, I shall endeavour to show for the benefit of those interested in that subject the actual cost of the article landed on the wharf in Sydney.

The price last June, free on board, in Chili was two dollars and a half per fanega, which (at the exchange of 3s. 9d. per dollar—

Is equal to	Per bushel.	s. d.
Freight (£4 4s. per ton), primage, and insurance		3 3/4
Interest, import duty, customs charges, expenses of landing, commission on effecting sale, &c.		2 5/8
		1 0
Making a total of		7 1

It therefore appears evident from the above statement that the Chilians cannot compete to advantage with this country in the growth of wheat.

I shall be glad if this letter should induce any one more recently acquainted with the prices at which wheat has been imported from the west coast of South America to lay a statement before the public.—I remain, &c.,

Paterson, 8th June, 1843.

**SYDNEY NEWS.**

**EMANCIPISTS.**—The Herald of Wednesday last, after extracting the article under the above head furnished us by a correspondent, and which appeared in the last number of the Mercury, makes the following observations upon it:—"The above paragraph appears in the last number of the Maitland Mercury as from a correspondent, and we must express both surprise and regret at seeing that such a meeting has been held. We believe we are stating the sentiments of ninety-nine men out of a hundred, whose opinions are worth anything, when we say that it is for the interest of the colony that there should be no distinction made between the emancipist and other classes of society; the law makes no difference, and the gentry of the colony wish to make no difference. We do not know who the parties are who have acted with such indecency at Maitland, as to wish, as a body, to make terms with a candidate on which they will give him their support; but we are happy to believe that those persons in Sydney who have always been looked upon as the more respectable members of their class would scorn the idea of forming an emancipist party: they are not treated as a class, and they have no wish to be considered as one. Major Wentworth not being in the colony may have prevented Mr. Wall and his condutors from waiting upon Mr. Scott; and if that be the case, we hope that some of their friends may induce them to forego their insane design. At present the "emancipist question," as it is used to be called, has no existence: let those who revive it take the consequences."—We have too much faith in the common sense of the majority of our emancipist fellow-townsmen to believe that they seriously contemplate making any such proposition to either of the candidates.

**MORETON BAY.**—At the meeting of St. Patrick's Society, on Sunday evening last, the Very Rev. the Vicar General stated that his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney had been accompanied to Moreton Bay by four of the missionaries whom he had brought from Italy, and it was his intention to send to Europe for further aid, if necessary. The Governor had given the missionaries permission to locate themselves upon an island separated from Moreton Bay by a small creek, and inhabited by about three hundred of the aborigines, without the presence of a single European; of which they were to have possession, rent free, for two years. These people were represented as being very harmless, and if the mission succeeded there was another island about a hundred miles further north, inhabited by thousands of the aborigines, which would be visited by the missionaries forthwith. One of the missionaries had for a long time resided among the Turks, and was well acquainted with medicine and surgery, and would probably acquire a considerable hold upon the affections of the natives by these means. The government had also allowed the missionaries the services of two men, one of whom had resided on the island for three years, and both were thoroughly versed in the language and general customs of the aborigines. The Archbishop would probably be absent from Sydney for about two months longer, as it was his intention to visit the interior, and inspect all the localities of the vicinity, that he might be better able to form and carry out the necessary arrangements.

A great meeting of the tectotallers was held in the court-house, Penrith, on the 31st May; the Rev. Mr. Lewis, president of the society, in the chair. The court-house was crowded to excess. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, Messrs. Etherington, Jones, Watsford, and one of the Penrith constabulary. At the close of the proceedings thirty-five persons took the pledge.

