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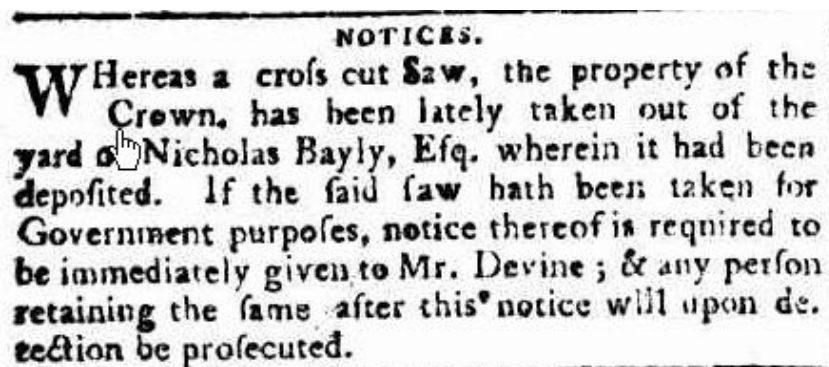
Australian Newspapers ROCKS

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I have so often written of the great things that the [National Library of Australia](#) does that it may sometimes seem that I'm in their employ. Well, I'm not, but neither does that prevent me from seeing what great things they do and calling attention to them. Also, not to slight their counterparts across the Tasman Sea, I've also made note of the great work that the [National Library of New Zealand](#) does as well. But this post is about a specific project called [Australian Newspapers](#).

Released now in "beta" form, a wide public release is planned for July, after making adjustments based on feedback. But frankly, I can't imagine that anything except the slightest tweaks may be required. It offers an amazing array of search and display options. Uncorrected OCR is displayed, and anyone is offered the opportunity to help correct it. And [they do](#). Rose Holley recently [wrote a report](#) [PDF] on this activity.

The [Project Details](#) page has a wealth of information on all aspects of the project, from the metadata standards they are using to the search and delivery system. Kudos to the National Library of Australia for a really fine piece of work and a treasure for anyone interested in Australian history.



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