

hearing, and to act with justice towards all who addressed them.

Captain HOLLINGWORTH, R. N., then proposed Mr. Hustler as a fit and proper person to represent the city of Sydney in the new Legislative Council. Alderman MITCHELL seconded the nomination.

Mr. THOMAS BARKER proposed W. C. Wentworth, Esq., and the nomination was seconded by Mr. W. FISHER, barrister.

Mr. ROGER THERRY proposed Captain O'Connell, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. RICHARD JONES.

Mr. JOHN BLACKLAND, sen., proposed Dr. Bland, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. F. W. UNWIN.

Mr. H. MACDERMOTT proposed R. Cooper, Esq., and the nomination was seconded by Mr. DUGAN.

The MAYOR then called upon the candidates to address the meeting, according to the order in which they had been proposed.

Mr. HUSTLER then briefly addressed the electors, but there was a good deal of uproar during the delivery of his speech.

Mr. W. C. WENTWORTH then presented himself, and for a quarter of an hour was unable to obtain a hearing; the uproar at length subsided, and he addressed the electors at considerable length, dwelling upon the benefits which himself and Dr. Bland had been the means of obtaining for the colony, and commenting upon the pretensions of the other candidates.

Captain O'CONNELL afterwards addressed the meeting, rebutting the charge made against him on account of his being a military man, and stating that he should not be the less an independent member on that account.

Dr. BLAND then came forward, and spoke at considerable length upon similar topics to those spoken to by Mr. Wentworth, and urging strongly that from Captain O'Connell's position he could not be a free political agent.

Mr. R. COOPER then addressed the meeting, and said the high flown nonsense they had heard from the other candidates would benefit them nothing, and the electors should send into the council a plain business man like himself.

The MAYOR then took a show of hands, which was declared to be in favour of Captain O'Connell and Mr. Cooper. A poll was then demanded by the other candidates, which the Mayor announced would open on Thursday, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The candidates then returned to their committee rooms, Messrs. Wentworth and Bland being carried on the shoulders of their supporters, whom they afterwards addressed from the window.

A great deal of uproar and confusion seems to have prevailed throughout the whole proceedings.

THE ELECTION.
(From our correspondent.)

Thursday evening. This day, the most eventful one that the colony has yet witnessed, has exhibited scenes of excitement such as have seldom been surpassed even in the electioneering annals of the mother country. I am not able at this early period of the evening to give you the exact result of the poll in figures, for some of the wards have not yet declared, and at one of them (Gipps ward) the presiding Alderman has been compelled to adjourn the proceedings until nine o'clock to-morrow (Friday) morning. One thing, however, is certain, and that is, Wentworth and Bland are returned, for their majority over the other candidates is so great (averaging, I should say, nearly a hundred in every ward) that it is quite impossible that their position can be altered by the result of the polling in Gipps ward to-morrow. In all the wards O'Connell stands next in point of numbers to the successful candidates. The two remaining candidates, Messrs. Cooper and Hustler, stand variously in different wards, but generally speaking, I think Hustler has the advantage, and Cooper may be looked upon as the lowest on the poll.

There were several riots during the day, but the most outrageous were in Gipps and Macquarie wards. In the former a large body of men, favouring the cause of Cooper and O'Connell, pulled down the colours of Wentworth and Bland, destroyed the tables and chairs of their poll clerks, and kicked up a general row, until they were finally driven back and dispersed by a party of the mounted police, who, although actively employed in quelling the disturbances of the day, abstained, I am glad to say, from making any use of their weapons. Scarcely had this disturbance been quelled when up came a party of whalers and other mischievously disposed persons, armed with harpoons, whale spades, and other instruments of an equally destructive nature, but this party, like the former, was soon put to the rout by the horse police, and their leader narrowly escaped being taken into custody by getting into a boat and crossing over to the North Shore. Owing to these repeated insurrections Alderman Flood, who presided over the election in this ward, judged it prudent to exercise the discretion vested in him, and adjourned the poll until to-morrow.