**NEW NEWSPAPER.**—Mr. W. A. Duncan, late editor of the Australasian Chronicle, has published a prospectus of a new newspaper, to be called "The Sydney Review and Weekly True Chronicle." In his prospectus Mr. Duncan states that having been before the public for the last twelve years as a writer, four of which have been spent in New South Wales, his politics must be generally known. He further adds, "There is, however, one important feature of difference between the plan of the proposed journal and that of the one recently under my direction. That publication was originally intended to be the organ of the Catholic division of the community, and a considerable portion of its columns were accordingly devoted to the affairs of that body. The Sydney Review will, on the contrary, disclaim the special patronage of any particular section into which the community is divided, and will aspire to watch over and promote the interests which are common to all. It will not, therefore, in any sense, be a religious journal, except as far as regards a strict adherence to Christian morality, and the maintenance of perfect religious liberty to all." The paper is to be conducted upon the plan of the best London weekly papers, and is to be published every Saturday evening; each number will contain twelve closely printed pages, and the first number will be published as soon as one thousand subscribers shall have been obtained. We are glad to see that Mr. Duncan is about to take his true position, as the champion of liberal opinions in the colony, unconnected with any particular portion of the community; and we earnestly wish him the success to which his talents and independence as a public writer so justly entitle him.

On Monday last Mr. J. R. Brennan delivered his decision in the case of Mr. Lord, late manager of the Sydney Bank, who was charged with perjury. The judgment delivered was somewhat lengthy, and Mr. Brennan stated in conclusion that "after looking at the evidence over and over again, he considered it wholly insufficient to sustain the charge, or to warrant him in sending the case to a jury; he was, however, relieved from a great weight by the fact that the prosecutors had the power of applying to the Attorney General, and filing a criminal information, if they were dissatisfied with the decision."

A meeting of the friends of the late Mr. James Anderson, the superintendent of the botanical gardens, was held on Friday evening last, for the purpose of determining upon the erection of some monumental record in honor of the deceased, when the design of a pedestal, about

fourteen feet high, resting upon a cubical base, was approved. The cost of this work, about £80, has been already subscribed, but a further subscription will be received to the end of the present month for the enclosure and decoration of the space on which it is to stand.—**Chronicle.**

**SEIZURE OF GOLD DUST AND BARS.**—The whaling barque Nimrod, which arrived in port on Monday last from the sperm fisheries, was suspected to have on board a considerable quantity of gold dust and bars, obtained by clandestine trading with the natives of the islands in the vicinity of which she has been during her voyage from this port since November, 1841; and no information having been given of such a fact to the Custom-house authorities, or to her owner, Mr. Henry Moore, the latter gave information at the Water Police office, and two constables proceeded on board the vessel at Moore's Wharf the same evening of her arrival, with instructions to watch that nothing should be secretly landed, and no person allowed to go ashore without being searched. Yesterday morning the constable produced before Captain Browne, at the Water Police office, a joint, about eighteen or twenty inches long, and one inch in diameter, of a bamboo stem, filled with a dark coloured sandy kind of coarse dust, intermixed with numerous particles of a sparkling yellowish hue, which was supposed to be gold dust; and also a small bar of metal, supposed to contain a considerable portion of the same precious material. A search warrant was granted by Captain Browne on the information of Mr. Moore, and Mr. Inspector Riley, with several men under his direction, proceeded to execute it on board the Nimrod, at which duty they were engaged upwards of two hours. The result was that they discovered forty-six bars, and of the dust fourteen pickle bottles, one jar, nine small parcels, and fifteen bamboo stems, similar to the one above described. Mr. Jeffries, of the Custom-house, arrived shortly after Inspector Riley had made this discovery, and claimed to take charge of the articles in question on behalf of the Queen, on the ground that the Captain had not made any entry of having gold dust or bars on board, but had, on the contrary, denied that such was the case. A case containing the whole of the seizure was then taken to the Custom-house. A considerable portion of the material was found in the chests of the men, and a further portion aft, and the fourteen bottles of dust were particularly owned by the Captain, who is said to have bartered something like £70 worth of strops at the island where it was obtained. It is at present uncertain whether the commodity contains genuine gold or not; and however this question may be solved by the analysis which will be made by competent parties, it is understood that at present the Customs only hold possession on behalf of the owner. No duty is payable either on the bars or the dust, and if they should be eventually appropriated by the crown, it can only be on the ground of the false report made at the Custom-house.—*Australian.*

