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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 *sic* 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 green 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.

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JOB PRINTING,

Including Posting and Hand Bills, Pamphlets, Catalogues, Circulars, Cards, Billheads, Cheques, Labels, Law and other Forms, &c., &c., executed with despatch, in a neat and accurate manner, and at reasonable prices.

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 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

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. 400

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. 280

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. 407

Two Boats for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, TWO BOATS: one is a 7 ton boat, remarkably strong, and coppered 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 5, 1843. 458

Fruit Trees for Sale.

A SPLENDID COLLECTION of Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines, Pears, and Apples, mostly coming into bearing, to be sold cheap, at Melville, the estate of Francis Mitchell, Esq.; and will be delivered to purchasers in the neighbourhood of Maitland and Morpeth. Apply to Mr. Cunningham. 406

Fruit Trees.

APPLES, Pears, Almonds, Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots, Oranges, Citrons, Lemons, Quinces, 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. 282

Blankets, Shawls, 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.

D. & J. DICKSON.

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Steam Mills, West Maitland.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON begs to apprise his friends and the public generally that he is now able to turn out every article in his business in first-rate style. He has also appointed Agents at Scone, Murrumbidgee, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Newcastle, and Raymond Terrace, where he will be able to supply Flour at a small advance on the Maitland prices, which are as follows:—

Fine flour, cash 15s. per 100 lbs., booked 16s.
Second ditto, cash 13s. per 100 lbs., booked 14s.
Ration ditto, cash 11s. per 100 lbs., booked 12s.
Bran, 5s. per 100 lbs.

The above is always of a very superior quality.

N. B. Extensive supplies always on hand.
ADVANCE AUSTRALIA! 391

Reduced Prices, in accordance with the times.

LAWRENCE POTTS & CO., having taken to the STORES lately carried on by Captain CASWELL, at Raymond Terrace, beg to acquaint the inhabitants of the surrounding district, that they are determined not only to sell articles of the very best quality, but at prices which, on comparison with any other house, will be sure to give satisfaction, and ensure to them a fair share of public patronage, which they will endeavour to merit.

They will have constantly on sale the under-mentioned:—

Groceries of all descriptions
Drapery and Haberdashery
Wines and Beer
Ironmongery of every description.
Raymond Terrace, May 15, 1843. 404

Bonnets, 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 377

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 Meat 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. 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, footing 2 0 0
Ditto ditto, footing 1 0 0
Cossack ditto 0 17 0
Gent's ditto, Winter Kip 0 12 0
Contract Boots, warranted 0 9 0
Women's Shoes 0 7 0

P. S.—The best price given for Hides and Sheepskins.

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.

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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 bathing 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. Biggs 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 the Independent Electors of the County of Durham.

GENTLEMEN—As it appears from the heads of the bill about to be introduced into the Legislative Council that the County of Durham is to be constituted one of the Electoral Districts of the Colony, to return a member to the Colonial Legislature, I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages for the representation of that county.

Having resided for nineteen years in this colony, seventeen of which I have spent as a settler on the Lower Hunter; it will scarcely be necessary for me to say anything of myself personally, either as to my character and standing in society, or as to my stake in the colony. And as I conceive I have already, and in various ways, given sufficient evidence of my anxious desire to promote the general welfare and advancement of this district in time past, I trust you will not require any additional pledges of my readiness to support every measure that may have a similar object in view, in the event of my being honoured to represent your interests in the Colonial Legislature.

In regard to my political principles, they are simply the GREATEST HAPPINESS OF THE GREATEST NUMBER. I do not think, with certain parties in the colony, that the franchise is at all too low. On the contrary, I consider it one of the best means of elevating the great mass of society in education, in morals, and in religion, to give the humbler classes a direct interest in the government, by giving them a direct control over the appointment of their Legislators.

