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The publication of Sir Edward Parry's 1829–32 letter book makes its contents widely available for the first time. The original volume is extremely fragile, the binding having deteriorated and its brittle pages having suffered water damage many years ago, and it has not been possible to make the volume available for general use. Because of the fragility of the volume and the faded handwriting in light brown ink, transcription of the handwriting was a demanding task, ably undertaken by Dr Pennie Pemberton. Mary Paton, also of the Archives' staff, assisted with the editing and the proofreading which required close attention to the many abbreviations and the erratic capitalisation.

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PREFACE

The Australian Agricultural Company occupies a strange, halfway position in the story of Australian settlement. On the one hand it was just another large sample of free enterprise, similar to any number of others which have characterised Australia since the 1820s. On the other hand the Company's early aspirations and experience cast a distinctive, sideways light on the whole business of colonisation.

Increasingly, towards the end of the twentieth century, Australian historians have been preoccupied with the story of the nation. A hopeful and enlightening move this may be in many ways. But we lose a little as well. In the first place, a concern with the nation as such means less interest in the way in which the various colonies began and evolved, each in its own right – their fundamental ideals, their methods of government and so forth. Even the foundations of democracy and of mass education during the second half of mid-nineteenth century seem less important now because they were colonial rather than national achievements.

In these circumstances it may be even more difficult to appreciate the significance of the Australian Agricultural Company as a colonising effort. Founded by an Act of the British Parliament in 1824 the Company followed very deliberately in the steps of those great chartered enterprises which had sent English capital and labour to several parts of North America – to Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Georgia – when that continent was, from an English perspective, a "wilderness". But the A. A. Company itself set a precedent. It was one of several such enterprises designed for the frontier of settlement in Europe's antipodes. The Van Diemen's Land Company followed almost immediately. Both the A. A. Company and the V. D. L. Company took very large grants of land and their acreage made it hard for them to position themselves anywhere but at a distance from the colonial capitals. But there was a virtue also in isolation. Both were to be mini-colonies in their own right, subject to the governors in Sydney and in Hobart but ruled as well from boardrooms in London.

Some of the founders of settlement at Swan River, in Western Australia, hoped to use the same model. This scheme came unstuck, but its failure did not prevent the foundation of the South Australian Company as an essential part of the project at St Vincent Gulf in the mid 1830s – the “province” of South Australia. There too there was a peculiar tension, for a time, between the company’s little principality on Kangaroo Island and the governor in Adelaide. Finally, across the Tasman, the New Zealand Company was profoundly important in the settlement of New Zealand during the 1840s.

In each case the tug of war was not only one of rival authorities. It was also a matter of varying idealism. It would be wrong to be too starry-eyed about the altruistic hopes of the Australian Agricultural Company. As with all these enterprises, the main point was to make money. To some extent high-mindedness was a disguise, taken up in order to win friends in Parliament and to put as much pressure as possible on the Colonial Office in the argument for Crown land and convict labour. But there certainly was an understanding that the Company represented something unprecedented in the colonisation of the Australian mainland. It was designed to create in this country a new kind of workforce, and thus a new kind of population – moral, orderly and intelligent. It was a striking symptom of the kind of ambition which was now focussed on this part of the world. This was a chartered company backed by large official promises. It represented one aspect of a powerful combination of free and state enterprise, a combination characteristic of the period which followed the Napoleonic wars and one which may be too little understood in Australian history. Here, in some ways, was a curious echo of eighteenth-century mercantilism. But here too was the beginning of that tradition, so important for Australia, which made officialdom itself into something of an entrepreneur.

The Australian Agricultural Company thus offered an unusual challenge to the government in Sydney. The local committee which managed in the first years was the most powerful body which had ever existed in the colony, outside government. The commissioners which took over from the committee from 1829 were also important

men, though as the colony expanded they became gradually less obvious in the overall scheme of things. Sir Edward Parry, the first commissioner, was a particularly striking figure, a gentleman of title, certain of his own importance, highly intelligent and determined to make the Company a moral enterprise – a beacon of high-minded paternalism for the colony at large.

In some ways then, the early records of the Australian Agricultural Company have an importance for historians similar to *Historical Records of New South Wales* and the *Historical Records of Australia*. They do not have the same far-ranging significance, but as a core of official data they tell a similar story of order imposed and of idealism both realised and disappointed. In reading one by one the governor's despatches, as they appear in *HRNSW* and *HRA*, it is possible to trace the unfolding of personality among leading figures as well as catching a little at least of the cross-currents of lesser lives. The same can be done with the records reproduced here.

This was government in the bush. The Company's ambivalent character is frequently obvious – moneymaking is often overlaid in these documents with a sense of some larger purpose, or at least some larger dignity. In that way the official records of the Company not only say something about the early possibilities of government in Australia but also about the early possibilities of capitalism.

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INTRODUCTION

Letters of Sir Edward Parry, Commissioner to the Australian Agricultural Company, December 1829 – June 1832

The Australian Agricultural Company was formed in London in April 1824 to raise fine woolled sheep on a Crown Grant in the Colony of New South Wales. The labour-force was to consist mainly of assigned convicts, but the Company was to send out overseers, shepherds, mechanics and other servants, together with a supply of purebred Merino sheep, cattle and horses.

The first Company 'Establishment' sailed from England in June 1825 on the *York* and the *Brothers* – under the direction of the Company's Agent, Robert Dawson. Dawson was to be supported in his endeavours by a Colonial Committee of Management composed of local shareholders. In the event, the members of the Committee were James Macarthur, Dr James Bowman and Hannibal Hawkins McArthur.

Soon after his arrival, in early 1826, Dawson made the decision to take up the whole of the Company's one million acre grant between Port Stephens and the Manning River. The next two years were occupied with exploration and the establishment of the Company Settlement at Carrabeen (later Carrington) on the northern shore of Port Stephens, No. 1 Farm (near Carrington), No. 2 Farm (Stroud), and a chain of sheep stations north towards the out-station at Gloucester.

Meanwhile, in London, the Company had been prevailed on to take over the coalmines at Newcastle, N.S.W. The Mining Establishment, under John Henderson, arrived aboard the *Australia* in November 1826. Through various misunderstandings between the Company, the Company's Colonial Committee, the 'Home Government' (London) and the 'Local Government' (N.S.W.), the matter did not proceed, the differences being referred back to London for resolution.

Robert Dawson was dismissed by the Colonial Committee in April 1828. When the news was received in London, the Directors sought to appoint an authoritative Commissioner who could manage

their operations without an advisory Colonial Committee. Their choice was Captain William Edward Parry R.N. (1790-1855), then Hydrographer Royal. In 1829 he and John Franklin were knighted in recognition of their naval expeditions between 1817 and 1825 in the Canadian Arctic in search of the North West Passage.

Sir Edward Parry and his wife Isabella (née Stanley) arrived in New South Wales in December 1829 aboard the *William*. Parry's brief was to restore and maintain due order in the Company's establishments; to review the situation of the Company's million acre Grant on the northern shores of Port Stephens and arrange an exchange of lands if necessary; and to negotiate further with the Colonial Government over the management of coal mines. By the time this volume opens, some matters had been resolved.

The Land Grant

It had been agreed that the eastern part of the Port Stephens Estate (around the Great Lakes) should be returned to the Crown and an area equivalent in size should be taken elsewhere. The consideration of land to the north of the Manning River and to the north-east (the Liverpool Plains and Peel River) occupied much of Parry's time.

The Coal Mines at Newcastle

John Henderson, the Colliery Manager, returned to N.S.W. in the *Elizabeth* in April 1830, four months after Parry. He spent the next months exploring the area around the existing coalmines in Newcastle. By August 1830 Henderson had ascertained that a suitable seam of coal lay to the west of the town, and negotiations began for the land grant and the necessary labour. Parry was also involved in ascertaining the possibility of an export market for coal and establishing the 'prime cost' or price at which, under its 'monopoly arrangements', the Company was to supply coal to the Government.

The Company's Establishment

Officers

Under Parry as Commissioner – based at Tahlee, near Carrington – the Company's Establishment at Port Stephens was divided

into departments: Accounts (Accountant William Barton), Flocks (Superintendent Charles Hall), Cattle, and Stud (Superintendent Henry Hall, appointed in May 1830), Agriculture (Superintendent William Burnett, who accompanied Parry to N.S.W. in the *William*) and Works (Superintendent the Surveyor John Armstrong). Other officers included the Surgeon and Botanist, Dr James Edward Stacy, and Parry's private secretary, Henry Darch.

William Barton, the Accountant, who had been the senior officer in N.S.W. before Parry's arrival, proved a difficult man to deal with – devising ever increasingly complex accounting methods and maintaining that his authority came directly from the Directors in London. Finally, in July 1831 Barton and his family sailed for London where he was dismissed. He was followed in October 1831 by William Burnett who also proved unsatisfactory. Both Barton and Burnett returned to NSW in 1834.

Indentured Servants

Most of the overseers, and some of the shepherds and mechanics, were originally recruited in Europe – England, Scotland and Germany. They were collectively known as the 'indentured servants', from the 'indentures' or contracts they had signed to serve the Company for a fixed period, usually seven years. By 1831 many of these contracts were coming up for renewal or cancellation.

Convicts/Assigned Servants

Most of the Company's shepherds, stockmen and labourers, were convicts otherwise termed 'assigned servants'. Convicts had either a fixed term sentence (usually seven or 14 years) or Life. Other employees in this general category included:

- Ticket of leave men, that is convicts holding a ticket entitling them to a degree of freedom of occupation and lodging within a nominated district (such as Port Stephens) before the end of their sentence or obtaining a pardon, or
- Emancipists, that is former convicts whose terms had expired or who had obtained a pardon.

Obtaining sufficient numbers of convicts was a constant battle for the Company: the Board for the Assignment of Servants never had

sufficient newcomers to meet the increasing demand; nor even to replace those whose sentences were completed.

The indentured servants and emancipists were also generally categorised as 'Free' (F), the assigned servants and ticket-of-leave men as 'Convict' (C).

Military Establishment

Although a Justice of the Peace, Sir Edward Parry could not act in cases concerning Company servants, free or convict. These were matters for the Resident Magistrate, Captain Donelan and later Captain Moffatt, who headed the small military police establishment based at Port Stephens. The maintenance of the police establishment, the responsibility for payment of salaries and wages, and relations with the Company's own convict constables were frequently the subject of correspondence.

Colonial Shareholders

The Company's capital stock was divided into 10,000 shares, each to a nominal value of £100. As additional monies were needed, 'calls' were made on the shareholders. By 1830, ten calls had been made, totalling £21 per £100 share.

Two hundred shares had been reserved for offer to colonial shareholders, and the Commissioner was responsible for arranging the collection of the calls as they came due. By mid-1832, several of the original colonial shareholders had died (eg John Piper, John Oxley and Robert Campbell); others had transferred responsibility for call payments to their English agents (eg Alexander Berry, Thomas Icely and Matthew Hindson, William Walker and the Macarthurs). Most of the remainder forfeited their shares through non-payment in 1834.

Sales and Stores

As far as possible, the Company sought to be self-contained. Annually, stores from colliery machinery to slop clothing, shoes and wool bales were dispatched from London on requisition.

At Port Stephens the Company attempted to raise its own grain and tobacco for rations – and such things as pit props for Newcastle. However, such self-sufficiency was never completely possible – and

it was necessary to advertise for tenders of wheat and other staples, the sale of horses and cattle at the Maitland sales, and the services of the Company's stallions. The Company's wool clip was intended for the London auction houses. From the first it was necessary to advertise for additional shearers, and for transport to convey the wool from Port Stephens to Sydney and thence to England. Many of these matters were handled through the Company's agents in Sydney, the merchant house of George Bunn & Co.

The Company cutter *Lambton* (62 tons) had been purchased in Sydney from the New Zealand Company in March 1827. Under her master, James Corlette, she plied between Sydney and Port Stephens, occasionally via Newcastle. However, as a sailing ship, she could be unreliable in unfavourable weather.

After the establishment of the regular steamship service between Sydney and Maitland/Morpeth, Sir Edward Parry frequently used it for the prompt dispatch of mail, or to travel himself, especially when visiting Newcastle – riding from Tahlee to 'Kinross' (James Graham's grant at the confluence of the Hunter and Williams Rivers – just below Raymond Terrace) where he boarded the steamer.

In 1834, on the completion of his term, Sir Edward Parry with his family returned to London aboard the *Persian*. He was succeeded as the Company's Commissioner by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dumaresq.

The Archives of the Australian Agricultural Company

The extensive archives of the Australian Agricultural Company, including the records of both the London and Australian head offices, have been deposited with the Noel Butlin Archives Centre (formerly the A.N.U. Archives of Business and Labour) since 1955.

Sir Edward Parry's correspondence and record keeping as Commissioner to the Australian Agricultural Company was voluminous. In addition to the letters contained in these letterbooks, he wrote lengthy formal, usually monthly, Despatches to the Directors in England (NBAC reference 78/1), kept a Demi-Official Letter Book ((NBAC reference 1/2B), Order Books (of instructions to the Company's Officers, Indentured and Assigned

Servants), and an official journal or diary (the diary is held by the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales).

The copies of Sir Edward's letters written for recipients in New South Wales are contained in two leather-bound volumes, 36.5 cm x 23.5 cm (14" x 9"), containing 300 pages, feint-ruled (NBAC reference 1/38/1-2). The first volume covers the period 1829-1832, the second 1832-1834.

It would seem, from internal evidence, that Sir Edward (or J. Edward Ebsworth in Parry's absence) would write the final draft of a letter into the copybook or amend an existing letter in pencil, from which Parry's Secretary, Henry Darch, would write the final version 'in a fair hand'.

The back of the first volume also contains entries for baptisms at Port Stephens between 1827 and July 1831. The children were subsequently received into the congregation at Christ Church, Newcastle. The entries were transcribed and published in *Pure Merinos and Others* (P. A. Pemberton, A.N.U. Archives of Business and Labour, Canberra) in 1986 and are available on the Noel Butlin Archives Centre web site.

Dr Pennie Pemberton
Canberra, July 2005

Note on transcription

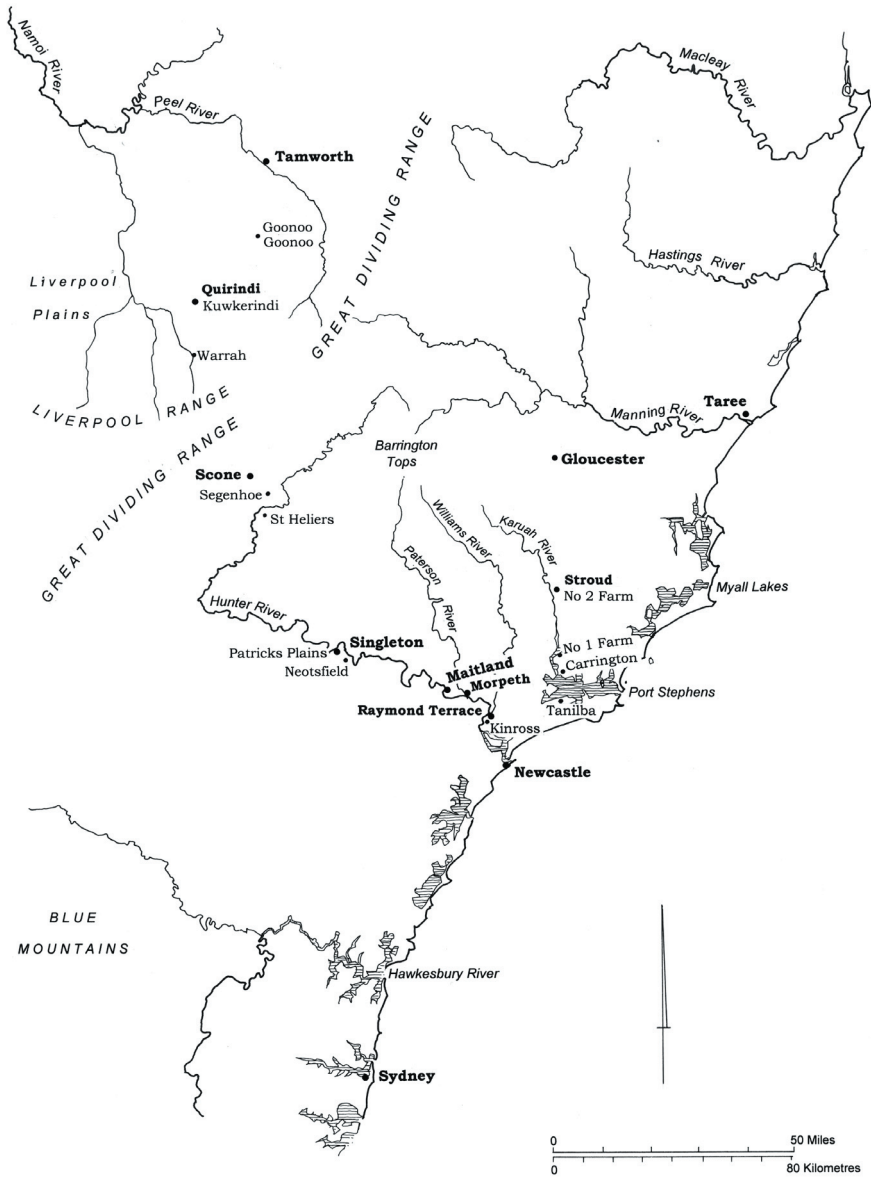
All the letters are heavily – and inconsistently – abbreviated, with the frequent use of superscript letters. For ease of consultation, the following editorial changes have been made:

1. Some spelling has been standardised but some frequently used words have been left in their original form: eg Honorable, advertizement, favorable and expences.
2. All given names have been extended: Jno. to John; Geo. to George; Dl to Daniel; Benjm to Benjamin. Also Ausn to Australian, Commsy to Commissary &c.
3. ult, inst and prox have been extended to ultimo, instant and proximo respectively.
4. The names of newspapers and ships have been italicised.
5. Single inverted commas have been used for the names of horses, eg. ‘Cleveland’.
6. Double inverted commas “ ” have been used only for reported speech.
7. Abbreviations such as TL or TofL (Ticket of Leave); H. M. (His Majesty’s); H. E. (His Excellency [The Governor]) have been extended.
8. The capitalisation is erratic and has generally been left as in the original.
9. Additional punctuation – usually dashes – has been removed.
10. Place names have been left as spelled (see index for modern version). Surnames have been ‘corrected’ only if spelt incorrectly in one place and not another.
11. Sums of money and weights have been written in a standardised form.
12. Paragraph numbering has been retained in (semi-) official letters.
13. The usual method of referring to convicts (by their ship, ship’s voyage number and sentence) has been retained, eg James Goodwin, *Guilford* 7, 14 Years.

14. Letters which are unnumbered in the original document have been allocated numbers during transcription eg the unnumbered letter following Letter No. 3 is now Letter No. 3a. The first five letters are unnumbered in the original and have been named Letters A to E in the transcription.
15. (C) (for 'Convict') indicates assigned servants and ticket-of-leave men.

Map 1:

Places mentioned in the text. *Modern place names are shown in bold type*



I. 1829: Letter A – C

Letter A

Ship *William*, Port Jackson
23rd December 1829

To the Committee of Management of the Australian Agricultural
Company
Sydney

Gentlemen,

1. I beg to acquaint you with my arrival here this day in the Ship *William* and have the honor to enclose herewith a Letter from the Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company, informing you of my appointment as Commissioner for managing their affairs in New South Wales.

2. I shall be glad to afford you a perusal of the Power of Attorney therein alluded to, whenever I have the pleasure of a personal communication with you, and previously to its' enrolment in the Supreme Court according to the Provision of the Act of Parliament on that subject.

3. I request you will do me the kindness to suggest when and where it will be most convenient for us to meet. And, as it is my intention to proceed to Port Stephens with the least possible delay, perhaps you will do me the kindness to fix the earliest period which may suit your Convenience.

4. I have also to request that you will take such Steps as you may deem requisite, for causing all the Effects and Documents in reference to the Company's Affairs to be placed in my possession and that you will particularly point out to my Notice any Letters written by yourselves, or by any Officer of the Company's Establishment by your direction subsequently to your Despatch No. 13 dated 25th February 1829.

5. I beg to assure you that I shall feel greatly obliged by any advice and information, with which you may do me the favor to furnish me, and which from your superior knowledge and experience in such matters, cannot fail to be of essential assistance to me in the important duties I have undertaken to perform.

W. E. Parry

Letter B

Sydney
26th December 1829

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

Considering it requisite for the Interests of the Australian Agricultural Company, that an Agent should continue to act on their behalf at Sydney as heretofore, for the following purposes, vizt

- 1st The receipt and forwarding of Letters, Stores &c
- 2nd The purchase or Sale of Stores &c
- 3rd The Collection of Debts due to the Company
- 4th The Receipt of Monies due, or to become due, for Calls
- 5th The Shipment to England of Wool or other produce or the disposal of it in New South Wales.

I request you will inform me whether you are willing to continue in this Agency, and that you will propose to me the lowest terms of Commission upon which you may be disposed to undertake it.

W. E. Parry, Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales

Letter C

Sydney
29th December 1829

To the Venerable the Archdeacon of New South Wales

Sir,

Being anxious to promote, by all the means in my power, the Spiritual Welfare of the numerous individuals about to be placed under my Control at the Establishment of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens, I take an early opportunity of requesting your kind Offices in the appointment of a Chaplain to be resident on the spot.

When I acquaint you that the number of persons now composing this Establishment is between four and five hundred, of whom about three hundred and fifty are Convicts, and that there

has hitherto been almost a total absence of Religious and Moral instruction among them, I feel confident that I need not further urge the necessity of providing for our wants in this way.

I beg to add that, having authority from the Company to institute a School upon their Estate, for the instruction of the Children of the Company's Servants, I shall feel greatly obliged by any assistance which you can give me in procuring a competent School Master and Mistress for that purpose.

2. 1830: Letter D – Letter No. 297

Letter D

2nd January 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

I request you will cause the enclosed Notice to be inserted, as early as possible, in the *Sydney Gazette*.

-oOo-

Australian Agricultural Company

Notice is hereby given that a Letter of Attorney appointing Sir William Edward Parry, Knight Sole Attorney, and Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, was this day enrolled in the Supreme Court, in pursuance of the direction contained in the Act of Incorporation Sydney – 1st January 1830.

Letter E

Sydney
4th January 1830

J. E. Ebsworth
Port Stephens

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter (No. 788) of the 12th December 1829 and also of that of the 28th of December (No. 808) the latter addressed to the Colonial Committee, together with its Enclosures – A B & C.

2. With reference to Paragraphs 1 to 4 in your Letter No. 808, I acquaint you that the Committee have a decided objection to any breeding Stock, except that belonging to the Company, being admitted upon their Estate. You will, therefore, communicate to Mr Donelan my intention not to allow this practice, except in the case of Mares put to the Company's Entire Horses.

3. I request you will immediately cause to be publicly notified to the Company's Officers and other Indented Servants, my

appointment as Commissioner for Managing the Company's affairs in New South Wales and my intention to proceed to Port Stephens without delay.

4. I beg you will prepare, against my arrival, which may be expected about the middle of the present Week, a New Book of a convenient size, for the insertion of all orders given by myself from the time of my commencing the Controul of the Company's Affairs.

5. I also request that you will prepare such Returns of every kind as may put me in full possession of the Company's concerns on my arrival at Port Stephens.

6. Herewith you will receive a List of the Cases &c containing my private property, which are shipped on board the *Carrabean* as also of seven packages &c belonging to the Company. A second vessel may be expected immediately to follow the *Carrabean* to Port Stephens with the remainder of my baggage.

7. Mr Burnett having arrived in the *William*, as Agriculturalist to the Company, with his Wife and four Children, I request you will make all the preparation in your power to give him and his family the best accommodation, which circumstances will permit, in readiness for his proceeding to Port Stephens by the next return of the *Lambton*.

8. You will have a Cargo of Wool ready for the *Lambton* on my arrival, with which she will, if possible, sail for Sydney the following day.

9. You will direct Mr Armstrong to prepare to lay before me, soon after my arrival, a full and clear Statement of the Surveying he may have performed subsequently to his last Reports to the Committee, which have been put into my hands; the execution of a very important part of my duty being dependent on the Work he has performed.

Letter No. 1

Port Stephens
11th January 1830

James Bowman, H. H. M^cArthur
Sydney

Gentlemen,

1. I have received a Letter (of which enclosure A is a Copy) from Mr George Bunn dated the 5th of this Month on the subject of

A

a Claim which he prefers against the Australian Agricultural Company as their Agent at Sydney, and to the payment of which certain objections have been raised on the Score of irregularity.

2. As the subject of this Claim has been fully discussed and enquired into, in the course of your Correspondence with Mr Ebsworth; and as that Gentleman has not received your Answer to his Letter (No. 780) dated the 27th of November 1829 I request you will have the goodness to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with your Replies to the Four Queries, contained in that Communication to enable me finally to settle this Account.

Letter No. 2

Port Stephens
11th January 1830

J. W. Donelan
Port Stephens

Sir,

1. In reply to your Letter to Mr Ebsworth of the 24th ultimo enclosing one of the same date from Mr Field District Constable, requesting you to obtain permission to bring to the Company's Estate a Mare and her Foal.

2. I beg to acquaint you that I cannot permit any breeding-Stock, except that belonging to the Company, to be admitted upon their Estate, unless it be in the case of Mares put to the Company's Entire Horses.

Letter No. 3

Port Stephens
13th January 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

1. Enclosed is the Invoice of the Wool belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company sent herewith by the *Lambton* and which I request you will cause to be shipped for England by the first safe and desirable Conveyance.

2. I herewith transmit to you Bills drawn on the Governors and Directors of the Company to the Amount of (£2000 -) Two Thousand Pounds Sterling - vizt

4 Sets of £100 – each	£400
4 Sets of £150	£600
4 Sets of £250	<u>£1000</u>
	<u>£2000</u>

which I request you will cause to be placed to the Credit of the Account of the Company at the Bank of Australia.

3. I wish the accompanying Advertisement to be immediately inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* and the *Australian* Newspaper, repeating it as often as you may consider necessary.

4. As it appears that some irregularity has existed in the transmission of the Sydney Newspapers to Port Stephens, I request you will in future cause to be regularly transmitted to me in the Despatch Box two Copies of the *Sydney Gazette* and one Copy of the *Australian*, considering this new Regulation as entirely superceding all former ones on the subject.

5. Mr Burnett and his family and Goods will return to Port Stephens in the *Lambton*, and he is directed to leave Sydney not later than the 18th instant – I request you will take care that her Sailing is not deferred beyond that day, it being of the utmost importance to get the rest of the Wool to Sydney without delay.

6. Enclosed you will receive a Letter (in Original and Duplicate) addressed to the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Company – the first of which you will be pleased to transmit by the first opportunity, and the other by the next that may occur.

7. I request you will acquaint me by the Return of the *Lambton*, about what day the first ship for England is likely to sail.

8. I beg you will have the goodness to comply with the inclosed Requisition by return of the *Lambton* if possible.

Letter No. 3a

Port Stephens
16th January 1830

Circular

John Armstrong
William Barton
William Croasdill
J. E. Ebsworth
Charles Hall
J. E. Stacy
William Wetherman

Among the subjects which have engaged my attention since my arrival at Port Stephens, that of the Free Store is one of no small importance. Being desirous of availing myself of your experience on this subject I request you will give Me, In Writing, and as early as convenient, your opinion thereupon.

The Points upon which I particularly wish information may be comprised in the seven following Questions, to which I beg you will reply according to the best of your Judgment

1st Would a Free Store, well conducted and with a strict limitation as to prices, be a benefit to the Company and their Servants, or not?

2nd If not, state why?

3rd Have the prices hitherto charged at the Free Store been exorbitant – i.e. – have the profits been more than reasonable upon the fair Sydney prices?

4th What evils, if any, do you anticipate from having no Free Store?

5th With a free Store well conducted, would there probably be more drinking of Spirits, or less, than at present?

6th Would a well-conducted Free Store tend to Check the present illicit Practice of Selling Spirits by the Company's Servants?

7th In the event of Mr Slade's return to Port Stephens, do you think the Company's Servants would purchase of him to any extent?

I request that, having replied to these Questions, you will then suggest what Regulation you think best to be adopted on this subject. I confidently rely on receiving from you such information

and advice as may best contribute to the Interests of the Company,
and to the Order, Comfort and Well-being of their Servants

Letter No. 3b

Port Stephens
25th January 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st
instant, also one of the same date addressed to Sir Edward Parry.

The unfavorable State of the Weather has hitherto prevented
the Cargo of the *Lambton* being examined to ascertain if it be
correctly delivered.

I beg to notify to you that No. 473 of the *Australian* Newspaper
has been omitted to be forwarded. Bags to convey the remainder
of the Flour to Port Stephens will be transmitted by the *Lambton*.

I enclose an Account against Mr Thomas Street overseer of the
Glatton amounting to £2.0.6. to be deducted from the Freight of
that Vessel – the Master's receipt for the Provisions is also sent
herewith.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 4

Sydney
27th January 1830

Edward Davies
H. M. Ship *Crocodile*

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 23rd instant I beg to acquaint you
that it will not be in my power to avail myself of your Services in
the manner proposed in that Communication.

Letter No. 5

Government House, Sydney

28th January 1830

J. E. Ebsworth
Port Stephens

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th instant with its several Enclosures A to F inclusive.

2. I request you will take immediate steps for putting into execution the Plan for thrashing the Wheat proposed in Paragraph 4 of your Letter.

3. I also desire you will send me word how many disposable Steel Mills there are at Port Stephens, of what size, and whether any Regulation has ever yet been adopted for the Assigned Servants Grinding Corn for their own Consumption, according to the Common Custom of the Colony.

4. I herewith return Mr Wetherman's Requisition for Stores from England, to be incorporated in a General Requisition to be sent home by the *Sovereign*.

5. The Invoice of Goods forwarded by the *Lambton* on her last Voyage must be transmitted to me, that Cash-payments may be made for the several Items, contained in it, if correctly furnished; also the Invoice of the *Lambton's* present Cargo for the same purpose.

6. You will direct Mr Burnett to explain to me, in writing, why his Bill at Cummings' was not paid according to my directions to him on that head. I shall hope to receive such an Explanation from him, as may be satisfactory to the Directors, to whom it appears that I shall probably have to refer this Matter.

7. You will also direct Mr Burnett to examine his Bill which has been very unaccountably and irregularly put into my hands by the Waiter by his directions; and to report whether the Account is Correct.

8. The accompanying Receipt is to be given to Mr Burnett, informing him that I will forward the £5. – by the *Sovereign* according to his request.

9. The Memorandum in the accompanying Packet to Mr Barton is to be copied into the Order Book previous to its being delivered.

10. You will cause the Garden Seeds brought by me from the Cape to be issued in small quantities to such of the Company's Officers as require them, provided they are willing to pay the price given by the Company. Mr Barton has the Account of Mr Villet from whom they were procured. You will take care to reserve a sufficient quantity of seeds for the Garden at Tahlee, and for the Officers up the Country should they require any.

11. Mr Armstrong having given me his Written promise (herewith enclosed) to complete the Plans of the Buildings on the Settlement by the 6th of February you are to see that this is complied with, and send me the whole of the Plans, with Mr Armstrong's List in Duplicate, for immediate transmission to the Directors. I desire that you will then in my name, furnish Mr Armstrong with such Employment as may be, in your opinion, most beneficial to the Interests of the Company.

12. In case of my health not allowing of my Return to Port Stephens before the departure of the *Sovereign* which is expected to take place about the 10th of February, I request you will send me, for transmission to the Directors, every Document which may convey to them information of interest, relative to the present state of their affairs.

13. Among the rest I wish to have a Return of all the Cows on the Estate used for the purposes of the Dairy, their usual Weekly produce, and how distributed. Also a Return of those granted to Individuals for their own use, specifying each person.

Letter No. 6

Sydney
29th January 1830

George Bunn
George Street

Sir,

1. With reference to your Letter of the 26th ultimo, proposing to continue to act as Agent for the Australian Agricultural Company at Sydney, upon the terms therein detailed, and for the purposes set forth in my Communication to you of the same date, I beg to acquaint you that, the proposed terms appearing to me just and reasonable, I am willing that you should continue to transact the business of the Company at Sydney accordingly.

2. In order to preserve due Regularity in the Company's Accounts, and to prevent any possible recurrence of those doubts and discussions respecting your Claims upon the Company, which have lately proved so unpleasant to all parties, I request that you will attend to the following Regulations in the making of purchases on Account of the Company.

3. 1st Whenever a Requisition is sent to you for Stores from Port Stephens they are (except in the Cases presently mentioned) to be sent as soon as possible by the *Lambton*, accompanied by a Complete Invoice, and a Corresponding Bill of Lading. The latter is of course, to be signed by the Commander of the *Lambton* or other Vessel employed, and is intended to make him responsible for the Actual Cargo put on board, thereby preventing the possibility of any further disputes on that head.

4. 2nd The Exceptions just alluded to are in Cases where large quantities of any Goods may be required, and I may consider it expedient to advertize for Tenders, or to have Samples previously sent to Port Stephens. These cases will be specially mentioned in the Requisitions.

5. 3rd On the delivery of the Goods at Port Stephens, of proper quality and in good condition, a check [sic] upon the Bank to the Amount of the Invoice will immediately be drawn, and sent to you, to enable you to make Cash-payments. The interval between the purchase and the payment will then scarcely ever exceed ten days.

6. 4th Each Bill is then to be duly receipted, by the respective parties from whom the purchases were made, and these being transmitted to Port Stephens, (if possible by the Return of the *Lambton*) the transaction may be considered complete and your Commission upon the Amount of the Invoice will then be placed to your Credit.

7. Should any extraordinary case arise, you will have the goodness to conform as nearly as may be practicable to the principle of the above Regulations, acquainting me with the peculiar Circumstances, that any new arrangement may be made which appears requisite to meet them.

8. I propose drawing up some Regulations for the Sale of Goods on the part of the Company, which I shall take a future opportunity of communicating to you.

Letter No. 7

Sydney
29th January 1830

G. M. Slade
Sydney

Sir,

1. I have delayed replying to your Letter on the subject of your Return to Port Stephens, until I could make myself acquainted with all the Circumstances of the case upon the spot.

2. For this purpose, among other means of Enquiry, I addressed a Circular to all the Officers of the Company's Establishment, and, having received their opinions upon the subject, I have no hesitation in acquainting you that I conceive it would be the highest injustice to yourself as well as to the Company's Servants, to allow you to return to Port Stephens as the Free Store Keeper.

3. I trust you will do me the Justice to believe that, entering upon the subject, as I have done, entirely free from prejudice of any kind, I have been actuated in this occasion, only by a sincere and earnest desire to do what is fair and just to all parties.

Letter No. 8

Sydney
30th January 1830

George M. Slade
Sydney

Sir,

1. I truly regret that any thing contained in my Letter of yesterday should have injured your feelings, and that you should have mis-construed what I there said, as directed against your character, honor, or integrity, with which it is neither my business nor my intention to meddle.

2. Since however, you have thus unaccountably mistaken my meaning, I have no objection to state, for the satisfaction of your Creditors and the World, that it is not your Character, but your Circumstances, which influenced my decision. The Free Store keeper at Port Stephens shall never, with my Knowledge and Consent, be one labouring under pecuniary difficulties – for this plain reason, that he cannot obtain Goods except at an extravagant price, which,

with a fair and honest profit to himself, becomes an exorbitant one to the Company's Servants. It is my opinion that this would be your situation, if you returned to Port Stephens, and, under these circumstances, I happen to know that you would obtain no purchasers. I therefore repeat that to permit your return would be the highest injustice to yourself as well as to the Company's Servants; for your debt would soon be doubled if you did.

3. I shall be glad if this explanation is satisfactory to you, as regards your Character, against which I have heard no imputation.

4. With respect to the promise to which you allude, I can only say that I never made any such Promise.

5. I am compelled to add that had I known that I was about to subject myself to such a communication as that to which I am now replying, I should not have given myself the trouble of any explanation whatsoever (which I did out of kindness to yourself) but should have contented myself with a simple announcement of the decision to which after a long and anxious deliberation, I had unwillingly come.

Letter No. 9

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
30th January 1830

Mr John Clark
St Andrew's Coffee House
George Street

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 18th instant, lately received, I request you will send me, as early as convenient, any testimonials you may be able to procure, as to your Character and Qualifications for the situation you desire to fill under the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 10

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
30th January 1830

Thomas Ascott, Esq., Mr Langton's
Near Barker's Mill, Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your two Communications of the 27th instant, I beg to acquaint you that I have, at present, no thoughts of engaging a Person in either of the Departments to which you allude.

I regret that, with the strong and respectable testimonials you state Yourself to possess, I know of no situation under the Australian Agricultural Company, which it is in my power to offer for your Acceptance.

Letter No. 11

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
2nd February 1830

Richard Stubbs
91 George Street

Sir,

In reply to your two Communications of the 30th ultimo and the 1st instant, received yesterday, I request you will procure and transmit to me such written Testimonials, as to Character, Capital, and Credit, as you may be able to procure, for the object you have in View.

I beg to add that I cannot in this instance, act upon any but written Testimonials.