**SEIZURE OF GUNPOWDER.**—While the search spoken of in the last paragraph was going forward, four kegs of gunpowder were found and seized by Inspector Riley. It cannot be too much borne in mind by captains of vessels entering Port Jackson, that they are liable to a penalty of 20s. for every pound weight of gunpowder they bring beyond Pinchgut Island.—*Australian.*

**AMERICAN PROVISIONS FOR THE BRITISH MARKET.**—The Baltimore American says a house in that city is now largely engaged in packing beef for the English market. It is packed in tins containing each 304 lb., and is to be shipped to London and sold on their account. Large quantities of tongues are also being prepared for the same destination; and should the price of hogs justify the experiment, it is the intention of the same concern to make considerable shipments of pork to the same place.—*New York paper.*

**LEAD IN THE UPPER HOUSE.**—We are enabled to state that the Duke of Wellington will, in the approaching session, as in the last, act as leader of the upper house, and that no intention exists, or has ever existed, of anticipating Lord Stanley's elevation to the peerage by the ordinary process of succession.—*Times.*

It is said that a near relation of Lady de Grey is to be the new bishop of Cashel and Waterford.

There had been another great fire at Liverpool. It broke out in the resin and oil warehouse belonging to Mr. Platt, in Lower Parliament-street. The damage was estimated at £50,000.

**MONUMENT TO GRACE DARLING.**—Her Majesty the Queen has sent £20 to the Venerable Archdeacon Thorp, in furtherance of this project. Lord Huntingtower has been discharged from custody as a bankrupt.

**COMMERCIAL REMARKS.**

Owing, probably, to the races, business has been this week unusually flat in Maitland, and the prices of nearly all articles remain much the same, as will be seen by a reference to our price current. In the price of wheat there is no difference whatever; maize is if anything a shade lower; the highest price now given in Sydney for the very best samples of maize, according to a letter which we yesterday saw from thence, is 2s 6d per bushel, and the writer thinks that in a very little time it will even be lower.

The price of meat has come down again even lower than before the recent rise, and beef and mutton are now selling by most of the butchers at 1 1/2d per lb.

A large quantity of soap, manufactured at Mr. Cox's new works, has this week been brought into the market. Two of the great shipowners of London have returned their assessable incomes above thirty thousand pounds per annum each.

**IMPOUNDINGS.**

At Merton, on the 7th June, from Mr. Bettington, Piercefield—A red bullock, branded KH off shoulder, notch off ear, apparently IP near shoulder. If not duly released, will be sold.

H. STENT, Poundkeeper.  
(From the Government Gazette.)

At Patrick's Plains, Singleton, on the 22nd May—One grey horse, inclining to a roan, branded A on the near shoulder, dark points. If the above horse is not claimed on or before the 24th June, he will be sold. [Os.]

**ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION.**

**MONDAY.**  
The Sheriff, on Mr. Adair's premises, on the Paterson, at one, cattle, mares, &c.  
**TUESDAY.**  
Mr. A. Dodds, at the Union Hotel, East Maitland, at twelve, cattle and brood mares.  
**WEDNESDAY.**  
Mr. A. Dodds, on the farm of John Ferguson, Dunmore, at twelve, farming and other effects.  
**FRIDAY.**  
Mr. A. Dodds, on the farm of Arthur Rotton, Coombo, at twelve, farming effects, &c.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

AS we are anxious to do business, as nearly as possible, upon the cash system, and as we are both unable and unwilling to give very long credit, we are under the necessity of announcing that we shall, at the close of the present quarter, be compelled to discontinue sending the Mercury to any of our subscribers who may be then six months in arrear. And in order to remind such subscribers both of the close of the quarter, and of our intention to discontinue sending them the paper until they have paid up, (a system we shall strictly adhere to,) the three last numbers of the Mercury which will be forwarded them will be in colored envelopes.

