



## 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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	55/11970	1855 11 29	Hon CS	S Raymond Prothonotary Supreme Court Office Sydney	1855 11 26	Letter in answer to letter of 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> with 335 immigrants, latter on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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	1855 11 26  1855 12 01~ 1855 12 03	Letter reporting death of Captain Barney on 25 <sup>th</sup> 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	A2.34	311 - 312

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				W H Christie Postmaster General	1855 12 05	Read & Returned Blank Cover  Date Stamp General Post Office No 55/8953 4 December		
	55/12020	1855 12 01	Hon CS	Edward D Day Police Magistrate Police Office Bungay Bungay	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
	55/12034	1855 12 01	Hon CS	Terence McArdell South Brisbane	1855 11 27  1856 01 28~ 1856 01 31	Letter re purchase of two allotments in South Brisbane, Nos 127 & 128, Lot 10 Allotment 12, Section 7 & lot 18 Allotment 4, Section 8. Mr Patrick Mulcahy Redfern Botany Street Sydney will pay necessary expenses for Deeds. Allotments purchased at Government Land Sale June last & Notes in margin Deeds executed & despatched Mr McArdell	A2.34	315 - 316
	55/05868	1855 06 25	Hon CS	Daniel F Roberts Brisbane  W Elyard for Colonial Secretary	1855 06 16  1855 07 03	Letter enquiring if undermentioned Deeds of Grant have been issued &, if not, seeking to be prepared forthwith. All 2 Acres, Allotments 13 & 14, Section 2; Allotments 5, 11 & 14 of Section 3; and Allotment 9 of Section 8. All purchased in name of Stephen Mehan & Notes in margin These cases under reference to Colonial Treasury, respecting discrepancy in name of Purchaser – requested they may be expedited. Blank Cover	A2.34	317
	55/09358	1855 09 03	Hon CS	Francis L S Merewether Sydney  W Elyard for Colonial Secretary Francis L S Merewether Sydney  Daniel F Roberts Brisbane	1855 07 09  1855 08 18 1855 08 21  1855 08 24~  1855 08 25	Notes re below Bench of Magistrates Drayton written to for information re spelling of surname of purchaser of land herein alluded to. Report of Magistrate will be forwarded to Colonial Secretary as soon as received. BC Colonial Treasurer Further report of Acting Colonial Treasurer is requested. Blank Cover Bench of Magistrates Drayton written to on 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 16 <sup>th</sup> July & 15 <sup>th</sup> instant re information on proper spelling of surname of purchaser of land herein alluded to. Report of Magistrates will be forwarded to Colonial Secretary as soon as received. BC Colonial Treasurer Received CSO Letter enquiring if Grants of following properties have been issued &, if not, seeking expedition:	A2.34	318         319 - 320

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					1855 09 07~  1855 09 15 1855 09 07	5acres 3 roods 32 perches Lot 14 Western Suburbs North Brisbane, allotment 47; 1 acre, Lot 66 at Cleveland, allotment 8 Section 11. Both purchased by James Smith. 36 perches Town of Brisbane, purchased by Mrs Clancy; 5 & 2 acre allotments, Drayton, purchased by Stephen Mehan & Notes in margin Date when received here. In September 1854. When sent away? Report. Mrs Clancy's Deed sent Supreme Court for enrolment about 3 months since, still in that Office. Mehan's case rests with Colonial Treasury as seen on reference to 55/5868 – the paper should, I conclude, be returned from that Office as can be no doubt proper spelling of surname of purchaser is "Mehan" as stated by Solicitor. See next page. The Returns in case of lands purchased by James Smith not apparently reached this office but should probably be expedited  Note re above Inform Mr Roberts [Ref 55/12050]		321
	55/12050	1855 12 01	Hon CS	Stephen Mehan	1855 11 26  1855 12 03~ 1855 12 05	Letter re letter to Mr D F Roberts of 7 <sup>th</sup> November re matter referred to Drayton Bench over doubt re spelling of name. & Notes in margin Deeds now despatched to Supreme Court for enrolment Inform Mr Mehan	A2.34	322
	55/12141  55/12141	1855 11 27	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney  MF	1855 11 22  1855 11 28~ 1855 11 29	Letter in accordance with Waste Lands Act re regulations of 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 : Maryborough Warwick] [No 55/998] & Notes in margin MF I am not aware of any objection Re-proclaimed 9 <sup>th</sup> February for Sale on 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1856  Schedule Remote District (Abbreviated) Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Police Office Warwick [25 March at top] Police Office Maryborough <b>Lot/ County/ Town/ Allotment/ Section/ Quantity/ Price/ Last offered/ No of Lot</b> <b>Town Lots</b> 1-3/ March/ Maryborough/ 15,18,19/ 67/ 31 <sup>st</sup> July 1855/ 15, 18, 19 <b>Suburban Lots</b> 4-7/ March/ Maryborough/ 7-10/ 131/ 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1853/ 4-7; 8/ March/ Maryborough/ 5/ 131/ 11 <sup>th</sup> January 1854/ 62; 9-14/ March/ Maryborough/ 1, 2, 5-8/ 127/ 6 <sup>th</sup> February 1854/ 1-6; 15-19/ March/ Maryborough/ 6-10/ 128/ 6 <sup>th</sup> February 1855/ 7-11;	A2.34	323 - 324  325 - 328