Letter No. 12

Government House
Sydney
2nd February 1830

C. T. Smeathman
Coroner, 29 Upper Pitt Street

Sir,

From the tenor of your Letter of this day's date, I fear that the nature of the vacant situation therein alluded to has been misunderstood by you; and I have reason to suppose that it is not of a kind which would be worthy of your attention.

If you could conveniently come to Cumings's[sic] about 11 to-morrow, I should be glad to communicate with you on the subject.

Letter No. 12a

Port Stephens
2nd February 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and its Inclosures of the 28th ultimo.

With reference to the Newspapers I have to apprise you that No. 471 of the *Australian* dated 7th January and No. 1765 of the *Gazette* (in Duplicate) have not been forwarded to Port Stephens.

The Account presented by the Editors of the *Australian* shall be examined and reported on by the next opportunity.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 13

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
5th February 1830

Archibald Hood, Jacob Newton's
Williams's River, by Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 27th ultimo, I request you will transmit to me such Testimonials as you may be able to procure, as to your fitness to undertake the situation alluded to in your Communication.

I beg to add that, in this instance, I cannot act upon any thing but written testimonials.

Letter No. 14

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
5th February 1830

John Odell
5 King Street, Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of this day's date, I request that you will transmit to me such Testimonials as you may be able to procure, as to your Character and Qualifications to undertake the situation alluded to in your Communication.

I beg to add that I cannot, in this instance attend to any but written Testimonials.

Letter No. 15

Port Stephens
8th February 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to return you the whole of the Accounts relative to the *Australian* and *Sydney Gazette* Newspapers – also of Charges for

printing &c – in number four – and have to make the following Remarks –

1. The Account for two Copies of the *Australian* (£1:19) and for advertizing (£0.19.6) in the quarter ending 31st December 1828 was paid by Mr Barton before he left Sydney.

2. The following numbers of this Paper have never reached Port Stephens – No Copy of Nos 400 to 433, 442 and 462. No second Copy of Nos 374 to 383, 394 to 399 and 451 to 469.

3. The Papers dated 28th April – 1, 5, 8 and 12 May 29, and 31 July – 5, 7, 12, 14, 18 and 21 August and 23rd September 1829 not having been received here the correctness of the Charge for Advertizements cannot be ascertained.

4. The Printing Account can be checked by yourself as you ordered the Work to be performed for the Company.

5. No Copy of the *Gazette* has been transmitted to me – I am unable therefore to examine any Claim which may be made by the Editors of that paper on the Company.

Before these Accounts can be settled, it will be necessary you should make inquiry respecting the foregoing particulars.

J. E. Ebsworth

Another Letter dated 24th February addressed by me to Mr Bunn relative to the *Sydney Gazette* Accounts is registered in my Letter Book. Page 413, No. 810.

J. E. Ebsworth.

Letter No. 16

Sydney
9th February 1830

George M. Slade
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, I beg to assure you that immediately on my return to Port Stephens, which will take place in a few days, I will pay attention to your Account, and communicate with you on the Subject without delay.

Letter No. 17

Sydney
9th February 1830

D. Maclean or Machan
Bathampton
Bathurst

Sir,

In reply to your letter without date or address, stating yourself to be a candidate for the situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company

I have to acquaint you that it will be necessary for you to procure and transmit to me (at George Bunn's Esq., George Street, Sydney) such written Testimonials, as to Character and Qualifications for the Situation in question, as you may be enabled to obtain.

I cannot, in this instance, attend to any-thing but written Testimonials.

Letter No. 18

Sydney
9th February 1830

Thomas Boardman
Wallis Plains

Sir,

In reply to your Letter without date or address, stating yourself to be a Candidate for the Situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company,

I have to acquaint you that it will be necessary for you to procure and transmit to me (at George Bunn Esq., George Street, Sydney) such written Testimonials, as to Character, and Qualifications for the situation in question, as you may be enabled to obtain.

I cannot, in this instance attend to any-thing but written Testimonials.

Letter No. 19

Sydney
15th February 1830

Henry Hall
Mrs Panton's
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

Sir Edward Parry begs to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Hall's Letter of the 9th instant, this moment come to hand, and to inform him that unless he transmits written Testimonials nothing whatsoever can be done with a view to his filling the situation of Superintendent of the Company's Horse and Cattle Department.

As Sir Edward Parry leaves Sydney to morrow he hopes Mr Hall will be able to forward the Testimonials required, in time, if not, to address them to him at Port Stephens, forwarding them to the care of Mr George Bunn, George Street Sydney who will do the needful.

Letter No. 19a

98 George Street
Sydney
16th February 1830

F. A. Hely
Sydney

Sir,

The Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens having immediate occasion for the number and Description of Servants as undermentioned, I request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of His Excellency the Governor for their Assignment to the Company, as early as may be practicable.

<i>Namely</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>If these cannot be had, the next most desirable as under -</i>
Brickmakers or Bricklayers	6	
Carpenters or Joiners	2	2 Men accustomed to work as Sawyers
Agricultural Labourers	10	
Shepherds	5	5 Agricultural Labourers
Shoemakers	2	2 Weavers
Clerks	2	
	27	

Making a total of 27 Men –

Letter No. 20

Sydney
16th February 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

Being desirous of explaining to the Governors and Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company – why the 28 Bales of their Wool, which came from Port Stephens by the last Voyage but one, of the *Lambton* are not shipped on board the *Sovereign* as originally intended

I request that you will furnish me with an Explanation of the Same for the information of the Governors and Directors accordingly.

Letter No. 21

Port Stephens
22nd February 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esqs
Sydney

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th instant acquainting me that a Balance remains due to the

Bank of Australia from the Company, for Drafts drawn by Mr Ebsworth previous to the 31st December 1829 and suggesting the propriety of settling the same by one or two methods which you have therein proposed.

I beg to acquaint you that I have instructed Mr Ebsworth to draw and forward to you a Set of Bills for the Amount so due, or in course of becoming due to the Bank.

Letter No. 21a

Tahlee House
Port Stephens
23rd February 1830
1 o'Clock PM

J. E. Stacy
Surgeon
Port Stephens

Sir,

Sir Edward Parry understanding that Mr Benjamin Stacey [sic] is very dangerously Ill, requests that Mr Stacy will meet Dr Nesbit [sic] at his (Mr Benjamin Stacey's) house, at two o'Clock this day on a Consultation.

Letter No. 22

Port Stephens
25th February 1830

George M. Slade
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Letter addressed to me on the 8th instant, requesting to be furnished with a statement of your account,

I beg to acquaint you that no Complete Account can be made out, until I receive from you a Statement of your Claim upon the Company for Orders drawn upon you from time to time by Persons duly authorized, together with the Orders themselves as Vouchers.

Whenever you transmit these Documents, no time shall be lost in furnishing you with your Complete Account.

Letter No. 23

Port Stephens
25th February 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

A 1. I herewith enclose an Invoice of 22 Bales of Wool, which, together with that now in your Warehouse, I request you will cause to be shipped by the first safe conveyance to England.

B 2. I also inclose a Requisition for Stores, to which I request your early attention.

3. I wish the Tobacco mentioned in the Requisition to be purchased of Mr A. B. Spark, as Agent to Mr Peter McIntyre; the latter Gentleman having offered it to me at One Shilling and Six pence per pound.

C 4. The enclosed Advertisements for Tenders for Thirty thousand Bricks are to be inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* and *Australian*, and I request you will accept the lowest Tender, provided the Articles offered be of good quality; arranging with the Contractor as to the Shipment of them on board the *Lambton* in quantities of five to ten thousand at a time according to Circumstances. I have directed Mr Corlette to arrange with you, respecting the Shipment of the Bricks, which I am desirous of conveying to Port Stephens as soon as possible.

D 5. I herewith transmit to you Bills drawn on the Governors and Directors of the Company to the Amount of (£2,000) Two thousand Pounds, namely -

4 Sets of £100 each	£400
4 Sets of £150 each	£600
4 Sets of £250 each	<u>£1000</u>
	<u>£2,000</u>

which I request you will place to the Credit of the Company's Account at the Bank of Australia.

E 6. Enclosed is a Copy of the Regulations which I have just
F Established for Freight and passage in the *Lambton*, to which I request your particular attention. Accompanying the Regulations, are several Blank Forms of Orders intended for your use, whenever

you are applied to on this subject – you will observe that I have filled up one of these Forms in Red Ink, for the purpose of shewing more clearly what my intention is. I request you will immediately put one of these into the hands of a Printer, sending me a proof sheet when ready, and an Estimate of the Expence of printing five hundred of them upon Common paper. In the Meantime, you can make use of the Manuscript Forms now sent.

7. I wish the *Lambton* to bring, on her next Voyage to Port Stephens, a number of Prisoners which have, I understand, been assigned as Servants to the Company. An Arrangement has been made with Colonel Allan, for a Corporal and three Soldiers of the 57th Regiment to accompany them as a Guard.

8. I inclose herewith a Check on the Bank of Australia for £50. – to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Articles contained in your Invoice per *Lambton* of the 16th February, I request you will send me a Receipt for the same.

9. One of the Castings, weighing 33lbs, and the Curriers knife stone, are returned as unfit for the purposes for which they were intended (see the present Requisition).

10. I beg to call your early attention to a Memorandum herewith enclosed, relating to some of the Vouchers for your Accounts with the Company, rendered subsequently to the 31st of December 1829 which are requisite for completing the Company's Accounts during that period. Also between the 30th September 1829 and 1st January 1830. G

11. I request you will send, by the next Cutter, the four Steel Mills procured for the Company, With Hoppers properly fitted to them.

I should be glad to know when, and by what Ship, the next opportunity of writing to England is likely to occur.

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Memorandum G

A Memorandum for Mr Bunn, relative to his Accounts with the Company, subsequently to the 31st of December 1829.

Account settled by Check on the Bank, 25th January 1830 (£117.12.0) – Vouchers wanted for the several items.

In the Invoice per *Lambton* 28th January 1830, the Item for 1360 lbs of Tobacco amounts to £170 – whereas the Receipt of Samuel Morrice, on behalf of Mr Phillips for the same quantity is

In the service of the company

for £34 only. It is presumed that the remainder (that is, two Shillings per pound) is for duty, the Tobacco having been purchased in bond, but it nowhere appears on the Documents. Is there no Voucher for the payment of the 2/- per pound? At all events, it should be mentioned in the Invoice (herewith returned for that purpose) as a Separate Item.

28th Jan 1830

The Item "Paid Government Store – rent on Tobacco". Is no receipt given for this? Insert in the Invoice the period for which Rent is charged,

28th Jan 1830

50lbs of powder (£5.12.6) was previously charged in the Invoice of the 16th of January.

The following Vouchers are wanting to complete the Accounts between the 30th September 1829 and 1st January 1830.

Invoice

5 th October	for Charges of	£2:2:6
23 rd October		£6:4:0
23 rd October		£5:8:4
7 th December		£20:15:9
7 th December		£5:1:6
7 th December		£8:11:4
16 th December		£18:1:0
16 th December		£41:5:0
16 th December		£3:5:0
16 th December		£36:0:0
16 th December		£12:10:0

A number of small Accounts prior to 1st January 1830 are herewith returned, being unsigned, and therefore of no use in the Company's Accounts.

Letter No. 24

Port Stephens
25th February 1830

F. A. Hely
Sydney

Sir,

The Man named in the margin having been lately sent to the Magistrates at Port Stephens by the Superintendent of Police, charged with having absconded from the Australian Agricultural Company, and his name not appearing upon any List in the Company's Office, I request you will inform me, from any Records in your possession, at what time, and from whence, he appears to have been Assigned to the Company.

*William Power,
Hudlow, Life*

Letter No. 25

Port Stephens
25th February 1830

Thomas McVitie
Sydney

Sir,

Finding that it would materially facilitate the keeping of the Australian Agricultural Company's Accounts, if the Checks drawn by me upon the Bank of Australia were returned to me when paid, together with the Banking Book.

I request you will cause this arrangement to be made accordingly, should you see no objection to the same.

Letter No. 26

Port Stephens
25th February 1830

James Laidley
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

1. I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the following Documents relating to the Accounts between His Majesty's Government and the Australian Agricultural Company, namely:

A 2. 1st Accounts (in Triplicate) and Vouchers for the issue of Provisions by the Company to the Military Guard at Port Stephens, for the year ending the 25th December 1829.

B 3. 2nd Accounts (in Triplicate) and Vouchers for a Charge by the Company against His Majesty's Government, in the Surveyor's Department, 13th December 1828.

C 4. 3rd Accounts (in Triplicate) and Vouchers for Sundry Issues on account of His Majesty's Government by the Company for the year ending the 25th December 1829.

5. With reference to the Correspondence which has taken place between His Majesty's Government and the Colonial Committee of Management for the Company, on the subject of the First of these Accounts, you will observe, in the Account now transmitted, that I have acceded, on behalf of the Company, to the proposal of His Majesty's Government to receive payment for the Soldiers' Rations at the Newcastle Contract price.

6. I am also willing to receive payment for the Soldiers' Rations, for the present year, at the Newcastle Contract-prices.

I have to request an early Settlement of the above Accounts, and that you will cause the several Amounts to be placed to the Company's Credit at the Bank of Australia.

Letter No. 27

Tahlee House
27th February 1830

J. W. Donelan Esq. J. P.
Carrington

Sir,

I herewith enclose, for your Information, a Copy of the Regulations which I have established for Passengers and Freight on board the Company's Cutter *Lambton*, including some Orders for restricting the Quantity of Spirits &c received on board that Vessel.

I request that you will do me the favor to direct that these Regulations be attended to by the Military and Police under your Control, as far as they apply to them.

Letter No. 27a

Port Stephens
3rd March 1830

Memorandum for Mr Donelan, with reference to Mr Harrington's Letter, 20th January 1830.

There is no Tobacco grown on the Company's Estate, except in a few Gardens cultivated by Individuals.

Mr MacLeay's Letter, 4th February 1830.

On the Company's Estate in October 1829

	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels produced</i>
Wheat	320	4,520
Maize	52	2,000
Barley	None	
Oats	None	
Sown Grasses	None	
Potatoes	Only in Gardens of Individuals	

Mr M^cLeay's Second Letter, 4th February 1830

No Manufactories, except One Brickfield, and One Tan -Yard
be so considered
One 4–Horse Flour Mill
One Threshing Machine
Mines and Quarries on this Estate – None

Letter No. 28

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Richard Stubbs Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 30th of January, proposing to undertake the Situation of Free Storekeeper at Port Stephens, and enclosing Testimonials as to Character Credit &c.

I beg to acquaint you that, your Testimonials appearing to me satisfactory in every respect, I have no objection to your filling the situation in question, provided you agree to the following terms.

1st To pay Rent (quarterly) for any Premises you may occupy belonging to the Company, at a fair Valuation to be previously made in your presence; the Rent to commence from the day on which any of your property is placed on the premises.

2nd To pay Freight and Passage Money in the *Lambton*, according to the Established Regulations: namely (between Sydney and Port Stephens) Thirty Shillings per Ton, and from one to two Shillings for smaller parcels; Thirty Shillings for a Cabin Passenger, and Ten Shillings for a Steerage Passenger – All passage Money to be paid on the passenger's going on board, and Freight Money on the delivery of Goods.

3rd No passenger or Goods can be received on board the *Lambton*, except by my permission or that of the Company's Agent at Sydney.

4th None of the Company's Boats, or Servants on any occasion to be employed on your business, either for landing or embarking Stores, or for conveying them into the interior of the Company's Estate.

5th A License for Selling Spirits &c must be taken out by you, not only for Carrington (the Principal Settlement at Port Stephens)

but also, for your own Security, for Booral Stroud and else-where on the Company's Estate.

6th In compliance with my General Regulations on this head, no Spirits, Wine, or Malt-Liquor will be received on board the *Lambton*, but by a Requisition approved by me, and delivered to the Commander as his authority, for receiving the several quantities therein specified.

7th The Free-Store to be open from 8 o'Clock in the morning till 8 o'Clock at night, and at no other hours on any Account whatever. The Store to be entirely Closed during the hours of Divine Worship, whatever those hours may be.

8th You must pledge yourself not to allow anything approaching to excessive Drinking in your premises and to acquaint me if you have reason to suppose that the Spirits &c bought by any Individual are more than sufficient for the reasonable supply of his own family.

9th All purchases made by you from the Company, or vice versa to be Settled by Cash, so as to obviate, in most cases, the necessity of any Account between you, except for Rent.

10th With respect to the Prices Charged for Your Goods, I believe that an Increase of Twenty five per Cent on the Invoice price is considered a reasonable profit. As, however, the whole success of your undertaking must depend on your furnishing Goods at as low a price, and of as good quality, as they can be procured by the Company's Servants elsewhere, I do not consider it necessary to lay you under any restriction in this respect. On this subject it is proper that you should be informed that the Company's Servants have the privilege of conveying in the *Lambton* all parcels of Fifteen pounds or under freight-free. For all others they pay at the rate mentioned in the 2nd Regulation.

11th The option of retaining you as Free Store-Keeper at Port Stephens must be entirely my own, the only Stipulation being that One Quarter's Notice is to be given for your quitting.

I request you will (if possible by return of the *Lambton*) reply to this communication so that a final decision may be come to on the subject.

Letter No. 29

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

John Learmonth, Esq.
7 King Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo offering yourself as a Candidate for the situation of Free Store-Keeper at Port Stephens, I beg to acquaint you that, although I have every reason to be satisfied with the Testimonials you have produced, I feel myself bound to offer the situation to Mr Richard Stubbs, that Gentleman being in my opinion, better qualified for it than any other Candidate.

I therefore take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you that I have this day proposed to Mr Stubbs the terms on which alone I can consent to his filling this situation. Should you not hear from me again on the subject, you will understand that Mr Stubbs has accepted it.

Letter No. 30

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

W. H. Hovell Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th ultimo offering &c (the same as the Letter addressed to J. Learmonth Esq).

Letter No. 30a

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Tomlins Esq.
O'Connell Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the offering &c (the same as the Letter addressed to J. Learmonth).

Letter No. 31

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Henry Hall Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 9th ultimo proposing yourself as a Candidate for the Situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens, I beg to acquaint you that the Testimonials you produce appearing to me satisfactory, I am willing to appoint you to that situation, if you consent to the following terms.

Salary £100 per Annum
A Residence
Rations of Meat & Flour

As I am uncertain whether the Governors and Directors may not appoint a person in England to fill this situation, it must be distinctly understood that, in this case your appointment will be cancelled at three Months notice.

I request you will immediately reply to this communication as several other Candidates are awaiting my decision.

Letter No. 32

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr George Blakett
Collingwood, Liverpool

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th ultimo offering yourself as a Candidate for the Situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens I beg to acquaint you that, although I have every reason to be satisfied with the Testimonials you have produced, I feel myself bound to offer the Situation to Mr Henry Hall, that Gentleman being in my opinion better qualified for it than any other Candidate.

I therefore take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you that I have this day proposed to Mr Hall the terms on which alone I can consent to his filling this situation. Should you not hear from me again on the subject, you will understand that Mr Hall has accepted it.

Letter No. 33

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr Thomas Boardman
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter offering to become a Candidate for the Situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens, I beg to acquaint you that, although I have every reason to be satisfied with the Testimonials you have produced, I feel myself bound to offer the situation to Mr Henry Hall, that Gentleman being in my opinion better qualified for it than any other Candidate.

I therefore take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you that I have this day proposed to Mr Hall the terms on which alone I can consent to his filling this situation. Should you not hear from me again on the subject you will understand that Mr Hall has accepted it.

Letter No. 34

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr James Dwyer
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter offering &ca (the same as the letter addressed to Mr Thomas Boardman).

Letter No. 35

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr Archibald Hood
Jacob Newton's Esq
Williams River by Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 27th January offering &ca (the same as the Letter addressed to Mr George Blackett).

Letter No. 36

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr D Maclean
Bathampton
Bathurst

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 4th ultimo offering &ca (the same as the letter addressed to Mr George Blackett).

Letter No. 37

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr Thomas Warn
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 18th ultimo, offering &ca (the same as the letter addressed to Mr George Blackett).

Letter No. 38

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Mr Thomas H. White
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 21st of January offering &c (the same as the Letter addressed to Mr George Blackett).

Letter No. 39

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st I herewith enclose to you a List of Instalments upon Shares of the Australian Agricultural Company held by Proprietors in New South Wales remaining unpaid on the 1st of January of the present year -

2nd At the same time I beg to call your attention to the annexed Paragraph of my Instructions on that head from the Governors and Directors of the Company -

“As under the Circumstances described in recent Letters from the Colony, you may possibly find, on the part of some of the Colonial Proprietors, an Indisposition to make the payments on this Account, We request you will, in the event of refusal,

or neglect of that description, cause to be transmitted to us a List of the parties so in Default, in order that the Conditions of the Company's Act of Parliament, Sec: 10 and 17, may be complied with. But you will previously cause a Notice to be delivered to the several parties, stating to them the liabilities they will thereby incur."

3rd I have now to request that you will, with as little delay as possible take measures for carrying into complete effect the latter part of my Instructions above quoted, stating to each of the Parties in Default the amount of his arrears, and calling for an immediate Settlement.

4th When this has been done, I beg you will favour me with a Copy of your Notice, and also that you will return the List now enclosed, with any Remarks you may have to make thereupon; in order that the whole may be transmitted to the Governors and Directors.

P. S. It may be proper for me to add that the enclosed List of Arrears is independent of a Further Call of £2 per Share of which I have just given Notice.

Letter No. 40

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
Colonial Secretary

Sir,

1st I have the honor to enclose to you an Account in Triplicate of Expences incurred by the Australian Agricultural Company, in consequence of the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin having been erroneously sent to Port Stephens, on the supposition of his having absconded from the Company's Service.

A

William Power,
Hadlow, Life

2nd In further explanation of the circumstances of the case, I beg to refer you to the enclosed Documents – namely:

- An attested Copy of the List which accompanied the Prisoner from the Office of the Principal Superintendent of Police.
- A Copy of my Letter to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, desiring to be informed of the Circumstances of this Man's Assignment to the Company.

B

C

In the service of the company

- D
- A Copy of Mr Hely's Reply, acquainting me that it does not appear that William Power has been at any time Assigned to the Company, and requesting I will send him to Sydney by the first opportunity.
- E
- A Certificate from J. W. Donelan Esq., one of the Bench of Magistrates at Port Stephens, of the necessity which, in his opinion, existed of furnishing William Power with the Clothing charged in the Account.

3rd I request you will be pleased to take the necessary steps for causing the Amount of these Expences to be reimbursed to the Australian Agricultural Company by His Majesty's Government.

P. S. I also enclose a Certificate from Mr Donelan, that the Provisions charged in the Account have been furnished to William Power.

Letter No. 41

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Eighteen Prisoners of the Crown having been landed yesterday upon the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company by their Cutter the *Lambton*, and no List or Description of any kind having accompanied them,

I request you will inform me, as early as convenient, whether these Men are Assigned to the Company by His Majesty's Government.

Letter No. 42

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

George Bunn, Esq.
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

1. I herewith enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply as early as may be practicable. ^A

2. I also transmit to you a number of Letters (according to the enclosed List) addressed to the several Colonial Proprietors of Shares to the Company, giving them Notice of a further Call made by the Governors & Directors, of (£2) Two pounds per share. I request you will cause these Letters to be delivered, with as little delay as possible. ^B

3. Two Copies of the same notice Are herewith enclosed, which I beg you will cause to be inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* and *Australian* Newspaper respectively, and continue therein as long as is usual in the Colony in cases of this kind. ^C

4. In all cases of Advertisement in the Newspapers, on Account of the Company, I request you will take care to specify to the printer how long they are to be continued in order to avoid unnecessary expense on this Account.

5. I return to you the Proof impression of the Order for receiving Goods or passengers on board the *Lambton* – I wish One Thousand Copies of this Order to be printed, upon the least expensive paper which will admit of writing upon it with facility. You will please to retain two hundred Copies and forward the rest to me. ^D

6. I enclose to you a check on the Bank of Australia for (£170) One hundred & Seventy pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the several Articles contained in your last Invoice.

7. I request that you will, before presenting this Check for payment, sign your name upon it against the word "Received" on the right-hand margin, and the same with any Checks of mine which you may receive in future on account of the Company, as I have requested the Managing Director not to pay any Draft of mine whether to Order or Bearer, without the signature of the first holder.

8. I beg to suggest to you the Propriety of having the words "By Cash" inserted on all the Receipts given by the several Parties from whom purchases are made on account of the Company; in order that it may plainly appear to the Directors, on inspection of the Vouchers, that Cash-payments have been bona fide made, which the word "Settled", or "Paid" by no means implies, especially in this Colony, where a real Cash-payment is so rare an occurrence.

9. You will observe upon the Requisition for Stores now enclosed, that one or two Articles mentioned in the last Invoice have not come to hand, I request you will make enquiries as to this deficiency.

10. Should the *Lambton* be detained here by contrary winds, and any-thing else be required for the Service of the Company, I have directed Mr Ebsworth to communicate with you on the subject, as I am about to make a journey into the interior of the Company's Estate.

11. It will be a great convenience if you can despatch the *Lambton* from Sydney on her return to Port Stephens not later than the 12th or 13th instant.

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Copy of the Notice alluded to in the above Letter addressed to
Mr Bunn

Australian Agricultural Company.

Established and Incorporated by Act 5. Geo IV Cap 86. and by
Royal Charter.

Notice is hereby given that a Further Call of Two Pounds per Share has been made by the Governors & Directors, upon the Proprietors of Stock in this Company.

The Proprietors resident in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land are requested to cause the Amount upon their respective Shares to be paid on or before the 1st of May next, into the Bank of Australia, when a Receipt will be given for the same.

W. E. Parry, Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the
Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales

Port Stephens
1st March 1830

Letter No. 43

Port Stephens
6th March 1830

Thomas McVitie Esq.
&c &c &c
Bank of Australia

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Twelve Cancelled Checks accompanying your Letter of the 3rd instant, and I now return the Banking Book of the Australian Agricultural Company.

2. I request you will allow it to be an understanding at the Bank of Australia, that none of my Drafts, on account of the Company whether to Order or Bearer, are to be paid, without the Signature of the first holder.

3. I beg to acquaint you that I have, on the 1st of March, given Notice of a Call made by the Governors & Directors of the Company, of (£2) Two Pounds per share, and I have requested the Share-holders to pay their respective Amounts into the Bank of Australia.

4. You will oblige me by sending me the Book containing the Printed Receipts for Instalments, to be filled up for the 7th and 8th Instalments, and then to be returned to the Bank.

5. When any Monies are received on Account of the Company, I request you will cause to be inserted in the Banking Book, the names of the respective Parties from whom the Cash has been received; in order to enable the Accountant to give them Credit for the same.

Letter No. 44

Port Stephens
15th March 1830

Mr Andrew Brown
Wallerawang
District of Bathurst

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 2nd instant, applying for the situation of Superintendent of Horses and Cattle on the Estate of

the Australian Agricultural Company I beg to inform you that the situation is already filled up.

Letter No. 45

Port Stephens
15th March 1830

E. S. Hall, Esq.
Editor of the *Sydney Monitor*

Sir,

1. In reply to your Letter of the 1st instant, just received, I beg to acquaint you that the Agent for the Australian Agricultural Company at Sydney had nothing whatever to do with the selection of the Newspapers in which the Company's Advertisements are inserted, and which are furnished for the use of the Company's Establishment at Port Stephens.

2. I consider it requisite for the Interests of the Company, that their Advertisements should appear in one of the Opposition Papers, and one only, and I have no hesitation in assuring you that it was quite a matter of indifference to me which of the two was selected for that purpose. I need scarcely add, therefore, that the circumstance of the Advertisements being published in the *Australian* only, arose from no feeling of preference for that Journal, either on Mr Bunn's part or my own.

Letter No. 46

Port Stephens
15th March 1830

George Bunn Esq.
George Street Sydney

Sir,

I inclose you an Order on the Bank of Australia for Three Hundred & Fifty Pounds (£350) to enable you to make Cash payments for the last Invoice.

Letter No. 47

Port Stephens
16th March 1830

Mr Isaac Perrett
D. C.
Patrick's Plains

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 4th instant addressed to the Superintendent of the Australian Company, I have to inform you that no Individual, free or bond, bearing the name of James B. Harris has ever been in the Service of the Company at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 48

Port Stephens
31st March 1830

Alexander Green
Constable
Hyde Park Barracks
Sydney

I have received your Letter addressed to me whilst at Sydney.

On my return here I have enquired into the Claims you make for services you state to have performed whilst acting as Flaggelator at the Settlement of the A. A. Co. at Port Stephens, and have to inform you that Mr Ebsworth does not consider you entitled to any further remuneration.

Letter No. 49

Port Stephens
1st April 1830

W. H. Hovell Esq.
Sydney

Returning his testimonials "with Sir Edward Parry's compliments" per *Lambton*.

Letter No. 50

Port Stephens

1st April 1830

Mr Thomas H. White
at Mrs Panton's
Philip Street
Sydney

Returning his testimonials "with Sir Edward Parry's
compliments" per *Lambton*.

Letter No. 51

Port Stephens

15th March 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esquires

Gentlemen

1. I have the Honor to enclose for your perusal, a Letter I have received from Mr Barton, Accountant to the Australian Agricultural Company, together with Copies of two Communications addressed to you by that Gentleman on the 29th of August & 11th of October 1829 respectively, on the subject of some irregularities which Mr Barton conceives to exist in your Account as the Committee of Management with the Bank of Australia.

2. I have considered it most satisfactory to put these Communications at once into your hands, and have to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, favor me with such Remarks and Instructions for Mr Barton's guidance, as you may deem requisite for his completion of this part of the Company's Accounts.

Letter No. 52

Cummings' Hotel, Sydney
18th March 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to submit to your consideration the following questions, which I cannot but think of considerable importance to the Interests of the Australian Agricultural Company.

2. It has been the practice for some time past for Private Settlers on their way towards the Manning River to drive their flocks and Herds through the whole line of Country at present occupied by the Company and along the Roads exclusively made at the Company's Expence – I consider it essential that I should ascertain whether by the law of the Colony they have any right to do so, in order that (if no such right exists) the proper steps may immediately be taken for preventing of it, before common usage has created one-

3. The question is of great importance – not merely as one of general right but as directly affecting the best interests of the Company. An enormous expence has lately been incurred, and is still incurring in curing the Scab among the Company's Flocks. Now as it is well known that the disease is extensively communicated by the folding of a Scabby Flock near others, and as the whole line of road in question is that of the Company's most valuable Sheep-Stations, it is evidently quite impossible that we can ever preserve our Flocks from the infection if the right of road above mentioned be conceded. I am informed at this moment of a Considerable flock of Sheep about to take this route to the Manning, and that their Journey has only been delayed till they have sufficiently recovered from the Scab to be enabled to travel. I need scarcely point out the injurious effects which must follow from this Journey through the Company's Estate, at a time when by extraordinary exertions and expence, the disease is beginning to disappear from our Flocks. On this point I request your opinion whether I should be justified in warning the public against carrying their flocks through the Company's Estate, or in taking any other measures for preventing their doing so.

4. As another question connected with the foregoing, I wish to mention to you that I have strong reason for believing that a system of Robbery is carried out upon the Company's Estate at Port

Stephens, principally in consequence of the residence of a Receiver of Stolen Goods on the opposite Shore of the Harbour, who has been in the habit of landing in a Boat at the Company's Settlement, at any time and place which may suit him.

5. I shall be glad to be favored with your opinion whether I have not a right to give some public warning on this head also, and to desire that all persons landing on the Company's Estate shall communicate their business to me, as Commissioner to the Company or something to this effect.

6. Should you be of opinion that I shall be justified in taking some public notice of these trespasses (as they appear to me to be) I request you will be good enough to draw up and transmit to me, at your earliest convenience, such an Advertisement as you may consider likely to answer the purpose which I have in view for the promotion of the Company's Interests.

Letter No. 53

Cummings' Hotel Sydney
19th March 1830

W. H. Dutton Esq.

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday's date enclosing two from Mr Alexander Riley.

2. In reply to those Communications, I beg to acquaint you that, having now personally visited the occupied parts of the Grant of the Australian Agricultural Company and given the subject every consideration in consequence of a Minute of the Court of Directors to that effect, I am of opinion that it will not be expedient, for some time to come, to increase the Company's Flocks by purchase.

3. On these grounds, I take the earliest opportunity of informing you that it will not be in my power to become the purchaser, on the part of the Company, of the esteemed Saxon Sheep alluded to in Mr Riley's Communications.

Letter No. 54

Sydney
22nd March 1830

B. Levey Esq.
Royal Hotel

Sir,

In reply to your Letter, tendering the Sale of a Mill upon your Premises in George Street, to the Australian Agricultural Company, I beg to acquaint you that I do not consider a Mill of that description as likely to answer their purpose.

Letter No. 55

Cummings' Hotel, Sydney
25th March 1830

Mr John Henderson
59 George Street

Sir,

In reply to your Letter, offering to supply Medicines for the use of the Australian Agricultural Company's Establishment, I beg to acquaint you that Mr Foss having hitherto done so, and I believe in every respect satisfactory, I cannot in justice to him employ any other Chemist for that purpose.

I endeavoured to find your House to day, in order to explain this to you, but at No. 59 in George Street I could get no information of your residence.

Letter No. 56

Port Stephens
1st April 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esquires

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return to you herewith the statement of Mr Dawson's Account with you, as the Committee of Management of the Australian Agricultural Company, together with the Report of a Committee of Officers at Port Stephens appointed to examine

the same, as requested in your Letter to me of the 10th of February last.

I trust that this Report will enable you to bring this Account to a Close in as satisfactory a manner as the peculiar circumstances will admit.

Letter No. 57

Port Stephens
1st April 1830

George Bunn Esq
Sydney

Sir,

A 1. Enclosed you will receive a Requisition for Stores to be sent as soon as convenient per *Lambton*.

B 2. I herewith enclose an Invoice of Sixty–Seven bags of Wheat sent by the *Lambton*, which I request you will have ground into Flour, and returned as soon as possible.

C 3. I also enclose seven promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange according to the accompanying Memorandum about to fall due and endorsed to you which I request you will deposit in the Bank of Australia, to be placed to my Credit; or otherwise obtain payment for them as may be convenient.

4. I request you will transmit to me regularly two Copies of Gregson's *Mercantile Prices Current and Advertizer* of which a Prospectus has lately appeared in the Newspapers.

Letter No. 58

Port Stephens
10th April 1830

James Norton, Esq.
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir,

1. Several of the Wives of the Indented Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, whose Services are included in their Husbands' Agreements (which are drawn up in the form of that now enclosed for your perusal) having positively refused to

perform some Washing for the Hospital at Port Stephens, when required by me to render this Service to the Company, I request you will inform me what legal measures must be taken in order to enforce the performance of their Contract, or to punish the Breach of it; and particularly whether the Bench of Magistrates at Port Stephens can take cognizance of this offence.

2. As I consider this case to be of considerable importance to the Company's Interests as regards the subordination to be maintained among their Servants, I shall feel obliged by an Answer to this Communication at your very earliest convenience.

3. As I am shortly about to leave Port Stephens on a Journey of some duration, I shall feel obliged also by as early a Reply as possible to the Queries contained in my Letter of the 18th ultimo.

P. S. In the last Clause of one (and one only) of the Agreements to which I allude, after the words "doth hereby hire himself", is added "and themselves".

I have reopened this Letter to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 30th ultimo.

Letter No. 59

Port Stephens
12th April 1830

J. E. Stacy, Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th ultimo, requesting an encrease of your present Salary. I now beg to acquaint you that, after the most mature consideration of this subject, I regret that I cannot, for the reasons I shall detail to you, recommend to the Directors a compliance with your request.

2. Although the Directors certainly contemplated the necessity of your making "journeys or voyages from place to place", as expressly specified in your Agreement, I fully admit that your present duties are such as they did not altogether contemplate; and I have no hesitation in saying that it is difficult for one individual to perform those duties in a proper manner.

3. It is obvious, however, that an encrease of the Surgeon's Salary (for I mean to apply these Remarks to the Office of Surgeon and not to yourself personally) cannot be the means of effecting

any improvement in this respect; so that nothing would be gained to the Company's Interests or to the comforts of their Servants by this measure.

4. The change which I conceive will conduce to those Interests and Comforts is a reduction of the Surgeon's duties, and it is this change which I propose to effect by all the means in my power, some of which I shall here mention.

5. Being of opinion that the Government ought to provide Medical Advice & Accommodation for the Assigned Servants of the Company, in the same manner as for those of all other Settlers, I am at this time making an Official Application to that effect, and you will, I am sure, perceive how impossible it would be for me to recommend an Encrease of the Surgeon's Salary, at the very moment when I am using my best endeavours to obtain from the Government a reduction of two-thirds of his duties.

6. The appointment of Dr Nisbet as one of the Company's Servants, tho' wholly independent of the Medical part of their Establishment, (as specified in my Notice of this day's date) will yet materially assist in reducing your present duties; Dr Nisbet having expressed a willingness to do all in his power in this way, as well in the course of the various journies, which he must make over the different parts of the Company's Estate, as during your occasional absence from Carrington.