In Macquarie ward there were several disturbances, but generally of a less violent nature than the foregoing. In one of them Captain Innes was compelled to trust to his horse's heels for his safety, and took a flying leap over the park palings, to escape from sticks, stones, and other missiles hurled at him by the crowd. O'Connell's party say the riots first began with a lot of the natives, but I can give you no positive information upon this point. Mr. S. Lyons's carriage was broken to pieces, and he was chased for a considerable distance towards the south end of the town by the mob.

From all I can learn no injury beyond a few broken heads, and perhaps a fractured limb or two, has yet been sustained, but there appears every likelihood of greater rioting during the evening, and perhaps of a more serious character.

According to the rumour in Maitland yesterday, the following was the state of the poll when it closed on Thursday evening:—

Bland	1230
Wentworth	1235
O'Connell	723
Hustler	350
Cooper	330

Mr. H. H. MACARTHUR then addressed the electors at some length, and the proceedings closed.

INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS.
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PROOF OF CLAIMS.

(Before the Chief Commissioner, Sydney.)
Thursday, June 8.
In the estate of George Hobler, settler, Maitland, a third meeting: T. and M. Woolley, £45 11s; the Bank of Australia, £185 5s 6d; C. Robins, £44; A. B. Spark, £80; Lyall, Scott, and Co., £60; J. Ewen, £17 5s 6d; F. W. Unwin, £160; Hughes and Hosking, £50; the estate of George Hoddle, £13 2s; J. Portus, £22 9s; William Todhunter, £60; A. Foss, £26 10s. The meeting allowed the insolvent to retain his wearing apparel and household furniture.

Saturday, June 10.
In the estate of Frederick William Platt, Morpeth, a single meeting: John Woodhouse, £107 6s 7d; William Pendray, sen., £16 1s 2d.

NEW INSOLVENT.
JUNE 14.—Charles Robins, Maitland, settler; debts, £0058; assets, landed property £5600, personal property £260, outstanding debts £40; balance deficiency, £252.

NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH.—I, Edward Denny Day, returning officer for the electoral district of the Northumberland Boroughs, having received the writ for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the said electoral district, hereby give public notice, that the nomination will take place at the court house, East Maitland, at noon, on Saturday, the 17th instant. And in the event of a poll being demanded the polling will commence on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 9 o'clock, a.m., and close at 4, p.m., at the undermentioned places, viz:—

East Maitland, at the court house; West Maitland, in the large stone building next to Potts & Co's stores, High-street; Newcastle, at the police office.—EDWARD D. DAY, Returning Officer.—Police Office, 1st June, 1843.—*Government Gazette.*—W. F. Gordon, Esq., has been appointed deputy returning officer, for taking the poll at the election for a member to serve in the Legislative Council of the colony for the Northumberland Boroughs at West Maitland.

DURHAM ELECTION.—E. D. Day, Esq., has been appointed deputy returning officer for taking the poll at the election for a member for the Legislative Council for the county of Durham for such portion of the county as is in the police district of Maitland.

BEEF SALTING.—We are happy to hear that two large stockholders in this district are making arrangements on an extensive scale for slaughtering cattle and salting the beef; and we understand that after they have concluded slaughtering their own they will be ready to slaughter for other parties. We congratulate the settlers on the opportunity which will thus be presented of disposing of their surplus stock. We shall make further enquiries on the subject, and endeavour to lay before our readers some additional particulars in our next publication.

SMALL FARMS AND LONG LEASES.—We would direct the attention of our readers to an advertisement which appears in another column of to-day's publication, for letting the property known as Hyde Park, near Homebush, in small farms of from 10 to 100 acres, for a period of 33 years, and renewable at the end of that period if desired. We allude to this as carrying out to a certain extent the principle which we have advocated, and we should have spoken more at length upon it but for the crowded state of our columns this week. We shall, however, at an early opportunity recur to the subject.