I have long considered the public expenditure of this Colony disproportionate to the amount and wants of its population. I consider it susceptible of important reductions, and I conceive that the public service generally might be even better conducted than it is with fewer hands and at considerably less expense. It would be my object to recommend and support such reductions, whenever they could be effected without compromising the public interest.

I am for entire religious liberty and no political distinctions on account of religion; considering the interests of morality and good government as likely to be best promoted by affording all religious denominations a fair field without favour to any.

In regard to the emigration of virtuous and industrious persons into this territory from the mother country, I am decidedly of opinion that it ought to be promoted by every possible means; and at a time when so many of our fellow-countrymen, who are willing to emigrate to this colony from the United Kingdom are suffering in unexampled distress at home, I hold it to be incumbent upon the colony to make every exertion, as well from motives of self-interest as of humanity, to afford them the requisite means. And believing that it is still practicable—greatly diminished as the resources of the colony now are—to secure a large supply of valuable labour from the mother country, in this way, I conceive that all such exertions shall have been made and found ineffectual, it would neither be politic nor patriotic to encourage the extensive importation of an inferior race, from India or elsewhere.

Such, gentlemen, are my principles. If you are satisfied with them, and with me, I shall be happy to represent your interests in the new council and to do my best to promote them. At the same time, I should neither be sorry nor disappointed if you should find some other person who possesses your confidence more fully than I do, and who would more zealously promote the welfare and advancement of our common country.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble servant,
ANDREW LANG.

Dunmore, Hunter River,
9th January, 1842. 277

Durham Election.

AT a Meeting of the Friends of Mr. Richard Windeyer, held by authority of the Provisional Committee, at the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, the following Gentlemen were nominated a Standing Committee, with power to add to their numbers, and were instructed to communicate with the Electors of the County, and to form District Committees for the purpose of promoting the Election of Richard Windeyer, Esq., as Representative of the County of Durham in the forthcoming Legislative Assembly.

Messrs. Walter Scott
J. Prod. Cnelt
John S. Parker
Daniel Carl
Henry Carmichael
Alex. Livingstone
J. B. R. Robertson
W. H. Jarman
George Hill
P. M. Rapsay
P. J. Cohen
James Cox
Richard Lang
F. G. S. Street
James Phillips
Francis Phillips
F. Thornton
Solomon Levien
W. Hindson. 201

Durham Election.

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee for the purpose of promoting the interests of Richard Windeyer, Esq., as Candidate for the representation of the County of Durham, in the coming Election:—

Messrs. Gilbert Cory
W. Ross
James Phillips
Francis Phillips. 202

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. 400

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. 376

Sales by Auction.

At Cattle, Milk, and Sheep.

M. R. WARD, by auction, on TUESDAY, June 27th, at Twelve o'clock, at his Sale Yards, back of the Albion Inn, West Maitland.

FAT CATTLE
Milkers
Three hundred fat Sheep
A number of Horses, Mares, &c.

Terms at sale. 478

In the Insolvent Estate of William Dun, of the Paterson, Farmer.

M. R. WILKINSON is instructed to dispose of, by auction, on the Premises, on SATURDAY, the 27th of June, at Twelve o'clock precisely.

The following PROPERTY, viz:—Three ploughs, one harrow, three carts, one thrashing machine, one winnowing machine, two boats, sixty bushels wheat, twelve working bullocks, and about forty head of mixed cattle.

GEORGE CHARLES STEWART, Trustee.

Terms at sale. 408
Sydney, June 7.

MAITLAND PRICE CURRENT.