7. The appointment of Mr Henry Hall as Superintendent of the Company's Horses & Cattle will also, I trust, tend in no inconsiderable degree to lessen the labours of your present duty. Mr Hall having, as I understand, been originally educated for the Medical Profession, will be competent, I should conceive, to prescribe for many trifling cases occurring in his department which would otherwise require your personal attendance at the Horse & Cattle Stations.

8. I am also about to apply for the Assignment to the Company of a Convict having some knowledge of Medicine, such being occasionally at the disposal of Government; and it is my intention to place him if obtained, at one of the distant Stations.

9. The Regulations which I have just drawn up for your attendance on the Sick up the Country are also intended to diminish the difficulty which you have hitherto experienced in this respect, by furnishing you at once with a Complete List of the Patients requiring your assistance, so as to save you the trouble of further enquiry at the several Stations.

10. With respect to that part of your Agreement by which you undertake to perform the duties of "Botanist and Collector & Preparer of Drugs for the Company, subordinately to the duties of your Profession as a Surgeon", it is proper for me to observe that, as you consider your Medical duties "much more extensive than at the framing of the Articles they were considered by either party", you can at present have little time to attend to the other occupations; and as I must always consider the health of a man of more consequence than the cultivation of a drug, I should not at present consider myself justified in requiring you to occupy your time in the subordinate duties to which I have alluded.

11. Whenever the reduction of your Medical Duties shall have been so far effected as to leave you time for the other occupations mentioned in your Agreement, it will become my duty to turn your Attention to them, and I shall be glad to find, that the Objects contemplated by the Directors can be made conducive to the Company's Interests and therefore to your own.

12. In reply to that part of your Letter which alludes to the Salary of the Surgeons formerly appointed to act at Port Stephens by the Colonial Committee, I shall only remark that those Gentlemen incurred an actual loss of Eighteen shillings a day from their Naval pay, in consequence of their accepting the Appointment, and that they were therefore fully entitled to some equivalent.

13. Under all these circumstances, it is my decided opinion that the Company's Medical Establishment, and the heavy Expenses attendant on it, ought by no means to be encreased at the cost of the Company; and therefore, sincerely as I regret that the terms of your Agreement should subject you and your family to inconvenience of any kind, I do not feel myself at liberty, consistently with my duty to the Company, to recommend to the Directors any encrease of your Salary.

14. I shall not fail however to communicate to the Court of Directors your present application, together with any other Representation of your Case which you may wish to make leaving it to them to adopt such final measures thereupon, as, on consideration of all the circumstances, they may deem expedient & just.

Letter No. 60

Port Stephens

13th April 1830

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.

Sir,

1. As Commissioner for managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, I beg leave to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Chief the following circumstances connected with the Establishment of the Company in this Colony.

2. In order to maintain the execution of the Laws in that portion of the Colony at present occupied by the Servants of the Company, a Police has been established consisting of one Magistrate (besides myself), Six Constables, one Watch house keeper, one Scourger, and one Police Clerk.

3. The population over which this Control is exerted consists of 227 Free Persons and 285 Assigned Servants, occupying at present a tract of Country equal to about three hundred square Miles.

4. Of this Police Establishment, the Government pays the Salaries of two Constables, but not their Rations or any other allowances. The whole of the rest of the expence, including the erection and maintaining of two Watch houses and residences for the Magistrate and Constables, amounting to not less than £400. – per Annum, is entirely defrayed by the Company.

5. Under these circumstances, I feel it my duty most earnestly to call the attention of His Excellency to the injustice, as I humbly conceive it to be, of this arrangement, by which the Company are deprived of a most important privilege to which every other Settler in the Colony justly considers himself entitled; namely, the protection of the Laws at the Public Expence.

6. I am not aware of any just reason why, because the Proprietors of Shares in the Company have thought proper to associate together, and to unite their Capital for the purposes set forth in their Charter; they should not be considered entitled to the same privileges, in respect of Police, as if they had employed that Capital Individually, by the taking out and Cultivating of separate Grants of Land. In the latter case, the Government would have been under the absolute necessity of Establishing and maintaining a competent Police among them as in other parts of the Colony; and

this too under circumstances of much greater difficulty and expence than at present, inasmuch as the extent of Territory actually occupied would then have been greater, a large proportion of the Company's Servants being now congregated in Villages, where a very small Police is efficient in proportion to the Population.

7. Having thus stated what appears to me the injustice of the principle upon which the Police at Port Stephens is at present maintained, as regards the Company's Servants only, it would be easy for me to adduce cases (and these likely to increase in number every year) in which the unsoundness of the principle displays itself, in respect of other private Settlers in this Neighbourhood. The Bench at Port Stephens, as "Magistrates of the Territory" dare not refuse to take cognizance of complaints &c brought before them by private Settlers. Yet the Watch house in which such offenders are confined, and the Rations by which they are fed during the time they are in Custody, the Clerk who takes the Depositions, and the Boat or Vessel which returns them to their Masters or to Government (generally the only mode of Conveyance) – All these are the property of the Company, though the Company have nothing whatever to do with the offence or the Offender. It is true that I am at liberty to send in to Government, Accounts in triplicate of such Expences, and the Government might possibly order them to be paid; but in nine Cases out of ten the Clerk's labour would not be covered by it, and the Company would still be the losers, and all this because, strictly speaking, the Government has here no Police of its own.

8. The question which I have now considered it incumbent upon me to agitate, being, (as regards the Company's Interests) wholly of a pecuniary nature, it would be superfluous as well as impertinent in me to extend my Remarks on this subject to the Political State of the question. But I trust His Excellency will not consider me presumptuous in suggesting whether the present arrangement be not as unconstitutional, and therefore as inexpedient, as it appears to me to be unjust; whether the maintenance, by any set of private individuals in this Colony of a Considerable Civil Force, including the Magistrate who is to direct that Force, do not constitute a sort of "Imperium in Imperio" a state of things which, either in principle or in practice, it would be as impossible for the Government to admit, as it would be absurd for the Company to desire.

9. Most of the foregoing observations apply, as I conceive with equal force to the Expence (a very considerable and increasing one) of a Medical Attendant, a Hospital, Medicines and Medical Stores

for the Prisoners of the Crown assigned as Servants to the Company there being no Government Medical Establishment within a reasonable distance of Port Stephens. To this subject I am therefore equally desirous of drawing the attention of His Excellency the Governor, feeling confident as I do that no just reason can be assigned why the Company should be reduced to the alternative of incurring a heavy expence in the cure of their Convict Servants, or of leaving them without the Medical aid which they so constantly require. It is obvious that the Company, while thus situated, are, in this respect, denied another very material advantage, which is enjoyed by the Settlers in every other part of the Colony.

10. I cannot entertain the smallest doubt, that, in point of equity, the Community formed of the Company's Servants in this district – certainly not the least respectable among the Free Settlers of New South Wales – are also entitled to the same advantages of a Church Establishment at the Public Expence, as any other Community of equal extent in the Colony. Anxious, however, as I am to procure for the Company's Establishment the privilege of a Clergyman's Services, which (incredible as it may appear in a Christian Colony) have been wholly wanting for more than four Years since the first Settlement at Port Stephens, I do not wish to press this important matter so immediately on His Excellency's attention, because I am aware that some communications have lately taken place on this subject between His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Directors of the Company; affording a hope that some specific and satisfactory arrangement may shortly be made to supply this deficiency.

11. In conclusion I beg to assure His Excellency that nothing but a Strong Conviction on my mind of the justness of the Principle for which I here contend, and of its extreme importance to the future rights and interests of the Australian Agricultural Company, could have induced me to trouble His Excellency with this communication. After studying with the most anxious attention the Charter of the Company as well as the Act of Incorporation, and giving the subject my best consideration, I am at a loss to discover, in those documents, either in the Letter or the Spirit of them anything which goes to deprive the Company of the essential privileges to which I have now alluded – privileges so essential that, without them, few private settlers would be rash enough to invest their Capital at all in the Agriculture of this Colony.

12. The Company, in common with all other Persons employing their Capital in New South Wales, are bound to contribute, and do

contribute their full proportion to the Colonial Treasury, in the shape of duties &c, or otherwise, as required by law; and I cannot see why they, who are the largest Contributors to the public purse, should be the only Settlers receiving no equivalent, and deriving no advantage in return for these Contributions.

13. Under this impression, I have felt it a duty to make the foregoing Representation, and I beg leave respectfully to request that His Excellency will be pleased to take these subjects into His consideration and to adopt such measures as he may think fit for relieving the Company from the Expences of the Police and Medical Establishments.

Letter No. 61

Port Stephens
13th April 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1. I enclose for your perusal an Extract from a Despatch from the Court of Directors just received and bearing date the 7th of September 1829, on the subject of the premises formerly occupied by the Company in Macquarie Place, Sydney. ^A

2. I request you will furnish me with such an Explanation (in Duplicate) of the circumstances of the case, as you may consider necessary to satisfy the Directors that the Expences in question did not arise out of any neglect of yours.

3. I likewise inclose an Extract from the same Despatch on the subject of Mr Dawson's Accounts. I request you will inform me whether you consider that the Detailed account between Mr Dawson and the Committee, (with another Copy of which you are about to furnish me, for transmission to England) will answer all the purposes proposed by the Court of Directors in their Communication now enclosed – or, whether it will be necessary to Copy all the Orders and Vouchers, as therein desired. ^B

4. Should you consider this a/c sufficient, I request you will append to it such Remarks as you may Consider likely to elucidate any of the transactions contained in it, and thereby assist in the completion of the object which the Directors have in view.

5. In either case, I should wish not to lose the opportunity of sending home the necessary documents by Mr Ebsworth; and for

this purpose they should be in my possession not later than the 25th instant.

c 6. I enclose for your information a Copy of the Report of the Officers appointed to examine Mr Dawson's a/c, which may perhaps throw some light on this subject.

Extract A

Par: 5 "In reference to the 29th Paragraph, we request your particular attention to the Statement that Mr Barton has had possession of the House in Macquarie Place beyond the expiration of the Lease by which the Committee had had to pay the sum of £150 to avoid a Law Suit. Should this have arisen from any neglect or act on his part which you will have the kindness to investigate and to report to us upon, we shall hold him responsible for that Sum."

Extract B

Par: 6 "Mr Dawson has attended at the Committee of Accounts for the purpose of giving such explanations as might tend to the elucidation and settlement of them.

He states that notwithstanding frequent applications made to the Committee of Management in New South Wales subsequent to his suspension, they refused him the inspection and Copies of any Accounts or Vouchers to make out his Account with the Company.

These Vouchers are essential for the Settlement of his Accounts with us, and we request therefore, that you will have Copies made out of all the Orders passed by Mr Dawson for Money on any Account whatsoever. Of the Vouchers for those orders, and such particulars as may be requisite to make out a detailed a/c up to the time of his suspension."

Letter No. 62

Port Stephens
13th April 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esquires

Gentlemen,

A 1. I have the honor to enclose for your perusal an Extract from a Despatch which I have just received from the Court of Directors

of the Australian Agricultural Company dated 7th September 1829, respecting the death of their late Horse 'Herald'.

2. As it does not appear that any person now upon the Company's Estate can give any satisfactory information on this subject, the Horse not having reached Port Stephens, I request you will do me the favor to supply, as far as may be in your power, the information desired by the Directors, or refer me to any person able to furnish it.

3. I likewise enclose another Extract from the same Despatch^B on the subject of Mr Dawson's Accounts, to which I beg to draw your attention. I presume that the measures lately adopted, by your desire, in the formation of a Committee of Officers at Port Stephens for the investigation of all the circumstances connected with Mr Dawson's Accounts, will have contributed in some degree towards the elucidation of the Various transactions for which no regular Vouchers can be found. I shall immediately direct Copies to be made of the several Orders and Vouchers, as desired by the Directors; and I trust that these, together with the detailed a/c now in your possession will enable them to bring this matter to a final and satisfactory close.

4. I also beg to enclose an Extract from a Letter from Mr^C Brickwood, dated the 8th of September 1829, acquainting me that no advice had been received of numerous Bills drawn by you, bearing date the 28th of February 1829, and which were in course of presentation for acceptance. I shall be glad to transmit to the Directors any Remarks you may wish to make on this subject, unless you should prefer writing direct to themselves.

5. It may be proper also for me to inform you that I have been desired by the Directors, with reference to the 29th paragraph of your Despatch of the 27th of April 1829, to investigate the circumstances which rendered it necessary to pay £150 for Rent and Dilapidations at the House in Macquarie Place, in order that Mr Barton may be held responsible for that sum, should this necessity appear to have arisen from any neglect or act on his part.

6. I have accordingly called on Mr Barton for such an Explanation of this affair as he may have to offer; and I shall feel much obliged if you will also favor me with such an Account of the transaction as may furnish the Directors with the information they desire.

Extract A

Paragraph 2. "Concerning the Death of the Horse 'Herald' on his way from Camden to Port Stephens, as reported in Paragraph 22 of that Despatch, the Court requests you will avail yourself of the earliest convenient opportunity to make inquiry when the Horse was sent to Camden, how long he remained there, and what use was made of him. Why he was not sent to Port Stephens at the time when the remainder of the Company's Stud was removed to that Location. And, also, whether the Horse was in a healthy state when he left Camden."

Extract B

Paragraph 6. "Mr Dawson has attended at the Committee of Accounts for the purpose of giving such explanations as might tend to the elucidation and settlement of them.

He states that notwithstanding frequent applications made to the Committee of Management in New South Wales subsequent to his suspension, they refused him the inspection and Copies of any Accounts or Vouchers to make out his Account with the Company.

These Vouchers are essential for the settlement of his Accounts, with us, and we request, therefore, that you will have Copies made out of all the Orders passed by Mr Dawson for money on any account whatsoever. Of the vouchers for those orders, and such particulars as may be requisite to make out a detailed A/C up to the time of his suspension.

Mr Barton in his Letter to Mr Brickwood of the 9th October 1828, says he could not make out a Correct Classification of the Accounts for want of these Vouchers, which Mr Dawson alleges were always immediately transmitted to the Committee, when the Orders were passed, and that every means are to be found in the Office at Sydney and Port Stephens for the elucidation of every transaction on Account of the Company."

Extract C

P. S. to Letter from Mr Brickwood dated 8 September 1829.

I add with much concern, that since the arrival of the *Australia*, numerous Bills drawn by Mr Bowman and Mr H. H. McArthur are in course of presentation for acceptance, bearing the date the 28 February 1829 but no advice of the Bills, or particulars for which they were drawn has been received, altho' a Letter has been written to the Directors by those Gentlemen on the 27th April. Possibly the Bills adverted to may have been advised by a previous Ship not yet arrived, but in the mean time great inconvenience might be

experienced by the absence of such Letters, or of Duplicates of them which might have been sent by the other conveyance.

Letter No. 63

Port Stephens
14th April 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1. As the Various Memoranda relative to the future Keeping of the Company's Accounts which you have lately addressed to me, and the Conversations we have held on this subject, do not clearly convey to me the practical information I require, as to the System you wish to adopt for placing this Department upon a proper and permanent footing; and it being my anxious desire to effect this very important object previously to my setting out on my intended journeys,

2. I have now to request that you will draw up for my Consideration a Plan for keeping the Company's Accounts (including those of the Coal-Works); not confining yourself to the General Principles of the proposed System, but fully entering into the more minute & practical Details of the whole Arrangement; stating very particularly how and where each Clerk (naming him) should be employed (taking care, of course, to provide for every branch of the Department requiring Clerks); specifying the precise Forms of Returns, Reports, Requisitions, and of all other information whatsoever, which you require for keeping the Accounts; and stating how, when, by whom, and to whom each and every such Return &c &c is to be made out and transmitted.

3. I also request you will endeavour to define more clearly what you have suggested as respects "Direct and, occasionally, personal Communication with the Superintendents" – especially how, and how often, you propose to effect such personal Communication without interfering with the still more important and distant duties of all those Officers.

4. As you have informed me that you consider the Plan you propose as not likely to involve any additional Expence in Clerks, you will, of course, confine your observations on this head to the individuals now employed in the Company's Service.

5. With respect to Offices, I must remark that it is my full intention to erect new ones, as soon as men and materials can be

procured for that purpose; but, in the mean time, you will take care to propose such arrangements in this respect as are practicable with the present means, so that no delay may be incurred in adopting them.

6. You will also acquaint me in what particulars (specifying them individually) you consider my Instructions from the Directors relative to the Accounts (a Copy of which I placed in your hands in January last) cannot be strictly carried into effect without a considerable addition of Clerks, as signified to me in our Conversation on Monday last.

7. I request you will give me all this information in as clear and concise a manner as the nature of the subject will admit; omitting all matter not strictly practical, and illustrating by examples any difficult or complicated cases.

8. I have also to desire that you will furnish this information in Duplicate; one Copy to be written closely, for the convenience of transmission to the Court of Directors.

Letter No. 64

Port Stephens
14th April 1830

John Baker
Indented Servant to the A. A. Company

In reply to your Letter of yesterdays date, expressing your wish to be discharged from the Company's Service, I have to acquaint you that I have no objection to comply with your request.

You will vacate and deliver up to me the Premises now occupied by you, together with any other of the Company's Property in your possession, on or before this day month, the 14th of May next.

Original delivered by Mr Ebsworth at 1pm

Letter No. 65

Port Stephens

14th April 1830

Mr John Henderson

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22nd ultimo, acquainting me with your arrival at Hobart Town.

2. With respect to the question which you put to me, as to the propriety of proceeding by Law against the Parties by whom you consider yourself to have been aggrieved, I have to observe that, as the disagreements to which you allude appear by your description to have been of a private nature, and not connected with the business or interests of the Australian Agricultural Company, I cannot offer any advice upon the subject.

3. It is now my direction that you put yourself under the Orders of Dr Nisbet, to whom I have given directions for your guidance, as well as for that of William Turnbull.

4. As soon as possible after the receipt of this Letter, you are to proceed to take a strict and careful Survey of the Steam Engines belonging to the Company now in charge of George Bunn, Esq; reporting to me (in Duplicate) the exact state in which you find them; specifying any deficiencies which may exist; how those deficiencies may best be remedied; and Stating the Cause of any damage which the Engines may have received.

5. These Reports are to be delivered to Dr Nisbet, with whom you will communicate, while in Sydney, upon every point connected with the Company's Affairs.

6. You are not to incur any expense whatsoever, on the Company's Account, but by a written order from Dr Nisbet, while you remain under his direction.

Letter No. 66

Port Stephens

14th April 1830

Henry Dangar, Esq.

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th ultimo, reporting your arrival at Hobart Town.

2. On the receipt of this Communication, you will put yourself under the Orders of Dr Nisbet, who has received my directions for the Conduct of the Company's Servants arrived by the *Elizabeth*, and also for the disposal of the Horse 'Grampus'.

3. You are not to incur any Expense whatsoever, on the Company's Account, without a written Order from Dr Nisbet to that effect.

4. It being my intention to dispatch you with as little delay as possible, to survey a large tract of Country to the Northward of the Manning River, I request you will lose no time in making the arrangements relative to your private Property in this Colony alluded to in the Documents accompanying your Agreement with the Company, and for which purpose the Directors have signified their wish that you should be allowed a Fortnight's Leave of Absence.

Letter No. 67

Port Stephens

15th April 1830

F. A. Hely Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

The Australian Agricultural Company being in very great want of the undermentioned Number and Description of Servants, I request you will obtain the Permission of His Excellency the Governor for their Assignment to the Company, at the earliest practicable period: Namely,

Agricultural Labourers	30
Brickmakers or Bricklayers	5
Carpenters	3
Sawyers	2
Shepherds or Labourers	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>50</u>

Making a Total of Fifty Men

Letter No. 68

Port Stephens
16th April 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 7th and 8th instant.

2. With respect to the Newspaper Accounts which you have forwarded to me, I beg to acquaint you that these Accounts have been carefully examined by Messrs Barton and Ebsworth (the only responsible Persons to whom I can here apply on this subject for Expences incurred previously to my arrival) and that these Gentlemen have marked by a Tick in red Ink, every Item therein contained for the accuracy of which they can Vouch.

3. In explanation of some of the objections to the payment of these Accounts I beg to refer you to Mr Ebsworth's Letters of the 8th and 24th February last.

4. I can obtain no information respecting the *Sydney Monitor* having been delivered here, or by whose authority they were ordered. This information it will be necessary to obtain before I can order the payment. With respect to the Quarter ending the 31st March last, I should wish to have it explained why this period has been inserted in the *Monitor's* Account at all; since, as you are aware, none of these papers have been received in that quarter.

5. The Account for the *Sydney Gazette* from the 9th of January to the 31st March last (£10.10.9) I have examined and approved, and request you will pay the same.

6. I have only further to remark upon this subject, that whenever any satisfactory Vouchers can be produced, or any authority from the Committee to dispense with them, I am ready to order the immediate Payment of the rest of these Accounts, without which it is impossible for me to do so. Perhaps you may be able to obtain these Vouchers or Dispensing Orders from the Gentlemen of the Committee, for which purpose I herewith return them.

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7. With reference to the unaccountable difference in the measure and Weight of the Wheat sent to Sydney, as mentioned in the Postscript to your Letter of the 7th I beg to enclose for your perusal a Letter from Mr Wetherman on the subject, shewing that the Most rigid attention has been paid to the Weighing and measuring of the Wheat at Port Stephens. I particularly request that you will endeavour to ascertain the cause of this Extraordinary disagreement, especially as it appears that, in all cases, the Miller's Account makes the Company the losers.

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8. I have directed Dr Nisbet, who has been appointed to the Company's Service, to take Messrs Henderson and Dangar, as well as Andrew Turnbull, under his Orders, and to make such arrangements with you and with them as may be necessary for conveying to Port Stephens the Horse 'Grampus' and all the rest of the property belonging to the Company arrived per *Elizabeth*. I request that you will communicate with Dr Nisbet on this subject, or on any other requiring particular Arrangement, during his stay at Sydney.

9. Mr Henderson is directed, immediately on the receipt of my Communication, to take a strict and careful survey of the Steam Engines belonging to the Company in your charge, and to report to me their state and Condition. I request you will give Mr Henderson every facility for that purpose, and that you will suggest to Dr Nisbet the best means of getting the Engines to Newcastle when required.

10. I request you will acquaint me whether you have any information respecting the Seed-Wheat ordered for the Company, as I am very anxious to have it at Port Stephens without delay.

11. The accompanying Notice is to be inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* and *Australian* and published in each paper six times.

C

12. As it is my desire to give Mr Stubbs every facility in making his arrangements for coming to Port Stephens, and it being necessary for him to fit up the premises he is to occupy, by

Workmen of his own, I request you will order a passage in the *Lambton* for any of his Men applying to you, inserting against their names "Free Passage" – and acquainting them they are to provide their own food.

13. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your a/c to the 31st March last, which is under examination by the Accountant.

14. I shall shortly transmit to you the latest Colonial Committee's a/c with you up to the 31st December 1829. Also my account with you to the 30th instant.

15. I request you will furnish me with a similar Account for the present Month as soon after its close as convenient; and as the Company's Accounts are always closed on the 30th of April it will be a matter of very great convenience if you will in future make up and transmit your a/c quarterly from that period.

16. With reference to the Memorandum attached to my Letter (No. 23) of the 25th of February, I request you will state at what rate and for what period the duty is charged on the 1360 lbs of Tobacco appearing in the Invoices of the 28th of January 1830.

17. I enclose an Order on the Bank of Australia for £160 to enable you to make Cash Payments for the several Articles contained in the last Invoice of goods per *Lambton*.^D

18. I also enclose an Order on the Bank of Australia for £100 – which Amount I request you will forward to me per *Lambton* in Silver and Copper for Circulation at Port Stephens.^D

19. In the enclosed Requisition for Stores, I beg to draw your particular attention to a Memorandum respecting the purchase of Maize Meal, according to the respective prices of that Article and of Seconds Flour may happen to be.^E

20. You will receive herewith the Invoice of Fifty three Bags of Wheat shipped on board the *Lambton*, which I request you will have ground into Flour, and returned as soon as possible.^F

21. As it is of great importance that the Cutter should return immediately for the Company's Servants who are going to England by the *Asia*; I request you will despatch her the Moment you can put the Flour, or a considerable portion of it, on board.

Letter No. 69

Port Stephens
17th April 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esquires

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose to you a Letter from Mr William Croasdill, together with Receipts for two Items of Expences incurred by his sister in law previously to her leaving New South Wales in the *Vibelia*.

As I am not acquainted with the circumstances of Mrs Croasdill's passage being taken in that ship, I cannot say how far Mr Croasdill's request may be considered reasonable; but judging from the sum (£120) which I have had to pay for Mrs Stacey and her Infant in the *Asia* – which sum Dr Bowman considered a fair one – I should not think £130 an exorbitant charge for Mrs Croasdill and a Child Six Years Old.

Should you consider it proper to comply with Mr Croasdill's request I beg you will favor me with an intimation to that effect.

Letter No. 70

Port Stephens
17th April 1830

William Barton Esq
Accountant

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 16th instant just received, I herewith enclose to you the three Original Letters therein referred to, to be retained in your Office.

Letter No. 71

Port Stephens

20th April 1830

William Wetherman Esq.

Sir,

1. The Court of Directors having, in their Despatch to me of the 7th September 1829, lately received, instructed me to investigate and report upon the Circumstances which led to the payment of £150 by the late Colonial Committee of Management in order to avoid a Lawsuit consequent upon the holding over of the premises occupied by the Company in Macquarie Place, Sydney, beyond the expiration of the Lease, in order that "should this have arisen from any neglect or Act on Mr Barton's part, he may be held responsible for that sum",

2. And Mr Barton having referred me to you for information as one of the parties acquainted with this transaction,

3. I request you will furnish me, as early as convenient with a statement (in Duplicate – one Copy being written closely, for transmission to the Directors) of all that you know on this subject, which can serve to elucidate in any degree the question above alluded to.

Letter No. 72

Port Stephens

22nd April 1830

William Wetherman Esq.

Sir,

With reference to the subject of my Letter to you of the 20th instant, I have to request that you will include in your Reply any information respecting the Dilapidations which took place on the premises in Macquarie Place during the time Mr Barton was occupying them; as it appears that a part of the Claim set up by Mrs Reiby against the Company was of this nature.

Letter No. 73

Port Stephens
26th April 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The Australian Agricultural Company being in very great want of Thirty Agricultural Labourers, I request you will do me the favor to obtain the permission of His Excellency the Governor for their Assignment to the Company at the earliest practicable period.

Letter No. 74

Port Stephens
26th April 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 10th instant, I beg to acquaint you that Thomas Rodgers (*Larkins*) being one of the three Prisoners therein named as Assigned by Command of His Excellency the Governor to the Australian Agricultural Company did not arrive here with the other two.

As the *Lambton* is about to return to this place immediately you will oblige me by sending him on board as early as convenient.

Letter No. 75

Port Stephens
26th April 1830

Ferdinand Anley Esq.
H. M. Jane, Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 10th instant I regret to inform you that I have no intention of forming a Marine Establishment at Port Stephens, for the purpose mentioned in your Communication, and that there is no situation vacant, which I can offer for your

Acceptance, in the Employment of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 76

Port Stephens N. S. Wales
27th April 1830

Charles Telfair Esq.
Mauritius

Sir,

Dr Nisbet having suggested to me that you would do me the kindness to furnish some information which I require, relative to an Export of Coals from this Colony to Mauritius, I have to request, as Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, that you will favor me with replies to the following Queries.

1st What is the Annual Consumption of Coals in Mauritius? (in English Tons)

2nd For what purposes principally?

3rd From whence obtained?

4th The usual Market price (per English Ton in British Sterling Money)

5th How Many Steam Engines are there in Mauritius – of what power – to what purposes applied?

6th Are any more expected? How many, and for what purpose?

7th Do you think that Mauritius is likely to become a Market for Coals from New South Wales?

8th If so, for what quantity annually?

9th What price (per English Ton) would the Consumers of Coals in Mauritius be willing to give?

10th What other kind of fuel is used in Mauritius?

I shall esteem it a particular obligation if you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with replies to these several queries, together with any other information which may be likely to answer my purpose.

Letter No. 77

Port Stephens
27th April 1830

Dr Nisbet
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd instant with Mr Dangar's Statement respecting the deficiency of Hay and Oats for the Horse 'Grampus' on board the *Elizabeth*.

2. As it appears to me that this is a matter to be settled between the Directors and the Owners of the Ship, I have enclosed to the Directors a Copy of Mr Dangar's statement.

3. I consider it requisite, however, that Mr Dangar should, in his own justification, obtain something in the shape of an acknowledgment from the Master of the *Elizabeth* that such and such a quantity of Hay was actually damaged on board, and by what means. It should also be made to appear, in the same Certificate, that there was an Actual "deficiency of Oats, according to the prescribed Allowance" as mentioned by Mr Dangar.

4. You will be good enough to assure Mr Dangar that I shall be anxious to afford him every accommodation in my power, in regard to Mrs Dangar's present situation; but, as the only residence I have for him at Port Stephens will be quite ready for his reception by the next return of the *Lambton*, I cannot, after the day of her sailing from Sydney, be answerable on the part of the Company for any expences he may incur, should he be desirous of still remaining at that place.

5. I conceive that Gorton the Groom who has charge of 'Grampus' is expected by his Agreement to accompany him to Port Stephens, without which I shall not consider him entitled to the Gratuity allowed him by the Directors. I request you will also bring word whether Mr Dangar considers his Conduct as entitling him to the Gratuity in question.

6. Should there be any Hay or Oats left, which Mr Dangar purchased,

7. I request that it may be sent with the Horse. Being under some apprehension lest the Five hundred Bushels of Seed Wheat ordered some time ago from Van Diemen's Land, should not all arrive in time, I have inserted in the requisition sent to Mr Bunn

by this Cutter, One hundred Bushels to be purchased at Sydney, adding a Remark that I wish you to appoint some person to select it – with which I request you will comply. Should Mr Bunn have received the other Seed Wheat, the 100 Bushels now inserted will not be required.

8. In case of any Circumstances having occurred at Sydney, with which I am not acquainted, and which may be in any degree interesting to the Governors and Directors of the Company, I request you will communicate it to them by Letter, of which Mr Ebsworth will take charge.

9. I request you will direct Mr Henderson to meet me at Newcastle about the 7th instant, taking his passage there in the [*Lord*] *Liverpool* Packet and employing himself in such a manner as may be most conducive to the Interests of the Company, until I arrive. He is especially to look out for residences for himself and the Men to be employed under him at Newcastle; but to do this very cautiously, so as not to raise the price of Lodgings, nor to make any bargain without my approval. You are also to direct him to use the utmost economy, and to keep the Strictest Accounts, with regular Vouchers, of every farthing he expends on account of the Company.

Letter No. 78

Port Stephens
27th April 1830

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Statement of the Case of the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, as transmitted to me by Mr Stacy Surgeon to the Australian Agricultural Company, whom, as his Case appears to be a Hospital one, I request you will receive accordingly.

James Goodwin,
Guilford 7, 14 Years

Letter No. 79

Port Stephens
27th April 1830

George Bunn Esq
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd instant, And of (£100) One hundred pounds in Cash accompanying it.

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2. I herewith enclose an Invoice of the Wool shipped on board the *Katherine Stewart Forbes* – which I request you will transmit to the Governors and Directors of the Company together with the usual Bill of Lading. A Duplicate of the latter Document to be forwarded to me.

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3. Herewith you will receive an Invoice of (68) Sixty eight Bags of Wheat per *Lambton* to be ground into Flour as before; also a Requisition for Stores to be sent to Port Stephens as early as possible.

4. Should the Seed–Wheat ordered for the Company not have arrived I request you will inform me when and from whom it was ordered, and in that case I beg you will comply with that article of the enclosed Requisition which relates to this subject.

5. I request you will acquaint me by the *Lambton* when the *Katherine Stewart Forbes* is actually to sail, and also what is the next ship for England and at what time.

Letter No. 80

Port Stephens
28th April 1830

J. W. Donelan Esq. J. P.

Sir,

Mr Tozer having complained of Edward Walton Blacksmith at Stroud for disobedience of Orders, and also of Richard Barnett for absenting himself from work on a false pretence of Sickness, I request you will do me the favor to enquire into these complaints, on your next visit to Stroud.

Mr Stacy is directed to communicate with you relative to the case of Richard Barnett.

Letter No. 81

Port Stephens

28th April 1830

W. Barton, Esq.
Accountant

Sir,

1. Herewith I enclose, for your information the following Documents, lately received, namely:

1st Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 8th September 1829

2nd Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 22nd September 1829

3rd Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 25th September 1829

4th Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 16th November 1829

5th Enclosure O to Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 8th September 1829

6th Account Sales of 91 Bales of Wool per *Australia*

7th Enclosure C to Despatch No. 2 consisting of Invoice, Bill of Lading, and Bills of parcels (Nos 1 & 2) of Merchandize shipped per *Elizabeth*

8th Mr Dangar's Agreement – F

9th Mr Henderson's Agreement – G

10th Andrew Turnbull's Agreement – H

2. I request you will make from the four first of these Documents such Extracts as may be connected with, or likely to prove useful in, your Department, and then return the Documents to me.

3. The 5th, 6th & 7th Documents are to be retained in your Office; and the three last, after you have perused them, to be returned to me for the present.

4. I request you will draw Mr Wetherman's attention to that part of the 3rd of these Documents which relates to the Marking & numbering of the Bales of Wool, conveying to him my desire that Mr Brickwood's Suggestions be in future strictly complied with, and that the material used for the Bales be in future the same as that of the Bales per *Australia*, the latter having proved satisfactory to the Directors.

Letter No. 82

Port Stephens
28th April 1830

Charles Hall Esq
Stroud

Sir,

I herewith enclose for your information and that of Messrs Swayne and Jenkin, under your direction, Extracts of Letters lately received from Mr Brickwood of the 8th, 22nd & 25th of September & of the 16th November 1829, on the subject of the Company's Wool, together with a Copy of the Account Sales of 91 Bales per *Australia*. I also enclose One half of each of the three Samples of Wool alluded to in Mr Brickwood's Letter of the 8th September as a Criterion for judging of the best mode of preparing and packing the Wool for the London Market.

I request that you and the Gentlemen employed under you in the Sheep Department will pay particular attention to every remark contained in these communications, and that you will suggest to me, from time to time, in writing, whatever may occur to you as likely to promote the important objects alluded to therein

Letter No. 83

Port Stephens
1st May 1830

Honorable A. Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir,

1st As Commissioner for managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in N. S. Wales, I consider it proper to address you on a Subject which materially affects the best interests, not only of the Company, but of numerous other Settlers in this Colony.

2nd The Company has lately incurred a heavy expence in the cure of the Scab among their flocks; and at a time when this disease is beginning to disappear, I receive intelligence of the intended journey of a considerable flock of Sheep belonging to a private Settler on the Manning, through the Company's Grant, along a road

and over bridges formed exclusively at their expence, and passing for a distance of more than forty miles, through many of their most valuable Sheep–Stations. I am further informed that this journey has been delayed for some time, only till the Sheep are sufficiently recovered from the Scab to enable them to travel!

3rd You are well aware, Sir, of the injurious effects likely to arise from the folding of a flock of scabby sheep in the neighbourhood of others which are clean; and it is impossible to calculate the amount of the mischief to which the Company is liable by a journey of this nature.

4th Having consulted the Company's Solicitor as to any legal mode of preventing so ruinous an inroad, I regret to find that no Colonial Law exists, calculated to meet the case and obviate the evil. After the mischief has been done, I may indeed, and probably shall, commence an Action of Trespass against the Parties; but this remedy (if remedy it should prove) will be little better than the grievance of which I complain.

5th Situated as the Company's Grant is, it would undoubtedly be absurd and unreasonable to suppose that they have a right to form it into one entire enclosure, so as to cut off all Communication between the more Northerly and Southerly Parts of the Colony, except such as might be carried on by water, or by the Country situated to the West of the Grant. But I conceive the Company have a right to expect that their property shall be secured, by all reasonable means of protection, from the damage likely to arise from the public use of a Road passing through their Estate.

6th These means of protection appear to me to consist:

1st In the marking out and assigning, by Government, of such a line of Road, from South to North, as shall be convenient to the Public, but at the same time productive of the least possible injury to the Company. Or, (if the present road be continued), In the Government permitting the Company to raise a toll, which would in some measure counterbalance the Expence of forming fencing, and keeping the road in repair; or of maintaining a Guard to watch the strange flocks, and prevent their folding near, or communicating with, those of the Company.

2dly In increasing the rigour and efficacy of the Laws in respect to Scabby Sheep passing through private Estates; it being a singular fact that though Wool is almost the only available Article of Export from New South Wales, this Country is

perhaps the only one in the World, raising fine-woolled Sheep, in which the Laws are so loose and deficient on this subject.

7th Having reason to believe that the want of some such Laws and Regulations as I have here suggested, is seriously felt by many other Settlers in the Colony, as well as by the Company whose Affairs I control, I am the more encouraged to make this Representation; and I have now to beg that you will convey to His Excellency the Governor in Chief my respectful and earnest request that He will be pleased to take this Matter into consideration, and cause such measures to be adopted as He may deem fit and expedient, for remedying the serious evils which form the subject of this Communication.

