

1. Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5698 - Letter dated 22/12/1840 from David Dunlop to Acting Police Magistrate, Maitland.
2. Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5698 - Letter Dated 5/1/1841 from David Dunlop to Mr Cape, Sydney.
3. Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5698 - Letter dated 5/1/1841 from David Dunlop to Police Magistrate, Brisbane Water.
4. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Depositions 1835-1842 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5524 on Reel No. 664 - Deposition dated 20/6/1841 given by John Davis to Gother Mann.
5. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Depositions 1835-1842 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5524 on Reel No. 664 - Deposition dated 7/7/1841 given by Dennis Dwyer to Gother Mann.
6. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Depositions 1835-1842 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5524 on Reel No. 664 - Memo dated 27/9/1841 from Henry Donnison.
7. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Depositions 1835-1842 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5524 on Reel No. 664 - Deposition dated 16/7/1841 given by Edward Hely to Gother Mann.
8. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Depositions 1835-1842 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5524 on Reel No. 664 - Deposition dated 18/10/1841 given by Dennis Dwyer to Alfred Holden.
9. Brisbane Water Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1838-1846 in SRNSW Call No. 5/3167 on Reel No. 2663 - Letter dated 12/2/1841 from Alfred Holden to Principal Superintendent of Convicts.
10. Muswell Brook Bench Books – Letters 1838-43 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5601 on Reel No. 671 - Depositions dated 24/12/1840 given by John Pattison, William Jones, Edward D. Day and John Nolan to Francis Allman Jnr.
11. Muswell Brook Bench Books – Letters 1838-43 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5601 on Reel No. 671 - Depositions dated 18/1/1841 given by James Norrie, Richard South and John Richards to Francis Allman Jnr.
12. Singleton Bench Books – Letters 1837-41 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5659 on Reel No. 2738 - Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Percy Simpson to Police Magistrate, Muswell Brook.
13. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12093 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2504.5 - Letter dated 30/11/1840 and attached depositions from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
14. Singleton Bench Books – Letters 1837-41 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5659 on Reel No. 2738 - Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Thomas Dangar.
15. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12210 with 40/12739 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.9 – Letter dated 2/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
16. Singleton Bench Books – Letters 1837-41 in SRNSW Call No. 4/5659 on Reel No. 2738 - Letter dated 2/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Police Magistrate, Muswell Brook.
17. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12739 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.9 – Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
18. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12159 with 40/12739 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.9 – Letter dated 3/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
19. Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters sent 1839/42, in SRNSW Call No. 4/5539 on Reel No. 2679 – Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Thomas Cook to Police Magistrate, Maitland.
20. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12502 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2505.7 – Letter dated 9/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary.
21. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12590 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2505.7 – Letter dated 14/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary.
22. Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters sent 1839/42, in SRNSW Call No. 4/5539 on Reel No. 2679 – Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary.
23. Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters sent 1839/42, in SRNSW Call No. 4/5539 on Reel No. 2679 – Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Attorney General.
24. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/13033 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2505.7 – Memorial from citizens of Dungog to Governor.
25. Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters sent 1839/42, in SRNSW Call No. 4/5539 on Reel No. 2679 – Letter dated 4/1/1841 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary.
26. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12813 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2505.7 – Letter dated 27/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary.

27. Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters sent 1839/42, in SRNSW Call No. 4/5539 on Reel No. 2679 – Letter dated 15/1/1841 from Thomas Cook to Principal Superintendent of Convicts.
28. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/10738 with 40/10919 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.6 – Letter dated 22/10/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
29. Colonial Secretary Letters Received (no CSLR No.) enclosed with 40/10738 and 40/10919 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.6 – Letter dated 29/10/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
30. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/11941 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2499.1 – Letter dated 20/11/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
31. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/36 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2522.5 – Letter dated 29/11/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
32. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12814 with 40/12682 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2499.1 – Letter dated 19/12/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
33. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/38 (Dixon Library) – Letter dated 29/12/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
34. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/37 (Dixon Library) – Letter dated 29/12/1840 from L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary.
35. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/9467 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2516 – Letter dated 24/9/1840 from Sheriff's Office to Colonial Secretary.
36. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/9261 with 40/9467 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2516 – Letter dated 17/9/1840 from Principal Superintendent of Convicts Office to Colonial Secretary.
37. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12590 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2505.7 – Letter dated 6/12/1840 from Vincent Dowling to Sir James Dowling.
38. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12098 with 40/12344 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2500.1 – Letter dated 30/11/1840 from James King to Colonial Secretary.
39. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/11392 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2508.2 – Letter dated 9/11/1840 from J.A. Robertson to Colonial Secretary.
40. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12675 with 40/12676 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2500.1 – Letter dated 17/12/1840 from A. Holden to Colonial Secretary.
41. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12674 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2494 – Letter dated 17/12/1840 from H. Donnison to Colonial Secretary.
42. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/616 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2542.4 – Letter dated 15/1/1841 from H. Donnison to Colonial Secretary.
43. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12676 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2500.1 – Letter dated 18/12/1840 from T. Chambre to Colonial Secretary.
44. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12498 with 41/1994 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2544.4 – Letter dated 8/12/1840 from E.D. Day to Colonial Secretary.
45. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12499 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.2 – Letter dated 8/12/1840 from E.D. Day to Colonial Secretary.
46. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/11665 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2494 on Reel 2219 – Letter dated 20/11/1840 from E.C. Close to Colonial Secretary.
47. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12209 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2508.3 – Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
48. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/10919 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.6 – Letter dated 29/10/1840 from James Crummer to Colonial Secretary.
49. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12116 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.8 – Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Postmaster Raymond Terrace to Colonial Secretary.
50. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/13067 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2506.8 – Letter dated 29/12/1840 from Edward Johnstone to Colonial Secretary.
51. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12674 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2494 – Letter dated 23/11/1840 from Thomas Dangar to Colonial Secretary.
52. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12898 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 21/12/1840 from J.A. Robertson to Colonial Secretary.
53. Colonial Secretary Letters Received enclosed with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from E. Deas Thomson to Sir George Gipps.

54. Colonial Secretary Letters Received enclosed with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate Scone.
55. Colonial Secretary Letters Received enclosed with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from E. Deas Thomson to Police Magistrates Hunter District.
56. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/105 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2543.8 – Letter dated 28/12/1840 from F. Allman Jnr. to Colonial Secretary.
57. Colonial Secretary Letters Received in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate Scone.
58. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12932 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 23/12/1840 from J.A. Robertson to Colonial Secretary.
59. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/1070 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2544.5 – Letter dated 22/1/1841 from J.A. Robertson to Colonial Secretary.
60. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/13031 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 26/12/1840 from E.D. Day to Colonial Secretary.
61. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/256 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 7/1/1841 from Principal Superintendent of Convicts to Colonial Secretary.
62. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12928 with 41/259 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2544.4 – Letter dated 15/12/1840 from Michael John Davies to Colonial Secretary.
63. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/259 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2544.4 – Letter dated 6/1/1841 from James Crummer to Colonial Secretary.
64. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/6842 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 23/7/1841 from E.D. Day to Colonial Secretary.
65. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/8271 with 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 9/9/1841 from E.D. Day to Colonial Secretary.
66. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 41/9794 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2526.1 – Letter dated 6/11/1841 from Commissariat of Accounts to Colonial Secretary.
67. Colonial Secretary Letters Received 40/12208 in SRNSW Call No. 4/2508.3 – Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary.
68. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/935 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3845 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 26/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Newcastle.
69. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/158 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3901 on Reel 1064 – Letter dated 22/9/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Sheriff.
70. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/47 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3901 on Reel 1064 – Letter dated 6/3/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Sheriff.
71. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1049 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 28/11/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Patrick's Plains.
72. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1072 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 5/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Patrick's Plains.
73. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1079 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 9/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Dungog.
74. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1097 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 12/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Singleton.
75. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1119 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Brisbane Water.
76. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1120 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Lieutenant Chambre.
77. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1133 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Maitland.
78. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1144 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Scone.
79. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1145 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Scone.
80. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1157 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 30/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Henry Donnison.

81. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/1 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 2/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to E.D. Day.
82. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/1175 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 31/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Dungog.
83. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/14 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 6/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Dungog.
84. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/15 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3846 on Reel 2813 – Letter dated 6/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Patrick's Plains.
85. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/11930 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3545 on Reel 2294 – Letter dated 10/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Thomas Dangar.
86. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/12728 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3545 on Reel 2294 – Letter dated 23/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to J. Warner.
87. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/12344 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3545 on Reel 2294 – Letter from Colonial Secretary's Office to James King.
88. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/616 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3545 on Reel 2294 – Letter dated 16/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Henry Donnison.
89. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/259 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3545 on Reel 2294 – Letter dated 23/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to M.J. Davies.
90. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/9662 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3688 on Reel 1052 – Letter dated 12/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Principal Superintendent of Convicts.
91. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 40/266 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3619 on Reel 2983 – Letter dated 26/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L. Threlkeld.
92. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/35 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3620 on Reel 2983 – Letter dated 9/2/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L. Threlkeld.
93. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/43 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3620 on Reel 2983 – Letter dated 16/2/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L. Threlkeld.
94. Colonial Secretary Letters Sent 41/70 in SRNSW Call No. 4/3620 on Reel 2983 – Letter dated 3/3/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L. Threlkeld.
95. SRNSW Call No. 9/6323 Supreme Court Depositions Muswellbrook 1841 – Marshall and Others v Regina

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To/ The Acting Police Magistrate or Officer of the Mounted Police Maitland.

Wollombi Dec 22 1840.

Sir.

From the report made to me by the constables surprised by the Bushrangers and other sources there is no doubt in my mind that the fellows now in the bush take regular round by Maitland Newcastle Brisbane Water by black creek and Patrick's Plains either going or returning and diverging as a matter of course occasionally as suits their purposes and I have further to observe that the bread eaten at breakfast on Friday morning last by the party who committed many outrages in the district on that day being fresh and white gives a strong presumption that they have friends or a camp not far from the Sugar Loaf Mountain. I do myself the honour to bring this subject under your consideration and suggest a place of simultaneous action between the Mounted Police and the Police Magistrates of the Districts. I have received an order that the most diligent search may be made by scouring every spot where Robbers are to be found that are creating such alarm in the public ----. Although I have only two constables at this end of the district I will be ready to head a party at any time agreed upon to effect the capture of the ruffians.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

David Dunlop PM.

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To/ Mr. T Cape Esq. Sydney.

Wollombi 5th Jan 1841.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo informing me that Mr. Solling and yourself have been robbed of three horses etc and reply I beg to acquaint you that three horses most likely those referred to have been returned to Brisbane Water Messes Mann and Solling having claimed them and the Police Magistrate Mr. Holden having certified to the respectability of the parties claiming I felt it my duty that they should be immediately delivered.

If it shall appear that your horse or any other property of yours taken by the Bushrangers has not been recovered on your acquainting me with the circumstances the best exertions will be given to effect their restoration.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

David Dunlop PM

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To/ Police Magistrate Brisbane Water.

Wollombi 5th Jan 1841.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th with list of articles taken by the Bushrangers from Mr. Solling and claimed by that gentleman, and with reference thereto I so state that I did not receive it until after the horses had been delivered as I had given directions to the superintendent of Mr. Crawford at Eleelong to deliver the property on his being satisfied that the application was from a proper party feeling that the injury sustained by parties visited by such a gang of ruffians is quite enough without adding to it by any unnecessary ----- property's. In the course of an enquiry which I concluded it my duty to institute I was informed that a silk handkerchief with your name has been left at Mr. Thomas Crawfords by the Bushrangers. I have directed that it should be sent to me and also a dagger dropped by those scoundrels found by a servant of Mr. Crawfords.

It is particularly gratifying that the course of these desperadoes stopped by the praiseworthy zeal of Mr. Day. I have very much regretted that there is not unity of action amongst the Police Magistrates of this quarter of the Colony feeling convinced that had we acted together each turning out at the head of a party or parties and scouring the bush we could soon rid this quarter of such a party as for a long time has been committing depredation's principally in the vicinity of Maitland. Permit me to assure you I will fair heart and hand in such a plan at any time hereafter.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

David Dunlop PM

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BRISBANE WATER BENCH BOOKS.

EXTRACT FROM A DEPOSITION GIVEN BY JOHN DAVIS TO GOTHER K.
MANN J.P.

.....I have been living with one Harry Denny at Reid's Mistake (Swansea), as a servant of all work for the last three years off and on.

.....There's property now at Denny's that was brought to him by the bushrangers; as I told Denny I was going away to give information against him, it is most likely he has put it away. The property I allude to is five blankets, a plaid cloak of Mr. Hely's, a lot of plate either belonging to Mr. Hely or Mr. Boyce, I never saw the plate as it was in a bag, but I know it was plate by the jink of it, and by what they said themselves, a small gentleman's body coat and a lot of crown pieces and handkerchiefs of all descriptions, the bushrangers were harboured at Dennys and I could point out the place where the remains of their hut is.

SIGNED JOHN DAVIS 20/6/1841.

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BRISBANE WATER BENCH BOOKS.

EXTRACT FROM A DEPOSITION GIVEN BY DENNIS DWYER, CHIEF
CONSTABLE OF BRISBANE TO GOTHER MANN J.P.

..... I then proceeded to Harry Denny's, where I found the blankets now produced
these blankets and two pieces he left behind as two or three other pieces of the
gentleman's inripable body coat now produced, these are all the things we found.

SIGNED D DWYER 7/7/1841

EXTRACT FROM A MEMO BY H.DONNISON J.P.

..... and in order credibility of those two witnesses required to be established of the various charges made against Denny, by Davis, in particular is that of having harboured the bushrangers and of (at the time of then laying his information) having in his possession stolen property which he had received from them, amongst these things a coat is particularly mentioned..... on search being made a coat was found at Denny's..... A Mr. Farish identifies as his property and as being a coat which was stolen by bushrangers from one of his drays when on its way from Patricks Plains to New England. 27/9/1841.

** The case against Denny was largely about cattle stealing, with harbouring the Bushrangers added.*

**John Davis was no relation to Edward Davis, although he had a brother John, who was in Melbourne at the time.*

**The gang robbed drays near Patricks Plains before and after the robbery of Hely.*

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BRISBANE WATER BENCH BOOKS.

EXTRACT FROM A DEPOSITION BY E.HELRY TO GOTHER MANN J.P.

..... I was stopped by Marshall's gang of bushrangers in the month of November last. They took my horse from me and amongst the other things on the saddle was a Macintosh cloak with a plaid lining.

SIGNED.E.HELRY.16/7/1841.

DEPOSITION MADE BY D.DWYER TO A.HOLDON J.P.18/10/1841.

Dennis Dwyer of Brisbane Water Chief Constable maketh oath and saith. After Denny was committed for trial some months back and after Farish attended to give evidence respecting the coat found at Denny's I went a second time to Denny's and took with me James Freeman and John Davies. John Davies on that occasion pointed out to me the place where he had given information of Dennys having harboured bushrangers. He showed me the remnants of the huts one was of four sapling stakes and the other of small sapling stakes laid against two large trees. They were about a mile or a mile and a half from Dennys hut on the side of the plains amongst the Forrest and from the position persons occupying them could see any one crossing the plains, without being seen themselves. Both Freeman and Davis were with me when I examined the huts and pulled up two or three of the stakes. SIGNED D.DWYER.

**Hely calls it Marshalls gang, which places Marshall and probably Everett with the gang.*

**The camp sounds like it was more than an overnight stop. It may have been the Lake Macquarie hideout.*

Police Office Brisbane

Water.

12th February 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend the individual named in the margin, to His Excellency's favourable consideration.

When the Bushrangers, in December last, robbed Mr. Solling's place and bailed up (as the phrase is) the people at his farm at Wyong, Northwood was there.

In the presence of the Bushrangers who were keeping guard over them, he handed over a piece of paper to a Mr. Wilson (also one of the party) saying "Mr. Wilson just look at my muster of the cattle will you?"

Now upon this piece of paper he had written "is it not possible for us to do something?"

The behaviour of the rest was not at all calculated to encourage him in any attempt at resistance and he was the only one of the party who evinced any readiness to make the trial: and that he exposed himself to considerable danger even by the preliminary step he took, is evident from the Bushrangers returning (which they did) about an hour after they left the farm, and inquiring for Northwood in a particular manner; and when they could not find him, leaving word that they would have him some other time.

I am also desirous of recommending a suitable indulgence to my assigned servant Patrick Henessey. When the Bushrangers robbed my cottage, from their eagerness to find me, on hearing that I was out riding upon the farm, and the expressions they made use of, he believed that they meant to injure me, and meeting me on my return, with every manifestation of great anxiety and concern, he stopped me from going within sight of the cottage, left me at the creek side, and after bringing a small boat down to where I was, in which he put me across to the Gosford side, succeeded then in getting my horse over in the punt which was stationed farther up, together with another horse for himself, and this all the time at considerable risk of being seen by the Bushrangers. The cottage they were ransacking being within sight of the punt. The man has always behaved well since I have had him: he was assigned me from the ship. After his acting in the manner I have described I kept him at Gosford till I was certain the Bushrangers were no longer in the neighbourhood of the farm, as I felt certain they would have injured him for the part he took had they got hold of him. I also sent him to one of the stores to choose himself a suit of clothes and made him a present of some pounds in money, but I shall regret exceedingly if I should fail in exciting sufficiently His Excellency's kind consideration in his behalf to induce Him to recommend him for a pardon.

A similar indulgence I would solicit for Northwood, who has been promised a recommendation for a Conditional Pardon in June next. Were that recommendation made immediately a very beneficial example would be made by a slight concession of a few months in his favour respecting the date of the expected indulgence.

In conclusion I beg leave to add that another of my assigned servants named James Brady acquitted himself on the occasion in a manner deserving some favourable

notice. He was employed at a dairy a few miles from the Rev. Mr. Threlkeld's: and that gentleman informed me he received the first intelligence of the Bushrangers from Brady and that Brady at the same time offered to track them if a party went in pursuit. He was subsequently with the Mounted Police for about three weeks and was with Sergeant Lee's party at the time the Sergeant joined me in pursuit of them. He had a ticket some years back but it was cancelled. During the time he has been with me I have often had occasion to reward but never to punish him, and I have much pleasure in now recommending him for the restoration of his ticket.

To - McLean
Prin. Sup. Of Convicts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Serv.
A. Holden P.M.

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MUSWELLBROOK BENCH BOOKS.

Police Office Muswellbrook
24th December 1840.

Present -- Francis Allman F... Esq. . Police Magistrate .

Edward Davis - Camden 1833.
Robert Chitty - Sophia 1829.
James Everett - Margaret 1832 .
John Shea - Calcutta 1837.
John Marshall - Clyde 1832.
Richard Glanville - Lord Lyndoch 1838.

John Pattison being duly sworn deposes. I reside about four miles above Scone on the Pages River road. I am a settler there. On Monday morning last the 21st inst. about half past 8 O'clock seven armed men rode up to my house. The prisoners at the bar Davis Everett and Glanville were of the party. I do not recognize the other's. I was called on to stand by one of the party. To the best of my opinion the prisoner Everett was the man that did so. The other six men rode from the and came up to the hut seeing my horse
..... they ordered him to be saddled then asked me what fire arms I had and I told them I had only one pistol on which one of the men went into the hut and took the pistol they then questioned me as to having money - I told them I had not any during this conversation the horse was saddled by a man of my own - There were seven men of the party - I can positively swear to the three men mentioned by me in the former part of my deposition as being there - They did not remain more than five minutes altogether when they rode away taking my horse with them .

Signed J. Pattison

Signed before me at
Muswell Brook this
24th December 1840
F Allman JP

MUSWELL BROOK BENCH BOOKS

William Jones being duly sworn deposes. I am a ticket-of-leave holder. I have been at work in the bush about two or three miles from Muswellbrook at a station of Sir Francis Forbes called On Sunday last about twelve o'clock the six prisoners at the bar were in the bush close to my hut. Two of them to the hut and asked me if I had any provisions. I gave them some beef and I made tea for them they bailed me up they us their horses while they were refreshing themselves they remained until sundown and rode away - they were all armed and mounted they had one pack horse with them - the arms they had were guns and pistols - there were seven men of the party altogether. Signed William Jones.

Signed before me at
Muswell Brook this
24th December 1840
F Allman J.P.

MUSWELL BROOK BENCH BOOKS

Edward D Day esquire JP having duly sworn desposes. On Sunday night last about nine o'clock I received information that the bushrangers had been lying by in the bush within two miles of Muswell Brook and had left about sundown - I took immediate steps to collect a party to go in pursuit of them on the following morning by calling on the settlers and ticket-of-leave holders of the neighbourhood. I left the township on the following morning with I've put on their tracks about half a mile from the town and followed them in the direction of Aberdeen here got information that they had passed the river above Aberdeen the night before and gone in the direction of Scone. A short time after we passed the river we heard that they had been at Scone that morning and had robbed Mr. Thomas Dangar's store and murdered Mr. Graham and that they had gone towards the Pages River. We followed them and thus hearing on the way of many depredation's they had committed on the way up. When we reached Pages River we found they had been there and had plundered the Inn and William Rundle's store and had gone on towards Liverpool Plains we followed in pursuit and found them in Doughboy Hollow. We then captured five of the party after some resistance those taken on that evening were Davis, Chitty, Marshall, Everett and Shea - two of the party had escaped - I ascertained from them after they were captured that they fired sixteen shots - Shea acknowledged to having fired six shots - Davis fired two very deliberate shots at me - Marshall fired two shots - Everett fired four I wounded Davis in the shoulder. After we had the five in the evening - The prisoner Shea acknowledged that he had shot Mr. Graham.

In the course of conversation during the night Davis said "they never shed blood before because he had always told the party not to do so as should a murder be committed they would not reign for one week and you see we have not reigned for one day".

There was a good deal of conversation during the night always in the of the five prisoners to an acknowledgment of their guilt, it was not denied by any - we found a considerable number of arms money and other articles a list of which I produce. The five prisoners stated that their party were seven in number two of whom have ... their escape. At daylight on the following morning I sent out two parties in pursuit of these men. the prisoner Glanville was then apprehended the other man is still at large. I am not aware of his being captured. all the prisoners acknowledged the murder of Mr. Graham and stated that he had fired at them.

They further stated that they made all the resistance in their power to prevent their capture.

signed Edward D Day. 24th December 1840.

MUSWELL BROOK BENCH BOOKS

Constable John Nolan being duly sworn deposes. I was one of the party that accompanied Mr. Day in pursuit of the bushrangers I was sent the morning following the apprehension of the five bushrangers in pursuit of those that had escaped from us the night before - after riding about ten miles we saw a man ahead of us. We rode up to him - he held up his hands and immediately surrendered. We searched him and found a quantity of silver and notes we asked him where his arms were and he said he left them near where they were attacked the night before and that he had a rifle and a pistol his name is Glanville. On our return to the party left behind we questioned him relative to the murder of Mr. Graham - he hesitated to tell me any thing of it. I told him there was no use in denying who the person was that shot him for that Shea had acknowledged it he said it was not Shea that did it. After a time he told us it was Marshall that shot him but desired us not to say any thing about it we asked him how long he had been with the party and he said he had been with them about a week. During the night a good deal of conversation occurred between the parties they acknowledged to the murder.

