

THE MELBOURNE WEEKLY COURIER.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Conveyance of Mails.

CONVEYANCE being required for the Post-office mails as undermentioned, for one year, from the 1st January, 1845. Persons disposed to contract for providing the same are invited to transmit their offers in writing, to this office, by twelve o'clock on Tuesday, the 8th day of October next, endorsed "Tender for conveyance of Mails," viz.:

From and to Melbourne and Portland, by way of Bullan, Mount Emu, Fiery Creek, and the Grange, once a week.

From and to Port Fairy and Fiery Creek, once a week; by way of the Woolshed Inn, or by Mr. Sprout's station, as the Government shall determine.

From and to Geelong and the Warty Yalloe river, near Lake Korangamite, once a week.

From and to Melbourne and Mount Macedon, once a week.

From the Post-office in Melbourne to vessels in Hobson's Bay, twice a day; and from vessels in Hobson's Bay to the Post-office in Melbourne, as often as mails may arrive; always by the Eastern Beach.

Tenders are to be made on distinctly the time proposed to be occupied on any line of road; but offers for the Portland line are to state particularly whether as intended for performance of the journey, to Portland and back to Melbourne, within a week or fortnight; and as expedition is so desirable a point in Post-office communication, the tender proposing the quickest rate of travelling, if combining cheapness, will of course receive a preference.

It will be optional with parties to offer for one or more of the above lines of stages, and to propose the mode of conveyance; but on all roads where wheel-vehicles can travel, a preference will be given to carriage conveyance. The contractors will be held strictly bound to use the conveyance they propose, and to travel at the rate agreed upon. The rate of travelling is not to be less than six miles per hour, including all stoppages.

Contractors will be liable to a fine of five shillings for every five minutes delay after the specified time of starting; and to a like penalty for every ten minutes delay after the specified time of arrival; except for the first five and ten minutes respectively.

A mail cart or carriage, drawn only by one horse, must not carry more than one passenger; by two horses, not more than three passengers; and by three or more horses, not more than six passengers—exclusive of the driver; under a penalty of £3 for each offence.

All vehicles and horses employed in the conveyance of mails, are to be at all times subject to the inspection, and approval, or rejection of the Postmaster at Melbourne, or person appointed by him for that purpose. The drivers and postmen are to be men of certified good character, subject also to rejection by the Postmaster at Melbourne.

Contractors are to provide secure lockers for the mails in carriages, and dry coverings for the mails on horseback, under penalty of £10, for damage sustained by any mail; unless where the damage may arise from unavoidable accident.

Contractors are to carry all Post-office bags, mails and letters which may be delivered to them under authority of the Postmaster at Melbourne, or any of the Postmasters. And they will be bound to prevent the conveyance of any letter or packet, by any of their servants or passengers, or otherwise to the prejudice of the Post-office revenue, under a penalty of £5 for each offence. They may, however, deliver letters on the direct line of road, clear of any collection of postages, when required by any Postmaster; and may receive letters from parties on the direct line of road, to be given up to the Postmaster immediately on arrival at the nearest Post-office.

All fines and penalties incurred under the agreement are to be deducted by the Postmaster at Melbourne from the next quarterly instalment falling due to the contractor, and are to be considered as over and above any penalties forfeited under any Act of Council.

Each party tendering, or an agent for him, must attend at this office on the day appointed for opening the tenders; and each tender must bear the signatures of two respectable and solvent persons, willing to enter into a bond with the contractor for the safety of the mails, and the due performance of the contract.

It being intended hereafter to close all Melbourne inland mails at 4 o'clock, p.m., the one uniform time of half-past 4, p.m., will thus be established for departure of inland mail conveyances from the Post Office at Melbourne; but it is to be understood that the days and hours for dispatch and arrival of all inland and branch mails, are to be fixed and determined by the Postmaster at Melbourne, and are to be subject to his revision, should the convenience of the public so require.

Parties proposing to tender are invited to seek information at the Post Office at Melbourne, where printed forms of tender may be had upon application. Forms may be also obtained from any of the Post Offices in the districts.

