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NEW SOUTH WALES – COLONIAL SECRETARY

LETTERS RELATING TO MORETON BAY AND QUEENSLAND RECEIVED 1822 – 1860

LETTERS RECEIVED 1855 AND PAPERS FILED WITH THEM – REEL A2.34 CONTINUED FROM REEL A2.33

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	55/10634	1855 10 13	Hon CS	H H Brown Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney CDR	1855 10 12 1855 10 13~ 1855 10 19	Letter re representation made by Mr Hobbs, Health Officer, to Mr Ferriter, former Assistant Immigration Agent, for a nurse to attend invalid immigrants in Depot. Approved by Mr Ferriter. Successor, Mr Kemball, considers permanent nurse unnecessary, but agrees services were requisite when engaged. Requests accounts be passed re such nurses when Vouchers forwarded by Dr Kemball [No 53/563] & Notes in margin Appointment of nurse by Mr Ferriter may be confirmed Auditor General Immigration Agent	A2.34	001 - 004
	55/09789	1855 09 11	Hon CS	J Gibbes Collector of Customs Sydney CDR	1855 09 10 1855 09 12~ 1855 09 13	Letter transmitting Application from Mr Charles Edward Vyvyan, clerk in Longroom at this Port, to exchange with Mr Manton, Clerk to Collector at Brisbane, as climate in that part of colony better for recovery of health. If approved, propose Mr Fancourt, 7 th Clerk, take Mr Vyvyan's place & Mr Manton take that of Mr Fancourt, as with Department many years prior to Mr Manton [No 144] & Notes in margin Immediate To be returned Has Mr Manton consented to exchange places with Mr Fancourt Collector [Ref 55/9750] Enclosure Note pinned to enclosure on page 8 Newton. August 9 th 1855 Mr C E Vyvyan now unable to attend to his duties at Office in consequence of Dyspepsia & general debility. Thomas N Nutt, Surgeon	A2.34	005 – 006 007
	55/09789		J Gibbes	C E Vyvyan Customs Sydney	1855 09 10	At top: Enclosed in Collector of Customs letter No 144 55/9789 Letter requesting permission to exchange to Customs at Moreton Bay, having been recommended to do so by Medical Adviser on account of present suffering. Mr Manton's situation at Brisbane more adapted to health. Having that gentleman's sanction, begs approval		008 - 009
	55/09750	1855 09 14	Hon CS	J Gibbes Collector Custom House	1855 09 13	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter No 159 in reply to No 144. Re whether Mr Manton consented to exchange situations with Mr Fancourt. Mr Manton has agreed to allow Mr Fancourt to step into Mr Vyvyan's place on	A2.34	010 - 011

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	55/10768		Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney	Sydney		Aborigines in Leichardt District, same number as allowed those in Wide Bay & Burnett District [No 55-4225] Notes in margin Let this be complied with Colonial Storekeeper Chief Commissioner Crown Lands		017 - 018
	55/10768			W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Lands Rannes Leichardt	1855 10 22~ 1855 10 23 1855 09 07 1855 10 03~ 1855 10 03~	At top: 55/4225 2 nd October 1855. Commissioner Wiseman Appling for Blankets to be furnished to Aborigines of District. Letter submitting Approval for Blankets to be furnished to Aboriginal Natives of Leichardt District as occurs in other Districts. Cannot guarantee they will never commit outrage on Stations, but have been in habit of visiting several stations without giving offence. Tribe which claims country around Rannes as its own has been up at Head Station two or three times & several making themselves useful during shearing, though generally appear more adverse to labour than tribes to South. Endeavoured with assistance of Native of Upper Burnett to make them comprehend that if behave themselves & remained quiet without stealing sheep or robbing & murdering shepherds, they would receive blankets & clothing [No 50/55] & Notes in margin What number have been applied for in Burnett & Wide Bay? 300 Make requisitions Requisition required? Colonial Secretary October 12/55 Printed Form Requisition for undermentioned Articles for use of: Aborigines in District of Leichardt. 300 Blankets. Dated Sydney 11 th October 1855. Signed G Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands		
	55/10795	1855 10 01	Hon Colonial Treasurer	T DeLacy Moffatt JP Drayton Bench Police Office Drayton Francis L S Merewether	1855 09 28 1855 10 17 1855 10 15	Letter in reply to letter re Bond required to be entered by Clerk of Bench. Clerk states bond forwarded to J D McLean for signature with request to forward to your Office & Notes in margin WV Nothing further required Bond received – See 55/9225 Bond for Iron Chest Forwarded to Colonial Secretary to whom it should have been addressed The Honourable Colonial Secretary Sydney BC No 421	A2.34	021 - 022
	55/09225	1855 08 28	Hon CS	J D McLean Sydney	1855 08 14 1855 08 29	Letter transmitting requisite Bond for Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions Drayton & Notes in margin WV Bond for Iron Chest [Ref 55/10795]	A2.34	023

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	55/05143	1855 05 29	Hon CS	T DeLacy Moffatt JP For Drayton Bench Police Office Drayton	1855 05 17	Letter in reply to letter of 16 th April. Transmitting names of two gentlemen proposed by Mr William Eneas Moncreiffe as his sureties as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Drayton, namely, Col Charles George Gray, Ipswich & John Donald McLean, Westbrook. & Notes in margin Proposed sureties may be approved Approved Bench of Drayton On 15 July 1 August Resubmitted Bench may be reminded that Bond not yet received Yes Bench On 1 st September [Ref 55/9225]	A2.34	025
				CAF	1854 12 27	Note At top: 2,751 19 March 1855 William Henry Wiseman (now Clerk of Petty Sessions at Drayton) to be appointed Commissioner Crown Lands for Leichardt district. William Eneas Moncreiffe to be Clerk of Petty Sessions at Drayton. 27 Dec. 54 & Notes in margin Notice Auditor Bench Mr Moncreiffe Bench supply Bond address Perrier's Club etc		026
	55/10808	1855 10 20	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 10 17	Letter transmitting Schedule & Descriptions of lands for sale at Maryborough (40 Enclosures) [No 55/896] & Notes in margin MF I am not aware of any objection Schedule & Descriptions enclosed with tracing	A2.34	027 - 028
	55/10808			MF	1855 10 20~ 1855 10 20~ 1855 10 22~	Note re above Proclaimed 21 st January for sale at Maryborough 13 th March 1856. Descriptions & tracing sent to Colonial Treasury Schedule (Remote District) Schedule of Crown Lands To Be Offered For Sale at the Police Office, Maryborough Situation/ Allotment/ Section/ Area/ Applicant/ Upset Price/ Remarks Town Lots Maryborough/ 1-20/ 80/ The Crown Maryborough/ 1-20/ 91/ The Crown		029 - 031

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	55/10814	1855 10 20	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 10 18	Letter re dismissal of Assistant Surveyor Roberts. Mentions letters no 55/847, 55/679 & 55/852 [margin note: 55/10177]. Mr Roberts appeared to have done little or no work as Surveyor. Appears to His Excellency that office at Brisbane ought to be in charge of Commissioner who receives fees for sale of land & Mr Roberts may remain as he is at present. Discusses establishment of Survey Office at Brisbane long anterior to employment of Commissioners when no communication facilities with Sydney existed. Originated as local depository for maps & official referee for public convenience. Steam communication renders necessity less cogent & local Commissioner may perform required duties. Re letter 751 [margin note: 55/8982], Assistant Surveyor Roberts recently placed by late Surveyor General in charge of Darling Downs District while office & surveys at Brisbane currently in charge of Surveyor Galloway [No 55/899] & Notes in margin Surveyor Roberts in charge of Darling Downs. Mr Galloway is at Brisbane	A2.34	032 - 035
				CDR WD	1855 10 23~ 1855 10 23~ 1855 10 25	All these arrangements subordinate to new arrangements of Department Surveyor General [Ref 55/10,177]		
	55/10177	1855 09 28	Hon CS	T L Mitchell Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 09 27	Letter re letter No 55/724. Forwarding Journals of Assistant Surveyor Roberts for months of April, May & June 1855 [No 55/852] & Notes in margin No 55/8984. Other papers with 55/9765 – Journals for August submitted 11 September	A2.34	036
				CDR	1855 09 28~ 1855 09 29	With reference to my minute on Journals of Surveyors in which I described dismissal of Roberts who appeared to have done little or no work as Surveyor, I find that fault is not to be attributed to Mr Roberts, but to system under which working. Office at Brisbane as in other settled Districts, ought to be in charge of Commissioners who receive fees for sale of land & that Surveyor should under present system have nothing to do with it – however, as general charge will be made in all Survey arrangements before long it is not worthwhile to deal with isolated case – Mr Roberts may therefore remain as he is at present Surveyor General [Ref 55/10814]		
					1855 10 03	Monthly Progress Journal Assistant Surveyor Roberts from May 1 st to 31 st . Day of Month/ Hours in Field/ Hours in Office/ No of Miles Travelled/ No of miles & chains measured per field book/ Average No of Stations per mile/ Nature of Employment/ Observations		037 - 038
						Return of men employed as Surveying Party by Assistant Surveyor Roberts during month of May 1855 Name of each man/ Period employed/ Wages/ Amount/ Remarks Donald McNiven John D Angus Roderick Logan, Peter Grant, Edward E Caswell		039
						Monthly Progress Journal assistant Surveyor Roberts from 1 st to 30 th April Day of Month/ Hours in Field/ No of Miles Travelled/ No of miles & chains measured per field book/ Average No of Stations per mile/ Nature of		040 - 041

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						<p>Employment/ Observations</p> <p>Return of men employed as Surveying Party by Assistant Surveyor Roberts during month of April 1855 Name of each man/ Period employed/ Wages/ Amount/ Remarks William Blocksidge, Samuel Gregory, John D Angas, Donald Mc Nevin [McNiven?], Roderick Logan, Edward E Caswell</p> <p>Monthly Progress Journal Assistant Surveyor Roberts from 1st to 30th June 1855 Day of Month/ Hours in Field/ No of Miles Travelled/ No of miles & chains measured per field book/ Average No of Stations per mile/ Nature of Employment/ Observations</p> <p>Return of men employed as Surveying Party by Assistant Surveyor Roberts during month of June 1855 Name of each man/ Period employed/ Wages/ Amount/ Remarks Donald Mc Niven, John D Angas, Roderick Logan, Enos Bricket [Breckett?] John Ferguson, Archibald Porteous</p>		042 043 - 044 045
	55/05587	1855 06 12	Hon CS	Messrs Fitz & Connor	1855 05 29	<p>Letter re station at head of McKenzie River in Leichardt District where other squatters whose names subjoin have also taken up arms, requesting section of Native Police be sent for protection as Blacks so numerous impossible to occupy lands without Native Police. Number of sections of this Police Force stationed near Towns in settled districts where Blacks have been civilized for years while Northern Districts left with scarcely any protection List of parties who have taken up arms Messrs Archer; Brown; Kennedy; Young; Allingham; Buckley; Hirst Brothers; Bridges; Tindale; & Notes in margin Refer to Inspector General of Police [Ref 55/5713]</p>	A2.34	046 - 047
				WD	1855 06 13			
	55/05713	1855 06 16	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police, Sydney	1855 06 14	<p>Letter returning letter from Messrs Fitz & Connor re Section of Native Police at head of McKenzie River in Leichardt District. Consider services of Native Police should not be diverted from outlying districts for which they were intended. If sections of force are employed in latter, Commandant of Corps should be instructed that such is not their proper locale 2 Not in possession of information to judge existence or extent of necessity urged by Messrs Fitz & Connor 3 Suggest reference to Chief Commissioner Crown Lands to ascertain whether those gentlemen & others named are in licensed occupation of Runs taken up at McKenzie River as Native Police Fore expressly for protection of licensed occupants of Crown Lands exposed to attacks of Aborigines when first coming in contact with them [No 55/125] & Notes in margin To be referred Chief Commissioner Crown Lands re information Para 3</p>	A2.34	048 - 051

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				George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands	1855 07 01~ 1855 06 28	To await report promised by Chief Commissioner Crown Lands as per his last paragraph. All parties are applicants by tender for runs in Country alluded to but no tenders yet reported by District Court or runs been occupied. No doubt party of Native Police would facilitate occupation of Country as soon as tenures of Runs determined but doubt any present necessity for such a force. Requirements of District will be further shown by reference to Commissioner which I will cause to be made & report further. [Ref 55.239] Referred CSO Present state of matter to be reported yes Colonel Barney [Ref 55/9990]		
	55/10620		Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney	W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Lands Rannes Leichhardt	1855 07 28	At top: 55/4224 – 2 nd October 1855 Report on Fitz & Connors application for Detachment of Native Police at Mckenzie River Letter in reply to Letter J.24 dated 27 th June 1855 re application of Messrs Fitz & Connor for Detachment of Native Police to be stationed permanently on McKenzie River. Before pointing out propriety or necessity of Native Police in Country tendered for by Petitioners, think those Gentlemen in error when they say "...number of Sections of Police force stationed near Towns in Settled Districts where Blacks have been civilised for years" Know of no Town in Settled Districts of North where Blacks have been for years civilized & - only Towns in Northern Settled Districts with Section of Native Police are Brisbane in Moreton & Casino or Grafton in Clarence District. Neighbourhood of Brisbane towards Coast where many small proprietors occupied in agricultural pursuits, being exposed to marauding excursions of troublesome tribe of Natives called Ningi Ningi inhabiting numerous scrubs & swamps along seashore from Bribie Island to Wide Bay, requires protection as much as Country tendered for by Messrs Fitz & Connor. In Clarence District likewise Natives scarcely to be trusted 2 [Several pages of discussion re interactions between tribes of Aborigines & white settlers] Suggest if Government does not protect Fitz & Connor & others, likely organise own armed force. Preferable to station Section of Native Police under an active, courageous & intelligent Officer to possibly prevent effusion of much blood on both sides 3 Petitioners have sent in tenders for country but not yet in legal possession. Country is very distant. According to Mr Connor's own reckoning about 250 miles from this place. No Commissioner could live there till there is some station to furnish meat. Mr Connor intends moving out there after shearing. I am now proceeding to Dawson & its tributaries where there are 120 Blacks awaiting my report. My intention to go up McKenzie in April when horses recruited. If Messrs Fitz & Connor were only persons going out to so great a distance they could scarcely claim protection. If, however, they & others would pledge themselves to take out stock simultaneously into that neighbourhood & about Peak Downs, necessary & expedient to station Section of Police in central position [No 35/55] &	A2.34	052 - 059

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	55/09990	1855 09 21	Hon CS	George Barney CCCL Crown Lands Office Sydney CDR	1855 09 19 1855 09 21~ 1855 09 22~	Letter replying to letter of 12 th No 360 [margin note: 55/5713] re request for early report on present state of application of Messrs Fitz & Connor for detachment of Native Police at McKenzie River in Leichhardt District. Referred to Mr Wiseman Commissioner of District but no report yet received [No 55-3913] & Notes in margin Mr F End of October Any such [Refs No 55/340; 55/10620]	A2.34	060
	55/10620	1855 10 13	Hon CS	George Barney CCCL Crown Lands Office Sydney	1855 10 11 1855 10 15~ 1855 10 14~ 1855 10 16	Letter re letter of 12 th No 360 [margin note 55/5713] re Fitz & Connor's application for Detachment of Native Police at MacKenzie [McKenzie] River in Leichhardt District. Transmitting attached report of Mr Commissioner Wiseman therein stating as soon as Country taken up with stock advisable there be party of Native Police stationed in locality described but does not appear such measure at present necessary [No 55-4224] & Notes in margin Refer to Inspector General of Police Inform Fitz & Connor. To be referred Inspector General of Police Blank Cover Already been informed matter is under consideration See 55/5713 [Refs No 55.369; 55/4592 Oct 18; 55/10851]	A2.34	061
	55/10851	1855 10 19	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General Of Police Office of Inspector General of Police, Sydney CDR	1855 10 18 1855 10 20~ 1855 10 24~	Letter returning letter from Chief Commissioner Crown Lands (with enclosures) re stationing Detachment of Native Police in McKenzie River memo of 16 th . Under Commissioner Wiseman's Report, does not appear at present necessary to station detachment of above corps at place in question although that officer considers it advisable to do so as soon as Country there taken up. 2 Adverting to his opinion beg to point out present strength of Native Police Force, so long as localities already occupied require their presence, will not admit furnishing Detachments for McKenzie River or other remote parts & I suggest this be distinctly intimated to parties seeking to take up new & distant runs [No 55/238] & Notes in margin Captain Mayne declining to follow advice of Mr Wiseman re placing Detachment of Native Police at McKenzie Messrs Fitz & Connor	A2.34	062 - 064
	55/10884	1855 10 23	Hon CS	Henry Martin	1855 10 01	Humble petition of Henry Martin - your Petitioner was employed by E B Uhr JP of Maryborough to repair Government House. Work done in May 1853 & cannot get any money. Have sued Mr Uhr at Court of Requests & Magistrates dismissed case telling me I could not recover from Mr Uhr. I signed Abstracts twice & gave Commissioner Alloran [Halloran] one set he ordered to leave in Court House. When Mr Halloran arrived in	A2.34	065 - 066

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			Mr Henry Martin Joiner Maryborough	CDR W Elyard for Colonial Secretary Colonial Secretary's Office Sydney	1855 10 26~ 1855 10 26~ 1855 11 03 1854 12 06	<p>Maryborough I wrote to Governor General FitzRoy & enclosed is His Excellency's answer. I then got my contract money. But this complaint is not satisfied. I humbly beg for Justice of my case.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in Margin Decided on 54/10,182 that Martin had no claim on Government for repairs to Building used by Clerk to which he refers Served King George 1811</p> <p>Note re above Refer Mr Martin to my letter 6 December/54 herewith Mr Martin</p> <p>Cover To The Honourable Colonial Secretary. Honourable Sir Be pleased to lay my Memorial before His Excellency Governor General On Her Majesty's Service. To the Honourable Colonial Secretary Sydney Post Mark Sydney New S Wales 00 22 1855 Maryborough New S Wales</p> <p>At top: No 1779. 54/10182 Re your Memorial dated 3 August re claim for repairs to Court House Maryborough, directed by Governor General to inform under report obtained through Chief Commissioner Crown Lands from Mr Commissioner Halloran, does not appear you have sufficient grounds for complaint</p>		067 - 068 069
	54/07521	1854 08 26	Hon CS	Henry Martin Joiner Maryborough CAF WE JS	1854 08 03 1854 08 25~ 1854 08 31 1854 09 29	<p>At top: Mr Martin submitting claim for repairs Court-house Maryborough Letter states May 1853 sent to Repair Court House Maryborough by E B Uhr JP. Finished repairs in June, unable to get money though applied seven times. October 1853 sent for by Bench of Magistrates to give tender for joiner's work of Court House. Tender accepted & completed January last & used all lawful means & cannot get money. Mr Halloran Commissioner Crown Lands applied for it several times & it is Voted 1852 for this purpose August 1. Told no official form sent to Colonial Secretary &</p> <p>Notes in margin I served King George 111 in last war Enclosure 54/4130</p> <p>Notes re above Refer to Colonial Treasurer</p> <p>Note At top: 54/7521 Auditor General requested to report state of any Accounts which may have been received for these Services. Blank Cover. To be returned. Neither Vote nor Expense can be traced in this Office. Does not appear any Account furnished from Bench at Maryborough. Reference on Subject might be made to Mr Commissioner Halloran. BC</p>	A2.34	070 - 071 072 - 073