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						<p><b>Town Lots</b> 1/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 4/ 4/ 31<sup>st</sup> July 1850?/ 4;</p> <p><b>Suburban Lots</b> 2/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 11/ 13/ 27<sup>th</sup> October 1854/ 31; 3/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 3/ 14/ 27<sup>th</sup> October 1854/ 43; 4/ Aubigny/ Swamp on Drayton Reserve/ 7/ 14/ 27<sup>th</sup> October 1854/ 47; 5-6/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 8-9/ 3/ 24<sup>th</sup> April 1855/ 1, 8; 7/ Aubigny/ Drayton/ 14/ 1/ 24<sup>th</sup> April 1855/ 9;</p> <p>Police Office Gayndah <b>Town Lots</b> 1-11/ FitzRoy/ Gayndah/ 9-19/ 12/ 9<sup>th</sup> February 1855/ 1-11; 12-20/ Fitzroy/ Gayndah/ 1-9/ 19/ 9<sup>th</sup> February 1855/ 12-20; <b>Suburban Lots</b> 21-22/ FitzRoy/ Eastern Suburbs Gayndah/ 8-9/ 5/ 29<sup>th</sup> August 1854/ 1-2; 23/ FitzRoy/ Gayndah/ 1/ 3/ 27<sup>th</sup> June 1855/ 5;</p>		
	55/12149	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 22	<p>8 enclosures [only 1 filmed here] Letter in accordance with Waste Lands Act re regulations of 27<sup>th</sup> August 1853 re Land Sales beyond Settled Districts. Transmitting Abbreviated Schedules of Town &amp; Suburban lands for re-proclamation &amp; sale at places mentioned in margin [Margin note: Armidale Bennelong Bombala Gladstone Tamworth Tenterfield Warialda Wagga Wagga] [No 55/1002] &amp; Notes in margin MF WD 1855 11 28~ 1855 11 29~ 1855 11 29</p> <p>Not aware of any objection Approved Reproclaimed 13<sup>th</sup> February for Sale on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1856 (excepting Port Curtis Lots) Port Curtis Lots reproclaimed 20<sup>th</sup> February for Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1856</p> <p>Schedule Remote District (Abbreviated) Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Police Office Gladstone <b>Lot/ County/ Town/ Allotment/ Section/ Quantity/ Upset price/ Last offered/ No of Lot</b> [Heading is crossed out. Lot numbers crossed out &amp; handwritten note - 'Alter the No from former notice'] <b>Town Lots</b> 1-7 [crossed out]/ Clinton/ Gladstone/ 8-9, 12-14, 18, 21/ 4/ 7<sup>th</sup> June 1855/ 8-9,12-14, 18, 21 8-10 [crossed out]/ 11, 13 -14/ 41/ 7<sup>th</sup> June 1855/ 33,35,36. [Margin Note – Alter No, from former Notice]</p>	A2.34	340 - 341
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	55/12151	1855 11 28	Hon CS	George Barney Surveyor General Surveyor General's Office Sydney	1855 11 26	<p>Letter re Mr Surveyor MacCabe reporting one of two boats used for purposes of Survey at Port Curtis broke from moorings during gale &amp; lost. [No 55/1009] &amp;</p>	A2.34	344