Signed John Nolan.

Signed before me at
Muswell Brook this
24th December . 1840
F AllmanJ.P.

**I don't know why Glanville said that Marshall shot Graham. Glanville was at the other robbery and probably inside at the time of the shooting. Marshall may have ordered the shooting.*

IN THE CASE OF JOHN MARSHALL AND OTHERS FURTHER EVIDENCE

Police Office Muswell Brook

18th January 1841

Present Francis Allman Esq. J.P. Police Magistrate .

David C.J Esq. J.P.

James free by servitude being duly sworn deposes I reside at Kingdom Ponds on the road to Pages River about eleven miles at the other side of Scone - On the same day that Mr. Graham was murdered at Scone seven armed bushrangers came to my house and ordered my wife to cook them dinner as quickly as possible they made me hold their horses for them at the door - and desired me to keep a sharp lookout down the road and report them at once if I saw any one coming down - The Jew Davis said to me at the time he was ordering me to bail up in my own house that he would shoot a man = that they had shot one that day already - they took one bottle of rum with them out of the on the following day I saw six of the same party in charge of Mr. Day and his party -they had dinner at my house their names are I understand - Davis Chitty Everett Shea Marshall and Glanville

The seventh man held two of the horses at the door at the same time I was holding the other horses I could not see his face though I tried to do so. I knew the man Davis before he went my place a short time before in company with Mr. Sparkes overseer - when they were going for It was some time in the forenoon that they came to my house.

Signed James

18th Jan. 1841

MUSWELL BROOK BENCH BOOKS

Richard South being duly sworn deposes. I reside at Pages River. About the 21st Dec. seven armed bushrangers came to the Page about half past 11 O'clock in the forenoon they bailed us up and robbed Mr. Rundles store and the Inn - six of the same party were brought back to the Inn on the following morning in charge of Mr. Day and party. Three of the men I knew well having stopped me three weeks before on the road when they robbed me. Their names are Shea Davis and Marshall - I can positively swear to the six men that were arrested by Mr. Day.

Signed Richard South

**South identifies Shea, Davis and Marshall as the earlier members of the gang. Everett and later, Chitty are in and out. This may be because the gang set a lookout to give them early warning, so one men was not seen by the victims.*

MUSWELL BROOK BENCH BOOKS

John Richards being duly sworn deposes. I reside at Pages River I am a settler I was in the rear of Mr. Rundles store on the 21st ultimo I heard some shots first and went up to see what was the matter. I went into the store by the rear of the two men Marshall and Davis, were in the store when I went in I saw two other men in front of the door. There were seven men of the party five of these were at the Inn they all started together from the town. On the following morning six of the same party were brought back as prisoners by Mr. Day and his party - I can positively swear to the six men as being at Pages River on the day previous. Signed John Richards.

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SINGLETON OR PATRICK'S PLAINS BENCH BOOKS.

Bushrangers.

30th Nov. 1840.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that this day about one o'clock Mr. Atkinson was fired at by four bushrangers near Water Creek within 18 miles from Muswell Brook. This information I have is my duty to communicate in order that you may give such direction to the mounted police in your neighbourhood as you may consider requisite. The mounted police in this vicinity are out in another direction.

Signed Percy Simpson. Pol. Mag.

To Police Magistrate, Muswell Brook.

13/
CSIL 40/12093.

Police Office Singleton.
30th Nov. 1840.

Sir.

The accompanying information and deposition taken before me on the 23rd instant were intended for the Governors information the transmission of which however have been unavoidably delayed owing to my having met with an accident which confined me for some days.

I now beg leave to draw the attention of His Excellency to the circumstance of an armed party having been immediately sent off from Ravensworth in pursuit of the bushrangers alluded to in the depositions - Had the farm constables and the men with them as they offered been permitted to proceed after the bushrangers they would in all probability have overtaken and captured them while robbing the five drays a mile further on. A few days prior to this robbery a Mr. South in Mr. Atkinsons employ who was made prisoner by the bushrangers on this occasion got possession of one of their muskets but made no use of it. Then sent off to enquire the names and condition of the parties accompanying the drays and to learn to whom they belong, with other particulars.

Mr. T Dangar on this occasion was plundered of property to the amount of one hundred and seventeen pounds.

A few days prior to this robbery I wrote to the officer in charge of the Mounted Police informing him that Captain Maynes dray had been robbed by Bushrangers near St Clair and requesting him to follow them up.

By the latest intelligence I received of this officers movements he was in pursuit of them.

Since Monday the 23rd instant the Chief Constable with a select party under him have been in search of these marauders.

I further beg to add that I have this moment received information from Mr. Aitkinson that he was about one o'clock this day fired at by four mounted Bushrangers but escaped unhurt about eighteen miles on this side of Muswell Brook. I have written to communicate the circumstances to the Police Magistrate of that District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed serv
Percy Simpson.

Attached to CSIL 40/12093

William Lineham per "Lord Lyndoch" 1833 life assigned to Dr Bowman states I am a farm constable on Dr Bowman's estate. Yesterday morning there were four drays encamped on the road outside the fence near Ravensworth on their way up the country. One of the draymen, whose name I don't know, informed me that three armed Bushrangers had robbed the drays of spirits and other articles that morning. Another of the men with the drays told me that the Bushrangers had made him give up two muskets and two pistols, and a watch and some powder and shot, out of a box which he had in his possession on one of the drays. I saw some broken muskets lying on the ground which I was informed had belonged to the Bushrangers, and the stocks of which had been broken by them when they took the new ones - I was going to take them up that they might be brought in to the Police Office when my Overseer Mr. Macpherson desired me to leave them where they were. Nevertheless, I afterwards took them and hid them in a tree. The saddle now produced was also lying on the ground, which I picked up. This morning I asked Mr. McPherson for a pass to bring it in but he would not give it me and I brought it in without. Yesterday on hearing of the robbery three of us got under arms to pursue the Bushrangers, and others without arms, but Mr. McPherson would not let us go - and desired me not to take up the arms that were lying on the ground. When I asked Mr. McPherson for the pass he refused it and said if I came in he would give me something else, meaning, as I supposed from his manner, a punishment. If we had yesterday followed the Bushrangers as we wanted to do we must have come up with them as they were robbing another dray about a quarter of a mile further on. William Lineham (His mark)

Taken before me this 23rd Nov. 1840 Percy Simpson J.P.

Attached to CSIL 40/12093.

Mr. John Leeds being sworn states yesterday morning I was robbed by Bushrangers near Ravensworth who detained me with them while they were robbing five drays. As soon as the Bushrangers had gone I went to Mr. Macpherson at Ravensworth and reported the circumstances to him. This was about an hour after the robbery had taken place. I afterwards met Mr. Nowland who informed me that the Bushrangers had not proceeded above a mile further when they robbed four more drays. After I informed Mr. Macpherson of the robbery he did not send any men that I know of in pursuit of the robbers.

John Leeds.

Sworn before me this 23rd Nov 1840. Percy Simpson.

Attached to CSIL 40/12093.

It has been stated to me that on Sunday the 22 instant on the high road near Ravensworth between Patricks Plains and Muswell Brook, nine drays in charge of nearly twenty men - many of them well armed, were robbed by three Bushrangers.

Desire the Police Magistrate of Patricks Plains to enquire into and immediately report on the circumstances attendant on this robbery - and to ascertain the names and condition of all the persons who thus suffered themselves to be robbed.

(This note is written in the handwriting of George Gipps.)

14/
SINGLETON BENCH BOOKS.

Respecting robbery of drays.

1st December 1840.

Sir,

I beg to request for the Governors information that you will be pleased to inform me the names and ships of the persons who accompanied your dray on the occasion of the late robbery - together with the condition in life and whether armed or not.

I would also feel obliged if you could acquaint me with the names of the owners of the other drays which have been robbed.

Signed Percy Simpson. Pol. Mag.

P.S. Due attention will be paid to your letter of 28th Nov.

To / Thomas Dangar. Scone.

15/

CSIL 40/12210.

Respecting robbery of drays and bushrangers to Col. Secretary .

Police Office Singleton

2nd Dec. 1840.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 28th regarding the representation made to the Governor of nine drays in charge of nearly twenty men - many of them well armed having been robbed near Ravensworth on Sunday the 22nd Nov. and desiring me to report for his Excellency's information the names and conditions of all the persons who thus suffered themselves to be robbed.

I have the honor to state that though there were nine drays robbed on the day in question - they were not all in company - four were robbed in one place and five further on shortly afterwards. It is true there were arms with the drays - but these were locked up in a box on one of the drays - consisting of two muskets and two pistols - of which circumstance the bushrangers seemed to be aware by the fact of their having demanded the key of the box as they said where the arms were concealed.

On this subject I had the honor to communicate with you per my letter of the 30th - since which I have not been able to ascertain the names of the parties owing to the drays having proceeded up the country but have adopted measures to obtain this information.

I beg to enclose a deposition taken before me this morning respecting a robbery committed by these bushrangers yesterday at Black Creek - an outline of which was given in my two communications of last night. Signed Percy Simpson.

New South Wales.

To wit.

Robert Gorsling tacketh oath and saith I am a Constable, and lock-up keeper at Belford. I was yesterday morning at Cohen's Inn at Black Creek about 9 o'clock. I found the place in the possession of four armed Bushrangers. They had been about half an hour, as I was informed. There were about twenty persons under the verandah - they were persons belonging to the establishment, and others from the neighbourhood. These were kept by two Bushrangers. I had merely my staff and handcuffs with me, not being aware the Bushrangers were there. I knew one of the men who was standing guard, he was formerly servant with me at Mr. Busby's. The other man struck me with my staff which he had taken out of the mail where I left it. They stayed about fifteen minutes after I was there. Before I came up the Bushrangers had robbed Mr. Cohen of his watch and jewelry, and some money, but I don't know what amount. After they had searched the house one of them joined he two men who had been standing guard. One of these three opened one mail bag - and a second opened another mail bag - they took the letters and peeped into them. The bushrangers then ordered their own horses out and taking with them what things they had got, together with two small pistols, which they had found in the house, they galloped off. There were four of them - all of whom I should know again if I saw them - The name of the man who was fellow servant with me I don't recollect as it was five years ago. He is now about five and twenty - six feet high with light sandy whiskers - he had a kind of light coat on - and pink ribbands flying about his hat as also had a second

- I don't know what the other two wore.

R. Gorsling.

Respecting robbery of drays.

2nd Dec. 1840

Sir.

The Governor having directed me to ascertain for his information the names and condition of the persons (reported to him to be nearly twenty in number and many of them being armed) who had permitted themselves to be robbed on the 22nd Nov. at Ravensworth by these bushrangers and the teams have proceeded to Muswell Brook.

I do myself the honor to request you will have the kindness to furnish me with this information which you will probably be able to obtain from the owners of the drays - some of whom I have discovered as noted. I have the honor etc.

Percy Simpson .

Mr. Thomas Dangars dray - driven by John Kennedy free.

John Buffs dray - driven by himself.

William Goodwins dray - driven by himself.

all with loads with Thomas Dangar.

John Shine ticket of leave holder for Invermain accompanied the teams.

17/
CSIL 40/12739.

Police Office Patrick's Plains
18th December 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 12th instant (received yesterday) in reference to mine of the 2nd of the same reporting on the recent robberies and outrages committed by three armed Bushrangers (well mounted) on the Upper Hunter, and therein expressing the Governors opinion that he could not perceive in my proceedings any indication of that promptitude of action or decision in acting which His Excellency considers essential to the peace of any District, and that he therefore waits anxiously to hear further from me.

In reply thereto I must express my regret that what appears to me a misunderstanding on His Excellency's part should have led him to direct that I should be the object of the unlimited censure conveyed in your letter, as upon reference to my reports of the 2nd instant above referred to, and to other communications I have had the honor to make to His Excellency upon the state of this District since my appointment to it, it will be found that, with one exception (that at Ravensworth) the whole of the robberies and outrages I have thought it my duty to report have been committed in the surrounding Districts of Maitland, Muswell Brook, Wollombi, Newcastle and Paterson.

At the time I did myself the honor to make my reports of the 2nd instant it appeared to me that the information therein contained might probably reach His Excellency through me sooner than by any other channel, particularly as I was aware that the Police Magistrate of the Maitland District was then in Sydney and the communication from hence being more regular than from other Districts induced me to travel out of my strict line of duty, and report the same to him, in the hope that those steps on my part might have led to such measures being adopted on the part of Government as would lead to the apprehension of the offenders.

As His Excellency wishes that I should report further, I can only add that from the knowledge that eighteen years has enabled me to acquire of the habits and character of the Prisoner Population of the Colony I fear that no course can be pursued with reference to the perpetrators of these robberies and outrages than that already adopted by His Excellency, or the offering such reward as would be sufficient to induce the aiders and assisters to betray those upon whose capture such reward would depend. But as pecuniary recompense would, in the present state of finances of the Colony, be inconvenient, conditional or if necessary absolute pardons might be held out to convicts to betray Bushrangers to the Police, so as to lead to their capture - for it is impossible to deny that the prisoner population either act neuter between the police and the robbers, or else screen and encourage the latter, in the expectation of sharing the spoil, or being benefited thereby in some way - however remote -; in fact in many instances, committing robberies themselves, and laying their crimes to acts of Bushrangers. This is particularly the case with assigned servants and hired Ticket of Leave Holders in charge of Drays laden with valuable property when unaccompanied by confidential and trustworthy overseers. Or else they send information to Bushrangers and others as to the intended route and time of departure with other particulars.

Another suggestion presents itself perhaps deserving of consideration; that is, there are several young and active settlers, both emigrants and native born, who, if encouraged by the Government might be induced to enroll themselves in District yeomanry mounted corps, under command of officers of their own selection and, co-operating with the Police, be of incalculable assistance, from their local knowledge and numbers, in putting down the system of which His Excellency so justly complains.

If I might be further permitted to suggest in the spirit of your circular letter of the 2nd May last no. 40/26 the withdrawal of every Ticket of Leave holder from any District in which such Bushrangers are known to be hovering about - and the Pardon suggested for the apprehension of each offender, would at once cut off the retreat which they hitherto have been obliged to secure at the hands of these men, and deprive them of the information they are thus able to maintain of the movements of the Police, and the continuance and succor which they have hitherto doubtless derived from them.

In confirmation of this opinion, I may mention that Lieut. Scougall and his party, who have been continually in the Bush, never gained the slightest information from any person as to the movements of these marauders, though it must be quite manifest that some portion of the Prisoner Population could, if it was their interest so to do, give such information.

In conclusion, I may as well state that on one occasion, when an incursion from these marauders was apprehended - upon which occasion I had the honor to send my communications of the 2nd instant I immediately formed three parties of Ticket of Leave holders, and sent them out in various directions; whilst I, myself, with my sons and a gentleman then staying in my house, patrolled at night the line of road we thought it probable the Bushrangers would take should they enter the district, which up to this date they have not done.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Percy Simpson. Police Magistrate.

note- Inform Mr. Simpson that I did not cause him to be written to enquire what the Govt. ought to do, but to let him know that he appears to me to have done very little himself.

The Bushrangers who were lately captured by Mr. Day after a pursuit of 50 miles in twelve hours passed unmolested through his (Mr. Simpson's) District; and the men who suffered their Masters property to be plundered at Ravensworth, were allowed to proceed on their journey almost unnoticed by Mr. Simpson. G.G. Dec. 31.

18/
CSIL 40/12159.

General Post Office.
Sydney 3rd Dec. 1840.

Sir

With reference to the letter from the Postmaster at Raymond Terrace - which I had the honor to transmit to your Office yesterday, reporting the stoppage of the Post Bag between Dungog and that station, I regret to be obliged to report a similar outrage between Maitland and Darlington, on the 1st instant, and, in order to give you the most precise information on the subject, I herewith send you the letter I received from the Postmaster at Maitland, together with the Deposition made before the sitting Magistrate by the Driver of the Mail.

I have the honor to be.
Sir
Your obedient servant.
Jas. Raymond.

note - Write to the Police Magistrate of Patrick's Plains - and with reference to a circular issued about six months ago, inform him that I shall reluctantly be obliged to put in force the remedies pointed out in it if the district of which he has charge be not speedily restored to quiet. G.G. Dec. 4

Attached to CSIL 40/12159

Maitland Post Office
1 Dec. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that the Mail from Darlington to Maitland was stopped this morning by 4 armed Bushrangers at the Inn at Anvil Creek, where they stop to change horses - The mails to Sydney and Maitland were broken open and the letters searched, but fortunately none are missing.

I have the honor to enclose you the Deposition of the Driver of the Mail taken before the Magistrate.

The Bushrangers had previously robbed the Inn, and bailed up 13 persons, they awaited the arrival of the Mail, and were in the house upwards of 3/4 an hour. The Mounted Police are now gone in pursuit.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.

.....
Postmaster.

Attached to CSIL 40/12159.

New South Wales.

To Wit.

Walter Ferrett sworn deposes . He is postman - and Driver of the Mail between Darlington and Maitland - I came from Darlington this morning with the Mail Bags and when I stopped my horses at the Shamrock Inn Anvil Creek a Bushranger came behind the carriage and presented a carbine or fowling piece at one of the passengers in the mail and told him to come out - that he wanted him - after coming out he overhauled him and took 3 pounds from him - after he had finished searching this man he got into the back of the carriage and took the mail bags out - he cut one bag , the Maitland bag, first and searched it to see if there was any money in it - there were 4 Bushrangers altogether armed and mounted. Another man cut the Sydney bag. didn't take any letters away.

Walter Ferrett ~ his mark.

19/

DUNOGG LETTERS - COPIES OF LETTERS SENT 1839/42 AONSW Reel No. 2679.

Police Office, Dungog.

30th Nov. 1840.

Sir.

A band of mounted and armed bushrangers having made their appearance in this neighbourhood and within the last four hours robbed Mr. Chapmans and the Union Hotel. I do myself the honor to request that you will send a few troopers without delay that they may be speedily taken.

Meanwhile I have called the ticket of leave men that they may assist the police.

To the Police Magistrate
Maitland .

I have the honor to be
your obed servant
Thomas Cook J.P.

20/

CSIL 40/12502

DUNGOG LETTERS - COPIES OF LETTERS SENT 1839/42 AONSW Reel No. 2679.

Police office Dungog.

9th December, 1840.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to report to you for the information of his Excellency the Governor that several robberies have been committed by armed and mounted bushrangers in this neighbourhood within the last ten days. Mr. Chapman - the Union Hotel - Mr. Nowland - the postman on his way to Raymond Terrace and Jones Inn on the Paterson were visited and robbed by four mounted bushrangers on Monday the 30th ultimo, and on the 1st inst. another party of similar description visited Underbank and having cooped up the family and servants for four hours carried off property to a large amount, together with a valuable riding horse of Mr. Lord's - This party were traced by Mr. Hector, Mr. Dowling and Mr. Craig to within two or three miles of Mr. Coars and the mountains to the west of Mr. Chapmans leading to the Allyn and Paterson Rivers.

Ever since the first of these reports reached me I have had twelve ticket of leave men on duty as special constables who together with some ordinary constables and chief - some volunteers and five native blacks, as guides, have been scouring the ranges all round Wallarabba for the last five days - I have also put up a notice to say that no ticket of leave man shall be allowed to move from the district, nor any application for such indulgence be entertained at this office until the bushrangers are taken or peace restored.

No robbery has been reported here since the 3rd inst.; and as I am inclined to think the gang has left us for a time, a few troopers of the mounted police, permanently stationed here, would be a great relief - On first hearing of these outrages I sent an express to Maitland for some troopers - but they were unfortunately from home and have not yet made their appearance here.

To E. Deas Thomson Esq. Sydney.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant.
Thomas Cook J.P.

21/

CSIL 40/12590

DUNGOG LETTERS - COPIES OF LETTERS SENT 1839/42 AONSW Reel No. 2679.

Police Office, Dungog.

14th Dec. 1840.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 40/1079 on the 9th inst. which mine of same to you would in some degree explain. I only trust that the party who conveyed the first intelligence to His Excellency the Governor of bushrangers being in this neighbourhood and/ unintentionally it may be/ maligned the police, have ere this have been friendly enough to correct their mistake.

On Monday afternoon the 30th I received from Mr. Chapman a report of what had occurred at his house that morning when I immediately called out all the ticket of leave men within reach to act as special constables but could only then furnish them with batons or sticks cut from the bush, and while this was going on an account of the robbery at Walkers Inn reached Dungog, with a report that the ruffians were on their way to Dungog to rob the store and Inn - which caused me to remain all night on duty, and being engaged all next day at the office taking affidavits relative to the different robberies I did not get home till late and having previously heard that the marauders had been at the Inn at the Paterson and had then taken the road to Maitland I felt less anxious and went early to bed, but had not been long there, when a letter was brought to me from Underbank informing me that Mr. Lord's house had been robbed of every thing by four armed and mounted bushrangers who had neither left arms nor ammunition to pursue them with and requesting I would take advantage of his messengers going through to Maitland to inform Major Johnstone that the robbers had taken their route across the mountains towards the Allyn and Paterson Rivers and beg he would send out a force to capture them. This I readily attended to and before daylight in the morning my letter reached the Major who immediately sent out a party of police and were met the same evening by some of Mr. Lords people who got upon the trails of the bushrangers and followed it up within a few miles of Mr. Coar's - on the hills west of Wallarabba, but which was not communicated to me for two days after when I immediately dispatched about twenty armed men to scour the mountains in every direction around Mr. Chapman's, this they did for five days during which period they were accompanied by Mr. George Verge and two of his men, who volunteered on the occasion and from their knowledge of the localities had there been any fugitives there they must have been found. Mr. Verge and his men (two prisoners of the crown) deserved great praise for their zeal and activity as well as every special and other constable engaged in that service - and the 5 aborigines should not be forgotten.

Mr. Chapman showed every wish to oblige the constables in supplying them with what necessaries they stood in need of this for two days I was myself an eye witness to this. The messenger from Underbank on the Tuesday night came only to Dungog and left Mr. Craigs letter with the Chief Constable who forwarded it to me and immediately proceeded on his way to Maitland and I knew not from the letter of Mr. Craig that he waited on an answer in return- until the next morning about eight o'clock when Johnstone a servant of Mr. Lords called at my place and asked if I had any word for Mr. Craig saying at the same time that some gentlemen had offered to go with Mr. Craig in

pursuit of the villains and that they were started that morning four o'clock so at the distance of 16 miles I thought it worse than useless to send men up to Underbank who were not accustomed to carry arms and would be unfit to follow when there . In this I think I acted agreeably to the second paragraph of your letter dated the 2nd of May last, I exceedingly regret there should have been any misunderstanding in the matter or that his Excellency should for a moment have been led to imagine that the police under my charge had evinced supineness when to the contrary their conduct has been most exemplary ever since the robberies were reported.

A servant of Mr. Coar's named Thomas Buckingham from whose house the bushrangers at first started has been charged with being an associate and receiver of stolen goods from the bushrangers and has been committed by me to take his trial for the same, the scoundrel says he does not care it was only 15 years to Norfolk Island; and I do fear unless the law is changed and made death to be found with fire arms in the bush we shall never have long peace in the country.

Agreeably to the commands of his excellency I have made proclamation through the district that all tickets of leave will be cancelled next January if a bushranger be at large in the district at that period and I doubt not it will have the desired effect.