C. J. LA TROBE,
Superintendent
Superintendent's Office,
Melbourne, 26th August, 1844.

Clerk of Work's Office,
September 9th, 1844.

Tenders Required.

TENDERS will be received at this office until Saturday, the 21st instant, from persons willing to contract for the erection of a Custom House and Queen's stores at Geelong, Port Phillip.

Plan and specification can be seen, and all information obtained by applying at the above office any day between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock.

By order of his Honor the Superintendent,
JAMES RATTENBURY,
Clerk of Works.

Twenty-five Pounds Reward, or a Conditional Pardon.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Government that divers nocturnal outrages, attended with serious destruction of property, have at different times, within the last eight or nine months, been committed upon the station of Mr. Robert Chamberlain, in the Port Fairy district, by certain ill-disposed persons at present unknown:—

Notice is hereby given, in his Excellency's name, that a reward of twenty-five pounds will be paid any free person or persons communicating such information as may lead to the detection and conviction of the guilty parties; and that in the event of such information being given by a prisoner of the Crown, application will be made to her Majesty for the allowance to him of a conditional pardon.

(Signed) C. J. LA TROBE,
Superintendent's Office,
Melbourne, 15th August, 1844.

Unpaid Letter-Boxes.

THE Public are hereby informed that two Unpaid Receiving Boxes for Letters, have been established in the town—one at the Police-office in the Market-square, and one at the Watch-house in Stevens-street.

These Boxes will be visited and emptied, by Messengers from the Post-office, daily—Sundays excepted,

At 8 o'clock in the morning, and
At 1 o'clock in the afternoon,
or immediately before each town delivery.

Letters deposited here will accordingly reach their destination equally as quick as if sent to the Post-office, provided only that they be left here to meet the hours given.

Letters upon which the postage is to be paid, must, however, still be sent to the Post-office.

HENRY D. KEMP, Postmaster.
Post-office, Melbourne,
July 8th, 1844.

Overland Mail to Portland.

ARRANGEMENTS having been made for an overland mail between Melbourne and Portland, to travel by way of Bunneyong, Mount Emu, Wyselski's and the Grange, the following will be the particulars of despatch and arrival of the mail:—

To leave Melbourne every Saturday at half-past 3 o'clock, p.m., arriving at Portland by 8 o'clock, a.m., of the following Saturday.

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Post offices will be established on the same line of road, of which notice will be given in future advertisement.

HENRY D. KEMP, Postmaster.
Post-office, Melbourne, 23rd May, 1844.

New Post Office.

NOTICE is hereby given, that under sanction of his Excellency the Governor, a Post Office has been established as follows, viz.:

On the Portland Road.

AT FIERY CREEK, 26 miles westward of Mount Emu; Peter Walsh to be Postmaster. The delivery from this office will embrace, besides the neighbourhood of Fiery Creek and Lake Boloke, the district immediately westward of Pyreanes and the whole of the upper Hopkins river.

This mail will reach Melbourne every Friday, and be dispatched thence every Saturday, with the Portland mail.

Parties wishing to receive their letters and newspapers through this post office, should particularly caution their correspondents to address communications thereto distinctly by its name; because private localities, in their relative position to the different post offices, cannot be sufficiently known at distant stations to give to the post office department a correct guide for ensuring direct transmission.

HENRY D. KEMP,
Postmaster.
Post Office Melbourne,
26th August, 1844.

MONTHLY list of persons who have taken out licenses to strip bark and to cut timber on crown lands in the district of Port Phillip, from the 1st to the 31st July, 1844, inclusive.

To Strip Bark,

WESTERN PORT.

Clancy, James.
PORTLAND BAY.
Hovendon, Thomas; Pougham Henry.

COUNTY OF GRANT.

Bolger, Martin; Gallagher, John.

To Cut Timber.

COUNTY OF BOURKE.