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						<p>attributed.</p> <p>2 First - allowing Aborigines to congregate in numbers reported in immediate vicinity of Camp &amp; Station. I recognize propriety &amp; 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, &amp; from confidence &amp; audacity which great numerical superiority begets, Blacks plan &amp; commit depredations on property &amp; acts of violence on settlers &amp; servants. Assemblages near camps or Stations should be prevented</p> <p>3 From Deposition of Mr Kelly, I learn that, though large number of Blacks who collected at Rannes for some time previous to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 &amp; for Police who should have checked such acts &amp; would encourage them to further aggression &amp; violence. On discovery of first depredation, Aborigines should have been driven from Station &amp; compelled to disperse; temporising or slightest want of firmness &amp; decision (quite compatible with humanity &amp; tenderness) grave errors in dealings with Savages</p> <p>4 Being in camp at Rannes &amp;, 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 &amp; vigilance, that some Blacks were enabled to steal into it &amp; remove carbines &amp; pistols &amp; were enabled to rush upon Troopers &amp; spear them as they left; this, I'm compelled to observe, displays want of caution &amp; vigilance which calls for marked animadversion &amp; 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 &amp; discretion which I must censure</p> <p>5 You will communicate this to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Walker &amp; impress on him necessity of exercising greater caution, vigilance, prudence &amp; 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, &amp; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Walker &amp; 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	<p>Letter forwarding communication from Lieutenant Murray &amp; my reply detailing account of attack on Native Police at Rannes in Leichardt District. Seems to have been bold &amp; determined attempt to destroy small party of Native Police against whom directed &amp; 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.</p> <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 &amp; he accordingly left for Rannes (four of his best Troopers remaining behind) on 28<sup>th</sup> September &amp; I have since heard that a strong party of same Corps under Mr Marshall</p>	A2.34	357 - 358







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						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.  Signed W Hobbs, Health Officer November 29 <sup>th</sup> 1855		
	55/12312	1855 12 10	Hon CS	H H Browne Agent for Immigration Immigration Office Sydney	1855 12 08  1855 12 21	Printed Form Letter Re Letter of 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 27 <sup>th</sup> ultimo [No: 55/640] & Notes in margin Emigration Commissioner	A2.34	372
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	1855 11 22	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	A2.34	378 - 379

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						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 <sup>st</sup> December [crossed out?] Transmit for information of His Excellency & Plan of Town		
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 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]	A2.34	380 - 381
	55/11409	1855 11 06	Hon CS	George A Watson Drayton	1855 09 24	Letter re Crown Land Sale held this place 11 <sup>th</sup> 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	1855 12 11	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	A2.34	383 - 384

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				CDR	1855 12 18- 1855 12 21	although latter applicable only to Harbour of Port Jackson Let them be supplied & explain regulations apply only to Port Jackson Government Resident		
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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  MF CDR	1855 12 05  1855 12 15- 1855 12 20-	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 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	A2.34	386 - 388
	55/12515		Joseph North Ipswich	Charles F Thursby Police Office Maryboro [Maryborough]	1855 11 23	[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	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	A2.34	390

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					1855 12 29~ 1856 02 04	First Deed despatched to Supreme Court for enrolment. Other will be submitted for signature today Inform Mr Roberts		
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Police Sydney   CDR CDR	1855 12 21   1855 12 22~ 1855 12 27~  1856 01 01	Letter re letter of 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 Creek in vicinity Maryboro 5 <sup>th</sup> 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]	A2.34	393 - 397
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> October last No 55/120, expressed opinion that unless protection applied for afforded, bloodshed would take place, but hardly expected my	A2.34	398 - 406