To ; E Deas Thomson

Thomas Cook

P.S. Agreeably to the commands of his Excellency the Governor I shall without delay furnish you with the names of ticket of leave and assigned servants who lately allowed themselves to be bailed up by the bushrangers without making an effort to protect the property of their master.

Police Office
Dungog. 19th Dec. 1840.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to report to you, for the information of the Governor, that I have thought it right to suspend one of my ordinary constables, named Parnell, a freed man until the pleasure of His Excellency is known regarding him; as dismissal, in my opinion, is not sufficient punishment for conduct such as his.

On the 5th instant I ordered the Chief Constable to proceed with a party to scour the mountains gullies and valleys around Mr. Coars, near Wallarobba where the four bushrangers who robbed Mr. Chapman's and others first started from, with instructions to go direct to Mr. Coars seize and send up under escort his ass. Servant Thos. Buckingham, who has since been committed to take his trial for receiving, from his associates part of the Brandy taken from Mr. Chapman's.

In Buckingham's possession, when taken into custody were found three neat breakfast knives, quite new, which together with the prisoner were given over in charge to Parnell. The latter he delivered the same evening to the Lockup keeper in Dungog, but the knives were not produced; and it was only yesterday, in putting some questions to the constable who took Buckingham into custody and handed him, along with the knives, over to Parnell, that I learnt such articles belonging to the bushrangers had been found. When I instantly gave orders to search Parnell's hut, and there the knives in question were found, cleaned oiled and laid up in a book, which he at once acknowledged to his brother constable he had given to his wife to keep, as he did not think they would ever be asked for; thus defeating the ends of justice at a moment when only the smallest of circumstance might lead to a discovery.

If then His Excellency will honor me with his commands on the subject I shall act with rigour as may seem to Him best.

I have no hesitation in saying that all the mischief that has lately occurred in this neighbourhood has been concocted amongst the people living at Mr. Coar's station and that of Timothy Nowlan on Wallarobba, and that blame attaches to these persons. Mr. Coars seems to have been for some time aware of bushrangers congregating near his place and informed of many of their movements but took no pains to suppress them - and Mr. Nowlan ever keeps such a disreputable set of overseers in that quarter that I think it my duty as Police Magistrate to suggest the propriety of withdrawing all the servants from these spots that if possible these stations / or nuisances / may be at once removed, they being represented to me as places where bushrangers find ready quarters.

I have the honor to be your most obed.
servant. Thomas Cook. J.P.

To; E. Deas Thomson.

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DUNOGG LETTERS - COPIES OF LETTERS SENT 1839/42 AONSW Reel No. 2679.

Thomas Buckingham

per John Paterson

Ass. To Mr. Coar.

Police Office

Dungog

19th Dec. 1840.

I do myself the honor to inclose original depositions taken before me of the person named in the margin who has been committed to take his trial at the first Maitland Quarter Sessions for the offence of being an associate of and receiver of stolen goods from bushrangers.

Any further information needed shall be cheerfully afforded.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed. Servant

Thos. Cook J.P.

To/ The Honorable The Attorney General. Sydney.

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Attached to 40/13033

I do hereby declare that on Sunday, the 29th ultimo, at about half past nine o'clock, in the evening I was "bailed up" by three armed bushrangers, detained prisoner until noon, the following day; and but for the intercession of an assigned servant of Mr. Coar's of Wallaringa / who I no doubt was in league with them / would have been robbed of my watch and some silver. The detention put me to very great inconvenience, and the lives of some of my patients, in imminent jeopardy, as I could not get home to make up medicines which were indispensably necessary.

E. McKinlay.

Hermitage, Dungog 14/12/40.

Attached to 40/13033

On Monday 30th ultimo at 8 o'clock in the morning my house, situated 7 miles distant from Dungog / was suddenly taken possession of by four armed bushrangers, confining my family and domestics into one room, while they compelled me to give up my keys and possessed themselves of 37 pounds in cash and property to the amount of 4 pounds.

The state of alarm and excitement caused by those has put me to further expense and inconvenience.

John Walker. Brookfield. 15/12/40.

Attached to CSIL 40/13033

I do hereby declare that on Monday the 30th ultimo at about 9 o'clock A.M., I was bailed up by four armed bushrangers who detained me prisoner until they had ransacked my house in search of money and fire arms, the detention put me and my family to great inconvenience as four of them were dangerously ill at the time. They desired me to shoe their horses which I refused to do.
16/12/40.

James Lalham. Brookfield.

Attached to CSIL 40/13033

Wallinga. 19th Dec. 1840.

This is to certify that about 6 P.M. on Sunday the 29th of Nov. my house was taken possession of by three armed bushrangers and who kept possession until 7 o'clock the next morning, putting my family in great fear and otherwise causing great destruction of property and inconvenience.

J Coar.

Attached to CSIL 40/13033

Grange. 16th Dec. 1840.

This is to certify that on Monday 30th ultimo, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, three armed and mounted bushrangers came to this place, "bailed up" all my men, and stole the following.

2 valuable mares.

2 saddles.

1 bridle.

Brandy.

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and after eating and drinking their fill left this at about o'clock. Matt. Chapman.

Dungog 4th Jan 1841.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 9th Ultimo I do myself the honor to state to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that no depredations have been committed in this district since the 1st of Dec. Last - neither have any mounted and armed bushrangers appeared in our roads since the capture of the tethered and saddled horses near our west boundary line, the district has resumed its usual tranquil position, and enabled me to discharge the ticket of leave constables - who all, with some few exceptions behaved well.

It is evident however that bushrangers have for many months been living in the mountains overlooking Wallarrobba hill - where they could hide in safety and yet command a view of all that passed the public road.

When I had the honor of being examined before the Honorable Committee on "Police and Gaols" I then humbly suggested that a station house should be placed half way between Dungog and Paterson the distance /twenty five miles/ being too much for female prisoners to march in one day. And that a constable from this establishment should be placed there; and late events have distinctly shewn that such would not only prove a great convenience but be the means of preventing lawless characters from congregating in these recesses/ were a watch house erected near the road, on either side of the hill/ while it would check; if not altogether prevent the harbouring system that has been lately, there is reason to believe, carried on to a great extent amongst the many sheep and cattle stations farmed, for miles, around that quarter.

To E. Deas Thomson.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
Thos. Cook J.P.

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DUNOGG LETTERS - COPIES OF LETTERS SENT 1839/42 AONSW Reel No. 2679.
CSIL 40/12813.

Police Office
Dungog 27 Dec. 1840.

Sir,

In reference to my letter of 14th, and in obedience to the commands of His Excellency the Governor, conveyed to me in your communication of the 9th instant relative to the conduct of the Ticket of Leave holders and assigned servants present at the robberies committed in this District by Bushrangers on the 30th Nov- and 1st instant, I instantly sent the Chief Constable to Underbank - and wrote myself to Mr. Walker of the Union Hotel - to ascertain particulars - and now do myself the honor to inclose the lists of the men's names, as furnished from these quarters, which, I doubt not, are correctly stated; and if it please His Excellency to make an example it will, assuredly be attended with best results - make the Prisoners and Ticket of Leave men interested in, and accountable for the peace of the Colony - and Bushranging will speedily cease. No robberies have been reported here since the beginning of the month, with the exception of the two horses taken from a person on Wallarobba hill and noticed in my letter to you of the 12th instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed serv
Thomas Cook. J.P.

To/ E Deas Thomson

Attached to CSIL 40/12813

Free Men

George Clark

Richard Page

James Cuningham

John Southerinwood

George Goodsby

David Dunlop

James Sheilds

Henry Vandepier

William Cockins

Henry Tyer

Ticket of Leave Holders

James Weston

Bryan Gallagan "Ferguson" 1829 Life

John Ditch "Portland" 1832 Life

Stephen Fury "Eliza of London" 1829 Life

James Barnes

Government Men

Thomas Hanly "Blenheim" 1836 7yrs

John Wilson "Frazer" 1838 10yrs

Henry Preston "Portsea" 1838 7yrs

John Cornwall "Portsea" 1838 Life

Richard Stalke "Earl Grey" 1838 10yrs

James Frainer "Nautilus" 1840 7yrs

John Anderson "Portsea" 1838 7yrs

George Chapman "Norfolk" 1837 Life

John Carter "John" 1837 Life

William Kelly "Surry" 1835 Life

John Noonan "Surry" 1835 Life

Thomas Hunter "Earl Grey" 1838 14yrs

Mr. Craig and myself.

Sir,

I have sent you the names of all the men that were bailed up at Underbank on 1st Dec. 1840 by the Bushrangers - and the names of the ships and year of arrival of all the Convicts that I have got at home.

Underbank 16th Dec 1840

Thomas Wilkes Overseer.

note - Let the orders already given in respect to these men be carried into effect - The tickets to be cancelled of the five men who hold them, and the men themselves as well as the 12 assigned servants to be sent to Pinchgut Island - other men to be given in place of the 12 as soon as any men are disposable in the District G.G. Dec. 25.

note - Let the men be Withdrawn in such manner as to give little inconvenience as possible to their assignee. G.G. Dec 26.

Attached to CSIL 40/12813

Brookfield Dec. 17th

To / Thomas Cook Esquire P.M.

Sir,

In answer to your enquiry respecting the number of persons present on the 30th Ult. when my house was robbed by four armed Bushrangers are as follows.

The Reverend Mr. Comrey resident Scotch Clergyman of Dungog.

Henry Whenham, John Cuningham and John Carroll - Emigrants shipped to Mr. Norge and Emancipist.

Alfred Cooper and John Lenon - Ticket of Leave Holders - These two men offered to follow me if I would command the attack in capturing them, but unfortunately had no fire arms, therefore I did not think it judicious or safe to commence.

One stranger I know not.

Robert Scott, Joseph Lea and John Eels - My assigned servants.

John Ford - Assigned servant to Major Russell. This man also offered to volunteer with the above against the Bushrangers.

Myself my son and the other members of my family.

This number were present at the first visit of the Bush gents, at their second visit there were two other free men namely Mathew Gouch and Roger Eaton - Sawyers in my service.

Before they left my house the postman Wm. Walker arrived and was taken into custody robbing him of his watch 3 pounds and cut the mail bag. The watch they returned but kept the money, we were all bailed up as they termed it in the parlour by these lawless ruffians.

I have no complaint to make against one of the men in my service as they only wanted my sanction to attack those robbers which I consider would be highly imprudent of me without fire arms to risk the lives of those men committed to my care also that which interested me most my wife and family.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed serv.

JD Walker

P.S. I would have written by return of postman, but, had not a single sheet of paper to write on. J.D.W.

note - Let the Tickets of Leave be cancelled of Alfred Cooper and John Lenon; and let the undermentioned assigned servants be withdrawn.

Robert Scott

Joseph Lea

John Eels

Matthew Gouch

Roger Eaton

and the whole of them (including the Ticket of Leave holders) be sent to Pinchgut Island.

G.G. Dec 25

note - other men to be assigned in the room of those withdrawn - as soon as there are any
disposable from the harvest. G.G. Dec 25

DUNOG BENCH BOOKS

Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.

Police Office, Dungog. 15th Jan. 1841.

Sir,

In reference to a letter received from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary - dated the 31st ultimo - and put into my hands on the 6 instant.

I do myself the honor to inform you that near the west boundary line of this district there are different sheep and cattle stations on the flats around Wallarrobba, belonging to Mr. Coar - Mr. Nowlan and Mr. Burnett, which appear to be improperly conducted - one, and all of them giving shelter to persons illegally at large, while the inhabitants act as spies on all travelers who pass that way, by affording information to the bushrangers of the movements of drays going to, or returning from market- the contents of which have been previously learnt from the people in charge of them, by these shepherds feeding their flocks close to the high road for that purpose and most distinctly proved from the fact that while the grass is all eaten up close to the high way on both sides, a little further in the bush the pasture seems untouched. The police from this on their late pursuit after the mounted bushmen called at all these stations and found that not one of them had a proper person in charge - and from the conversations they had with the inmates, it was quite apparent, all knew something of the movements of the bushrangers though their statements were contradictory unto when they had seen them at their huts. At Mr. Burnett's station all are convicts together but I believe this to be on the Paterson side of the line.

At Mr. Nowlan's - the two overseers are free - but of suspicious character. One of them named Spicer has, within the last two or three weeks absconded from his service and, it is believed, has taken refuge at William O'Neils - another bad character in this district, and his master has craved a warrant for his / Spicers / apprehension - since Spicer left, one of my constables captured a runaway, from Thomas Caswell of Port Macquarie, at work for Mr. Nowlan, who has been harboured and employed by Spicer for the last three months. A man named Tierney - a sort of carpenter and store keeper to Mr. Nowlan - "who is no better than he should be" is now in charge of Wallarrobba - and under these two worthies / Spicer and Tierney / four government men have been placed for some time back - the master - and a young lad named Hammersly only occasionally visiting the place. This young man, Hammersly, Mr. Nowlan seems to think well of, but Mr. Chapman, and those who have the opportunity of seeing him oftener, say he is too good natured for such a situation - that he frequently gets drunk, smokes and makes too free with the assigned servants - and even confesses frankly that he was present when the bushrangers visited the station, and that they offered him jewelry as a present. The appearance of Mr. Coar's farm looks anything but prosperous - and no assigned servant can do any good there - in short it is Mr. Chapmans belief - as it is now my own, that hardships had driven Mr. Coar's men to lawless practices - and through these the prisoners on the neighbouring farms have been contaminated. You are aware that it was from this station that the bushrangers who robbed so many places on the 30th Nov. last took their start; and it would appear that Mr. Coar knew long before they made their first

sally on the unsuspecting inhabitants that they had frequent meetings near his house, but was afraid to give evidence lest his own improvidence should be exposed. Mr. Coar has three men at present undergoing punishments - viz. James Barber per John Barry in tread mill at Sydney; Thomas Clarkson per Surry, Iron Gang 1 and Thomas Buckingham awaiting trial for receiving stolen goods and I would respectfully recommend that neither of these men be returned to service; and that all assigned men on these different stations be withdrawn they having been great harbourers of runaways from this quarter. It having been reported to me on oath the William O'Neil mentioned above, had exchanged some goods with the bushrangers - after leaving Walker's Inn, on the day in question - I granted warrant and had the house searched by the chief and another constable but nothing described in the warrant was found, though in the course of the investigation, they saw many things that surprised them - and among others nearly one hundred sovereigns, wrapped up in some old rags which the mischief seemed anxious to conceal, even from the family. I think it right to mention to you that among the ticket of leave men who were bailed up at Walkers Inn on the 30th Nov. there was one named John Watson per Recovery - who has been overlooked in the report furnished by Mr. Walker though equally deserving with the others of being deprived of the indulgence and which I now recommend. I am not aware whether any report was made from the Paterson bench of the individuals cooped up at Jones Inn on the same day - but I think it is a duty imperative on me to state that a ticket of leave man in the employ of Mr. Chapman as a stock keeper, and strongly suspected to have piloted the robbers on more than one occasion was bailed up there with the others - and as I myself saw him under curious circumstances, while on my way to the Grange, during the late season of alarm - and his master agreeing with me that his Joseph Heales per ship England, conduct was suspicious and I would be glad to hear of his removal also. An assigned servant of Mr. Chapmans named John Shirley per Surry 1834 - was likewise there and allowed himself to be bailed up with the family of Jones - and as His Excellency the Governor kindly said he will not put the settlers to more inconvenience than is absolutely necessary in withdrawing the culprits from their service I would respectfully include the man Shirley in the list of withdrawals, should the Governor approve.

The proposed sweeping example will have a most astounding and salutary effect in that along with showing that class of people on what footing they stand; and that their own permanent comfort depends on the protection they afford to their employer.

To; John McLean

Thomas Cook J.P.

Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Archives, C.S.I.L, (4/2506.6), 40/10738 enclosed with 40/10919.]

Sir

Ebenezer Lake Macquarie

The whole of this part of the country is in a complete state of confusion. - A party of Armed bushrangers well mounted from the interior have formed their settlement in this Lake, and with the present inadequate means of opposing them they will defy all attempts to capture them - While a party of Constables were here on Sunday last they were at two of my neighbours and plundered them, remaining for *six hours*, at Mr Boyce's they took all his property, from Mr Hely all his arms - They nearly murdered a Man at Mr Drake's the week before - The day before yesterday they beat my stockman to make him tell respecting our force place &c drove away all our cows and team of bullocks, and sent their compliments to me that they intended to pay me a visit, when they had time. Unless his Excellency can send hither horse police for a time to remain on the lake we must all in this neighbourhood leave for Newcastle. The police force of Newcastle constables is a burlesque on government, there is not enough to do duty in the district. I gave information to Major Crummer of two women, whom I met in the bush runaways, and the answer was there were no constables to spare there not being enough for duty. The consequence was they were at large for some time. I submit that four horse Police be sent down by this night's steamer to Newcastle, to come out hither to assist in the capture of the two parties of Bushrangers, or murder will be again committed. The Military cannot come up with them although they are out and acting spiritedly - I send a black with them today to the place we suspect their haunt but I fear they will ride away and laugh at the foot Soldiers - The horse police are from Maitland, but will not be able to get them unless a fresh party scours the Lake and drives them back, or the other force them on towards us, in which case if we have strength we shall get them, let me beg of His Excellency to send down this evening by Steamer troopers, or other prisoners will join them and the party will become truly formidable. Had the constable been appointed at the Lake as promised by His Excellency it would have assisted us much in prevention of this evil.

[Subscribed]

Memo I ought to have stated that our police force has been diminished by the resignation of Moses Carol at the Pass in this district joining the Brisbane Water one -

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LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Archives, C.S.I.L, enclosed with 40/10738 in 40/10919]

Dear Sir

I have to apologise for not writing on folio paper but I have not a sheet in the house and my supplies are at Newcastle and have been for the last fortnight. The Bush-rangers put all into confusion. - they waited last week for my cart coming hither with flour, fortunately it broke down within four miles of Newcastle, so it escaped - The fellows amused themselves shooting at Marks at Mr Boyces while tea was preparing and fired at a large Bell to break it, when they could not effect their purpose by bullets they ordered it down and smashed it with an axe - they were six hours there, dining and taking tea and enjoying themselves. On Saturday they were about 4 miles from Newcastle stole two horses, and had the police come down from Sydney by that Morning's steamer they must have been taken, for the 4 Horse Police with one of my mounted blacks were in pursuit from this place - , I have had two other Blacks, mounted, out as scouts and guides. I have one coming on horseback today from Newcastle and perhaps he may meet them or bring us tidings we wish to see them, we have arms now, and if the horse police scour the country the chance is against the fellows, but if horseman are not out - They will defy all the foot force in the Colony, round this Lake unfortunately one of the mounted policemen's horses slipped down a precipice on the Sugar Loaf range last Sunday week whilst in search, and broke its neck, they were compelled to return to Maitland. The Black I sent with them has returned after a search, but no tidings, the Mounted Police have returned to their Quarters. The very heavy rain Yesterday and the day before must compel the Robbers to come out of their retreat - supposed to be in some of the numerous Gullies in these parts -

LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Archives, C.S.I.L, Reg. No. 40/11,941]

Dear Sir

Ebenezer Lake Macquarie

We are yet annoyed by these bushrangers, who in spite of every exertion, have committed a number of daring depredations, although closely pursued; this arises from the locality of their haunts allowing them every facility to avoid capture, also their being secretly aided and abetted, together with there being no reward, of any importance from Government to induce persons to betray or take them. The technical remark is "that they do not weigh their weight." There being no horse police station at Newcastle, is another occasion of their being so long at liberty, for when an outrage takes place Newcastle is the most convenient place to convey information thence the magistrate has to send to Maitland, and the robbers escape. Respecting the "Weight" as it is called That might be cut up root and branch at once as the system does not work well and transform it thus: Offer rewards the highest for the least crime: thus: if 25 pounds reward for a robbery then give only 20 pounds if Murder is permitted, and if a second Robbery takes place by the same party give only 20 pounds, then the object would be to prevent crime in order to gain the largest reward whereas the present mode of Government and Individuals, in offering rewards tends only to encourage crime, by allowing the evil doer to continue his evil course until he weighs his weight.

Then how are these rewards to be provided for, Why make the thieves pay it themselves thus: For every thing stolen let them repay the owner fourfold &c &c and to the Government all the expences of the reward, their capture, trial &c &c in this manner. Class them in gangs, let fall, burn off, and stump for the plough a certain portion of land in every section of Government land open for sale and credit the Thieves for their labor until the property and expences are refunded as before stated together with the expence of their management in the gang. Thus if they stole much, they must labor much, and so they would Sentence themselves, than which nothing could be a greater punishment to such characters. We are taught this policy in the Jewish Theocracy, the most just and equitable in the World. If this plan was tried upon all the thieves in England both honorable and dishonorable, no doubt it would lessen to a great extent crime, and if not the burthen would fall on themselves, other Modes might be adopted, for instance: a tread mill attached to a sawing machine in this country &c &c.

Respecting the Men at Mr Boyce's and Mr Hely's, I am fully persuaded that they were in colleague with the armed Bushrangers. Do you think that if your servant at Government house was set upon a horse with a loaded double barrellled gun and brace of pistols, and desired to go to a place as far as the turnpike Gate, that he might not have rode to Parramatta if he chose being alone, instead of going there and then turning off to say Dr Bowman's! and then when arrived there finding one man standing over 8 or 9 persons keeping guard, could he not have shot him and rescued his master if he pleased? such was the position of Mr Boyce, and the fellow pretended he was pressed. This could be remedied by making the onus to fall on all assigned servants to prove that they did their utmost to prevent robbery or outrage on their Master's premises, at present the

custom is to prove that the Assigned servants aided or assisted the Bushrangers, at present let them be ever so neuter they obtain hereafter their tickets of leave for good conduct. A negation of evil appears now to constitute a good character. It may be asked how will such characters be most easily induced to perform a duty? Perhaps in this way: Let every assigned servant, capturing any robbers or bringing to light robberies &c &c &c the moment the parties are committed by the Police Magistrate be instantly furnished by the committing Magistrate with an "*Indemnification from Capture*" or "*for Capture*" thus leaving him instanter at liberty to get his own living, until the Ticket of leave or Pardon be granted. The necessary routine of office cause too much delay and thus subjects the individual to the taunts of his less fortunate companions, which this plan would avoid.

Lastly in all cases of Bush robbery it should be imperative on the Mounted police Officer being a Magistrate or the nearest Police Magistrate to visit the scene of depredation and take the depositions on the spot, where the localities and immediate enquiry of all around would often lead to a discovery. Which distance from the Police office and the delays occasioned by the outrage too often prevent. I was just about to conclude, when I received the following intelligence from Mr Heley. "My riding horse was taken from me about 4 miles from Maitland by the same gang of robbers that robbed me. One of them gave me a horse of Mr Bolton's to bring me home, but it had been ridden so much that it would not carry me a 1/4 of a mile, so that I left it saddle and bridle on the road and walked home. They told me it was for going after them with the Military, and that they had seen us and were going to shoot me three times during the day. They also said if you were to keep the Military at your place for 12 months they would pay you a visit, if they were not shot, for such they say will be their end."