We shall feel obliged to any of our subscribers in the country who may have paid their respective accounts to our agents, and who may receive papers so enveloped, if they would be kind enough to write to us immediately, and inform us to whom they have paid them.

We have also to request those of our agents who have not yet forwarded us their accounts to do so without further delay, in order that we may know exactly how our subscriptions stand in their respective districts.

**TUCKER AND JONES.**

Mercury Office, Maitland, }  
June 9, 1843. }

**LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

for the Erection of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH, West Maitland.—Sunday Evening, June 4th, 1843.

Rev. Mr. Lynch	£ s. d.
Messrs. M. Stack	0 2 0
J. Tierney	0 1 0
Thomas Dee	0 2 0
Master James Cahill	0 3 0
Messrs. P. Mulcahey	0 0 0
J. Connor	0 1 0
James Cahill	0 2 0
P. Comerford	0 1 0
D. Tyer	0 1 0
Mrs. Critchey	0 1 0
Mrs. Doyle	0 1 0
Mrs. Allwright	0 2 0
Miss Mary Barlow	0 0 6
A Friend	0 2 6
Messrs. James Martin	0 1 0
Henry O'Brien	0 2 6
M'Donald	0 2 0
Thomas Tyrrell	0 1 0
P. M'Dado	0 1 0
W. Quinn	0 1 0
P. Whelan	0 1 0
Miss M'Mahon	0 1 0
Mrs. Ashworth	0 1 0
Miss Eden Brennan	0 2 6
Collected by	
John Tyter	0 2 0
454 Amount of cash received.	£2 1 0

ALL persons having CLAIMS on the late Firm of Messrs. Clode and Co. are requested to send in their accounts to the office of Mr. Chambers; and all parties indebted to the said Firm are requested to pay their respective Debts to Mr. Chambers without delay.  
Maitland, June 2, 1843. 450

**Ten Pounds Reward.**

STOLEN, from the undersigned, on Saturday night, the 15th instant, an Iron Grey MARE, branded JS on the near shoulder, rising four years old, white saddle marks, long square tail, a splint on each fore leg, about 14 1/2 hands high. The above reward will be paid on conviction of the thief, if stolen; or, if strayed, five pounds will be paid to any person delivering her to me.  
J. SOLOMON.  
Maitland, April 17, 1843. 351

**Notice to Poundkeepers and Police.**

STOLEN or DRIVEN OFF the run of the undersigned, a Black MARE, heavy in foal, aged, branded JP near shoulder, and government crown brand off shoulder, switch tail, saddle marks, and faint grey star in the forehead. Any person giving information that will lead to the recovery of the mare will be rewarded, and any person found detaining the same will be prosecuted.  
GEORGE MOSMAN. 462  
William River.

**Mail Horse Lost.—Four Pounds Reward.**

LOST, near Patrick's Plains, several months since, an aged Bay COB, with rather neat head, star in forehead, and snip of white on the nose, very short dock, and branded with an F. The reward will be paid by either Mr. Walter Rotton, Singleton, or Mr. Wilkie, Scone. 460

THE undersigned are buyers of all kinds of COLONIAL GRAIN, or other Produce.  
LAW. POTTS & CO.  
Just received, a fresh supply of Blue Stone. 388

**Hats and Caps.**

THE undersigned have received, ex Victoria, Five cases of Silk and Beaver HATS, and One case of Naval and Military Cloth CAPS, manufactured expressly for themselves, and now on sale at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only.  
376 D. & J. DICKSON.