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						<p>anticipation so soon realised.</p> <p>2 Since perpetration of murders Blacks have been in numbers in Scrubs around Township evidently exalting in what they have done &amp; 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 &amp; Sawyers afraid to continue work in Scrub, their lives being in constant danger &amp; check put to advancement of Maryborough which for last 12 months steadily rising</p> <p>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 &amp; since murders now repeated, two of my own Orderlies leaving for purpose of going to Sydney to get out of District</p> <p>4 In addition to murders, within last few days, two men speared &amp; one knocked down with large stone &amp; severely injured. Since murders, a Sawyer near Town beaten with Nulla Nullas &amp; left for dead &amp; his hut robbed. Mr Uhr's house &amp; garden &amp; my own garden also robbed &amp; dray belonging to Messrs Herbert, whilst camped in Town on night of 8 last, plundered of eight bags of Sugar &amp; two bags of flour</p> <p>5 Large party of inhabitants under Mr Assistant Surveyor Buchanan turned out &amp; assisted Police in endeavours to capture murderers. Visited Fraser's Island &amp; travelled considerable distance in pursuit &amp; recovered quantity of flour &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; by time Police arrive horses not fit for work – in addition approach known to blacks for days before they arrive &amp; men of bad character &amp; 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 &amp; such adepts in commission of robberies, which they perpetrate during night, impossible to detect them &amp; 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 &amp;</p>		

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				George Barney CCCL CAF CDR	1855 12 15~ 1855 12 18~ 1855 12 20~	captured or punished immediately they commit outrage 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] & Notes in margin Immediate. Transmitted to Colonial Secretary for information of His Excellency Governor General This should be transmitted to Inspector General of Police after Governor General has read it. Appears to be strong case for protection Let Inspector General of Police give direction for movement of Native Police in direction of Townships		
	55/12753	1855 12 22	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane  CDR WD	1855 12 24  1855 12 13  1855 12 24~ 1855 12 31 1855 12 31	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  Letter re £250 voted by Legislative Council for removing obstructions in Rivers Brisbane & Bremer. Requesting authority be given to Auditor 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	A2.34	407  408 - 409
	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	A2.34	412 - 413

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	55/12912					Notes re above Proclaimed 9 <sup>th</sup> February for Sale at Brisbane Moreton Bay 18 <sup>th</sup> March 1856 Descriptions & tracings sent to Colonial Treasury  Schedule Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Police Office Brisbane <b>Situation/ No of Allotment/ No of Section/ Area – A R P/ Applicant/ Upset price per acre.</b> Town Lots/1-20/ 25/ 36P/ Crown/ £100 Town of Brisbane Parish of South Brisbane/ 1-20/ 29/ 36P/ Crown/ £100		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
			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 <sup>th</sup> June 1855 No 55/2 On Mr Morris's Motion 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	1854 08 10  1854 09 02~	Letter re appointment of Mr Joshua John Whiting of Felton, Drayton, as Magistrate of Territory NSW in Government Gazette 25 <sup>th</sup> 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)	A2.34	419 - 421





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						letter 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 ?]		
	54/10505	1854 12 05	Hon CS	F D Vignoles Western Creek Drayton Darling Downs	1854 10 27	Letter re letter of 5 <sup>th</sup> Ultimo acknowledging letter of 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 &	A2.34	430 - 433

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				CAF	1854 12 06~ 1854 12 11~	Notes in margin Acknowledge then let Writ of Supersedeas be prepared Captain Vignoles		
	55/00676	1855 02 22	Hon CS	S Simpson Crown Law Solicitor Crown Solicitor's Office Woogaroo	1855 01 08	Letter acknowledging letter of 1 <sup>st</sup> November last [ margin note: M12325] re 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 10 <sup>th</sup> August 1854. 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 30 <sup>th</sup> October following advertisement: Notice – I hereby caution Public not to receive discount or in any way negotiate two several Promissory Notes – one dated 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1852 drawn in favour of Mr William Horton on order for sum of £100 payable three months after date Bank of NSW, Sydney - other dated 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1852. Since been informed compromise effected – Mr Horton receiving Sheep instead of money. 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] & Notes in margin This report having been called for by recommendation of Executive Council should be submitted to Council on Tuesday. Circulated by Command of Excellency Governor General 27 January 1855 & again 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 1855 Returned to Colonial Secretary without any recommendation from Executive Council [Ref 55/54]	A2.34	434 - 436
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				CDR MF	1855 03 16? 1855 03 20?	Note re above Nothing more required I presume I imagine not		437
	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~	Letter in reply to letter of 19 <sup>th</sup> ultimo LC 55/173 No 659 re return of pounds in this District. No pound yet established, nearest being Drayton & Notes in margin MF Too late  Printed Document A Return of the number of Pounds, their localities, and Keepers, in the Police District of Brisbane <b>No of Pounds/ Where situated/ Keepers Name</b> One/ Adelaide Street, North Brisbane/ Edmund Hughes Signed: William Anthony Brown CPS W A Duncan JP Thomas Jones JP John Brewster JP	A2.34	438  439 - 441
	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 <sup>th</sup> Ultimo, transmitting Return of Number of Pounds in Police District of Gayndah [No 55/3]  <b>No of Pounds/ Name of Pound Keeper/ Locality/</b> 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
						<b>Table</b> <b>No of Pounds/ Situation/ Names of Pound Keepers</b> 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 <b>No of Pounds/ Name of Keeper/ Locality</b> One/ William Carter/ Victoria Street, Warwick Signed John Douglas JP	A2.34	448
				Charles Nicholson Speaker Legislative Council Chambers Sydney	1855 07 24	[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 <sup>th</sup> 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	A2.34	449