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					1854 09 30~ 1854 10 05~ 1854 10 06~	Returned CSO Refer to Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Report Chief Commissioner		
	54/10182		Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Sydney	Arthur E Halloran Commissioner Crown Lands Commissioners Office Wide Bay Tinana	1854 10 31	At top: 54-4532 21 st November 1854 Commissioner Crown Lands for District of Wide Bay & Burnett to Chief Commissioner Crown Lands reporting on letter from Henry Martin preferring claim for money due for repairing Maryborough Court House (with one enclosure) Letter acknowledging letter No 54-1936 of 13 th enclosing for my report letter from Henry Martin re claim for money due for repairing Court House Maryborough [Margin Note: Dated 3 August 1854 Returned] Work done in May 1853 before my arrival in District. On enquiring from Mr Uhr why claim not forwarded informed portion of work claimed for, if performed, had been without sanction & appears Martin charged for repairs to building used by Clerk as kitchen – repeatedly explained to Martin by Mr Uhr & myself & if objectionable charges omitted, account would be paid, but he refuses. 2 In October 1853 Court House being insecure, without flooring, Bench or any convenience & there being balance of money allowed for erection of Court House & lock-up, Bench considered it necessary to have building repaired, floored & fitted up with Bench, dock, witness box etc & employed Martin to perform work which he completed January last. Since then, spoken several times about not being able to get his money & two months ago again stated he had made frequent applications & could get no satisfactory answer. His account never been forwarded. Made out account myself & sent to Auditor General telling Martin if in want of money I could advance him part of account which he declined, stating did not require money & as work performed for Government, wants payment from Government. Similar offer made by Mr Uhr & rejected [No 54/122] & Notes in margin Colonial Secretary November 24/54	A2.34	074 - 076
	54/10182	1854 11 25	Hon CS	George Barney Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney CAF	1854 11 24 1854 11 28~ 1854 12 06	Letter re letter of 9 th enclosing letter from Henry Martin re claim for money due for repairs to Court House Maryborough. Now transmit Report of Mr Commissioner Halloran from which appears Martin has no grounds for complaint [No 54-4532] & Notes in margin Let Martin be informed accordingly H Martin [Ref No 54.404; 55/10884]		077
	55/10915	1855 10 22	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane	1855 10 17 1855 10 23~	Letter re letter 16 th May No 55.4029 transmitting copy of Report of Crown Law Officers on case of individual named in margin [Margin Note: George Victor Rennepont, alias George Darling Hill] who applied for balance of salary for services in Western Gold Fields during which time he was Ticket of Leave holder illegally absent from his district & also sum of £2.2.6 taken at time his Ticket of Leave cancelled 2 Sum of £2.2.6 has been returned to Rennepont, alias Hill [No 55.273] & Notes in margin Nothing more required Put by	A2.34	078 - 079

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				JS CDR	1855 10 23~ 1855 10 23 1855 10 25 1855 10 27~ 1855 11 02~	Notes in margin WV Auditor General, Blank Cover To be returned Account appears to be correct & may now be forwarded to Agent for Immigration at Brisbane who is supplied with funds for payment of expenses of this nature. BC To be forwarded in compliance with Auditor General's memo Immigration Agent, Secretary to Hospital Date Stamp AUDIT OFFICE NEW SOUTH WALES No 923 Oct 24		
	55/10937	1855 10 22	Hon CS	William Wilkes Secretary Brisbane Hospital	1855 10 16 1855 10 23~	Letter re letter of 14 August in reply to mine of 2 nd enclosing order for admission of patient named in margin [Margin note: John Doran] into Lunatic Asylum. Patient found to be too seriously ill to endure voyage & has since died. Returning order for reception into Lunatic Asylum & Notes in margin Nothing further. Returned. [Ref No55-38] Printed Form Lunatic Asylum Ticket No 55 – 38 Dated 14 August 1855. Name: John Doran. To admit into Lunatic Asylum to be treated at public expense. Signed W Elyard for Colonial Secretary. Admitted on medical certificate of: Drs Bell & Barton. On application of: Committee of Brisbane Hospital. Sanctioned by Mr Justice Therry	A2.34	087 088
	55/08556 55/08556	1855 08 13	Hon CS	William Wilkes Secretary Brisbane Hospital MF WD Robert Little, Chairman William Wilkes, Secretary R Therry Sydney	1855 08 02 1855 08 13~ 1855 08 13 1855 08 14~ 1855 08 12	At top: Application for admission of John Doran into Lunatic Asylum Letter enclosing application for admission into Lunatic Asylum of patient named in margin [Margin Note: John Doran] who is of unsound mind & destitute of means to pay for his maintenance & Notes in margin This is regular Approved Order 38. Secretary [Ref 55/10937] Petition Petition of Committee of Brisbane Hospital, present guardians of John Doran who is of unsound mind. John Doran has been examined & found to be of unsound mind as will appear by annexed certificate & petitioners desirous of procuring his admission into Lunatic Asylum in order he may have medical care & attendance to secure recovery. John Doran admitted to Brisbane Hospital as pauper patient but case is proper one for Lunatic Asylum as no such establishment in district of Moreton Bay. Patient is destitute & unable to pay for treatment as certified by petitioners Note re above Upon reading above written petition & certificate of Hugh Bell & F J Barton being duly qualified Medical Practitioners I do sanction & approve	A2.34	089 089 & 091 [089 repeated, 090 not used]

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				CDR	1855 10 27~ 1855 10 31	Notes in margin Under circumstances stated by Mr Halloran JP Thomas Hastings cannot be allowed reward for continuous service with good conduct Inspector General		
	55/11002	1855 10 26	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Sydney CDR WD	1855 10 25 1855 10 27~ 1855 10 27 1855 11~	Letter forwarding letter of Lieutenant Marshall of Native Police suggesting substitution of 3 rd class of Officer in that corps in lieu of Sergeants to receive same rate of pay & same allowances as those now given to Sergeants. It being found impossible to procure eligible men for latter grades & as not involving additional expenditure recommend sanctioning this arrangement & henceforth denominations of three grades of Officers of Corps be Lieutenants, 2 nd Lieutenants & Sub Lieutenants. [Margin note: Why not Corporals instead of Sub Lieutenants?] Under Mr Marshall's Report further request authority for retaining Sub Lieutenant Ferguson to take charge of & conduct to Darling River the men who were recruited on the Murrumbidgee who are desirous of serving on the Darling. In accordance with Mr Marshall's suggestions, also beg authority be given to retain Sub-Lieutenants Keen & Fortescue until existing vacancies of Sergeants in Burnett & Wide Bay can be filled [No 55/246] & Notes in margin Presume changes recommended may be agreed to as not further expense Yes Auditor General Inspector General of Police	A2.34	110 - 112
	55/05026	1855 06 01	Hon CS	Stephen Ferriter Immigration Office Moreton Bay CDR WD CDR	1855 05 28 1855 06 02 1855 06 02~ 1855 06 04~ 1855 06 04?	Letter requesting receipt of resignation of appointment as Returning Officer of United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett & Maranoa & Notes in margin I presume this resignation can be accepted Yes but who is to replace him? Mr Rolleston may be able to name someone. At all events we shall have some members of Council here Nov 5 th from Moreton Bay who will know. Nothing more. Approved [too faint to read].. to Mr E B Uhr of Maryborough & Wide Bay 4 June 1855 – declined July 1855	A2.34	113
	55/05026		Christopher Rolleston Private Secretary Government House Sydney	Edmund B Uhr Stowell Maryborough	1855 07 04	Re communication of 9 th , health being in precarious state, decline office of Returning Officer		114
		1855 09 24	C Rolleston Esquire	John Wickham	1855 09 09~ 1855 09 17	Notes re below Joseph North Esq of Wivenhoe Moreton Bay appointed Commission dated September 24 1855 Mr Ferriter Mr North Speaker Notice in Gazette 02 October 1855 [Ref 55/11070] Dear Rolleston, At length candidate for Office of Returning Officer for Maranoa, Wide Bay Burnett & Districts. Joseph North of Wivenhoe expressed willingness to do duties & I recommend him. Much time elapsed since you wrote on this subject but distance from Brisbane at which most	A2.34	115 116 - 118

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						eligible electors reside has been cause. Only received Mr North's letter last night - several declined. As New Constitution Bill may make great changes perhaps Ipswich may be considered principal Polling Place but should District not be decided I think Gayndah should be the place as most Electors in that District. Electoral Rolls in my possession, Mr Ferriter having gone to his Station. Will forward to Mr North should Governor General approve		
	55/11070	1855 10 29	Hon CS	Joseph North Wivenhoe MF	1855 10 16 1855 10 29~ 1855 10 30~	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of 29 th conferring Honour of appointment of Returning Officer for Electoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett & Maranoa & Notes in margin MF Nothing required Put by Declaration I, Joseph North, hereby accept Office of Returning Officer for Electoral Districts of Moreton, Burnett, Wide Bay & Maranoa & hereby promise & declare I will faithfully perform duties. Signed Joseph North. Made & subscribed before me on 16 th day October 1855 W North JP	A2.34	119 120
	55/11088	1855 10 29	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 10 20 1855 10 29~ 1855 10 30~ 1855 11 01~	Letter in reply to letter of 16 th No 881 re Colonial Storekeeper having at his disposal five tons of flour brought back from Port Curtis in "Torch" & which is proposed should be issued to Braidwood & Clyde River Road Party. Party in want of flour, requisition for 3600lbs having just been received from Superintendent & no objection to issue of that quantity in manner proposed [No 55/924] & Notes in margin Mr V Colonial Storekeeper may be informed And measures taken for it being sent. I presume by Surveyor General in January Surveyor General Colonial Storekeeper [Ref 55/11346]	A2.34	121 - 122
				MF CDR MF	1855 11 08~ 1855 11 06~ 1855 11 07 1855 09 06 1855 10 03~	Note Numerical Return of Electors for entire Colony now complete & may be laid before Legislative Council as usual. I think this should be done notwithstanding amended Rolls may be made out under new Act as present Return will be convenient for comparison if nothing more. Gratifying to see not only large increase in total number but in every case & Notes in margin I presume Roll may be laid before Legislative Council Laid on the Table Note Number of names on Electoral Rolls Returning Officers End of month Undermentioned Returning Officers not yet furnished Electoral Rolls for	A2.34	123 - 124 125

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	55/11195	1855 10 30	Hon CS	J D McLean Returning Officer	1855 10 05 1855 10 15	their Districts: Returning Officer for Durham; Murray & St Vincent; Clarence & Darling Downs; Sydney Hamlets; North Eastern Boroughs; [all crossed out with 'rec'd' against them except Clarence & Darling Downs] Shall they be written to at once? Yes Returning Officer Clarence & Darling Downs At top: Returning Officer Westbrook Drayton Clarence & Darling Downs Letter in answer to letter of 6 th . According to revised lists for this year forwarded from different benches in this Electoral District, number of Electors amounts to four hundred & twenty four as follows: Casino – 29; Drayton – 129; Dalby – 47; Grafton – 83; Tenterfield – 3; Warwick – 101; Wambo – 22; Warialda – 10. Total number 424 Electors		126
	55/10104	1855 09 24	Hon CS	Henry Buckle Returning Officer Electoral District of Stanley South Brisbane, Moreton Bay	1855 09 18	Letter in reply to letter of 6 th No 55/32. Number of Electors on Electoral Roll in Electoral District as follows: County Stanley Police District of Brisbane – 356; County of Stanley Ipswich – 137; Total – 493.	A2.34	127
	55/10106	1855 09 24	Hon CS	Stephen Ferriter Returning Officer Moreton Bay	1855 09 17	Letter reporting number of Electors on Electoral Rolls in Electoral District. Total number of Electors in Police District of Brisbane – 10; Moreton – 19; Gayndah – 32; Wide Bay – 33; Maranoa – none rec'd. last return - 20; Total – 114	A2.34	128
	55/10261	1855 10 01	Hon CS	S Simpson Returning Officer Stanley Boroughs	1855 09 01	Return of number of Electors in Electoral District of Stanley Boroughs: North Brisbane, South Brisbane & Kangaroo Point – 378; Ipswich – 251; Total 629	A2.34	129
	55/08433	1855 08 04	Hon CS	W W Billyard Civil Crown Solicitor Civil Crown Solicitor's Office Sydney	1855 08 03 1855 08 06	Letter re instructions in communication of 3 rd July [Margin Note: 55/496], transmitting necessary Bond from Mr Holdsworth & his sureties for fulfilment of contract to build boat for Police Station Port Curtis [No 153] & Notes in margin Port Master. [Ref 55/8510]	A2.34	130
	55/08433			M Moriarty	1855 06 29 1855 07 03	Note This is very fair offer & in my opinion advisable to accept. Mr Mayne is of same opinion & thinks amount should be charged to Police contingency & Notes in margin Approved Parties informed		131
	55/08510	1855 08 10	Hon CS	Merion Moriarty Port Master's Office Sydney	1855 08 09 1855 10 16~	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter No 216 [Margin Note: 55/8433] enclosing Mr P R Holdsworth's Bond for fulfilment of contract to build a boat for Police Station Port Curtis [No 55/155] & Notes in margin WV On 1st October Resubmitted	A2.34	132

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					1855 10 25~ 1855 10 26~ 1855 10 30	Enquiry may be made whether Boat has been sent to Pt Curtis Yes Port Master On 15 November [Ref 55/11307]		
	55/11307	1855 11 03	Acting Hon CS	Merion Moriarty Port Master Port Master's Office Sydney	1855 11 02 1855 11 05~	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter No 257 [Margin Note: 55/8510]. Boat built for Police Station at Port Curtis conveyed to destination in HMS 'Torch' when she left this port with flour 4 th September 1855. [No 55/181] & Notes in margin WV Nothing further required	A2.34	133 - 134
	54/00247	1854 01 10	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Sydney CAF CAF	1854 01 09 1854 01 12~ 1854 01 12 1854 01 04 1854 01 04~ 1854 01 06	Letter requesting authority of Governor General for chartering vessel of 150 or 200 tons to convey official establishment voted for settlement of Port Curtis to destination. Also some mechanics & labourers for erection of necessary buildings & supplies of all sorts for first five or six months will likewise have to be carried. As no buildings or as yet means of erecting them at Port Curtis, recommend vessel so chartered be hired by the month until services can be dispensed with & that she be prepared to sail from hence on or about 1 st February next & Notes in margin Approved Immediate Port Master, Colonial Architect, Captain O'Connell, Acting Deputy Surveyor General Notes re above What items have been voted for Port Curtis? Immediate Clerk of Petty Sessions £100 Chief Constable £100 District Constable £ 54.6.3 5 Ordinary " £250.18.9 £510.5.0 For Court & Watch House £1,000.0.0 Clerk of Bench already appointed. Captain O'Connell may be requested to select others. Immediate Inspector General of Police	A2.34	135 - 136 137 - 138
	54/01179	1854 02 08	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Sydney	1854 02 07	Letter re previous letter of 9 th January addressed to predecessor re application to charter vessel for conveyance of official establishment voted for Port Curtis to destination & suggestion that vessel be chartered monthly. Tom Tough having been taken up on these terms, request authority to detain her in services of Government until communications of Settlement with other parts of Colony relieve it from risk of suffering want of supplies or other evils attendant upon isolated position. More incumbent upon me to take this precaution as Government gone in advance of private enterprise & sold lands of Crown prior to occupation by squatters & therefore more than ordinarily responsible that all possible protection given to those who locate themselves under its auspices in portion of Country in which first settlers doubtless subject to risks & privations	A2.34	139 - 141

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						<p>Flour & only relieved on arrival of Albion day before yesterday</p> <p>7 Retention of "Tom Tough" cannot be looked upon as unnecessary or wasteful expenditure. If larger in proportion than value of Schooner, attributed to exorbitant rates demanded in Sydney</p> <p>8 Mr Parkes dwelt on number of people for whom expenditure required – however few in number, entitled to protection. First settlement on Coast established without Military protection. Story re timber sent for to Wide Bay being left on wharf is false. Nearly all used up & converted into building which after living sixteen months under canvas not at all sorry to get into</p> <p>9 Mr Parkes equally far from truth in assertions re Boat's crew – William Miskin Steamer never on shore within sight . Mentions picnics & fishing</p> <p>10 Nobody here has any time for amusement & use of boat for fishing has not occurred at all or so seldom I do not recollect.</p> <p>11 Assertion these men not employed in sounding portions of harbour not contained in Captain Stanley's elaborate & excellent Survey equally false. Under my directions, examined capabilities of Auckland Inlet & sent for same purpose about 100 miles up FitzRoy River</p> <p>12 Re expenditure for supply of water, undertaken after much consideration & was absolute necessity. Quite prepared to defend myself from charge of having infringed on natural supply through consumption by horses & stock</p> <p>13 Also prepared to show that bringing down any sheep or cattle for consumption for food done for public good. Considerable risk to own property in keeping price of meat within reasonable bounds & preserving people from illnesses likely from lengthy continuance of salt provisions</p> <p>14 Allegation re driving away a person anxious to establish himself as butcher – defy Mr Parkes to produce slightest evidence</p> <p>15 Replied categorically to all accusations of this unscrupulous person except that which is most serious as it is direct charge of fraud. Now relate history of entire transaction re purchase & appropriation of building referred to –</p> <p>16 Arrived March 1854 to find Mr Palmer had erected substantial slab & shingle building on portion of Town of Gladstone which in plan from Surveyor General was laid out as reserve. Gave him warning he would have to remove his building at earliest convenience</p> <p>17 Offered Mr Palmer £120 but he refused, asking £150. I recommended Clerk of Bench purchase it for official residence. He declined. Matter lay in abeyance for three or four months, Eventually purchased for Government with intention of taking it down & removing materials to forward construction of my own residency for £86</p> <p>18 Further consultation with carpenter Mr Goodall, good tradesman & competent builder, found so much waste of material in removal I gave up design & postponed own personal convenience to what appeared to me the benefit of public service – had I disregarded waste of material I might have got under cover of a roof many months earlier than now likely to do. As building urgently required as Court House, more advantageous to use this one. Re White Ants mentioned by Mr Parkes, did not take into account as in every building constructed of timber & every dead tree. Impossible to keep out of wooden house in this climate</p>		