Now it will be no benefit to either of us or to our families, that when our throats may be cut or Brains blowed out, or our wives and daughters violated, two of the villians did violate a wife whilst the husband was kept in custody near Maitland which caused the first of their breaking out, that after the Catastrophe has taken place a large reward be then offered for the Murderers. I am convinced that a larger reward for the prevention of crime would be more beneficial for Society at large, than when it is offered only after the mischief is done. The Military has been here for the last month, there are two soldiers now here, they were to have gone two days since, but I detained them in consequence of tracking the Bushrangers down a valley, on my return from Newcastle the other day accompanied only with a black boy, and before communication could be conveyed to the horse Police this second robbery on Mr Hely took place. Really things are in a very alarming state, and the numbers of mounted robbers in the Hunter District quite appalling.

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LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Archives, C.S.I.L., 1841/36]

29 November 1840.

Dear Sir

Ebenezer

Only this morning had I received intelligence by Brady of the certain capture of the desperate men, and was about to dismiss the military, when Inteeigence came from Newport that yesterday Ruggy and Marshall were both at the hut of a prisoner named Murphy and had each a pot of tea there, one standing guard whilst the other drank it. That they were armed with daggers and pistols and guns! This intelligence was brought by the Chief Constable's party who came for rations. I immediately despatched "William Burd" [Breeches] armed on horseback, Brady, and the Sergeant, who was leaving with the two privates, to our satisfaction he has just returned stating that it is an entire falsehood, we feared some others had sprung up to join the gang thanks to our heavenly Saviour that they are prevented in their wicked course, and for our merciful preservation in the midst of danger.

LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Archives, C.S.I.L., Reg. No. 40/12,814.]

19 December 1840

Dear Sir

Ebenezer

As I anticipated, these daring Bushrangers are still at large, keep us all in a state of alarm, and robbed my neighbor on Mr Holdon's Estate. One of my Blacks tracked them near the place. I immediately sent to Newcastle for Horse-Police, expecting their movement to plunder. The black went to town on Friday night, the letter went to Maitland from Major Crummer with every despatch by steamer. On Saturday night the Police were on the Lake at Mr Boyce's, Sunday here, on Monday my Black directed them on the tracks of the fellows until they captured the horses near Harry Denny at the heads by the other party of police coming on the opposite side. The fellows escaped. On the next day they robbed Mr Osborne, and the gentle men at Newport stripping them of everything and using most provoking expressions. They broke a cask of drink, gave to the Men, and asked who would Volunteer with them. One, an old Soldier, turned out, him they clothed, armed, and supplied with a stolen horse, threatening to pay the Gentleman another visit if he gave information, or followed them. The consequence was, I heard nothing of it, until yesterday when a prisoner named Brady, assigned to that Gentleman, formally a ticket of leave holder, I trust his Excellency will reward him, Who has been with the horse police in search of them returned but as the fellows visited his hut with the avowed purpose to murder him for going after them, he came here and has gone after the Police to Maitland. Whilst I have sent to Newcastle to give information to a party there. I am the last to be robbed on this side of the Lake, and though we use every precaution, and have two military (foot soldiers) here, yet we , together with our unfortunate neighbors are all in a state of alarm. - You need not be surprised if there is a sort of insurrectionary movement among the assigned servants especially at the Lake. The boldness of the Robbers begets boldness in others., and there is a bad spirit among the prisoners, a connivance, or no establishment could be so easily plundered as those of my neighbors' have been. If an investigation takes place, it may be discovered: But all the prisoners whether assigned or otherwise disply, very naturally, great fear of them. Our situation is miserable. I dread the effects in England when these things are known from the sufferers to their friends, it will check respectable emmigration, I very much fear. - My Black has not returned with my horse. I am apprehensive lest the fellows meet him, he would be shot, for they have threaten'd their lives to Mr Boyce. If a party of Horse Police could come down secretly to Brisbane Water from Sydney, get a Black guide to come thence to these parts they would drive the fellows into the hands of those on this side, if you look at the Map you will see the necessity of something of the kind, or they will, as they threaten follow the horse police in their steps, and which they have done, in spite of the endeavors which are making to take them.

[Subscribed]

P.S. Since writing the above the Lad has returned and is required by the Mounted Police at Maitland. If I can spare him: and now within an hour the horse police are arrived, Brady having fallen in with then. The Aboriginal Lad must now go again in search

although both Mounted Police and himself are fatigued, having been out ever since last Sunday on the stretch and more than two months since they first came. The wickedness of the assigned servants at Newport was such that when Brady enquired about them, the men put him on the route to fall in with the five Bushrangers instead of the horse police! My Black boy says they will have them now they have got horses again as they can be better tracked than when on foot. - If Commissions were granted in "The Aboriginal Corps" I certainly should recommend "Little Breeches" to her Majesty for one. I have named him William Burd. A plate would be very encouraging if his Excellency thought fit to bestow one for his services; and if I had inducements to hold out, no doubt many of the Blacks would be very useful as auxiliaries to the Police. The fellows broke in the keg and gave three cheers when they distributed its contents among the assigned servants at Newport.

Sunday night -

The fellows have committed 6 robberies on the same day. A party from Brisbane water has just been here. A flogger a Constable of Brisbane water has joined the Bushrangers making now 6 mounted in all their party. They stated their determination to rob me at Mr Holdon's farm - we are all upon the alert. My Black boy with Sergeant Lee has fallen again upon their tracks and traced them into a cedar Brush, the parties are out again to search for them. I have just received a note from Mr Holdon stating that his men have behaved well and that he has no reason to suppose a connivance. Brady's opinion was stated to me differently.

LETTER FROM L THRELKELD TO E DEAS THOMSON (COLONIAL SECRETARY) AS PUBLISHED BY GUNSON.

[Dixson Library, C.S.I.L. 41/38]

Sir

Ebenezer Lake Macquarie

In reference to the Government notice of the 16th Inst a Pardon &c to any prisoner who shall give private information &c respecting the Bushrangers now captured. I have the honor to recommend the Prisoner Patrick Brady pr ship Ann [&] Amelia to His Excellency the Governor's favorable consideration under the following circumstances:

Several weeks back Brady came to me giving private information respecting the Bush-rangers' course round this Lake and said that he would willingly go with the Horse Police and point out the various places where they were likely to resort, and that he well knowing this part of the country would guide them. This occurred some weeks previous to the appearance of the Government offer of Pardon and Passage to England, and therefore arose from the best wishes to capture the robbers without waiting for any promise of reward. - Shortly afterwards Sergeant Lee and his party arrived. I informed him of the case he went to Brady who immediately joined Sergeant Lee, went in pursuit and captured the horses of the Bush-rangers although from the localities of the Scrub the fellows escaped. Brady however still continued steadily in pursuit until the murderers were finally taken, being but a few hours behind owing to the jaded state of their horses causing delay at Maitland. Out of spite his hut has been robbed, he has been jeered at by Bond and Free, for going after them, and his life repeatedly threatened by the Bush-rangers who went to his place to wreak their vengeance on him, but fortunately he was with the horse police at the time. From personal knowledge of his conduct, and from private information to me, I was enabled so to act, and to give information to the Police Magistrates at Newcastle and Brisbane Water, as to cooperate in our united movements for the capture of the desperate Gang. I have therefore much pleasure in most earnestly recommending Brady to His Excellency's consideration in the promised reward, believing that deserving prisoners require only to be brought forward to the notice of His Excellency The Governor, that they may become the Objects of that Mercy which is the Brightest Gem in the British Crown.

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Sir

Ebenezer Lake Macquarie

I have the Honor to request your kind attention on behalf of the Aborigine, a Lad, named "Little Breeches", but now called "*William Burd*" Who has been for several weeks employed by me in tracking the desperate gang of Bushrangers who have ended their career in Blood. The Lad has been with Sergeant Lee and his party of Mounted Police and traced the Robbers throughout the whole of their tortuous route, round Lake Macquarie to the capture of their horses. Thence through the Mountains up the Wollumbi close upon them, until the jaded state of their horses compelled them to delay at Maitland whence he returned bringing intelligence of the capture of the Bushrangers. Such is his tact at tracking that when other Blacks were at fault, he led them in the proper course. that to use the language of one who witnessed his exertions; "William Burd" is able to track an Ant over a Rock!" The lad having at my request ventured his life, for the public good, in pursuit of the Murderers, they had threatened to kill all the Blacks they met which intimidated others. I trust His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to furnish him with a plate engraved with a suitable inscription as a mark of his Excellency's approbation of his conduct, The which plate I will take care to invest him with in the presence of all the Aborigines at Newcastle, and bestow on him such other reward as His Excellency may deem proper for encouragement.

35/

CSIL 40/9467.

Respecting F Knight and J Wilson.

Sheriffs Office.

Sydney 24 Sept 1840

Having in compliance with your letter of the 23rd instant, called upon the principal gaoler for an explanation of the circumstances attending the removal of the prisoners named in the margin, I have the honor to report his report which I hope will be satisfactory.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed serv

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Sheriff.

note - The men ought to have been sent to Cockatoo Island. The facility for escape from Hyde Park is as great as from almost any other situation in the Colony. Let the papers be sent to the Criminal Crown Solicitor, that he may know how to proceed in future when similar cases occur. G.G. Sept. 27

Attached to CSIL 40/9467.

H.M. Gaol Sydney

24 Sept. 1840

In reply to your memo of yesterdays date referring the Colonial Secretaries letter of the 22nd instant to me for explanation. I have the honor to inform you that the two prisoners Francis Knight and John Wilson named therein were ordered to be discharged at the conclusion of the February session but on my representing to the Attorney General the desperate character of the men and the almost certainty of their escaping if sent to Hyde Park Barracks and suggesting their remaining in the Gaol till the following session, the order was rescinded and they continued in my custody until the 18th May when they were then ordered to be discharged. I again reminded the Criminal Crown Solicitor of the character of the men and the likelihood of their escape when he directed that they should be sent to Hyde Park Barracks with a memorandum that they were not to be assigned to private service and that the Attorney General would himself communicate with the Principal Superintendent of Convicts respecting them - In compliance with these directions I discharged them to Hyde Park Barracks with a memo that they should be detained in Govt. service till further orders.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed sevt.

Henry Keck.

Gaoler.

36/

CSIL 40/9261.

Principal Superintendent
of Convicts Office
17th Sept 1840.

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant 40/544 inquiring respecting the two men named in the margin - I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the memorandum under which these men were secured in Hyde Park Barracks and to add that they absconded from there on the 12th ultimo.

John Wilson
Francis Knight.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed serv.
McLean.

Attached to 40/9261.
Copy.

H.M. Gaol Sydney
18 May 1840.

Memorandum.

The Superintendent of Hyde Park Barracks will be pleased to receive the prisoners named in the margin this day ordered by the Supreme Court to be discharged to that Establishment.

Signed Henry Keck
Gaoler.

John Wilson Clyde
Francis Knight Lady Kennaway
George Johnson Surry
George Morgan Layton

To be detained in Govt service at Hyde Park Barracks till further orders.

James Everett Mangles
Jno Marshall Clyde
Thom Hanley St Vincent

Recommended not to be assigned in the same district.

37/

This is a letter from Vincent Dowling, a settler at Dungog, to his father, Chief Justice Dowling. The letter was passed on to the Colonial Secretary.

Attached to CSIL 40/12590

Tiliga
6 December, 1840.

My Dear Father,

I received Eliza's letter last Friday and am glad to hear you are all well and quiet which has not been the case with this district as our settlers in this River have been bailed up and robbed by bushrangers Viz. Mr. Chapman, Mr Lord's Farm, Mr Macken, Mr. Coar last Tuesday Mr. Hector received word from Mr. Craig, that Mr. Lord, himself, and forty men had been bailed up by four bushrangers who took the opportunity at breakfast time to take possession. Mr. Hector and self got ready to start on Wednesday morning and waited some time at Tiliga for Mr. Brown and a force of the Dungog constables as Mr. Craig had sent an express to Dungog for arms. Both of us started for Underbank and arrived there by two o'clock. Mrs. Lord and children were there Mr. Lord had gone to Sydney the week before. The robbers 4 in number had stolen two horses, flour, wine, rum and property to the value of 200 pounds. It was too late to pursue them that evening as we still expected arms, or men from Mr. Cook, the messenger returned from Dungog that evening who brought a letter from Mr. Cook to Mr. Craig I send you a copy of. This man said that twenty armed special and ticket of leave constables were marching up and down the front of the courthouse at Dungog. Mr. Hector having brought arms we determined to pursue them ourselves without the assistance of Mr. Cook at 9 next morning we started with a party Mr Hector, Craig and self armed, two blacks armed, and five other men of Craigs, one man of Hector's making 11 armed. We soon came on their tracks they had gone to Walarobba again; we tracked them near Mr. Park's it was getting late and Mr. Craig had promised to be at Underbank that evening, we sent a man and two blacks to Park's to state what had taken place and to guide the police should they be sent from the Patterson, we returned to Underbank at half past eight very miserable it having poured the whole day. If we had started the day before I am confident we would have captured them. Next day Mr Hector and self went home by the ranges but did not see anything of them. The River was so high I could not cross as it rained for six days and I expect I have lost a great deal of wheat as I had only filled my barn and nearly built a stack when the rain commenced!

Yesterday Cook sent out twenty armed men and Major Johnstones party making about twenty five men out, the bushrangers are 13 in number the Mounted Police are at the Upper Hunter after bushrangers.

This morning Mr Hector received word from his brother that Tim Nowland and a friend had been called the farmer was flogged by the bushrangers. A Mr. Morrison superintendent of Mr. Hector's cattle was robbed last Monday the new parson at Dungog was robbed Jones the publican was bailed up and robbed of a large sum so it has caused a great sensation in the District.

Lord's men behaved shamefully except four men who afterwards went with us

they drank the rum that was offered them by the robbers and several were drunk. Mr. Craigs instead reporting the ticket of leave men to the Governor. It will be hard to take these men as the convict stockmen give advice to them what we are doing. This bushranging will not be put down till General Darlings place of hanging is brought into play again.

Mr. Craig begged Mr. Cook to supply him with arms but he would not lend a musket or send a constable but wrote a sympathy note to Craig. I expect Mr. Brown and Mackay will be robbed now as the police are out young Mr. headed the last party sent against them. I have just received my mothers letter but will answer it next week.

With love to all.

I remain in haste
your affectionate son
Vincent Dowling.

I am afraid this will frighten you from paying a visit.

38/
CSIL 40/12098

Irawang near Raymond Terrace
30th Nov 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to represent to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the postman from Upper Williams to Raymond Terrace passed here this afternoon, after having been robbed and the Mail Bags cut open by four mounted and armed Bushrangers on the river between this and Dungog, at the same time mentioned that four others similarly equipped are out in the same quarter, these gangs have during yesterday and this morning committed a number of robberies, and he also says that he has reason to believe they are on the route to this point.

The postman also informs me that he knows two of the men that robbed him to belong to that part of the country from which circumstance they are not likely to be the same party that have been committing depredation's between Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland.

If a small Mounted Police force could be despatched to this there would be every probability of capturing them - as for any aid from the police stationed in this District it cannot be looked for, the very existence of which is merely nominal particularly since there is no resident Police Magistrate - very little resistance indeed can be expected from one or two common constables at an out station, in such an emergency as this.

I have the honor to be
Your obed serv
James King.

note - Inform Mr King that I regret I cannot at present send any Mounted Policemen to the District - but that the attention of the Police Magistrate has been called to it - who has the authority to swear in holders of tickets as special constables. G.G. Dec 4.

This is a note written on Cook's first letter to the Colonial Secretary by Sir George Gipps, the Governor.

On CSIL 40/12590

Write to Mr Cook Police Magistrate of Dungog saying that information has reached me of very extensive depredation's having been committed during the early part of this month by armed bushrangers in the district of Upper Williams River, and that of the evidence of Mr. Lord up than 40 persons suffered themselves to be bailed up whilst the premises were robbed by only four men.

It has further been reported to me that Mr. Vincent Dowling Mr Hector and Mr Craig went in pursuit of the villains who had committed the robbery at Mr. Lord's but that there had been no assistance from Mr. Cook although he had at that time 20 armed constables and ticket of leave holders at his disposal.

Remind Mr. Cook of the circular issued some months ago and inform him that I shall be under the of directing the remedies therein proposed to be resorted to in all the regions until I receive from him a full and satisfactory explanation of the apparent supineness of the police during these occurrences.

If there were any ticket of leave holders amongst the persons who suffered themselves to be bailed up at Mr. Lord's, direct that their tickets be immediately cancelled and that all amongst them who may be assigned servants shall be withdrawn as soon as the harvest is over and their places supplied by men who have been lent for the harvest and will then be disposable. The men so withdrawn are to be sent to a gang and never assigned again and none of them under any circumstances are to be allowed T.O.L. for four years.

Direct him further to proclaim that all tickets of leave will be cancelled in the district, if a bushranger remains in it at large after the 1st of Jan. and that all other indulgences will be suspended.

G.G. Dec 9

Let this go if possible today and send a copy of it to the C. Justice. G.G.

39/
CSIL 40/11392

Reporting capture of bushrangers.

Police Office
Scone
9 Nov. 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that five notorious Bushrangers have been captured, with a large quantity of fire arms, ammunition and with eight or ten horses stolen by them. Four of these men have been tried here and transmitted, under a safe escort, direct to Newcastle on their way to Sydney for trial. One of them was the head of the gang (James Gibbons) that has given me so much trouble for the last six months, and who was connected in the robbery of Her Majesties mail at Murrurundi in March last. Another of them (John Wilson) is supposed to have been the comrade of the notorious "Opossum Jack", and that he was the man that shot the constable Fox in the district of Cassilis about a year ago.

I have sent two parties of my police in search of the remainder of the band, but in the meantime it is most satisfactory to report the capture of these notorious men.

I shall have occasion to report along with Mr. Mayne who was present at the trial of these men here, as to the payment of the reward offered by the Government to the parties engaged in the capture of these Bushrangers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
J.A. Robertson J.P.

40/
CSIL 40/12675

Respecting outrages by Bushrangers.

Gosford
Thursday 17 Dec. 1840.

Sir,

I beg to state that there are Bushrangers plundering the settlers here within a few miles of this town and that they are hourly expected at Mr Donnison's and Mr Mann's besides my own. I was at some different places which they robbed in the course of yesterday. There is reason to fear that they have murdered a man who was compelled to act as a guide for them and from threats which they have been heard to make respecting particular individuals acts of gross violence may be anticipated in this neighbourhood unless some assistance of a Mounted Police force be immediately rendered. I trust I need say no more to induce His Excellency immediately to send down by Saturdays steamer a strong party of Mounted Police. They are partly the same men who have been infesting the neighbourhood of Newcastle and Maitland lately.

I send this letter by a special messenger and begging your prompt attention to it.

I remain

Sir

Your most obed. servt.

A. Holden. P.M.

(Attached note) Inform him that Lieut. Chambre of the Mounted Police and 6 mounted troopers will proceed tomorrow morning to Gosford by the steamer as requested.

He should also take the most active measures himself to restore tranquillity in his District, by searching in a sufficient number of T.L. holders under the regulations contained in my circular letter of the and such other measures as suggest themselves - reporting to me from time to time any circumstances of which may occur for the Governor's information.

Transmit to him; a copy of the notice of reward for apprehension of the Bushrangers who have lately infested the neighbourhood of Maitland and Newcastle and are supposed to be identical with these. G.G. Dec. 18

41/
CSIL 40/12674

Erina Brisbane Waters
17 December 1840.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that five armed Bushrangers were on the night of the 15th at Cabbage Tree (on the sea coast between Tuggerah Beach and the head of Reids Mistake). The people of that place told Mr Moore that on the same day they had been attacked by Mr Schofield and a party who cut them off from 3 of their horses, but the men escaped. This is very probable as Mr Schofield slept at Mr Moores station the night before. Yesterday morning early the Bushrangers left Cabbage Tree and proceeded to Wyong where I understand they got horses and robbed the place and some drays that were stopping there, after which they went in the direction of Newport which some other drays had gone - My principal object in writing is to acquaint you that the fellows stated that when they got horses they would proceed to Liverpool plains, which is very likely and with a good lookout on the Hunter they may perhaps be intercepted. They are wary; when at Cabbage Tree they made 2 candles which were burnt in the hut during the night, each man had his station at a tree outside, with a double barrelled gun, so that had an attacking party gone directly to the hut they would have been picked off. Of the horses taken at Wyong I feel sure, from knowing the stock, that 2 are grey. Robert Chitty, formerly scourger in this District, is one of the party, and knows this part of the country well - Mr Holden is at Lake Macquarie - Mr Mann sent me a note in the night to say that he had mustered horses and would go to Wyong this morning in expectation that as there was spirits in the drays the men might make free and so he would come up with them. I have since heard that he set off at midnight.

The people are warned, the ticket of leave men called out, and we are on the alert.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Henry Donnison.

42/
CSIL 41/616

Sydney 15 Jan 1841.

The Bench Magistrates in Brisbane Water purpose holding an inquiry into the conduct of the men, particularly convict servants in several establishments in regard to participation in any shape in the late acts of the bushrangers. They have reason to believe that many of them have been guilty of inactive participation I may be disposed without clear proof of positive commission to recommend the removal of these men - at the same time every gentleman in the district has cordially cooperated with the Magistrates and the latter would feel greatly relieved in the performance of this duty if they were assured that the Governor would immediately order men to be assigned in lieu of any when they might recommend to be removed and further should they recommend indulgence to any as is probable / that men would be supplied in their sted.

Mr Mann and I called upon the Governor yesterday and learnt he would not be in town till this evening - we sail tomorrow morning at 8 - If not inconvenient may I by your will lay this communication before His Excellency tomorrow morning and forward the reply to Brisbane Water tomorrows post.

I have the honor to be
Your most obed serv.
Henry Donnison.

note - Inform Mr Donnison that I am always disposed as far as may be in my power to comply with the recommendations of Magistrates but that I can give no pledge or promise of what I may do in any particular case and the approaching discontinuance of assignment, or rather the small number of men now assignable puts it out of my power in all cases to replace men withdrawn from private service, for purposes of police. G.G. Jan 16.

43/
CSIL 40/12676

Mounted Police.
Reporting Party Ready for Brisbane Water.

Sydney 18 December 1840.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that two and six troopers will be ready to sail in the steamer tomorrow evening-I beg further to state that I have taken the liberty of postponing the sale of the last horses as we have not sufficient without them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

T Chambre

Mounted Police.

44/
CSIL 40/12498.

Police Office Maitland
8th December 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the Public House at Black Creek kept by H.J. Cohen and situated about 14 miles from this on the Patrick Plains road was plundered by four armed Bushrangers on the morning of Monday the first of this month.

It appears from the enclosed depositions which I beg leave to forward for His Excellency's perusal that a number of bullock drivers were present at the time and that their conduct on the occasion seemed rather to encourage than deter the robbers - and I think from the observations made by some of them to Mr Cohen the night before "that he would not be so jolly the next morning" that it is evident they knew it was intended to plunder the house.

The Ticket of Leave holders and assigned servants named in the margin were amongst the party, and Mr Hobler and myself by whom the case has been investigated being perfectly satisfied that a connection existed between them and the Bushrangers respectfully recommend that the Ticket of Leave held by William Clearly per "Norfolk" and George Green per "Albion" may be cancelled and that they and the other two may be sent to Cockatoo Island or to some other place of security from which it would be difficult for them to escape for the purpose of joining or otherwise assisting the Bushrangers at present at large in this District.