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	54/08607	1854 10 03	Acting Hon CS	Merion Moriarty Port Master Port Master's Office Sydney	1854 10 02  1854 10 03~ 1854 10 04~	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		450 - 451
	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

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	54/08558	1854 10 02	Hon CS	John Wickham Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane	1854 09 21	<p>Letter reporting wreck of Schooner "Ningpo" of Hong Kong 150 tons on Huon's Island about 150 miles to westward of New Caledonia</p> <p>Circumstances as related by "William Tough", Second Mate who was brought to Brisbane yesterday morning by party of natives is as follows:</p> <p>"Ningpo", William Billings Master, left Hong Kong in ballast 3 months since bound to Port Phillip &amp; was wrecked after about 6 weeks on Burn's or Bourne's Reef near New Caledonia. Crew &amp; passengers succeeded in reaching Huon's Island</p> <p>4 After fortnight in this situation Mr Tough (second mate) , cook &amp; 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<sup>th</sup> instant, after being at sea fourteen days</p> <p>5 From Tough's statement, appears made land southward of Wide Bay &amp; landed for purpose of getting water – much exhausted &amp; 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 &amp; plundered her &amp; stripped unfortunate men naked &amp; beat them cruelly. Appear to have lain some time in state of insensibility &amp; on awaking from stupor found natives had left &amp; all badly wounded</p> <p>Resolved to proceed Southward &amp;, keeping to sea coast, travelled for three days without food – when met some Natives who gave them shellfish</p> <p>7 Following day met Native, "Moisey" who supplied fish &amp; kept men beside fire all night &amp; following morning offered to take them to Moreton Bay – Mr Denty &amp; 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 &amp; they conducted him to Brisbane, Moisey having returned to Mr Denty &amp; 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 &amp; about 30 miles from place where Mr Denty &amp; Cook were left &amp; 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 &amp; another party has proceeded by land from Brisbane</p> <p>9 Sent personal articles as presents to Natives to induce them to give assistance &amp; supplied those who arrived with Tough with Blankets &amp; provisions</p> <p>10 Informed by Tough that when he left Huon's Island, people were well supplied with Turtle &amp; Sea Fowl &amp; some rice from wreck – but water precarious as dependent entirely on rain water &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; may be useful in event of His Excellency sending vessel to rescue of shipmates</p>	A2.34	456 - 466