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				WD	1855 09 19 1855 12 15	19 Could not have had any private interest to serve in this matter 20 Whether for Government Resident's House or temporary Police Office, purchase was entirely on Government Account 21 Hope a contradiction as public as the charges may be given to false accusation of Mr Parkes [No 99/55] & Notes in margin Proper course in such a case would be for some friend of Captain O'Connell to explain to the House that Mr Parkes statements were without any foundation. Government does not take Mr Parkes view on official matters. Returned from Land & Legislation Branch		
	55/11403	1855 11 06	Hon CS	Francis L S Merewether Colonial Treasurer Revenue Branch Colonial Treasury Sydney	1855 11 05	Letter acknowledging letter No 704 re Return of land sold at Port Curtis for purpose of being laid before Legislative Council. Transmitted herewith. Similar Return forwarded on 25 th Ultimo to Clerk of Legislative Council [No 55/476] & Notes in margin This Return was called for by Colonial Secretary It was for Legislative Council but it is useful to have Return Showing allotments of money received for Public Lands at Port Curtis, distinguishing quantity of Town Suburban Special Country & Country allotments in each sale & giving date of each sale [Shows Date of sale, No of each type of Lot/ Quantity Sold/ Total Quantity/ Amount realized/ Total Amount] [Faint – difficult to read] Revenue Branch Colonial Treasury Sydney 5 th November 1855 Signed Francis L S Merewether	A2.34	163 - 164 165 - 166
	55/11430	1855 11 09	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney CDR	1855 11 06 1855 11 10 1855 11 14~	Letter returning enclosed letter from Bench of Magistrates McLeay District re distribution of Native Police Force allotted for McLeay & Clarence River Districts. Establishment of Native Police Corps does not admit of separate Detachment for McLeay District which can, however, when services not more urgently required for other localities, be visited & protected by portion of Division allotted for part of coast from North of Moreton Bay to McLeay River whose present Head Quarters in Clarence [No 55/257] & Notes in margin Read – Inform Bench at McLeay of substance of letter Bench McLeay	A2.34	167 - 169
	55/11321	1855 11 03	Hon CS	J Warne JP Police Office McLeay	1855 10 24	Letter from Bench of Magistrates McLeay River re letter of 6 th March [Margin note: No 71] stating Acting Auditor General instructed to place on Supplementary Estimates 1855 sufficient sum for Division of Native Police consisting as per margin [Margin Note: Lieutenant. Sergeant. 12 Troopers] for service in McLeay District 2 Beg to be informed if above Force sanctioned by Legislature &, if not, what arrangements for securing protection from outrages of Aborigines promised so far back as October 1851	A2.34	170 - 172

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				WE	1855 11 05	3 As appears section of Native Police raised in 1851 for "Clarence & McLeay" but employed exclusively at first named place, is still on Estimates as allotted to two Districts, hope men may be distributed as to afford McLeay protection as so far only visited once by Sergeant & 6 Troopers [No 55/20] & Notes in margin Inspector General of Police. BC All papers connected with Native Police sent to Inspector General 27 th July [Ref 55/4902 & 55/11430 & 54/10702]		
	55/11557	1855 11 10	Hon CS	James Collins Brisbane WM	1855 11 03 1855 11 10 1855 11 15~ 1855 11 17~ 1955 11 23	Letter re application on 10 th October to Colonial Treasurer for two Deeds of Grants for land purchased at land sale held Brisbane 14 November 1854 as described in margin. Informed deeds in question forwarded to this office. Requests Deeds be prepared as soon as & Notes in margin County of Stanley Lot 14 Parish of Enoggera allotment 23 about 38 acres County of Stanley Lot 15 Parish of Enoggera allotment 24 about 26 acres Note re above These Deeds will be submitted for signature today Inform Mr Collins	A2.34	173 - 174
	55/11575	1855 11 13	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone CDR	1855 10 20 1855 11 13~ 1855 11 15~ 1855 11 17	Letter forwarding petition from Storekeepers in Town of Gladstone praying that, under provisions of Act of Council 13 Vic No 29, it be declared place in which Spirits may be sold by wholesale [No 137/55] & Notes in margin This has already been sanctioned on former application from Inhabitants See 55/10,143 Enclosed For Governor's approval Government Resident Port Curtis Petition Humble petition of undersigned Storekeepers & Landholders in Town of Gladstone show Petitioners desirous of adding to present business supply of Spirits by wholesale to customers & therefore request your Excellency declare Town of Gladstone to be place in which Spirits may be disposed of in quantities not less than two gallons in accordance with terms of Act of Council 13 th Vic No 29 Signed R E Palmer & R Hetherington	A2.34	175 176 - 177
	55/10143			CDR	1855 09 26 1855 09 25 1855 09 26~	Note Governor General directs this Petition be sent to Hon Colonial Treasurer through which all applications of this nature ought to be sent Note be below In these cases it is usual to require recommendation of full Bench. This should perhaps be referred to Government Resident Appears to be written by his clerk containing signature by that gentleman –	A2.34	178 179

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	55/10143	1855 09 25	Governor General	WD Inhabitants & Residents of Gladstone Port Curtis	1855 09 29~ 1855 10 07 1855 10 10 1855 08 26	perhaps it may be acted upon without further reference Very well Notice It has been pointed out to Col Sec that this is not referred on by Government Resident. Notice may therefore go out Petition received [Ref 55/11575] Petition. To His Excellency Sir W T Denison Governor General. Humble Petition of Inhabitants & Residents of Gladstone Port Curtis Colony of New South Wales show Town of Gladstone opened for more than year & not declared place for sale of Spirits in quantities not less than two gallons. Granting of said licence great convenience to them & pray Town of Gladstone be declared place for sale of Spirits in quantities not less than two gallons. Gladstone 26 th August 1855 Signatories John S Powe, William Powe, H Butcher, George White, John Depew, John Hitchcock, John Gilbert, John McCray, Ebenezer Johnson, John Cook Till, Henry Friend, John Robinson John Scott Gray, Charles Eyles, William Martin, William Ellis, C W Birch, R E Palmer, R Hetherington, H V Stonhouse S B Robertson, William Miller [Ref 55/11575]		180 - 182
	55/11577	1855 11 13	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1855 10 10	Letter forwarding to Auditor General Abstracts of Expenditure of Accounts disbursed in erecting House for Government Resident & in support of expenditure of sum of money allowed for Establishment of Settlement of Port Curtis generally 2 Infrequency of communication with Sydney ("Torch" left 16 th September) 3 Expenditure on Government Resident's House to be addressed in separate communication. Re Establishment expenses, six men whose wages chargeable to that Account : 4 Three men for service of drays who carry water & bring in materials for buildings & works in progress Two labourers employed in fencing & any work as constantly required 4 One stonemason retained merely to render services when required 5 Rate of wages exorbitant at £1 per working day, without rations 6 Buildings must have stone or brick chimnies [as is] as danger of fire in wooden ones under hot sun of this climate - & to erect buildings with so much risk of having them burnt down neither prudent nor economical 7 Imperative to have services of tradesman of this description at command. Also gives impulse to progress of the place by proving its resources in Stone & Lime for building & for this purpose, as could spare men to assist him, had two small buildings put up by Stonemason - although cannot give this man continuous employment, no recourse but retaining Stonemason & getting out of him as much useful work as can 8 Such are expenses as seems unavoidably incurred, & , considering that in new Settlement no resources in local supply of labour, think reduced them to most economical scale possible 9 Service of drays, which includes supply of water to all persons on Government Establishment cannot be accomplished with less than three men & without such aids all operations would come to stand still	A2.34	183 - 190

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	55/11656	1855 11 16	Hon C D Riddell Colonial Secretary	S F Milford Sup Court House CDR	1855 11 13 1855 11 17~ 1855 11 18~	<p>At top: S F Milford returning Commission as Judge at Moreton Bay being unable to go As insurmountable obstacle to going as Judge to Moreton Bay, enclose commission which apprehend can be altered to name of gentleman who takes my place</p> <p>Notes re above This should perhaps be cancelled Certainly Cancelled accordingly this 20th day of November 1855</p>	A2.34	193 194

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	54/08449	1854 09 27	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Gladstone	1854 08 25	Letter re letter No 54/36 of 24 th July 1854 enclosing copy of letter from Acting Auditor General [Margin Note; 12 th July 1854 No 215] stating no returns of Fees & Fines sent to his Office by Clerk of Bench at Gladstone. Now forwarding Mr Stonehouse's [Stonhouse] explanation [No 54/6179] & Notes in margin Inform Auditor General Auditor General [Ref 54/8774]	A2.34	195
	54/08449		Government Resident Port Curtis	H V Stonhouse Clerk Petty Sessions Gladstone	1854 09 28~ 1854 10 10 1854 08 24	At top: Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone to Government Resident re Quarterly Returns of Fees & Fines Already written to Auditor General date 7 th July explanatory of delay in transmission of Quarterly Returns of Fees & Fines. In consequence of there being no forms of any description in Police Office for returns connected with Police duties. Forms of proper description now received & usual Returns will be presented in course of day or two for your signature for being forwarded by next opportunity		196 - 197
	54/06179	1854 07 14	Hon Acting CS	John Stirling Acting Auditor General Audit Office Sydney	1854 07 12	Letter stating Clerk of Petty Sessions Port Curtis, Mr Stonehouse, requested to furnish Quarterly attested account on 8 th May but no reply received [No 215] & Notes in margin Forward copy of this to Resident Auditor General. Government Resident [Ref 54/8449]	A2.34	198 - 199
	54/08608		Government Resident Port Curtis	H V Stonhouse C P Sessions Gladstone, Port Curtis	1854 09 07	Letter advising that Dr William Grey & Mr Richard Elliott Palmer are two persons willing to enter into bond for security of all public monies passing through my hands	A2.34	200
	54/08608	1854 10 03	Hon CS	Mr C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Gladstone	1854 09 08	Letter forwarding letter from Mr Stonehouse furnishing names of his Sureties as Clerk of Petty Sessions & Notes in Margin The Government Resident does not offer any opinion as to sufficiency of proposed Sureties Conclude he is satisfied & worth no further reference before approving Bench with Bond Bond not received [Ref 55/2922]		201
				CAF	1854 09 03~ 1854 10 04~ 1854 10 13 1854 12 19~			
	54/08774	1854 10 09	Hon CS	John Stirling Acting Auditor General Audit Office	1854 10 05	Letter referring own letter No 215 & advising that Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone has furnished attested account of his collections for quarter ending 30 th June, but public money he has received amounting to £3.2.4. has not been paid into Treasury [No 372] & Notes in margin Copy of this may be sent to Government Resident Yes Government Resident [Ref 55/1612]	A2.34	202 - 203
				CAF	1854 10 18~ 1854 10 19~ 1854 10 24			

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	55/01612	1855 02 19	Acting Colonial Secretary	John Stirling Acting Auditor General Audit Office	1855 02 16	At top: No 49. Letter advising that Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone has not furnished attested account for Quarter ending 31 st December, neither has he paid into Treasury his collections for September or December Quarters. Two former occasions similar irregularities. When Mr Stonehouse stationed at either Maryborough or Gladstone no instance when Quarterly accounts rendered or collections paid without lengthy correspondence which consumes valuable time. Clerk of Petty Sessions should perform duty ie read Government Regulations & obey them & Notes in margin	A2.34	204 - 204 [page 204 repeated]
				CDR	1855 02 24~	Mr Stonehouse may be informed that in event of similar complaint he will be suspended in his situation		
				WD	1855 02 24	We have decided to suspend Clerk at Maitland for similar offence. I see no reason why different measure should be meted to Mr Stonehouse who will be suspended		
					1855 03 03	Acting Auditor General, Acting Colonial Treasurer, Government Resident Port Curtis		
	55/04662	1855 05 19	Hon CS	Edmund Burton 39 Elizabeth Street	1855 05 18	Letter re security to be given to Mr H V Stonhouse, understand Bond for £100 is required to be executed by himself & two Sureties. Is it open to Mr Stonhouse, in lieu of procuring such a Bond, to pay into Colonial Secretary sum of four hundred pounds as security for his duly accounting for such public money as he may receive & Notes in margin	A2.34	205
				JS	1855 05 29	Proposal of Mr Burton on behalf of Mr Stonehouse is not without precedent. Accountant at Printing Office allowed to deposit sum of money in Treasury as Security. BC		
						Date Stamp New South Wales No 365 My 25		
				CDR	1855 06 02~ 1855 06 12	Notes re above Proposal of Mr Burton may be acted upon as not unusual Mr Burton. Government Resident Pt Curtis. Colonial Treasurer. Auditor General.		207 [no page 206]
					1855 07 10~ 1855 07 10~	Enquiry may be made whether £100 has been paid into Treasury Yes [Ref 55/8029]		
	55/02922	1855 03 28	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Gladstone	1855 02 23	Letter re several communications on subject of Bond to be entered into by Mr Stonhouse, Clerk of Petty Sessions, unable to procure due execution. One of Sureties has refused to complete & the other I have reason to suppose of doubtful means. Suggested to Mr Stonhouse that he write to friends in Sydney for necessary Sureties & direct them to call at your Office on subject. Enclose letter in answer to this suggestion [No 26/55] [Ref: 54/8608 & 55/4299]	A2.34	208 - 209
					1855 02 11~ 1855 05 16	Notes re above Mr Burton should be asked for reply Mr Burton		

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	55/08029	1855 07 24	Acting Hon CS	Francis L S Merewether Acting Colonial Treasurer Colonial Treasury Sydney CDR	1855 07 23 1855 07 25~ 1855 07 27~ 1855 07 28~ 1855 08 08	Letter in reply to Letter No 597 informing £100 not yet deposited by H V Stonhouse as Security for his duly accounting for Public Moneys as may be paid to him in capacity as Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone [No76] & Notes in margin WV Shall enquiry be made of Mr Burton whether intended to pay sum of £100 into Colonial Treasury as Security for Mr Stonhouse in lieu of usual Bond. Let Mr Burton be asked his intentions Mr Burton [Ref 55/8707]	A2.34	216
	55/08707	1855 08 11	Hon CS	Edmund Burton 41 Elizabeth Street WD	1855 08 10 1855 08 11	Letter re letters of 12 June & 8 th instant re Security for Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone. I lost no time in communicating contents of former to Mr Stonhouse, but, as any previous letters from Port Curtis have not reached me for month or five weeks, do not calculate receiving reply till mid-September [Ref 55/10096] & Notes in margin Let Mr Burton be asked simple question is he security for Mr Stonhouse?	A2.34	217 - 218

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				CDR	1855 08 11~ 1855 08 12~ 1855 08 16 1855 09 05~ 1855 09 18~ 1855 09 19~ 1855 09 19	Does not appear what reply is required from Mr Stonehouse in this case. If Mr Burton is willing to place £100 in Treasury as security for Mr Stonehouse should be done at once. Can be withdrawn if other arrangement made Certainly Mr Burton On 1 September Resubmitted Not answered To be again asked Mr Burton [Ref 55/8029 & 55/10096]		
	55/10199				1855 03 27~	Note Note Does not appear this was ever done although permission was given to Mr Stonehouse to do so However Bond is now signed Col Secretary to Auditor General 12 th June 1855 No 831	A2.34	219
	55/10096	1855 09 24	Hon CS	H V Stonhouse Gladstone Port Curtis CDR	1855 08 26 1855 09 25 1855 09 26~ 1855 09 02?	Letter transmitting names of two persons [Margin Note: William Miller; Archibald Robertson Resident Surgeon] willing to enter into bond as securities for public moneys passing through my hands in lieu of hundred pounds which was approved as deposit & Notes in margin Sureties ought to have been proposed through Government Resident – perhaps usual Bond should be sent to latter to take proposed sureties if he approves them Notes re above If sureties approved usual Bond may be sent to Government Resident if he approved of Sureties Government Resident with Bonds [Ref: 55/10199]	A2.34	220 - 221
	55/10199	1855 09 28	Hon CS	Edmund Burton 41 Elizabeth Street	1855 09 27 1855 10 05~ 1855 10 24~ 1855 10 26~	Letter in reply to letter of 16 th ultimo & 19 th instant re Security for Clerk of Petty Sessions Gladstone. Object of my letter of 18 th May was to ascertain whether it would be optional for Mr Stonhouse either to enter into a Bond with Sureties or to make a deposit. Offer this explanation as different construction appears to have been put upon my letter. Not my intention to become Surety & Notes in margin Clerk of Petty Sessions has now named his sureties. See 55/10096 55/10096 Clerk of Petty Sessions naming sureties Nothing further required. Stonhouse now named Sureties On 1 November [Ref 55/11697]	A2.34	222
						Note At top: 55/11,697 Issue of Salary of Clerk of Bench Gladstone was some time ago suspended per his not having furnished his accounts. Auditor General requested to report present state. Blank Cover. To be returned	A2.34	223

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	55/07074			JS	1855 07 16	Notes re above Mr Stonhouse's accounts of Fees & Fines for quarter ended 31 December 1854 received, but important vouchers in support of Account not yet furnished – Treasury Receipt Fees £1.12.8; Treasury Receipt Fines £15.0.0 Mr Stonehouse has paid into Treasury £11 for Timber Licenses for period 1 January to 31 December 1854 but furnished no account of them though required to do so. Account for Fines & Fees for quarter ended 31 March furnished but returned to him for correction		
				[WD?]	1855 07 31	Mr Stonehouse to be warned that if not more regular in his accounts his service will be dispensed with – at present portion of salary may be paid to him retaining enough to clear government from loss [?] Colonial Treasurer, Bench, Auditor General.		
				CDR	1855 09 18~ 1855 09 19~ 1855 09 20	Bench may be reminded that Bond of Mr Stonehouse not received Yes Bench [Ref 55/10293]		
	55/04299	1855 05 09	Hon CS	CDR	1855 06 30	At top: 55/4299 Mr Stonehouse is indebted to Government for £42.13.8 paid as salary due to him amounting to £133.6.8. It would surely be easiest & safest plan for Government to deduct his debt from theirs & pay him difference or such part of any salary considered due to him. I must see Mr Merewether & Mr Stonhouse to try to arrange this matter. Auditor General Blind Cover	A2.34	231
					1855 06 20~	Colonial Treasurer's Suggestion for approval Mr Stonhouse has £116.3.4 due him & about ...[unclear]		232
				M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Gladstone	1855 04 05	Date Stamp Audit Office No 481 Ju 30 Letter forwarding explanation offered by Mr Stonhouse of delay in forwarding attested accounts & collections. In consequence of directions in your letter of 3 rd March No 55/1612, notified Mr Stonhouse of suspension from office until pleasure of Governor General be known [No 35/55] &		233
				WE JS	1855 05 11 1855 05 22	Notes in margin Auditor General Blank Cover Mr Stonehouse's attested accounts for December quarter of 1854 received at Audit Office on 21 st March 1855 – but Collections for September quarter amounting to sum of £4.5.6 & December quarter to £18.13.8 not yet paid into Treasury. His attested account for March quarter not received neither has he paid any money into Treasury for that period. A reference to Treasury would elicit information re unsatisfactory nature of arrangements alluded to 2 nd page of his letter dated 2 nd April. Sum of £116.13.4 on account of Salary is withheld from him in Treasury. BC		
				CDR	1855 05 20~	Notes re above Does amount of salary withheld from Mr Stonehouse amount to his debt re		234

