

CORN EXCHANGE.—A weekly Corn Market is projected at the corner of King William-street, opposite the office of the *South Australian Register*, and a meeting has been called to consider the subject.

Stock.—We are glad to learn that stock is improving in value, and that working bullocks are becoming much in demand among the farmers, some having been sold during the present week at Messrs. Lambert's auction rooms, at £20 16s. per pair; sheep also realized fair prices at their weekly sales, plainly indicating that the farmers are determined to pursue their occupations with spirit, notwithstanding the recent depressed state of the agricultural market.—*South Australian Register*, February 18th.

CAPTAIN GREY'S RETURNED BILLS.—The *South Australian Gazette*, of the 9th February, contains a long list of Captain Grey's dishonoured Bills for outstanding claims, and with a notification of the manner in which he proposes to meet these Bills by Colonial Debentures. Holders of Bills are to apply to the Colonial Secretary for Debentures, stating whether they possess the entire set of bills, or only one or two parts of such Bills; in the latter case, holders must explain how they became possessed of these parts, and the circumstances under which they are not in possession of the other parts, upon which the application will be handed to the Law Officers of the Crown, for opinion and advice as to what securities should be afforded before a Debenture is granted. These Debentures are to be dated from the time at which the Bill became due, to bear 5 per cent. interest, payable from the Colonial Treasury, and to be redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, in the order in which they were issued. The colonists express much dissatisfaction at this mode of settling the just debts of the Government.

EXPORTATION OF GRAIN.—The South Australian Company, we are informed, are fitting up a vessel for the Western Australian Market; and Messrs. S. Stocks, Jun. & Co., in conjunction with Messrs. Hamilton & Co. have determined to send to Sydney for a vessel to take Wheat to the Mauritius, provided they are joined in the enterprize by some of the Wheat holders in the colony.—*Southern Australian*, 14th Feb.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Colonial Government, for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1842.

RECEIPTS.

Ordinary Revenue	£4576	7	11
Land Sales	801	0	0
Miscellaneous	1195	11	5
Extraordinary Drafts for unemployed Emigrants	4159	18	6
Advance from S. A. Commissariat	1800	0	0
	£12,532	17	10

EXPENDITURE.

Civil	3518	6	5
Judicial and Gaol	1041	1	3
Police	1731	16	7
Port Lincoln	176	6	2
Miscellaneous	845	15	1
Expenses connected with Emigrants ..	4181	16	4
Repaid S. A. Commissariat	450	0	0
Outstanding claims	4	3	8
	£11,949	5	6

VITAL STATISTICS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The following Tables exhibit the births and deaths in South Australia from the year 1837 to the close of the year 1842.

Table of Births which have taken place in the Province.

BAPTISMS.	1837.	1838.	1839.	1840.	1841.	1842.
Episcopalian ..	38	83	197	349	382	302
Scotch Church..						32
Wesleyan.		6	11	47	55	42
Congregational.		10	10	20	30	15
Roman Catholic					77	30
Births not registered, about..	2	10	10	30	60	60

Register of Burials in Adelaide.

MONTHS.	1837		1838		1839		1840		1841		1842	
	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN
January	0	0	3	3	3	11	12	25	10	20	7	17
February	2	10	3	5	7	12	12	17	12	27	6	19
March	2	3	5	3	4	9	14	20	11	21	7	18
April	0	4	1	2	8	34	23	26	5	14	6	20
May	0	0	2	0	13	15	15	21	9	4	2	11
June	1	3	1	4	16	7	13	15	10	7	4	10
July	3	2	1	0	8	8	10	17	4	6	2	9
August	0	0	1	1	8	5	10	10	2	4	3	8
September	2	2	2	5	6	7	6	9	7	8	3	6
October	0	2	2	6	8	13	6	3	9			
November	0	1	0	7	7	14	8	21	3	10		
December	0	3	5	5	8	7	11	34	6	19		
Totals	40		68		286		360		229		158	

SHIPPING NEWS.

DEPARTURES FOR PORT ADELAIDE.

July 10th—Imaun of Muskatt, Riches, Plymouth.
February 3rd—Corsair, Greig, Gravesend.

LOADING FOR PORT ADELAIDE.

Francis Spaight, Winn, Devitt and Moore, to sail on the 20th instant.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. John James shall be furnished with the information he requires in our next or the following number. We shall insert several letters on hand from our various correspondents as space will allow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from a Cheshire Emigrant.