NEW ROAD.—Mr. Alexander Fitzgerald Crawford, of Raymond Terrace, has given notice of his intention to apply at the next Maitland court of Quarter Sessions for leave to make a new road, to commence on the west side of his estate called Ringwood, over the land of Mr. Michael Henderson in a westerly direction, to the government road leading from Port Stephens. The road to be for the transit of horses, sheep, cattle, carts, carriages, and other vehicles.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS.
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

NEWCASTLE.

THE ELECTION.—The arrival of A. W. Scott, Esq., and Major Wentworth, on Tuesday morning, by the steamer from Sydney, appears to have revived, if not increased, the ardour and activity of the respective committees of those gentlemen. Newcastle has ever since been in a state of excitement which can only be exceeded by a favourable termination of the poll, to either party. Both parties here appear equally certain of the election terminating in favour of their own candidate. The gentlemen who on Tuesday accompanied Mr. Scott to Maitland have now returned, and are walking in procession through the town with a number of flags flying; they appear to be quite confident of success.

POLICE OFFICE.—On Friday last Mary Clement, per the Sir Charles Forbes, was brought before the police bench, charged with gross insolence and disorderly conduct on the premises of Mr. Jackson, and having been convicted of these offences, she was sentenced to fourteen days solitary confinement in the cells.

STATE OF THE GAOL.—The following was the state of H. M. gaol on Wednesday last:—For trial, males 40, females 6; under sentence to hard labour, males 4, females 5; in the cells, males 2, female 1; debtor, female 1; confined, males 9; female 1; waiting for assignment, females 16; total, males 61, females 30. In hospital, males 4, females 5.

JERRY'S PLAINS.
THE NEW ROAD.—The new line of road from this to Muswellbrook is now open for travellers, and the mail contractors on this side the country are going to start a two-horse coach on the 1st of July from Singleton to Jerry's Plains, and thence to Muswellbrook, to arrive at Jerry's Plains by breakfast time. This will be much pleasanter than the former mode of travelling, as it will not only give time for refreshment on the road, but the ride is also a great deal better than the old road from Singleton to Muswellbrook. The coach will arrive at the same time as the mail, and return to Singleton in time for the Maitland mail.

THE ELECTION.—The polling day at Jerry's Plains is fixed for the 24th of this month. R. L. Jenkins, Esq., is the deputy returning officer for this district.

BLACK CREEK.
There has been no improvement in prices in this neighbourhood, every thing being in a most depressed state. A few cows with calves by their sides were sold at the pound, and fetched merely nominal prices; there were not more than a dozen persons present. It would seem

that some improvement is required as to the mode in which the announcement of pound sales is made, as by the present plan scarcely any body can know, four and twenty hours beforehand, that a sale is about to take place. Owing to Mr. Franks having opened his new store, the price of meat has been reduced at this place from 3d. to 2d. per lb., and bread from 5d. to 3d. the 2lb. loaf.

[Our correspondent is quite mistaken as to the locality where the circumstance to which he alludes in his letter occurred.]

ENGLISH NEWS.

We have collected the following brief summary of additional English news from the Sydney papers:—

Parliament was opened on the 4th February, by commission. Her Majesty's speech was read by the Lord Chancellor; it was somewhat longer than usual, but the topics touched upon are such as are usually found in the speeches from the throne. There was very little opposition to the addresses, and no amendments were moved.

Mr. Drummond, who was shot by the man M'Naughten on Friday, the 20th January, lingered until the following Wednesday morning, when he expired from the effects of the wound he had received.

Despatches from the Governors of New South Wales and New Zealand were received in Downing-street on the 21st January. In the House of Lords Earl Stanhope moved for a committee to enquire into the condition of the labouring classes, but he had only three supporters.

Trade was still improving, although very slowly.

COMMERCIAL REMARKS.

There has been no stir in business during the week in Maitland, everything remaining in the same state as for some time past.

The prices of most articles remain without alteration, though from what we have heard it appears that the price both of wheat and maize is likely to be still lower.

