

depress the colony in the eyes of the British public—to lay respectfully before him, for his consideration, suggestions for improvements in the management of its affairs where they were capable of improvement, or memorials for the abolition of obnoxious practices, or the enactment of beneficial measures. It might have been pointed out to him how desirable a communication by means of the colonial schooner, with Singapore, would be—how indispensable it is that every opportunity should be seized for sending a mail to England—and many other circumstances could have been explained to him which it is now left to chance to impress upon him or to throw before his eyes. We say nothing of the mere common-place compliment of inviting him to some general gathering of the friends of the colony, at which they might have become mutually acquainted—it was a delicate subject for us to write upon, while Colonel Clarke was in London, and we fully expected that any hint from us would have been unnecessary—but it is now passed, and with it the opportunity so rarely given of personally calling the attention of the head of the executive to grievances which he might redress, and benefits which he might confer—and all that is now left to us is to express our sincere wishes that Colonel Clarke's government may be characterised by such discretion and judgment, and attended by such lasting good to the colony, as shall give us no cause to regret the loss of this opportunity of aiding the consummation of those results.

#### LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

##### *Swan River, 13th June.*

We have received three packets of dispatches from Swan River this month, the first *per Falco* via Adelaide, continuing our file of papers up to March 5th, and the others *per Augustus*, via Batavia, with letters to the 16th, April, and *per Thetis* via Singapore, bringing us letters to the very recent date of June 13th, and two or three newspapers only, but as those papers are as we believe, the only copies yet received in England, the value of the extracts we make from them will be duly appreciated. The first of these arrivals gives us nothing to add to our last month's and previous summaries, except a single extract which will be found below. The accounts brought by the last arrival are at present very imperfect, as only a very small portion of the mail has yet been sent forward. We regret to perceive from a casual observation in one of the papers, that His Excellency the Governor was so seriously indisposed as to be prevented in a great measure from attending to his public duties. He was however present at the Corn Law debate which Mr. Leake again brought forward on the 5th of June, in the Legislative Council, which was opened on the 17th April, with a speech from the Governor, which we shall give next month. As our report of the Council's proceedings is at present necessarily incomplete, and the arguments brought forward on this particular debate were the same which we discussed last year, we shall at present say nothing more on

this subject than merely mentioning that Mr. Leake's motion for a protective duty was once more negatived. The hasty outlines of our correspondence present nothing farther to our notice, except the safe arrival of the *Prima Donna* in the middle of May, and the expected departure of the *Halifax Packet* in August; so, waiting the arrival of our complete reports which we expect almost daily, we shall add a few extracts from the *Inquirer* and *Perth Gazette* :—

**MANUFACTURE OF SNUFF.**—At the special meeting of the Agricultural Society, a sample of snuff was exhibited, manufactured by Mr. Watts, of Perth, from some of Mr. Nash's tobacco, and which was not without some good qualities. We have no doubt that excellent snuff may be made from this material, but it must have age before we can venture to recommend it as we would wish.—*Inquirer*, February 19th.

**THE VINE.**—The rapid growth and abundant fruitfulness of the vine in this colony, together with the ready manner in which it at once adapts itself to our soil and climate, have long excited very just admiration. Another example, worthy to be recorded among the rest, is now afforded by the success which has attended the rearing of the very valuable cuttings lately imported from New South Wales. These cuttings were planted only eighteen months ago, and several of them are now bearing fruit; in the garden of W. H. Mackie, Esq. there is one from which a bunch of grapes was gathered on Monday last, weighing nearly 1lb. These cuttings, thirty-two in number, were imported from the botanical garden at Sydney, where they were selected as the thirty-two best sorts, out of between 700 and 800 choice varieties; a fact which at once establishes their very great value. It will be gratifying to those friendly persons in Sydney, by whose kindness these cuttings were procured, to know that not a single one of them has been lost; the whole of the thirty-two having taken root, and are thriving prodigiously, and several of them, as we have stated, already bearing fruit. Such of the fruit as has yet been gathered is of a remarkably fine and high flavour, and would, doubtless, under proper management, produce wine of a superior quality.—*Ibid.* February 26th.

**EXPORT OF TIMBER.**—The export of timber, suitable for ship building on a sufficiently large scale to give our woods a fair trial in the Government-dockyards at home, will shortly take place. The arrangements for entering upon this speculation are so far advanced that the task of conveying the logs to the sea side will be immediately commenced. The portion of the colony selected for this first adventure is Bunbury, Port Leschenault, in the vicinity of which town, timber of the required dimensions and description can be procured in abundance. The great difficulty which will arise is the shipment of the logs when collected. It is not every vessel that will take such a cumbersome article, or is even adapted for such a trade; however, to meet this difficulty as far as possible, letters have been dispatched to the several adjacent ports, as well as to England, communicating the fact that about 600 loads of timber will be ready in a short time and inviting the attention of shipowners and masters of vessels, to the opportunity offered for the employment of their vessels :—*Perth Gazette*, June 7.

**IMPORTATION OF SILVER.**—We understand that the colonial schooner *Champion* is shortly to be dispatched to the Mauritius, for a supply of silver for the use of the military chest.—*Inquirer*, June 11th.