Letter No. 84

Port Stephens
1st May 1830

The Honorable A. Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir,

1st From the time that I undertook the Management of the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, I have been endeavouring to obtain information respecting the Quantity of Work which may reasonably and legally be exacted from the Prisoners of the Crown assigned as Servants to the Company, in those kinds of Labour which are usually, or at least frequently, done by Task-work, namely:

Each Man per Week:

Sawing.....The Number of feet – of Hard Woods
– of Soft Woods

FencingThe Number of Rods

Splitting Slabs (of 9 feet) ...The Number

Splitting Shinglesthe Number

Splitting Laths (of 4 feet) ...the Number

Felling Trees }

Stumping & Burning-off }Acres

2nd In this endeavour I have entirely failed; the various accounts differing in some instances almost by one-half; shewing that the Work exacted depends upon the judgment or caprice of the Master, rather than upon any fixed Scale of Labour, founded upon experience, and established by Authority.

3rd Under these circumstances, I am induced to apply to you for information on this subject, which is one of considerable importance to every Settler in the Colony; and especially to the Company, considering the number (now about 300) employed and supported by them.

4th In making this application to be furnished by His Majesty's Government with some permanent Scale of Labour, I am desirous, on the one hand, that no Servant on the Company's Estate should be unreasonably tasked; and, on the other, that the Company should derive from their Servants a fair and equitable proportion of work, sanctioned and established by the Government, to whom they belong, and to whose Regulations they are generally found to pay a ready obedience.

5th I have, therefore, to request you will inform me what Quantity of Labour, of each of the different kinds above-mentioned, I may require as the task-work of each able-bodied and duly-qualified man, assigned as a Servant to the Company.

6th I am aware that the two last kinds of Labour above-mentioned must, of necessity, differ materially in different descriptions of land, and that, therefore, the task-work in these instances cannot be so clearly defined as in the rest; but, even on these points, I am desirous of knowing, as nearly as may be practicable, the pleasure of His Majesty's Government. For all the others, and especially the three first (which are constantly going on, on most Estates in the Colony) it is not difficult to establish some absolute and permanent Regulation.

7th It may be proper for me to add, as an essential circumstance connected with this subject, that the Rations &c allowed by the Company to their Assigned Servants, are as follows: namely,

In the service of the company

Flour 11 lbs per Week, each man
Beef 7 lbs
Sugar 1 lb
Tea 2 oz
Tobacco 2 oz
Soap 1 oz

Letter No. 85

Port Stephens
1st May 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, being one of the Servants assigned by His Majesty's Government to the A. A. Company died in the Hospital at this place on the 7th ultimo.

As I cannot find any Government Order, relative to the reporting of the death of any Assigned Servant, I request you will do me the favor to inform me should I in this instance have departed from any established Regulation on this head.

Letter No. 86

Port Stephens
3rd May 1830

William Edwards
Carrington

William Edwards,

In reply to your Letter of the 1st instant, I have to acquaint you that, as it is my intention to encrease, rather than diminish the Establishment of Carpenters on the Company's Estate, I cannot comply with the request you have therein made to be discharged from the Company's Service.

Charles Newell,
Mangles, Life

Letter No. 87

Port Stephens

3rd May 1830

George Bunn, Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st The *Lambton* having been driven to the north-ward in the late severe Gales, after sailing from hence on the 27th ultimo and having been obliged to put into this Port again for a supply of Provisions, I take the opportunity of enclosing to you an additional Requisition for Stores; with which I beg you will comply as early as convenient.

2nd I request you will communicate with Messrs Lamb, Buchanan & Co. and explain to them that nothing but the late inclement weather could have prevented our Passengers for the *Asia* arriving in due time, I trust, however, that no inconvenience may have been occasioned by this unavoidable detention.

P. S. Should Mr Manson (Schoolmaster) and his Wife require a Passage to Port Stephens in the *Lambton*, I request you will give them the proper order for it.

Letter No. 88

Port Stephens

4th May 1830

Mr Sawkins

1st Having maturely considered the Subject of your Letter addressed to me on the 29th ultimo – I have to acquaint you that, altho' I have great reason to be satisfied with the Reports of your Conduct which I have received from Messrs Ebsworth & Wetherman, yet that I do not conceive your services to the Company to have been such, either in the nature or duration of them, as to justify my encreasing your Salary. On the Contrary I consider that the Company are paying at present much too dearly for the kind of Services which you are performing. I must also remark that you have only been performing those services for a very few Months, although your Agreement was made two Years ago; so that, even if your services had been of great Value to the Company in the manner intended by the Directors, I should not have considered

myself justified in acceding to any increase of your Salary, till those services had bonâ fide been performed for a much longer period than at present, it being evidently unreasonable to expect that the time during which you had leave of absence should be taken into the Account of Services done for the Company.

2nd I trust that 'ere long your Services will be required in your proper trade, and I shall be glad to find that they become so valuable in that way, as to justify my complying with your request –

Letter No. 89

Port Stephens
5th May 1830

Charles Hall Esq.
Stroud

Sir,

1st William Barnes having applied to me, by Letter of the 7th ultimo, to have his Son William (who has been employed for some time in the Blacksmith's Shop) allowed a Salary for his Services there, and also to have his Son James put into the Shoemaking business at Carrington,

2nd I request you will inform William Barnes that, if his Son William's conduct continues as good as it has hitherto been, I shall be glad to encourage him by an occasional Gratuity, tho' I cannot, at so early an age, put him upon a regular Salary, also that I have made an arrangement for his Son James learning the Shoemaking trade at Carrington, and that he may be sent down for that purpose [at] the first convenient opportunity.

3rd. I also request you will inform John Johnson in reply to his Letter to me of the 23rd ultimo, that I cannot attend to any application for a Gratuity to his Son Giles except by your recommendation; and that in the present instance he need not expect any change in my former decision.

Letter No. 90

Port Stephens

5th May 1830

William Burnett, Esq.
Booral

Sir,

1st Mr Ebsworth having, just before his departure put into my hands a Letter addressed to him by Thomas Jones, Overseer of the Booral Farm on the 4th of September 1829, soliciting an addition to his Salary, I request you will inform Thomas Jones that, tho' I cannot consent to any increase of his Salary, I have, in consideration of his good conduct, and of the very creditable manner in which he has conducted the business of the Farm, directed him to be paid a Gratuity of £20. I shall be very glad to find that a continuance of his good conduct merits a similar indulgence at a future period.

2nd I request you will without delay, cause a quantity of Mimosa Bark to be collected, and sent down to Carrington, there being reason to apprehend that the Company will have to purchase Shoes, in consequence of the entire want of Bark for tanning the Leather.

Letter No. 91

Port Stephens

5th May 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esquires

Gentlemen,

1st I have the Honor to enclose to you the Account Current of Mr Bunn with you, as Committee of Management of the Australian Agricultural Company, in which you will observe that the three sums entered under date of the 30th of April 1830 have been passed to Mr Bunn's credit in the Books of the Company under the recommendation contained in your Letter to me of the 30th of January last; and that a Balance now remains against Mr Bunn in this account with you to the amount of £107.14 .7.

2nd It appears from the Company's Books that this Balance arises from various over charges made by Mr Bunn, and Goods returned

to him as useless or otherwise not supplied agreeably to Order, as communicated to Mr Bunn at the time, and particularized in the Account Current already rendered on the part of the Company, as well as in the Account herewith transmitted.

3rd I would particularly direct your attention to that Item affecting the Balance which relates to the Cost & charges of a Bale of Slop Shirts mentioned in the present account as returned to Mr Bunn (through the Office in Sydney) in September 1827, for which it appears that Mr Bunn has yet to account.

4th As I am desirous of transmitting Mr Bunn's Account Current to the Directors with as little delay as possible, I request you will do me the favor to forward the enclosed to Mr Bunn, and to furnish me with any Remarks you may have to make thereupon, at your earliest convenience.

5th Should you have received from the Directors an Account Sales of the Company's Wool shipped by the *Eliza* in 1828 I request you will forward it to me, to be deposited in the Accountant's Office at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 92

Port Stephens
6th May 1830

Edward Joshua Keith Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st In reply to your Letter of the 16th ultimo on the subject of a Claim set up by John Cogan against the Australian Agricultural Company of £45.17.11 $\frac{1}{4}$ (Currency), I have to acquaint you that this Claim is altogether a false one, as I shall be ready to prove, if required, by the Regular Documents in the Company's Office at Port Stephens.

2nd It is, therefore, scarcely necessary for me to add that it is not my intention to pay any part of the said Claim.

Letter No. 93

Port Stephens

8th May 1830

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st The Governors and Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company having now sent out from England a Superintendent, together with the necessary apparatus, for working the Coal-Mines at Newcastle and its neighbourhood, according to the original understanding between His Majesty's Government and the Company, I have the Honor to acquaint you therewith, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

2nd I also request you will acquaint His Excellency that not a moment shall be lost on my part in carrying into execution the intentions of His Majesty's Government and of the Company on this head.

3rd As, however, in consequence of circumstances with which His Excellency is already acquainted a considerable time has elapsed since the intended arrangement was discussed, it may be necessary to recapitulate the Principal Conditions which (as far as appears from the documents in my possession) have been agreed upon by His Majesty's Government with the Company.

4th These Principal Conditions are stated in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Company by Horace Twiss Esq., on the 31st July 1828, by whom they were said to form the Substance of the Government Instructions to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor on or about the 6th of August of the same year.

They are briefly as follows:

1st An absolute Grant is to be made to the Company of 2,000 (Two Thousand) Acres of the Coal Field on the Banks of the Hunter's River at or near Newcastle.

2nd With permission for the Company's Agent to select two Stations.

3rd Each allotment to have a liberal allowance of frontage to the water.

4th The present Government Works to be included in the Grant, if desired by the Company.

5th All possible assistance in Convict Labour to be given to the Company for working the Coal-Mines.

6th The Colonial Government to cease working so soon as the Company may be ready to commence.

7th The usual Quit Rent to be charged according to the surface value of the Land, without reference to its value as mine-land.

8th Reservation made that the Grant may be resumed by the Crown on reference by the Governor to His Majesty's Government at home, if the Company shall raise in any year less than two-thirds of the average annual quantity raised in the three years ending 31st December 1828.

9th The Colonial Government to be entitled, in perpetuity, to all Coal, wanted for its' own Consumption, not exceeding in any case one quarter of the Average Annual Produce of 500 Acres of the Coal-field to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth at Prime Cost.

10th In consideration of the great preliminary expense incurred by the Company, no Governor is, for 31 (Thirty-one) years after the present Grant is made, to grant or convey any Coal Mine, or Land containing any Coal-Mine, without a specific exception of the Coal, in such Grant or conveyance, nor afford any assistance in Convict Labour for the working of any Coal-mine to any other Company, or to any other Individual or Individuals without the previous Sanction of the Home Government.

5th I request you will be good enough to inform me, as early as convenient, whether these are the Conditions upon which His Excellency is instructed to act, and whether I may be permitted immediately to select the Grant accordingly.

Letter No. 94

Port Stephens
14th May 1830

Mr S. Lord
Macquarie Place
Sydney

In reply to your Letter of the 8th instant, I beg to acquaint you that, having already sent to England for a large supply of Cloathing and Blankets for the Assigned Servants it is not my intention at present to purchase any in the Colony; but should any of these

Articles be required, I shall apply to you for Samples of your
Manufacture.

Letter No. 95

Port Stephens
14th May 1830

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of
the 27th ultimo, enclosing Accounts, drawn up in the prescribed
Forms of the amount which appears to be due to the Australian
Agricultural Company which Forms I have signed and now return
to you as desired in your Communication.

I have to request you will, as you have suggested, cause the
Amount to be placed to the Company's credit at the Bank of
Australia.

Letter No. 96a

Port Stephens
14th May 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st I enclose herewith a Requisition for Stores, with which I
request you will comply, as far as practicable, by return of the
Lambton.

2nd The Flour and other Provisions are indispensably necessary;
and I therefore request you will send them without fail.

3rd Enclosed you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia
for (£260) Two hundred and Sixty Pounds, to enable you to make
Cash-payments for the Stores per last Invoice, the receipt of which
I request you will acknowledge.

4th I herewith transmit to your Care, in the Despatch-Box, a
Despatch addressed to the Governors and Directors, which I request
you will forward by the very first opportunity.

Letter No. 96

Newcastle
20th May 1830

Ferdinand Anley Esq.
Newcastle Gaol

Sir,

Your former letter which I very lately received at Port Stephens was answered by way of Sydney immediately on its receipt.

In reply I beg to acquaint you that there is no situation vacant in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company to which I have it in my power to appoint you, I therefore regret to say that I am not able to comply with your request.

Letter No. 97

Newcastle
20th May 1830

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st Having visited this place with Mr Henderson, the Superintendent of Coal-Mines to the Australian Agricultural Company, for the purpose of obtaining some knowledge of the localities of the Coal fields upon the Banks of the Hunter River, I find that, in the event of His Excellency the Governor's acceding to my request to be permitted to select a Grant for the Company in this Neighbourhood, it will be requisite, as a Preliminary measure which may occupy three or four Weeks, to bore beneath the present Working Seam, in order to ascertain the existence of other Coal Seams, upon which the Company's operations in this department must entirely depend.

2nd The object of my present application is to solicit the permission of His Excellency for Mr Henderson immediately to commence boring in the Neighbourhood of the present works, (but so as not at all to interfere with them) in order to prevent any unnecessary loss of time, in the selection of the intended Grant.

3rd It appears the more necessary to commence this operation without delay, since I am here informed that the present works will

soon be obstructed by the 'dykes' which have lately appeared, and which will render it necessary very soon to sink a New Shaft, to obviate the risk of any failure in the Supply of Coals.

4th Should it be His Excellency's pleasure to accede to this proposal I would further request that five useful Men may be assigned to the Company for this express purpose and that Mr Henderson may be permitted to have his boring tools sharpened at the Government forge in the Lumber Yard at this place, until some other arrangement of the kind can be made.

5th I beg to refer you to Mr Henderson (who is the bearer of this Letter) for any further information you may require on this subject.

Letter No. 98

Newcastle
20th May 1830

Robert Cooper Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

It being the intention of the Australian Agricultural Company to commence working the Coal Mines at this place, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made with H. M. Government for that purpose, I am desirous of obtaining from those Gentlemen who possess Steam Engines at Sydney for such information as may assist me in forming a judgement as to the probable market for Coals in the Colony.

With this view, I take the liberty of requesting that you will favor me with replies to the following Queries –

1st Have you ever used the Newcastle or any other Colonial Coal for the working of your Steam-Engine?

2nd If so, why was the use of it discontinued.

3rd If Coal of an unobjectionable quality, and in unlimited quantities, could be procured upon a Wharf at Sydney, at what price (Sterling) per Ton would it be worth your while to use it, in preference to Wood?

4th If you could procure a sure and abundant supply of good Coal at that price, would you use it, in preference to Wood?

5th What would be the Average Consumption of Coal per Week for your Steam-Engine, if used exclusively for working it?

6th What is the present average Consumption of Wood per Week for your Steam-Engine?

7th What is the power of your Steam-Engine?

I shall feel greatly obliged by your Answers to these Queries at your earliest convenience, addressed to me at Port Stephens, and to the care of Mr Bunn, George Street, Sydney.

Letter No. 99

Newcastle
20th May 1830

Thomas Barker Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

It being the intention &c &c (as Letter No. 98).

Letter No. 100

Newcastle
20th May 1830

John Dixon Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

It being the intention &c &c (as Letter No. 98).

Letter No. 101

Port Stephens
24th May 1830

D. Campbell Esq.
Port Stephens

Sir,

1st Understanding that a Flock of two thousand Sheep, and a considerable herd of Cattle, under your charge, are passing through the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company, on their way to the Manning, I feel it my duty to acquaint you that I consider this as a trespass, which is likely to prove of very serious injury to the Company's Interests.

2nd As I understand that in the present state of the Law upon this Subject, I am not authorized to use any measures for compelling the removal of your Sheep and Cattle, I have only to add that, should any of the Company's flocks be infected with Scab in consequence of your passing through their Sheep Stations, I shall immediately commence an Action of Trespass to recover damages for the [same].

3rd I have directed Mr Jenkin, the Assistant Superintendent of Flocks to the Company to attend your Flocks on their passage through the Estate, in order to prevent their mixing with those of the Company, and I have to request you will use your utmost endeavour to obviate so serious an evil.

Letter No. 102

Port Stephens
24th May 1830

Henry Dangar Esq.
Port Stephens

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you by order of the Court of Directors, a Letter from Mr Brickwood (received yesterday) addressed to you, and dated the 19th of December 1829, on the subject of your Communication to that Gentleman respecting a District of 2,000 Acres of Land in this Colony for which you had applied to the Government, in addition to the portion of land referred to in your Agreement with the Company.

Letter No. 103

Port Stephens
24th May 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 21st instant I have the honor to inform you that the Eight Men therein advised as having been Assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company have been received at this Settlement.

Letter No. 104

Port Stephens
25th May 1830

Charles Olive
Brickfield
Carrington

Charles Olive,

In reply to your letter received yesterday Evening, requesting your Discharge from the Company's Service, I have to acquaint you that, as soon as your late Conviction by the Bench of Magistrates has been carried into effect, I will take into consideration the propriety of complying with your request.

Letter No. 105

Port Stephens
New South Wales
25th May 1830

Messrs Gillander & Co.
No. 3. New China Bazar [sic]
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

Lieutenant Stead RN having suggested to me that you would do me the kindness to furnish some information which I require, relative to an Export of Coals from this Colony to Calcutta, I have to request, as Commissioner for Managing the affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, that you will favor me with replies to the following Queries -

1st What is the annual Consumption of Coals in Calcutta? (in English Tons)

2nd For what purpose principally?

3rd From whence obtained?

4th the usual Market price (per English Ton in British Sterling Money)?

5th How many Steam-Engines are there in or near Calcutta – of what power – to what purposes applied?

6th Are many more expected? How many and for what purpose?

7th Do you think that Calcutta is likely to become a Market for Coals from New South Wales?

8th If so, for what quantity annually?

9th What price (per English Ton) would the consumers of Coals in Calcutta be willing to give?

10th What other kind of fuel is used in Calcutta?

I have also to request that you will favour me with your opinion as to an Export of Horses from this Colony to India, giving me any information on this subject which you may consider likely to promote the Interests of the Company whose affairs I control in this Colony.

An early reply to this communication will be received as a great obligation.

I enclose a Letter from Lieut. Stead and have the honor to remain....

Letter No. 106

Port Stephens
26th May 1830

Charles Olive
Brickfield
Carrington

Charles Olive,

Having taken into consideration your desire to be discharged from the Company's Service, I am sorry to say that, in consequence of the great demand for Bricks upon the Company's Estate, it will not at present be in my power to comply with your request.

Letter No. 107

Port Stephens
26th May 1830

J. E. Stacy Esq.

Sir,

1. In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date (received after my Order of this day respecting your second Servant, was inserted in the Book) I beg to acquaint you that I cannot allow a Groom to be exclusively employed for the care of your Horses, but that I will

endeavour to make some arrangement which will answer that purpose with less expense to the Company.

2. With respect to Rations being allowed for your female Servant, I cannot discover that any such indulgence has ever been given, and, even if it has, I have no hesitation in saying that I consider it as wholly inadmissible.

3. It being my intention shortly to communicate with the Court of Directors on the subject of the various Allowances whether in Servants, Produce, or Money which have gradually grown into use upon the Company's Establishment, over and above the precise terms of the agreements with their Servants, your communication with my Reply will come before the Court, in due course, for their final decision.

Letter No. 107a

Reply to Mr Barton's Memorandum of the 24th May 1830

Having taken into consideration the subject of Mr Barton's Memorandum of the above date, I am of opinion,

1st That an Office-Messenger, upon the footing detailed in Mr Barton's Communication as established by the late Committee at Sydney (of which I was not before aware), is an entirely useless expense to the Company, as all the business required from such a person upon the Port Stephens Establishment, can be performed by a boy, or a convalescent, or some other person already supported by the Company. William Lilly is, for the present, to go backwards and forwards twice a day for this purpose.

2nd That under these circumstances the Situation of the Office-Messenger should cease from this time, and consequently the allowance for his support.

3rd That Mr Barton should be allowed One Servant belonging to the Company for his private purposes, like the other Officers of the Company's Establishment.

4th That the prices charged to Mr Barton by the Company for Meat and Flour should be the same as those currently charged in Sydney for the same Articles, just as if he had continued to reside there in the double capacity of Secretary and Accountant.

5th That Mr Barton's Account ought to be credited, upon the abovementioned terms, for the overcharge hitherto made; as

the Company can never desire to make a profit upon provisions furnished to one of their own Principal Servants.

6th As, however, it is my intention to communicate with the Court of Directors on the subject of the various allowances of every description whether in Servants, Produce or Money which have grown into use, over and above the specific Terms of the Agreements with their several Servants, Mr Barton's Memorandum with my reply, will come under their consideration in due course for the final decision of the Court.

Port Stephens
26th May 1830

Letter No. 108

Port Stephens
25th May 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

In order to enable me to carry into execution (as far as it appears to me practicable) your Plan for Keeping the Company's Accounts detailed in your letter of the 11th instant, I request you will furnish me with the following additional information.

Para. 12th A Form should be suggested for the Particulars respecting the Wool, to be furnished, after the Shearing Season, by the Wool-Sorter.

Para. 15th A Form should be suggested for the Stud Book.

Para. 37th A Form should be suggested for the information required from the Surveyor.

Para. 60th The Gentleman should be named who is to succeed Mr Croasdill in your Office.

Letter No. 109

Port Stephens
26th May 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

In addition to the information required from you in my letter of yesterday's date, in further explanation of your proposed Plan

of Account, I also request you will furnish me with the Forms to be contained in the "Books to be opened under your instructions" for the Department of Manufactures (Para. 25th); it appearing to me of the utmost importance that these should be distinctly specified in the Orders I am about to issue.

I also request you will inform me when and where the Forms have been "before suggested", which are alluded to in the commencement of Para. 20th of your Plan.

Letter No. 110

Port Stephens
26th May 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

Since the receipt of your Letter of this day, I am more than ever at a loss to know what Gentleman you propose that I should place in your Office, as Successor to Mr Croasdill.

I must therefore request you will acquaint me, in plain terms, whether you mean that another Gentleman, competent to that situation, must be engaged as Clerk in the Company's Service.

Letter No. 111

Port Stephens
28th May 1830

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

The Men named in the Margin, Prisoners of the Crown Assigned as Servants to the Australian Agricultural Company, having been reported to me by Mr Stacy, Surgeon to the Company, as fit subjects for the Hospital, as specified in the enclosed statement. I herewith transmit them to the General Hospital accordingly, and have to request you will cause them to be received.

The Services of these two Individuals being of great important to the Company, I have further to request that you will take the necessary steps for having them returned when cured.

Letter No. 112

Port Stephens

28th May 1830

Major Mitchell
Surveyor General
Sydney

Sir,

1st It being my intention to Despatch Mr Dangar as soon as possible, to Survey the Tract of Country to the Northward of the Manning River, which His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct to be reserved for the present,

2nd I have to request you will be good enough to favor me with the loan of a Perambulator for this purpose, the only one at present in the possession of the Company being intended for my own use in the Journey I am just about to make over the unexplored parts of the Company's Grant.

3rd Should it be in your power to accede to my request, I shall further be obliged by your causing the Instrument to be put on board the *Lambton* without delay, as she will leave Sydney in a day or two after your receipt of this Communication.

4th Should you be in possession of any information, which may assist Mr Dangar in the object I have in view, I shall esteem it an obligation if you will furnish me with it for this purpose.

Letter No. 113

Port Stephens

28th May 1830

William Barton Esq.
Port Stephens

Sir,

I request you will (in pursuance of the Instructions contained in my Letter of the 14th ultimo) name the Convict Clerk to be under the Controul of Mr T L Ebsworth at Stroud, as proposed in the 59th Paragraph of your Plan, in order to enable me to complete the General Orders in preparations on this subject.

Letter No. 114

Port Stephens
29th May 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I request you will inform me whether I am correct in desiring that the Bank of Australia should require the payment of Interest at 8 per cent upon the Instalments due by Colonial Proprietors of Shares in the Australian Agricultural company, with reference to the 10th Section of the Act of Incorporation.

Letter No. 115

Port Stephens
29th May 1830

James Laidley Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you the following Accounts by the Australian Agricultural Company against His Majesty's Government, vizt.

1 st	Accounts in triplicate and Vouchers, for Provisions issued to the Military Guard, stationed at Port Stephens from the 25 th December 1829 to the 25 th of March 1830, amounting to	£32.19.2
2 nd	Accounts also in Triplicate and Vouchers for issues to sundry Persons on account of His Majesty's Government between the 31 st October and the 25 th March 1830 amounting to	£1.4.3
	Together	£34.3.5

And I have to request you will cause the Amount to be paid at the Bank of Australia, on account of the Company as in a former instance of this nature.

Letter No. 116

Port Stephens

29th May 1830

Thomas McVitie Esq
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

1st I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th instant with the Two Bank Books of the A. A. Company which are herewith returned.

2nd I herewith enclose Bills payable to your Order, on the Governors & Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds Sterling, for the purpose of meeting the Current Expenses.

3rd Observing, in the Bank Book, that two of the Proprietors of Shares in the Company have paid their Instalments without Interest, I request that, in future you will not receive the Instalments due upon Shares, unless the usual Interest of Eight per cent be also paid, as heretofore, from the day appointed for payment to the day on which the Money is actually paid, and I enclose a complete List of Instalments now due and unpaid.

4th I also request you will return to me the Receipt-Book, as before, in order that it may be filled up for the Call just about to be made.

Letter No. 117

Port Stephens

31st May 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st instant enclosing your account with the Australian Agricultural Company to the 30th ultimo.

2nd The Accountant to the Company informs me that your Account cannot be pronounced correct for want of the information

requested in the Memorandum attached to my Letter No. 23, of the 25th of February, and again referred to in Paragraph 16 of my Letter (No. 68) dated the 16th of April namely at what rate and for what period the Duty was charged on 1,360 lbs of Tobacco appearing in the Invoice of the 28th January. This information being essential to the correctness of the Company's Accounts, as connected with you're A/C, I request you will furnish me with it at your earliest convenience.

3rd The non-arrival of the Seed Wheat ordered by me three months ago from Van Diemen's Land appearing likely to occasion very serious inconvenience and loss to the Company, I have despatched Mr Burnett to Sydney to select a quantity for purchase, in case the other supply has not arrived when he reaches Sydney. I request you will in that case, attend to Mr Burnett's wishes as to the purchase.

4th I must, however, in any case, request that you will acquaint me, (as desired in my letter No. 79 of the 27th ultimo) when and from whom the Seed Wheat was ordered, that the circumstances of this delay & consequent loss to the Company may be fully reported to the Directors, & also that some less dilatory method of obtaining a supply of this indispensable article may in future be adopted.

5th In the Despatch Box you will receive a bundle of 29 Letters addressed to the several Colonial Proprietors of Shares in the Company, containing a Notice of a Call of £1 per share, which Letters I request you will cause to be forwarded immediately per post, or otherwise as you may consider most likely to ensure their speedy delivery.

6th Together with these Letters are two loose copies of the same Notice which I request you will have inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* & *Australian Newspapers*, seven times in each of those publications.

7th Enclosed is a Requisition for Stores required for the Company's Service, to which I request your early attention.

8th I also request that you will forward as large a proportion as possible of the Stores lately arrived from England, by this & each successive turn of the Cutter; in order to relieve the Company as much as possible from the expense of Warehouse Rent.

9th Enclosed you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£720) Seven Hundred & Twenty Pounds, to meet the expense of the last Invoice per *Lambton*, to re-imburse you for the £250 drawn upon you at Newcastle in favour of Mr Henderson; and to

pay Weaver's Bill (herewith returned) for Repairs done to a Dog-Cart belonging to the Company, the receipt of which Draft I beg you will acknowledge.

10th Enclosed is an Account (with its Vouchers) due to the Company from Mr Langdon, the payment of which I request you will obtain.

11th In the Despatch Box you will receive Three several Despatches addressed to the Governors & Directors of the Company, all of which I particularly request you will transmit by the earliest safe opportunity, also, a letter on the Company's business addressed to Messrs Gillander & Co., Calcutta, to be also forwarded by the first conveyance.

12th I shall be glad to be informed when & by what ship these Communications are transmitted to their respective destinations; also, whether, and when my last Despatch left Sydney in the *Katherine Stuart Forbes*.

13th In the Despatch Box is a bundle of Newspapers addressed to the Governors & Directors, which also be pleased to forward, with the Despatches, to England.

14th I beg to acquaint you that Nos 500 & 501 of the *Australian* and all the numbers of that publication for the month of May have not yet come to hand, also No. 1810 of the *Sydney Gazette*. Three numbers 1811 having been received, one of them is herewith returned.

15th I beg to call your attention to the bad quality of one of the samples of Seconds Flour herewith returned in the Despatch Box, and of which 8,000 lbs have been received by the last *Lambton*; also to the different qualities of the two Samples, invoiced at the same price.

16th The Miller or other person from whom the purchase was made should, I conceive, be required to explain these circumstances, especially the very inferior quality of one sample, by which it is clear that, in some way or other, injustice is done to the Company. The very frequent occurrence of transaction so discreditable on the part of the Sydney tradespeople, makes it the more necessary that they should never be suffered to pass without due explanation and exposure. In the present instance, I am unable to return the bad Flour, being actually in want of it, I can therefore only request that you will procure & transmit to me, for the information of the Directors, a full explanation of the circumstances under which, in

this instance, their Interests and the comfort of their Servants must unavoidably suffer.

P.S. Being about to leave Port Stephens for about a Month, on a Journey over part of the Company's Grant, I request you will communicate with Dr Nisbet, in the meantime, on the business of the Company.

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Australian Agricultural Company, Established and Incorporated by Act 5th Geo. IV Cap 86 and by Royal Charter

Notice is hereby given that a further Call of One Pound per Share has been made by the Governors and Directors upon the Proprietors of the Stock in this Company.

The Proprietors resident in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land are requested to cause the amount upon their respective Shares to be paid into the Bank of Australia (where a proper receipt will be given for the same) as follows vizt.

Ten Shillings per Share on or before the 1st August next, and
Ten Shillings per Share on or before the 1st of December next

W. E. Parry

Port Stephens
1st June 1830

Letter No. 118

Port Stephens
1st June 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Observing that you have paid the Instalments some time due upon the shares standing in your name in the Books of the Australian Agricultural Company without Interest, I have to direct your attention to the 10th Clause of the Act of Incorporation (5th Geo. IV Cap 86) and to request that you will be pleased to pay the amount as stated in the annexed memorandum – also into the Bank of Australia on the Company's Account.

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Memorandum of Interest due upon the Instalments paid by James Norton Esq	
6 th Instalment £9 due 1 st October 1828	
Interest to 11 th May 1830 – 1 year – 191 days @ 8 per cent	£1.2.0
7 th Instalment – £12 due 28 th February 1830	
Interest to 11 th May 1830 – 72 days - @ 8 per cent per annum	£0.3.9
8 th Instalment – £6 due 1 st May 1830	
Interest to 11 May 1830 – 10 days @ 8 per cent per annum	<u>£0.0.3</u>
	<u>£1.6.0</u>

Port Stephens
1st June 1830
W. Barton, Accountant

Letter No. 119

Port Stephens
1st June 1830

Charles Throsby Esq.

Sir,

Observing [as Letter No. 118]

Memorandum of Interest due upon the 7 th Instalment paid by Charles Throsby Esq.	
£40 due 28 th February 1830	
Interest due to 30 th April	£0.10.8

Port Stephens
1st June 1830
William Barton, Accountant

Letter No. 120

Port Stephens

31st May 1830

John Henderson Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

1. I herewith enclose to you a List of Articles sent per *Lambton* according to your Requisition put into my hands at Newcastle, in order to enable you to commence the operation of boring below the present working Seam of Coal, whenever the permission of His Majesty's Government is obtained for that purpose, with a view to the future operations of the Australian Agricultural Company in that Department.

2. Andrew Turnbull is the bearer of this Letter, and also of one addressed to me by Mr Stafford, the Deputy Assistant Commissary General at Newcastle, requesting that Gentleman to allow the Articles now transmitted to be placed in the Government Stores for the present, until some other arrangement can be made for that purpose.

3. As soon as you receive the requisite permission from Government, you are to commence boring, in the manner, and upon the reasons suggested by you; and to make such examination by this and any other means in your power, as may enable you, on my return from my Journey over the Company's Estate (about a Month hence) to recommend the situation or situations proper to be selected as the Company's Grant of Coal Field, amounting to 2,000 acres in the whole including (if you think desirable) the present Government Works and a liberal proportion of water frontage.

4. I have directed Mr Barton to draw up for your guidance and information, such Instructions as may be requisite for you, in order to prevent the risk of any confusion or arrears in the Accounts you will have to keep for the present, and until Mr Croasdill's Services can be dispensed with at Port Stephens – These Instructions Dr Nisbet will transmit to you by an early opportunity. I have only, therefore, to impress upon you the necessity of a System of the most rigid economy, and of the most strict regularity in the obtaining of Bills and Receipts &c, and vouchers for any transactions in which you may be engaged on Account of the Company.

5. I have also to desire that you will during my absence communicate to Dr Nisbet whenever opportunity may offer, a full account of your proceedings from time to time.

Letter No. 121

Port Stephens
31st May 1830

John Henderson Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Finding that there is not in Store at Port Stephens any of the Rope, which you require as a Jack Roll Rope, I request you will select for purchase the requisite quantity at Sydney, requesting Mr Bunn to settle for the same, which he will do on your shewing him this communication

P.S. I have addressed a Letter to you containing Instructions, by Andrew Turnbull, but should you not have left Sydney when this reaches you, I request you will let me know, per *Lambton*, the whole of your Proceedings.

Letter No. 122

Port Stephens
31st May 1830

W. H. Dutton Esq.
Cummings' Hotel
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters of the 3rd & 8th May with their enclosures.

2. Having given every consideration to these communications, I now beg to acquaint you that my opinion on the subject of the purchase of the whole or any part of Mr Riley's Flock, on account of the Australian Agricultural Company, remains unchanged since I last had the Honor of addressing you.

3. The very limited extent of the Company's present Pastures and the uncertainty as to a change of any part of their Grant, render it in my opinion, wholly inexpedient to encrease their Flocks by purchase.

4. With respect to your liberal offer of allowing the Flocks still to depasture at Raby, I would observe that, if the purchase were once made on the part of the Company, I should not consider myself justified in allowing Sheep so valuable to remain there, without such a Superintendence as would involve considerable expense to the Company, and which Superintendence I do not at present possess the means of furnishing.

5. I regret therefore, that I am again under the necessity of declining the offer of purchasing Mr Riley's Flock on account of the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 123

Port Stephens
1st June 1830

John Henderson Esq.
Manager of Coal Works
Newcastle

Sir,

I have now to request you will pay particular attention to the following Instructions relating to the Accounts of the Establishment under your controul.

Your operations being at present of a preparatory nature and requiring only the assistance of a few Individuals the Accounts which you will have to keep will be of the most simple description. You will be supplied from this Establishment with such Implements as you may now from time to time require and the value will be finally entered to the Debit of your Establishment at Port Stephens.

You have my authority to engage suitable premises for the residence of yourself and family and of the rest of the Company's Servants to be stationed at Newcastle. Also to make arrangements for the Supply of provisions as Rations either by Contract or otherwise as you may think best. You will not fail however to give me full and immediate advice of any engagements you may have made or shall make on these Accounts.

The Wages of Andrew Turnbull have been settled to the 30th of April last, and they will (together with the Wages of any other of the Company's Servants who may be placed under you) be paid quarterly from that time so that no open or unsettled accounts may be kept with them on any pretence whatever.

On the presentation to you of any Claim or account (which must always contain full particulars) for Rent, Provisions supplied, Repairs of Implements &c You will examine very carefully the several Items and if found correct you will attest the same by your Signature at foot of the Account, and forward it to me by the first convenient opportunity for my approval, after which a Draft will be written upon the Bank of Australia, payable to your Order for the amount and sent to you (the account being retained at Port Stephens that your Establishment may be duly charged in the Books containing the general Accounts) in order that you may obtain a regular receipt from the party to whom the Draft is to be paid – with your endorsement.

This is the manner in which all claims except those of the most trifling nature, are to be satisfied. Of these therefore you need keep no account beyond a Memorandum of the Accounts so forwarded and paid, and you will be careful to transmit to me – a separate Memorandum with the receipts to be taken as abovementioned, by the first convenient opportunity, when the Vouchers for this description of your accounts will be completed.

As you may have occasion to pay small sums of money; as postages, Porterage &c it will be most convenient that you should in such cases keep an account thereof, in a small or Petty Cash Book and you can obtain reimbursement in the manner abovementioned by transmitting to me a Copy of the particulars monthly or otherwise as you may find convenient.

This is the only account you will for the present have to record, you will therefore require no assistance for this purpose or for your regular correspondence with me.

A competent person will be appointed as Book-Keeper and clerk under you whenever the business may require it at which time also, these will be superseded by other more full and particular Instructions.