As it does not appear that any blame can be attached in this matter to Mess. Sparke and Wright the assignees of Kent and Seymour we beg to suggest that two convicts may be assigned to them in lieu of those two whom we have recommended to be withdrawn.

I beg to add that Mr Cohen apprehends that his life would be endangered if it was known while these Bushrangers are still at liberty that he gave evidence against the bullock drivers I beg therefore that it may not appear in any instructions forwarded to me respecting this matter that he has done so.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed servant.
Edw D Day.

William Clearly per Norfolk 1832 life T.O.L.

George Green per Albion 1828 life T.O.L.

William Seymour per Portsea 1837 life assigned to Edward Sparke.

James Kent per Bussiah Merchant 1828 life assigned to Mr Wright.

note - Let the tickets of the two men be cancelled and all four of them be sent to cockatoo Island. Inform the Police Magistrate that I doubt very much the propriety of giving other men in the place of men who may be withdrawn under circumstances such as those which he has represented. The object in view is to unite the efforts of every individual in the District to put down Bushranging, and this will best be done, as far as the assignees of

convicts are concerned, by keeping before them the apprehension of losing their convicts. I will leave the point however in this instance to be decided by himself - and if he still think that men ought to be given in the place of Seymour and Kent, he may give them out of those who will be disposable in the District when the harvest is over. G.G. Dec. 16

note 2 - Inform Mr Day that there were other parties at Mr Cohens who ought to be punished - particularly the ostler who had the care of the Bushrangers horses, and might have sent them away ; indeed from ten to twenty people suffer themselves to be robbed by four ; I think the whole of them are deserving of censure. G.G. Dec 16.

Attached to CSIL 40/12498.

William Clearly "Norfolk" life 1832 holding a ticket of leave for the district of Scone.

William Seymour "Portsea" 1837 life assigned to Mr Edward Sparke.

George Green "Albion" 1828 life holding a ticket of leave for Scone.

James Kent "Bussiah Merchant" 1828 life assigned to Mr Wright.

Mr Bartan sworn deposes - I arrived free in the colony. On Monday night I arrived at Anvil Creek, we encamped at the Shamrock Inn, all the prisoners were present, it was about two hours before sun down, we camped outside, the men were also there, a little before 9 on Tuesday 4 mounted Bushrangers came to the house and went in; we were all outside. One of the Bushrangers came and cocked his gun, told us to stand, the whole five of us went into the house without resisting, there were upwards of a dozen men bailed up in the passage. One of the Bushrangers was in the passage the other was walking outside - when we were there about 10 minutes some rum was handed about, I recollect directing some rum myself - the mail then came up. I did not see any of the Bushrangers shake hands with the prisoners, but they might have done so. Bartan ~ his mark.

Sworn before me this 3rd Dec 1840 George Hobler.

George Glew states on oath. I was at Anvil Creek on Tuesday morning last I saw the 4 Bushrangers riding down the road about 8 o'clock I saw them go into the yard, a few minutes after I saw the men bailed up in the shed. After that one of the Bushrangers came down to me and Samuel Marshall, we were standing in the middle of the road, he said he wanted me, and took me to the Shamrock Inn the prisoners and several others were standing by the stables in the open yard, one of the Bushrangers were walking in front the other was at the side there were about ten men there. I went into the house with Mr Cohen leaving the prisoners and the others standing outside, the 10 men were then brought into the passage by 2 Bushrangers, the prisoner was among them - One of the Bushrangers named Davis ordered some liquors which was brought out and given I believe to Kent, Kent distributed it amongst the persons in the passage - Davis the Bushranger said call for what you like and I will pay for it - One of the Bushrangers went to Marshalls house about 100 rods from where the others were - the mail came up Davis ordered the passengers out, and I saw him rob them, he cut the mail bags open, I saw the Bushrangers go away, they shook hands with Kent and others - Davis was talking to Kent about a servant woman that he kept company with, they appeared to be quite friendly - I did not see any of the other prisoners shake hands with them - I only saw Kent speaking to any of the Bushrangers. I did not see any of the prisoners speaking to them but several of the persons that were bailed up were speaking in undertones to the Bushrangers, there were 3 persons shook hands with them, the Bushrangers are named Davis, Shay, a man named Ruggy assigned to Mrs Muir and a man assigned to Mr Elliott called Tom.

G Glew

Sworn before me this 3rd Dec 1840 George Hobler.

New South Wales

To Wit.

Henry Joseph Cohen of Anvil Creek states on oath, I am a Licensed Victualler and keep the house called the Shamrock Inn on the road side,- On Monday I saw some bullock drivers at Darlington who were in charge of Rundles and Sparkes teams they asked me if I intended to return to Black Creek that night - I told them I did - on my return home I found these bullock drivers encamped near my premises and was informed that they had been worrying a pig with their dogs with the intention of killing it, on remonstrating with them they said it was for a lark, I told them if I had been at home I would have shot all the dogs, one of them dressed in a large white coat (James Kent) said you wont be so jolly in the morning, On questioning them when they were going away they said they would go away by daylight in the morning.

I was constantly disturbed in the night by the dogs barking and howling, On Tuesday morning I went into the paddock and found 2 strange bullocks there, I then asked the bullock driver why they had not left at daylight in the morning they said they could not go between 5 and 7 o'clock they yoked their bullocks I heard a rush I went out and saw 4 men mounted coming up at a very quick rate they stopped at the drays and told the men to come on there was about 11 or 12 men with the drays, the Bushrangers galloped up, the bullock drivers and men followed there, the 4 Bushrangers then came to the front door and the other men remained in the yard, they called the ostler to take their horses in, three of the Bushrangers went in the yard where the men were, one of them who I understand is named Marshall came into the house with me and sent me into the yard with the other men whilst I was in the yard Davis one of the Bushrangers was asking the men after some acquaintances and was talking familiarly with them, the men were laughing and winking at one another, the men said to the Bushrangers as it was raining hard some lush would do us good - I then was taken into the house by 2 of the Bushrangers the other two remained outside, they robbed the premises and took silver and notes to the amount of 30 pounds and rings and brooches to the value of fifty pounds I was detained by Davis in the store Marshall one of the Bushrangers came in and asked me if I had a room to bail the men up I told them to put them in the stables, one of the other Bushrangers said no put them in the passage with sentries at each door top and bottom which they did I told Davis I hoped there would be no blood shed, he said don't be frightened no one who is here will be hurt unless they resist - We are waiting for the mail Marshall the Bushranger went away to a house about 400 yards off he returned with George Glue and then went away again the Bushrangers were in possession of the house about one hour and a half the mail then came up they robbed the passengers and broke open the mail bags the seals now produced I picked up on the road near the spot, they beat a constable named Robert Gosling they were going to kill him but Davis the Bushranger took the gun from the other Bushranger - three of the Bushrangers were engaged opening the mail bags on their knees and I am of opinion that if dependence could have been placed on the bullock drivers they might have easily been captured - when they had finished they perceived a person coming along the road they desired the others to bring out the horses and they mounted one of the Bushrangers pieces went off accidentally but did no damage - whilst the people were bailed up in the passage one or more of the bullock drivers said what are you going to give us to drink now as you brought us in, Davis replied what will you have boys, the answer was rum a quart of rum was then brought to them, Davis said if that won't do for you you can have the best the

house affords the men replied that will do for the present I asked Davis how long they were going to remain there, he replied we are stopping here for Major Mudie and Larnach and we mean to kill them, we shall not leave this road till we see them - when they went away Davis and Marshall called me and gave me back a gold chain they had robbed of and told me they should call again as they did not intended to leave for 4 or 5 days - Before Davis went away he said to one of the bullock drivers give my love to some one I did not hear who - the bullock driver had previosly told him his sweetheart was gone to Maitland - there was a door at each end of the passage which might have been shut by those inside the passage.

H.J. COHEN

45/
CSIL 40/12499

Suggesting reward for capture of bushrangers.

Police Office Maitland
8th December 1840.

Sir.

I regret to state that the Bushrangers who have lately committed so many outrages in this District are still at large not withstanding the continued exertions of the Police and many of the settlers to apprehend them.

It is evident from their movements that they constantly receive information that enables them to avoid and baffle their pursuers, and that they are connected with many receivers of stolen property.

Under these circumstances I think it would be advisable to offer a free pardon and passage home to any convict who give such private information as may cause their capture.

The names of the prisoners who robbed Mr Cohen's Inn as stated in my letter of this date are given in the margin.

Should His Excellency be pleased to offer the reward recommended I think the police should specify that the information should be given to any of the Police Magistrates on the Hunter by whom the name of the party would be kept secret.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Edw. D. Day.

James Everett alias Ruggy - assigned to Mrs Muir

John Marshall absconded from Mr John Elliott Big Swamp

Davis absconded from Mess. Wright and Co.

John Shay - Calcutta absconded from J.H. Pilcher Williams River.

note- Let the course recommended by Mr. Day be followed. G.G. Dec. 16.
Immediate.

46/
CSIL 40/11665 A.O. Reel 2219

Morpeth 20th Nov. 1840

Sir,

The accompanying memorial and resolutions adopted at a meeting held yesterday at Maitland has been left with me for transmission. I have to beg therefore you will lay them before the Governor.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient

Humble Servant

E C Close

To/ The Colonial Secretary.

Attached to 40/11665

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of Maitland and its adjoining district held pursuant to public notice at the Union Hotel on the 19th Nov 1840.

E C Close Esq. in the chair.

The following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously.

1st Moved by A Clark

Seconded by Capt Butler.

That in consequence of the long and frequent absence of the present Stipendary Magistrate from his official duties it is highly important to the preservation of the peace and good order of the town and District, that prompt and energetic measures should be adopted to remove the many and serious causes of complaint arising from this circumstance, as well as from the inefficient manner in which these duties have been latterly performed.

2nd Moved by H I Pilcher.

Seconded by Capt Hindson.

That this meeting cannot but express the regret it feels, in stating its conviction that the gross immorality which pervades the district, is greatly heightened by the inefficient manner in which the law has been administered of late.

3rd Moved by Wm. Skinner.

Seconded by Alexr. Dodds.

That as the wound unfortunately received by the Chief Constable (Geo. Woods) has incapacitated him from taking any share for a time, in the duties of his office; and several constables having been recently dismissed without being replaced by others; this meeting regards the present effective constabulary force, as altogether unequal to its ordinary duties, much less to the arduous occupation of searching the adjacent country for bushrangers who are constantly committing depredations in the town and neighbourhood.

4th Moved by Ross Coulter

Seconded by Hy Rae

That a memorial to His Excellency be now prepared, adopted and signed, and forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, for the Governors consideration.

Wm. Skinner
Secretary.

Attached to 40/11665

To His Excellency Sir George Gipps.

The memorial of the undersigned inhabitants of Maitland and its vicinity.

Humbly Sheweth,

That at a meeting held in their town to consider the necessity of addressing the Gov. to appoint a Police Magistrate as there has been none here for some time past, and to provide for a more efficient constabulary force _____ The accompanying resolutions were unanimously adopted, and to which your memorialists beg to draw your Excellency's attention.

In bringing their wants which are embodied in these resolutions under your Excellency's notice your Memorialists beg to disclaim all ill-feeling, but continued losses experienced through the depredations of daring Banditti who infest the district, but are seldom discoverable by the Police, although seen three days together within a few miles of the town by one individual - compel your Excellency's Memorialists to draw your attention to these matters.

And do therefore pray that your Excellency will take this their Memorial and the accompanying resolutions of the meeting into consideration and cause the speedy appointment of a Police Magistrate and a sufficient increase to the police.

(seventy signatures attached)

Note Attached - Acknowledge receipt, and inform Mr. Close; that the resignation of the late Police Magistrate having been received, Mr Day has been appointed to succeed him.

G.G. Nov. 23rd.

47/
CSIL 40/12209

Singleton - Patrick's Plains
1st December 1840 8 P.M.

Sir

I do myself the honor to report for the information of the Governor, that an express messenger from Mrs. Larnach has this moment communicated a verbal message to me from that lady, stating that she had been informed, on good authority, that her husband Mr. John Larnach of Rosemount in this District, had been shot this morning near Maitland by four armed and mounted Bushrangers and that from the information she had received - they intended to attack, and burn Rosemount House to the ground this night. although little credit to this report, yet I have been off to collect some Ticket Of Leave holders, for the purpose of employing them as special constables - the whole of the regular Police force under my superintendence being absent in search of Bushrangers for these last eleven days.

Yesterday I reported to you for Sir George Gipps information that W Aitkinson had been fired at near Muswell Brook yesterday afternoon, by three armed Bushrangers but had escaped owing to his horse outstripping that of his pursuers.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed. serv.

Percy Simpson Pol. Mag.

48/
CSIL 40/10919

Outrages of Bushrangers near Lake Macquarie.

Police Office, Newcastle
29th October 1840

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant concerning a communication from Mr. Threlkeld respecting certain outrages committed by Bushrangers in the vicinity of Lake Macquarie, and in reply I beg leave to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor that from the reports which reached me yesterday evening I have reason to believe that the above party left the district some days past - and have joined other Bushrangers in the neighbourhood of Maitland and that the constabulary and Mounted Police of that are in pursuit of them.

As soon as I received information of the Bushrangers having made their appearance in this District I sent out a strong armed party of soldiers, Ticket Of Leave men and constables and subsequently obtained the assistance of the Mounted Police from Maitland to scour the surrounding country but without the desired result, and the report I received yesterday evening was to the effect that " no tidings would be obtained of the Bushrangers".

This morning another armed party was sent from Newcastle in a direction to intercept these Bushrangers should they attempt to return to the District by their usual route through the bush from Maitland and should they succeed in entering I shall not fail to employ such additional measures as may afford any chance of arresting them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
..... Crummer
Police Magistrate.

P.S. Mr. Threlkeld's letter is herewith returned.

note- On the Threlkeld letter. Send this to Major Crummer and direct him to take the most strenuous measures in his power to restore order. He should swear in the ticket of leave holders - and make a requisition on the settlers for assistance in men and horses, reporting to me the names of persons who either offered assistance or withheld it. Immediate. G.G. Oct 26.

49/
CSIL 40/12116

Robbery of Mail.

Raymond Terrace
Post Office
November 30th 1840.

To the Postmaster General.
Sir.

I beg leave to inform you that the Postman from Dungog was this day stopped by 4 armed Bushrangers at Mr Walker's the publican who resides at Half Moon Flat on his arrival there he found Mr Walker and family bailed up, they ordered him to dismount, which he did, then one of them took the Dungog mail for Sydney from him and opened it, they did not touch the letters but robbed him of his money, on his arrival here he informed Mr Digby Wilson the Clerk of the Court of it who came along with him to the Post Office when the bag was opened, and found all the letters correct - I have forwarded you the mail bag in the same state I received it there is also one letter which the Postman had in his horse bag, which you will perceive they opened - They robbed Mr Walker of about 40 pounds they stopped Mr Nowlan and took his horse from him and gave him a good horse whipping they also took two horses from Mr Chapman, they are all well mounted and armed. The reason they did not illuse the Postman was because he knew one of them named "Robert Chitney" formerly scourger at Dungog.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
.....
Postmaster.

Note on letter - I perceive this has been reported to the Police Magistrate of the district - but write to him about it. G.G. Dec. 3.

50/
CSIL 40/13067

Robbery of Dungog Mail.

Police Office Paterson
29th December 1840

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that no report was ever made to me of the Postman from Dungog having been stopped by Bushrangers.

Mr Walker's Public House is in the District of Dungog, and distant eight miles from that township so if any report was made it must have been made to the Police Magistrate of that District Thomas Cook Esq.

I have also the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency that the Public House called the Settlers Arms kept by Mr Thomas Jones on the Paterson was attacked by four armed Bushrangers on the afternoon of the 30th of last month they bailed up the whole of Mr Jones establishment, to the number of twelve persons, they took away thirty pounds in money, information of this did not reach me until nine o'clock at night, when I immediately got my constabulary I and as many settlers, with ticket of leave men, as I could collect under arms, and sent them in different directions, to try and capture them, but it would appear the Bushrangers are too well mounted, that it is impossible for constables on foot to come up with them.

Alexander Seymour of Upper Paterson was also robbed on the 23rd inst. of property to the amount of one hundred pounds, Corp. Chambers of the Mounted Police, and the men under his orders, have been indefatigable in their exertions, together with my own Chief Constable, and the constables under him, to endeavour to capture these three Bushrangers who are at present upsetting the upper part of this District, I am happy to say the Mounted Police have captured and brought in three horses, three saddles, four stand of arms, but owing to the mountainous country, intersected by deep gullies, they could not come up with these marauders, it was nearly dark on the night of the 24th when the police captured their horses, this report should have been made sooner to His Excellency but I have been in daily expectation of hearing of the capture of those ruffians, the police are still after them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. humble servant
Edward Johnstone J.P.

51/
CSIL 40/12674

Outrages by Bushrangers.

Thomas Dangar.
St Aubins 23 Nov 1840

Sir

I beg leave respectfully to inform you, that for some weeks past, two armed Bushrangers on horseback (and about ten days ago, a servant lately assigned to Mr P. Wright, Aberdeen, nicknamed Ruggy, joined them) have been committing various highway robberies on drays and travellers between Warrah, the Liverpool Range, Warland's Ranges, and from thence to Dr Bowman's near Singleton, and have up to this time evaded the police of the different districts. They have in all cases, stopped persons, and robbed drays in the open day, bailed the parties up, and carried off the plunder without molestation and at their pleasure.

Only yesterday they stopped four horsemen opposite Bowman's fence, robbed three of my drays, and carried off merchandise to a considerable amount, and not content with what they could carry off, but smashed all the cases to atoms, tore up silk handkerchiefs, ribbons etc. etc. with which they ornamented their horses - the reason I think they are the same fellows who have kept the Upper Hunter in such dread, is, yesterday one of them said he robbed Mess. Single and Dangar about six weeks ago near the place where the drays were robbed yesterday, and also had a mare in their possession which was taken from a man of Mr B Singleton's on the Liverpool Range about a fortnight since.

I further beg to inform you that I have offered a reward of fifty pounds, Twenty pounds for the conviction and apprehension of the Bushrangers who robbed my drays, and thirty pounds for the conviction of the receivers of the plunder, and I humbly trust his Excellency will be pleased to offer also a reward or pardon, for the conviction of either of the parties named above for in my opinion if the latter were punished, there would be no robberies; as the property stolen from me were soft goods, suitable for storekeeping there cannot be the least doubt but there must be some receptacles for the disposal of stolen property, and that not far away, suspicious characters similarly dressed have been seen pass my store, and I do think they pass up and down frequently in disguise, as they can tell whose drays are coming up and going down, whether loaded with suitable property, and mention the names of the owners, with other correct information, they also know what persons are travelling the roads, which leads me to believe they have clandestine agents to assist them in their plunder.

I also beg to remark that there are several improper houses between this and the Liverpool Range, where merchandises disposed of to a considerable amount, and where plundered goods can be disposed of without detection, and some kept by ticket of leave men; which I respectfully submit ought not be allowed, such places at the best look very suspicious - Mr Rundle's (storekeeper, Murrurundi) dray was robbed in sight of one of the above mentioned houses, a ticket of leave holder, and none of the property discovered - and I have since learned the Bushrangers intended to rob his drays a second time, but were prevented by some cause or other.

I trust under the circumstances it will not be deemed an intrusion on my part, for if these desperadoes are not very shortly captured there is no knowing where it will end, most probably in bloodshed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient servant

Thomas Dangar

note on the letter - These must be the same men who are said to have robbed the drays near Dr Bowmans on which a communication has been already ordered to be made to the Police Magistrate of Patricks Plains. Inform Mr Dangar of the nature of that communication. G.G. Nov. 31

52/
CSIL 40/12898

Reporting attack of Bushrangers and murder of Mr Graham.

Police Office
Scone 21 Dec 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to intimate, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that an attack was this morning made on this township by a large party of armed and mounted Bushrangers, who after ransacking and plundering the store of Mr Thomas Dangar, and the public house kept by Mr Chivers, murdered Mr John Graham the clerk of Mr Dangar, who had fired at these ruffians, and retreated to intimate their arrival to the Police.

The Bushrangers arrived at 7 o'clock this morning in the township, and the whole attack and murder was transacted within half an hour. Sometime before 8 o'clock I was informed of the affair, and I have taken active measures to call out all the ticket of leave holders in the District; and I hope early tomorrow to have an effective and active force well armed and stationed in separate parts of my District, to waylay and intercept these ruffians, who seem to have taken possession of the country.

I shall myself take command, and visit the separate divisions of these armed parties; and I sincerely trust that by such exertions I will intercept and capture these daring and outrageous murderers.

I have this day transmitted the report of the inquest held on the unfortunate man Graham, to the Attorney General, and I shall send to you the nature of the attack upon this township as soon as I have taken the deposition's.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. servt.
J.A. Robertson J.P.

53/

Letter in Commissariat file 1841.

Friday 25th Dec.

My dear Sir George,

I think that in addition to the measures proposed to be taken relative to the attack of bushrangers on Scone, it will be better to offer a reward for the apprehension of the murderers. I have prepared a letter accordingly to Mr Robertson - but wish to know what amount you would sanction, and whether in the case of a convict an absolute or conditional pardon - In the former it is usual to add a passage to England that the party may get away from the Colony and the danger to which informers are exposed who remain in it.

Yours very truly

E. Deas Thomson.

attached note -offer an absolute pardon with a passage to England - and as high a pecuniary reward as is ever offered in like cases. G.G. 26

note 2 - The notice respecting the murderers of Graham at Scone should appear in the papers of Monday.

54/

Letter in Commissariat file 1841

25th Dec.

To/ The Police Magistrate Scone.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant reporting an attack upon the township on the morning of that day by a large party of armed Bushrangers and the murder of an individual who opposed them- and in reply to inform you that in order to restore confidence and to encourage resistance His Excellency has requested the Major General Commanding to send up immediately a detachment of infantry to assist the civil forces.

It is proposed that a Sergeant and 6 rank and file should proceed to each of the following places for that purpose viz Scone, Murrurundi, Cassilis and Muswell Brook.

On arrival of the party for your district you will take such measures as circumstances may require, and you will give every facility to obtain for the troops all necessary accommodation and rations - the latter will of course be drawn from the Contractor for the District.

In conclusion, I am to request that you will report to me from time to time for the Governors information all particulars of interest connected with the movement and proceedings of the party of Bushrangers in question until tranquillity is completely restored.

I have

E. D. Thomson.

55/

Letter in Commissariat file 1841

Col. Sec. Office

25 Dec 1840

Sir

In transmitting to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Police Mag. of Scone reporting an attack upon this township by a large party of Bushrangers, and murder of an individual who opposed them, I am directed by the Gov. to inform you that daring depredation's by armed men who pass rapidly through the country have lately become so frequent that in order to restore confidence to the inhabitants, and encourage resistance His Excellency has requested the Executive Council to order a detachment of Infantry to proceed immediately to the Upper Hunter's River District to assist the Civil Force. It is purposed that a Sergeant and 6 rank and file should proceed to each of the following Districts for that purpose, viz, Scone, Murrurundi, Cassilis, and Muswell Brook and on the arrival of the party for your District you will take such measures as circumstances may require, and give every facility to obtain accommodation, and (in the event of there being no military construction in the District,) all necessary rations for the troopers.