Vegetables of all kinds are now plentiful, and good potatoes can be obtained in Maitland at 3s. 6d. per cwt. We believe some have been sold as low as 2s. 6d.

IMPOUNDINGS.

At the West Maitland pound, by the East Maitland poundkeeper, June 11th.—A working bull, very poor, head, neck, shoulder, and hind parts yellow, ribs and back speckled, white in face, branded on the off rump like IXP, on same side ribs RPO, damages 7s. On the 12th June, by Mrs. Mary Hyams.—A large white boar pig, damages 6s. If not duly released will be sold.

JOHN LEDSAM, Poundkeeper.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION.

MONDAY.
Mr. A. Dodds, on the premises of Mr. R. A. Wiseman, West Maitland, at twelve o'clock, household furniture and other effects.

TO ADVERTISERS.

AS we intend to publish a Supplement on Wednesday morning, the 21st instant, which will contain a report of the nomination of the Candidates for the Northumberland Boroughs, and the result of the election, as far as can be ascertained up to the time of going to press on Tuesday evening, our advertising friends who may wish to have their favors inserted in the Supplement will be kind enough to forward them to us by two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

Mercury Office, }
June 16. }

Notice to Voters for the Northumberland Boroughs.

EXTRACT from W. C. WENTWORTH'S SPEECH at the Sydney Nomination.—*Vide "Australian."*

"As a military man he must object to Captain O'Connell. Gentlemen must be aware that the army was a school wherein habits of subordination and subserviency were taught, and these habits were difficult to throw off in questions where the free rights of citizens were concerned."
Such are the sentiments of MAJOR WENTWORTH'S BROTHER!

To the Electors of the Northumberland Boroughs.

GENTLEMEN—On Tuesday next you will exercise a great privilege—you will choose the man who for the ensuing five years will have to represent you in the Assembly—to uphold your rights, to make known your wants. Gentlemen, the poet writes—"He best can paint them who shall feel them most."

Would the Major feel the burden of taxes? Remember, he has little property in the colony—none in this district; he lives on government money.

Would Mr. Scott feel taxes? Remember he has property in all parts of our district; he lives on the produce of his own trades—on the honorable gains of labor.

Would the Major try to find the laboring man plenty of work and good bread and meat? Remember the Major has nothing to do with labouring men—only with soldiers; he employs perhaps a dozen men, while Mr. Scott gives work and finds homes for hundreds.

Have we known the Major and his family? Remember, he has not yet lived ten days amongst us, and his

Mr. Scott has resided amongst us for many a year, and his family is known to all.
Gentlemen—Think on these things until Tuesday next, and then give your votes conscientiously and without fear.—I am,
472 A BROTHER VOTER.

To the Electors of Maitland.

BROTHER ELECTORS—Our Candidate Major Wentworth having come from Van Diemen's Land, I hope you will be true men. I have heard some of you call him a scourger, and a walking triangle; but let us copy from our friends that "Unity is strength," and it will not do to fall out yet. Remember we have ten men living at Newcastle who will vote for the Major, and I hope these will help to give us a victory on Tuesday. Never mind what Councillor Wentworth said about soldiers; perhaps he don't mean it.—I am, &c.,
471 AN ELECTOR.

LIST of ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS For the Erection of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH, West Maitland.—Sunday Evening, June 11th, 1843.