Form of Receipt

Received of the Australian Agricultural Company by the hands of John Henderson Esq. the sum of sterling being the Amount of my Account dated the for supplied

£..... BB

N. B. Documents of every description which are signed by a mark, must be attested by a person competent to write his name as Witness.

Letter No. 124

Port Stephens
4th June 1830

William Barton Esq.
Port Stephens

Sir,

1st. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter without date.

2nd. Mr Thomas Lindsey Ebsworth called upon you yesterday by my desire & agreeably to the General Order respecting the Accounts issued by Sir Edward Parry on the 1st instant, to receive any suggestions or explanations you might consider necessary for carrying on the clerical duties of the Department of Manufactures; if instead of refusing to communicate you had informed him, as you have by letter to me, that "no further information was necessary in the present stage of the business", all occasion for a particular Order would have been avoided.

3rd. For the further reply to your Letter I have to refer you to the General Order published by the Commissioner on the 12th of April last, relating to my appointment in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company.

4th. I also beg to acquaint you that any communication to me relative to the affairs of the Company is considered by me as Official and that I have no intention either of withholding or with-drawing my order to you of this day's date.

A. Nisbet.

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N.B. A letter of Instructions to the General Superintendent of Works
[Unreadable]

Letter No. 125

Port Stephens
7th June 1830

William Barton Esq.
Accountant

Sir,

By desire of Dr Nisbet I request you will be pleased to attend at this Office at ten o'clock tomorrow morning he wishing to confer with you on the subject of the Accounts of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Henry Darch

Letter No. 126

Port Stephens
8th June 1830

Mr Thomas L. Ebsworth

Sir,

I enclose an Extract of a Letter addressed by Mr Barton to me dated the 7th instant, relative to a conversation which has taken place between yourself and that Gentleman on the subject of the Accounts of the Department of Manufactures and for which purpose I had directed you to wait upon him in an Official capacity.

As you will see by the extract that your Statement and that of Mr Barton do not exactly agree, I have to request that you will be pleased to transmit to me in writing the report you made on your return from the interview with that Gentleman.

A. Nisbet

Letter No. 127

Port Stephens
8th June 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I beg to enclose a copy of a Letter addressed to me by Mr T. L. Ebsworth, stating

the substance of a conversation which took place at an official Interview he had with you respecting the Accounts of the Department of Manufactures by which, discrepancies appear; when contrasted with your Statements of the affair, which I cannot attempt to reconcile, I must therefore leave it for you to explain.

2. The remaining part of your Letter requires no answer from me.

3. It is with much surprise I find by an order bearing your signature, laid before me by Mr Wetherman, that you have suspended that part of the order issued by Sir Edward Parry on the 1st of June last, as far as relates to Requisitions.

4. Being perfectly at a loss to conceive why you should wish to obstruct the affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company by disobeying a General Order so important, I have to call upon you to state your reasons for such disobedience, also, for having superseded by your order to Mr Wetherman, which in fact as a General one, the General Order of the 1st of June, without first having consulted me, holding as I do the authority of the Commissioner of the Company during the absence of Sir W. E. Parry, agreeably to his General Order dated the 12th April last.

A. Nisbet

Letter No. 128

Port Stephens
9th June 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday's date, and now transmit to you Copies of Three Documents you therein state as requisite to enable you to reply to my Letter addressed to you yesterday.

A. Nisbet

Letter No. 129

Port Stephens
9th June 1830

William Barton Esq,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing a Letter for Sir W. E. Parry, Commissioner, with Instructions for carrying on the Accounts of the Department of Manufactures and of Works, the details of which so far as they go seem to be complete.

I have therefore directed Mr T. L. Ebsworth to open this day, Books according to the proposed form, I have also requested him to defer to you should any circumstances occur requiring explanation. An assistant Clerk will be placed at Stroud immediately that arrangements can be made.

The Superintendent of Works being absent, & Mr Dangar employed in preparing himself for an Expedition on Surveying Duty, into the Interior, Mr T. L. Ebsworth's signature is to be considered as official to any Document belonging to that Department.

A. Nisbet

Letter No. 130

Port Stephens
11th June 1830

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir,

In the absence of Captain Sir W. E. Parry on an Expedition into the Interior, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3rd instant addressed to that Gentleman, informing him of the Report of the Director of Public Works on the reasonable quantity of work to be required from each Prisoner per Week, which on the return of Sir Edward Parry shall immediately be laid before him.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 131

Port Stephens
11th June 1830

The Venerable Archdeacon Broughton
Sydney

Reverend Sir,

In the absence of Captain Sir W. E. Parry on an Expedition into the Interior, I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st ultimo addressed to that Gentleman, expressing a Kind and lively Interest in the Spiritual Welfare of the Population of this Settlement, which on the return of Sir Edward Parry shall immediately be laid before him.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 132

Port Stephens
11th June 1830

Thomas Barker Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In the absence of Captain Sir W. E. Parry on an Expedition into the Interior, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant, addressed to that Gentleman, kindly replying to various queries respecting the Newcastle Coal, which he had put to you in a Letter dated the 20th ultimo. I now beg to inform you that on the return of Sir Edward Parry your communication shall immediately be laid before him.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 133

Port Stephens

11th June 1830

Messrs Campbell & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

In the absence of Captain Sir W. E. Parry on an Expedition into the Interior, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th ultimo, also the Twelve Pamphlets which accompanied it, and I beg to inform you, they shall be duly delivered to the respective Individuals to whom they were addressed.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 134

Port Stephens

11th June 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the of the 19th ultimo, I have, in the absence of Captain Sir W. E. Parry the honor to inform you that the Nine Men therein advised as having been assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company have been received at this Settlement, except the Man named in the Margin, whom I presume is detained in Hospital, at Sydney, as marked on the List accompanying your letter.

Alexander Arthur,
Mermaid, 14 Years

James Goodwin, *Asia*, returned from Hospital is also received.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 135

Port Stephens
12th June 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. In the absence of Sir Edward Parry I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant & its enclosures, and will lay it before him immediately on his return.

2. Enclosed is a Requisition for Stores, required for the Company's Service to which I request your early attention.

3. The Clerk of the Company's Stores having reported to me that a considerable quantity of Iron and Flour had been received by the last arrival of the *Lambton*, of which no account has been delivered, you will have the goodness in future to furnish particulars of all articles shipped for the Company from Sydney, whether they are purchased in the Colony or not.

4. Herewith you will receive an Invoice of (48) Forty-eight Bags of Wheat per *Lambton* to be ground into Seconds Flour, as mentioned in the Memorandum at the foot of the Invoice, to which I have to call your attention.

5. I transmit to you, enclosed, Two Drafts on the Bank of Australia in your favour of (£100) One Hundred Pounds each No. 126 & 127, together with a Bill of Exchange, in Triplicate, on the Governors & Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company for (£100) One Hundred Pounds in favour of William Barton Esq. and endorsed to you, amounting in all to (£300) Three Hundred Pounds, to meet the expenses of the last Invoice.

6. Your account in the Books of the Company is credited with the following amounts, advanced by you on account of the Company vizt

£5 to Mr Weaver, and
£20 to Mr Burnett.

7. In the Despatch Box you will find a packet addressed to the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Co., which I beg you will be pleased to forward by the first opportunity after the *Pacific*, as it

contains Duplicates, to originals of which you state to have forwarded by that Vessel.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 136

Port Stephens
12th June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, enclosing Two Drafts of Sir W. E. Parry on the Bank of Australia for One Hundred Pounds each, also a Bill of Exchange, in Triplicate, in your favor, for One Hundred Pounds, on the Governors & Directors, and endorsed by you to George Bunn Esq., which Gentleman has been desired to place the whole amounting to £300 to the Credit of the Company.

The other Enclosures in your Letter have also been duly received.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 137

Port Stephens
15th June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of you Letter of yesterday's date and its various enclosures.

Your request relating to the correspondence received in the absence of the Commissioner, in the second Paragraph of your Letter, cannot be complied with, further than is already provided for in the Clause, of the General Order of the 1st of June, relating to that subject.

I have to call your attention to the 4th Paragraph of my letter of the 8th June to which no answer has yet been received.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 138

Port Stephens
15th June 1830

William Pickering
Carrington

William Pickering,

I have received your letter of this day's date, wishing to be discharged from the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company, and inform you that I will lay your application before Captain Sir W. E. Parry immediately on his return.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 139

Port Stephens
16th June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th instant, in reply to mine of the 8th instant.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 140

Port Stephens
17th June 1830

W. Wetherman Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date containing two enclosures, one for Sir W. E. Parry which will be laid before him immediately on his return, & the other having reference to the state of the Wheat which will be attended to.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th instant reporting that Iron & Flour had been sent without any account from the Sydney Agent, and have in consequence requested

him always to send accounts with goods embarked in the *Lambton*, whether furnished in the Colony or not.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 141

Port Stephens
18th June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of yesterday's date, the one containing a Requisition, and the other, Instructions to Mr Wetherman, which have been forwarded to that Gentleman.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 142

Port Stephens
22nd June 1830

W. Wetherman Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 17th, 18th & 19th of June respectively, the two first I will take an early opportunity of laying before the Commissioner, and the suggestions contained in the last shall in future be attended to.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 143

Port Stephens
22nd June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th instant, and will take an early opportunity of laying it before the Commissioner Captain Sir W. Edward Parry.

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to inform you that the Memorandum employed by me is nearly verbatim with what has been before given and acknowledged.

The Office-Messenger who carries such Memorandum can always be employed to take it for the information of Mr Wetherman.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 144

Port Stephens
23rd June 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, with its various enclosures.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 145

Port Stephens
25th June 1830

William Pickering
Carrington

William Pickering,

In reply to your Letter addressed to Dr Nisbet on the 15th instant, requesting your discharge from the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company, I have to inform you that as soon as the Boats are repaired, and the Vessel now on the Stocks completed, I shall be glad to comply with your request.

Letter No. 146

Port Stephens
25th June 1830

To the Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 15th instant, I have the Honor to inform you that the Prisoner therein advised as having been assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company has been received at this Settlement.

Letter No. 147

Port Stephens
25th June 1830

Henry Douglas [sic] Esq.
91 George St
Sydney

Sir,

Having just returned to Port Stephens from the Manning, and the *Lambton* being about to sail for Sydney immediately, I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th instant, and to assure you that I will give due consideration to the several subjects therein alluded to.

In the mean time, I request you will inform me on what days the shews of Cattle are to take place the dates having be left blank in your communication.

Letter No. 148

Port Stephens
26th June 1830

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith return to you the Banking Book of the late Committee of the Australian Agricultural Company together with my own as Commissioner to the Company.

I also enclose a List of Proprietors of the Australian Agricultural Company subject to the payment of the 9th Call of £1 per share.

Letter No. 149

Port Stephens
26th June 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st I beg to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 17th instant.

2nd I annex for your information Copy of a Memorandum drawn up by the Accountant to the Company, relative to the Items of your Account contained in that Communication; to which I request your Attention.

3rd I enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply as early as convenient.

Memorandum alluded to above is an Extract from Mr Barton's Letter to Dr Nisbet, 22nd June 1830, beginning at the words "Referring to the payments", and to the end.

Letter No. 150

Port Stephens
29th June 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for your perusal a Letter of Attorney granted to me by the Court of Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company, and lately received from England, conferring upon me certain Powers in addition to those contained in the Letter of Attorney already inrolled in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

I have to request that you will (if you deem it requisite or expedient) cause this additional Letter of Attorney to be also inrolled in the Supreme Court, as early as convenient, and that you will then return it to my possession.

I also beg that you will advise me whether it be requisite or expedient to give any public Notice of this Inrollment in the Sydney Newspapers; and if so, that you will, as on a former occasion, propose to me a Form of Notice for that purpose.

Letter No. 151

Port Stephens
30th June 1830

J. W. Donelan Esq. J.P.

Sir,

Understanding that you happened be present, on the 3rd instant, when Dr Nisbet directed Mr Ebsworth to communicate with Mr Barton on the subject of the Company's Accounts, and being very desirous to obtain for the satisfaction of the Directors, the testimony of a Gentleman wholly unconnected with their Service, and therefore unbiased in this respect, as to the manner, and spirit in which Dr Nisbet gave those directions,

I should esteem it a favor if you would be kind enough to attend for a quarter of an hour at my Office at Ten a.m. tomorrow for the purpose above-mentioned.

Letter No. 152

Port Stephens

1st July 1830

S. A. Perry Esq.
&c &c &c

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th ultimo, acquainting me, by Major Mitchell's desire, that he had directed you to send the Perambulator of which I had some time ago requested the loan.

I beg you will do me the favor to convey to Major Mitchell my thanks for his compliance with my request, and at the same time to inform him that my reason for making my application an official one was to relieve him from any private responsibility on the subject; as, of course, no Government Stores can be lent without the permission of the Government first obtained.

Nor, on the other hand, did my application imply that the Australian Agricultural Company has "any claim" on the Surveyor General's Department "for the loan of Instruments". It merely requested it as a favor from the Government in a case in which the Government had been pleased to express some interest, and in which I was about to forward the views of the Government no less than those of the Company.

Mr Dangar having set out on his Journey a fortnight before the receipt of your communication, I herewith return the Perambulator.

With reference to the last Paragraph of your Letter, in which you acquainted me, by direction of Major Mitchell, that "the land left open for my examination is bounded on the North by the Dividing Range between the Rivers Hastings and Williams; on the South by the latter River, and on the east by the Coast"; I beg to remark that as I understood from the Governor that the Manning River, and not the Williams, was the boundary of the land left open, by Command of His Excellency, for my examination, I conclude that the latter has been inserted in your communication by mistake for the former. I request you will be good enough to inform me, as early as convenient, whether I am correct in that conclusion.

With reference also to the concluding part of the Paragraph of your Letter above quoted, I request to be informed whether there

is not some considerable portion of the Land in question, on or near "the Coast" and bordering upon the Manning, already disposed of, and therefore not intended to be left open for the Company's examination. If so, it would be a convenience to me to be informed what that portion is.

P.S. Since writing the above I find on landing the *Lambton's* cargo, that the Perambulator did not come in her.

Letter No. 153

Port Stephens
3rd July 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The Prisoner named in the Margin having been lately assigned by His Majesty's Government to the Australian Agricultural Company, in consequence I believe of a request of mine, to be furnished with an individual of that class, competent to perform some portion of the Medical Duties of the Company's Establishment, I was on the point of entrusting to him certain duties of this description at a distant Station upon the Company's Estate, and of making arrangements for that purpose which would have involved some expense to the Company, when he informed me that he should, in the course of six or eight weeks, be entitled to a Ticket of Leave.

*Henry White, Earl St
Vincent, to Hobart
Town thence in the
Portland*

As this circumstance would materially alter my arrangements, as regards the possession of so useful a Servant by the Company, I should esteem it a favor, if you would inform me whether Henry White's information be correct; and, if not, at what period, supposing his conduct to be good while in the Service of the Company, the Indulgence above-mentioned is likely to be granted to him.

Letter No. 154

Port Stephens

3rd July 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Alexander Arthur,
Mermaid, 14 Years

With reference to your Letter of the 10th ultimo, relating to the Prisoner named in the Margin, I take the liberty of requesting that, whenever he may be apprehended, I shall be obliged by your sending him to Port Stephens, according to his original assignment; notified to me by your communication of the 19th of May; his services, as a Blacksmith, being much required at the present moment on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 155

Port Stephens

3rd July 1830

Lieutenant John Wood R.N.
Maitland

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Letter addressed to you by the Colonial Secretary, and transmitted by him to me, acquainting you, By Command of His Excellency the Governor, that your Request (which, by your desire, I recommended to His Excellency's favourable consideration) respecting a particular Grant of Land, had been complied with.

I need scarcely remind you that it will be proper for you to express to the Governor your grateful acknowledgement for this act of kind consideration.

Letter No. 156

Port Stephens

5th July 1830James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Having received a communication from the Arch Deacon of New South Wales upon the subject of the Consecration of a Piece of Ground as a Burial Ground upon the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company and stating that previously to this measure being carried into execution I must assign over in perpetuity as a Cemetery, the land intended to be thus disposed of,

I request you will give me your opinion whether, under the Powers vested in me by the Two Letters of Attorney granted to me by the Court of Directors, I am authorised to alienate a certain small portion of Ground upon the Company's Estate, for the above purpose, and also for the building of a Church. An early answer will much oblige.

Letter No. 157

Port Stephens

6th July 1830The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Several Communications, of the dates undermentioned, namely

7th June11th June14th June15th June25th June

2nd. With reference to your Letter of the 14th June I request you will do me the Honor to acquaint His Excellency the Governor that I consider the addition, recommend by the Executive Council, of a Government Constable for Stroud, highly desirable; and I shall

be glad to have that addition made, whenever His Excellency may be pleased to adopt the recommendation of the Council.

3rd. I beg leave to propose that the additional Government Constable be rationed at the same prices to the Government as those to which I have consented for the Soldiers stationed at Port Stephens – namely the Government Contract prices at Newcastle.

4th. With respect to the Addition to the Military Detachment here, which His Excellency has been kindly pleased to propose, I beg to acquaint you that, as Mr Donelan agrees with me in opinion that the stationing of Soldiers at Stroud under the controul of a non-commissioned Officer, would probably be attended with injurious consequences, I do not consider any such addition at present necessary.

5th. With reference to your Letter of the 7th of June, enclosing one addressed to Lieutenant Wood, on the subject of his application for a particular Grant of Land, I beg you will do me the Honor to convey to His Excellency my grateful acknowledgements for his kind & indulgent consideration of Lieut. Wood's request.

Letter No. 158

Port Stephens
6th July 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

In addition to the Men which I have already solicited His Majesty's Government to cause to be assigned as Servants to the Australian Agricultural Company, I have now to request that the Company may be further furnished, if practicable, with two or three intelligent Clerks. If accustomed to any Kind of Accounts, I should consider them more desirable, the Company being much in want of such Persons at the present time.

Letter No. 159

Port Stephens

6th July 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. In the Despatch Box you will receive a Despatch, and also a Box addressed to the Governors & Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company, which I request you will forward by the first opportunity acquainting me by what ship it is sent, and to whose charge the Box is committed.

2nd. I request you will comply with the enclosed Requisition for Stores as early as convenient.

3rd. I enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£130) One Hundred & Thirty Pounds. Should it not be inconvenient to you not to present this Draft for payment 'till the next return of the *Lambton*, I request you will defer doing so, as circumstances have prevented drawing Bills upon the Directors by this Cutter, as I intended.

4th. With reference to the remark in your Letter of the 30th ultimo, that "the Vouchers for the Sum of £10.9.0 shall be forwarded so soon as you obtain from the Accountant the Items of which that sum is composed", I beg to observe that the Accountant, has no knowledge whatever of the items in question, except what he obtained from your previous Letter of the 17th ultimo, in which you set down that Sum has having been paid on account of the Company for "Freight of Wheat from Launceston" having previously remarked that "Vouchers are enclosed" for that and other similar payments. The Voucher for that payment, namely the Receipt of the party to whom the payment was made, having been omitted to be enclosed the Accountant requires the omission to be rectified, and the Voucher sent, before credit can be given for the amount.

5th. I request you will inform me very particularly by the next Cutter, when the *Australia* may be confidently expected to sail for England.

W. E. Parry.

PS. You will not find the abovementioned Box & Despatch addressed to the Governors & Directors in the Despatch Box; Sir

Edward Parry in a Memorandum from Newcastle, having desired that they be given into the charge of Mr Corlette, together with another Despatch, making in all One Box and Two Despatches, to enable him to put them on board the *Dunvegan Castle*, if he should meet that Vessel coming out, as the *Lambton* goes into Port Jackson. Should this not happen, Mr Corlette will deliver the whole to you to be duly forwarded.

Alexander Nisbet
Port Stephens
8th July 1830

Letter No. 160

Port Stephens
6th July 1830

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith return my Banking Book with the Bank of Australia as Commissioner for the Australian Agricultural Company.

I beg to acquaint you that, in consequence of my being called away from the Settlement by unavoidable business, I am for the present prevented drawing Bills, as I had intended, upon the Governors & Directors, for Two Thousand Pounds, which, however, you may depend on receiving by the next return of the *Lambton*.

Letter No. 161

Newcastle
8th July 1830

Honorable A. McLeay

Sir,

1st. With reference to the 1st and 2nd Conditions relating to the Coal-Fields about to be granted to the Australian Agricultural Company, at or near this place, I have to request that in order to assist me in the Selection of this Grant, His Excellency the Governor, will be pleased to permit my being furnished with such information, (either in the shape of a Plan or other wise) as may point out the portions of land, at or near Newcastle, which are already located.

2nd. Should a Plan be furnished me for this purpose, which I should prefer, I request that it may be a tolerably large Scale; and I beg to add that if it should be more convenient to allow me only the loan of such a Plan, I could have it copied by the Company's Surveyor, and returned in a few days.

3rd. It may be proper for me to remark that the Plan of the Township of Newcastle which Mr Buchanan has obligingly shewn to me here, is considered by him as too full of errors to be of much practical use; as it is impossible to depend upon its accuracy in fixing upon any spot, without incurring the risk of future litigation.

4th. The lines which it is especially requisite for my purpose, to have accurately and indisputably defined, are

1st The Boundary of the located water-frontage and,

2nd The Western Boundary of the located land.

5th. I request you will do me the favor to address your reply to Port Stephens, and have the honor to be...

Letter No. 162

Port Stephens
8th July 1830

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1st. I request you will purchase for the use of the Colliers in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company 12lbs of Colonial Tobacco, provided the price be not above 1/8 per lb; but only 6 lbs, if exceeding that price, sending it per *Lord Liverpool*, addressed to Mr Henderson at Newcastle, by the next opportunity, and inserting it in the next Invoice sent to me at Port Stephens.

2nd. I have also to request you will inform me per next *Lambton* by what conveyance the Company's Steam Engines may best be sent to Newcastle, consistently with due regard for economy; as it is my intention as soon as I receive from you an intimation when any such conveyance can be had, immediately to send the Engineer to Sydney, to see the Engines shipped.

3rd. The Engines being now wanted at Newcastle, I request you will give me the earliest information on this subject, stating also at what rate the conveyance may be effected. The Tarpaulins &c will, of course, accompany the Engines.

Letter No. 163

Port Stephens

9th July 1830

Mr William Owen Davies
Parramatta

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 30th ultimo, expressing you wish to receive some appointment in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens.

I reply I beg to assure you that there is no situation in the Company's Establishment which I can offer for your acceptance; and I therefore regret that it will not be in my power to comply with your request.

Letter No. 164

Port Stephens

9th July 1830

The Reverend Dr Halloran
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 4th ultimo, which should have received an earlier reply, but for my absence from Port Stephens for some weeks after its date.

The Subject of your Communication is one in which I take the most lively interest, and to which my best attention was directed immediately on my arrival in this Colony. I regret to add, however, that the arrangements already made, or now in progress, will not allow me to accept the offer of your Services. A School has already been established at this Settlement for the last Two Months, and, I am happy to say, is going on as prosperously as I could wish. I may add, on this part of the Subject, that, as it is only the Elementary Branches of Education which are required at Port Stephens, abilities like yours would have been wholly thrown away here. All the Children, except one or two out of Fifty, now at the School, are of the lower Class; a considerable number beginning from *a. b. c.*; and it is not intended to go beyond reading, writing and arithmetic with any of the rest.

With respect to the Religious Instruction of the Company's Servants, it is only necessary to state that as an arrangement for that express purpose is in progress between the Home Government and the Directors, I do not feel myself at liberty to make any appointment of this nature; and as I find that my own duties do not prevent my attending in some degree to this all-important object, I am, for the present, satisfied to await the more permanent arrangement to which I have just alluded.

Under all these circumstances, which I have, on every account, considered it right candidly to explain to you, I trust you will perceive how entirely it is out of my power to comply with your wishes. I can only, therefore, offer you my best acknowledgements for the proposal you have made, and regret that it is not in my power to accede to it.

Letter No. 165

Port Stephens
12th July 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to report to you the Death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants to the Australian Agricultural Company, who was murdered by a Party of Blacks, on the 9th instant whilst employed as Watchman at a Hut on one of the Company Sheep-Stations near the River Karuah.

James Tongue,
Manlius, 7 Years

Enclosed is the Surgeon's Report of the appearance of the Corpse after Death.

Letter No. 166

Port Stephens
14th July 1830

Mr Sawkins
Carrington

Mr Sawkins,

1st. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th instant complaining of not being allowed to accompany Dr Nisbet

into the Bush, and also of the Duties which are now required of you in the Company's Service.

2nd. With respect to the first of these complaints, I believe you are aware that if Mr Wetherman could possibly have dispensed with your assistance, I should gladly have allowed you to form one of Dr Nisbet's party; but I should think you must also be aware how impossible, under the present circumstances, it is for Mr Wetherman to have done so.

3rd. In regard to your Second cause of Complaint, I must remark that I have no means at present of employing you as I wish, and as was originally contemplated – simply because a Miller cannot be employed in his proper business without a Mill, but I conceive you are quite in error in supposing that you would, by your agreement, be entitled to your present Salary, if unemployed at all; inasmuch as you are bound by that Agreement, to “execute, do and perform all and whatsoever shall be required of you” by the Company's Principal Agent.

4th. I can only add, therefore, that until a Mill is built, I have no other employment for you than that in which you are now engaged; & if this is so irksome to you, that are no longer willing to perform it, I know of no other alternative left for me or for you, but your discharge from the Company's Service, to which, (altho' I by no means desire it) I shall not refuse to consent, if you wish it.

Letter No. 167

Port Stephens
15th July 1830

The Venerable The Arch Deacon of New South Wales

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 21st of May; which I should sooner have done but for my absence from this Settlement; of which circumstance you have already been informed by Dr Nisbet.

I now beg to offer you my best acknowledgements for the lively interest you have been pleased to express, in regard to the Spiritual instruction and welfare of the Community placed under my Controul, and I gladly avail myself of your permission to communicate with you on this most important subject.

I have no hesitation in expressing a confident belief that the appointment of a zealous Clergyman to this District of the Colony would, in every point of view, as well temporal as spiritual, be the highest boon which could possibly be conferred upon the People and therefore upon the Company whose Servants they are. The low state of religious and moral feeling which, generally speaking, is apparent upon the Company's Estate, has been a matter of constant and painful anxiety to me ever since my arrival; and tho' I trust that there is now some prospect of a gradual improvement, I feel assured that no blessing can be expected to attend our exertions to promote the Interests of the Company, until Religion and Morality are more regarded among us, than they are at present.

As it will, I am sure, be interesting to you to know what means I have endeavoured to employ for the promotion of this object, I shall offer no apology for entering a little into detail respecting them, These are,

1st. The distribution of a considerable number of Bibles, Prayer Books & other Religious Publications. These have been eagerly sought after, and, I trust and believe, are producing some beneficial effects. The demand is still going on, and is likely to exceed our present supply, which was a very large one, from the Societies at home.

2nd. The Regular Performance of Divine Worship on Sundays at each of the Company's Three Principal Stations, Carrington, Stroud and Booral; at Carrington by myself twice each Sunday, with a Sermon at each Service. I am now about to make arrangements for occasionally performing myself the Service at Stroud (21 miles distant) and at Booral (15 miles distant).

3rd. The prevention of any violation of the Sabbath, as far as I possess the power to prevent it I attribute must of the present indifference to Religious Duties, to the entire neglect of the Sabbath which at a former period prevailed here.

4th. The frequent visiting by Lady Parry and myself of the different Cottages, for the purpose of reading the Scriptures to those who cannot read themselves; and with the hope of impressing upon the people the importance of their Religious and Moral Duties, and the necessity of making the Bible the Rule for their Conduct. We hope shortly to receive some assistance in this duty.

5th. The Establishment of a School at Carrington, under a competent Master & Mistress, in which about Fifty Children are now receiving tuition, the Bible being made the basis of

their Education. The state of ignorance, idleness, and (in some instances), vice, in which we found the Children, is almost incredible. The School goes on prosperously and will prove, I trust, an extensive and permanent benefit.

I need scarcely assure you, Sir, how thankful we should be for the assistance of a Clergyman in promoting all these essential objects; and it was with this view that I was so anxious to obtain, in the absence of any regular Minister the Services of Lieutenant Wood as a Catechist. It is proper for me, however, to repeat, what I before mentioned to you in conversation, that an arrangement is, in progress at home, between the Secretary of State and the Directors of the Company, for the appointment and support of a Clergyman, expressly for the Company's Estate. Under these circumstances, you will perhaps think it better to defer the appointment of any Minister here, even if you had the means of appointing one. I can only assure you that, until this privilege can be afforded us, no effort of mine shall be wanting to supply this deficiency.

After what I have said above, I need scarcely add with what sincere gratification we are looking forward to a visit from yourself, whenever your arrangements will allow you to come to Port Stephens. The administration of the Sacraments is very much required. A great many children, some of them three or four years old, were un-baptised on my arrival. I consider it my duty to baptise them, but it would be every way satisfactory to do so anew, whenever you come. I have selected a spot for a Church, Burying-Ground, & Clergyman's House, and have written to consult the Company's Solicitor as to the Power I possess to alienate the ground for these purposes.

I regretted to find that the *Crocodile's* unexpected departure was likely to deprive us for some time of the benefit of your Services at Port Stephens. Perhaps when the Spring has somewhat advanced and the weather improved, you may be induced to make the Voyage in the *Lambton*, which will always be at your Service.

I shall feel greatly obliged by any further Communication from you on the subject of this Letter, and I have the honor to remain...

Letter No. 168

Port Stephens

21st July 1830

Mr W. H. Peppercorne
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, offering the Services of your Cousin, Mr James Sea, to fill the situation of Clerk to the Coal-Works at Newcastle about to belong to the Australian Agricultural Company, I beg to acquaint you that as the Directors have sent out a Gentleman from England expressly for that purpose, it will be not in my power to accept the Services of Mr James Sea.

Letter No. 169

Port Stephens

21st July 1830

Mr Henry Douglas [sic]
No. 91 George St
Sydney

Sir,

It being my intention to offer for sale a number of Rams, of pure French and Saxon Breeds, belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, I request you will take the necessary steps for this purpose.

I beg you will without delay engage a Paddock, with a Shed in it, as near Sydney, as good grass can be obtained for a fortnight from the 1st of September next, where the Rams will be kept for inspection and sale by private Contract; Cash or such Produce as the Company may require, being taken in payment on delivery of the Rams.

There will be Forty French and Twenty Saxon Rams, and they will be divided into two Classes, the prices of which respectively, Mr Hall will communicate to you when he brings the Sheep to Sydney. Samples of the wool will be shortly sent to you for the inspection of the Public.

I request you will immediately cause a proper Advertisement to be put into the *Sydney Gazette* and *Australian Newspapers*, state

the above circumstances and where the Paddock is situated; to which should be added that a Sale by Auction of 25 French and 15 Saxon Rams will also take place at Wallis' Plains about the 1st of October (if you think that Season will be a proper one) the Rams being on the Ground for inspection a Week before hand. As Mr Hall must attend the Sheep in both cases, sufficient time must be allowed for him to return to Port Stephens, and thence to Wallis' Plains.

I further request you will inform me, by return of the *Lambton*, what steps you have taken, and intend taking, on this subject.

Letter No. 170

Port Stephens
22nd July 1830

Thomas McVitie
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith return to you Bills of the Governors & Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds, to be disposed of on my account.

With reference to your Letter of the 15th instant, I beg to acquaint you that I have, by this Cutter, made an arrangement with the late Colonial Committee of the Company for the liquidation of the amount of the Drafts upon the Bank of Australia, presented, and to be presented, on their account, amounting to (£514.15.7) Five Hundred & Fourteen Pounds, fifteen shillings & seven pence.

I return herewith my Bank Book...

Letter No. 171

Port Stephens

21st July 1830

James Bowman }
H. H. McArthur } Esqs
&c &c &c

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to refer you to the annexed Extract from a Letter addressed to me by the Managing Director of the Bank of Australian on the subject of your account (as Agents for the Australian Agricultural Company) with that Establishment.

I have caused the amount drawn upon you at Port Stephens, under your Authority, beyond the funds deposited, to be ascertained, and have the Honor to enclose a Bill, drawn out in Triplicate, upon the Directors in your favor to answer the amount (£514.15.7) thus due, and to become due, on your account, which I request you will endorse over to Mr McVitie whom, as will as the Directors, I have apprised of the mode thus taken to settle your account with the Bank of Australia.

Extract from Mr McVitie's Letter dated 15th July 1830

I beg to acquaint you of the Balance standing against the late Committee of the Australian Agricultural Company adverted to in my letter of the 20th May last, & Have to request that an arrangement may be entered into for its liquidation, as the Sum carries Interest with it, which is not charged in the Company's Current Account.

Letter No. 172

Port Stephens

20th July 1830

Honorable Alexander McLeay
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that a daring Robbery having been committed at this Settlement, on Sunday Evening the 18th instant, during the performance of Divine Service I thought it proper immediately to publish and circulate the Notice of which a copy is herewith enclosed.

Patrick Sheridan, an Assigned Servant to the Company has been committed for trial, on the evidence of two children who were in the House at the time of the Robbery. The two Orders on the Bank alluded to in my Notice have since been found, buried near the Prisoners' Camp at this Settlement, and there is reason to believe that the rest of the Money is disposed of in a similar manner.

Letter No. 173

Port Stephens
27th July 1830

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose to you an Order on the Bank of Australia for (£250) Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Items contained in the last Invoice; the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

2nd. I also enclose a Requisition for Stores, and an Invoice of Wheat to be ground; to both of which I request your early attention.

3rd. In the Despatch Box you will find a packet for Mr McVitie, and one for the late Colonial Committee of the Company. Both of these containing Bills on the Directors, I request you will cause them to be safely delivered.

4th. Whenever, in future, a Requisition is made from Port Stephens, for Tobacco, I request that you will consider it as meaning Colonial Tobacco; it being my intention to purchase no more foreign Tobacco for the use of the Company.

5th. I am desirous of knowing, as early as possible, when and how the Company's Steam-Engines can be conveyed to Newcastle, as stated in my Letter to you of the 8th Current.

6th. I request you will inform me about what day the *Australia* is likely to sail.

7th. Understanding that Gregson's *Mercantile Prices Current & Advertiser* have been published some time ago, I beg to refer you to the 4th paragraph of my Letter of 1st April, requesting that two copies of that Publication may be regularly transmitted to me for the use of the Company.

Letter No. 174

Port Stephens

27th July 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Understanding from Mr Barton, Accountant to the A. A. Company that you have once before obligingly filled up the accompanying List of Prisoners assigned as Servants to the Company, with such Particulars respecting them, as he has not otherwise been able to obtain, I take the liberty of sending you the Book again, & shall esteem it an obligation if you will do me the same favor on this occasion, if not inconvenient, or contrary to your Regulations on this head.

Letter No. 175

Port Stephens

28th July 1830

John Henderson Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

1st. Herewith you will receive, per *Lambton*, a quantity of Colliery Apparatus, and of Stationery for the Coal Department (according to the Enclosed List) the receipt of which you will duly acknowledge.

2nd. Mr Stafford, the Gentleman at the head of the Commissariat Department at Newcastle, having obligingly consented to receive our Steam Engines into the Government Stores, you will, if necessary, request him to allow the Articles now sent to be deposited there for the present, and until you can put them into safe custody elsewhere. I enclose a Letter to Mr Stafford to that effect.

3rd. You will send by the *Lambton* (which vessel is not to be detained an hour longer than necessary) the Reports of your Proceedings, as well as Andrew Turnbull's Plan and Specifications of the Threshing-Machine required at Port Stephens.

4th. I wish you to inform me whether you see any objection to our taking the present Coal-Works immediately into the hands of

the Company, provided the Government agrees to my proposal of lodging & victualling the men in the same manner as at present.

5th. Mr Beattie's Agreement for letting your house and a Mis-sent Letter, both alluded to in your Letter of the 12th current, were not received in that Communication.

Letter No 176

Port Stephens
29th July 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. It having been the practice at Port Stephens for the Officers and other Indented Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company to employ the Prisoners as Assigned Servants to the Company, during those hours which are not considered 'working hours', and this practice, in the degree to which it has been carried, being very injurious, inasmuch as it supplies the Prisoners with Money (independently of their Employers) which money is generally spent in drinking, & therefore tends to create disturbances, and to impair the vigour of the men.

2nd. I request you will inform me, what legal measures I may pursue against those persons who (contrary to any Notice I may publish) persist in thus employing the Company's Servants, without permission first obtained from me.

3rd. With respect to the Prisoners themselves, I have of course a right to insist on their not working for any but their Masters; but this would be of little avail, if the Free People should be disposed (as some of them undoubtedly would be) to encourage them in infringing my Regulations on this head.

4th. I shall be obliged by your favoring me with an early reply to this communication, as it is my intention to put some check upon the practice in question, and I do not wish to proceed on it 'till I ascertain how the Law stands upon this subject.

Letter No. 177

Port Stephens

9th August 1830

Hon. A. Macleay Esq.

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a lately published Chart of some of the newly discovered Passages through the Barrier Reefs on the North-Eastern Coast of Australia, which may perhaps prove beneficial to the Navigation of this Colony.