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	55/04299		Government Resident Port Curtis	WE F L S Merewether CDR H V Stonhouse Gladstone Port Curtis	1855 06 02 1855 06 12 1855 06 23~ 1855 04 02	<p>Collections or does it exceed or fall short of it Colonial Treasurer required to report Mr Stonhouse's accounts for Sept Quarter correctly rendered & he has been credited with amount £4.5.6 as shown in Auditor General's report. Accounts for Quarter ended 31st December correctly rendered & with them cheque for amount but cheque dishonoured in consequence of stoppage of Mr Stonhouse's salary & returned to him. Amount of these accounts as reported by Auditor General £18.13.8. No account or remittance received for any month in present year. Warrants received at Treasury for Mr Stonhouse's salary for five months from 1 October 1854 to 28th February 1855 but in consequence of instructions to withhold payment amount £83.6.8, not issued. Warrants not received for Mr Stonehouse's salary for months of March April & May, addition of which to amount above stated would raise sum withheld to £133 6 8. Amount due from Mr Stonehouse on account of his Collections estimated as follows: Collections for Quarter ended 31 Dec, according to accounts rendered as above stated £18.13.8. Collections for four months estimated at 6 per month, average of December Quarter £24. Total £42.13.8. Amount of salary withheld exceeds sum of unpaid collections as estimated £90.13.0. Contrary to established rule to allow collectors of revenue to draw against their salaries but in present instance seems desirable I be authorized to apply £18 13 8 of salary withheld in order that account to 31 December [?] may be closed without further delay. [No 234] Returned CSO Mr Merewether's suggestion may be complied with [Ref 55/7074]</p> <p>Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of this date. Attested accounts for Quarters ending 30th September & 31st December forwarded with remittances. Great delay having been occasioned in long period elapsing before arrival of 'Torch' steamer by which vessel accounts were forwarded for latter Quarter only. September last I wrote to Colonial Treasurer asking permission to have Fees & Fines deducted from Pay & Allowances & with this view forwarded cheques for amount for respective Quarters on Salary due to me. I did this as suffered considerably at Wide Bay in making remittances to Sydney & by this means all chance of loss avoided. I presumed it was also allowed as on one occasion I sent letter to late Clerk of Petty Sessions Maryborough Mr Jamison apprizing him of payment of salary into Bank less amount of Fees & Fines. In forwarding my remittances I made cheques payable to Colonial Treasury only in order that amount might be deducted or immediately realized on any Salary due to me being returned to my credit</p>		235 - 238
	55/11761	1855 11 20	Hon CS	Arthur E Halloran Commissioner Crown Lands Commissioners Offie Tinana	1855 11 09	<p>Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of 28th September No 125 transmitting Tender from Mr E B Uhr for supply of provisions in District of Wide Bay. Consider rate demanded unnecessarily high & might obtain necessary supplies on more advantageous terms by allowing officers in charge of Establishments requiring rations to purchase them at any store where can be procured at cheapest rate & send monthly account to Auditor General [No 55/130]</p>	A2.34	239 - 240

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	55/11611		Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney	W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Land Rannes Leichhardt	1855 08 29	<p>At top: 55/4234. 2nd October 1855. Commissioner Wiseman Respecting site for Headquarters & suggesting site named Doncaster for Township Letter in compliance with instructions to take into consideration propriety of fixing on site where Commissioners headquarters might be & where at same time Court of Petty Sessions might be established. No satisfactory conclusion. Cannot yet say which direction principal line of road for traffic will go. Mr Charles Archer found good line over range between Port Curtis & Leichhardt District to his Run "Gracemere" on tideway of FitzRoy, 50 miles from Rannes. Built vessel of 12 tons for carrying wool & supplies. Might divert traffic from Gladstone. Squatters on Upper Dawson endeavouring to find road through broken country & scrubs which separate Upper & Lower Dawson into two nearly equal divisions, to Rannes. If any wool dray comes this season probably go up Don on Mr Hay's road to Gladstone as Mr Archer could not store wool. Better & shorter road discovered down Range on this line. Whenever country on Lower Dawson & southern side of McKenzie or Nagoa is stocked I think wool must be brought by Rannes. Question is whether wool will be taken to Port Curtis on FitzRoy. If FitzRoy be navigable for large ships, wool will be shipped there as distance for land carriage shorter by 50 miles. Traffic will be on road to Port Curtis. If they send to FitzRoy, will have trouble & expense of unshipping again at Gladstone</p> <p>2 Some inconvenience felt from want of Court of Petty Sessions. Magistrate can entertain no cases under Master & Servant Act as appears by 11 Vict. No. 9 S. IX unless at place proclaimed. Demand for Court of Petty Sessions on Upper Dawson. Commissioner could never reside there as too far South of his District & as yet no Magistrate residing there – though in course of time establishment of several Courts of Petty Sessions may be necessary, question is where first should be established. Following example set in other Districts such as New England & Darling Downs, Court House should be fixed as near Coast Boundary of District or Range as possible. Warwick only 20 miles from Mountains. Drayton 7 miles from top of Range being at extreme Eastern Boundary of District. At such places all roads necessarily concentrate. To such a situated town squatters would sooner ride to Court as in inland Districts they generally prefer going to Court 40 miles to Eastward or in direction of Port where their business lies & where Port is only 20 miles westward. There is site 30 miles from Rannes on Don, one of principal heads of Granville Creek on which Rannes stands. It is at commencement of spurs of Port Curtis Range about 20 miles from Eastern boundary of Leichhardt at entrance into narrow valley through which Don & road wind. Usually water there in dry weather but not so much as when I camped there when there was fine sheet of water. Called it "Doncaster". Might suit for Township. If meets with your approval & consent of Governor General, will proceed to examine vicinity [No 36/55]</p> <p>& Notes in margin What pay & allowance is provided to Native Police? Will pay of two Native Police equal or exceed that of one orderly [?]</p>		253 - 256
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	55/11611		Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Sydney	W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Lands Rannes Leichhardt	1855 09 03	At Top: 55/4227 2 nd October 1855. 55/5057 Commissioner Wiseman applying to be allowed 4 Aboriginal Troopers in lieu of white men Letter apologising for not sending explanation previously & now forwarding report pointing out expediency of Commissioner of Crown Lands for Leichhardt for some years to come being furnished with four Aboriginal Troopers instead of two White men or at least two Aboriginals instead of one white orderly. Cannot dispense with services of two black boys. White men cannot, dare not or will not look after, track & find horses & were I dependent on their finding my horses when I had to keep an appointment on business I should be woefully mistaken. Maintain at own expense chiefly two native lads dressed & equipped to attend me for purpose of looking after my horses. Have to keep a bag almost daily out on horseback to keep horses together as no paddock & as not much feed within ten miles, horses wander greatly. If meets with approval of Governor General hope you will be pleased to procure me an Order on Commandant Native Police for allowed number of well-disciplined Troopers from Native Police [No: 44/55] & Notes in margin This question must await result of decision of Council upon Native Police Estimate		257 - 259
					1855 10 04~	Reasons why it would be advisable that Commissioner Crown Lands for Leichhardt District be attended by Aboriginal Native Troopers in lieu of White men. Judging from reports of most persons exploring country on banks of Dawson & Comet, Nagoa, & northern McKenzie or Isaac & who in search of runs have traversed area in all directions, appears country is intersected with immense brick low scrubs; probably twice the area will be required for purpose of depasturing same quantity of stock as can be kept on Darling Downs or other more favoured Districts. Stations consequently much farther apart than usual & in many cases distance compels Commissioner when travelling to camp out. When reporting mostly have to camp out. Lately, Commissioner had to camp out five nights while reporting on one Run on FitzRoy. Aborigines are numerous, unsubdued & bold in which state likely to remain longer than other Districts as scrubs & rivers with plenty of water afford food in abundance. Squatters with large quantities of stock who are much more able to maintain position in new country slow in coming out so much time will elapse before District is possessed before Aborigines accustomed to White man living in midst of them, & ceased to steal sheep & murder Shepherds of intruders. As Commissioner exposed to danger of attack by Aborigines would be as well that Troopers would be best qualified to expel such an attack & confide in. Retreat is unpleasant & has bad effect on savages & defeat is death. Following reasons show why Aboriginals preferable to White man for this purpose. 1 Great difficulty Commissioner meets with in securing good & trustworthy		260 - 263

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	55/11611					<p>men & such as know their duty from the Whites</p> <p>2 Those who served in Army most eligible but those of that class with good characters engaged in Police in & about Sydney whilst those who wander as far as Northern Districts generally been dismissed for drunkenness or too insubordinate</p> <p>3 Labouring men in new districts also generally of worst description. Dislike being sworn in as Troopers or Constables, look loutish in uniform & do not understand duty</p> <p>4 When opposed to Natives & when they hear yells of savages they generally panic, nor are they so clever as Native Troopers in detecting signs that Aborigines are about by observing tracks & other signs & sometimes in night give false alarm</p> <p>5 White men useless in tracking & finding horses of a morning when camping out or in procuring food should rations run short</p> <p>6 Two Native Troopers more able to defend themselves & take care of horses when sent to carry message or letter in case of attack than two White men</p> <p>7 Commissioner has now in his pay two black boys clothed & mounted to accompany him on journey & to find horses in morning</p> <p>8 Sum of money requisite for wages & equipment of two White troopers would furnish 4 native Troopers & leave surplus as in Estimate</p> <p>Table Estimated Expense to Department of Commissioner Crown Lands by substitution of four Native Aboriginal Troopers of Native Police in lieu of two White Troopers at present employed in service of Commissioner for Leichhardt</p> <p>Left side</p> <table> <tr> <td>Expense of 4 Native Troopers for first year</td> <td>£</td> <td>s</td> <td>d</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Native Troopers pay & allowance of Police at 2/1 per diem</td> <td>152</td> <td>1</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 extra horses at £25 each</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 extra saddles, arms & accoutrements</td> <td>15</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra clothing for 2 additional Troopers, say £15?</td> <td>15</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>232</td> <td>1</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </table> <p>Right side</p> <table> <tr> <td>Recent expense of 2 White Troopers</td> <td>£</td> <td>s</td> <td>d</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pay at present of two White men as Troopers</td> <td>200</td> <td>15</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rations for 2 White men</td> <td>56</td> <td>16</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>258</td> <td>11</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>In first year reduction would amount only to £26.10.8 but in next presume to £91.10.8</p> <p>Signed W H Wiseman Commissioner Crown Land</p>	Expense of 4 Native Troopers for first year	£	s	d	4 Native Troopers pay & allowance of Police at 2/1 per diem	152	1	8	2 extra horses at £25 each	50	0	0	2 extra saddles, arms & accoutrements	15	0	0	Extra clothing for 2 additional Troopers, say £15?	15	0	0	Total	232	1	8	Recent expense of 2 White Troopers	£	s	d	Pay at present of two White men as Troopers	200	15	0	Rations for 2 White men	56	16	0	Total	258	11	0		264
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	55/11810	1855 11 21	Hon CS	Robert Towns & Co Sydney	1855 11 19	Letter re intention to despatch Schooner 'Sable Chief' to Port Curtis & if Colonial Government have stores to convey refer to letter of 27 September for rates of freight &	A2.34	265																																								

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	55/11810		Surveyor General Colonial Storekeeper Colonial Architect	CDR Colonial Secretary's Office Sydney	1855 11 27~ 1855 12 1855 12 03~ 1855 12 12~ 1855 12 00~	Notes in margin Let Different Offices be apprised & ask if anything to send Colonial Storekeeper, Colonial Architect, Surveyor General Sable Chief sailed on 29 th for Moreton Bay Nothing more can then be done Cover. To the Honourable The Colonial Secretary Letter advising that Towns & Co despatching 'Sable Chief' to Port Curtis & requesting be informed whether any Stores etc to forward to that Settlement [same letter sent to three addressees]		266 267 - 269
	55/10207	1855 09 28	Hon CS	R Towns & Co Sydney CDR WD	1855 09 27 1855 09 28~ 1855 09 29 1855 10 01	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of 25 th re rate at which we would convey stores for Government to settlement of Port Curtis by 'Sable Chief'. Rate of freight would be five shillings per ton for deadweight or measurement goods & vessel will sail about Tuesday or Wednesday next unless Governor General wish her detained few days & Notes in margin Rate of freight is moderate – Captain Town may be informed that Government has nothing to send at present Yes & thank him for his offer Towns & Co [Ref 55/11810]	A2.34	270 - 271
	55/10043 55/10043 55/10043	 1855 09 22	 Captain Moriarty Port Master Hon Acting CS	 R Towns Sydney Merion Morriarty Port Master Port Master's Office Sydney CDR WD CDR	1855 09 24~ 1855 09 19 1855 09 21 1855 09 22~ 1855 09 22~ 1855 09 24~ 1855 09 25	Note Not aware Government has supplies to send to Port Curtis. Colonial Storekeeper, Colonial Architect & Surveyor General reported nothing to send – Captain O'Connell's agent will send what he may have applied for. Principal object of Government is to keep up communication between Sydney & Settlement Letter re Schooner 'Sable Chief' to Port Curtis – in course of 10 or 12 days – if Government have anything to send it will be good opportunity. Prepared to tender for conveyance of stores & supplies Letter enclosing for information of Governor General note from Mr Towns re despatch of vessel to Port Curtis by which happy to convey anything Government may wish to send according to Tender [No 55/168] & Notes in margin Captain Towns may be asked to state rates at which he will convey stores yes Let Captain Town be written to in terms of above Mr Towns [Ref 55/10207]	A2.34	272 - 273 274 - 275 276
	55/11828	1855 11 22	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane	1855 11 16 1855 11 26~ 1855 11 26 1855 11 29	Letter forwarding Memorial of Edward Augstein applying for Certificate of Naturalization. Recommend favourable consideration. [No 55.289] & Notes in margin No objection to grant Certificate of Naturalization Certificate of Naturalization herewith drafted Prothonotary enclosing same. Mr Augstein to pay fees. Acting Colonial	A2.34	277 - 278

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	55/11828					Treasurer, Acting Auditor General, Government Resident Brisbane Printed Form Memorial, or Application for a Certificate of Naturalization Details: Edward Augstein, Brisbane, native of Germany, 36 years, Baker by Trade, arrived by "Dockenhuden" in 1850, desires Certificate of Naturalization that he may enjoy rights of British Subject. Signed Edward Augstein, 7 th November 1855 Certified by William Anthony Brown CPS & Mr H Geary JP		279
	55/11840	1855 11 23	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney	1855 11 21	Letter returning application from various stockholders dated from "Rannes" addressed to Private Secretary to Governor General forwarded me under Blank Cover Minute of 20 th re larger force of Native Police than that allotted Leichardt District may be allowed for protection of settlers. Strength of Native Police Corps provided for by Legislature does not admit any increase to number by Vote of Council, expressly allotted to Port Curtis & Leichardt Districts [No: 55/269] & Notes in margin Inform Mr Leith Hay & others Mr Leith Hay & others	A2.34	280 - 281
	55/11840		The Private Secretary Government House Sydney	Leith Hay & Holt & others Rannes	1855 11 25~ 1855 11 29 1855 10 17	At top: 55/5152 Police Letter forwarding following statements: 1 On morning of 23 rd September last Blacks numbering about 200 fighting men surprised & attacked Native Police stationed here, while asleep, murdering two of them & severely wounding the rest 2 Blacks extremely numerous in this District & about 500 fighting men within 30 miles of this station at time murders committed 3 Owing to large tracts of creeks interacting different runs, warlike disposition of Blacks & long distance intervening different Stations, shepherds & stock in imminent danger 4 Blacks by whom deed was perpetrated from districts of Burnett, Upper Dawson, & Port Curtis, aided by large tribes from Northward & Westward where extremely numerous 5 Trust that larger force than that allotted to Leichardt District may be allowed for protection of Stockholders, owing to great distances that intervene between Upper Dawson & this portion of District, at least 160 miles of unoccupied Country but not less than 24 men are absolutely necessary for protection of two occupied portions of District 6 As 100 miles of unoccupied Country intervenes between here & Port Curtis, it will be obvious that force stationed there cannot co-operate with that here 7 If sufficient protection not granted, there will be much bloodshed. Stockholders intending to occupy new runs will be deterred & those residing in this portion will have constant murders & depredations committed on Stations & may have to retreat with stock to settled districts 8 Native Police in every District kept Blacks in subordination, this unprecedented attack too clearly shows hostile intentions of tribes in this & surrounding districts, relationships & intimacy which exist amongst tribes at		282 - 286