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				CAF	1854 10 02~ 1854 10 02~	<p>12 Number of persons on board "Ningpo" when wrecked as follows:            Mr Billings Master            Mr Maynard 1<sup>st</sup> Mate            Mr Tough 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate            Carpenter            Cook            Steward            4 European sailors            9 Chinese sailors            Mr Denty Passenger            1 male Chinese Passenger            1 female Chinese Passenger            13 Cannot conclude without expressing surprise that "Ningpo" sailed from Hong Kong on so long a voyage with only one boat &amp; that only 13 feet in length [No 54.179]            PS            September 27<sup>th</sup>            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 Native dogs, as traces of those animals numerous. Other person, according to account of Natives, gone to Wide Bay about 35 miles distant. Tough of opinion that remains found are of Cook in consequence of having been so severely wounded on head by Natives on first day of landing &amp; head of body described as much beaten. JW            &amp;            Notes in margin            Let copy of this be forwarded as soon as possible to Senior Naval Officer with request that he will inform Government whether he can take any steps for relief of wounded person left on Island. Proceedings of Captain Wickham should be approved &amp; may be desirable to communicate to Government of Hong Kong statement in concluding paragraph            Senior Naval Officer</p>		
				MF	1855 01 02~ 1855 01 02~ 1855 01 08~	<p>Note            Shall enclosed letters 54-10288 be now returned to Attorney General            Yes, informing him re Torch            Mr Plunkett</p>	A2.34	467
	54/11050	1854 12 22	Hon CS	J S Fitzgerald Captain & Senior Officer Her Majesty's Ship Calliope Port Jackson  CAF	1854 12 22  1854 12 23~  1854 12 28~	<p>Letter in reply to letter of 27<sup>th</sup> instant. "Torch", as soon as necessary work in progress accomplished, will proceed to Percy Island to endeavour to ascertain fate of Mr Strange &amp; companions            &amp;            Notes in margin            Directions already given to leave "Torch" supply of Coals at Moreton Bay – should be forwarded to Government Resident as soon as possible. Let Mr Strange be informed that "Torch" is to be despatched on this service            Mr Strange</p>	A2.34	468
	54/10288	1854 11 28	Hon CS	Government Resident Moreton Bay Brisbane	1854 11 16	<p>Letter forwarding enclosed statements made before me yesterday by Mr George E V Maitland Master of Ketch "Vision" &amp; Mr W Hill, who was on board in capacity of Botanist, from which will be seen that another</p>	A2.34	469 - 472

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	54/10288			CAF	1854 11 29~ 1854 11 30~	<p>barbarous murder committed by aborigines of this country  2 Appears "Vision" left Moreton Bay 29<sup>th</sup> last September &amp; proceeded northward on expedition for collection of specimens of natural history – Mr Frederick Strange, who was part owner of vessel in charge of expedition  3 Arranged they should commence labour at Percy Islands &amp; consequently vessel anchored at that Group morning of 14<sup>th</sup> October when Mr Strange &amp; party landed – returned in about an hour without having seen any Natives, although from traces observed, were on Island  4 Following morning, party consisting of Mr Strange , Mr Hill, Mr Shinks (assistant to Mr Strange) Mr Spurling (Mate), Henry Gittings &amp; Moreton Bay Black named "Delaipy" landed for purpose of procuring water for which had to go some distance from boat &amp; on return met by party of nine Natives with whom presents exchanged &amp; Mr Strange conceived friendly. When they reached boat, she was aground in consequence of tide having ebbed – party then separated. Mr Hill ascended high land towards interior or island – three left in charge of boat &amp; Mr Strange  [appears rest of letter not filmed] [No 54.233]  &amp;  Notes in margin  Attorney General should have perusal of these documents but I fear nothing more can be done  It is proposed that vessel which was in Bay should call at Percy Islands on her return</p>		
				CAF	1854 12 21~	<p>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</p>		472 - 474 [472 repeated & no page 473]
				W Elyard for Colonial Secretary	1854 12 05 1854 12 21~	<p>Note  Transmitted for perusal of Honourable Attorney General. BC  To be returned  Obtained back for purpose of being referred to Captain Fitzgerald RN</p>		475
				CAF	1854 12 21~	<p>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</p>	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~	<p>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</p>	A2.34	478



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					1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23~ 1854 12 23	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]		
	54/11062	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 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 & 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]	A2.34	479
	55/01254	1855 02 08	Acting Hon CS	John Stirling Acting Auditor General Audit Office Sydney  WD CDR  JS	1855 02 07  1855 02 19 1855 02 12~  1855 02 15 1855 02 15~ 1855 02 16	Letter submitting account of Mr Henry Buckley for Coals supplied on 19 <sup>th</sup> 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