**THE WEATHER.**—Bad weather commenced on the 28th April, and, up to the present time, we have had

early days and forty nights, we believe we may say, of almost incessant rain; such a deluge has not occurred since the year 1830, when the flats on the Swan were flooded, and the river rose upwards of 20 feet above its usual level. In most places, such an obstinate continuance of wet and boisterous weather would have been attended with hurtful results, at all events in the shape of catarrhs, among the human family. There has, however, been nothing of the kind; and while the abundance of rain has greatly facilitated some of the ordinary operations of the farmer, replenished our rivers and springs, and caused a plentiful shoot of grass, we do not learn that it has had any ill effects on the lambing—the loss, hitherto, not exceeding the usual average wherever the flocks were in proper condition. The principal impediment has been to the unloading and departure of vessels, the *Prima Donna* having been much delayed in discharging her cargo by the boisterous weather, which has also prevented our colonial vessel the *Thetis*, chartered for a voyage to Singapore, from putting to sea. The *Thetis* which will have a number of sheep on board, will not sail until a change shall take place.—*Ibid.*

EXTRACT from a private letter, dated "January 15th, 1845."—"When I was down at Port Augusta, I saw the Americans kill three large whales in two days, but the Governor has promised us that every American shall be ordered off next season, and not to come within three miles of the coast. He certainly has behaved very well, and seems inclined to afford us every assistance \* \* \* \* I had thought of going over the hills to turn farmer. There is certainly is one thing in farming, none of the care and anxiety of ever calculating business, and I am convinced they are the happiest class of people in the colony, and this is because most of them having wives and comfortable homes about them, they settle themselves down for life, and we never hear any grumbling amongst them."

Extract from a private letter dated "Australia, February 27th.—The climate is most healthful and delightful, and the superior productiveness of the soil, such that my own garden crops, consisting of every known vegetable, are fine and abundant beyond expression. Our wheat and barley crops are most superb, and our cattle and horses in the most thriving condition from running in the bush."

Extract from a private letter dated "Swan River, 1st June.—When I was down at Leschenault, I saw 50 tons of logs lying ready for shipment, all of them from 45 to 80 feet long, and 16 to 18 inches in diameter. I wish we could get a ship at once to fetch it away."

#### CUSTOMS' LIST

Of exports to Western Australia, for the month ending October 26th:—

BRITISH.—9th Sept. J. & W. S. Holt, £18; Devitt & Co. £200; Phillipson & Co. £150—10th, Frazer & Co. £75—12th, J. & R. Pike, £50, W. Wansley, £50; Mangles & Co. £600—19th, W. Andrews, £100—20th, Felgate & Co. £500—23rd, G. Fuller, £500—27th, T. Coules, £35—29th, J. Ilberry, £120; Mangles & Co. £1000; E. W. Winkley, £550.

FOREIGN.—9th Sept. J. Jacks, 330 g. mixed spirits—11th, T. Bell, 150 g. Geneva; T. G. Hastings, 150 g. Sp. 150 g. port wine—13th, M. Forster, 110 g. Fr. wine, 300 sg. flint glass—19th, Hodgson & Co. 72 g. Fr. 56 g. Sp. & 129 g. Madeira wine—22nd, J. Haines, 24 g. Mars. wine.

NOTE.—Several enquiries having been made as to the reason of our Customs' List not appearing in the case of two recent departures, we beg to explain that the two vessels alluded to having been entered for "the Cape and Swan River," the goods shipped by them appeared under the same head, and, as there was no means of distinguishing that portion which was destined for Swan River, we considered it useless to publish the list of united exports.

#### BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES.

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Brown, Mrs. F., 17th February, at Grassdale, a son.  
Drake, Mrs. W. A., 28th Feb. at Perth, a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

Wollaston, Mr. H., of Wilberforce, York, to Miss S. Sewell, of Moline Northam, 8th February.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Departures from Fremantle—*Victoria*, Carroway, 2 April, for Adelaide—*Alpha*, Turner, 30 June, for Augusta; *Vixen*, Owen, for Whaling.

Departure from King George's Sound—*Victoria*, Carroway, 9th April, for Adelaide.

*Falco*, Moseley, from Swan River, arrived at Adelaide April 12—*Victoria*, Carroway, from Swan River, at Adelaide, April 24—*Thetis*, Morton, from Swan River, arrived at Singapore, July 26th—*Thetis*, Morton, for Swan River, sailed from Singapore, August 16th—*Cumberland*, Sinclair, for Swan River, sailed from the Downs October 12th, from Portsmouth 14th.

Passengers, *per Falco*, from Swan River, to Adelaide.—Messrs. F. Capper, J. W. Cansen, and 5 wrecked mariners.

Passengers, *per Victoria*, from Swan River, to Adelaide—Cabin, Mr. and Mrs. Owen; and 21 steerage passengers.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A SUBSCRIBER, will find that we have given insertion elsewhere to his valuable note—the extracts shall appear next month. We have heard nothing of an intention to *fête* Mr. Hutt on his return; it would be mere common politeness, to say nothing of proper gratitude on the part of the community; but as they allowed his successor to sail without publicly noticing the event, we have little hopes of Mr. Hutt's uniform courtesy and zeal being done justice to. The settlers are in possession of a steam saw mill, as our correspondent will find by a reference to our files. Once more we beg to return our correspondent the warmest of our thanks.

J. F. enquires whether the *Champion*, lately arrived at Liverpool, commanded, as he understands by a Mr. Helpman, is the colonial schooner of Western Australia. We know nothing of the vessel alluded to, but can state positively that it is *not* the Government schooner, as we have a special correspondent at Liverpool who would have instantly apprised us of

the arrival of a Western Australian vessel, besides which, it is neither probable that the *Champion* of Western Australia would visit England, nor even if she did, that she would arrive at Liverpool.

BETA quite mistakes our meaning, will he favor us with his address, that we may communicate with him privately?

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