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					1855 11 20	<p>great distances from each other, enable them to muster in great numbers & become much more formidable than in almost any district when first occupied</p> <p>9 Trust His Excellency will give above statement consideration & urgency of Case is such that we have been induced to apply direct to head of Government for protection without which Stockholders of this portion of District will be compelled for preservation of sacrifice of human life, for maintenance of Runs & safety of stock to take up arms in own defence</p> <p>Signatories: Leith Hay & Holt, Rannes; Charles Archer JP, FitzRoy; G M Elliot, FitzRoy; W [?] Elliot, FitzRoy R.; David Kelly[Riely?]; William R L Swete[?] Harry Marshall; Robert Elliot, FitzRoy; Lindsay B Young; Fitz & Connor</p> <p>Note re above Referred to Inspector General of Police</p>		287
	55/11842	1855 11 23	Hon CS	<p>W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police Sydney</p> <p>CDR</p> <p>WD</p>	<p>1855 11 21</p> <p>1855 11 23~</p> <p>1855 11 26</p> <p>1855 11 26</p>	<p>Letter submitting for consideration of Governor General enclosed application from Bench of Magistrates Gayndah for addition of two mounted Constables to Police of that District. No means available for payment of Salaries & allowances of two additional Constables at Gayndah in 1855. That District, having, besides Constabulary, the protection afforded to some extent by Native Police of Burnett & Wide Bay. Of opinion that Legislature will not nearly consent to make provision for augmentation of Constabulary [No 55/270]</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Inspector General does not recommend addition to Mounted Constables at Gayndah Very well we cannot furnish them Inspector General</p>	A2.34	288 - 289
	55/11925	1855 11 26	Hon CS	<p>John Watts JP For the Drayton Bench Police Office Drayton</p>	<p>1855 10 27</p> <p>1855 10 26~</p>	<p>At top: LC 55/173 Letter in compliance with request in letter No 173, sending Returns asked for, namely, one Pound in our district & that at Drayton & The Pound Keepers name is Thomas Price</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Too late</p>	A2.34	290
	55/11927	1855 11 26	Hon CS	<p>J D McLean JP For Drayton Bench Police Office Drayton</p> <p>CDR</p> <p>WD</p>	<p>1855 10 27</p> <p>1855 11 27~</p> <p>1855 11 27</p>	<p>At top: Report on Peter Flanagan's petition for mitigation of sentence. Letter in compliance with letter No 733 reporting not justified in recommending mitigation of Sentence of imprisonment passed by Bench on Peter Flannagan of Drayton, that individual having been five times convicted by this Bench, since April last, under Vagrant's Act & offence for which he was committed to Brisbane Goal being very flagrant, as you will perceive by enclosed copy of Chief Constable Nolan's evidence Signed J D McLean JP; James Taylor JP; Frederick Isaac JP; John Watts JP [No 55]</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Under these circumstances no mitigation can take place Refused</p>	A2.34	291

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					1855 11 30~	Mr Lloyd, Bench, Drayton Note Copy of evidence taken in case of Peter Flannagan. On 23 rd I heard defendant making use of obscene language in street. On my appearance he went inside & when I was gone came out & made use of more obscene language in words contained in information, namely, "You bloody whore – you dirty Bitch – Get the constables to fuck you etc etc"		292
	55/10743	1855 10 15	Hon CS			At top: Inhabitants of Drayton for mitigation of sentence on Peter Flanagan Petition of undersigned - By decision of Drayton Bench, Peter Flanagan, respectable tradesman, one of oldest inhabitants of Drayton, & Patron of National School, sentenced to 3 months imprisonment in Brisbane Goal for breach of Vagrant's Act, petitioners of opinion such imprisonment will injure his health & likely endanger life & considering he is sole support of large family which will be left without protector, & taking into account that he was intoxicated at time of offence & unconscious of language he was using, request remit portion of sentence unexpired. Signatures: Edward Lord; W Walsh, Surgeon; C W Pitts; W McDougall; George Boulton Jn W Horton [?]; Thomas Horsman, Robert Parker; James Kelly; Charles Pottinger; Alex Binnes; James McConachy; P B Yates; W Grooves [?]; John Sheppard; William Smith; William Shuttlewood; John Hemsworth; Joseph Booth; John A Clinton; Thomas Perkins; John Robertson; Wilford Tell; James Mann; Thomas Genn [?]; Joseph Reace; William Bryne [?]; George Partridge; Willems Samuals; Joseph McClelland; William Brennan; William Annand; James Heathfield; James Carmody. Nicholas Scanlan; Thomas Price;	A2.34	293 - 295
	55/11958	1855 11 29	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Sydney	1855 11 29	Letter re queries in letter of 27 th September, No 55/69. There are 12 persons settled upon purchased lands in Town of Gladstone, of which five are purchasers who have obtained allotments since land sales held in Town of Gladstone itself. 2 Twelve houses including three Government buildings either finished or in course of erection, but as population now amounts to 60 souls independently of those in employment of Government, no doubt building will proceed much more rapidly in ensuing year 3 Unable to give quantity of Suburban land sold as sales taken place in Sydney & no Returns made to me of results 4 No suburban land as yet brought within cultivation & only one suburban allotment built on – Native Police Barracks are in Suburbs 5 No land under lease or licence to squatters in immediate neighbourhood of Gladstone. Within 20 miles of Township, as pointed out in letters of 7 th September 1854 & 23 rd April 1855, [Margin Note: 54/9456 55/5379 Traced onto 55/10070] no preparation made by Survey Department for legal occupation of soil other than by purchase of small patches of land of a few acres - mode of occupancy which it seems can never in this country be primary means of reclaiming wilderness; pastoral occupation in some shape must always precede & prepare for subdivision of land into smaller holdings & I am at a loss to understand policy which seems to have guided operations of Surveyor Generals Department at Port Curtis. From an	A2.34	296 – 303

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						<p>extract you forwarded me from one of late Surveyor General's letters I am led to believe that Sir Thomas Mitchell was apprehensive claims might now arise under pastoral occupation injurious to future of district surrounding Gladstone, but I think regulations governing issue of yearly sales sufficiently protect public interests - & to refrain from occupation which is beneficial at present merely that land may be open to occupation of succeeding generations may be questioned – for, if impolitic in this generation to occupy, same rule must apply with equal force to each successive generation – wherefore land always kept waiting for most beneficial occupant whose advent nothing short of revelation could determine. I hold that to occupy as speedily & as beneficially as interests of present time will allow is true policy of country & demand of public is true criterion of what is most beneficial. No doubt if land within 20 mile belt now reserved around Gladstone were surveyed for purpose, every square mile would find leasehold occupation; & good deal purchased by pastoral occupants.</p> <p>Beyond distance of 20 miles, Counties of Clinton, Deas Tomson & Livingstone are open to occupation by Tender on yearly leases & Counties of Pelham, Raglan, Palmerston, Liebig & Flinders are intermediate districts & open to occupancy under leases of 8 years. Nearly all this country has been tendered for & after present shearing season a great portion of it will be occupied with Stock</p> <p>Two Squatters establishments, namely those of Mr Charles Archer & Messrs Elliot had been moved out to FitzRoy before I left Port Curtis</p> <p>6 Land in immediate neighbourhood of Gladstone is far above average character of land on sea coast – to be used for pasture it is all very good & there are considerable portions fit for garden cultivation –</p> <p>7 Land in interior is well adapted for pastoral purposes & agricultural – but what effects of climate may be is impossible from want of sufficient experience to say – inclined to believe rich crops of Maize, Millet & similar grains can be raised & in Fitzroy, culture of Sugar cane may be attempted with good hope of success whenever labour is sufficiently cheap</p> <p>8 Town of Gladstone situated on Auckland Inlet but unfortunately as not laid out with due regard to importance of this Inlet as great commercial feature of Harbour – any vessel not drawing more than 20 feet of water may lay & load with as much security as if in a canal</p> <p>No question that amongst Australian harbours, Port Curtis is second only to Port Jackson in its capabilities</p> <p>Printed Map Plan of the town of Gladstone County Clinton Port Curtis. S.B. Vol 7 fol 41 View is magnetic north Shows Auckland Inlet, land reserved for Public Purpose, Flat of Mangroves, Sand & Mud, present line of road into Town, proposed Dam, Suburban lots sold & unsold. Streets shown – Auckland, Oaka Lane, Gondoan, Glenlyon, Lord, Yarroon, Roseberry, Ormonde Note: x Auckland & Lord Street impassable for drays at these points</p>		302 [page number repeated & no page 304]

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	55/11970	1855 11 29	Hon CS	S Raymond Prothonotary Supreme Court Office Sydney	1855 11 26	Letter in answer to letter of 23 rd November 1855 No 862. Writ of "Dedimus Potestatem" issued to Richard Bligh JP to enable him to administer to Gentleman named in margin [Margin Note: Sampson Marshall] the usual oaths as Magistrate of Colony & posted on 24 th instant to Bench of Magistrates Warialda. [Ref 11799]	A2.34	305 - 306
	55/11799	1855 11 28	Hon CS	S Marshall Goondunda [also spelt Gundirdindah?] Callandoon	1855 10 01	Letter re appointment as Magistrate & seeking necessary authority to be sworn in before Richard Bligh Warialda. I reside two miles from nearest Court of Quarter Sessions. [Ref 55/11970] Cover The Honourable Colonial Secretary Sydney Date Stamp Warialda New S. Wales 10 14 Postage Stamp New South Wales Postage Twopence	A2.34	307 308
	55/12012	1855 12 01	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane CDR HHB	1855 11 24 1855 12 01~ 1855 12 04 1855 12 06~	Letter reporting arrival at Moreton Bay of Immigrant ships named in margin [Margin Note: 'Conrad' 'Ramillies'], the former on 16 th with 335 immigrants, latter on 22 nd with 297 immigrants, all of whom in healthy state. [No 55.292] & Notes in margin Agent for Immigration Immigration 55/5654 – December 1855 Read & returned with BC Put by. Returned CSO	A2.34	309 - 310
	55/12014	1855 12 01	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane CDR WD WE W H Christie Postmaster General	1855 11 26 1855 12 01~ 1855 12 03 1855 12 05	Letter reporting death of Captain Barney on 25 th instant. Captain Barney much respected by all who knew him & for some years filled office of Postmaster at Brisbane with credit to himself & Government [No 55.295] & Notes in margin Believe Captain Barney is brother to Col Barney Believe so Postmaster General Blank Cover Read & Returned Blank Cover Date Stamp General Post Office No 55/8953 4 December	A2.34	311 - 312
	55/12020	1855 12 01	Hon CS	Edward D Day Police Magistrate Police Office Bungay Bungay MF	1855 11 21 1855 12 03~ 1855 12 06~	Letter re letter No 717 addressed to Bench of Magistrates at Wingham. As stated in letter of 17 th September, no court of Petty Sessions yet held at Wingham, police business of that neighbourhood & whole of Manning River being held at Bungay Bungay until Court House erected at Wingham. Return from this Bench with my letter of 19 th Ultimo contains information requested in your communication now under reply [No 55/19] & Notes in margin L C 55/180. Calling for Returns of Convictions etc under Acts 14 Vict. No 2 & 16 Victoria No 6 MF Nothing required	A2.34	313 - 314

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	55/12143					<p>Schedule (Abbreviated) Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Police Office Brisbane Lot/ County/ Town/ Allotment/ Section/ Quantity/ Price/ Last offered/ No of Lot Town Lots 1-13/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 3, 6-17/ 16/ 3rd August 1855/ 3, 6-17; 14/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 12/ 13/ 3rd August 1855/ 22; 15-17/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 2, 9-10/ 17/ 3rd August 1855/ 23-25; 18-19/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 5-6/ 18/ 3rd August 1855/ 26-27; 20-22/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 18-20/ 16/ 3rd August 1855/ 18-20; 23/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 9/ 13/ 3rd August 1855/ 21 24/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 7/ 18/ 3rd August 1855/ 28; 25-42/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 1-7, 10-20/ 20/ 26th September 1855/ 1-18; Suburban Lots 43-45/ Stanley/ South Brisbane/ 48, 55, 73/ -/ 3rd August 1855/ 29-31;</p>		330 - 332
	55/12147	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 22	<p>Letter in accordance with Waste Lands Act re regulations of 27th August 1853 re Land Sales beyond Settled Districts. Transmitting Abbreviated Schedules of Town & Suburban lands for re-proclamation & sale at places mentioned in margin [Margin note: Drayton Gayndah] [No 55/1001] & Notes in margin MF Not aware of any objections Approved</p>	A2.34	333 - 334
	55/12147			MF WD	1855 11 28~ 1855 11 29~ 1855 11 29	<p>Schedule Remote District (abbreviated) Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Police Office, Gayndah Police Office Drayton Lot/ County/ Town/ Allotment/ Section/ Quantity/ Price/ Last offered/ No of Lot Town Lots 1/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 4/ 4/ 31st July 1850?/ 4; Suburban Lots 2/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 11/ 13/ 27th October 1854/ 31; 3/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 3/ 14/ 27th October 1854/ 43; 4/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 7/ 14/ 27th October 1854/ 47; 5-6/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 8-9/ 3/ 24th April 1855/ 1, 8; 7/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 14/ 1/ 24th April 1855/ 9;</p> <p>Police Office Gayndah Town Lots 1-11/ FitzRoy/ Gayndah/ 9-19/ 12/ 9th February 1855/ 1-11; 12-20/ Fitzroy/ Gayndah/ 1-9/ 19/ 9th February 1855/ 12-20; Suburban Lots 21-22/ FitzRoy/ Eastern Suburbs Gayndah/ 8-9/ 5/ 29th August 1854/ 1-2; 23/ FitzRoy/ Gayndah/ 1/ 3/ 27th June 1855/ 5;</p>		335 - 339

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	55/12149	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 22	8 enclosures [only 1 filmed here] Letter in accordance with Waste Lands Act re regulations of 27 th August 1853 re Land Sales beyond Settled Districts. Transmitting Abbreviated Schedules of Town & Suburban lands for re-proclamation & sale at places mentioned in margin [Margin note: Armidale Bennelong Bombala Gladstone Tamworth Tenterfield Warialda Wagga Wagga] [No 55/1002] & Notes in margin MF Not aware of any objection Approved Reproclaimed 13 th February for Sale on 26 th March 1856 (excepting Port Curtis Lots) Port Curtis Lots reproclaimed 20 th February for Sale on 21 st April 1856	A2.34	340 - 341
	55/12149			MF WD	1855 11 28~ 1855 11 29~ 1855 11 29	Schedule Remote District (Abbreviated) Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Police Office Gladstone Lot/ County/ Town/ Allotment/ Section/ Quantity/ Upset price/ Last offered/ No of Lot [Heading is crossed out. Lot numbers crossed out & handwritten note - 'Alter the No from former notice'] Town Lots 1-7 [crossed out]/ Clinton/ Gladstone/ 8-9, 12-14, 18, 21/ 4/ 7 th June 1855/ 8-9, 12-14, 18, 21 8-10 [crossed out]/ 11, 13 -14/ 41/ 7 th June 1855/ 33,35,36. [Margin Note – Alter No, from former Notice]		342 - 343
	55/12151	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 26	Letter re Mr Surveyor MacCabe reporting one of two boats used for purposes of Survey at Port Curtis broke from moorings during gale & lost. [No 55/1009] & Notes in margin Does Mr McCabe want another? I presume not Surveyor General	A2.34	344
	55/12153	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 26	Letter forwarding schedule & description of lands in Moreton Bay District applied for to lease by auction under 28 th clause of Regulations of 29 th March 1848 & requesting be advertised in usual manner [No 55/1010] & Notes in margin MF Not aware of any objections Approved Advertised 4 th January to be put up for Lease on 7 th February 1856 Descriptions returned to Survey Office	A2.34	345
				MF WD	1855 11 28~ 1855 11 29~ 1855 11 29	Schedule of certain portions of land applied for to be leased by auction in pursuance 28 th Clause Regulations of 29 th March 1848 No of Lot/ Applicant/ Date of Application - 1855/ Area/ County/ Situation/		346 - 347

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						<p>Crown Lands Office Brisbane Lot 1-14/ James Dunlop, Brisbane/ Aug 1/ Stanley/ Caboolture River/ Lot 15-20/ Thomas Grenier, Brisbane/ 8 Aug/ Stanley/ Oxley Lot 20-21/ F I Ivory, Drayton/ 11 June/ - / Parish of Bundamba Lot 22-40/ M Stewart, Brisbane/ 12th April/ - / Caboolture River;</p> <p>Crown Lands Office Ipswich Lot 41-49/ Pollett Cardew by Assistant Surveyor Roberts/ 15 August/ /Stanley/ Parish of Purga</p>		
	55/12278	1855 12 08	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police, Sydney	1855 12 06	At top: Inspector General of Police to Honourable Colonial Secretary re latest outrages by Blacks in Northern Districts. Letter re accompanying letter of Lieutenant Marshall of Native Police enclosing 2 nd Lieutenant Walker's Report re attack on Native Police Camp at Rannes together with affidavits from C L Hay & Messrs D Kelly & William Buttie & statements of Native Troopers re same, Also Mr Hays deposition re death of two Aborigines shot by himself & Trooper Canning of above corps referred to in Inspector of Police Mr Marshall's letter to which I append copy of letter that upon receipt of these documents I addressed to Lt Murray commanding the Leichhardt & Port Curtis divisions of Native Police & Notes in margin ... opinion of Attorney General Is there any legal point in question? Approve letter of Inspector General as to conduct to be pursued re Blacks by Native Police & trust he will give general directions to same affect There is no legal point but collisions with Aborigines where death results as in case of Mr Hay & constable generally reported to Attorney General	A2.34	348 - 350
	55/12278		Lieutenant Murray Commanding Division Native Police Gladstone	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of Police, Sydney	1855 12 05	Letter re receipt from Lieutenant Marshall of report of 2 nd Lieutenant Walker re attack on Native Police Camp at Rannes, together with affidavits from C L Hay Esquire, Messrs D Kelly & William Buttie & statements of wounded Troopers. Call attention to errors & oversights to which results may be attributed. 2 First - allowing Aborigines to congregate in numbers reported in immediate vicinity of Camp & Station. I recognize propriety & humanity of endeavouring to civilize Aborigines by admitting them individually, in small numbers, about Stations, but experience taught me when congregated in large numbers, from necessity or caprice, as regards food, & from confidence & audacity which great numerical superiority begets, Blacks plan & commit depredations on property & acts of violence on settlers & servants. Assemblages near camps or Stations should be prevented 3 From Deposition of Mr Kelly, I learn that, though large number of Blacks who collected at Rannes for some time previous to 23 rd September, had been treated with great kindness, receiving large quantity of food, they had notwithstanding stolen 70 to 80 sheep. I have to observe that, allowing Aborigines after this was known to remain would inevitably produce in their minds feeling reverse of respect for those who submitted to such attacks & for Police who should have checked such acts & would encourage them to further aggression & violence. On discovery of first depredation, Aborigines should have been driven from Station & compelled to disperse;		351 - 356