**Hexham Point.**

A GENERAL MEETING of the PROPRIETORS of the HEXHAM POINT will be held at the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Hexham, at Twelve o'clock, on THURSDAY, the 15th June instant, for the purpose of auditing the accounts, and receiving Tenders to Rent the said Point.  
I. H. CRUMMER, Secretary.  
Hexham, 8th June, 1843. 461

WANTED, by a Young Woman, a SITUATION to attend Children, or as Needlewoman in a family; she understands dressmaking. Any commands left at the Mercury Office for A. B. will be immediately attended to. 459

**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. 286

**Farms to Let.**

TWO IMPROVED FARMS, with Stock, of 2,500 acres and 1540 acres respectively, in the vicinity of Scone.  
ALSO,  
The Estate of COOMBO, now in the occupation of Mr. Arthur Rotton, an insolvent, adjoining the Town of Singleton, with immediate possession in each case.

Wanted, a WORKING KITCHEN GARDENER. Apply, if by letter post paid, to Mr. Dangar, of Newcastle. 428  
1st June, 1843.

**Blankets, Flannels, and Counterpanes.**

THE undersigned have received, ex Templar, Ten Bales of the above, which they are now offering at unprecedented low prices at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only. 375  
D. & J. DICKSON.

JUST RECEIVED, and on sale by the undersigned—CANTERBURY SUGAR of every kind.  
ALSO,  
Treacle of fine quality.  
LAWRENCE POTTS & CO.  
June 9. 463

**Maize! Maize! Maize!**

THE undersigned is ready to purchase any quantity of MAIZE for CASH.  
JAMES WARD,  
432 Commission Agent, West Maitland.

**Two Boats for Sale.**

TO BE SOLD, Two BOATS: one is a 7 ton boat, remarkably strong, and coped nearly to deep water line, with sails and sweeps, &c.; the other is about 1 1/2 tons, and was built by Mr. Marshall, of William River. These boats will be sold cheap, and payment taken either in grain or sawn stuff.  
Any party desirous of hiring the boats for any considerable time can be accommodated.  
J. PORTUS.  
Morpeth Mills, June 6, 1843. 458

**Sales by Auction.**

**Mixed Herd of Cattle, Brood Mares, &c.**

MR. A. DODDS will sell by auction, on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at the Union Hotel, East Maitland, at Twelve o'clock, One Hundred Head of CATTLE, a mixed lot, running at Liverpool Plains, and deliverable there.  
ALSO,  
Eleven Brood Mares, in foal, and foals at their feet. The mares will be in Maitland on the day of sale.  
Terms at sale. 462

**By order of the Trustee.—In the Insolvent Estate of John Ferguson, Dunmore.**

MR. A. DODDS has received positive instructions to sell by auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th June, on the Farm of the above-named Insolvent, at Dunmore, The whole of the EFFECTS, consisting of—One hundred bushels of Wheat  
Twenty acres of early Maize  
— acres of stubble ditto  
Six acres of Potatoes  
Sixteen head of Cattle  
Eight Pigs  
Hive of Bees.  
ALSO,  
Ploughs, Drays, Carts, Harness, Carpenter's Tools, Beams and Scales, Weights, &c. &c.  
TOGETHER WITH,  
Household Furniture, Books, Watch; and a variety of articles too numerous to particularise.  
Sale at Twelve o'clock.  
Terms cash.  
Maitland, 5th June, 1843. 456

**By order of the Trustee.—Insolvency of Arthur Rotton, of Coombo, near Singleton.**

MR. A. DODDS will sell by auction, on FRIDAY, 16th day of June next, on the Farm of the above-named Insolvent, near Singleton, The whole of the EFFECTS, consisting of—Nine Working Bullocks  
One Dray  
One Cow and Calf  
A quantity of Wheat  
Lot of Pigs.  
ALSO,  
Growing crop of Maize.  
Sale at Twelve o'clock.  
Terms cash.  
5th June, 1843. 457

**Sheriff's Sale.**

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.  
Austin v. Adair.

ON MONDAY, the 12th day of June instant, at One p.m., on Defendant's Premises, on the Paterson, the Sheriff will cause to be sold,  
One hundred and fifty head of CATTLE (more or less), MARES, &c., the property of defendant; unless this execution be previously satisfied.  
JOHN KINGSMILL,  
Sheriff's Bailiff.  
East Maitland, June 5, 1843. 455