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				CDR	1855 02 19~	Note re above I presume this may now be paid		482
	55/01693	1855 02 22	Hon CS	CDR  John Plunkett Attorney General Attorney General's Office Sydney	1855 03 15~  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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Inform Attorney General 16 <sup>th</sup> November 1854 returned Mr Plunkett On return of 'Torch' Resubmitted 'Torch' having arrived. [Ref 55/2312]	A2.34	483 - 484  485 - 486
				CDR  WD	1855 03 19  1855 03 19 1855 03 19  1855 03 15  1855 03 15 1855 03 16 1855 03 16~	Note re below Law Officers not yet reported. Have, however, seen Mr McLean on subject. Appears no objection to request Water Police Magistrate to take necessary steps for relieving Captain Freemantle from charge of these persons & suggest if does not consider enough evidence for immediately committing to trial should remand them to goal for further evidence or until further instructions Approved Immediate Captain Freemantle Water Police Magistrate See 55/2588  Note At top 55/2312 Urgent Mr Chimmo anxious to have Blacks brought up by him from Percy Island removed from 'Torch' – but does not appear anything on which they can be sent to & necessary to consult Law Officers re them. If they could be sent on board 'Acheron' where they would be safe in meantime, perhaps would be best arrangement Very well. Let immediate reference be made to Law Officers as to course to be adopted re these men – in meantime can be sent on board 'Acheron' Captain Freemantle Law Officers	A2.34	487  488 - 489



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	55/03200	1855 04 05	Hon CS	S North Water Police Magistrate Water Police Office Sydney  CDR	1855 04 04  1855 04 1855 04 05~ 1855 04 07	Letter re letters of 19 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 who landed with Stranger & party on day latter supposed killed & who found body of Spurling. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Mr Nixon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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]	A2.34	501 - 504
						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	A2.34	505
	55/03425	1855 04 13	Hon Acting CS	S North	1855 04 11	Letter reporting having discharged Aborigines charged with Murder of Mr		506 - 507



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	55/04559				1855 05 11~ 1855 05 11 1855 05 12  1855 05 21~ 1855 05 21	approve arrangement [No 55/94] & Notes in margin It was proposed to send these People to Moreton Bay on Thursday. But perhaps this arrangement may be adopted? Very well Immediate. Port Master. Sheriff. Captain O'Connell [Ref 55/7469]  Note Necessary orders to be given re embarkation of Blacks to be sent to Port Curtis. Header will explain what's required. Captain Mayne. The Sheriff		513
	55/07469	1855 07 10	Hon CS	M C O'Connell Government Resident Port Curtis  CDR MF CDR	1855 06 11    1855 07 11~ 1855 07 14~ 1855 07 14~ 1855 07 19	Letter acknowledging receipt letter 12 <sup>th</sup> May received today re case of Percy Islanders charged with murder of Mr Strange & his companions. These Aborigines arrived here 2 <sup>nd</sup> by 'William Miskin' & in anticipation of receiving directions re their care ordered them to be located at Native Police barracks & provided with rations by contractor 2 Since left protection of Police & joined Native tribes in this neighbourhood & yesterday gave instructions they should be brought for again in order to see not maltreated by Blacks of this place but not yet heard result. 3 Endeavoured to explain to Percy Islanders they are only kept here for protection & presume if they choose as preferable course joining Port Curtis Blacks there is no reason why I should further interfere with them [No 72/55] & Notes in margin The Percy Island Blacks have left protection of Native Police at Port Curtis & gone into bush with Natives in that locality Is Government Resident at Port Curtis to receive reply to this & if so to what effect? Acknowledge receipt. Appears to be only statement of what has happened & has accordingly been read by Governor General Government Resident	A2.34	514 - 516
						A Return of all convictions & sentences passed by Brisbane Bench in pursuance of Act of Council 14 <sup>th</sup> Vict. No 2  <b>Date/ Offender/ Offence/ Sentence</b> 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
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	55/10266	1855 09 29	Hon CS	Alfred Sandeman JP Police Office Drayton	1855 09 17	Return of Convictions re Circular 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August No 115 [No 55/4] Gayndah Nil Return	A2.34	524
	55/10090	1855 09 24		M C O'Connell Government Resident Gladstone	1855 09 15	Return of Convictions Gladstone 16 Victoria No 6 - Nil Return 14 Victoria No 2 - Nil Return	A2.34	525 - 527
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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
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