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						<p>temporising or slightest want of firmness & decision (quite compatible with humanity & tenderness) grave errors in dealings with Savages</p> <p>4 Being in camp at Rannes &, therefore, more liable to surprise than if in close Barack, there was greater necessity for vigilance on part of Police, but, appears, though seven Troopers at Camp on night of attack, there was such absence of caution & vigilance, that some Blacks were enabled to steal into it & remove carbines & pistols & were enabled to rush upon Troopers & spear them as they left; this, I'm compelled to observe, displays want of caution & vigilance which calls for marked animadversion & reprehension while allowing Blacks under circumstances to camp on same side of creek as Police (brought to my notice by Mr Marshall) exhibits want of prudence & discretion which I must censure</p> <p>5 You will communicate this to 2nd Lieutenant Walker & impress on him necessity of exercising greater caution, vigilance, prudence & discretion than appears to have done in this instance.</p> <p>6 Feeling of animosity on part of Aborigines in Districts where Native Police Corps employed engendered by Troopers carrying on intercourse with Gins, & consequently reason to suppose attack at Rannes resulted from this feeling. Call for your full report on this subject which you will forward having communicated with 2nd Lieutenant Walker & received his report to be transmitted with your own</p>		
	55/11579	1855 11 13	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis Gladstone	1855 10 22	Letter forwarding communication from Lieutenant Murray & my reply detailing account of attack on Native Police at Rannes in Leichardt District. Seems to have been bold & determined attempt to destroy small party of Native Police against whom directed & having been executed in night aroused feeling of insecurity in neighbourhood of Blacks not hitherto felt as first instance of nocturnal attack in history of these districts.	A2.34	357 - 358
	55/11579		M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	John Murray Lieutenant Native Police Native Police Barracks Gladstone	1855 11 14~ 1855 09 26	<p>3 Immediately on receipt of Mr Murray's letter I authorised him to proceed to scene of disaster with as many men as he chose & he accordingly left for Rannes (four of his best Troopers remaining behind) on 28th September & I have since heard that a strong party of same Corps under Mr Marshall met him there from Traylan [No: 142/55]</p> <p>& Notes in margin Resident of Port Curtis re attack of Natives on Native Police at Rannes in Leichardt District [Ref: 55/12278]</p> <p>[Copy] Letter re sub-Lieutenant Walker's section of Native Police having been attacked by large number of Native Blacks on night of 23rd September at Rannes. Mr Walker given no official information on subject but says in private note two of his men killed & all others except one dangerously wounded leaving him only one man fit for duty. Station in precarious state & urgently requests assistance. Request instructions re proceeding</p>		359 - 360
	55/11579		Lieutenant Murray JP Commanding Detachment Native Police Gladstone	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1855 09 27	[Copy] Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of yesterday's date re Sub-Lieutenant Walker's party of Native Police at Rannes having been attacked by Native Blacks on night of 23 rd September & two men having been killed & several dangerously wounded		361 - 363
						2 Sub-Lieutenant Walker urgently requests assistance & you ask my		

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				M O'C		<p>instructions</p> <p>3 In reply I do not hesitate to authorise your proceeding as soon as you can with detachment in readiness to scene of disaster & lending what aid in your power to afford to restore confidence & punish aggressors in outrage committed on Troopers</p> <p>4 Whilst taking this step however, beg you bear in mind I have no other Force at my disposal for protection of few Settlers in immediate neighbourhood of Port Curtis than that which is under your command & impress on you necessity of reworking accurately direction which Blacks in attack on Mr Walker's party subsequently taken & should you have reason to suppose them moving towards coast, recommend you fall back upon country it is more immediate duty of your Section to protect</p> <p>5 Point out also necessity of leaving any spare ammunition in place of safety [No 130/55]</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin</p> <p>Mr Murray had only eight Troopers & left four behind – three are best of his men so am not without means of repelling any aggression which might show itself here. Happy to state Blacks in neighbourhood continue to show most friendly feeling towards us & I treat them with greatest confidence</p>		
	55/12306	1855 12 10	Hon CS	<p>John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane</p> <p>MF CDR CDR</p> <p>WD WD</p>	<p>1855 12 04</p> <p>1855 12 11~ 1855 12 13~ 1855 12 13~</p> <p>1855 12 13</p>	<p>Letter re facilitating prosecution of persons occupying & trespassing on Crown Lands in Police District of Ipswich. Request Colonel Gray be appointed Commissioner for that district in which he acts at present for Sale of Lands. Make this application in consequence of complaints of illegal occupation made from that district & serious loss of time caused to me in going to Ipswich to prosecute offenders, each case necessarily occupying two days, during which time other duties neglected. Colonel Gray being resident at Ipswich could attend these duties without inconvenience to Public Service, &, as complaints lately made of persons taking Coal from Crown Land near Ipswich, who could not be proceeded against for want of sufficient proof, desirable Police Magistrate of that district have power to prosecute all offenders against Crown Lands Act [No 55.305]</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin</p> <p>For approval Approved Colonel Gray to be appointed Commissioner Crown Lands for Ipswich District</p> <p>Is there to be any payment to Colonel Gray None, he is paid as Police Magistrate & for sale of land Very well Confirm & send authority Forwarded to Government Resident 29 December 1855 Notified in Gazette January 1856</p>	A2.34	364 - 366
	55/12308	1855 12 10	Hon CS	<p>John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane</p>	1855 12 03	<p>Letter reporting arrival at Moreton Bay on 27th ship "Sabrina" with 276 Immigrants & regret to state in consequence of being cases of Typhus Fever on board necessary to place under Quarantine. I trust by landing Immigrants progress of malady may be checked as only three cases of</p>	A2.34	367 - 368

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	55/12308			CDR WE	1855 12 10~ 1855 12 14~ 1855 12 14 1856 02 27 1855 11 29	<p>Typhus reported. Enclose copy of Health Officer's Report [No55.303] & Notes in margin Approved Agent for Immigration BC Immigration 55/5809 14 December 1855 Read & returned BC</p> <p>Printed form Health Officer's Report Questions to be put by Health Officer to Surgeon & Master, or other Person in command of any Ship or Vessel arriving in: Morton Bay [Form shows questions & replies in detail. Summary of replies given below] "Sabrina", 673 Tons, Master Andrew Allen, from Liverpool 9th August, carrying general Merchandise, 27 Mariners & 276 Government Immigrants (236 adults); Measles prevalent & cases of Fever at Liverpool, 1 case smallpox, numerous cases Diarrhoea, & 7 cases Typhus Fever from which 4 died; 3 cases Typhus, some influenza & scurvy still on board; necessary to place under Quarantine; [Detail of Question 13 – deaths during voyage] Alexander McKenzie, adult, smallpox, 19 August William Taylor, adult, Typhoid Fever, 27 August Ellen McKosker, 3 months, Diarrhoea, 1 September Jane Lane, adult, Typhoid Fever, 3 September Amelia Rose, 1½ year, Diarrhoea, 12 September Matthew Spence, 25, Typhoid Fever, 12 September Eliza Rock, 26, Typhoid Fever, 1 October Martha Walton, Adult, Haemorrhage after delivery 10 November Mary Durrant, 1 day, general debility 13 November Sarah Oggs, 4 days, Diarrhoea, 27 November</p> <p>Elicited from Surgeon Superintendent that provisions not good – Pork & flour, especially former having dark coloured mark & latter occasionally sour. Did not complain of Vessel as being faulty in any respect, but attributes maladies to contagion alone. States wine placed on board for medical comfort is exhausted & needs more, Quinine also required as well as supply of fresh provisions – vegetables etc.</p> <p>Signed W Hobbs, Health Officer November 29th 1855</p>		369 - 371
	55/12312	1855 12 10	Hon CS	H H Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1855 12 08 1855 12 21	<p>Printed Form Letter Re Letter of 30th October No 697 conveying approval of relaxation of Remittance Regulations in favour of individual named in margin [Margin Note: Rose Macanallen]; usual Certificate issued by me on 27th ultimo [No: 55/640] & Notes in margin Emigration Commissioner</p>	A2.34	372

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	55/10963	1855 10 22	Hon CS	H H Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney CDR WD	1855 10 22 1855 10 24~ 1855 10 29~ 1855 10 30	Letter returning letter from Police Magistrate Ipswich requesting relaxation of Remittance Regulations in favour of Rosa Macanallen aged eight upon usual payment being made to Treasury for her passage, referred to me 16 th Instant. It is contrary to Regulations to allow persons of such tender age to emigrate unless accompanied by one or other of their parents, but as case recommended by Police Magistrate I recommend relaxation [No 55/573] & Notes in margin May be approved Approved Government Resident Agent for Immigration On 1 December. [Ref 55/12312]	A2.34	373 - 375
	55/10687	1855 10 15	Hon CS	Charles George Gray Police Office Ipswich JW Brisbane WE	1855 10 03 1855 10 06 1855 10 16	At top: Government Resident Moreton Bay. For assisted passage for Rose Macanallen No 55/195] Letter seeking special authority of Governor General to allow attested passage under Immigration Remittance Regulations of 20 th January 1854 be granted to Rose Macanallen who is resident in Ireland but whose father & mother living in Ipswich. She is tender age of eight & passage declined under above Regulations without special authority of Governor General & Notes in margin Forwarded under Blank Cover Agent for Immigration Immigration [55/4935]	A2.34	376 - 377
	55/12319		Colonel Barney Surveyor General	F P MacCabe Surveyor Sydney GB	1855 11 22 1855 11 27~	At top: 55/192 Received 23 November 1855. Entered 3 S M Letter returning documents re Town of Gladstone enclosed in letter of Colonial Secretary 25 th September last No 55/823 handed to me in order I might submit such modification of said plan as may ensure readiest access to harbour or landing & shipping place & in reply regret cannot feel justified in recommending any deviation from original plan for purpose in question without creating what may be even more objectionable in another part than inequality on which Resident has commented 2 "Barney" Point most suitable place at Port Curtis for shipping purposes & land adjacent best adapted for building purposes as well as all other conveniences appertaining to a Town. Although a few waterside allotments were marked out at Auckland Point as Inlet there offered more facility in its primitive state than Barney Point for commencement of private enterprise which always precedes public in such places, always represented it to be rough & rugged & space for shipping is very limited & Notes in margin Colonial Secretary 55/1019/1 st December [crossed out?] Transmit for information of His Excellency & Plan of Town	A2.34	378 - 379
	55/12358	1855 12 10	Hon CS	William W Billyard Civil Crown Solicitor Civil Crown Solicitor's Office Sydney	1855 12 07	Letter re minute of 12 th ultimo re opinion on enclosed application from Mr G A Watson requesting Deed of Grant of land situated at Drayton purchased in name of infant son G R Watson now under three years of age may be delivered to him as Grantee's father. In similar case, I consulted Solicitor General & that Officer coincided in opinion with me as a Grantee cannot dispose of his interest in land until he is 21 & in order to avoid possibility of	A2.34	380 - 381

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				MF CDR WD	1855 12 10~ 1855 12 11~ 1855 12 13~ 1855 12 14 1855 12 18	Grant falling into improper hands – better course to adopt would be not to deliver to any person except Grantee & then on his attaining his majority [No 234] & Notes in margin MF For Approval Presume this mode of proceeding must be adopted & Mr Watson apprised accordingly Yes Mr Watson Colonial Treasurer informed [Ref 55/11409]		
	55/11409	1855 11 06	Hon CS	George A Watson Drayton MF CDR W Elyard for Colonial Secretary	1855 09 24 1855 11 07~ 1855 11 08~ 1855 11 12 1855 11 12	Letter re Crown Land Sale held this place 11 th November 1853. Purchaser of 2 acres being Lot 53, Allotment 20, Section 7, situate Drayton in name of infant son G R Watson, now under three years &, upon my Agent, Rev. Ralph Mansfield, of Sydney, calling at Treasury for Deed of Grant & producing my order for delivery thereof, informed Deed could not be delivered to any person but Grantee himself or someone duly authorised by him to receive it. Respectfully request Governor General will authorise issue of said Deed to myself as Grantee's father or to my order & Notes in margin For opinion of Civil Crown Solicitor Yes Transmitted to Civil Crown Solicitor for this purpose accordingly. BC Mr Watson [Ref 55/12358]	A2.34	382
	55/12491	1855 12 15	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane CDR	1855 12 11 1855 12 17~ 1855 12 18~ 1855 12 21	Letter requesting copies of Acts & Regulations relating to Quarantine for use of Health Officer & Assistant Immigration Agent for purpose of supplying to ships which may be necessary to place under Quarantine [No 55.312] & Notes in margin Copies of Acts can be supplied from this Office - & also Regulations although latter applicable only to Harbour of Port Jackson Let them be supplied & explain regulations apply only to Port Jackson Government Resident	A2.34	383 - 384
	55/12495	1855 12 15	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane HHB	1855 12 10 1855 12 15 1855 12 27 1855 12 27 1855 12 29~	Letter reporting arrival on 8 th instant of ship "Fortune" with 222 Government Immigrants. Enclosing some letters addressed to you which have been received by that vessel & the "Sabrina" [No 55.311] & Notes in margin Agent for Immigration BC Immigration 55/5956 27 December 1855 Read & returned BC Returned CSO registered separately	A2.34	385
	55/12515	1855 12 15	Hon CS	Joseph North Returning Officer Wivenhoe	1855 12 05	Letter submitting account of received lists of Electoral Districts: Moreton – Brisbane – 10 Electors; Ipswich – 19 Electors Burnett – Gayndah – 57 Electors No electoral lists having been forwarded for Districts of Wide Bay & Maranoa I wrote to Clerks of Petty Sessions at Maryboro & Surat - copy of	A2.34	386 - 388

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	55/12515		Joseph North Ipswich	MF CDR Charles F Thursby Police Office Maryboro [Maryborough]	1855 12 15~ 1855 12 20~ 1855 11 23	letter from gentleman at former place enclosed but accompanying Revised List I presume invalid, no Court of Revision having been held at time appointed by Act. However, have revised list of 1854 for District of Wide Bay containing names of 22 Electors; will this although admissible (agreeably to opinion of Crown Law Officers) be sufficient to decide objection to any persons vote being received? From Clerk of Petty Sessions at Surat [Margin Note: Surat is place of Petty Sessions without Magistrates or Police establishment 1855 12 18~] not as yet received answer to my communication nor can I find Revised List for any previous year for District of Maranoa & Notes in margin MF Nothing necessary as lists in course of preparation Very well See within [Copy] Letter re letter dated Ipswich November 07 1855. At time of Revision of Electoral Lists, no Magistrates present, therefore sent Electoral List to Mr Ferriter who I understand was Returning Officer for District as it was. Now forward to you Revised List of Electors for this District		389
	55/12519	1855 12 15	Hon CS	Daniel F Roberts Brisbane	1855 12 06 1855 12 29~ 1856 02 04	Letter by desire of Mr William Douglas Grimes, requesting Deeds of Grant as undermentioned be prepared at earliest convenience" Lot 6 North Brisbane Allotment 16 Section 18, comprising 38 perches purchased by Mr Grimes on 23 March 1855 Lot 36, South Brisbane, Allotment 8 Section 23, comprising 36 perches purchased 26 June 1855 & Notes in margin First Deed despatched to Supreme Court for enrolment. Other will be submitted for signature today Inform Mr Roberts	A2.34	390
	55/12626	1855 12 21	Acting Hon CS	Merion Moriarty Port Master Port Master's Office Sydney	1855 12 11	Letter acknowledging receipt letter of 8 th instant No 279 enclosing Mr P R Holdsworth's Bond for fulfilment of his Contract to build Pilot Boat for Moreton Bay [No 55/197] & Notes in margin Nothing further required. [Ref: 55/12100]	A2.34	391
	55/12100	1855 12 04	Hon CS	J J Lee for Civil Crown Solicitor Civil Crown Solicitor's Office Sydney	1855 12 03 1855 12 08	Letter re instructions in letter of 17 th October last No 770. Transmitting necessary Bond from Mr Holdsworth to Her Majesty for due fulfilment of his contract to build Pilot Boat for Moreton Bay [No 228] & Notes in margin Port Master [Ref 55/12626]	A2.34	392
	55/12648	1855 12 24	Hon CS	W C Mayne Inspector General of Police Office of Inspector General of	1855 12 21	Letter re letter of 21 st No 55/360 transmitting report from Commissioner Crown Lands Wide Bay & Burnett re individuals named in margin [Mr George Furber, Mr Thomas Wilmshurst] murdered by Blacks in Tinana	A2.34	393 - 397

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				Police Sydney CDR CDR	1855 12 22~ 1855 12 27~ 1856 01 01	Creek in vicinity Maryboro 5 th instant & instructing me to give directions for movement of Native Police in force servicing that Township. Lost no time in instructing Officer in command of Wide Bay & Burnett Division of Native Corps to direct without delay such movement. Further pointed out to him that under general instructions conveyed in my letter of September last No 55/18 his duty on receiving intimation of outrages to have at once directed services of part of Division under his command to scene of outrages with view to protection of life & property & to bringing to justice guilty parties & concluded he would have acted accordingly. 3 In addition, strength of Corps & application of its services in accordance with legislation & intentions with which it has been endowed do not admit of stationing permanently at Maryboro detachment of it as urged by Mr Commissioner Halloran [No 55/288] & Notes in margin Inform Mr Halloran However, mere visit of Native Police will do more harm than good as blacks will soon find out when they mean to leave district & prepare for fresh depredations Chief Commissioner Crown Lands [Ref 1855 /12538]		
	55/12538		Commissioner Crown Lands Wide Bay Burnett	Arthur Halloran Chief Commissioner Crown Lands Commissioners Office Tinana	1855 12 13	At top: 55/5383 – 17 th December 1855. Commissioner of Crown Lands for District of Wide Bay & Burnett to Chief Commissioner Crown Lands re murders committed by Aborigines. Transmitted by Chief Commissioner Letter re murder committed by Aborigines. With deep regret compelled to bring under notice continued aggressions of Aborigines & report for your information that on 5 th Instant individuals named in margin were brutally murdered by Blacks on Tinana Creek 4miles above any residence [Margin Note: Mr George Furber. Mr Joseph Thomas Wilmshurst]. In letter to you of 3 rd October last No 55/120, expressed opinion that unless protection applied for afforded, bloodshed would take place, but hardly expected my anticipation so soon realised. 2 Since perpetration of murders Blacks have been in numbers in Scrubs around Township evidently exalting in what they have done & such effect upon white population that I am satisfied unless protection be afforded by party of Native Police being stationed in Maryborough few of labouring class will be induced to remain. At present buildings in Town in course of erection at stand-still from want of Timber & Sawyers afraid to continue work in Scrub, their lives being in constant danger & check put to advancement of Maryborough which for last 12 months steadily rising 3 To show further effect constant outrages of blacks has on labouring class, I state Surveyors unable to get men to carry on his surveys within four miles of Town & since murders now repeated, two of my own Orderlies leaving for purpose of going to Sydney to get out of District 4 In addition to murders, within last few days, two men speared & one knocked down with large stone & severely injured. Since murders, a Sawyer near Town beaten with Nulla Nullas & left for dead & his hut robbed. Mr Uhr's house & garden & my own garden also robbed & dray belonging to Messrs Herbert, whilst camped in Town on night of 8 last, plundered of eight bags of Sugar & two bags of flour	A2.34	398 - 406