I request you will give directions for the Chart being returned to me, when done with, as only one copy has been transmitted to me from the Hydrographical Office at the Admiralty.

Letter No. 178

Port Stephens

9th August 1830

Frederick Boucher Esq.

Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th ultimo just received, I beg to acquaint you that it will not suit the purposes of the A. A. Company to accept the Tender made by your brother of your Premises at Newcastle.

Letter No. 179

Port Stephens

9th August 1830

Henry Douglas [sic] Esq.

Sydney

Sir,

I herewith transmit to you, per *Lambton*, a Box containing Sixty Samples of the Wool of those French and Saxon Rams belonging to the A. A. Company which, according to my desire you acquaint me with having advertised for Sale.

I propose embarking the Rams at Port Stephens for Sydney about the 24th instant, under the charge of Mr Charles Hall.

P.S. I enclose particulars of each sample.

Letter No. 180

Port Stephens
10th August 1830

Mr John Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

With reference to your late Reports of your Proceedings at Newcastle, I have to desire that you will, until I can make the numerous arrangements you now appear to require, continue to employ your Men in boring, or otherwise as may be most conducive to the objects we have in view. I hope to be able to visit Newcastle myself in the course of the next week.

The Steam-Engines may be expected at Newcastle in a few days.

Letter No. 181

Port Stephens
11th August 1830

Henry Dangar Esq.

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday I beg to acquaint you that I am quite aware of the confined nature of the Quarters at present assigned to you, and it shall be my endeavour, as soon as lies in my power, to render you more comfortable in this respect.

With this view, it is my intention that you should occupy Mr Burnett's present house, so soon as his family can be removed to Booral. In the meantime, I will do all I can, to render your present habitation more comfortable to your family.

With respect to an Office, I regret that I have none to furnish you with; and as your present duties in the way of drawing are very trifling, I do not think it of much importance. At all event, you are, in this respect, only in the same situation with myself, it being necessary for me to occupy as an office, for the transactions

of all the Company's business, the only sitting-room in Tahlee House.

P.S. Should you have any difficulty in finishing the Duplicate Map of your Journey to the North of the Manning by 9 tomorrow morning, I request you will send the Original to me tonight, to be copied in my Office.

Letter No. 182

Port Stephens
11th August 1830

T. Nowlan Esq.
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your two Letters of the 23rd of July, and 5th of August respectively, which were received at the same time on the 7th instant, I beg to acquaint you that I have no objection to receiving (in this particular instance) the twenty bushels of Spring-Wheat alluded to in your Communications, at the Sydney Market Price (as quoted); provided the Balance be paid in Cash, with Interest at the rate of 8 per cent from the time of the money becoming due.

I have enclosed a Copy of this Communication to Mr Douglas [sic], and requested him to act accordingly.

Letter No. 183

Port Stephens
11th August 1830

Henry Douglas [sic] Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose, for your information, a Copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to Mr T. Nowlan, in reply to an earnest request on his part to be allowed to furnish, as part-payment of his Debt of £45 to the A. A. Company, twenty bushels of Spring-Wheat, now lying at Mr Bunn's Stores.

If you see no objection to this arrangement, I request you will inform Mr Bunn, that he may cause the wheat to be shipped on board the *Lambton* without delay.

Letter No. 184

Port Stephens
12th August 1830

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£220) Two Hundred & Twenty pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Items contained in your last Invoice per *Lambton*.

2nd. I return by the *Lambton* ten bags of the flour, and five of the bran received by her, the whole of which is so infamously dressed, or rather, not dressed at all that, if we were not in actual want of it, I should have returned it all. To prevent a continuance of this shameless imposition upon the Company, I have now sent Mr Sawkins, the Company's Miller, to superintend the grinding of the *Lambton's* present cargo of Wheat (according to the enclosed Invoice); and I have to request that you will employ some other Miller for this purpose than the one who has acted thus dishonestly.

3rd. I also, herewith return the whole of the Boots received per *Lambton*, which are not according to the Sample previously sent, nor worth more than half the price of those for which I agreed. The Sample-pair appear to me to have been purposely kept back; at all events the transaction is a knavish one in some quarter or other, and I am determined that the Company shall not be thus imposed upon.

4th. I request you will obtain an Explanation of both these Transactions, with which it is my intention to acquaint the Directors, in addition to former instances; that they may see how their business is done in this Colony. I feel satisfied that, in no other part of the world, would such transactions be tolerated for one moment. (*Thus far to Directors, August 12th, Enclosure to Despatch No. 27*)

5th. I request that you will not pay the Miller who ground the last Wheat (of which I now complain) but send his Account to me; in order that the Company's Solicitor may be consulted on the occasion.

6th. Should Mr Sawkins require a few shillings for any Expences he may incur on this occasion, I request you will furnish him therewith.

7th. I herewith return the *Sydney Gazette* Account; and request you will settle the Account for the last Quarter (£5.8.5). As relates to the remainder, I must refer you to my letter No. 68, dated the 16th of April, which contains all the information that can be procured at Port Stephens on this subject.

8th. James Steel, the Company's Engineer, goes by the *Lambton* to Sydney, for the purpose of superintending the embarkation of the Company's Steam-Engines on board the *Norval*, the tender for which vessel I request you will accept, upon the terms detailed in your Letter to me of the 24th ultimo, consigning the Engines &c to Mr Henderson at Newcastle, and acquainting him with so much of the Conditions of the Contract as he will have to fulfil there.

9th. With reference to the twenty Bushels of Spring-Wheat delivered into your Warehouse by Mr T. Nowlan, I beg to acquaint you that I have, by this Cutter, communicated with Mr Douglas [sic] on this subject, explaining the terms on which I consent to receive this wheat. Should Mr Douglas apply to you to have it shipped, I request you will do so without delay. It must, however, be distinctly understood (and this you had better explain to Mr Douglas) that the Company must not be put to the expence of one farthing for warehousing or shipping it.

10th. I have received, per *Lambton*, the model of a Wool-press from Dr Bowman, and request you will offer that Gentleman my acknowledgements for the same, when opportunity offers.

11th. I enclose a Requisition for Stores wanted at Port Stephens, to which I beg your early attention.

12th. I request you will put James Steel in the way of obtaining board and lodging at the cheapest possible rate, should he be detained in Sydney after the Cutter's departure, and that you will settle any reasonable account of this kind, on behalf of the Company.

P.S. The following numbers, of the *Sydney Gazette* and *Australian* newspapers respectively have not been received at Port Stephens.

The *Sydney Gazette*, Nos 1820, 1834, 1835 & 1840
The *Australian*, Nos 511 to 517 inclusive.

Letter No. 185

Port Stephens
13th August 1830

Henry Douglas [sic] Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In addition to the advertisements respecting the Sale of Rams belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, which you have already published in the Newspapers, I request you will also cause the enclosed to be immediately inserted, six times in the *Sydney Gazette*, and six times in either of the other Newspapers.

-oOo-

The Australian Agricultural Company hereby give Notice that they intend to offer for Sale this Season One Hundred Pure-bred French and Saxon Merino Rams – as follows:

40 French }
20 Saxon } at Sydney by Private Contract
25 French }
15 Saxon } at Wallis' Plains by Auction

The Animals may be inspected at Sydney on and after the 1st of September and at Wallis' Plains on and after the 4th of October.

Samples of the Wool may be seen, & the prices ascertained upon application, to Mr Henry Douglas, George Street, Sydney.

Letter No. 186

Port Stephens
10th August 1830

Charles Beal and William Cowell
Carrington

Charles Beal and William Cowell,

On the receipt of your Letter of the 30th ultimo, I directed Mr Barton to draw up a Statement of the Value of your present allowances from the Company, which I find to be as follows:

Wages	£55
Allowance for Extra Rations	£11
Rations for yourselves & families	£40.10
Dairy Produce	£8
House-rent & firing	£20
Insurance on Lives £200 each	£6
Total	<u>£140.10</u>

By this it appears that the Promise which you state as having been made to you by the Directors, has long ago been made good, inasmuch as you receive the value of about £20 per annum beyond what is specified in your Agreements, namely for Extra Rations, Dairy Produce, and Firing, all of which you have omitted to mention, but which, in my opinion, ought never to have been generally allowed gratis to the Company's Servants except for very particular Services & good conduct.

I must also remind you of the advantage you derive from having a School for your Children, for which you only pay at present about One half of what it costs.

It is my duty also to take into the Account the Expense the Company were at in sending you out to this Country, namely about £130 each, amounting to £26 per annum for your Seven years.

Thus it appears that you each cost the Company about £168 per annum.

Under these circumstances I cannot possibly grant you any encrease of Salary, being decidedly of opinion that the Company is already paying very dearly for your Services.

With respect to making you an Allowance as a Gratuity, I have to observe that I cannot admit to the principle of giving Gratuities to the Company's Servants merely for the performance of their duties. Where an Extra duty is performed, as in the case of Cowell's mustering the Prisoners, it is a different thing, and in this case I have already made allowance for this Extra Service.

Letter No. 187

Newcastle, New South Wales

18th August 1830

The Commander of the Ship *Norval*

Sir,

1st. Understanding that the Ship under your Command is about to take in a Cargo of Coals at this Port for India, I beg leave, as Commissioner for the A. A. Co. (into whose hands the Coal-Works are shortly to be given) to draw your attention to the following circumstances.

2nd. The Coal hitherto raised at this place is by no means of a quality which is likely to command an extensive sale in India, or in any other foreign Market, being full of impurities which render it unfit for the forge or for steam-engines; and it is by no means a good Coal for domestic purposes.

3rd. But, in the course of the operations which have lately been carried on, on behalf of the A. A. Co., in boring for Coal of a better quality, we have succeeded in discovering a thick 'seam' of pure and very superior Coal, which, I have every reason to believe will be largely exported, whenever its qualities become generally known.

4th. With a view to this latter object, and to obviate any unfavourable impression which the inferior quality of the Coal hitherto exported from New South Wales may have created abroad, I shall esteem it an obligation if you will (after having disposed of your present Cargo of Coals) communicate to such Merchants &c as you may be connected with in India, the Observations I have now offered on this subject.

5th. If the Company's Works should be sufficiently advanced before you quit Newcastle, I have directed Mr Henderson, the Company's Superintendent of Coal-Mines, to put on board the *Norval*, for your own use, and as a Sample to take to India, a Bag or two of the superior kind of Coal just discovered.

Letter No. 188

Newcastle
18th August 1830

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

I have to request you will send to Mr Henderson at Newcastle, by the next Voyage of the *Liverpool*, twelve Suits of the usual Slop-Clothing, and twelve Blankets, for the Prisoners employed as Miners by the Company, inserting the same in your next Invoice to Port Stephens.

Letter No. 189

Newcastle
18th August 1830

Hon. Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. I have the Honor to report to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the result of the operations in boring for Coal at this place, which, in pursuance of His Excellency's permission, I have caused to be carried on, on behalf of the A. A. Co., with the hope of finding a Seam of Coal of superior quality to that which has been hitherto raised.

2nd. The first attempt was made in a small water-pit, near the sea-beach, almost abreast of the present Coal-Works, and close to the pits now used for draining them. At the depth of about twelve yards below the present working seam, a seam of very superior coal was found, but not exceeding fifteen inches in thickness. The boring was here continued for 29 yards farther (being forty-one yards below the present working-seam) without coming to any more coal. The boring was therefore discontinued at this place.

3rd. This want of success in finding a 'workable' Seam of Coal at a moderate depth in this neighbourhood, combined with the fact of the numerous 'dykes' and 'troubles' which occur in the present works, and the still more important fact of the impure and unsaleable quality of the Coal now raised, render it, in Mr Henderson's opinion, inexpedient, and indeed useless, for the Company to avail themselves of the permission granted by His

Majesty's Government, to include the present Works in the intended Grant. In this opinion I cannot but agree, as far as the examination hitherto made will enable me to form a judgement; and I therefore consider it my duty to take the earliest opportunity of informing you that the present Works will, in all probability, not be selected as a part of the Company's Grant. On this point I hope to inform you definitively in the course of two or three weeks.

4th. The next place to which our operations have been directed, and in which, within the last fortnight, boring has been carried on in not less than thirty different spots, is the flat ground to the Westward of the town, and considerably beyond the limits of the located portions of land, as shewn in the plan with which I have been furnished. Favourable as the surface of the ground here is, for conveying Coals to the sea-side, I regret to say that we have found almost the whole of it to consist of a quick-sand, in which it would be impracticable to sink a shaft, or erect an engine, without very considerable expense. The circumstance of this sand being sea-sand, and of sea-shells being found in it, seems to render it probable that this whole space has once been covered by the Sea.

5th. On ascertaining these facts, Mr Henderson next directed his attention to a rising ground to the Southward of this flat (or about half a mile S60°W from the present works) which has every appearance of having been the former boundary of the Sea. Here we have succeeded in getting clear of the quicksand, and at a depth of only eleven yards have discovered a Seam of pure Coal, and five feet in thickness.

6th. This being the most favourable discovery hitherto made of Coal in this immediate neighbourhood, I have now great hopes of being enabled shortly to determine where the Company's Works may be commenced with advantage.

7th. For this purpose, I request the permission of His Excellency immediately to sink a pit in some situation near this spot, for the purpose of ascertaining in the most ready and decided manner, the 'dip' of this seam, as well as to enable us to bore lower from the bottom of the pit when made. It will likewise be necessary to have permission to erect upon the spot such buildings as are requisite for the security of the tools and materials employed.

8th. I have to request that Six more Men, who have been accustomed to handle a 'pick', may be assigned to the Company for this purpose, with as little delay as possible. Mark Fletcher, the

Miner whom you informed me was directed to be transferred to the Company, has not yet made his appearance here.

9th. Our Steam-Engines being now on the point of being shipped from Sydney, I have further to request that the Superintendent of Convicts at Newcastle may be directed to lend us the assistance of a Cart or two for landing them here, if the Public Service will permit.

10th. I shall be obliged by your addressing your Reply under Cover to Mr Henderson at Newcastle, in order that no time may be lost in carrying the proposed Plans into execution.

Letter No. 190

Port Stephens
16th August 1830

Major Mitchell
Surveyor-General

Sir,

With reference to the Plan of Newcastle, which I had lately the Honor to receive from your Office, I request you will be good enough to inform me whether the Compass therein inserted accords with the true, or with the magnetic meridian; and if the latter, what is considered to be the variation of the magnetic needle at this place.

Letter No. 191

Port Stephens
26th August 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 14th instant, and to inform you that the Five Prisoners therein stated as assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company, together with the Prisoner named in the Margin, returned from Hospital, have landed on the Company's Estate.

Jonathon Dowse,
John 1

Letter No. 192

Port Stephens
26th August 1830

Charles Telfair Esq.
Mauritius

Sir,

1st. Understanding that there is a ship about to leave Port Jackson for the Mauritius, I beg leave, as Commissioner for the Australian Agricultural Company (into whose hands the Coal Works are shortly to be given) to draw your attention to the following circumstances.

2nd. The Coal hitherto raised at this place is by no means of a quality which is likely to command an extensive sale in any Foreign Market, being full of impurities which render it unfit for the Forge or for Steam Engines; and it is by no means a good Coal for domestic purposes.

3rd. But, in the course of the operations which have lately been carried on, on behalf of the Australian Agricultural Company in boring for Coal of a better quality, we have succeeded in discovering a thick 'seam' of pure and very superior Coal which I have every reason to believe will be largely exported, whenever its qualities become known.

4th. With a view to the latter object, & to obviate any unfavourable impressions which the inferior quality of the Coal hitherto exported from New South Wales may have created abroad, I shall esteem it an obligation if you will communicate to such Merchants &c as you may be connected with in the Isle of France, the observations I have now offered on this subject.

5th. I beg to add that I shall esteem it a favor if you will furnish me with any other observations you may have to offer on the subject of the Coals, in addition to your Replies to the Queries contained in my letter of the 27 April, of which a Duplicate is now enclosed.

Letter No. 193

Port Stephens
27th August 1830

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith return you my Banking Book as Commissioner for the Australian Agricultural Company.

I beg to acquaint you that Mr Barton the Accountant to the Company proceeds to Sydney by this voyage of the *Lambton*, and that he will be ready to communicate with you upon any matters of current Business relative to the affairs of the Company.

Letter No. 194

Port Stephens
27th August 1830

Mr Weaver
Coach Builder
Sydney

Sir,

The Bearer, Mr Barton, has my directions to use during his stay at Sydney, and afterwards to embark for Port Stephens, the Dog-Cart belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, lately repaired by you. I have, therefore, to request that you will deliver the same to Mr Barton, on his making application for it.

Letter No. 195

Port Stephens
27th August 1830

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 28th ultimo requesting that I will recommend some Man to be appointed to the situation of Government Constable at Stroud, I beg to acquaint you that neither Mr Donelan nor myself have been able to hear of any

person qualified for that Situation; and I have therefore to request that you will move His Excellency the Governor, to be pleased to appoint any person whom he may think fit.

Letter No. 196

Port Stephens
28th August 1830

The Commander of the Ship

[annotated: *The Despatches alluded to were delivered for the Roslyn Castle thro' the Post Office, being in time for the mail for Mauritius, the letter was therefore not made use of.*]

Sir,

Understanding that you are proceeding immediately to the Mauritius, I take the liberty to place under your care the accompanying Packet addressed to the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Co. and to request that you will oblige me by delivering it to the Post Master at that place for conveyance by the first opportunity from thence to England.

Letter No. 197

Port Stephens
28th August 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

Referring to the verbal communications I have recently made to you upon the Affairs of the A. A. Co. I have now to request that you will proceed to Sydney for the purpose of carrying my Instructions into effect.

You are hereby authorised to collect all Monies due to the Company and to make such arrangements in furtherance of the general business, as under my direction before alluded to you may think necessary.

Letter No. 198

Port Stephens
28th August 1830

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£250) Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Several Items contained in the last Invoice per *Lambton*.

2nd. The whole of the Flour therein mentioned has not been received, but I conclude it is intended to be sent by the next voyage of the Cutter.

3rd. I enclose an Invoice of Wheat now sent to be ground, and Mr Sawkins will, as on the last occasion, accompany the Wheat, to see that no fraud, similar to those lately practised upon the Company, takes place on this occasion.

4th. I likewise enclose a Requisition for Stores, to which I request your early attention.

5th. James Steel will return by this Cutter to Sydney, to be present at the embarkation of the Steam-Engines for Newcastle, on board the *Nereus*, as you state that this Vessel will be ready to start about the 5th proximo. I request you will attend to the wishes I have intimated in my last Communication to you, respecting the expenses of Steel and Mr Sawkins.

6th. I beg leave to advise you of Mr Barton's going to Sydney by this Cutter, and that he will be ready to communicate with you on any matters of Current Business relative to the Company's Concerns, upon which a verbal communication may appear to be desirable.

7th. I request you will send per next *Lambton* the Stores belonging to the Company, arrived per *Lady Rowena*, and which have been consigned to your care by Mr Brickwood.

P.S. The *Lambton* having been unavoidably detained by contrary Winds, Mr Barton has proceeded to Sydney by land.

W. E. Parry, Port Stephens, 11 Sept.

Letter No. 199

Port Stephens
28th August 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Australian Agricultural Company are still in want of a considerable number of Men, without which the measures I have in view for the promotion of the Company's Interests will be much cramped and impeded. Understanding that several Convict-ships are now expected in this Colony, I beg you will do me the favor to convey my earnest request to be furnished, as soon as possible, with the following men, namely:

Carpenters	Three
Sawyers	Four
Wheelwrights	Two
Blacksmiths	Two
Horse-Shoers	Two
Shoe-makers	Two
Agricultural Labourers	Thirty
Shepherds	Fifteen
Bricklayers	Two
Clerks	Two

Letter No. 200

Port Stephens
28th August 1830

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose, for your information, a Statement of the Case of Patrick Blake, an Assigned Servant of the A. A. Co. who is now forwarded by the *Lambton* to Sydney, & whom I request you will receive into Hospital.

Letter No. 201

Port Stephens
2nd September 1830

W. Burnett

Sir,

With respect to your letter of the 31st ultimo to Sir W. E. Parry, I have to inform you that the Magistrate will be at Stroud on Monday when the Offender Richard Dodd can be brought before him.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 202

Newcastle
15th September 1830

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th ultimo.

2nd. I have to request you will be pleased to give directions to the Superintendent of Convicts to lodge and ration the Six Men intended to be assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company for the Coal-Works here, in the same manner as those already so employed.

3rd. I beg leave, at the same time, to draw your attention to the extravagant Ration which is issued to the Government Coal Miners at this place, considering the Work they perform. Their task of 2½ tons per man, is actually completed daily about noon, sometimes even earlier than this; and yet they receive a Ration and a half! Understanding that you have lately required an Account of these issues to the Miners, I am induced to request that His Excellency may be pleased to cause this extravagant allowance to be reduced, previously to the Coal Works coming into the Company's hands; since it will be impossible for me subsequently to sanction so unjust a Regulation; and I should therefore apprehend some insubordination among the Miners, unless the reduction in question were made by the Government.

4th. Under these circumstances, I request you will do me the Honor to bring the case under the Notice of His Excellency for his consideration and decision.

5th. I shall be obliged by your addressing your Reply to my Request contained in the 2nd Paragraph of this Letter, under cover to Mr Henderson at Newcastle.

P.S. It may be proper to add that a request lately made by me to the Superintendent of Convicts here to allow the Company's 5 Men a Ration and a half was in consequence of their doing very laborious Work from Sunrise to Sunset.

Letter No. 203

Newcastle
15th September 1830

George Bunn
Sydney

Sir,

In addition to the Slop Clothing transmitted to Mr Henderson at Newcastle I request you will forward to him, as soon as possible, on account of the Australian Agricultural Company, 12 pairs of Shoes, such as those lately supplied to the Establishment at Port Stephens inserting the same in your next Invoice per *Lambton*.

P.S. 16th September. Should Steel not have returned to Port Stephens before your receipt of this communication, I request you will convey to him my directions to come to Newcastle by the next *Liverpool*, where he will receive further instructions from Mr Henderson.

We find on landing the Steam Engines from the *Nereus*, that one jack-screw, three round pieces of timber for a triangle, and one winch-handle of the portable Crane are wanting. Until Steel's arrival, we cannot ascertain if there are any other deficiencies.

Letter No. 204

Port Stephens
21st September 1830

William Smyth, Simon Kemp and Joseph Watson
Stroud

William Smyth, Simon Kemp and Joseph Watson,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th instant complaining of the Hours of Labour established by my Regulation of the 30th of August, I have to make the following remarks.

The whole time of Labour on the longest day in the year is, by my Regulation, ten hours and a half, being the same as that established throughout England.

But as the Climate is here much warmer than in England it is not possible to attend to the same hours for labour. I have therefore considered it necessary to commence Work earlier, and to allow one hour and a half (and in hot weather, two hours) of rest in the middle of the day, instead of only one hour as in England.

Having consulted the Medical Gentlemen upon the Company's Estate, as to any injurious effects likely to be produced upon the health of the Company's Servants by my Regulations, they report to me that "in their opinion there is no just cause of complaint in the Order referred to", & further, "that as Five Hours and a half is the longest possible time that any person need be without eating, they cannot think the slightest injury can accrue from so short an abstinence; on the contrary that intervening Periods are not more than enough to allow of the Process of Digestion being completed after each Meal."

The complaint you have made as to the inconvenience occasioned by your families by breakfasting so early, appears to me an unjust one. As every family can, and every regular and well conducted family will, be in bed by 9 o'clock, I can see no hardship in their being up in time to prepare and begin their breakfast at a quarter past six. Indeed, early rising is indispensable to health during the hot part of the year.

Under all these circumstances, I see no reason whatever to alter the Regulations respecting the Hours of Labour mentioned in my Order of the 30th ultimo, which were established after the most mature consideration on my part, and a consultation with the Officers of the Company.

I cannot close this Letter without noticing the circumstances of your Letter being signed by Charles Kemp, a boy serving under his father's Agreement with the Company, and who therefore ought not to have been obliged, or allowed, to put his name to the Letter, merely for the sake of obtaining another signature.

Letter No. 204a

A List of the Colonial Proprietors to each of whom a Copy of the 6th Annual Report of the Australian Agricultural Company has been transmitted.

Alexander Berry	Sydney
James Bowman	Sydney
George Bunn	Sydney
John Thomas Campbell, Executor of Robert Campbell	Sydney
Edward Close	Hunter's River
David Grant Forbes	Sydney
Francis W. Forbes	Sydney
Frederick A. Hely	Sydney
John Henderson	Newcastle
Patrick Hill	Liverpool
Reverend Richard Hill	Sydney
Thomas Icely & William Hindson	Sydney
Mrs Penelope Lucas	Parramatta

James Macarthur	Camden
H. H. McArthur	Parramatta
Thomas McVitie	Sydney
Reverend Samuel Marsden	Parramatta
James Murdoch	Van Diemen's Land
Peter Murdoch	Van Diemen's Land
James Norton	Sydney
John Ovens	Sydney
John Oxley (Executors of)	Sydney
George T. Palmer	Parramatta
Robert & Helenus Scott	Glendon, Hunter's River
Alexander B. Sparke	Sydney
John Stephen	Ultimo
Charles Throsby (Executors of)	Glenfield
Edward Wollstonecraft	Sydney

Port Stephens

25th September 1830

Letter No. 205

Port Stephens
25th September 1830

Charles Hall Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22nd instant acquainting me with your Proceedings respecting the Company's Rams offered for sale at Sydney.

In reply I beg to acquaint you that I entirely approve of you not having sold any of the Rams at so low a price as Five Guineas; and I request that you will not dispose of any so much below the value which was affixed to them at Port Stephens.

I also request that you will return in the *Lambton* by her present Voyage, in order that no time may be lost in preparing for the Sale at Wallis' Plains.

I have directed Mr Corlette to return to Port Stephens the moment you have embarked the Stock.

Letter No. 206

Port Stephens
25th September 1830

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Australian Agricultural Company are much in want of the following men:

30 Agricultural Labourers
15 Shepherds
2 Clerks

I request you will do me the favor to convey my earnest desire to be furnished with the above description of Men as soon as possible.

Letter No. 207

Port Stephens
25th September 1830

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 20th instant, and to inform you that the Prisoners therein stated as assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company have landed on their Estate.

Letter No. 208

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

The Editor of the *Sydney Gazette*

Sir,

I request you will insert "three several times [sic] in some conspicuous part of the *Sydney Gazette*", the accompanying Advertizement according to the Law on that subject.

I have also to request that you will correct the Errata, of which I enclose a List, in the Advertizement concerning the Company's Horse 'Grampus'.

Advertisement

Impounded at Carrington, Port Stephens

One Bay Filly, 3 years old, unbranded, supposed to be the Property of Mr G. M. Slade

One Red-poll Cow, White Flanks, brand on the near Thigh illegible, with a Red Male Calf

One Grey Steer, 2 years old, branded as above and supposed to be the Property of Mr Guilding of the Manning

If the above Cattle are not claimed and all Expenses paid within Twenty-one Days from this date they will be sold at the Private Pound of the Company to defray the same.

W. E. Parry

Port Stephens

(To bear the date of the day of publication)

Errata in Advertizement of Horse 'Grampus'

For Venelope read Penelope
For Trumpeter read Trumpator
For Runella read Prunella
For Sharp read Snap
For Darnley read Darley

Letter No. 209

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

Henry Douglas [sic] Esq.
91 George Street

Sir,

1st. In acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 22nd instant, I beg to acquaint you that I quite approve of your altering the Day of Sale for the Company's Rams at Maitland to the 18th proximo for the reasons therein specified. I presume you have posted proper Notices to that effect.

2nd. I also approve of Mr Hall's not having sold any of the Company's Rams at so low a Price as Five Guineas, which is very much below their value; since I do not consider that the distressed state of the times is any criterion for the Company, nor the offer made by Mr Lawson as any inducement to depreciate the Value of the Company's Stock.

Letter No. 210

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales

Sir,

1st. Being desirous of having a small portion of Ground, upon the present Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens, consecrated for the purpose of a Burial-Ground, and of building a Church; and also to set apart a portion of land for a Clergyman's Residence, near the Company's Principal Settlement at Carrington; and finding, from the Company's Solicitor at Sydney,

that the Powers of Attorney with which I am furnished, do not contain an Authority to alienate any land for these desirable purposes,

2nd. I have the Honor to acquaint Your Excellency that I am willing and desirous, on the part of the Company, to give up to His Majesty's Government (in exchange for an equal portion elsewhere, to be subsequently agreed upon) the Piece of Ground specified in the enclosed* Memorandum; should Your Excellency think fit to make it over in perpetuity to the Church for the purposes above detailed.

3rd. I have been more particularly induced to make this proposal at the present time (as the only method I can devise of effecting the object), in consequence of an intimation from the Archdeacon, of his intention shortly to visit Port Stephens; and I am anxious to have the consecration performed during his visit.

** Enclosure to the Letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor*

Description of a portion of Land upon the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company at Port Stephens, proposed to be given up to His Majesty's Government, in exchange for an equal portion elsewhere.

The Land is of an oblong form, the sides measuring fifteen chains and eight chains respectively. It is situated near the Point of Land called Cockrenoyo, distant from the Village of Carrington (the Principal Settlement of the Company) about one-third of a mile, and is immediately adjoining the two Cottages now occupied by the Accountant and Surgeon to the Company.

W. E. Parry
Port Stephens
27th September 1830

Letter No. 211

[Cancelled]

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Having understood from Mr Donelan the Resident Magistrate at Port Stephens that the Prisoner named in the Margin has been returned to the Government by Lieutenant Caswell, and is now in charge of the Police of the District,

I have to request you will, if you see no objection, take the necessary steps for having him assigned by His Majesty's Government to the Australian Agricultural Company.

William Avery,
Marquis of
Wellington, Life

Letter No. 212

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

William Barton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 21st instant.

2nd. I consider that Mr Hall has acted quite right, in not accepting so low an Offer as Five Guineas for the valuable Rams belonging to the Company; & I have written to him and to Mr Douglas [sic] to that effect. I conceive that the depreciation of the value of Stock in the Colony generally, and the universal want of money among private Settlers, forms no inducement to the Company to sell these Animals so much below their true value.

3rd. You and Mr Hall will, however, of course, bear in mind my wishes, as to taking in exchange (at a proper valuation) the various kinds of produce, of which you made a Memorandum. To these may now be added three or four hundred bushels of Maize, for reasons which have since arisen.

4th. With respect to the Mechanics of whom you speak in your letter, I think it will be better under all the circumstances, not

absolutely to engage any, till we have conferred personally on the subject, upon your return to Port Stephens.

5th. In the mean time, it will be advisable to collect all possible information on this subject, taking down the names, addresses, terms, &c of the various Mechanics, who may offer their Services.

6th. On this subject, I herewith enclose, for your information and guidance, a Memorandum which Mr Burnett has just put into my hands, relative to the Prices commonly charged to Workmen by Settlers. Mr Burnett informs me that it is customary for Mechanics &c to take two-thirds of the amount of their wages in such Articles, at the prices therein quoted.

7th. In respect to the Clerk for whom we have advertised, I have (in addition to Colonel Lindesay's letter) received other strong and most respectable Recommendations in favour of Mr White – especially from Mr Riddell the Treasurer. I have stated, in reply, to all these Communications, that, however respectable the Recommendations may be as to Character, the fitness of Mr White as to his other qualifications must be left entirely to your judgement.

8th. Of Mr White's character there appears to me to be no reasonable doubt. If, therefore, you should be satisfied with Mr White, in other respects, I see no objection to your acquainting Mr White that his Services will be accepted – say, in about two months.

9th. My reason for thus mentioning Mr White, is, that I understand he intends returning to Ceylon, by the ship of that name, if he is not engaged in the Company's Service; and we might perhaps afterwards regret having lost a person so strongly and respectably recommended.

10th. But I wish it to be distinctly understood that the Choice, as to Qualifications for that Office, is to be entirely your own; and I am far from desiring to hurry you in your decision on this important subject.

11th. Conceiving that a personal Communication may do something towards clearing up the disputed Items in Mr Bunn's Account with the late Colonial Committee, which they have just returned to me, I now transmit it to you, together with their Letter, and Mr Bunn's Remarks accompanying it.

12th. I have, according to your suggestion, made an Application to the Colonial Secretary for the Assignment to the Company of Twenty-five Prisoners from each ship which arrives, until the requisite number be furnished.

13th. I request you will send me the Agreement of John Adams, which Mr Croasdill thinks is in the possession of Mr Norton; and I request you will obtain Mr Norton's opinion upon the points alluded to in the enclosed Memorandum from Mr Croasdill.

Letter No. 213

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

The very great need which at present exists, on the Estate of the A. A. Company of an increased number of men, induces me to request that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to allow of the re-establishment of a Regulation which formerly existed (but was discontinued by desire of the late Colonial Committee) that Twenty-five Prisoners be assigned to the Company from every Convict-Ship that arrives, until the requisite number be furnished.

Letter No. 214

Port Stephens
27th September 1830

George Bunn Esq.
George Street

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£80) Eighty Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Items contained in the last Invoice.

2nd. Herewith you will receive an Invoice of One Hundred and Fifteen Bags of Wheat, shipped on board the *Lambton*, to be ground into Flour, under the inspection of Mr Sawkins.

3rd. I enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply, if possible, by the Return of the *Lambton*, as most of the Articles are much required at Port Stephens.

4th. In the Despatch-Box you will find a packet, addressed to each Colonial Proprietor of Shares in the Company, which I request you will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding.

Letter No. 215

Port Stephens
28th September 1830

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for your information a statement of the case of Edward Murray, an Assigned Servant of the A. A. Company, who is now forwarded by the *Lambton* to Sydney, and whom I request you will receive into Hospital.

As the services of this individual are of importance to the Company, I have further to request that you will take the necessary steps for having him returned when cured.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 216

Newcastle
29th September 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that the articles mentioned in your Letter of the 27th instant addressed to Mr Henderson, have been received per *Liverpool*; and that the Articles still missing are as follows

One New Zealand Spar
Two Coils of Rope
Two Rope Slings

Letter No. 217

Port Stephens
4th October 1830

Mr Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

1st. Herewith you will receive Five Prisoners, assigned to the Company for the Coal Works, and sent to Port Stephens from Sydney by mistake.

2nd. As Mr Buchanan has received directions to lodge and victual them you have only to communicate to him their arrival.

3rd. The other man named in the List to Mr Buchanan has been sent into the Bush, before it was known that these Men were intended for Newcastle. He will be sent as soon as he returns.

4th. The Black who conducts the Men will bring back any communication you may have to make to me.

5th. I enclose a List of the Men who have received their Rations up to Wednesday next, the 6th instant.

6th. They have also each received One Pair of Shoes and a Blanket. Edward Young is a Blacksmith's Vice-man, and may be employed in sharpening the Tools.

Letter No. 218

Port Stephens
11th October 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. With reference to the subject of the 6th Paragraph of your Letter of the 21st ultimo, I now beg to acquaint you that the Invoice of Goods received per *Lady Rowena* states the Bale No. 62 to contain One hundred & twenty-five Pairs of Blue Trowsers, at five shillings and three pence each; instead of which, there were only one hundred & fifteen pairs found in the Bale, on unpacking it in the Company's Stores, leaving a deficiency of ten pairs.

2nd. As I am about to leave the Settlement for two or three days, and may not return before the *Lambton's* departure I leave, to be enclosed herewith, a Draft on the Bank for (£100) One Hundred Pounds, to meet the probable Amount of the Invoice expected by the Cutter.

3rd. Dr Nisbet, in my absence, will communicate with you anything further which may require your attention.

Letter No. 219

Newcastle
15th October 1830

The Managing Director of the Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Having this day occasion to draw upon the Bank of Australia, for the undermentioned Sums, on account of the Australian Agricultural Company, and not having my Check Book with me, I beg to advise you of my having drawn the same

To the order of	Thomas Buxton	£5.2.9
	Henry Turbit	£1.1.11
	F. Beattie	£7.10.0
	James Standwich	£7.5.0
	John Henderson	£20.0.0

Letter No. 220

Newcastle
14th October 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. Herewith you will receive a Box to your address per *Lord Liverpool* containing a model of a Segment of a large Wheel, and another of a Pinion for two Threshing Machines for the Company's Estate at Port Stephens, which I request you will immediately take the necessary steps of having cast at the best Foundry in Sydney.

In the service of the company

2nd. Thirty-five of the Segments, and One Pinion will be required for each Machine – in all 70 Segments, and two pinions.

3rd. I request you will acquaint me, as early as possible, the terms on which this can be done, and the time required for doing it.

P.S. I request you will return the packing case, addressed to Mr Andrew Turnbull, Newcastle.

The Models must be carefully returned, when the Iron-work is cast.

Letter No. 221

[Cancelled]

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

Dr Moran

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th instant, and in reply to inform you that, however ready I may be to receive Produce in payment, or part-payment, of the debt due to the Company from Mr Phillips of Paterson's River, I cannot possibly take Tobacco at the price of 1/6 per lb; inasmuch as I have already offers of large quantities, and of the best quality, at 1/3 per lb, and I have reason to think that I can procure it even still cheaper than this.

Under these circumstances, I am, in justice to the Company, under the necessity of returning the four Casks of Tobacco referred to in your Communication.