I have etc.

E Deas Thomson.

56/
CSIL 41/105.

Police Office.
Muswell Brook
28th Dec. 1840.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th of Dec. informing me that a party of infantry had been ordered from Sydney to proceed to the upper Districts of Hunters River to assist in capturing the Bushrangers who have been of late committing such outrages - I am happy to have it in my power to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor that these men were taken on the 21st instant by Edward D Day Esquire and a party of Ticket of Leave men from Muswell Brook. The infantry force will therefore be unnecessary.

F Allman.
Act. Pol. Mag.

57/

Letter in Commissariat file 1841

25 Dec. 1840.

The Police Magistrate

Scone.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the attacks on the township by Bushrangers on that day and the murder of Mr Graham, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you, that a Notice will be inserted in the next Government Gazette offering a reward of Fifty pounds to any individual if free, or an absolute pardon with a passage to England to any convict, who may give such private information to any Police Magistrate as may lead to the apprehension and conviction of any of the parties concerned in the murder in question and to request that you will immediately give such publicity of the intended reward as may tend to a speedy apprehension of the guilty parties.

E.D. Thomson.

58/
CSIL 40/12932

Reporting Capture of Bushrangers.

Police Office
Scone 23. Dec. 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor, in reference to my letter of the 21st inst. announcing the attack and murder in this township on that morning by seven armed Bushrangers, that these Bushrangers having on the previous afternoon passed through and alarmed the township of Muswell Brook, Mr Day, the Police Magistrate, and a party of armed and mounted men, pursued the Bushrangers on the 21st, and on the evening of that day overtook and captured six of them.

In the event of their doubling or escaping from Mr Day's party, I immediately proceeded to call in a force of ticket of leave men, and obtain horses; and early next morning, as I was arming and despatching my first division of mounted men in charge of two constables, I heard of the capture of the Bushrangers. I forwarded the party to be under Mr Day's orders, and I armed a foot party to guard the lock-up and township who remained under arms all night.

The Bushrangers were brought before me this day, and I took quite sufficient evidence to commit them for the robbery and murder here, but on the request of Mr. Day (who having the merit of taking them, and wished to proceed with further evidence of them for other crimes at Muswell Brook) I remanded the prisoners to that Bench and have transmitted the Depositions, with the recognisances to Mr Day, to be forwarded, on the committal of the Prisoners, to the Attorney General.

It is highly satisfactory to be enabled to report this matter, as I do not think more desperate, or reckless men ever appeared before a Bench.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed. serv.

J.A. Robertson J.P.

note; bring forward again when Mr Day's report is received. Dec 28.

59/
CSIL 41/1070

Police Office
Scone 22 Jan 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor as mentioned in my letter of the 19th instant in regard to Dr Bowmans complaint, that I have hitherto treated and will continue to treat all the personal abuse which has appeared in the Sydney newspapers with silent contempt.

I have now, however, to draw His Excellency's to an anonymous letter on the third page of the Sydney Herald of the 16th instant, in which appears to be quoted certain expressions made use of by me in my Communication notifying to the Government the recent appearance of Bushrangers in this neighbourhood, and as these expressions bear so close a resemblance to the very words used in my letter of the 9th instant I have not a doubt the anonymous writer quotes the words from that letter.

My letter is dated the 9th and left this on the 10th reaching your office a day or two before the 15th the date of the anonymous communication, and as no person ever saw that letter but the Clerk of the Court and myself; and as the anonymous letter is in reply to an article appearing in the Sydney Gazette is to point out the necessity of preventing official communications to Government from being made an improper use of, and I submit to His Excellency that he will give such directions to trace out, if practicable, the author of the present - visiting the party with such displeasure as to His Excellency the nature of the case may require.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed serv
J.A. Robertson.

note - Inform Mr Robertson that I have no reason to suppose that his letter was ever seen by Mr Day - and the Colonial Secretary feels certain that the information respecting his letter contained in the Herald of 16th Jan did not proceed from any one in his office. G.G.

Jan 31

60/
CSIL 40/13031

Reporting capture of Bushrangers.

Muswell Brook,
26 Dec. 1840.

Sir,

I am happy to have it in my power to report to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the band of Bushrangers who have so long infested this part of the Colony have at last been captured, but unfortunately not until they had added the crime of murder to their other numerous offences.

A report was made to me at Muswell Brook on Sunday night last about 9 o'clock that the Bushrangers, seven in number, all mounted and armed had been concealed all that day in a creek about two miles off and had gone upwards only a little of the the same morning

As the Mounted Police near had gone out the same morning with Mr. Allman I immediately called upon a few of the neighbouring settlers and ticket of leave men who so much already in the matter that I was to start in pursuit the following morning at 7 o'clock with ten mounted men and a black boy to track. We pursued them through Scone (where I regret to state they that morning murdered a Mr Graham) and Murrurundi to Dough-boy Hollow on Liverpool Plains fifty miles from Muswell Brook where we surprised them in camp about 6 o'clock the same evening and succeeded in taking the five named in the margin after some resistance. We remained on the spot all night and the next morning at daylight I sent out two parties who succeeded in taking the sixth man Glanville - the seventh I regret to state got away unobserved.

We secured seven horses, ten guns single and double, nineteen pistols, several watches, sixty or seventy pounds in money and a good deal of other property. The prisoners were brought back here on the third day after I left; they have since been committed for trial for the crime of murder, and proceed this morning on their way to Maitland under Mr charge.

I am happy to state that not a man of my party was hit, although the ruffians fired shots before they were secured - Two of these Shea and Davis were wounded but not dangerously.

I beg leave to add the names of those who assisted me on this occasion, and I trust that His Excellency will excuse me for respectfully but most earnestly recommending that some pecuniary reward be given to Mr Shinkwin and an absolute pardon to each of the prisoners. If His Excellency should be pleased to attend to this recommendation, and I most sincerely hope he may I am sure it will be attended with the very best effects prisoners may be required to act on similar occasions.

John Marshall Clyde 1832

James Everett 1832 Mangles

Edward Davis al. Wilkinson Camden 1833

John Shea Calcutta 1837

Robert Chitty Sophia 1829

Richard Glanville Lord Lyndoch 1838

Mr. Day's party.
Mr R.C. Dangar - Muswell Brook.
Mr Edw. White - Pages River.
Doctor Gill - Pages River.
Mr. Warland - Invermain.
Mr Shinkwin - Chief Constable Muswell Brook.
Charles Evans alias Robert Glascott "Prince Regent" 1827 T.O.L.
Martin Kelly "Governor Ready 2 " 1829 T.O.L.
William Evans "Norfolk" 1829 T.O.L.
John Nolan alias Hely Knowles "Andromeda" 1830 T.O.L.
William Walker "Mermaid" 1830 T.O.L.
Peter Dawe "Sarah" 1829 T.O.L.
John Paley "Norfolk" 1832 T.O.L.
Martin Donahoo "Portland" 1833 Life assigned to Col. Dumaresq.
William Taylor "Woodbridge" 1839 7 years - a trooper in New England Border Police.
and also.
William Jones "Mary Ann" 1835 - the ticket of leave man who gave me the best information.

I beg also to state that Mr R.C. Dangar not only formed the party himself but rendered us most important service by supplying the men with new percussion guns out of his store.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obed. serv.
Edw. D. Day. Pol. Mag.

Note on this letter; Acknowledge receipt to Mr Day and say I am happy to congratulate him on having on this occasion maintained the character he long ago established for activity and enterprise as a magistrate.

Request he will except himself and convey to each of the persons who accompanied him my best thanks for the services which they have rendered to the Colony in the capture of this band of depredators, and assure him I will to the utmost of my power attempt to his recommendations in favour of the ticket of leave holders who have earned so high a title to my approbation. GG Dec 31.

Immediate; Obtain the Police Histories of all the Ticket of leave holders that I may see how far I can venture to give them absolute pardons.

Obtain also information respecting the persons captured - and particularly how long each had been in the bush - and what service he absconded from.

Let some person make a precis of the different depredation's committed of late in the Brisbane Water - Wollombi , and Dungog Districts and compare the dates, in such manner as to ascertain, whether all could have been committed by the same party. G.G. Dec. 31.

61/
CSIL 41/256

Principal Superintendent
of Convicts Office
7th January 1841.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant (...41/1) calling for the Police history of certain prisoners therein named and also requesting that I would furnish any information in my power respecting the men who were captured by the prisoners alluded to; I have the honor to transmit all the information I possess on these subjects for the information of the Governor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
McLean.

Attached to 41/256

Report for the Governor on the ticket of leave men involved in the capture of the gang.

Charles Evans alias Robert Glascott per ship Prince Regent allowed a Ticket of Leave No 38/1662 dated 16th October 1838 for the District of Maitland. Arrived 27th September 1827- was tried at Warwick ass. 2nd April 1827- Life.

April 2nd 1828 - Six months to an Iron Gang Runaway and strongly suspected of being an accessory to a burglary.

September 22nd 1828. To be double ironed and sent to his gang - Shaving his irons off.

November 10th 1828 - Fifty lashes - Absconding.

December 20th 1828 - Three months to an iron gang - Absconding.

January 16th 1829 - Two years to Moreton Bay. An incorrigible runaway from an iron gang and a notorious bad character.

September 6th 1831- Ten days cells - Riotous and fighting.

Martin Kelly per ship Governor Ready (2) obtained a Ticket of Leave No 37/249 dated 23 Feb. 1837 for the District of Invermain which was subsequently altered to Muswell Brook on the 6th July 1840.

Nothing Recorded.

William Evans per ship Norfolk (2) Obtained a Ticket of Leave No 38/522 dated 8th April 1838 for the District of Invermain which was subsequently altered to Muswell Brook on the 6th July 1840.

Nothing Recorded.

John Nolan or William Heely Knowles per ship Andromeda obtained a Ticket of Leave No 39/356 dated 18th February 1839 for the District of Patricks Plains.

May 21st 1831. 25 lashes - neglect.

May 20th 1835. 50 lashes - drunkenness.

William Walker per ship Mermaid obtained a Ticket of Leave No 38/1277 dated 25th July 1838 for the District of Patricks Plains which was altered to Muswell Brook per Police Magistrates letter dated 19th September 1838.

June 20th 1834 - 25 lashes - Leaving a Gang without a pass.

Peter Dawe per ship Sarah obtained a Ticket of Leave No 36/358 dated 8th March 1836 for the District of Merton.

Nothing recorded.

John Fihily per ship Norfolk (5) obtained a Ticket of Leave No 40/1310 dated 3 June 1840 for the District of Scone.

Nothing recorded.

William Jones per ship Mary Anne Obtained a Ticket of Leave No 40/387 dated 14th

February 1840 for the District of Port Stephens which was subsequently altered to Maitland per Police Magistrates letter dated 18th April 1840.
Nothing recorded.

Martin Donohoe per ship Portland (2) arrived 26th June 1833 was tried at County Galway March 1832 Sentence Life.
Nothing recorded.

William Taylor per ship Woodbridge arrived 27th February 1840 was tried at Manchester Court Martial 15th May 1839 Sentence 7 years.
Nothing recorded.

7th Jan 1841
McLean

Attached to 41/256

John Marshall, "Clyde", 1832, ran from Hyde Park Barracks, 12th August last.

James Everett "Mangles", 1832, ran from Hyde Park Barracks, 12th August last.

Edward Davis, alias Wilkinson, "Camden" (2) 1833 ran from P. Wright, Hunters River
10th Nov. last.

John Shea, "Calcutta", 1837, ran from J.H. Pilcher Maitland, 2nd Oct. last.

Robert Chitty, "Sophia", 1829, ran from Matthew Chapman, Upper Williams River, 30th
Nov. last.

Richard Glanville, "Lord Lyndoch", 1838, ran from Mrs Georgiana Hely, Brisbane Water,
16th Dec. last.

note; Marshall, Everett, Knight, Wilson and Roberts - all ran from H.P. in Aug. 1840.

Knight and Wilson are in custody - Roberts is supposed to be murdered.

Prin. Supt. of Convicts Office.

7th Jan. 1841.

McLean.

Attached to 41/256

Absolute Pardons.

- 1 Martin Kelly - Present at the capture.
- 2 Charles Evans - Present at the capture.
- 3 William Evans - Present at the capture.
- 4 John Nolan - Present at the capture.
- 5 John Fihily - Present at the capture.
- 6 Peter Dawe - Present at the capture.
- 7 William Jones - I add this man's name as he gave the information which led to the capture, and may therefore be deemed to have a claim for an absolute pardon agreeably to the notice in the Gazette.

Conditional Pardons.

- 1 William Walker - at the Page.
- 2 Martin Donahoo - Assigned - present at the capture.
- 3 William Taylor - Border Police Man - present at the capture.

note - Let these men have the pardons for which they are recommended by Mr Day.
Seven absolute.

Three conditional. G.G. Jan 12

Let these papers be put with Mr Days report of his capture of the Bushrangers and a short minute of each mans case should be made to be sent home with his pardon. GG

note - Mr Raymond - will you return this to me with McLeans letter 41/256 Supt of Convicts reporting police history of these men.

note - It will be necessary to put with each pardon a copy or extracts of Mr Days letter - which I enclosed.

62/
CSIL 40/12928

Newcastle
15th Dec. 1840.

Sir
Your Excellency

By mere matter of accident I saw the ration of flour issued by Mr Jackson the Pilot of this harbour to the Government boats crew under his charge, and conceiving the same wholly unfit for human food, I procured a small portion which I venture to enclose for your Excellency's inspection.

Fully aware of your Excellency's having always directed your attention to all matters of abuse relative to the rations of prisoners - I crave Your Excellency's pardon for my present interference begging leave to add that 3 men. Ryan Gordon and lately absconded from the same boats crew, in consequence (as I am credibly informed) of the badness of the ration and severe labour.

I have the honor to be
Your Excys most obedient humble servant.
M.J. Davies.

note - I do not know who the writer of this is but let it be sent to the Police Magistrate of Newcastle for enquiry. G.G. Dec. 25.

63/
CSIL 41/259.

Police Office Newcastle
6th January 1841.

Sir,

In returning the enclosed communication signed M.J. Davis addressed to His Excellency the Governor which was forwarded to me for enquiry, I have the honor to state that a person belonging to the Jewish persuasion of the above name resides in Newcastle who is an exceptionable character, and of a malicious disposition and I have every reason to believe that the complaint he has addressed to his Excellency against Mr. Jackson is not founded upon facts nor made with any other view than a desire to injure that gentleman.

I have never had any complaints from the pilots view respecting their provisions and I have no doubt but that if the supplies had been of an inferior description or insufficient in quantity that my interference as Police Magistrate would have been solicited by these men.

Having communicated to Mr Jackson the nature of the complaint made by M.J. Davis he has forwarded to me the accompanying reply which I beg to submit together with the contractors certificate and sample of flour issued by him to the pilots crew for His Excellency's information.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Crummer Police Magistrate.

note - Let Davis now be informed that having enquired into the case complained of in his letter, I do not find it one requiring my interference and that if he has any further complaint to make be it addressed himself to the Police Magistrate. G.G. Jan 16

To Major Crummer. Police Magistrate.

Newcastle January 1st 1840

Sir,

I herewith return you the letter you forwarded to me this day, signed by a man named Davis, I should scarcely think it necessary to reply to any aspersions from so polluted a source but as the Governor can have no knowledge of the character that has thus attempted to stigmatise me in his Excellency's opinion. I trust that my candid statement will meet its due appreciation - that Davis has been tampering with my men, as he has also with many other assigned servants in the town, is clear, and his motives for so doing can only be attributed to my not only refusing him my men for his own craft, but also because I reported him for employing the Govt. boats crew, all of whom through him got punished - that his whole statement is a malicious, libellous and calumnious attack could be easily proved by the men themselves - their rations are served out to them by the Govt. Contractor of the same quality as that given to the soldiers but superior in quantity and greater than the other prisoners receive victualled by Government at the Light House - I send you a sample and the contractors certificate. The men have never made any complaint to me, for had they done so, I would have discontinued employing the Govt.

contractor if necessary-

Nothing can be more notoriously false than that my men who absconded did so from bad treatment, as it is well known I was on the point of bringing them up for some delinquencies committed in the town, the fear of which made them abscond.

This man has frequently shewn me up as he terms it in the Commercial Journal of which he is the respectable "Newcastle Correspondent", a specimen of whose respectability I now take the liberty of mentioning - He is a trebly convicted scoundrel, who was turned out of Port Macquarie for repeated bad conduct - his son is the notorious Bush-Ranger lately captured by Mr. Day, and it is more than suspected that Davis's house was a fence for those depredators - his house is also a Brothel by which he gains some support by the prostitution of his own daughters - is also a sly grog shop to the annoyance of many families here besides myself - he has frequently insulted me in the street and told me I should not hold my situation much longer as he was determined to have his revenge.

I trust that calumny from such a source will meet the indignation it merits, and I feel much hurt at being compelled in my own vindication to make any mention of so unworthy a subject - I shall now conclude with only one more remark - as to severe labour I grant they occasionally have exerted themselves but whatever is their labour I always share it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed hble servant

Geo. W. Jackson.

64/
CSIL 41/6842

Sydney,
23rd July 1841.

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the service rendered to the public by the Gentlemen named in the margin by assisting in the capture of the Hunter's River Bushrangers in December last.

As these Gentlemen cannot participate in the pecuniary offered for the apprehension, I hope that I may be excused for respectfully suggesting on their behalf that His Excellency the Governor would perhaps be pleased to grant to each of them a few assigned servants as an acknowledgment of their services on the occasion.

I will feel much obliged to you if you will have the goodness to recommend this matter for the favourable consideration of His Excellency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yr mo ob serv
Edw. D. Day.

Mr Edw. White.

Mr. Warland.

Mr. Gill.

Mr R. C. Dangar.

note - Inform Mr Day that much as I feel indebted to these gentlemen for the assistance rendered by them in the pursuit and capture of the Bushrangers alluded to, I regret that I cannot consider it would be proper to mark my sense of their good services by assigning to them convict servants and I very much apprehend that any such measure might lead to embarrassing results. G.G. July 24.

65/

CSIL 41/8271.

The Police Magistrate of Maitland requests that the pecuniary reward offered for the capture of the Bushrangers who attacked Scone and murdered Mr Graham, may be paid to Mr Shinkwin, then Chief Constable at Muswell Brook, who was present at the capture, and in whose favour the other parties have relinquished their claim; and submits also whether he should be allowed special reward, in addition to the apprehension rewards authorised by the several regulations.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary of 25th Dec 1840, to the Police Magistrate of Scone, stated that a reward of fifty pounds, or a pardon and a passage to England would be allowed for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the parties; but as they were captured on the 21st of December, it does not appear to have been in pursuance of any offer of special reward, or that any is therefore due.

In compliance however, with Mr Day's recommendation 7 absolute and 3 conditional pardons have been ordered for prisoners present at the capture and Mr Shinkwin is particularly noticed in his letter of the 26 Dec. reporting the apprehension of the Bushrangers.

note 1 - It is necessary to add that both by the former and present regulations the rewards for apprehension any special reward - although, in some instances formerly both have been paid. 15th Oct.

note 2 - Let fifty pounds be granted - payable out of the military chest - no other reward having been paid out of that chest on account of the apprehension of this desperate gang of robbers. G.G Oct 18

note 3 - The ordinary rewards in this case will be payable from the military chest and therefore, if the sum of fifty pounds is to be allowed in addition, it is perhaps intended to pay it from the Colonial Treasury. - 29. Oct.

note 4 - I do not think that any reward has been paid from the military chest - but ascertain from the ass. Commissary General of accounts. Oct. 29.

note 5 - It appears by Mr Day's letter that they have not been paid, although the certificates have been furnished. They are claimed of the special reward seems to be affected in addition.

The ordinary rewards must according to all former practice merge in the higher one. Oct 30.

65/
CSIL 41/8271.

Police Office Maitland.
9th Sept. 1841.

Sir,

The free persons who aided in the capture of the Bushrangers at Doughboy Hollow the 21st December last having resigned their claim to the pecuniary reward offered by the Govt. for the apprehension of that party in favour of Mr William Shinkwin, then Chief Constable at Muswell Brook.

I do myself the honor on his behalf to request that you will have the goodness to submit the case to His Excellency the Governor with a view to obtaining the necessary authority for the payment of the amount.

Mr Shinkwin has transmitted to me the reward certificates for the apprehension and also for the conviction in the Supreme Court of the six Bushrangers taken on this occasion, but as in a conversation I have had with you on this subject you expressed an opinion that all minor rewards should merge in the greater one, as is the case under the present regulations which were not then promulgated, I leave this matter entirely to your decision.

I beg to add in support of Mr Shinkwins claim that the capture of the Bushrangers on the occasion referred to was in a great measure owing to his activity and zeal in collecting, arming and mounting the pursuing party.

He was also most active in the pursuit and present at the capture - and his conduct during the whole period of his employment at Muswell Brook as Chief Constable under my orders was in the highest degree satisfactory.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Edw. D. Day.

note - This should be supported upon showing what rewards were offered for the capture of these offenders and they appear to have been captured in pursuance of the inducement so held out - also respecting the practice of all lower rewards merging in the bigger. Sept. 13 Immediate.

66/
CSIL 41/9794

Commissariat of Accounts
Sydney 6 November 1841.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 1st instant directing a warrant to be prepared for the sum of fifty pounds in favour of Mr Shinkwin, late the Chief Constable at Muswell Brook, who was present at the capture of the Bushrangers who attacked Scone, and murdered Mr Graham, in December last, I have the honor to submit that in accordance with the Secretary of States dispatch of 29 October 1839 it should be stated that the parties apprehended were convicts;- and further their names and ships should be given, in order to guard against the payment of any minor rewards for the apprehension of the said party;- I have also the honor to request that I may be informed of Mr Shinkwin's Christian name.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

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67/
CSIL 40/12208

Singleton Hunters River
1 December 1840
12 PM

Sir,

Referring to my letter of this evening communicating a report that had been sent me of Mr John Larnach having been shot - I now have the satisfaction to state that he fortunately escaped the Bushrangers shots and had arrived Maitland.

I regret to add that the same party broke open the mail bag on its way here today from Maitland and committed robbery at Black Creek as reported in the accompanying letter.

I have three efficient parties out in search of these Bushrangers and have informed the men on this service that they would be recommended to the Governor for conditional pardons in the event of their capturing the Bushrangers but I fear there is little probability of their meeting them - or of their being taken for some time - unless they are betrayed by those who harbour them for the sake of pecuniary reward.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed serv
Percy Simpson

Attached to CSIL 40/ 12208

Black Creek

Tuesday morning.

Mr Horn I beg to inform you that four armed Bushrangers bailed me up and about 20 more at Mr Cohens this morning and broke open the mail bag and knocked me about one would have shot me if it had not been for the coachman they robbed Mr Cohens house and a passenger in the coach of three pound notes and they went off in the direction of Mr Goodwin and they told Mr Cohen they meant to go to Mr Wyndham.

They are the same that chased Mr Aitkinson to the last night and they took my handcuffs from me.