Rev. Mr. Lynch	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Thomas Dece	0	4	0
M. Stack	0	1	0
James Cahill	0	1	0
John Torney	0	2	0
John Connor	0	2	6
P. Mulcahey	0	1	0
T. Tyrrell	0	1	0
Bowman	0	1	0
P. Comerford	0	2	6
James Galogly	0	1	0
Keoghe	0	2	0
D. Tyler	0	1	0
George Holmes	0	2	0
John Hogan	0	2	6
James M'Dade	0	1	0
Edward Smith	0	0	6
Henry O'Brion	0	2	0
Thomas Connor	0	2	6
A Teetotaler	0	1	0
Mrs. Lysaght	0	1	0
Mrs. Thompson	0	0	6
Mrs. Critchley	0	2	0
Mrs. Harpur	0	1	0
Mrs. Burke	0	1	0
Mrs. Doyle	0	1	0
Mrs. Ann Barlow	0	0	6
Master Cahill	0	0	6

Collected by

Miss Mary Barlow	0	2	8
John Tyer	0	2	0
Miss Lynch			
Messrs. Comerford	2	0	0
Cullen	1	0	0
Miss Margaret Quinn	0	1	0
Messrs. Tierney	0	1	0
Thomas Turner	0	2	6
Reeves	0	2	6
Mrs. Allwright	0	2	0
Mrs. Hallpenny	0	2	0
Mrs. Ralph	0	2	6
Messrs. R. Stack	0	1	0
Doyle	0	0	6
A Friend	0	0	6
A Friend	0	1	0

465 Amount of cash received. £6 3 8

Honnets, in Dunstable, Tuscan, Rutland, and Venetian.

THE undersigned have received, ex *Clarendon*, Five Cases of the above, composed of everything modern in material and shape, and now on sale at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only.

D & J. DICKSON
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Black Creek Store.

THE undersigned, in returning thanks to the public for the support afforded him since his opening the above, begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding district that he has now opened a BUTCHER'S and BAKER'S SHOP, in addition to the STORE, where they can be supplied with Meats of the first quality at 2d. per lb., and Bread 3d. the 2lb. loaf.

ALSO,

Liverpool Salt
Genuine Negrohead Tobacco, 4s. per lb.
Colonial ditto, 1s. 8d. per lb.
Best Hyson-skin Tea, 2s. per lb.
Black ditto, 1s. 8d. per lb.
Colonial Loaf Sugar, 7d. per lb. by the loaf.
Superior raw ditto, 3d. per lb.
Soap, Starch, Blue, and a variety of articles suitable to a country store, at equally low prices.

Hides and Sheepskins taken in payment for Goods.
EDWARD FRANKS.
June 3rd, 1843. 475

Fire Wood.

TENDERS for Six Months Supply of BILLET WOOD, at about 3 tons per week, at per ton, will be received at Mr. Cox's Soap and Candle Manufactory, West Maitland, where particulars may be ascertained.
June 15, 1843. 460

WILLIAM COOK, late of Singleton, BLACKSMITH, in returning thanks for the liberal support he has received from the public for the last eight years, begs to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has REMOVED to MOUNT THORLEY, where, under the sign of the "WINDMILL," he trusts, by liberality and strict attention to the comfort of travellers, and all who may favour him with their support, to merit a continuance of it, which will always be his aim.
A choice selection of Wines, Spirits, Ales, Porter, &c.

Good Beds and Stabling.
It is some recommendation to travellers that the house is about half-way between Black Creek and Jerry's Plains, on the new road, and therefore a good baiting house.

William Cook will carry on business as a Blacksmith at Mount Thorley, having engaged experienced hands for that purpose.

W. C., in retiring from his business in Singleton, begs to recommend his old customers to Messrs. Diggs and Rice, who have taken it, and who, from their business-like habits and long experience in the several branches of the trade, W. C. feels assured will receive from them a liberal share of support.
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To Graziers, Stockowners, and the Public.

THOSE extensive SLAUGHTERING and SALTING PREMISES at HEXHAM being now completed, and as the contract for 400 head already entered into will be completed about the middle of July, Mr. SPARKE will be happy to treat with any person for any number, from 1 to 1000 head, during July and August, on the most moderate terms.
The premises being only about three-quarters of a mile from Hexham Wharf, the beef can be shipped on board at a very trifling expense.
Applications to be made to Mr. Edward Sparke.
Hexham, June 15, 1843. 474

Stone Quarry.