Letter No. 222

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th instant acquainting me of the Assignment of the Prisoner named in the Margin to the Service of the Australian Agricultural

John Slack, Nithsdale

Company and now beg to inform you that he has landed on the Company's Estate.

Letter No. 223

Port Stephens
10th October 1830

Mr Thomas S. Townsend
59 George Street
Sydney

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you apply for the situation of Clerk in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company, which appointment, I have to inform you, has been filled up.

Letter No. 224

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

Mr H. J. Pilcher
Vineyard Cottage
Paterson [sic] River

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, and to acquaint you that the Company not yet having more than sufficient Durham Bulls for their own use, they cannot sell any under £50; but I should be willing to sell a half-bred Durham or Scotch Bull at from £5 to £20 according to the quality of the animal selected or a pure Scotch Bull at about £20.

The animals may at any time be inspected on the Company's Estate at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 225

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. Herewith you will receive an Invoice of Wheat shipped on board the *Lambton*, to be ground into flour under the inspection of Mr Sawkins, and returned to Port Stephens as soon as practicable.

2nd. I also enclose a Requisition for Stores, all of which are much wanted at the Company's Establishment.

3rd. Having found, on my return from Newcastle, that Mr Barton had ascertained that H. Hough (late Smith) on the Brickfield Hill would do the Castings for the Wheels of the Threshing Machines (lately sent to your care at Newcastle) at a cheaper rate than any other person at Sydney; I request you will employ him accordingly. The price he asks is 6 pence per lb from a hundred weight upwards.

4th. I received per last *Lambton*, a letter from Dr Moran on the subject of the four Casks of Tobacco sent to Port Stephens from Mr Phillips of Paterson's River, in part payment of his debt to the Company. As I perceive that it is invoiced to the Company at 1/3 per lb, I have consented to receive it. The price mentioned by Dr Moran (1/6) is quite out of the question, as I have offers of many tons, of excellent quality, at 1/3, delivered at Newcastle.

5th. With reference to a Communication I have received from the Government on the subject of conveying Coals to Hobart Town, I request you will acquaint me what would be the probable amount of freight per ton from Newcastle to the Derwent, supposing the Coals to be conveyed direct to that place, and taken as ballast. I shall be obliged by any other information you can give me on this subject generally.

6th. With reference to the subject of the 6th Paragraph of your Letter of the 21st ultimo, I now beg to acquaint you that the Invoice of Goods received per *Lady Rowena* states the Bale No. 62 to contain One Hundred & twenty-five Pairs of Blue Trowsers, at five shillings and threepence each pair; instead of which there were only One Hundred and Fifteen Pairs found in the Bale, on unpacking it in the Company's Stores, leaving a deficiency of Ten Pairs.

7th. I herewith enclose two Drafts on the Bank of Australia; to the amount of (£100) One Hundred Pounds, and (£250) Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds respectively; in all £350 (Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds), which be pleased to acknowledge, placing the same to the Credit of the Company's Account.

8th. As the packet in the Despatch Box addressed to A. B. Spark Esq. contains Bills on the Governors & Directors of the Company, I request you will cause it to be carefully delivered to the Bank of Australia.

Letter No. 226

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

A. B. Spark Esq.
Acting Managing Director of the Bank of Australia

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose to you, together with my Banking Book, as Commissioner for the A. A. Company, a Set of Bills upon the Governors & Directors for the sum of (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds, according to the accompanying Schedule.

2nd. As I understand that Mr McVitie is absent, I have deemed it proper to make the Bills payable to your Order.

3rd. I request you will do me the favor to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Letter No. 227

Port Stephens
15th October 1830

Dr Moran

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th instant & in reply to inform you that, however ready I may be to receive Produce in Payment for the Debt due to the Company from Mr Phillips of Paterson's River, I cannot possible take Tobacco at the price of 1/6 per lb: inasmuch as I have already offers of large quantities, and of the best quality, at 1/3 per lb, and I have reason to think that I can procure it even still cheaper than this.

As however, I find by Mr Bunn's communication received at the same time, that the Tobacco is invoiced to the Company at 1/3, I have, on that understanding, consented to retain it.

Letter No. 228

Port Stephens
16th October 1830

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Harington's Letter of the 5th instant, on the subject of the price of Coals to be delivered at Hobart Town.

I beg to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that I am making the necessary enquiries to enable me to reply to the same, which I will not lose a moment in doing, as soon as I have obtained the necessary data.

Letter No. 229

Port Stephens
19th October 1830

Mr Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

Herewith you will receive Ten Pounds of Tobacco, for the use of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle.

The allowance is to be issued in two ounces each Man weekly.

Letter No. 230

Port Stephens
20th October 1830

George M. Slade Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 9th instant, I beg to acquaint you that the following is a Statement of the Expenses incurred by the A. A. Company in consequence of the Filly which you state to be Miss Cameron's having been left on the Estate. In consideration of the circumstances alluded to in your letter, I have directed these Expenses to be stated at the lowest possible rate

Use of Entire Horse	£2.0.0
Advertizement	---.9.0
Poundage from 4 th to 10 th October	---.6.0
	<u>£2.15.0</u>

It is my duty to add that unless the Mare is to be put again to one of the Company's Entire Horses, she and her foal must be taken away by the 10th of November; otherwise I shall be obliged to charge two shillings per week for their keep.

Letter No. 231

Port Stephens
25th October 1830

Mr Smith
Newcastle

Sir,

As the Australian Agricultural Company will shortly have occasion to warehouse some Goods (principally Wheat, Maize and Tobacco) for a few Weeks, I request you will inform me whether you are willing to receive Goods into your Warehouse at Newcastle and upon what terms.

P.S. I request you will enclose your Reply to the care of Mr Henderson, Newcastle.

Letter No. 232

Port Stephens
25th October 1830

Helenus Scott Esq.
Glendon
Hunter's River

Sir,

1. Understanding from Mr Henry Hall, Superintendent of Horses & Cattle to the Australian Agricultural Company that you have intimated a desire to become a Purchaser of some of the Company's thoro'bred Rams, on the understanding that Cattle are to be taken in Exchange for the same,

2. I beg to acquaint you that I have no objection to this arrangement provided an Agreement can be made, as to the Value of the Rams and the Price at which the Cattle are to be taken as an Equivalent.

3. As I am informed by Mr Hall that you propose coming over to the Company's Estate for the purpose of seeing the Rams, I beg to add that should you still intend doing so, I shall have great pleasure in affording you any facility for this purpose; and as our Shearing has already commenced, it may be desirable that your visit should not be delayed.

4. Should you decide on coming to Port Stephens by way of Mr Graham's of Kinross, you can send me word by a Black, so that a horse may meet you there on any day you may appoint, as well as a Boat at Sawyer's Point to bring you to Carrington.

Letter No. 233

Newcastle
26th October 1830

The Cashier of the Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Having occasion to draw upon you, on account of the Australian Agricultural Company for Fifteen Pounds payable to the order of James Morley, and not having my Check Book with me, I consider it right to advise you of the same.

Letter No. 234

Port Stephens
29th October 1830

G. M. Slade Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 22nd instant I beg to acquaint you that I have directed Miss Cameron's Mare and her Foal to be delivered to John Walker on payment of the Amount contained in my Letter previously addressed to you and which I now enclose herewith.

Letter No. 235

Port Stephens
29th October 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

1. I enclose, for your information a Letter I have received from a Man signing himself 'David Gorbett', and whom, from the various circumstances he alludes to, I believe to be a Seaman who was always called 'David', and whose Surname I do not know, on board the Ship *William*, in which I came from England to Sydney between the months of July and December 1829.

2. The Man to whom I allude, was a Yorkshireman, about 21 or 22 years of age, about 6 feet high, rather stout-made, with rather plump cheeks. He had not been long out of his apprentice-ship, and is a good Seaman.

3. As I am not likely to be able to be at Sydney for some time, I beg to suggest that a Mrs Dean, now living at Mr Cummings', and who came out in the *William*, would probably be able to identify the man, if it be the individual whom I suppose. I have, therefore, written to Mrs Dean on the subject and a reference can be made to her if you think proper.

4. There was also a Mr Moore, a Passenger in the same ship, who would certainly know 'David' but I am at present ignorant of Mr Moore's address. I think however he is in Sydney.

5. Mr Frederick Thompson, resident with Mr John Macarthur, could also, if in Town, settle the question.

Should it turn out to be the Man I allude to, I may add that unless he is very much altered, I should consider him an acquisition in any ship.

Letter No. 236

Port Stephens
30th October 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. It being a common and very injurious practice at Port Stephens for the Indented Servants of the Company to allow and even encourage the Prisoners to come into their houses for the purpose of drinking,

2. I request you will as early as possible, favor me with your opinion as to the best legal mode (if any) of putting an entire stop to this disgraceful practice.

3. As the houses of the Indented Servants are chiefly within the bounds which must be allowed to the Prisoners (which renders it next to impossible to chalk out any limits which would answer this purpose) I should like especially to know whether I have a legal right to forbid the Assigned Servants of the Company from entering any of the Free Servants' houses or (if I wish) to particularize any one or more houses as not to be entered.

4. If you should be of opinion that I am at liberty to take any steps of this nature, I request you will sketch out a proper Notice to be given for the Purpose and also that you will point out to me the liabilities incurred by the Indented Servants in case of their continuing the practice in question after such Notice has been given.

Letter No. 237

Port Stephens
30th October 1830

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. It being extremely desirable for the Australian Agricultural Company to ship their Wool for England this season at Port Stephens, instead of by the slow and precarious methods hitherto adopted, of conveying it round to Sydney for shipment,

2nd. I beg you will do me the favor to convey to His Excellency the Governor my earnest request that (if I can succeed in making such an arrangement) a Ship may be allowed to enter Port Stephens for this purpose by which a most important saving of time may be effected, as regards the period of the Wool arriving in the English Market.

3rd. Should His Excellency be pleased to comply with my request, I shall also be obliged by your informing me, at your earliest convenience, for the information of any Merchant desirous of chartering a Ship with this understanding, under what Restrictions as regards any expense to be incurred, this indulgence will be permitted.

Letter No. 238

Port Stephens
3rd November 1830

Mr John Swayne
Stroud

Sir,

1. Having materially considered the Request contained in your Letter of the 31st August,

2. I beg to acquaint you that I do not conceive your Services to the Company to have been of sufficient value to authorize my increasing your Salary for the present, as it is my opinion that those Services are not worth more than £140 per annum, which is the value of what you cost the Company; especially as, during a

considerable portion of the year you have scarcely had any duties to perform.

3. I wish you distinctly to understand that, in announcing to you this decision, I by no means wish to impute to you any want of good conduct – but simply, as stated above, that I do not think your Services worth more than is now paid for them by the Company.

4. As the intended Classification of the Company's Sheep will principally be done by you, it will be a matter for future consideration whether this additional Service, if creditably performed, may not entitle you to some encrease of Salary.

Letter No. 239

Port Stephens
3rd November 1830

William Pickering
Carrington

William Pickering,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday complaining of the treatment you say you received from Dr Nisbet last evening,

I have to acquaint you that the orders you state having received from Dr Nisbet were given in consequence of my directions, and the necessity which existed of taking advantage of the Spring-tide to repair the *Lambton's* Keel; and that I will not permit you or any other Servant of the Company to work when and where you please, or to leave off work during any of the appointed Hours of Labour unless ordered to do so, whether the weather be wet or dry.

I have further to acquaint you that I am of opinion you was not sober during the afternoon of yesterday and that, if you had been sober, there would probably have been no disobedience of orders on your part and no occasion for complaints on either side.

With respect to the language which you state Dr Nisbet to have used to you, in enforcing my Orders, I have to remark that I highly disapprove of abusive or intemperate language being made use of under any circumstances whatever. Having stated this to Dr Nisbet, I am not aware that it is in my power to give you any further 'redress'. I can only add, therefore, that, if you still consider yourself

aggrieved on this subject, the law will no doubt afford you all the 'redress' which the nature of the case requires.

Letter No. 240

Port Stephens
3rd November 1830

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1. I have the Honor to enclose to you by Command of the Court of Directors of the A. A. Company, a Letter for His Excellency the Governor, transmitted to them by Order of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be forwarded as they should think fit.

2. With reference to the subject of this communication (of which a copy has been transmitted to me for my information & guidance) I beg you will do me the Honor to acquaint His Excellency that I propose immediately dispatching a Surveyor to Survey the 'Clergy & School Reserve' adjoining the Company's present Grant, with a view to a portion of it being leased to the Company on the Conditions agreed upon; which arrangement, as a necessary preliminary measure, I trust His Excellency will approve.

3. I request you will also acquaint His Excellency that a Survey of the Tract North of the Manning, which He was pleased to reserve for the Company's Examination has now been nearly completed, and that I hope, shortly to communicate to His Excellency my decision thereupon.

4. I also hope soon to be enabled to lay before the Governor a complete Map of the Company's present Grant, and to acquaint His Excellency what portion of it I wish to relinquish on the part of the Company.

Letter No. 241

Port Stephens
3rd November 1830

George Bunn Esq
Sydney

Sir,

1. I herewith enclose to you a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£150) One Hundred & Fifty Pounds to enable you to make cash payments for the articles contained in your last Invoice per *Lambton*.

2. With reference to the following payment advised in your letter to me of the 21st September

“To R. Cooper, for grinding the last batch not included”
£24.7.6

I beg to acquaint you that no Account or Receipt for this payment has been received, and I request you will forward the same.

3. As the *Lambton* is hauled up to repair I send this by way of Newcastle and I request you will forward to that place, and to the care of Mr Henderson, any letters you may have for me or any other of the Company's Servants, by each voyage of the *Liverpool*, until the 17th instant inclusive.

Letter No. 242

Port Stephens
3rd November 1830

Mr Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

Herewith you will receive in a Leathern Case, a Parcel addressed to Mr Bunn, which I request you will forward by the first opportunity by the *Lord Liverpool*.

The Bearer of this, who is one of the Military Detachment at Port Stephens will bring back any Report or Letters which you may have to send.

Letter No. 243

Port Stephens
4th November 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Annexed I transmit you a Duplicate Account for the Sum of £23 – due by the Executors of the late John Oxley Esq., and I request you will cause the same to be paid on my account into the Bank of Australia at your early convenience.

Particulars of this
Account at the
Accountant's Office

Letter No. 244

Port Stephens
4th November 1830

Thomas Cowper Esq.
Care of The Reverend Charles Cowper
Corporation Office

Sir,

Annexed I transmit you a Duplicate Account, the original long since delivered for the Sum of £17.5.0 – due to the Australian Agricultural Company for the Service of their horses in the year 1827, which I request you will cause to be paid into the Bank of Australia at your earliest convenience.

Particulars of this
Account at the
Accountant's Office

Letter No. 245

Port Stephens
4th November 1830

William Buchanan Esq
Newcastle

Sir,

Annexed I transmit you a Duplicate Account, the original long since forwarded, for the sum of £5.15.0 due to the Australian Agricultural Company for the Services of the Horse 'Herald' in the season of 1827 and I trust you will pay this sum at your earliest convenience.

Letter No. 246

Port Stephens
4th November 1830

John Piper Esq.
Bathurst

Sir,

Annexed I transmit you a Duplicate Account, the original long since delivered, for the Sum of £8.18.0 due by you to the Australian Agricultural Company for the service of one of their Horses in the season of 1825, and I have to request you will cause this Sum to be paid into the Bank of Australia on my account, at your earliest convenience.

Letter No. 247

Port Stephens
8th November 1830

John Armstrong }
W. Barton }
W. Burnett } Esq.
H. Dangar }
J. E. Stacy }
W. Wetherman }

It being my intention, in pursuance of a Notice already given, to establish a Savings Bank at Port Stephens for receiving Deposits from the Company's Servants, and it being desirable that the business of the Bank should be transacted by a Committee of the Company's Officers; I request you will inform me whether you are willing to become a Member of a Committee for this desirable purpose.

It is proposed that the Committee shall consist of five or six Members (three of whom shall form a Quorum) and that a Clerk be nominated to perform the necessary writing, to receive a small pecuniary compensation for his trouble.

Should the Officers to whom I have made this proposal, namely Messrs Armstrong, Barton, Burnett, Dangar, Stacy and Wetherman, be willing to accede to it, the Regulation for the Management of the Bank (of which a Sketch has already been prepared) can be agreed upon & established at the first meeting of the Committee.

Letter No. 248

Memorandum

A Letter to Mr Bunn dated Newcastle 10 November 1830 requesting him to send, by next *Liverpool* to Mr Henderson, 20 Slop Shirts, such as are usually issued to Prisoners,

Also desiring him to make up in a parcel the Letters and Papers to be sent to me to Mr Henderson's care,

Letters to be thus sent till the 20th instant inclusive...

The Liverpool being on the point of sailing when this Letter was written there was no time to copy it.

Letter No. 249

Newcastle
10th November 1830

Mr John Eales
Hunter's River

Sir,

Having made an arrangement for receiving the Two hundred & thirty-three Bushels of Maize due to the A. A. Company in exchange for the Rams purchased of the Company by you at Maitland,

I have to request you will deliver the same into the Warehouse of Mr John Smith at Newcastle, who is authorised to receive the same.

Letter No. 250

Newcastle
10th November 1830

Mr Cox
Newcastle

Sir Edward Parry requests Mr Cox will do him the favor to inform him by the Bearer, whether he is safe in paying to Mr Hexham himself a small Bill (£2.4.0) due to him by the A. A. Co.

Letter No. 251

Port Stephens
11th November 1830

The Police Magistrate at Maitland

Sir,

In pursuance of the Government Regulation, published in the *Sydney Gazette*, I have to request Forty Men may be lent from the Road Gangs in your District, for the purpose of assisting in getting in the Harvest on the Estate of the A. A. Company at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 252

Port Stephens
16th November 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to my former Instructions to you to forward our Letters &c via Newcastle, till the 20th instant inclusive,

I have now to request that you will forward them to Newcastle by the *Liverpool* till Monday the 22nd instant inclusive, whether the *Lambton* reaches Sydney before that time or not.

Letter No. 253

Port Stephens
17th November 1830

Mr Stubbs
Free Store Keeper
Carrington

Sir Edward Parry begs to acquaint Mr Stubbs that a Notice will tomorrow be issued, acquainting the Company's Servants that they can purchase, during the Month of December, those Stores in the Company's Warehouses, which Mr Stubbs did not take of the Company according to the written Stipulations on that subject.

Letter No. 254

Port Stephens
20th November 1830

William Croasdill Esq.

Sir,

1. In reply to your Letter of the 17th instant, received yesterday, I have to offer the following Remarks upon the several subjects of complaint or Remonstrance contained in that Communication.

2. Your principal complaint is, that you are no longer allowed twice the Quantity of Meat & Flour which any other Officer is allowed. To this I have only to reply that I am not aware of any circumstance connected with your situation which can induce me for one moment longer to permit so great an imposition upon the Company.

3. If, as you seem to intimate you are in the habit of receiving into your Cottage any Officers who come to Carrington from the Country on business, this is no reason for your receiving (except by some express understanding & authority to this effect) a double allowance of Rations. I only know, however, of one Officer, belonging to the distant Stations, who has any business relating to the Company – namely Mr Charles Hall, and his Rations may be easily provided on such occasions.

4. With respect to the next cause of Complaint, your not having two Servants to attend upon two unmarried men dwelling in the same Cottage, you oblige me to remark that I could not have believed it possible for an Officer attached as I have always considered you to be to the Company's Interests, to have even hinted at such an arrangement. I need, scarcely add, therefore, that had you made the application which you seem to have contemplated, I should without hesitation, have rejected it as unreasonable & inadmissible.

5. Of the next cause of complaint alluded to in your Letter – the want of a Kitchen, a Safe &c, it is enough for me to remark that I conceive you have no right to complain of wants which you have never made known to me, and of the existence of either of which I was absolutely ignorant 'till it came accidentally to my ears during the heavy rains of the present week. Whatever reasons, therefore, you may have had for concealing your wants, it is obviously unreasonable to state that as a grievance which you preferred

keeping from my knowledge. The same remark applies to your Wood and Water.

6. Before concluding this Letter I consider it my duty to remark upon the Spirit and Style of your Communication, the whole of which I conceive to be a highly impertinent attempt to instruct me in my duty to the Company, an attempt with which I shall not fail to acquaint the Directors. I allude, in particular to your Remarks upon what has been "established by one Agent and confirmed by another" – what you have adduced "to shew that the quantity of Flour and Meat allowed as a Ration to the Officers has never been considered too great" and lastly, your unhandsome insinuation that "the Cottage" has been mulct'd of Flour & Meat".

7. To all such expressions I shall merely reply that I do not choose to consider the Line of conduct pursued by my Predecessors in the Office I have the Honor to hold, as any Standard of that duty which I owe to the Company; and that if every other consideration were wanting to induce me not to adopt these arrangements, as regards the Allowances to Officers, the Communication to which I am now replying would in my opinion, furnish abundant reason for discontinuing them as unwise and impolitic.

Letter No. 255

Port Stephens
20th November 1830

Mr Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

In a communication just received from Mr Brickwood, Secretary to the Court of Directors of the Company, he requests I will desire you to forward to him at the Company's Office at No. 12, King's Arms Yard, London, and by the first convenient opportunity, a few Specimens of the Vegetable Impressions found in the Strata of the Company's Coal-Mines, with an account of the depth and situation from which they come.

I beg you will attend to Mr Brickwood's request, as soon as circumstances may render it practicable.

Letter No. 256

Port Stephens
22nd November 1830

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Having been informed from Newcastle that a number of Letters &c addressed to me have been lost in consequence of the wreck of the *Lord Liverpool Packet*, and fearing that your Reply to my Letter of the 30th ultimo (No. 237) may have been among the number,

I have now the Honor to enclose a Copy of my communication above alluded to, and to request that, should my apprehensions prove correct, you will do me the kindness to direct a Duplicate of your Reply to be forwarded to the care of Mr Bunn, immediately on the receipt of this, as it is of the utmost importance to the Company that I should be informed without delay of the decision of His Majesty's Government on this subject.

Letter No. 257

Port Stephens
22nd November 1830

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the Cases of the Four Prisoners named in the Margin, Assigned Servants to the Australian Agricultural Company, and I request you will receive them into the General Hospital, and cause them to be returned, when cured.

Henry Farley, *Lady Faversham*, 7 Years;
James Leonard,
Mangles 4, 7 Years;
Charles Probert,
Tottenham, Life;
James Whalan, *Eliza*
5, 7 Years

Letter No. 258

Port Stephens
22nd November 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. By a Messenger which I sent last week to Newcastle for the purpose of bringing the Sydney Letters to Port Stephens, I have been informed of the unfortunate loss of the *Lord Liverpool*.

2. As I have received a few Letters which came by her some of which Mr Henderson informs me were picked up on the Beach, and in which mention is made of some Boxes coming for me, as well as various other Letters, I request you will inform me, per *Lambton*, what was actually put on board the *Liverpool* to my address or that of Mr Henderson on the Service of the Company on this unfortunate occasion.

3. Herewith I enclose an Invoice of Wheat shipped on board the *Lambton* which I request may be ground by Mr Girard – to whom Instructions on this subject have been addressed.

4. I likewise enclose a Requisition for Stores, which be pleased to comply with, by return of the *Lambton*.

5. Having lately received from the Editors of the *Australian & Sydney Monitor* Newspapers, fresh applications for the payment of their respective Accounts with the Company, each for a certain period prior to my arrival in the Colony, I request you will acquaint me whether those Accounts (which I enclosed to you, with my Remarks thereon, on the 16th of last April) have been certified by the Gentleman composing the late Colonial Committee to be correct, or whether they have given any Order for dispensing with the regular vouchers, as suggest in the 6th Paragraph of my Letter to you of that date.

6. If either of these has been done, I request you will return me the Accounts, to enable me to liquidate the debts; if not, you will perhaps again call the attention of the Gentlemen of the Committee to this subject.

7. The Editor of the *Sydney Monitor* having claimed payment for that Paper as furnished to the Company to the end of last September, tho' I have never seen or heard of any of the Papers, I request you will inform me whether you know of the delivery on

account of the Company of any of the Numbers of the *Monitor* during the present year.

8. I request you will also forward to me Nos 511 to 522 inclusive and Nos 524 & 526 of the *Australian* which have not yet come to hand. The last number of the *Australian* which has reached me, is No. 527 (13 August), all the subsequent numbers are therefore wanting. No. 1878 of the *Sydney Gazette* is also missing.

Letter No. 259

Port Stephens
23rd November 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1st. Having taken into consideration the Representations contained in the Second Paragraph of your Letter of the 19th instant, I have now to acquaint you with my opinion thereupon.

2nd. The consideration of this subject resolves itself into Four Questions, upon each which of which I have endeavoured to exercise my best judgement.

I. What did the Directors intend you to receive for your Services?

II. What are you now receiving?

III. Do you lose by your removal to Port Stephens?

IV. If you do lose by the removal, is the Company, according either to the letter or the spirit of your Agreement, bound to make it good?

3rd. I. The circumstance you mention, of your being "placed on a different footing from others, the Servants of the Company, not having the Common Allowance of Rations & Extra Rations", appears to me, on the face of your Agreement, to have been so pointedly intended by the Directors that I do not conceive it is left to "the discretion of the Agent to appoint" you any such Allowances. Indeed, after studying the Agreement with the most sincere desire to come to a right conclusion, I am of opinion that it was the intention of the Directors that the Salary of Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, "with fit & suitable lodging & office-room", should, *bonâ fide*, constitute the whole of your Allowances.

4th. II. If I am correct in this conclusion, it follows that you are at this time receiving (over and above what the Directors

contemplated your receiving) the under-mentioned advantages:
namely,

			<i>per Annum</i>
1.	An allowance for maintaining a private Servant		£20.0.0
2.	Dairy Produce, estimated by you at		£6.0.0
3.	Medicines & Medical Attendance	Worth at least £50 but say only	£20.0.0
4.	Fuel & Vegetable		
5.	One (or two) Horses		
	<i>Total per Annum, at the lowest computation besides the private use of various Articles belonging to the Company, amounting to</i>		<u>£46.0.0</u> <u>£37.0.0</u>

5th. III. Now, it appears to me important to remark, with reference to the concluding words of your Letter, that, so far from your removal from Sydney having altogether “operated to your prejudice”, it so happens that at least four out of the five Items just enumerated can, with any shadow of reason, be enjoyed by you at all, only in consequence of your removal. In the one article of Fuel, so important and expensive in a family, and so dear at Sydney, I need scarcely observe how much you have been a gainer by the removal – certainly much more than the small pecuniary value at which I have estimated it.

6th. Considering, therefore, that you are already, by my Order, allowed the two Principal Necessaries of Life (Meat and Flour) at the Sydney Prices, I really cannot see upon what plea you can ask, or I can authorise, your receiving all minor Articles of Consumption at the same prices, or how I can in justice relieve you from the regular charge of Freight in the *Lambton*, which is paid by the other Servants of the Company. On the contrary, I consider that, with your present advantages, you are a considerable gainer by your removal to the Company’s Estate – unless, indeed, while residing at Sydney, you possessed any allowances or advantages which are neither expressed nor understood in your Agreement, and of the failure of which you have, therefore, (according to my view of the matter) no reason to complain.

7th. IV. The foregoing Remarks have been made on the supposition that if you did suffer any loss by a removal to Port Stephens, such a change of circumstances might render it incumbent on the Company to make you some compensation. But I cannot, after an attentive examination of your Agreement, admit this supposition to be the correct one. On the contrary, I find the Agreement stipulates that you shall proceed “to such Town or Place in the Colony as you may be directed”, that you shall “reside at such place as the Court of Directors &c shall direct”, and, that your lodging and office-room shall be provided “at Sydney or elsewhere”; thus, in three several places, stipulating that you shall reside in any part of the Colony.

8th. The impression in my mind, therefore, is, that you are receiving from the Company advantages worth at least £50 per annum, over and above the Terms of the Company’s Agreement with you, and beyond what the Directors contemplated; that you enjoy more pecuniary advantages at Port Stephens than at Sydney; and, that even if you were a loser by the removal, this contingency is expressly provided for in your Agreement, and can therefore form no cause of complaint, nor constitute any claim for compensation.

9th. Having thus stated to what conclusions I have come, on an attentive consideration of the subject of your Allowances &c, I shall only add that, as your Application, like numerous others of a similar nature, will be referred to the Court of Directors, and their final decision requested upon it, you will not ultimately be the loser by the opinion I have formed, should they be disposed to view the subject in a light more favourable to your Claims. In the meantime, I should hope that this delay will not create any present inconvenience.

Letter No. 260

Port Stephens
23rd November 1830

A. C. Innes Esq.

Sir,

Annexed I transmit you an account amounting to £6.7.9 which I request you will cause to be paid into the Bank of Australia on account of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 261

Port Stephens
23rd November 1830

Mr Henderson
Newcastle

Sir,

1. It being very desirable to simplify as much as possible the Accounts of the Company with their Servants, which object would be materially assisted by your consenting to receive a Sum of Money in lieu of the several allowances named in your Agreement beyond your Salary and Lodging, I beg to propose that an Arrangement of this kind be entered into accordingly.

2. The Allowances to which I allude are

Firing
Candles
Flannels
Rations of meat & flour & Vegetables

3. In this List I do not include feed for a Cow, since you are at liberty to depasture one or more Cows in any part of the land near the Company's intended Coal-Works.

4. With respect to the Rations of Meat & Flour for yourself & family I have to inform you that they are to be as follows

For yourself per week	Flour 11 lbs Meat 7 lbs
For a Child above 12 years of age	$\frac{2}{3}$ of the above
For a Child under 12 years of age	$\frac{1}{2}$ of the above

5. I request you will take this subject into your consideration and if you approve the Arrangement, that you will propose to me as early as convenient, a Sum of Money to be received by you annually, in lieu of each of the above mentioned allowances.

P.S. With respect to a Servant for your house, it may be proper for me to remark that, although in the present difficulty of obtaining Servants from Government, I have no objection to your thus Employing one of those belonging to the Company, he must be clothed & rationed at your private expense.

Letter No. 262

Port Stephens
24th November 1830

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to submit for your consideration and opinion the following cases

Case 1st

2. An Indented Servant of the A. A. Company is sentenced by one or more Justices of the Peace "to be committed to, and confined in the Common Gaol at Sydney for the Space of (say, one to six Calendar Months) and to forfeit all Wages or Pay which may or shall be due or owing to him up to this date" (i.e. the date of the Sentence) or, a certain portion of his pay.

3. I. As, from the local difficulties of conveyance or the Man's ill-health, a considerable interval may elapse between the Sentence and his actual Committal to Gaol, during which Interval he must of course be kept in custody; Is the Company bound to pay him any Wages or Rations during that interval?

4. II. A similar interval may for the same or other reasons, elapse between his release from Gaol and his returning to his employment under the Company; Is the Company bound to pay him any Wages or rations during that Interval?

5. III. Is the Company bound to pay him any Wages during the actual period of his Imprisonment?

6. IV. Whose business is it, and at whose expense, to convey him to and from Gaol?

Case 2nd

7. The Agreement of an Indented Servant stipulates that he shall receive from the Company the usual Rations of Meat & Flour for himself, his Wife, and family.

8. I. His Wife dies: Is he still entitled to her Rations?

9. II. His Wife runs away from him and from the Company's Estate altogether and lives in Adultery with another Man: Is he still entitled to her Rations?

10. III. One of his Children leaves the Estate, in consequence of Marriage or otherwise: Is he still entitled to the Rations of that Child?

11. An early reply to these Queries will much oblige.

Letter No. 263

Port Stephens
24th November 1830

W. Barton Esq.

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge Receipt of your Note of Yesterday's date accompanying the Minutes of Proceedings and Regulations proposed to be adopted for the Management of the Port Stephens Savings Bank.

2. I now beg leave to return the Minutes of Proceedings, approved by me under my Signature, agreeably to the last Resolution, and I have to request that the Clerk may be instructed to furnish me with a Copy of the Whole of these Minutes for transmission, to the Governors & Directors of the Company.

3. I shall, in compliance with the Request of the Committee and, with as little delay as possible, cause the Regulations to be published among the Company's Servants, prefaced with a few Remarks from myself, as Governor and Chairman.

Letter No. 264

Port Stephens
24th November 1830

Mr Street
Sydney

Sir,

Understanding from Mr Barton, the Accountant, to the A. A. Company that you decline paying an Account due by you to the Company, to the amount of £43.9.8½ for the payment of which Mr Barton called upon you on the 29th of last September,

I consider it my duty to acquaint you that, should any of your Vessels put into Port Stephens, requiring repairs, provisions, or other assistance from the Company, I cannot, until the above account

be settled, render any such assistance, unless the same be paid for in cash.

Letter No. 265

Port Stephens
24th November 1830

A. E. Hayes
Editor of the *Australian* Newspaper
Sydney

Sir,

1. In reply to your Letter of the 5th ultimo lately received, I beg to acquaint you that, for many months past, I have been endeavouring to obtain from the proper authorities such an assurances of the correctness of your former Claims, upon the A. A. Company as may justify me in settling your accounts. In the Month of April last, I caused the Accounts to be examined & certified at Port Stephens, so far as any Documents in the Company's Office here afforded the means of doing so; and then on the 16th of that month enclosed them back to Mr Bunn with the following remark

“I have only further to remark upon this subject, that whenever any satisfactory Vouchers can be produced, or any authority from the Committee to dispense with them, I am ready to order the immediate payment of the rest of these Accounts, without which it is impossible for me to do so. Perhaps you may be able to obtain these Vouchers or Dispensing Orders from the Gentlemen of the Committee, for which purpose I herewith return them”.

2. I have now again written to Mr Bunn for information on this subject & requesting him (should the necessary certificates or Dispensing Orders have been obtained) to return the Accounts to me, for immediate liquidation; and I beg to assure you that they shall then be settled without delay. I think you will admit that in proceeding thus, I am acting only according to the usual and indispensable method of transacting business of this nature.

3. With respect to your Account during the present year the obstacle to an immediate payment arises simply from the non-delivery at Port Stephens of a great many of the numbers. These are Nos 511 to 522 inclusive, 524, 526, and all the numbers since 527 (August 13). I have written to Mr Bunn to have them

forwarded to Port Stephens; but I am at present ignorant to whose carelessness to attribute the non-delivery.

Letter No. 266

Port Stephens
24th November 1830

E. S. Hall Esq.
Editor of the *Sydney Monitor*
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr O'Neill's letter of the 21st ultimo and to state in reply that for many months past, I have been endeavouring to obtain from the proper authorities such an assurances of the correctness of your former Claims, upon the A. A. Company as may justify me in settling your accounts. In the Month of April last, I caused the Accounts to be examined & certified at Port Stephens, so far as any Documents in the Company's Office here afforded the means of doing so; and then on the 16th of that month enclosed them back to Mr Bunn with the following remark

"I have only further to remark upon this subject, that whenever any satisfactory Vouchers can be produced, or any authority from the Committee to dispense with them, I am ready to order the immediate payment of the rest of these Accounts, without which it is impossible for me to do so. Perhaps you may be able to obtain these Vouchers or Dispensing Orders from the Gentlemen of the Committee, for which purpose I herewith return them".

2. I have now again written to Mr Bunn for information on this subject & requesting him (should the necessary certificates or Dispensing Orders have been obtained) to return the Accounts to me, for immediate liquidation; and I beg to assure you that they shall then be settled without delay. I think you will admit that in proceeding thus, I am acting only according to the usual and indispensable method of transacting business of this nature.

3. With respect to your account with the Company since I arrived in the Colony, it appears to me, on enquiry, that your Claim is probably a just one, tho' I have never received a single *Monitor*, with the exception of five numbers, which, to my astonishment, came into my hands a few weeks ago, and the receipt of which

induced me to direct Mr Corlette to communicate with you, as alluded to in Mr O'Neill's Communication.

4. A re-perusal of my Letter addressed to you on the 15th of March will, I think, confirm the fact of my being ignorant of the *Monitor* being furnished to the Company, and satisfy you as to my reasons for not taking it in.

5. I have now to request you will discontinue furnishing the *Monitor* to the A. A. Co., and I will shortly take measures for the payment of your account subsequent to the 1st of January.

Letter No. 267

Port Stephens
25th November 1830

William Pickering
Carrington

William Pickering,

The Boats belonging to the A. A. Co. being repaired, and the Vessel on the Stocks in a sufficient state of forwardness I am now willing to comply with your wish expressed in your Letter of the 15th of June last, to be discharged from the Company's Service.

I therefore hereby give you Notice to quit the Premises now occupied by you, and to deliver up the same, together with all the Property belonging to the A. A. Co. which may be in your possession, on the Twenty-fifth day of December next, being One Calendar Month from this date.

Letter No. 268

Port Stephens
25th November 1830

Charles Olive

Charles Olive,

1. Having given every consideration to your request, to receive some Allowances from the Company in addition to what you are now receiving, I have to inform you that as you and your family now cost the Company, according to the accompanying Estimate, about £100 per annum besides the heavy expense of sending you out from England, I cannot possibly comply with your request;

considering that the Company are now paying highly for your services.