Robert

68/

Col. Sec. Outgoing Letters No 40/10738 Reel 2813.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 26th October 1840.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit to you the accompanying communication from the Reverend Mr Threlkeld representing that a party of armed Bushrangers are committing depredation's in the District of Lake Macquarie and to request that you will take the most strenuous measures in your power to restore order, swearing in the Ticket of Leave holders as constables and making a requisition on the settlers for assistance in men and horses reporting for His Excellencys information the names of the persons who may either afford assistance or withhold it.

I have etc
J C Harrington

To. Police Magistrate, Newcastle.

69/

CSOL 40/9261 A.O. Reel 1064

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 22nd September 1840

Francis Knight "Lady Kennaway"

John Wilson per "Clyde"

Sir

It appearing that the Prisoners named in the margin accomplices of the late notorious Bushranger John Hobson "alias" Opossum Jack, were discharged from the Sydney Gaol to Hyde Park Barracks on the 18th May last, and that they have subsequently escaped from the latter establishment, and are now at large committing depredations in the Hunter River District, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will call on Mr. Keck, the Principal Gaoler to state why these men were sent to Hyde Park Barracks without some written statement of the reasons why they were sent thither.

I have etc
J C Harrington.

To/ The Sheriff.

70/

CSOL 41/47 Reel 1064.

Colonial Sec Office
Sydney, 6 March 1841

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you, that in the case of John Shea convicted at the late Criminal session of the Supreme Court of Wilful Murder and of John Marshall, Edward Everett, Edward Davis, Robert Chitty and Richard Glanville, convicted of being present aiding and abetting the said murder, the sentence of the law is to take effect in the usual manner at Sydney on Tuesday the sixteenth day of March instant, and to request that you will appraise the unhappy men accordingly.

E DEAS THOMSON.

To/ The Sheriff.

71/

CSOL No 40/1049 Reel 2813.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 28th November 1840.

Sir

It having been stated to the Governor that on Sunday the 22nd instant, on the High Road near Ravensworth between Patricks Plains and Muswell Brook nine drays in charge of nearly twenty men, many of them well armed - were robbed by three Bushrangers.

I am directed by His Excellency to request, that you will enquire into such. Minutely report the circumstances attendant on this robbery such to ascertain the names and conditions of all the persons who suffered themselves to be robbed.

I have etc
J C Harrington

To- Police Magistrate Patricks Plains.

72/

CSOL 40/1072 Reel 2813.

Colonial Secretarys Office

5th December 1840

Sir

Several reports having been received of outrages committed by Bushrangers in the Patricks Plains District, and the Post Master General having represented the robbery of the mail on 1st Instant Darlington and Maitland I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to refer you to my circulation of 2nd May last No 40/26 and to inform you that His Excellency will reluctantly be obliged to put in force the remedies pointed out in it if the District of which you have charge be not speedily restored to quiet.

I have etc

J C Harrington

To- Police Magistrate Patricks Plains.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 9th December 1840

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you that information has reached Him of very extensive depredation's having been committed during the early part of this month by armed Bushrangers in the District of the Upper Williams River, and that at the residence of Mr Lord, no less than forty persons suffered themselves to be "bailed up", whilst the premises were robbed by only four men.

It has further been reported to His Excellency that Mr Vincent Dowling, Mr Hector and Mr Craig went in pursuit of the villains who had committed the robbery at Mr Lords, but that they received no assistance from you, although you had at that time twenty armed constables or Ticket of Leave holders at your disposal-

His Excellency instructs me to refer you to the circular which was listed on the 2nd May last and to inform you that He will under the necessity of directing the remedies therein proposed to be resorted to in all their rigours, unless He receives from you a full and satisfactory explanation of the apparent supineness of the Police during these occurrences.

If there were any ticket of leave holders amongst the persons who suffered themselves to be "bailed up" at Mr Lords therein to be cancelled and all amongst them who were assigned servants are to be withdrawn as soon as the harvest is over, and their places supplied by men who have been lent for the harvest, and will then be disposable - The men so withdrawn will be sent to a second class gang and never assigned again, and none of them under any circumstances will be allowed Tickets of Leave for four years-

I have therefore to request that you will, with as little delay as possible, transmit to me a list of these men showing which of them are Ticket of leave holders and those in assigned service, with the names of the assignees of the later.

I am directed by the Governor to request further that you will proclaim that all Tickets of Leave will be cancelled in the District if a Bushranger remains in it at large after the 1st of January next, and that all other indulgences will be entirely suspended.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson

To- Police Magistrate Dungog.

74/

CSOL No 40/12210 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 12th December 1840

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant reporting on the recent robberies which have been committed by armed Bushrangers on the Upper Hunter, and in so doing to observe that His Excellency cannot perceive in your proceedings, any indication of that promptitude of action or decision in acting which he considers essential for the preservation of order in any District-

I am instructed to state that His Excellency anxiously waits to hear further from you.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson

To- Police Magistrate Singleton.

75/

CSOL No 40/1119 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 18th December 1840.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, reporting that a party of armed Bushrangers have made their way to Brisbane Water and are committing depredation's in that District, I do myself the honor to inform you that Lieutenant Chambre of the Mounted Police and six Mounted Troopers will proceed tomorrow to Gosford by the steamer as requested by you.

At the same time I have the honor to request that you will take the most active measures yourself to restore tranquillity in your District by swearing in sufficient numbers of Ticket of Leave holders under the recommendations contained in my circular letter of the 3rd June last No 387 and by adopting such other means as may suggest themselves - reporting to me from time to time any circumstances of interest which may occur, for the Governors information.

I have the honor to transmit to you the copy of a notice which will be published in the next Government Gazette offering a reward of an Absolute Pardon and a passage to England for the apprehension of the Bushrangers who have lately infested the neighbourhood of Maitland, and who are supposed to be identical with those now committing depredations at Brisbane Water.

I have etc.
E Deas Thomson

To - Police Magistrate Brisbane Water.

76/
CSOL 40/1120 Reel 2813.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 18th December 1840

Sir

In transmitting to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Police Magistrate of Brisbane Water reporting that a party of armed Bushrangers who are supposed to be the same who have been committing depredations in the District of Maitland and Patricks Plains have appeared in that District plundering the settlers within a few miles of the town, I am directed to request that you will proceed to Gosford by the steamer tomorrow taking with you six mounted troopers, and use the most active measures with a view to the apprehension of the offenders.

The Police Magistrate himself will use every exertion to restore tranquillity in this District by swearing in a sufficient number of ticket of leave holders and taking such other measures as may suggest themselves.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson

To- Lieutenant Chambre Mounted Police.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 19 December

Sir

I have had the honor to receive and submit to the Governor your letter of the 8th instant reporting the robbery by armed Bushrangers of the public house at Black Creek kept by H I Cohen ; and in reply am directed to request that you will cause the four prisoners named in the margin who were present at the time and whose conduct on this occasion tended rather to encourage than to deter the robbers, to be forwarded to Hyde Park Barracks in order to their being placed on Cockatoo Island - the tickets of leave of Clearly and Green being of course cancelled.

I am directed to remark that His Excellency very much doubts the propriety of giving other men in the place of those withdrawn under circumstances such as those which you have represented- The object in view is to unite the efforts of every individual in the District to put down Bushranging and this will best be done, as far as the assignees of convicts are concerned by keeping before them the apprehension of losing their convicts.

His Excellency will leave the point however in this instance to be decided by yourself, and if you still think that men ought to be given to Messes Sparke and Wright in the place of Seymour and Kent he authorises your giving them out of those who will be disposable in the District when the harvest is over- reporting the circumstances however for the necessary orders to be given for their regular assignment.

The Governor instructs me to say that there were other parties at Mr Cohens who ought to be punished in particular the Ostler who had the care of the Bushrangers horses and might have sent them away, instead from ten to twenty men suffer themselves to be robbed by four. His Excellency thinks the whole of them deserving of censure.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To- Police Magistrate Maitland.

78/
CSOL 40/1144 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 25th Dec 1840

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant reporting an attack upon the township on the morning of that day by a large party of armed Bushrangers and the murder of an individual who approached them and in reply to inform you that in order to restore confidence and to encourage resistance His Excellency has requested the Major General Commanding to send up immediately a detachment of infantry to assist the civil forces. It is proposed that a sergeant and six rank and file should proceed to each of the following places for that purpose viz Scone, Murrurundi, Cassilis and Muswell Brook and on arrival of the party for your District you will take such measures as circumstances may require, and you will give every facility to obtain for the troopers all necessary accommodation and rations. The later will of course be obtained from the contractor for the District-

In conclusion I am to request that you will report to me from time to time for the Governors information all particulars of interest connected with the movement of the party of Bushrangers in question until tranquillity be completely restored.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To- Police Magistrate Scone.

79/

CSOL 40/1145 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretary's Office
Sydney 25 December 1840

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the attack on the township by Bushrangers on that day - I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that a notice will be inserted in the next Government Gazette offering a reward of fifty pounds to any individual if free or an absolute pardon with a passage to England to any convict who may give such private information to any Police Magistrate as may lead to the apprehension and conviction of any of the parties concerned in the murder in question and to request that you will immediately give such publicity of the intended reward as may lead to a speedy apprehension of the guilty parties.

I have etc

E Deas Thomson.

To Police Magistrate Scone.

80/

CSOL 40/12674 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office

Sydney 30th Dec 1840

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, reporting that a party of armed Bushrangers have made their appearance in the Brisbane Water District, I do myself the honor to inform you that in a similar report received from the Police Magistrate a Party of Mounted Police on the 18th of December were ordered to proceed to Brisbane Water for the purpose of restoring the District to tranquillity.

I have etc

J C Harrington.

To - Henry Donnison Esquire JP Brisbane Water.

81/
CSOL 40/13031 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 2 January 1841.

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, reporting the capture by a party who accompanied you for the purpose, of six Bushrangers who have so long infested the Districts on the Upper Hunter, and to say that His Excellency is happy to congratulate you on having on this occasion maintained the character you long ago established for activity and enterprise as a Magistrate.

His Excellency requests that you will accept yourself and convey to such of the persons who accompanied you, His best thanks for the services which they have rendered to the Colony in the capture of this Band of depredators and I am instructed to assure you that He will to the utmost of His power attend to your recommendations in favour of the Ticket of Leave holders who have earned so high a title to His approbation.

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts has been requested to furnish the Police Histories of all the Ticket of Leave holders in order that His Excellency may see how far he can venture to give them Absolute Pardons and I have the honor to add that His Excellencys decisions shall be communicated to you with as little delay as possible.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To - E D Day Esquire Police Magistrate Maitland.

82/
CSOL 40/12812 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 31st Dec 1840.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive and submit to the Governor your letter of the 19th instant; requesting His Excellency's commands as to the punishment of a Constable who had appropriated to his own use three breakfast knives which were given into his charge on being taken from Bushrangers, and suggesting the propriety of withdrawing the assigned servants on the stations occupied by Mr Coar and by Mr Nowland.

In reply I am directed by His Excellency to remark, that you ought surely to be aware that He has no means of punishing Parnell more than you yourself possess and that His Excellency cannot imagine why you should apply to Him upon the subject - it being your own duty to control your Constables, and to punish them as far as the case allows for misbehaviour.

His Excellency instructs me to add, that if you think it necessary to recommend the withdrawal of the assigned servants of the parties before alluded to, you ought to bring the matter forward in a formal manner, through the Principal Superintendent of Convicts with a full statement of your reasons - and not make the proposal follow in the same letter as complaint about a constable.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To - Police Magistrate Dungog.

83/
CSOL 40/12803 Reel 2813

Colonial Secretary's Office
Sydney 6 Jan 1841.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21 ultimo transmitting two lists of the persons who were present at the robberies committed recently in the Dungog District and made no effort to resist or capture the Bushrangers, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that instructions have been given to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts to cancel the Tickets of Leave of the men who held them and to send the men themselves and all the prisoners in assigned service who were present on the occasion to Pinchgut Island.

I have the honor that other men will be given in the place of the prisoners to be withdrawn from assigned service as soon as there are men disposable in the District and that the prisoners will be withdrawn in such a manner as to give as little inconvenience as possible to the assignees.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To - Police Magistrate Dungog.

84/

Reel 2813 (sorry didn't get a number) CSOL

Colonial Secretary's Office
Sydney 6 Jan 1841.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive and submit your letter of the 18th ultimo on the subject of the recent robberies committed by armed Bushrangers at the Hunter and in reply I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that he did not cause you to be written to (on the 12 Dec) to enquire what the Government ought to do but to point out to you that you appeared to Him to have done very little yourself.

His Excellency instructs me to remark that the Bushrangers who were lately captured by Mr Day after a pursuit of 30 miles in twelve hours, passed unmolested through your District and that the men who suffered their masters property to be plundered at Ravensworth were allowed to proceed on their journey almost unnoticed by you.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To - Police Magistrate Patricks Plains.

85/

CSOL 40/11900 Reel 2294

Colonial Secretary's Office

16 December 1840

Sir

I have received and submitted to the Governor your letter of the 23rd ultimo relative to certain outrages having been committed by Bushrangers in the Upper Hunter, In reply I am directed to inform you that it having been stated to His Excellency that on 22nd of November on the High Road near Ravensworth between Patricks Plains and Muswel Brook nine drays in charge of nearly twenty men - many of them well armed - were robbed by these Bushrangers - The Police Magistrate of Patricks Plains has been instructed to furnish a minute report of the circumstances attendant on this robbery - which is taken to be the one you particularly bring under notice in your communication.

I am etc

J C Harrington.

To - Thomas Dangar Hunters River.

86/

CSOL 40/12728 Reel 2294

Colonial Secretary's Office

23 December 1840

Sir

I have had the honor to receive and submit to the Governor - together with the report thereon of His Honor the Chief Justice your letter of the 1st instant and in reply, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to remit the residue of the sentence of imprisonment passed on James Warner; and that the Sheriff has received the necessary authority to release him.

I am etc

Harrington.

To - J Warner Esq Lake Macquarie.

87/

CSOL 40/12344 Reel 2294

Colonial Secretary's Office

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30 ultimo, reporting the robbery of the mail bag by four mounted and armed Bushrangers between the Upper Williams River and Dungog on the afternoon of the above day and suggesting the probability of the marauders being captured if a small party of the Mounted Police could be despatched to your District for that purpose.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Commandant of the Mounted Police has reported that a Corporal and three Troopers proceeded to Maitland on the 10 instant, and that the attention of the Police Magistrate has been called to the circumstance mentioned in your communication who has authority to swear in holders of Tickets of Leave as Special Constables.

I am etc

E Deas Thomson.

To - James King Irrawang near Raymond Terrace.

88/
CSOL 41/616 Reel 2294.

Colonial Secretary's Office
16 Jan 1841

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15 instant enquiring whether Prisoners would be assigned in lieu of men who might be recommended to be removed as suspected of being concerned with Bushrangers or of individuals who may be recommended for indulgence, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency is always disposed as far as may be in his power to comply with the recommendations of Magistrates - but that he can give no pledge or promise of what he may do in any particular case, and the approaching discontinuance of assignment, or rather the small number of men now assignable, puts it out of His power in all cases to replace men withdrawn from private service, for purposes of Police.

I am etc
E D Thomson.

To - Henry Donnison Esq Brisbane Water.

89/
CSOL 41/259 Reel 2294.

Colonial Secretarys Office
23 Jan 1841

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 15 ultimo bringing under notice of His Excellency the Governor the badness of the rations issued to the Pilot Boats Crew at Newcastle; I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that having enquired into the case complained of in your letter His Excellency does not find it one requiring His interference and that if you have any further complaint to make, you should address yourself to the Police Magistrate.

I am etc
E D Thomson.

To - M J Davies Newcastle.

90/
CSOL 40/9662 Reel 1052

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 12 Oct 1840.

Sir

The Police Magistrate of Newcastle having reported in a letter (of which a copy is enclosed) that the Rev CPH Wilson of that District has refused to sign an application to enable one Michael John Davies, of the Jewish Faith, at present living at Newcastle, to obtain a female assigned servant alleging his refusal on the grounds of morality and public decency and propriety.

I have the honor therefore by direction of His Excellency the Governor to request that no more female prisoners may be appropriated to the above named person.

I have etc
E D Thomson

To - Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

91/

CSOL 40/10738 Reel 2983

Colonial Secretarys Office

Sydney 26 Oct 1840

Reverend Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22 instant and to inform you in reply that the Police Magistrate of Newcastle has been requested to take the most strenuous measures in his power to restore order at Lake Macquarie which District you represent to be infested with a party of armed Bushrangers.

I have etc

J C Harrington.

To - Rev Threlkeld Lake Macquarie.

92/

CSOL 40/12815 Reel 2983.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 9th Feb 1841

Reverend Sir

In reference to your letter of the 19 December last, representing that the reservation of coals has been made in the grant of your 1280 acres of land at Lake Macquarie which was authorised for you so far back as November 1839.

I have the honor to inform you that reservation was inserted in error and an endorsement to that effect will be made on the deed of grant.

I have etc

E Deas Thomson.

To - Rev L E Threlkeld Sydney.

93/
CSOL 41/1743 Reel 2983
Patrick Brady
Little Breeches

Colonial Secretarys Office
Sydney 16 Feb 1841

Sir

The report of the Commandant of the Mounted Police having been received on your letter of the 29th December, recommending the individuals named in the margin for some indulgence for their exertions in the pursuit of Bushrangers, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that Little Breeches has been ordered to be continued in the Police and that a decision will be given on your recommendation in favour of Brady as soon as his Police History shall have been received from the Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

I have etc
E Deas Thomson.

To - Rev L E Threlkeld Lake Macquarie.

94/

CSOL 41/1743 Reel 2983

Patrick Brady

Ann and Amelia

Colonial Secretarys Office

Sydney 3rd March 1841

Reverend Sir

With reference to my letter of the 16 ultimo No 41/43 relative to the prisoner named in the margin. I have the honor to acquaint you that, the Principal Superintendent of Convicts having furnished the Police History of Brady, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that a conditional pardon shall be allowed for him for his exertions in the pursuit of Bushrangers.

I have Etc

E Deas Thomson.

To - Rev Threlkeld Lake Macquarie.

95/

Police Office
Muswell Brook
18th Jan 1841

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant. I have the honor to forward you depositions taken before this Bench fully identifying the prisoners Marshall and the others as acting in consort after the murder of Graham at Scone on the 21st ultimo-

These witnesses have been subpoenaed to attend the trial at Sydney and the originals with the others in the same case have been forwarded to the Crown Solicitor.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

F Allman Jnr

Police Mag

To The Attorney General

Police Office
Muswell Brook
18th January 1841

Present

Francis Allman Jnr Esq JP
Police Magistrate
David CF Scott Esq JP

James Northy free by servitude being duly sworn deposes I reside at Kingdom Ponds on the road to Pages River - about eleven miles at the other side of Scone. On the same day that Mr Graham was murdered at Scone - seven armed Bushrangers came to my house and ordered my wife to cook them dinner as quickly as possible - they made me hold their horses for them at the door - and desired to keep a sharp look out down the road and report to them at once if I saw any one coming down the road - The Jew / Davis / said we have shot one today - and that he would shoot a man directly - at this time he was ordering me into my house and desired me to bail up.

They took one bottle of rum with them out of the house - On the following day I saw six of the same party in charge of Mr Day - they had dinner at my house - Their names are I understand Davis Chitty Everitt Shea Marshall and Glanville - The seventh man held two of the horses at the door at the same time I was holding the other horses - I could not see his face = tho I tried to do so - I knew the man Davis before - he went past my place a short time before - in company with Mr Sparkes overseer when they were going for sheep - It was some time in the forenoon that they came to my house-

James Northy

Sworn before us this

18th January 1841 F Allman DCF Scott

Richard South - being duly sworn deposes - I reside at Pages River and am a Licenced Publican - about the 21st ultimo seven armed Bushrangers came to the Page from about 1/2 past eleven O'clock in the forenoon - they bailed us all up and robbed Mr Rundles store and the Inn - six of the same party were brought back to the Inn on the following morning in charge of Mr Day and party - Three of their I knew well having stopped me three weeks before on the road when they robbed me - Their names are Shea - Davis and Marshall - I can positively swear as to the six men that were arrested by Mr Day -

Richard South.

F Allman Jnr
DCF Scott JP

John Richards being duly sworn deposes - I reside at Pages River - I am a settler - I was at the rear of Mr Rundles store on the 21st ultimo - I heard some shots fired and went up to see what was the cause of it - I went into the store by the rear of the house - two men Marshall and Davis were in the store when I went up - I saw two other men in front of the door - there were seven men of the party - three of them were at the Inn - They all started together from the Inn - On the following day six of the same party were brought back as prison ers by Mr Day and his party - I can swear to these six men as being at Pages River on the day before- John Richards.

Sworn before us this
18th January 1841
F Allman Jnr
DCF Scott

Sarah Dangar wife to Thomas Dangar saith she was in the room with her husband when Marshall entered. Saith the deposition of her husband in this case is true. Saith "Marshall" demanded more money & deponent then went with Marshall into the shop and gave him a second cash box. Saith another man then came in and asked Marshall if he was nearly ready & said there was no time to be lost that "the fellow was down" Marshall asked "is he dead" & the other man answered "yes he is" Marshall brought some bracelets and watches to the door and gave them to the other men. Shortly after the men were at Chivers came up to our door and they all (seven in number) rode away. is not certain whether she can identify any of the prisoners except Marshall.

For S Dangar

Sydney 22 Feb. 1841.