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						<p>5 Large party of inhabitants under Mr Assistant Surveyor Buchanan turned out & assisted Police in endeavours to capture murderers. Visited Fraser's Island & travelled considerable distance in pursuit & recovered quantity of flour & sugar belonging to Messrs Herbert but regret unsuccessful in main object of expedition</p> <p>6 From nature of Country around Maryborough almost useless for Police to attempt to follow Blacks. Requires people of own class who can make their way through dense scrubs, mud creeks & places where white man encumbered with clothing cannot travel. In addition, not now practicable to obtain trackers, last black so employed about four weeks ago having since been murdered & I beg to express opinion not any part of Colony where Native Police are more required than Maryborough</p> <p>7 Re report of Inspector General Police forwarded in your letter of 9 ultimo No 55/2674 not aware to what that officer alludes in speaking of existing state of things in parts of District of Wide Bay & Burnett to which services of Native Police properly applicable – interior of District where Police now are (Traylan I believe) about 130 miles from Maryborough is perfectly quiet & free from aggression on part of Blacks. Do not think visit of Police from McLeay will be attended with beneficial results. Distance from McLeay upwards of 500 miles & by time Police arrive horses not fit for work – in addition approach known to blacks for days before they arrive & men of bad character & against whom warrants issued will go to Frasers Island or Double Island point, out of way, until Police leave – and again, from ignorance of country, not so effective as those in habit of visiting locality</p> <p>8 If Aborigines could be detected in actual commission of crime, I agree with Inspector General Police they could not stand against arms of whites – but movements so stealthy & such adepts in commission of robberies, which they perpetrate during night, impossible to detect them & only way of preventing repetition of frightful murders lately taken place is by stationing party of Native Police in Maryborough so that blacks may be followed up & captured or punished immediately they commit outrage</p> <p>9 Request bring matter under notice of His Excellency for I feel assured, under protection afforded to Inhabitants, further scenes of bloodshed will ensue & prosperity of Maryborough seriously retarded [No 55/139]</p> <p>&</p> <p>Notes in margin Immediate. Transmitted to Colonial Secretary for information of His Excellency Governor General</p> <p>CAF This should be transmitted to Inspector General of Police after Governor General has read it. Appears to be strong case for protection</p> <p>CDR Let Inspector General of Police give direction for movement of Native Police in direction of Townships</p>		
				George Barney CCCL	1855 12 15~			
				CAF	1855 12 18~			
				CDR	1855 12 20~			
	55/12753	1855 12 22	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton	1855 12 24 1855 12 13	<p>Note Papers with 55/3587 – Acting Auditor 24 April, respecting amount to be forwarded for Improvements of Navigation of Bremer & Brisbane – sent to Architect 8 March 1855. 24 December</p> <p>Letter re £250 voted by Legislative Council for removing obstructions in Rivers Brisbane & Bremer. Requesting authority be given to Auditor</p>	A2.34	407 408 - 409

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				Bay Brisbane CDR WD	1855 12 24~ 1855 12 31 1855 12 31	General to prepare Warrant for advance to Police Magistrate Ipswich to pay expense of removing rocks near Ipswich & trees in Bremer owing to gradual undermining of banks & which now form obstruction to navigation [No 55.314] & Notes in margin Auditor General may be instructed as herein requested Approved Government Resident Auditor General		
	55/12893	1855 12 29	Hon CS	T M Hayzelden [see also Hayzleden, Hazelden, Hazleden] Drayton Swamp MF	1855 12 08 1855 12 29~ 1855 12 31~ 1856 01 01	At top: T M Hazelden [as is] for Hawkers Licence Letter requesting general Hawking Licence Cover To The Hon Colonial Secretary Sydney Date Stamp: N.S.W. 855 [mostly illegible] Notes re above M F Hawkers & Pedlers Licences granted by Justice of Petty Sessions not Colonial Secretary 4 th Sect 13 Vict No 36 Call. p 1990 Inform Mr Hayzleden [as is]	A2.34	410 - 411
	55/12912	1855 12 31	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney MF	1855 12 28 1856 01 31~	Letter re Regulations of 8 th March 1853 re establishment of Local Land Offices & transmitting in order to proclamation & sale at Police Office Brisbane, original Descriptions of portions of Crown Lands, particulars as stated in Schedule enclosed [No 55/1069] & Notes in margin Not aware of any objections to proclamation of these lands for sale Notes re above Proclaimed 9 th February for Sale at Brisbane Moreton Bay 18 th March 1856 Descriptions & tracings sent to Colonial Treasury Schedule Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Police Office Brisbane Situation/ No of Allotment/ No of Section/ Area – A R P/ Applicant/ Upset price per acre. Town Lots/1-20/ 25/ 36P/ Crown/ £100 Town of Brisbane Parish of South Brisbane/ 1-20/ 29/ 36P/ Crown/ £100	A2.34	412 - 413 414 - 416
				WD	1855 07 11 1855 07 17	Note At top: M/a 29. 28 July 1855 Let letter be written to Superintendent or Government Resident Moreton Bay directing him to give every possible help to North Australian Exploring Expedition & assist them in getting stock on board & in every way required by Mr Gregory to expedite his views [?] & Notes in margin Government Resident	A2.34	417

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			His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, Governor General	Charles Nicholson Speaker Legislative Council Chamber Sydney WD	1855 06 12 1855 06 14 1855 06 15~	Printed form letter At top: LC 55/147 - 14 th June 1855 No 55/2 On Mr Morris's Motion 12 th June, 1855, Votes No 4 To His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, etc., Members of Legislative Council of New South Wales request be laid upon Table of this House, correspondence between Government & Captain Vignolles [Vignoles] re appointment of Mr J J Whitting to Office of Justice of Peace & Notes in margin To be acted upon Return laid on Table	A2.34	418
	54/07613	1854 08 30		F D Vignoles JP Western Creek Drayton CAF MF CAF	1854 08 10 1854 09 02~ 1854 09 05~ 1854 09 05~ 1854 09 06~	Letter re appointment of Mr Joshua John Whiting of Felton, Drayton, as Magistrate of Territory NSW in Government Gazette 25 th Ultimo. I forward resignation of Commission as Justice of Peace as many well-known disreputable Gambling Transactions taken place between Mr Whiting & Publican resident in Drayton do not consider him fit & proper person for Appointment & most assuredly under such circumstances no consideration would induce me to sit on Bench with Mr Whiting. Neither will I countenance such an outrage on purity of Bench by remaining member of it. In conclusion, deeply regret to observe this appointment only another instance of reckless manner in which appointments made to Commission of Peace in Northern Districts & Notes in margin Copy of this letter should be forwarded to Mr Whitting in order he have opportunity of vindicating his character with respect to charge made by Mr Vignolles. Mr Vignolles may be informed & also whatever may be truth of charge I could have had no knowledge of its existence when I appointed Mr Whitting (who is member of Australian Club & who I met as guest at houses of gentlemen when visited on recent tour of Darling Downs District) to Commission Of Peace & therefore cannot but consider remark at close of letter as offensive towards myself as Head of Government Capt Vignoles Mr Whitting [Ref 54/7613] Shall Writ of Supersedeas issue in this case? Not yet, it may remain as is until sufficient time to receive any answer Mr Vignoles may think proper to return [difficult to read]	A2.34	419 - 421
	54/08752	1854 10 07	Hon CS	Joshua J Whitting JP Felton Darling Downs	1854 09 25	Letter acknowledging letter of 5 th October enclosing copy of letter from Mr Vignoles JP dated 10 th August re well known disreputable gambling transactions taken place by myself & another resident in Drayton. In reply appears F D Vignoles JP would have gained thanks of community by acting Magisterially in endeavouring to check such transactions alluded to which is clearly duty of all Magistrates to do. Rather than after lapse of very considerable period to allude to irregularities which I am happy to say have long since ceased to have any existence & which I have been instrumental in checking by withdrawing my custom from house in which taken place from finding at time no privacy could be obtained at Country Inns generally & which has been source of complaint by many visitors. Certainly strange that Mr Vignoles who as most distant resident (I think) of Magistrates composing this Bench should consider himself called upon to	A2.34	422 - 425

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				CAF MF	1854 10 09~	<p>make charge of this nature & which he is not warranted in doing & cannot but question purity of motives. Happy to say during my career I never was considered a Gambler & during time in Military Service (8 years) received approval of Commanding Officers as also that of Lord Nugent, then Lord High Commissioner of Ionian Islands who did me honour of extending his hand to me on board Jupiter troop ship, on my departure from Corfu. Have previously held Commission of Peace during Administration of Government by Sir Richard Bourke & was some years ago asked by majority of Magistrates of District to allow my name to be put for nomination for Commission which I declined. Happy to add am on terms of amity (with exception of Mr Vignoles) with all Gentlemen in district with whom I am acquainted which would not be case if guilty of disreputable conduct &</p> <p>Notes in margin This correspondence may be brought under consideration of Executive Council Executive 54/328 10th October 1854 Circulated by command of His Excellency Governor General 12th October 1854. Laid before Executive Council 16th October 1854. Minute No 54/40</p>		
				Michael Fitzpatrick Clerk of Council Executive Council Office Sydney		<p>Proceedings of Executive Council on 16th October 1854 with respect to charges preferred against Mr Joshua J Whitting JP Minute No. 54/40 confirmed 23rd October 1854 His Excellency Governor General lays before Council letter from Mr F D Vignoles tending his resignation of office of Justice of Peace in consequence of recent appointment to Commission of Peace of Mr Joshua J Whitting whom Mr Vignoles does not consider proper person for appointment by reason, as he alleges, of many well known disreputable gambling transactions taken place between Mr Whitting & publican resident in Drayton. His Excellency also lays before Council letter from Mr Whitting in reply to communication by His Excellency enclosing copy of Mr Vignoles letter</p> <p>2 Mr Whitting does not, except by inference, deny accusations but before taking final step in matter, Council advise that Crown Commissioner of District (Dr Simpson) be requested to ascertain confidentially & report what may be opinion of Magistrates forming Drayton & Warwick Benches as to degree of culpability attaching to particular transactions referred to by Mr Vignoles [No 54/270 ?]</p>	A2.34	426 - 429
	54/10505	1854 12 05	Hon CS	F D Vignoles Western Creek Drayton Darling Downs	1854 10 27	<p>Letter re letter of 5th Ultimo acknowledging letter of 10th August re resigning appointment as Magistrate in consequence of Mr J J Whitting having been placed in Commission of Peace. Having waited upwards of five weeks in expectation of Mr Whitting calling on me to prove my charge & having received no communication from him can no longer remain silent under imputation of having made at close of my letter a remark "extremely uncalled for & offensive to His Excellency as Head of this Government." In justification of remark "I deeply regretted that Mr Whitting's appointment was only another insistence of reckless manner in which appointments of late had been made to Commission of Peace in Northern Districts" I beg to remind His Excellency that some months prior to Mr Whitting's appointment & during His Excellency's recent tour to Moreton Bay, Address was</p>	A2.34	430 - 433

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						<p>received by him at Ipswich in which following remarks were made "undersigned beg to point out number of persons placed on Commission Of Peace in Northern Districts neither qualified by education nor social position to give dignity to Bench nor satisfaction to Inhabitants in general." No hesitation in expressing belief that every respectable Inhabitant in these Districts would vouch for its correctness. Recent Debates in Council on second reading of "Unpaid Justices of Peace Bill " I also consider justly bear me out in every assertion as to manner in which appointments have been made to Commission of Peace not only in Northern Districts but throughout Colony for during debate Mr Plunkett, Her Majesty's Attorney General & Member of Executive Council, reported to have said re appointments that "he would sooner cut his right hand off than to have signed their recommendation" This remark from Member of His Excellency's Government is alone I think justification of strong excess in which I felt compelled to express my disquiet at appointments to Magistracy in these Districts. As regards portion of letter which alludes to Mr Whitting being Member of Australian Club & having been met by His Excellency as guest at houses of all gentlemen whom he visited in his recent tour to Darling Downs I have merely to say that for future I trust something more than being Member of Australian Club will be required as qualification of Magistrate & with respect to Mr Whitting having been a guest of Gentlemen visited by His Excellency in Darling Downs District express my deep regret that such would have been the case. Only remains to say that it was at one time my intention to have stated in this letter the particulars of my charge against Mr Whitting but having resigned my Commission as Justice of Peace & having no personal feeling against him, having been solely actuated by what I considered my public Duty, I refrain from saying more than that I shall be prepared to prove my accusation when called to do so by Government</p> <p>& Notes in margin Acknowledge then let Writ of Supersedeas be prepared Captain Vignoles</p>		
	55/00676	1855 02 22	Hon CS	S Simpson Crown Law Solicitor Crown Solicitor's Office Woogaroo	1855 01 08	<p>Letter acknowledging letter of 1st November last [margin note: M12325] re confidential reporting of opinion of Magistrates of Warwick & Drayton Benches as to degree of culpability of Joshua J Whitting re alleged "well-known gambling transactions taken place between Mr Whitting & publican resident at Drayton brought under notice by Mr Vignoles' letter of 10th August 1854.</p> <p>As charge no doubt relates to transactions between Mr Whitting & Mr Horton, publican at Drayton, formerly Prisoner of Crown, about end of September 1852, my duty to bring under His Excellency's notice – reported in these Districts early October 1852 that Mr Whitting lost considerable sum of money in gambling with Mr Horton & had repudiated debt. In confirmation appeared in Moreton Bay Courier of 30th October following advertisement: Notice – I hereby caution Public not to receive discount or in any way negotiate two several Promissory Notes – one dated 1st October 1852 drawn in favour of Mr William Horton on order for sum of £100 payable</p>	A2.34	434 - 436

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						<p>three months after date Bank of NSW, Sydney - other dated 1st October 1852 drawn in favour William Horton for £155 payable six months after date Bank of NSW, Sydney – said notes obtained without consideration. Signed Joshua J Whitting. 18th October 1852.</p> <p>Since been informed compromise effected – Mr Horton receiving Sheep instead of money.</p> <p>3 At time, these transactions were of public notoriety & thought to be of such disreputable character both by Magistrates & Public that Mr Whitting's society generally avoided – indeed generally supposed he must fly District – no such thing – short retirement from eye of Public & lapse of few months to erase all recollection of past & restore him to society of former acquaintance – amongst whom several are Magistrates of Drayton & Warwick Benches who seem now disinclined to express strong opinion of subject so long past & only known to them by public report & newspaper advertisements or content themselves with simple expression of feeling that if called upon rather not act on Bench with Mr Whitting as colleague As Commissioner Rolleston residing at time at Cambooya & must be perfectly cognisant not only of reports in question but of opinion of Magistrates, no doubt being now in Sydney, he will be able to give any further information His Excellency require [No 1/55]</p> <p>& Notes in margin</p> <p>This report having been called for by recommendation of Executive Council should be submitted to Council on Tuesday.</p> <p>Circulated by Command of Excellency Governor General 27 January 1855 & again 2nd February 1855</p> <p>Returned to Colonial Secretary without any recommendation from Executive Council [Ref 55/54]</p> <p>Note re above Nothing more required I presume I imagine not</p>		
				WD	1855 01 26			
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	55/11375	1855 11 06	Hon CS	John Ker Wilson JP For the Bench Wombo Police Office	1855 10 22 1855 11 07~ 1855 11 07~	<p>Letter in reply to letter of 19th ultimo LC 55/173 No 659 re return of pounds in this District. No pound yet established, nearest being Drayton &</p> <p>Notes in margin MF Too late</p> <p>Printed Document A Return of the number of Pounds, their localities, and Keepers, in the Police District of Brisbane No of Pounds/ Where situated/ Keepers Name One/ Adelaide Street, North Brisbane/ Edmund Hughes Signed: William Anthony Brown CPS W A Duncan JP Thomas Jones JP John Brewster JP</p>	A2.34	438 439 - 441

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	55/09910	1855 09 19	Hon CS	Henry Hort Brown JP For the Bench Police Office Gayndah	1855 09 03	Letter in reply to circular No 114 – 55-173 of 11 th Ultimo, transmitting Return of Number of Pounds in Police District of Gayndah [No 55/3] No of Pounds/ Name of Pound Keeper/ Locality/ One/ Alexander Walker/ Eastern Suburbs of Gayndah Signed Henry Hort Brown JP	A2.34	442 - 443
	55/10088	1855 09 24	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1855 09 15	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter re Return of number of Pounds. There are no Pounds established [Letter faint – difficult to read]	A2.34	444
						Table No of Pounds/ Situation/ Names of Pound Keepers One/ Little Ipswich/ Owen Connor Signed Charles George Gray	A2.34	445
	55/09918	1855 09 19	Hon CS	Charles F Thursby CPS Maryborough	1855 08 30	Letter re circular 114 No 55 173, Return of Pounds & Pound keepers. No Pound or Keeper of Pound in this District	A2.34	446
	55/09906	1855 09 19	Hon CS	Henry Boyle Commissioner Crown Lands Crown Lands Office Surat	1855 08 30	Letter re Circular 114 55/173, Return of Pounds & Pound Keepers. No Pounds in District of Maranoa [No 55/2]	A2.34	447
	55/10300	1855 10 02				At Top: Bench Warwick Pounds Table; Return of Number of Pounds in Police District of Warwick 1855 No of Pounds/ Name of Keeper/ Locality One/ William Carter/ Victoria Street, Warwick Signed John Douglas JP	A2.34	448
	54/08607	1854 10 03	Acting Hon CS	Charles Nicholson Speaker Legislative Council Chambers Sydney Merion Moriarty Port Master Port Master's Office Sydney	1855 07 24 1854 10 02 1854 10 03~ 1854 10 04~	[Search for semen of "Ningpo" & remains of late Mr Frederick Strange & companions believed murdered in Percy Isles – pp449 – 516] At Top: LC 55/174 – 26 th July 1855. Printed form letter No 55/30 On Mr Nichols' [as is] Motion 24 July 1855 Votes No 24. To His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison Members of Legislative Council of NSW request to be laid upon Table of this House, copies of Report of voyages of HMS Ship "Torch" (Lieutenant Chimmo, RV Commanding) in search of seamen of Ship "Ningpo" & in search of remains of late Mr Frederick Strange & companions At top: Urgent. Port Master to Acting Colonial Secretary re wreck of "Ningpoo" [Ningpo] on Ewart's Island Letter re account in Papers of loss of "Ningpoo" & distressing state in which Captain & Crew are left on Ewart's Island. Suggest for consideration propriety of communicating with Captain Fitzgerald with view to render them assistance particularly as HMS Torch about to proceed in that direction on Wednesday next [No 54/123] & Notes in margin Mr Moriarty may, it is concluded, be informed that communication made to Senior Naval Officer with view of obtaining assistance for crew of "Ningpo". He may also be informed that second mate 'Tough' was sent to his office today for purpose of being forwarded on board "Torch" Everything has been done in this case than can be done	A2.34	449 450 - 451