	£	s.	d.
Ale and Porter, per hogshead	6	10	0
Dunbar's, per dozen	0	15	0
Annatto, per lb.	0	8	0
Beer, Hunter brewery, per hogshead	2	5	0
Bread, per loaf of 4 lbs	0	7	0
Bricks, per 1000	1	7	0
Butcher's Meat: Beef, per lb 1 1/2	0	2	0
Mutton, ditto	1	1	0
Pork, ditto	0	4	0
Veal, ditto	0	4	0
Butter, fresh, per lb.	0	1	0
Calf Skins, each	0	2	6
Candles, mould, per lb.	0	0	7
Dip, per lb.	0	0	6
Cheese, per lb.	0	0	0
Coal, per ton	0	13	0
Coffee, per lb.	0	1	0
Currants, Zante, per lb.	0	1	0
Eggs, per dozen	0	1	0
Firewood, per load	0	3	0
Flour: (Nicholson's Mills, for cash)			
First quality, per 100 lbs.	0	15	0
Second, ditto	0	13	0
Ration, ditto	0	11	0
Bran, ditto	0	5	0
(At Portus's Mills, for cash)			
First quality, per 100 lbs.	0	15	0
Second, ditto	0	13	0
Ration, ditto	0	12	0
Bran, ditto	0	5	6
Fruit: Oranges, per dozen	1	1	0
Lemons, per dozen	0	0	0
Grain: Wheat, per bushel	3	5	0
Maize, ditto	2	5	0
Oats, Derwent, ditto	0	0	0
Barley, ditto	0	3	6
Hay, per ton	8	0	0
Hides, green, each	0	7	0
Dried, per lb.	1	4	0
Hops, per lb.	0	2	0
Lemon Syrup, per dozen	1	4	0
Lime, per bushel	1	5	0
Milk, per quart	0	0	3
Mustard, per lb bottle	0	2	6
Per 1/2 lb ditto	0	1	0
Nails, three-inch, per 1000	0	12	6
Batten, ditto	0	0	0
Shingle, ditto	0	4	0
Flooring brads, ditto	0	0	6
Spike, per lb	0	0	6
Oil, boiled and raw, per gallon	0	10	6
Paints, per cwt.	2	2	0
Poultry: Ducks, per couple	0	3	0
Fowls, ditto	0	2	0
Turkeys, each	0	4	0
Raisins, Cape, per lb	0	0	8
Rice, per lb	0	0	2
Salt Oil, per bottle	0	3	0
Salt, Liverpool, per cwt	0	8	0
Per basket	0	1	0
Saltpetre, per lb	0	1	0
Sheep Skins, clipt, each	0	3	0
With wool, each	1	8	0
Soap, Colonial, per lb	0	0	7
English, ditto	0	0	6
Spirits: Brandy, per gallon	1	2	0
Gin, per case	4	0	0
Rum, per gallon	0	16	0
Stock: Bullocks, fat, per cwt.	8	0	0
Ditto, working, each	23	10	0
Cows, good milk	2	3	0
Sheep, ewes, each	3	0	0
Ditto, wethers, ditto	0	7	0
Horses, each	18	0	0
Sugar, per ton	21	0	0
Mauritius, per lb	0	0	2 1/2
Pine, ditto	0	0	4
Loaf, English, ditto	0	0	8
Colonial, ditto	0	0	6 1/2
Tea, per lb	0	2	0
Timber: Cedar, cut, per foot, retail	0	0	3
Hard wood, per 100 feet	0	10	0
Shingle, per 1000	0	10	0
Tobacco, Negrohead, per lb	0	4	0
Colonial	1	5	0
Cigars, best, per 1000	3	10	0
Treacle, Canterbury, per lb	0	0	4
Turpentine, per gallon	0	10	6
Vegetables: Potatoes, cwt.	2	5	0
Cabbages, each	0	0	1 1/2
Onions, per lb	0	0	3
Pumpkins, each	3	0	0
Wines: Port, Wardell's, per dozen	2	2	0
Other brands	2	4	0
Sherry, ditto	2	4	0
Champagne, ditto	3	10	0

OUR NEW EXPORT.

(From the Sydney Morning Herald.)