John Everett alias Ruggy Mangles
John Marshall per Clyde
John Shea Calcutta
Edward Davis alias Wilkinson
Robert Chitty Sophia
Richard Glanville Lord Lyndoch

Police Office Muswell Brook
Dec 26 = 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the depositions taken against the prisoners named on the margin who have been committed to take their trial at the Supreme Court for murder and robbery - the case appeared to me so very clear, that I did not consider it necessary to forward any further charges against them. altho they can be identified by many parties besides the present witnesses as the Bushrangers who have been committing so many depredations of late in the Hunter River District - should you think it proper to call further evidence against them on other charges I will forward a list of the witnesses required in order that they may be subpoenaed-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
F Allman Jnr Police Magt

Police Office
Scone 23 Dec 1840

Esq
In presence of John Anderson Robertson
JP Police Magistrate (and Edward Denny
Day Esq JP Police Magistrate of Maitland)
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John Marshall Clyde 1832
James Everett Mangles 1833
Edward Davis alias Wilkinson ship Camden(2) 1833
John Shee Calcutta 1837
Robert Chitty Sophia 1829
Richard Glanville Lord Lyndoch 1838
Charged with murder and robbery

Appeared Joseph Chivers residing at the St Aubins Arms Public House who being sworn deposes that on Monday morning last the 21 instant the deponent was in charge of his brothers public house his brother being from home, when the house was attacked by Bushrangers - and recognizes and identifies Everett Davis and Glanville as the parties who entered and took possession of the house; that deponent saw those prisoners he has named entering the various rooms and after robbing them take out the firearms in the rooms and brake them outside the house; that Marshall then came in to see if the other persons were ready to start; that they then left the house and mounted their horses and rode off;

Joseph Chivers

Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840 JA Robertson JP

James Juchau Free by servitude and saddler to Thomas Dangar who being sworn deposes; That deponent resides behind Mr Dangars store and works on his premises; That Mr Dangars store is situated upon the estate of St Aubins at a short distance from Mr Chivers Public House which is also situated upon the same estate; That on Monday morning the 21 instant the deponent set down to work about 7 O'clock in the room behind the store; That there was a man the name of Mills also in the room with the deponent and he and Mills were astonished to hear a number of horses arrive at Chivers House; That a man soon after came into the yard and calld "cook cook come out here"- That from the mans appearance and hearing the arrival of horses and the calling cook cook it struck deponent that there were Bushrangers at hand and deponent followed by Mills made his escape by an opening in the fence; That after getting outside the fence he heard a gun fired and immediately afterwards heard a second gun fired; That deponent upon looking towards the road saw a man named John Graham running along the road - then observed him walk at which deponent was astonished; That Graham again attempted to run and as soon as the deponent came upon him he Graham fell and on falling he Graham looking fitfully in deponents face said "they have shot me through I am a dead man"; That the said John Graham was clerk to Mr Thomas Dangar and lived at Mr Dangars store; That immediately deponent observed a man on horseback with a gun swung to his saddle and holding another gun or fowling piece in his hand approaching deponent and Graham;

That deponent does not recognize any of the prisoners as the man who rode up to him and Graham; That he is aware of the fact from having looked at the men this morning previous to being brought into the Court House; That the man who came up told the witness to go back or he would blow deponents brains out; That the man made the same remark to Graham when Graham stated that he was shot through and could not go back; That Graham at this time was lying on the ground and blood flowing from his mouth; That the man whom deponent believed to be a Bushrangers immediately ordered deponent back and on returning back met Mills who was also brought back and they were placed close to the fence until he called the blacksmith Gray and two men he had with him out; That after calling repeatedly the blacksmith and the two men came along and joined deponent and Mills and they were all marched to a tree opposite Mr Dangars store; That when there deponent heard one Bushranger say to another that the man was settled ordered or something to that effect; That deponent and the other men remained at the tree guarded by one of the Bushrangers for about 5 minutes during which time deponent observed one of the Bushrangers come out of Mr Dangars store with a quantity of bracelets which he threw down on the ground and desired his companion to trample under his feet as they were not good; That deponent saw the Bushranger do so; That the deponent also observed a number of the Bushrangers come out of Chivers Public House when all the party to the number of 7 mounted their horses and rode away; That they appeared to be all armed; That the deponent considers that from the time from the first arrival of the Bushrangers at the Public House and store until they mounted their horses did not exceed 20 minutes; That after the Bushrangers rode off deponent and the men with him went down to where Graham was lying and found him alive but quite insensible and he died in a few minutes afterwards. James Juchau ~ his mark.
Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840 JA Robertson.

Appeared Mrs George Chivers wife of Mr George Chivers Publican being sworn deposes; That deponents husbands public house is situated on the estate of St Aubins in the county of Brisbane; That on Monday morning last the 21st instant the deponent saw some persons on horseback in the appearance of gentlemen ride up to Mr Dangars store and deponent was surprised that they did not call at the Public House; That deponent observed one of them have a ribbon on his hat which induced deponent to think that they might be Bushrangers and on turning to go and see what was the matter the prisoner Glanville entered the bedroom with a piece in his hand and several pistols stuck in his belt; That the prisoner on entering said "Mrs what have you got here"; That deponent asked what he wanted when he stated that he wanted money and knew that deponent had plenty and that he must have it; That deponent frightened at this attack sat down on a box when Glanville desired her to get it quickly as he had no time to stop; That deponent then got up and drew out a drawer where the cash box lay which she took out and laid it on a box at the window; That Glanville then ordered deponent to get the key to open it when deponent answered that it was not locked and Glanville opened one side of the box and took out the silver on that side and also two bank notes the one of them a five and the other a two pound note along with half a sovereign and the silver on the other side of the box shifting out the inside case he found several orders and pound notes; That he took these notes but left the orders; That to the best of the deponents belief there were twenty pounds of silver

in the box and about fifty pounds of bank notes which the prisoner Glanville took with him; That he then plundered the place of two pair of handcuffs which were in the bed room and demanded watches and went to the drawer which he ransacked but took nothing else out; That he then went to the door and called "Ruggy" when a man whom the deponent recognizes and identifies as the prisoner Everett came in and Everett went towards the window where the cash box was and asked what was in it when deponent answered that there was nothing in it as Glanville had taken all; That Glanville at this time had gone out; That Everett then went to another box which deponent said was a accordian which Everett said would be of no use to him but he took some fire arms and moulds and went towards the fire place where there was a fiddle lying and called "Molly" could he play the fiddle; That the man addressed answered from inside the house "no" but that he could play the bugle; That the prisoner Everett then left the bedroom and deponent followed him and on getting outside the bedroom she saw another man whom she now thinks was the prisoner Davis but she cannot positively swear that he was the man standing at the door in the passage but this man had a fowling piece swung to his back and held another in his hand; That deponent expressed herself very much afraid, when the man answered that she need not be afraid as he had bailed up a magistrate and taken two things like that - showing a pistol - from him; That immediately upon this another Bushranger came in whom the deponent recognizes as the prisoner Marshall and he asked if it was all right here when the man who the deponent thinks was Davis answered "yes"; That Marshall was armed with a fowling piece and had a light coloured ribbon round his hat; That there was one of the Border Police sitting in the bar and one of the prisoners observed "you have got a policeman here" and the Bushranger made answer "yes" that he was one of the Border Police and a Government man and it was a good job for him that they would not hurt him; That they then went away; That upon deponent going to the door deponent saw 6 men ride away from the door and saw another man on horseback at a distance guarding some men and he also rode off with the others; That while in the bedroom as above deponed to deponent heard three separate and distinct reports of arms; That from the time the prisoner Glanville entered the bedroom until they all left might be about 1/2 an hour.

Elizabeth Chivers.

Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840 JA Robertson.

William Day being sworn deposes that he is a Ticket of Leave holder for Scone and cook to Mr Chivers Publicn; That on Monday morning last the 21 instant about 7 O'clock the deponent had laid the cloth for breakfast and went to the back yard for milk; That on returning with the milk he heard a noise at Mr Dangars store and observed some men and horses opposite the store that he saw a man without his hat running from the store up the road in the direction of the township; That deponent observed one of the men who was at the store present a gun and fire and that he observed the person running without his hat bend his knee deponent then conceived the shot had taken effect; That this individual who was running along the road and fired at was a distance of about 20 yards from Mr Dangars store at the time and the person who had fired was opposite Mr Dangars store; That the person who was shot after bending his knee continued running and deponents

mate who was milking called to deponent "those are Bushrangers"; That at the same time a man with a pistol in each hand came up to where witness was; That being shewn the prisoners at the bar and asked if he can identify the man deponent recognizes and identifies the prisoner Everett as the man who approached him; That Everett proceeded to apprehend the milkman and Joseph Chivers and deponent proceeded to the kitchen; That when in the kitchen deponent heard one Bushranger say to the other is that fellow all right when the other Bushranger said, he is all right by this the deponent understood that the man was dead; That deponent made his escape from the kitchen with the view of getting the assistance of the Police and as he went back he observed the Bushrangers riding off; That from the time deponent observed the shot fired at the man until he returned and saw the Bushrangers ride off about 20 minutes elapsed. William Day.
Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840. JA Robertson JP.

Dr Isaac Haig district Surgeon being sworn deposes; That deponent was called upon on Monday morning last the 21 instant about 8 O'clock to see a man said to have been shot by Bushrangers; That on arriving at Scone he found a person called John Graham whom deponent recognized as the late storekeeper of Mr Thomas Dangar lying on the road quite dead having apparently been so for about an hour; That on examining the body an hour or more after his arrival in presence and direction of the Police Magistrate deponent found a wound in the back about a couple of inches from the spine on the left side apparently caused by a gunshot wound; That there had been very little external haemorrhage; On proceeding to open the body deponent found that the shot had passed right through the cavity of the chest making its exit between the third and fourth ribs of the left side- the heart was uninjured but from the immense quantity of blood in the chest and the rapidity of his death it is evident that some of the large bloodvessels must have been injured; Deponent was not able to discover the ball which was probably lodged under the muscles of the chest nor was it considered necessary to make further search for it; Deponents opinion is that the man died from internal haemorrhage the consequence of gun shot wound. Isaac Haig MD
Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840. JA Robertson.

Mr Thomas Dangar storekeeper St Aubins being sworn deposes ; That deponents store is situated upon the estate of St Aubins and in the county of Brisbane; That on Monday morning last the 21st instant early in the morning a man rode into the back yard; That having entered the house and demanded the key the deponent delivered it to him; That being shewn the prisoners at the bar he recognizes and identifies the prisoner John Marshall as the person who entered deponents store; That the said John Marshall then ransacked the cash box and said "Bloody orders" of no use but looked for money; That Marshall took two watches out of a drawer beside the cash box; That when the prisoner Marshall first entered the deponents store he said to deponent "your son" fired or snapped a pistol at him Marshall and that it would be a dear job to him and that if he deponent did not sit still he would share the same fate; That he then as deponent to ransacked the store taking two watches some trinkets which he trampled upon as he said they were not good;

That these proceedings occupied about 5 minutes; That the prisoner Marshall having left the bedroom the deponent did not see him again nor did he see any other person; That after the threat of Marshall that if deponent moved he Marshall would shoot deponent the latter did not leave the bed room. Thomas Dangar.

Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840. JA Robertson.

Thomas Dangar son of Mr Thomas Dangar storekeeper St Aubins who being sworn deposes; That on Monday morning last a man came into his deponents fathers yard riding a grey horse and called the cook and desired him to hold his horse; That being shewn the prisoners deponent recognizes and identifies the prisoner Robert Chitty as the man who rode into the yard; That he shortly afterwards saw Chitty mount his horse and ride away; That after going into his fathers bedroom he there saw a man whom he recognizes as the prisoner Marshall, who asked if Graham was his fathers son when he answered "no" and Marshall stated "well he fired a shot at us and we will shoot him". Thomas Dangar Jnr.

Sworn before me this 23 Dec 1840. JA Robertson.

The case remanded to Muswellbrook for farther evidence and the above depositions to be forwarded to the Police Magistrate at Muswellbrook. JA Robertson.

Police Office
Muswell Brook
24th Dec 1840

Present-

Francis Allman Esq JP
Police Magistrate.

Edward Davis - Camden 1833 - 7 years

Robert Chitty - per Sophia 1829 14 years

James Everett - Margaret 1832 7 years

John Shea - Calcutta 1837 7 years

John Marshall - Clyde 1832

Richard Glanville - Lord Lyndoch 1838

Mr John Pattison being duly sworn deposes - I reside about four miles above Scone on the Pages River road - I am a settler there - On Monday morning last the 21st of this month - about half past eight o'clock - Seven armed men rode up to my house - the prisoners Davis Everett and Glanville were of the party - I cannot recognize the others - I was called on to stand by one of them to the best of my opinions it was the prisoner Everett called on me to do so - The other six men rode round the fence and came up to the hut - seeing my horse standing at the door they ordered him to be saddled - and then asked me what fire arms I had - and I told them I only had one pistol - they then asked me if I had any money I told them not - by this time my horse was saddled by a man of mine - There were seven men of the party - I can positively swear to three men mentioned by me in the former part of my deposition as being of the party - they then rode away did not remain more than five minutes altogether - They took my horse with them. J Pattison. Sworn before me this 24th Dec 1840. F Allman Jnr.

William Jones - being duly sworn deposes I am a ticket of leave holder - I have been at work in the bush about two or three miles from this at a station on Sir Francis Forbes called Sauls Creek. On Sunday last about twelve o'clock the six prisoners at the bar were in the bush close to my hut - Two of them came to the hut and asked me if I had any provisions - I gave them some beef and made tea for them they bailed me up and my mate - They made us mind their horses for them while they were refreshing themselves - they remained until sundown and rode away - they were all armed and mounted they had one pack horse with them. The arms they had were guns and pistols - there were seven men of the party altogether. William Jones. Sworn before me at Muswell Brook this 24th Dec 1840. F Allman Jnr.

Edward Denny Day Esquire JP being duly sworn deposes - On Sunday night last about nine o'clock I received information that the Bushrangers have been lying by in the bush within two miles of Muswell Brook and left about sun down - I took immediate steps to collect a party to go in pursuit of them on the following morning - by calling on the settlers and ticket of leave holders of the neighbourhood.

I left the township on the following morning with ten mounted men well armed - We were put on their tracks about half a mile above the town and followed them in the direction of Aberdeen. We got information they had passed the river above Aberdeen the night before and gone in the direction of Scone - a short time after we passed the river we heard that they had been at Scone that Morning and robbed Mr Tho Dangars store and murdered Mr Graham - and that they had gone towards Pages River we followed them on there - hearing on the road of many depredations they had committed on the way up. When we reached Pages River we found they had been there and had plundered the Inn and Mr Rundles Store and had gone on towards Liverpool Plains = we followed in pursuit and found them in Doughboy Hollow - we captured five of the party there after some resistance. Those taken on that evening were Davis Chitty Marshall Everett and Shea - I ascertained from them after they were apprehended that they fired sixteen shots at our party Shea acknowledged he fired six shots - Davis fired two very deliberate shots at me.

Two of their party escaped from us - Marshall fired two shots Everett fired four - I wounded Davis in the shoulder - after we had secured the six men in the evening - The prisoner Shea acknowledged that he had shot Mr Graham - In the course of conversation during the night Davis said "they had never shed blood before - and that he had always told the party not to do so as should a murder be committed they would not reign for a week - and you see we have not reigned for one day" - There was a good deal of conversation occurred during the night always in passing of the five prisoners - tantamount to an acknowledgment of their guilt - it was not denied by any - we found a considerable number of arms and money and other articles - a list of which is now provided - The five prisoners acknowledged that there were seven in number two of whom made their escape - at daylight on the following morning I sent out two parties in pursuit of the two men - the prisoner Glanville was then apprehended the other man is still at large I am not aware that he is captured - all the prisoners acknowledged the murder of Mr Graham and stated that he had fired at them.

They further stated that they made all the resistance in their power to prevent their being taken. ED Day.

Sworn before me at Muswell Brook this 24 Dec 1840. F Allman Jnr.

Constable John Nolan being duly sworn deposes - I was one of the party who accompanied Mr Day in pursuit of the Bushrangers - I was sent on the morning following the apprehension of the five Bushrangers in pursuit of those that had escaped from us the night before - after riding about ten miles - we saw a man ahead of us - we rode upto him he held up his hands and immediately surrendered - we searched him and found a quantity of silver and notes - we asked him where his arms were and he said he left them near where they were attacked the night before and that he had a rifle and a pistol his name is Glanville - on our return to the party left behind we questioned him relative to the murder of Mr Graham he hesitated to tell us any thing of it - I told him there was no use in denying who the person was that shot him - for that Shea had acknowledged it - he said it was not shea that did it - after a time he told us it was Marshall that shot him but desired us not to say any thing about it - We asked him how long he had been with the party - and he said he had been with them about a week during the night a good deal of conversation occurred between the parties - they Acknowledged to the murder - John Nolan.

Sworn before me at Muswell Brook this 24th December 1840. F Allman Jnr.

Committed for Trial.

F Allman Jnr.

1/ Letter dated 22/12/1840 from David Dunlop to Acting Police Magistrate, Maitland - in AONSW 4/5698, Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866.

2/ Letter dated 5/1/1841 from David Dunlop to Mr. Cape, Sydney - in AONSW 4/5698, Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866.

3/ Letter dated 5/1/1841 from David Dunlop to Police Magistrate, Brisbane Water - in AONSW 4/5698, Wollombi Letters 23/2/1840 - 3/5/1866.

4/ Deposition dated 20/6/1841 given by John Davis to Gother Mann - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

5/ Deposition dated 7/7/1841 given by Dennis Dwyer to Gother Mann - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

6/ Memo from Henry Donnison dated 27/9/1841 - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

7/ Deposition dated 16/7/1841 given by Edward Hely to Gother Mann - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

8/ Deposition dated 18/10/1841 given by Dennis Dwyer to Alfred Holden - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

9/ Letter dated 12/2/1841 from Alfred Holden to Principal Superintendent of Convicts - in Brisbane Water Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

10/ Depositions dated 24/12/1840 given by John Pattison, William Jones, Edward D Day and John Nolan to Francis Allman Jnr. - in Muswell Brook Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

11/ Depositions dated 18/1/1841 given by James Norrie, Richard South and John Richards to Francis Allman Jnr. - in Muswell Brook Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

12/ Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Percy Simpson to Police Magistrate, Muswell Brook - in Singleton Bench Books AONSW Reel No.

13/ Letter dated 30/11/1840 and attached depositions from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary - AONSW CSIL 40/12093 in

14/ Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Thomas Dangar - in Singleton Bench Books AONSW No. On Reel No.

15/ Letter dated 2/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary -AONSW CSIL 40/12210 in

- 16/ Letter dated 2/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary - in Singleton Bench Books AONSW Reel No.
- 17/ Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary - AONSW CSIL 40/12739 in
- 18/ Letter dated 3/12/1840 from General Post Office to Colonial Secretary - AONSW CSIL 40/12159 in
- 19/ Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Thomas Cook to Police Magistrate, Maitland - in Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 20/ Letter dated 9/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12502 and Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 21/ Letter dated 14/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12590 Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 22/ Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary - Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 23/ Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Attorney General - Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 24/ Memorial from citizens of Dungog to Governor - CSIL 40/13033.
- 25/ Letter dated 4/1/1841 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary - Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 26/ Letter dated 27/12/1840 from Thomas Cook to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12813 and Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 27/ Letter dated 15/1/1841 from Thomas Cook to Principal Superintendent of Convicts - Dungog Bench Books, Copies of Letters Sent 1839/42 on AONSW Reel No. 2679.
- 28/ Letter dated from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/10738 enclosed with 40/10919 in 4/2506.6 as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.
- 29/ Letter dated from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - with CSIL 40/10738 enclosed with 40/10919 in 4/2506.6 as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.
- 30/ Letter dated from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/11941 in as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.

31/ Letter dated 29/11/1840 from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/36 in as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.

32/ Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12814 in as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.

33/ Letter dated from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/38 in as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.

34/ Letter dated from Rev. L Threlkeld to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/37 in as published in Threlkeld/Gunson.

35/ Letter dated 24/9/1840 from Sheriffs Office to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/9467 in

36/ Letter dated 17/9/1840 from Principal Superintendent of Convicts Office to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/9261 in

37/ Letter dated 6/12/1840 from Vincent Dowling to Sir James Dowling - Attached to CSIL 40/12590 in

38/ Letter dated 30/11/1840 from James King to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12098 in

39/ Letter dated 9/11/1840 from J A Robertson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/11392 in

40/ Letter dated 17/12/1840 from A Holden to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12675 in

41/ Letter dated 17/12/1840 from H Donnison to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12674 in

42/ Letter dated 15/1/1841 from H Donnison to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/616 in

43/ Letter dated 18/12/1840 from T Chambre to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12676 in

44/ Letter dated 8/12/1840 from E D Day to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12498 in

45/ Letter dated 8/12/1840 from E D Day to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12499 in

46/ Letter dated 20/11/1840 from E C Close to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/11665 in on AO Reel 2219

47/ Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12209 in

48/ Letter dated 29/10/1840 from James Crummer to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/10919 in

49/ Letter dated 30/11/1840 from Postmaster, Raymond Terrace to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12116 in

50/ Letter dated 29/12/1840 from Edward Johnstone to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/13067 in

51/ Letter dated 23/11/1840 from Thomas Dangar to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12674 in

52/ Letter dated 21/12/1840 from J A Robertson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12898 in

53/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from E Deas Thomson to Sir George Gipps - in Commissariat file 1841

54/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate, Scone - in Commissariat file 1841.

55/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrates, Hunter District - in Commissariat file 1841.

56/ Letter dated 28/12/1840 from F Allman Jnr. to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/105 in

57/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate, Scone - in Commissariat file 1841

58/ Letter dated 23/12/1840 from J A Robertson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12932 in

59/ Letter dated 22/1/1841 from J A Robertson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/1070 in

60/ Letter dated 26/12/1840 from E D Day to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/13031 in

61/ Letter dated 7/1/1841 from Principal Superintendent of Convicts to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/256 in

62/ Letter dated 15/12/1840 from Michael John Davies to Sir George Gipps - CSIL 40/12928 in

63/ Letter dated 6/1/1841 from James Crummer to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/259 in

64/ Letter dated 23/7/1841 from E D Day to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/6842 in

65/ Letter dated 9/9/1841 from E D Day to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/8271 in

66/ Letter dated 6/11/1841 from Commissariat of Accounts to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 41/9794 in

67/ Letter dated 1/12/1840 from Percy Simpson to Colonial Secretary - CSIL 40/12208 in

68/ Letter dated 26/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Newcastle - CSOL 40/10738 on Reel No. 2813

69/ Letter dated 22/9/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Sheriff - CSOL 40/9261 on Reel No. 1064

70/ Letter dated 6/3/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Sheriff - CSOL 41/47 on Reel No. 1064

71/ Letter dated 28/11/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Patrick's Plains - CSOL 40/1049 on Reel No. 2813

72/ Letter dated 5/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate Patrick's Plains - CSOL 40/1072 on Reel No. 2813

73/ Letter dated 9/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Dungog - CSOL 40/1079 on Reel No. 2813

74/ Letter dated 12/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Singleton - CSOL 40/12210 on Reel No. 2813

75/ Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Brisbane Water - CSOL 40/1119 on Reel No. 2813

76/ Letter dated 18/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Lieutenant Chambre, Mounted Police - CSOL 40/1120 on Reel No. 2813

77/ Letter dated 19/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Maitland - CSOL 40/12498 on Reel No. 2813

78/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Scone - CSOL 40/1144 on Reel No. 2813

79/ Letter dated 25/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Scone - CSOL 40/1145 on Reel No. 2813

80/ Letter dated 30/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Henry Donnison - CSOL 40/12674 on Reel 2813

81/ Letter dated 2/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to E D Day - CSOL 40/13031 on Reel 2813

82/ Letter dated 31/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Dungog - CSOL 40/12812 on Reel 2813

83/ Letter dated 6/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Dungog - CSOL 40/12803 on Reel 2813

84/ Letter dated 6/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Police Magistrate, Patrick's Plains - CSOL on Reel 2813

85/ Letter dated 16/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Henry Dangar - CSOL 40/11900 on Reel 2294

86/ Letter dated 23/12/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to J Warner - CSOL 40/12728 on Reel 2294

87/ Letter dated from Colonial Secretary's Office to James King - CSOL 40/12344 on Reel 2294

88/ Letter dated 16/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Henry Donnison - CSOL 41/616 on Reel 2294

89/ Letter dated 23/1/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to M J Davies - CSOL 41/259 on Reel 2294

90/ Letter dated 12/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to Principal Superintendent of Convicts - CSOL 40/9662 on Reel 1052

91/ Letter dated 26/10/1840 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L Threlkeld - CSOL 40/10738 on Reel 2983

92/ Letter dated 9/2/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L Threlkeld - CSOL 40/12815 on Reel 2983

93/ Letter dated 16/2/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L Threlkeld - CSOL 41/1743 on Reel 2983

94/ Letter dated 3/3/1841 from Colonial Secretary's Office to L Threlkeld - CSOL 41/1743 on Reel 2983

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