BUILDERS, STONEMASONS, &c., are respectfully informed that there is an EXCELLENT STONE QUARRY now open at Rutherford Accommodation Paddock, one mile from West Maitland, where Building Materials of a superior quality can be had on reasonable terms by applying to
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
At the Gate.
June 10th, 1843. 464

Hyde Park, near Homebush, on the Parramatta Road.

FARMS, ORCHARDS, AND MARKET GARDENS, NEAR THE CITY OF SYDNEY.

Advantageous opportunity for all persons with little means.

MR. CHAPMAN has received instructions from the proprietor of Hyde Park Estate to subdivide and

LET OFF A PORTION of this Eligible Property; for SMALL FARMS, ORCHARDS, AND MARKET GARDENS;

for the term of Thirty-three Years, and renewable at the end of that period.

Industrious persons possessed of but little means, wishing to have a Farm, Orchard, and Market Garden, will now, for the first time, have an opportunity of permanently settling themselves and their families in the most favorable spot in Australia, THAT is, in a Village within a few miles of the Metropolis, where they may, by easy industry, certainly procure a comfortable maintenance, and soon realise a respectable independence, and which can, by the tenor of the lease, be enjoyed by the children and their posterity.

The land is susceptible of every kind of cultivation; and the humidity of the soil, assisted by coast rains, accounts for the luxuriant crops always growing near the city, while those more distant generally fall through drought.

The advantages of agriculture near Sydney are fully demonstrated by the comfortable circumstances of some, and the respectable affluence of others, who are pursuing this agreeable and profitable occupation, exhibiting a very striking contrast between the suburban and country agriculturist—the local advantages and independent condition of the former, and the disadvantage and poverty of the latter.

It is proposed that the area of all subdivisions, whether for Farms, Orchards, or Market Gardens, contain not less than ten, nor more than one hundred, acres each.

Apply to W. H. CHAPMAN, City Auctioneer, George-street, Sydney; at the office of the proprietor, I. H. POTTS, Bathurst-street West, Sydney; or to Mr. WILSON, at the office of this paper, who will be in Maitland on the 20th June; Instant, and following week, and will give every information as to terms. 478

Clearing Leases.

SEVERAL small PLOTS of LAND, on the banks of the Hunter, to be LET for a term of Five Years.

Apply to Mr. Colley, Kennington Farm, or Mr. Hart, Raymond Terrace.
Raymond Terrace, June 8, 1843. 467

Caution.

STOLEN, on Friday, June the 9th, from Mr. Rigby, at Muswellbrook, a CHEQUE on the Sydney Banking Company, drawn by Mr. Thomas Rusden, in favour of Joseph Saunders. Parties are cautioned not to take the above cheque, as payment of it has been stopped at the Sydney Bank. 476

JAMES WELSH, SHOEMAKER, Singleton, Patrick's Plains, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon him since his commencement in business, by the inhabitants of Singleton, Jerry's Plains, and the Upper Hunter, begs to inform them that he has recently lowered his rate of prices—in accordance with the times—and has now entered into arrangements with Messrs. ROURKE & CO., of West Maitland, to supply him with the best KIP, SOLE, and KANGAROO LEATHER. J. W. can therefore furnish the trade with the same at Maitland Prices, with the addition only of carriage.
J. W. begs to submit a list of his charges, viz:—

Wellington Boots	£	s.	d.
Ditto ditto, fooling	2	0	0
Ditto ditto	1	0	0
Cossack ditto	0	17	0
Gen't's ditto, Winter Kip	0	12	6
Contract Boots, warranted	0	9	0
Women's Shoes	0	7	0

P. S.—The best price given for Hides and Sheep Skins.

N. B.—As JOHN CRAWFORD and MARIA, his Wife, have absconded from my hired service, I hereby caution the public from employing or harbouring the said parties, as any person found doing so will be prosecuted as the law directs. 470

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.

D. & J. DICKSON.
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Sales by Auction.

Household Furniture, and other Effects, the property of Mr. R.