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	54/08631	1854 10 03	Hon CS	J S Fitzgerald Captain & Senior Officer Her Majesty's Ship Calliope At Port Jackson	1854 10 03 1854 10 04~ 1854 10 04~ 1854 10 04	Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of yesterday's date re copy of letter from Government Resident at Moreton Bay reporting loss of Schooner 'Ningpo' on Burn's or Bourne's Reef near New Caledonia. Have ordered HMS vessel "Torch" to proceed this evening with hope of rescuing passengers & crew who escaped wreck of Vessel Note re above Acknowledge receipt & with thanks for prompt turn around by Captain Fitzgerald in answer Inform also Government Resident Captain Fitzgerald Government Resident	A2.34	452 453
	54/02312	1855 03 12				At top: Lieutenant Chimmo RV Proceedings of Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Torch" among the Percy Isles in search of Mr Strange & his companions January, February & March 1854-5 with enclosure 1 to 12 inclusive [not filmed here] & Notes in margin Report Laid before Legislative Council 31 July 1855. LC 55/174	A2.34	454
	54/10436	1854 12 04	Hon CS	Lieutenant Chimmo CAF	1854 1854 12 06~ 1854 12 12	At top: Lieutenant Chimmo RV Reporting result of proceedings of HMSS "Torch" while in search of survivors of late Schooner "Ningpo" Letter reporting proceedings of Steam Vessel "Torch" while in search of survivors of late Schooner "Ningpoo" wrecked on D'Entrecasteau Reef with enclosures & charts, numbering from 1-10 inclusive & Notes in margin Report laid before Legislative Council 31 July 1855 LC55/174 Lieutenant Chimmo should be thanked for the zeal & energy which he has displayed in bringing service which he undertook to successful termination Lieutenant Chimmo	A2.34	455
	54/08558	1854 10 02	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane	1854 09 21	Letter reporting wreck of Schooner "Ningpo" of Hong Kong 150 tons on Huon's Island about 150 miles to westward of New Caledonia Circumstances as related by "William Tough", Second Mate who was brought to Brisbane yesterday morning by party of natives is as follows: "Ningpo", William Billings Master, left Hong Kong in ballast 3 months since bound to Port Phillip & was wrecked after about 6 weeks on Burn's or Bourne's Reef near New Caledonia. Crew & passengers succeeded in reaching Huon's Island 4 After fortnight in this situation Mr Tough (second mate), cook & Mr Denty, a surveyor, left island in small boat, 13 feet, in hope of being able to reach coast of New Holland which they accomplished on 8 th instant, after being at sea fourteen days 5 From Tough's statement, appears made land southward of Wide Bay & landed for purpose of getting water – much exhausted & limbs so cramped from sitting in boat scarcely able to stand – In this deplorable state attacked by party of natives who hauled boat on beach & plundered her & stripped unfortunate men naked & beat them cruelly. Appear to have lain some time in state of insensibility & on awaking from stupor found natives had left & all badly wounded Resolved to proceed Southward &, keeping to sea coast, travelled for three	A2.34	456 - 466

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						<p>days without food – when met some Natives who gave them shellfish</p> <p>7 Following day met Native, “Moisey” who supplied fish & kept men beside fire all night & following morning offered to take them to Moreton Bay – Mr Denty & Cook unable to proceed further, Tough proceeded with “Moisey” to obtain assistance. On second day met party of Blacks to whom Moisey gave over charge of Tough & they conducted him to Brisbane, Moisey having returned to Mr Denty & Cook</p> <p>8 From account by Blacks, these two unfortunate individuals were left about 60 miles south of Brisbane River. Applied to Mr Duncan, late Collector of Customs, who kindly sent Custom’s boat to Bribie’s Island northern most part of Bay & about 30 miles from place where Mr Denty & Cook were left & can be reached by party walking near Sea Coast in event of boat not being able to proceed further than Bribie’s Island – Two of Natives who brought Tough to Brisbane accompany this party & another party has proceeded by land from Brisbane</p> <p>9 Sent personal articles as presents to Natives to induce them to give assistance & supplied those who arrived with Tough with Blankets & provisions</p> <p>10 Informed by Tough that when he left Huon’s Island, people were well supplied with Turtle & Sea Fowl & some rice from wreck – but water precarious as dependent entirely on rain water & what they were enabled to distil with vessel’s cooking apparatus, may be sufficient until vessel can be sent to assistance, but Huon’s Island is not less than 150 miles from New Caledonia & in position not likely approached by whalers or other vessels, no means of escape from present unhappy position unless vessel is sent to relieve them</p> <p>11 Tough will proceed to Sydney in “Boomerang” – able to give any further information re circumstances & may be useful in event of His Excellency sending vessel to rescue of shipmates</p> <p>12 Number of persons on board “Ningpo” when wrecked as follows: Mr Billings Master Mr Maynard 1st Mate Mr Tough 2nd Mate Carpenter Cook Steward 4 European sailors 9 Chinese sailors Mr Denty Passenger 1 male Chinese Passenger 1 female Chinese Passenger</p> <p>13 Cannot conclude without expressing surprise that “Ningpo” sailed from Hong Kong on so long a voyage with only one boat & that only 13 feet in length [No 54.179] PS September 27th In consequence of delay of “Boomerang” inform you that Customs Boat returned last night. Remains of one of unfortunate men found about 30 miles north of Moreton Bay in very mutilated state no doubt caused by</p>		

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	54/10288			CAF W Elyard for Colonial Secretary	1854 11 30~ 1854 12 21~ 1854 12 21 1854 12 05 1854 12 21~	nothing more can be done It is proposed that vessel which was in Bay should call at Percy Islands on her return Note At top: Printed card. Mr Strange Norfolk Cottage, North Shore Let letters from Captain Wickham relating to supposed murder of Mr Strange at Percy Islands be forwarded to Captain Fitzgerald with request that he state whether it will be in his power to take any steps for ascertaining Mr Strange's fate Immediate. Captain Fitzgerald Note Transmitted for perusal of Honourable Attorney General. BC To be returned Obtained back for purpose of being referred to Captain Fitzgerald RN		472 - 474 [472 repeated & no page 473] 475
				CAF	1854 12 21~	Note In event of "Torch" being ordered to proceed to Percy Island – letter to Superintendent of Brisbane to have cargo of coals 70 tons down at mouth of river ready for him to ship whereby he will save ten days. Also, Mr Chimmo will give list of articles for trade with natives - £5 or £6 – what will be necessary Approved I have no doubt Captain Fitzgerald will order "Torch" on this service	A2.34	476 - 477
	54/11061	1854 12 23	Hon CS	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding HMSV Torch (Tender to Herald) At Sydney	1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23	Letter requesting be supplied with following articles to enable to remunerate Natives for any services they may render in search for supposed murdered persons on Percy Island Whales teeth – 4 dozen Beads of sorts – 6 lbs Shirts coloured – 2 dozen Calicoes Coloured 60 yards 20 of each Fish Hooks – 400 of sizes Pipes [?] 100 in No Tobacco– 30 lvs/ [?] Knives – 4 Dozen A correct account shall be rendered into office of disposal of these articles on "Torch's" return to Sydney & Notes in margin These already authorised to be supplied on separate paper & rendered accordingly Immediate Approved. Colonial Storekeeper to be apprised as he will supply above articles Lieutenant Chimmo RN Colonial Storekeeper [Ref 54/11062]	A2.34	478
	54/11062	1854 12 23	Hon CS	William Chimmo Lieutenant Commanding HMSV Torch Tender to Herald at Sydney	1854 12 23	Letter re expediting service on which about to be employed. Necessary that order be sent to Moreton Bay or Port Curtis to deposit cargo of coals (70 tons) for Her Majesty's Steamer under my Command on my arrival. Request give directions to be placed in most convenient position ready for shipping on board	A2.34	479

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					1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23	& Notes in margin This is ordered in separate Paper to Government Resident. Should be written to accordingly. Immediate Approved Lieutenant Chimmo RN Government Resident [Ref 55/1254]		
	55/01254	1855 02 08	Acting Hon CS	John Stirling Acting Auditor General Audit Office Sydney	1855 02 07	Letter submitting account of Mr Henry Buckley for Coals supplied on 19 th January 1855 to HMS Vessel 'Torch' employed in search of Mr Strange, the Naturalist, namely: 45 tons best English Coal at 2.10.0 per Ton £112.10.0 Lighterage at 8/- Ton £18. 0.0 Demurrage, 3 days £ 7. 8.0 £137.18.0 2 Computations correct & Government Resident Brisbane certifies expenses necessarily incurred & rates charged reasonable & Notes in margin Approved 'Torch' not yet returned from Percy Islands – but Accounts certified correct & consequently may be paid – Auditor General should state from what fund they should be paid. Auditor General Blank cover To be returned Noted No provision made for this expense but might be charged to Vote for unforeseen expenses Date Stamp Audit No 114. FE. 15	A2.34	480 - 481
				WD CDR	1855 02 19 1855 02 12~	Note re above I presume this may now be paid		482
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	55/01693	1855 02 22	Hon CS	John Plunkett Attorney General Attorney General's Office Sydney	1855 02 19	Note Attorney General informed of [page folded over] of 'Torch' & also Mr Chimmo's Report. On subject of murder [?] committed at Percy Island – may be sent to him for his information. Also that Mr Chimmo has brought 3 men & 3 women & 4 children from Percy Island – The men charged with murder of Mr Strange & his companions & women being as I understand Mr Chimmo, brought up as witnesses of men At top: 54.11050. Letter re letter of 8 th No 22 enclosing letter from Government Resident Moreton Bay reporting murder of one of Mr Strange's party & supposed murder of himself & two companions by Aborigines at Percy Island & despatch of HM Steamer 'Torch'. I wish to know whether further intelligence obtained by expedition of HM Steamer 'Torch', for, if not, do not know what more can be done [No 55/28] & Notes in margin 'Torch' not yet returned	A2.34	483 - 484
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						<p>is equally sufficient to relieve Government from any obligation to return them to place whence taken</p> <p>5 Grounds on which we doubt probability of guilt being legally brought home to any of these men is that native women not competent to give evidence & we assume admissions of men themselves (or some of them) comes only through channel which is closed to court by same incompetency to give evidence</p> <p>6 May still be sufficient evidence to justify committal & possibly (not probably) conviction of men or some of them. That evidence should be. First, testimony of survivors of 'Vision' to establish general case against aborigines of Island - Secondly, discovery of remains of Mr Spurling, with such evidence in identification as can be obtained & marks of violence. Thirdly - relative number of men seen by survivors of 'Vision' & those seen by Officers & men of 'Torch'. Fourthly, discovery of European articles such as sleeve of shirt & other things - and, lastly, suspicious conduct of aborigines as detailed in Lieutenant Chimmo's report [No 55/43] &</p> <p>Notes in margin These papers should perhaps be sent for perusal of Water Police Magistrate. Urgent</p> <p>1855 03 20~ 1855 03 23~ 1855 03 24</p> <p>CDR Send this opinion to Water Police Magistrate Water Police Magistrate See also 55/2589 [Ref 55/3425]</p>		
	55/02589 55/02589	1855 03 21	Hon Acting CS	CDR S North Water Police Magistrate Water Police Office Sydney	1855 03 26~ 1855 03 27~ 1855 03 20 1855 03 21~	<p>Notes re below At top: 55/2589 No decision has been made hereon Attorney General given his opinion - which I believe is being acted upon</p> <p>Letter acknowledging letter No 133 re Aboriginal prisoners on board HMS Juno, charged with murder. 2 Prisoners [Margin note: 3 Males 3 Females 4 children] brought on Shore yesterday morning y Water police & committed to Darlinghurst goal for one week to afford time to bring forward any evidence 3 At present quite ignorant of nature of charge against them or upon what grounds apprehended, no person appeared either as prosecutor or witness & I am informed there is no one in Sydney who understands their language 4 As prisoners are to be again examined on Monday night 26th I request give further instructions & inform me what is to be done with prisoners should I be under necessity of discharging them from custody [No 55/46] &</p> <p>Notes in margin See also 55/2588 Report of Law Officers 55/2588 proposed be sent to Water Police Magistrate but necessary to decide what to do with People in event of their not being committed for trial [Ref 55/3200]</p>	A2.34	497 498 - 500
	55/03200	1855 04 05	Hon CS	S North Water Police Magistrate Water Police Office Sydney	1855 04 04	<p>Letter re letters of 19th & 24th Nos 133 & 148 re papers re Aborigines from Percy Island accused re murder of Mr Strange & two others at Percy Island October last. Having taking all evidence legally identifiable against prisoners, not sufficient to send for trial. Witnesses examined were Mr Hill</p>	A2.34	501 - 504

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						who landed with Stranger & party on day latter supposed killed & who found body of Spurling. 2 nd , Mr Nixon, 2 nd Master of 'Torch' who apprehended prisoners on Percy Island & 3rdly Mr MacDonald Assistant Surgeon of 'Torch' who examined skeleton supposed to be Spurling's. Admissions of prisoners & women cannot be received, interpreters being incompetent to be sworn in Court of Justice. Prisoners remanded to Darlinghurst Goal until Tuesday, necessary to decide their future. Request His Excellency's commands on this point. When discharged might be placed in Benevolent Asylum as temporary measure. [No 55/57] & Notes in margin All papers with Water Police Magistrate Write to Sherriff to say they are to be kept well fed & clothed until opportunity arises of sending them by next Steamer to Port Curtis Sheriff; Water Police Magistrate. [Ref 55/2588]		
	55/03425	1855 04 13	Hon Acting CS	CDR S North Water Police Magistrate Water Police Office Sydney CDR	1855 04 1855 04 05~ 1855 04 07 1855 04 30~ 1855 05 02 1855 04 11 1855 04 16~ 1855 04 18	Note At Top: Aborigines in Mr Strange's case Port Master was requested to report when opportunity offered of sending prisoners to Port Curtis. Nothing on papers to show he has done so. Shall he be reminded Remind him Port Master In 10 days Letter reporting having discharged Aborigines charged with Murder of Mr Strange & others at Percy Island, been placed in Goal at Darlinghurst until opportunity arises for returning them to Port Curtis as directed in letter of 7 th No 55/185. Returning herewith whole of papers re this case [No 55/61] & Notes in margin Approved Port Master to look for opportunity of sending back to Port Curtis Port Master	A2.34	505 506 - 507
	55/04493	1855 05 11	Hon CS	John O'Neil Brenan Sheriff Sheriff's Office Sydney WD	1855 05 10 1855 05 11~ 1855 05 11 1855 05 ?	Letter enclosing letter from Principal Gaoler at Darlinghurst requesting bring to attention of Governor General as Steamer leaves for Moreton Bay Thursday next [No 55/32] & Notes in margin Port Master directed to report when opportunity offered of sending these People to Port Curtis He should perhaps state immediately whether there will be one soon &, if not, arrange for their being sent to Moreton Bay on Thursday Let them go on Thursday The Principal Gaoler 10 th May 1855 Port Master. Sheriff	A2.34	508

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						A Return of all convictions & sentences passed by Brisbane Bench in pursuance of Act of Council 14 th Vict. No 2 Date/ Offender/ Offence/ Sentence 24 January 1853/ Ellen Mahony/ Stealing wearing apparel/ Fined 3 shillings & sixpence Signed William Anthony Brown CPS, W A Duncan JP, John Brewster JP, Thomas Jones JP	A2.34	517 - 519
						At top: Brisbane A Return of all convictions & sentences passed by Brisbane Bench in pursuance of Act of Council 16 th Vict. No 6 Date/ Offender/ Offence/ Sentence 29 August 1852/ William Taylor/ stealing shirt/ 10 shillings 11 February 1853/ Erasmus Harding/ stealing pineapple/ 3 shillings 11 February 1853/ Juwanna (a Chinese)/ stealing ginger-beer/ 5 shillings 11 February 1853/ Van (a Chinese) stealing ginger-beer/ 5 shillings 20 April 1853/ Charles Bensen/ stealing wine/ 1 month's imprisonment 28 November 1853/ William Elliott/ stealing wine/ 1 month's imprisonment 29 December 1853/ Charles Windmill/ stealing half-crown/ 20 shillings 13 October 1854/ Edward Dwyer/ stealing 4s 6d/ 1 month's imprisonment 24 April 1855/ Ann Keating/ stealing 1s 9d/ 10 shillings Signed W A Duncan JP, William Anthony Brown CPS, John Brewster JP, Thomas Jones JP	A2.34	520 - 522
	55/10266	1855 09 29	Hon CS	Alfred Sandeman JP Police Office Drayton	1855 09 17	Return of Convictions re Circular 15 th August No 115. Drayton Nil Return	A2.34	523
	55/10276	1855 09 29	Hon CS	Henry Herbert JP Henry Hort Brown JP Police Office Gayndah	1855 09 04	Letter re Return of Convictions re Circular 15 th August No 115 [No 55/4] Gayndah Nil Return	A2.34	524
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	55/10242	1855 09 29	Hon CS	Charles F Thursby CPS Police Office Maryborough	1855 09 06	Return of Convictions re Circular 115 LC 55-180 August 15.1855 Maryborough 16 Victoria No 6 - Nil Return 14 Victoria No 2 - Nil Return	A2.34	530
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	55/10720	1855 10 16	Hon CS	John Ker Wilson JP Police Office Wombo	1855 10 01	Letter re circular 115 LC 55/186 – Summary Jurisdiction Acts not in operation before this Bench [Margin Note: 1850 14 Victoria No 2; 1852 16 Victoria No 6]	A2.34	532
	55/09047	1855 09 15	Hon CS	John Douglas JP For the Bench Police Office Warwick	1855 08 31	Letter re Circular 115 LC 55/180 Nil Return	A2.34	533
				C Nicholson Speaker Legislative Council Chamber Sydney	1855 09 11	Printed Form Letter At top: LC 55/193 – 13 th September 1855 No 55/57 – On Mr Hood's motion, 11 September 1855, Votes No 48 To His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison ... Members of Legislative Council request Allowance for maintenance of Brisbane Hospital for year 1856 be increased from £200 to £300 on condition of like sum being raised by private contribution Printed Form At top: LC 55/193 1855 New South Wales Additional Allowance for Maintenance of Brisbane Hospital In accordance with request contained in Address from Council 11 th September Governor General given directions for insertion upon Estimates of sum of £300 for maintenance of Brisbane Hospital for year 1856 on condition of like sum being raised by private contributions. Government House Sydney, 18 September 1855	A2.34	534 535
				Charles Nicholson Speaker Legislative Council Chamber Sydney	1855 11 20	Printed Form At top: LC 55/225 22 nd November 1855 No 55/81. On Mr Richardson's Motion, 20 th November 1855, Votes 87 To His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison Members of Legislative Council request be placed upon Estimates for 1856 sum of 10,450 towards defraying expense of procuring Steam Dredge & Parts	A2.34	536

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