Our amusing correspondent Robin Good-fellow, in one of his interesting, but sadly fallacious, letters upon agriculture, remarks upon the tendency of the people of this colony to fly off upon every new scheme that presents itself. At one time all the energies of the colony have been devoted to the cultivation of tobacco, at another time to the growth of maize, then to the production of fine wool, lately to salting beef, and now, he might say, to boiling down sheep for their tallow: for although it is little more than a month since we first drew the attention of the public to the subject, go into what society you may, "their talk is of tallow."

The discovery, for so it may be called, that fat sheep contain tallow, although but a few weeks old, has had the most beneficial effect upon the interests of the graziers: sheep that were in April and the beginning of May unsaleable, are now worth from five to eight shillings each; and below that price, sheep in good condition can never become again: for if they are melted down, the tallow they will produce is worth that sum.

A letter from Mr. H. O'Brien, giving the result of some experiments on this subject will be found in another column, from which it will be seen, that he estimates the worth of a moderate-sized sheep at fourteen shillings; and as he calculates the price of tallow at thirty per cent. below its price in London in February last, the value placed on that, the most important item, is below the truth. But supposing that a sheep is only worth eight shillings, what a relief this is to the graziers: they have now a standard, something at which to estimate the intrinsic value of their sheep, which, but a few weeks since, they could not get rid of at any price. Now we shall have casks of tallow sent from the interior as regularly as bales of wool, and they will be quite as saleable in the London, and consequently, in the Sydney market.

We must confess that we have some fears that this system may be pursued to too great a length. The demand for sheep for Sydney is very considerable, and is not likely to diminish, while the surplus stock in the colony is, we feel persuaded, very small. If, therefore, too many sheep are killed for the sake of the fat, it will be injurious to the colony, by diminishing the export of wool. No young sheep should be killed: the sheep that are slaughtered should be culls, and on this point we would refer to the letter of our intelligent correspondent F. E., in Saturday's paper.

We shall in future quote the prices of tallow as regularly as those of wool. In Culverwell and Brook's circular, dated February 1st, we find that South American tallow is quoted at 40s. to 48s. 6d. per cwt., with 3s. 2d. per cwt. duty; Russian, 48s. to 48s. 3d. duty; Indian tallow, 40s. to 50s. 0d., duty 3d.; Cape tallow, 42s. to 40s. 0d., duty 3d. per cwt. (of course tallow from this colony will only pay the low duty.) New South Wales sheep-skins are quoted at 20s. to 35s. 6d. per dozen; and among the sales we notice, "288 New South Wales sheep long wools, weighing 60 lbs. at 30s. 6d. per dozen; short ditto, weighing 30 lbs., at 10s. 0d.

The result of Mr. O'Brien's experiments, referred to in the above article, was as follows:—The two sheep, weighed 110 lbs.; the caul and kidney fat, 25 lbs.; the weight of the two sheep, with the four legs taken off, 92 lbs. The above, after boiling for twenty-four hours, gave 30 lbs. of fat fit for the English market, and 25 lbs. of rough fat, which upon being rendered down yielded 24 lbs. of clear fat, making in all 54 lbs. of fat, or 27 lbs. to each sheep, neither the best nor the worst in the flock from which they had been drawn. The tallow has been seen and highly approved by competent judges. The following is the estimated value of the above:—

	£	s.	d.
54 lbs. of tallow, at 3d. per lb.	0	15	0
24 lbs. meat, at 3d. per lb.	0	6	0
Wool and pelts at this season of the year	0	2	6
100 lbs. of good pig's meat, made from the boiled meat and suet, with the addition of 20 lbs. bran and 20 lbs. ground corn, at 4d. per lb.	0	4	2
8 lbs. of bones, at 60s. per ton	0	0	2

Total value of the two sheep. £1 8 7

Of the legs Mr. O'Brien proposes to make mutton hams.

CLOTHING TRADE.—We are most happy to announce, from personal inquiry, that a considerable revival of trade is visible in most of the Gloucestershire