Achison, Mathew; Bell, Thomas; Bowles, J. Wm.; Brumley, Wm.; Connors, Maurice; Collier, Jas.; Cahile, Patk.; Duun, John; Dunn, James; Finnerty, Thomas; Gorman, Patk.; Hardyman, Timothy; Halliman, Thos.; Huntley, John; Innes, John; Kelly John; Kennedy, Wm.; Logan, Michael; Mahoney, John; McGrath, John; McLeod William; O'Brien, Patrick; O'Connell, John; Ryan, Thomas; Rogerson, Robt.; Rogerson, Thos.; Spotswood, J. Stewart; Renny, Thos.; Talbot, Henry; Watts, George.

COUNTY OF GRANT.

Blight, David; Develin George; Giuman William; Matthews, Richd.; Platt, John; Parsons, Richard; Wells, Thomas.

MURRAY DISTRICT.

Bass, Henry; Davis, John.
W. LONSDALE,
Sub-Treasurer.

Treasury, Melbourne,
August, 1844.

NOTICE.

Police Office, Geelong,
13th August, 1844.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Mr. Percival Graham has been appointed Poundkeeper at South Geelong, in the room of Mr. George Knight, dismissed.

By order of the Justices in Petty Sessions,
ALFRED J. EYRE,
Clerk of Petty Sessions.

For Sale.

A SMALL, but choice selection of Apple, Plum, and English Forest Trees. The number being very limited, early application will be required to prevent disappointment.

The benefit of receiving trees carefully taken from the ground, and which can be ensured free from damage by sea water, and the short time such trees are kept out of the soil, will ensure the buyer against the failures the trees brought over sea are always liable to.

The Apple Trees offered for sale, are the English imported Stocks, and have not had the American Blight. The Van Diemen's and Sydney Trees were eschewed in order to prevent infection; therefore the Stocks, as well as the Grafts, have been imported. Fifty Apple Trees, of the following sorts were sent, of which thirty-five were alive, and have prospered well; but as all the Labels became detached before I received them, it was impossible to tell what sorts were saved and what (if any sort) were lost; but seven-tenths at the least were preserved, therefore it is likely all the sorts were saved.

In order to inform the buyers of Apple and Plum of the sorts they may be likely to get, and some of which they are sure of if they buy.

Numbers and sorts received, and the price charged by invoice from England:—

APPLE.

5 Nonpareil, 4s. each.....	£1 0 0
5 Golden Knob, 4s. each.....	1 0 0
5 Loons Pearmain, 4s. each..	1 0 0
5 Norfolk Beaufin, 4s. each..	1 0 0
5 Kentish Brooding, 4s. each..	1 0 0
5 Beauty of Kent, 4s. each....	1 0 0
5 Ribstone Pippin, 4s. each....	1 0 0
5 Newton ditto, 4s. each.....	1 0 0
5 Cockle ditto, 4s. each.....	1 0 0
5 Wellington ditto, 4s. each..	1 0 0

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PLUM.

5 Green Gage, 5s. each.....	£1 5 0
5 Magnum Bonum, red, 5s. each	1 5 0
5 Ditto ditto, violet, 5s. each	1 5 0
5 Prescope de Tours, 5s. each..	1 5 0
5 Maperatrice, 5s. each.....	1 5 0
5 La Royale, 5s. each.....	1 5 0
5 Golden Drop, 5s. each.....	1 5 0
5 Early Orleans, 5s. each....	1 5 0
5 Jaune Native, 5s. each.....	1 5 0
5 Washington, 5s. each.....	1 5 0

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As these Trees are selling at very low rates as compared with the English price, parties wishing to secure a choice, cannot be too early; nearly one half this year's selection are already disposed of.

Forest Trees, of two sorts, Oak and Maple; these trees were also imported from England, at great cost and risk, and at severe loss, only about thirty remain on sale.

As these Trees will only be taken from the ground upon the order of the buyer, they may ensure their good state, and as they will not be liable to damage by sea water or the saline deposition incident to a sea voyage, and as every care will be taken to preserve the roots as perfect as possible, parties buying will find these cheaper even than those sold by auction, for there you must pay for them, faulty or good.

Mr. Everist, seedsman, at the General Market, will receive orders, and transmit them if in writing; or

J. FAWKNER, SEN.,
Pascoevale.

A variety of Honorary Past-Masters' jewels, with suspenders, in gold, silver-gilt, and plated.

Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and Knights Rosicrucian jewels, in gold, gold enamelled, silver-gilt, plated, and metal-gilt, with suspenders and cases

Embossed silver Square and Compasses, with case

Three Masonic silk Caps, with gold fringe and water-gilt brass mounted, including japanned cases, with locks and keys

Past-Masters blue Aprons

Arch Aprons and Sashes

Principal Arch Aprons and Sashes

Arch Collars, &c., &c., &c.

Case, No. 6.

One brass circle, finished in best water-gilt Square, Triangle, and Compasses

One Roman Sword

Polished steel Trowel, Spade, Pick-axe, and Crow-bar

Five beautifully painted Banners and Standards

White Wands

Three gilt Sceptres, with box lined and lock and key

Six carved Candlesticks, water-gilt

Two mahogany Felt Stools, stuffed with horse-hair, and leather covering

Masonic Floor-cloth

One set painted large Lodge Boards.

For further particulars, apply, if by letter, post paid, to

WILLIAM KERR.

Patriot office,
30th January 1843. }

COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS.

Saturday, 14th September, 1844.

On Saturday, a Court of Petty Sessions was holden at the police office, before James Smith and W. B. Wilmot, Esqrs., J.P.'s, to hear and determine informations filed against several Licensed Victuallers, and to take into consideration other matters connected with the Licensing Act.

Timothy Lane, Builder's Arms, Little Collins-street, was charged with having persons drinking in his house, on Sunday, after three o'clock. Some of the parties were stated by the constable to be notoriously bad characters.

Mr. Smith, in inflicting upon defendant a penalty of 40s. and costs said, that if he were again brought up on a similar charge, they would represent the matter to the Quarter Sessions, and have his license quashed for harbouring persons on a Sunday, but more especially such characters as those. He must look sharp or he would be brought before the Quarter Sessions.

James Gulliver Taylor, Baker's Arms, Elizabeth-street, serving after three on Sunday. There being some doubt whether the party who was served did not represent himself to Mr. Taylor as a traveller, Mr. Taylor was allowed the benefit of the doubt, and the summons was discharged.

William Mortimer, Crown Inn, fined 40s. and costs, upon his own confession, for serving after three o'clock on Sunday, 8th instant.

Matthew Cantlin, Edinburgh Castle, fined 40s. and costs, for serving after twelve o'clock on the night of the 9th instant.

James Ross, Royal Exchange Hotel, fined 40s. and costs, for selling brandy on Sunday, the 8th instant.

George Stanway, Stanway's Hotel, allowing drunken persons to remain upon the licensed premises on Sunday, the 8th instant. The fact not being borne out in evidence that they were permitted to remain, although they were found there, the summons was discharged.

REMOVALS.

Joseph Broadstock, the Derwent Wine Vaults, Collingwood, to the premises formerly known as the New Town Hotel. The bench would inspect the premises between then and Wednesday, but would make no promise.

Patrick Bourke, Australian Hotel, Little Collins-street, to the premises formerly licensed as the Royal Hotel, Bourke-street.—Granted, with a recommendation to applicant to improve the description of customers who were formerly in the habit of visiting the premises to which he was about removing.

The Petty Sessions then closed.

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The quarters end 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, in each year, and to some one of these periods all resignations must have reference. No subscriber can decline unless on payment of the current quarter, and all arrears. Persons desirous of becoming subscribers during a quarter, will, in that case, only be charged from the period they commence subscribing. Advertisements will be charged at the rate of 3s. for six lines, and 3d. for every line beyond six, for each insertion. New advertisements will be received until 10 o'clock, a.m., on Saturday, but no withdrawal can be attended to later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday night. The number of insertions must be specified in each advertisement, or it will be continued until countermanded by a written notice and charged accordingly. No verbal notice as to resignation of subscriptions, or discontinuance of advertisements, will be attended to. Communications to the Editor, or orders for the Publisher, are requested to be addressed (post paid) to the COURIER office, Collins-street.

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