We have been favoured, says the *Chester Chronicle*, with the following extract from a letter received by a gentleman in this City, from his brother at Cox's Creek, Adelaide District, South Australia. Mr. Benjamin Dean, who writes, was formerly a farmer at Saughton, near this City, who with his wife and family emigrated to the above Colony about four years ago. The letter is dated December 5th, 1842, we extract those portions which chiefly relate to climate, tillage, crops, wages, &c. &c. "The Colony is growing plenty

of every kind of grain and vegetables that man will plant. We are in the very middle of harvest on the plains; reapers very dear and scarce, from 25s. to 30s. per statute acre, and plenty of grog and rations; soldiers are all ordered out to assist, and tradesmen leaving their shops to do the same; sickles 10s. each, and none to be got; new wheat 5s. per 60 lbs.; a great many acres of wheat on Adelaide plains never will be cut for want of men; sheep shearing is not finished yet. Now is the time for people to come here to buy stock; when we came here, sheep were selling at £2 a head, can buy as good now for 10s.; cows and bullocks were then from £15 to £18 each, can buy as good now for £8; can buy a good horse as cheap as in England; plenty of mutton (by the carcase) 2d. per pound; beef, the very best at 3½d.; I bought a lamb the other day weighing 52 lb., as fat as could be, for 8s.; pork and veal a little higher; poultry very cheap; fresh butter 9d. per pound; eggs 10d. per dozen; cheese (skim dick) 4d. per pound; if some of our Cheshire friends would send us a good cheese, it would astonish these *knowing* farmers, they cannot make a cheese to weigh more than 8 or 9 pounds; potatoes were 25s. per 112 pounds when we arrived here, now there are plenty at 7s. and will still be lower. The crop is looking beautiful, I never saw finer or heavier crops of wheat or oats in England than we have here; D. M. Farlane, Esq., a magistrate, and a neighbour of mine, told me that a whole section of his stood seven feet high with straw like reeds; oats are dear here, not many being sown; vegetables are very cheap, green peas 6d. per peck; cucumbers, 10 inches long, 1s. a dozen; very large melons, by dray loads, 6d. to 1s. each; fish, very cheap and plentiful; there are no eels in Australia. We are all in good health and strength, *sound wind, limb, and eyesight*. We have here plenty of steam mills, wind mills, water mills, and bullock mills, thrashing machines, winnowing machines, &c.,

&c. Rennets are as high as 7s. a piece. All sorts of agricultural implements are very high; ploughs are £6 to £7 each; wearing apparel is as cheap as in England, so little being worn, no working man has any occasion for either coat or stockings. From year's end to year's end the climate is so mild that you never scarce hear any one cough; several persons whom I know came over here given up by the doctors, as consumptive, and have now quite recovered; shoes are much the same as in England. We have just enjoyed, a pie made of native cherries, they are much the size of red currants, and are as sweet as sugar; the rascally parrots rob us, but still there are hundreds of trees we cannot use. Sugar, good at 4d. per pound; tea at 3s. per pound; coffee 6d. per pound, very good. I should like very much to pay you a visit for a month or two, but could not stay in England on any account, we should not be able to live in such a damp country, and full of *so much misery*. I believe firmly there is not a place in the world more healthy than this; all of us have enjoyed excellent health ever since we have been here, as to the farming part, the climate will produce anything and everything that man can wish, in abundance. We have many acres of tobacco; hundreds of acres of vineyards, and the settlers are growing the sugar cane for themselves, the only thing they dread is not having a market for their produce. We are shipping a great deal of butter to Sydney and Van Dieman's Land. At this time the working men are far better off than either merchants or tradesmen; they are all buying a few acres of land from those who have got more acres than pounds, and putting a house up, get a cow, pig, poultry, &c., &c., and in a year or two will be quite independent. Timber is very cheap; bricks are very good at £1 per 1000; lime, 6d. per bushel; in fact everything looks prosperous. We have no taxes, no tithes, no poor rates, no highway rates, no church rates, and but one toll bar in the colony.

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By order of the Board,
EDMUND J. WHEELER, Manager.
London, June 29th, 1843.

BANK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The Directors of the South Australian Banking Company, grant Letters of Credit (not transferable) for Sums under £300, or drafts at thirty days' sight, for larger amounts on their Bank at Adelaide, payable in cash or notes at the holder's option—the exchange is, at present, at par. Should immediate cash be wished, their Bank will discount the drafts at the current rates. The Company negotiate approved Bills on South Australia. Bills or monies collected in the Colony upon a Commission of 2½ per cent., and the proceeds remitted to England. Apply at the Company's Offices, No. 53, Old Broad-street.

EDMUND J. WHEELER, MANAGER

N. B. Settlers having pecuniary transactions in London, prior to departure, will find the Company's LONDON AGENCY deserving attention. Full particulars can be had at their Offices.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.—Farmers and Emigrants are invited to settle in South Australia, (where there are no Convicts, and the Natives, not numerous, are generally well disposed) under the auspices of the South Australian Company, who lease their Land in small portions, at moderate rents—and the Tenant with an advance of capital, and allow him to purchase the Freehold at a price fixed in the lease.

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DAVID Mc LAREN, MANAGER.

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