Salary	£30.0.0
Rations	£36.0.0
Gratuity as Allowances for Extra Rations	£9.10.0
Gratuity in Dairy Produce	£6.0.0
House rent & Fuel	£17.0.0
Medicines & Medical Attendance	£5.0.0
Cost to the Company for Schooling over & above what you pay	<u>£2.0.0</u>
Total per annum	<u>£105.10.0</u>

2. With respect to the kind of labour which you have to perform it must be recollected that you came out from England for the express purpose of performing that labour, and I cannot therefore consistently with my duty to the Company, consider this as any Claim for additional Allowances.

3. With respect to the numbers in your family, you should recollect that altho' this circumstance might induce me to render you assistance myself, it is rather a reason why the Company should not give you any further allowances since you are already, on this account, so heavy an expense to them.

4. All I can promise, therefore, is, that should it appear that your Clothes are burned or otherwise injured by the fires, or that you suffer any extraordinary exposure to the Weather, I will allow you a certain quantity of clothes according to circumstances.

Letter No. 269

Newcastle
30th November 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Having just received an answer to my Application to Government, for a Ship to be allowed to come to Port Stephens for the Company's Wool

I have to request you will be pleased immediately to cause the accompanying Advertizement to be published in the *Sydney Gazette*

& *Australian* Newspapers respectively, and to be continued in five numbers of each of those papers.

Sent in Original per *Sarah*, 1st December

Sent in Duplicate, to Post Office

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Australian Agricultural Company

His Majesty's Government having been pleased to allow of a Ship coming to Port Stephens, for the purpose of there shipping the Company's Wool for England,

I hereby give NOTICE, that I am ready to received TENDERS for the Conveyance of the same (consisting of about 130 Bales) from Port Stephens to London, touching only at Sydney for the purpose of entering the Wool at that Port and receiving the regular clearance for England.

The Wool will be ready for shipping on the 28th January and Security will be required for the Vessel finally leaving Sydney on or before the 17th of February, and for her not touching at any other Port.

Tenders are to be addressed to me at the Office of George Bunn Esq, George Street, Sydney.

W. E. Parry, Commissioner to the Company

Port Stephens

28th November 1830

Letter No. 270

Newcastle

1st December 1830

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.

&c &c &c

Sir,

1. I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that, since the date of my last Report on the subject of the intended Coal-Works at this place, Mr Henderson has been unremittingly occupied in boring for Coal in a great number of places to the Westward of the Town Allotments as laid down in the Plan with which I was furnished by the Surveyor General, a Copy of a portion of which is now enclosed for reference.

2. The general Result of these preliminary operations is, that, (chiefly on account of the almost universal occurrence of quick-sand, as reported in my former communication), the only Spot which can be found at a reasonable distance from the Sea fit for the erection of an Engine &c is at A on a rising ground about 120 yards to the Westward of the Western End (B) of what is marked out as 'Church Street' in the Plan, and in the same line with that Street. It follows therefore that it is about that distance beyond, or to the Westward of all the intended Town-Allotments.

3. I am now employing Mr Armstrong, one of the Company's Surveyors, in making a Survey of this ground and its neighbourhood; after which I shall have the Honor of laying before the Governor a more correct description of the spot alluded to. In the meantime I request the permission of His Excellency to commence sinking the intended Pit, and also to erect the Steam-Engine with its house, and some other Buildings, upon this site, approaching no nearer to the Town-Allotments than (say) One Hundred Yards.

4. It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to observe that there is at present no house nearer than about one-third of a mile to the spot in question.

5. I beg to add that the abovementioned site has been fixed upon, on the supposition that the Company will be at liberty to work the Coal under any of the un-located parts in that neighbourhood, including (if requisite) the bed of the River. I therefore request to be informed whether I am correct in this supposition.

6. It would also undoubtedly be a great advantage if the Company were allowed to Work the Coals which do lie under the intended Town, since an Engine erected at A will only enable us to drain those parts which lie to the Eastward of it, or 'to the rise' of the Coal, and none to the Westward, or 'dip'. I am desirous, therefore, of being also made acquainted with His Excellency's views & intentions on this point.

7. As I am now only waiting for permission to commence these operations, I request you will do me the favor to address your reply to this communication under cover to Mr Henderson at Newcastle, in order to prevent any unnecessary delay.

P.S. I should also have added that the proposed site (A) has been determined on, on the supposition that a liberal allowance of

water-frontage, somewhere abreast of that spot will be granted to the Company.

Letter No. 271

Newcastle
1st December 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. Understanding that a house at Newcastle is shortly to be sold by Auction (& probably at a low price) which would, in many respects, suit the purposes of the Company, I request you will be good enough to bid for the same to the amount of (£250) Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds or thereabouts for the House & backyard adjoining it, provided the Title be unquestionable.

2. The House is called the 'Newcastle Inn', has been lately occupied by Mr Huxham, and is (I believe) the property of Mr Hook. It stands on the allotment No. 56, and is situated at the corner of Hunter & Watt Streets.

3. I have also to request you will send Mr Henderson by the first safe conveyance Six Woollen frocks, & six pairs of Woollen Trowsers, of a very large size, such as are usually worn by Miners.

Letter No. 272

Port Stephens
3rd December 1830

J. W. Donelan Esq. J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this day's date, and to acquaint you, in reply, that as you consider it might be attended with serious consequences to the Public Peace to dispense with the Services of the District Constables, I am under the necessity, notwithstanding the injustice of the system pursued by the Government, to agree to the payment of the District Constables, until the pleasure of the Directors of the Company be known.

Letter No. 273

Port Stephens
7th December 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th ultimo in Original & Duplicate, with their respective Lists of Prisoners, in all Thirty-seven Men, who, you state, have been assigned to the A. A. Company.

I beg now to inform you that by the arrival of the *Lambton* Cutter on the 4th instant, only Twenty-four of the above Men have been received, and have therefore to request that the remaining Thirteen whose Names you will see on the other Side, may be sent here by the first opportunity.

P.S. Observing that twice as many Clerks have been assigned to the Company as I applied for, I request that no more of this Class of Persons may be sent, without further application.

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				<i>Where tried</i>	<i>When</i>	
1.	Thomas Allen	<i>St Vincent</i>	Labourer	Oxford	July 1819	14 years
2.	Thomas Breeze	<i>America</i>				
3.	1744 Thomas Brown	<i>Lord Melville</i>	Gardener's boy & Carter	Kingston	28 Dec 1829	7 years
4.	James Catton	<i>Mangles</i>	Indoor Servant	London	9 Sep 1823	Life
5.	Thomas Dauncey	<i>America</i>	Carpenter & Groom	Glostar	13 Jan 1829	7 years
6.	Richard Eddles	<i>Shipley</i>	Waggoner	Ditto	Aug 1821	14 years
7.	Richard Fitzpatrick	<i>Sir Godfrey Webster</i>	Waterman	Dublin	1 Dec 1824	7 years
8.	Thomas Flannagan [sic]	<i>Hadlow</i>	Labourer			Life
9.	John Garaham	<i>Adrian</i>				
10.	John Kelly	<i>Countess of Harcourt</i>	Stable Boy	Wicklow	8 Aug 1826	7 years
11.	John Rogers	<i>Morley</i>	Labourer	London	April 1818	14 years
12.	James Stapleton	<i>Borodino</i>				
13.	John Woolridge	<i>Countess of Harcourt</i>				7 years

Letter Nos 274 and 275

Port Stephens
7th December 1830

Mr Charles Hall
Mr Jenkin

Sir,

1st. Mr Barton, by letter of yesterday's date, has appealed to me, in consequence, as he states, of certain expression having been publickly made use of by Dr Nisbet at Stroud about the month of July last, and repeated by [you] [Mr Charles Hall] in the Accountant's Office, "imputing to Mr Barton in the grossest language, an act of dishonesty practised in the execution of his duties as Accountant."

2nd. And Mr Barton has requested that, as the Law does not appear to have provided a remedy for this case, I will make such enquiries into the circumstances as may lead to a knowledge of the facts, as stated in a Letter from Mr Croasdill; in order that he (Mr Barton) may be protected in the discharge of his public duties, and be justified against an aspersion which he considers an unmerited one.

3rd. Under the circumstances, I have to request, (in compliance with Mr Barton's desire that you should be referred to,) that you acquaint me, in writing, with the facts of the case, so far as they have come to your personal knowledge; stating the nature of the alleged accusation, and the language in which it was made; and especially informing me whether it is your impression that Dr Nisbet actually intended to "impute to Mr Barton an act of dishonesty" in his Official Capacity.

Letter No. 276

Port Stephens
8th December 1830

Mr Smith
Newcastle

Sir,

I request you will deliver to Captain Corlette, commanding the *Lambton* Cutter, any Goods, you may have received into your

Warehouse belonging to the A. A. Company, sending me your account at the same time.

Letter No. 277

Port Stephens
8th December 1830

W. Buchanan Esq.
Post Office
Newcastle

Sir Edward Parry requests Mr Buchanan will forward by the first Mail to Sydney; the accompanying Letters, and that he will be good enough to acquaint Captain Corlette of the *Lambton* when, & by what Vessel they are likely to go.

Letter No. 278

Port Stephens
8th December 1830

James Raymond Esq.
Post-Master General
Sydney

Sir Edward Parry presents his Compliments to Mr Raymond & requests he will forward the accompanying Letters & Newspapers to England by the very first opportunity and that he will do Sir Edward the favor to let him know by what Ship & when they go.

Letter No. 279

Port Stephens
8th December 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

1. With reference to the request contained in my letter of the 28th of August last, to be furnished by His Majesty's Government with the undermentioned Mechanics, for the Service of the A. A. Company

Carpenters	Three
Sawyers	Four
Wheelwrights	Two
Blacksmiths	Two
Horse-shoers	Two
Shoe-makers	Two
Bricklayers	Two

none of which have yet been received,

2. I beg you will do me the favor to repeat my most earnest request that they may be assigned to the Company as soon as possible.

3. I have also to inform you that the Prisoner named in the Margin whom it was the intention of His Majesty's Government to assign to the Company for their Coal-Works at Newcastle, as intimated to me by the Colonial Secretary on the 15th of June, has not yet made his appearance.

Mark Fletcher,
Minerva, a
coal-miner

Letter No. 280

Port Stephens
13th December 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1. Having taken into consideration the requests contained in the 18th & subsequent Paragraphs of your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to acquaint you,

2. 1st That I cannot make any alteration in the arrangement respecting the Horse now in your charge, except that I have given direction to allow you his feed from the Company's Stores in consideration of his being occasionally used in the Service of the Company. I cannot possibly allow him to be purchased by you, in consequence of the great difficulty of finding sufficient riding horses for the Company's Service and the probability at this moment existing (in consequence of the 'Strangles' having appeared among the Stud) of the necessity of occasionally with-drawing the Services of all those Horses which are in possession of Individuals.

3. 2nd You will be allowed the run of the Paddock at Carrington (upon the payment of a reasonable price) for one other horse which

you may purchase provided it be a Gelding and that you acquaint me when he comes upon the Estate.

4. 3rd I do not wish to sell any of the Articles of Furniture &c now in your possession; but you can return into Store, any that you do not require, on sending me a List of the same.

5. 4th With reference to the last Paragraph of your Letter I have to inform you that I have forwarded to the Court of Directors the whole of the correspondence on this subject – with a particular request that they will communicate to me their Wishes and Instruction respecting it.

Letter No. 281

Port Stephens
14th December 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The prisoner named [?] in the Margin who arrived on the Estate of the A. A. Company on the 12th of May last stated that he obtained a Ticket of Leave Three Years since, which was cancelled by Colonel Morisset, for Two years, in the Month of November 1828.

He is anxious to have it renewed. I have to request you will inform me whether he is entitled to its renewal.

Letter No. 282

Port Stephens
14th December 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Having received intimation from Mr Capper, under date, 'Whitehall, 28th April 1830', that the Young Man named in the Margin, a Prisoner of the Crown, has been, or is to be, sent to Sydney in order that he may be assigned to the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company,

I have to request that he may be so assigned accordingly, whenever he arrives.

Robert Beavis, aged about 20, Dorsetshire Farmer, and has been in a Gentleman's Stable & Garden

The Documents relating to Robert Beavis have been transmitted to the Colonial Secretary.

Letter No. 282a

Port Stephens
16th December 1830

J. W. Donelan Esq. J.P.
Port Stephens

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of this day's date, I have the Honor to acquaint you that I cannot pay any Expence incurred by the Constable appointed to take Mr Stubbs' Servant to Newcastle Gaol.

Letter No. 283

Port Stephens
20th December 1830

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th November and of the 2nd and 1st of December, the latter a private one, but containing some information relative to the Company's Affairs.

2. I have likewise received Sundry Vouchers for your Accounts, picked up at Newcastle since I last wrote on the subject.

3. The *Australian* newspapers mentioned in your letter of 2nd December, as being then sent by the *Lambton*, have not been received, nor have any been received for a long time past.

4. I beg to suggest that some steps should be taken to prevent these irregularities, which will undoubtedly involve much future difficulty. All the newspapers which you put into the Despatch Box, must be received safely by me, and it is not reasonable that the Company should pay for any others, if directed to be forwarded through your office.

5. I have received your Remarks, in Original and Duplicate, relative to a Market for Coal in the Colony, but I have not received any Answer to the Queries, contained in 5th Paragraph of my letter

of 16th October relative to the probable cost of freight for Coals to Van Diemen's Land, to enable me to reply to His Majesty's Government on that subject. I shall be obliged by your referring to my former Letter on this head.

6. I now enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£320) Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds, which be pleased to place to the Credit of the Company.

7. Mr Darch goes to Sydney per *Lambton*, with authority from me to make some final arrangements relative to a Ship for conveying the Company's Wool to England. I request you will give him every assistance in your power, on this or any other business connected with the Company's Interests.

8. Mr Sawkins will attend to the griding of the Wheat, and it is absolutely necessary that the *Lambton* should not leave Sydney later than Tuesday the 28th instant.

9. I enclose an Invoice of the Wheat Shipped per *Lambton*, and likewise a Requisition for Stores, many of which (as noted therein) are indispensably required by return of the Cutter.

Letter No. 284

Port Stephens
20th December 1830

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

John Hill, *John*, Life

1. The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin being very unwell and desirous of procuring such comforts as a little money might afford him, has requested me to apply to you to know whether he could be allowed to have out of the Savings Bank the Sum of £7.3.9 deposited therein for him by Captain Moncrieff about November 1827.

2. Tho' I understand that it is not usual to return to Prisoners the Principal thus invested I beg leave to recommend this Man as deserving of the Indulgence, if it be ever granted. He is, I fear, in a State which affords no hope of his recovery, but, being a very well disposed Man, and still able to do some light work, humanity induces me to keep him, believing that he is more comfortable here than he might be elsewhere.

Letter No. 285

Port Stephens
23rd December 1830

William Barton Esq.

Sir,

1st. On the receipt of your Letter of the 6th instant, with its Enclosures, I immediately addressed to Mr Charles Hall and Mr Jenkin, respectively, the Letters Nos 274 and 275, folio 240 of my official Letter-Book, to which I refer you.

2nd. I now enclose, for your information, the Replies of those Gentlemen, received last evening; by which it appears that they decline entering any further into the subject of your Communication than they have already done.

3rd. As I am not aware that any Authority less than that of a Court of Civil Law can oblige these Gentlemen to give evidence in a case of this nature, it only remains for me, as an Act of Duty to the Company, to transmit to the Directors, in my next Despatch, the Correspondence which has come before me on this subject.

4th. I consider it unnecessary to make the reference you suggest, to the Records of the Committee, or to Mr Wetherman, as to the payment of the Sum in question having been duly authorized by the Committee, for the Service to which you allude; this being, as I apprehend, an unquestionable fact.

5th. You are at liberty to take Copies of my Letters Nos 274 & 275, and of the Replies herewith enclosed; return the two latter to me, when done with.

6th. I return herewith the two Enclosures to your communication of the 6th instant, and remain....

Letter No. 286

Port Stephens
23rd December 1830

Henry Dangar Esq.

Sir,

1st. In reply to your Letter of this day, I beg to acquaint you that there can be no objection to the Horses of your two friends running in the paddock during their stay at Carrington.

2nd. Should a little corn be required for them, it can be had from the Company's Stores at the Sydney price, on application to me.

Letter No. 287

Port Stephens
27th December 1830

Mr John Eales
Hunter's River

Sir,

On the 10th of November I addressed to you a Letter (of which I enclose a Copy) requesting you to deliver into the Warehouse of Mr John Smith at Newcastle the Two Hundred and Thirty-three Bushels of Maize agreed by you to be given in exchange for Five Rams purchased from the Australian Agricultural Company on the 19th of October last.

Having received no Reply to my Communication, and the Maize not having been delivered according to your Agreement, when the *Lambton* was sent to Newcastle to bring it away, I have now to request that (as considerable inconvenience has been incurred by the non-delivery of the Maize in proper time) you will not send it to Newcastle till I give you notice of the *Lambton* going there; and that you will then deliver it without delay, to avoid any further expense to the Company.

Letter No. 288

Port Stephens
27th December 1830

T. W. M. Winder Esq
Windermere, Maitland

Sir,

With reference to your Agreement to deliver to the Australian Agricultural Company One Hundred and Sixty Eight Bushels of good clean Wheat (at sixty pounds to the Bushel) in exchange for Six Rams,

I request that you will wait for further Notice from me on that subject, and that you will then with as little delay as possible deliver the wheat into the Warehouse of Mr John Smith at Newcastle.

Letter No. 289

Port Stephens
28th December 1830

Henry Dangar Esq.

Sir,

Mr Henry Hall, the Superintendent of the Stud Department, having reported to me by letter this day that an Entire Grey Horse, belonging to a friend of yours has been in the Tahlee Paddock with the Company's Mares for the last few days, and as I cannot possibly think that Sir W. Edward Parry could have been aware of that Horse being Entire when he gave permission for his being allowed to run there –

I feel myself called upon therefore to withdraw that permission, and to request that he may be confined to a Stable, for which purpose the one at the foot of Tahlee Hill may be appropriate.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 290a

Port Stephens
28th December 1830

Henry Hall Esq.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, respecting an Entire Grey Horse running in the Paddock with the Company's Mares and I have to inform you that I have directed Mr Dangar to have him shut up in a Stable, and have appropriated the one at the foot of Tahlee Hill for that purpose.

Alexander Nisbet

Letter No. 290b

Newcastle
29th December 1830

Mr J. L. Platt
Hunter's River

Sir,

Being desirous of occasionally sending a quantity of Wheat belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company to be ground and dressed at Newcastle (say from three to six hundred Bushels at a time) I request you will inform me whether you can undertake to do it, and upon what terms

The Wheat must be taken by you from on board the *Lambton* or other Vessel at Newcastle immediately on your receiving notice of its arrival and the Flour and Bran put on board at the same place.

As the *Lambton* cannot always wait at Newcastle till the Wheat is ground and dressed, the Flour and Bran, or some portion of it, may perhaps not be taken away till her succeeding Voyage; and occasionally this interval may Amount to three or four Weeks, or more, according to circumstances.

I request you will favor me with as early an answer as possible, addressing your Reply to me at Dr Brook's Newcastle and stating every requisite particular as to the terms on which you may be willing to undertake the Grinding and Dressing as above mentioned.

Letter No. 291

Newcastle
29th December 1830

Mr John Smith
Newcastle

Sir,

Being desirous (the same as the Letter addressed to Mr Platt)

Letter No. 292

Newcastle
29th December 1830

The Cashier of the Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Having had occasion to draw upon you this day on Account of the Australian Agricultural Company, for the undermentioned Sums, and not all upon the usual printed Checks, I deem it right to acquaint you therewith

These two only	To the order of John Henderson	£10.3.9
on the Printed Checks {	Ditto	£41.10.0
	Ditto	£46.17.0
	Cooper & Levy	£25.0.10
	Alexander	£16.10.7
	Hunter	
	Ditto	John Henderson £30.0.0

Letter No. 293

Newcastle
29th December 1830

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

As the intended Coal Works at Newcastle belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company cannot be commenced without

the Services of One Stone-Mason, Two Bricklayers, and Two Carpenters; and as the usual application made by me some months ago, and lately repeated, has not procured the Assignment to the Company of any Individuals of this description –

I request you will do me the honor to convey to His Excellency the Governor my earnest request to be furnished with these Mechanics. Or, should it not be in the power of His Majesty's Government to assign them to the Company, I request that they may be lent for six or eight Months for the specific purpose above-mentioned.

Letter No. 294

Newcastle
29th December 1830

George Bunn Esq
Sydney

Sir,

I request you will forward to Mr Henderson at Newcastle by the first safe conveyance, on Account of the Australian Agricultural Company,

30 Fathoms 3 Inch Rope	}
25 Fathoms 2 Inch Rope	} Tarred
20 lbs Colonial Tobacco	
20 Pairs Shoes	
20 Suits of Slop Clothing	}
12 Blankets	} For Miners

inserting the same, as usual, in a separate Invoice

Letter No. 295

Port Stephens
31st December 1830

Original via Newcastle 31 December 1830

Duplicate via Lambton 3 January 1831

Messrs William Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th instant, just received per *Lambton* I beg to acquaint you that I am willing under the circumstances and upon the understanding mentioned in your Communications; to Ship the Wool belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company in the *Forth* for conveyance direct to London. For the quantity and other particulars respecting it, I beg to refer you to my Advertisement quoted in your Letter.

To enable me to ensure the Wool being Shipped by the time you mention, I should prefer your Chartering a Vessel for the conveyance of it from this port to Sydney, instead of sending it by the *Lambton*, provided you can do so at a moderate rate per pound, in a good tight Vessel, and all under Hatches.

I have, therefore, to request, that you will, as early as convenient, communicate in writing to Mr Darch (who is authorised by me to complete this negociation, if he deems it expedient) the terms on which, if practicable at all, this mode of conveyance can be adopted by you; supposing the Vessel to leave Port Stephens with the Wool on board on or about the 31st proximo.

Letter No. 296

Port Stephens
31st December 1830

Original via Newcastle 31 December 1830

Duplicate via Lambton 3 January 1831

Henry Darch Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Communication of the 27th instant and that of Messrs Wm Walker & Co. of the 8th instant received per *Lambton*, on the subject of a Ship for the conveyance of the Company's Wool –

I now enclose, for your guidance, a Copy of a letter which I have addressed to Messrs Walker & Co. in reply to their communication.

In negotiating this business you will keep in mind that, in consequence of the present and probable wants of the Establishment here, it will be a matter of very considerable convenience, as well as of ultimate saving to the Company, that a small Vessel (say 120 to 130 tons) should be chartered by Messrs Walker & Co. to convey the Wool to Sydney from Port Stephens, but you will of course take care to keep out of view any appearance of a pressing necessity on this head.

I consider that a fair freight for the Wool from Port Stephens to Sydney will be something more than one farthing per pound – one farthing being the freight from Newcastle to Sydney; but if you find, on discussing this point, that a larger price is absolutely insisted on you are hereby authorised to agree, on the part of the Company, to pay not exceeding one half penny per pound – I depend, however, on your Zeal and judgement in using every endeavour to make a good bargain for the Company.

An opportunity unexpectedly occurring of sending this via Newcastle, I have only time to request that you will not lose a moment in obtaining a reply from Messrs Walker & Co., both as regards the Shipment of wool in the *Forth*, and also respecting a Vessel to convey it hence to Sydney; and that you will transmit it to me, with your final decision, in original and Duplicate (by two different Vessels) addressed to me, to the care of Mr Henderson at Newcastle; and in Triplicate by the next return of the *Lambton*.

Letter No. 297

Port Stephens
31st December 1830

John Henderson Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

This will be delivered to you by the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin Assigned to the Company for their Coal Works at Newcastle.

The accompanying packet to Mr Bunn must be forwarded by the very first safe conveyance to Sydney.

P.S. Any communications for me if sent to Mr Graham on Tuesday next will be conveyed immediately to Port Stephens.

3. 1831: Letters Nos 298 – 550

Letter No. 298

Port Stephens
1st January 1831

Simon Kemp

In reply to your Letter of this day's date, requesting that your Agreement with the Australian Agricultural Company may be cancelled on the 15th February next,

I have to acquaint you that I am willing to comply with your request.

I therefore give you Notice to deliver up on the 15th February to Thomas Laman the House now in your possession together with any other property in your charge, belonging to the Company.

Letter No. 299

Port Stephens
1st January 1831

A. W. Scott Esq.
At Dr Mitchell's, General Hospital, Sydney

Sir,

1. With reference to your proposal to Establish Produce Sweepstakes to be run for the Hunter's River District,

2. I beg to acquaint you that, having consulted the Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company's Stud and other Officers of the Company on this subject, and considering the Proposal as likely to prove beneficial to the Company's Interests, as well as to the Colony generally, I am willing to Enter the Produce of Four of the Company's Mares – namely

Owners	Mares	Covered by
Australian Agricultural Company	Chance	Grampus
	Australia	Ditto
	Miss Piper	Ditto
	Snare	Ditto

3. I am also willing to make up a purse, with the Owners of 'Toss' and 'Trumpet', Amounting to £40 to £60, for the Winning Horse, provided it prove the produce of 'Grampus', 'Toss' or 'Trumpet'.

4. I beg to suggest that a Committee of Gentlemen be immediately formed, for the purpose of carrying this Proposal into effect; and also to inform you that Dr Nisbet and myself are willing to have our Names inserted as Members of the Committee, on the part of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 300

Port Stephens
3rd January 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Commissary General, Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I am willing to victual the Troops which may be stationed at Port Stephens during the twelvemonths commencing the 25th ultimo, on the following terms – namely,

Flour at 2½ d per pound (3d)
Beef or mutton at 2d per pound (2½ d)

Letter No. 301

Port Stephens
3rd January 1831

Henry Douglass Esq.
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

1st. In acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing the Account Sales of an Entire Poney and Two Pure-bred Merino Rams; likewise the Account sales of Eleven Pure-bred Rams - all belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company; together with a General Account of Expenditure &c.,

2nd. I beg to inform you that the Enclosures to your Communication are, in the opinion of the Company's Accountant,

altogether incomplete; and that they are therefore of no use to me whatever.

3rd. The Account of Expences is unsupported by Vouchers, or indeed explanation, except what is afforded in the Accounts from the Newspapers for Advertisements; and the Account Current is without date or signature.

4th. The Account Sales do not state where or to whom the Property was sold, or how the Consideration is to be paid. These documents are also without date or signature.

5th. Under these circumstances, I return the whole of the Papers alluded to; and I have to request that, after the requisite information has been stated upon the Accounts, they may again be transmitted to me.

Letter No. 302

Port Stephens
3rd January 1831

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1st. I enclose an Invoice of Forty One Bags of Wheat shipped on board the *Lambton* to be ground into Seconds Flour, under the inspection of Mr Sawkins.

2nd. I also enclose a Requisition for Stores, which are indispensably required by the next Cutter. I request you will also forward as much as possible of the Stores arrived from England in the *Craigievar*.

3rd. You will receive herewith a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£300) Three Hundred Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Articles contained in the last Invoice, and also the Grinding & Newspapers Accounts.

4th. I enclose to you sundry Accounts for the *Gazette* and *Australian* Newspapers, and request you will pay the following Sums

To the Editor of the <i>Australian</i>	£2.10.6
To the Editor of the <i>Gazette</i>	£35.15.1

The Enclosed Memorandum, which is to be returned to me, will give you all the requisite information respecting these Accounts.

5. The Company's Accountant informs me that in your Invoice dated 27 December, 100 lbs of White Lead is charged at 4d per lb, £0.16.8 which should have been £1.13.4 to your Credit. The Amount of your Account will therefore be £220.15.7.

Letter No. 303

Port Stephens
4th January 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that the undermentioned Prisoners mentioned in your Letters, (Original and Duplicate) of the 17th November, as assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company by Command of His Excellency the Governor, have not been received.

	Ship	Sentence
1. Michael Anderson, alias Andrew Bell	<i>Bussorah Merchant</i>	Life
2. James Stapleton	<i>Borodino</i>	
3. Thomas Dauncey	<i>America</i>	7 years
4. Abraham Parker	<i>Shipley</i>	Life

I request you will be pleased to forward them per *Lambton*, when convenient.

Letter No. 304

Port Stephens
4th January 1831

William Wetherman Esq

Sir,

I am under the necessity of calling off your attention from your own immediate duties for a short time, in requesting your perusal of the Enclosed Documents, in the order of their respective dates; namely the 31st of December and the 3rd of January.

When you have studied these documents, I request that, as a Man of business, you will acquaint me, for the information of the Directors, what answer, on Mr Barton's part, they appear to you to contain, to my order of the 31st of December, in other words, what Vouchers you should suppose, according to Mr Barton's replies, are wanting in the Accountant's Office, for the large Sums of Money expended by my authority, on account of the Company, up to the close of the last year.

Letter No. 305

Port Stephens
6th January 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Having lately received from the Admiralty the accompanying Impression of a New Survey of Cockburn Sound, I have the Honor to transmit it to you, to be copied for the use of His Majesty's Government, if His Excellency should think fit.

I request that it may be returned to me, when done with.

Letter No. 306

Port Stephens
7th January 1831

Messrs W. Walker & Co.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. I beg leave to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 3rd instant, and, in reply, to acquaint you that the arrangements therein, mentioned for the conveyance of the Wool belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company from Port Stephens to Sydney, to be Shipped in the *Forth* for London, are such as I am willing to accede to; and I therefore request that the Vessel may be at Port Stephens in such time as to leave that Harbour again with the Wool on board on or about the 31st instant, as specified in my former communication.

2nd. In reply to your enquiry as to the Shipment of the Wool at Port Stephens earlier than that day, I beg to acquaint you that it

is not in my power to ship it at an earlier period. But I have no hesitation in saying that, as far as depends upon the Company, the whole may be shipped within twenty-four hours after the vessel's arrival at Carrington.

3rd. In expectation of her arrival, I shall on the 29th instant, station a Boat's Crew at the Heads of Port Stephens to assist if required, in bringing her up the Harbour. With this view, I request that the Master, be directed to hoist at the Masthead, an English Ensign, as soon as he comes in sight of the Heads.

4th. With respect to the payment of additional freight, in consideration of the wool not being stowed by the application of a Screw, I beg to acquaint you that advices just received do not incline me to adopt this suggestion.

5th. I shall be obliged by your acknowledging the receipt of this communication, and remain...

Letter No. 307

Port Stephens
8th January 1831

Messrs Lamb, Buchanan & Co.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 3rd instant just received, I beg to acquaint you that I have, in compliance with your request, directed the Two bags of Bread and One Cask of Beef to be deposited in the Company's Stores until called for by the Master of the Boat *Rover*.

Letter No. 308

Port Stephens
10th January 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a tin case containing a Plan (in two Sheets) of an Engine House &c required to be erected for the Company's Coal-Works at Newcastle.

Enclosed are two Copies of an Advertizement on this subject, which I request you will cause to be immediately inserted in the *Gazette* and *Australian* Newspapers; and continued in four publications of each.

I likewise enclose a Specification of the Plan, and the Conditions to be observed by the Contractor.

I request you will forward to me, by the earliest safe conveyance, any Tenders which may come to your Office.

In the meantime, I request you will let me know, by return of the *Lambton*, what would be the probable expense of conveying from Sydney to Newcastle, as Ballast, undressed Stones of a good substantial building kind, measuring generally about 3 feet 2 inches in length, by one foot eight inches in their other dimensions; the number of these required being about one hundred & fifty.

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Port Stephens
10th January 1831

For the *Gazette*

The Australian Agricultural Company intending to erect an Engine House at Newcastle, Persons disposed to contract to build the same are invited to send in Tenders on or before the 20th February next to be addressed to me either at the Office of George Bunn Esq., Sydney, or at the Residence of John Henderson Esq. Newcastle at which Places a Plan and specification of the Work may be seen, also, the Conditions to be observed by the Contractor.

The Tender must state the names and address of two respectable persons who may be willing to enter into Security severally and jointly with the Contractor, for the Completion of the work in the Amount and under the Conditions to be expressed in the Agreement.

W. E. Parry, Commissioner

Conditions to be observed by the Contractor for building an Engine House &c at Newcastle for the Australian Agricultural Company – agreeably to a plan and Specification herewith, and in the situation described.

1st. The Work to be completed on or before the 31st July 1831, in exact conformity with the Plan and Specification.

2nd. The Building to be subject to inspection on behalf of the Company as the Work proceeds, And any alterations, additions or

improvements that may be thought requisite on the part of the Company for the greater Security, convenience or ornament of the Building to be made, such additions or improvements to be expressed in the Agreement, such additional Sum to be determined by the Valuation of Two Persons to be parties (namely the Builder and the Company) who shall be at liberty if they cannot agree, to appoint a third as umpire.

3rd. The Contractor with the Company to enter into a Bond of Security himself in the Sum of [*] Pounds and Jointly and severally with two other persons to be approved on behalf of the Company in the sum of £[*] for the due and faithful performance of the Agreement.

W. E. Parry, Commissioner

* In each case to the Amount of the Accepted Tender so that the Security shall be double the Value of the Building in the whole

Letter No. 309

Port Stephens
10th January 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.

Sir,

In reply to the Question contained in Mr Harington's Letter of the 5th October, of which I acknowledge the Receipt on the 16th of that month,

I have now the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that, according to the best judgement I am yet able to form (upon data which, I fear, are not very accurate) it does not appear that Coals from this Colony could be delivered at Hobart Town under Thirty Shillings per Ton.

On a question of such importance, I will make it my business to make further enquiries, and report the result for His Excellency's information, as soon as possible.

Letter No. 310

Newcastle
11th January 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

The Rope sent, by my desire, to Mr Henderson being very indifferent twice-laid Rope, is found to be quite unfit for the intended purpose; but as it will be required for other purposes I have desired that it may be kept on the supposition that it will only be charged as twice-laid.

I request you will forward to Mr Henderson Forty-fathoms of New 3½ Inch Rope; also 3 door-locks and 3 Padlocks (with hasps &c) of a Strong but common kind.

Letter No. 311

Newcastle
12th January 1831

Mr John Smith
Newcastle

Sir,

Sir Edward Parry begs to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Smith's Letter of the 10th instant and to inform him that he cannot give him any definitive answer until after his return to Port Stephens.

It is very probable, however, that he may send some Wheat for Mr Smith to grind, about the close of the present month.

Letter No. 311a

Cumming's Hotel
Sydney
4th January 1831

S. Terry Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Adverting to a letter addressed to you by Mr Barton the Accountant to the Australian Agricultural Company on the 28th of September 1830, requesting you to state in writing, your reasons for declining to pay the Sum of Seven Pounds Six Shillings & Five pence Sterling for Provisions supplied by you on Account by the Australian Agricultural Company in September, October & November 1827 and no reply having been received from you on the subject,

I am directed by the Commissioner Captain Sir W. E. Parry to repeat the above request, and I beg you will favor me with an early reply, in order that I may (on my return to Port Stephens which will be very shortly) be enabled to hand him the same for his information.

Henry Darch

Letter No. 312

Port Stephens
15th January 1831

F. A. Hely Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th instant respecting the Convict named in the margin, I beg to acquaint you that I have caused him to be placed in safe custody, and that he will be forwarded to you by the same conveyance by which you receive this Letter.

George Jones,
Sesostris

Letter No. 313

Port Stephens
15th January 1831

Mr C. Moniz
At Mr William Bowen's
19 Market Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th instant, I beg to acquaint you that it is not in my power to accept your Offer of Services, having no occasion for a Person to superintend the Culture of Tobacco or the Vine upon the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 314

Port Stephens
19th January 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to transmit to you the enclosed application from the Prisoner named in the margin, an assigned servant to the A. A. Company & request you will be pleased to inform me what Claim, if any, he has to the Indulgence, for which he applies.

Thomas Flanagan,
Hadlow, Life

A duplicate of the above transmitted to Mr Hely, 27 June 1831

Letter No. 315

Port Stephens
19th January 1831

Messrs Lamb, Buchanan & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

Herewith I transmit you an Account for Goods supplied to the Master of the Boat *Rover* on your account amounting to the Sum of 3.7.7, which I request you will cause to be paid on my account, as Commissioner to the A. A. Co, into the Bank of Australia.

Letter No. 316

Port Stephens
19th January 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Robert McGuire,
Mangles 3, 7 Years

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the margin having lately obtained a Ticket of Leave for the District of Maitland and his Services as a Stock-keeper, for three months longer, being much required by the A. A. Co. (in consequence of an accident having happened to his Overseer, whose place I cannot otherwise supply) I beg you will do me the favor to convey to His Excellency the Governor my request to be allowed to retain this man in the Service of the Company for that time, with his own consent.

Letter No. 317

Port Stephens
19th January 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Edward Walton,
Hadlow 1, 14 Years

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, now in the service of the A. A. Co. having stated to me that he believes himself entitled to the Indulgence of a Ticket of Leave in consequence of his Sentence of Transportation to a Penal Settlement having been cancelled,

I request you will inform me he has really any such Claims.

Letter No. 318

Port Stephens
19th January 1831

Mr Henry Lazarus
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th instant, I regret that it is not in my power consistently with my duty to the A. A. Co. to consent to the transfer of Daniel Cohen (C) to your Service, the Company being in considerable want of men.

Letter No. 319

Port Stephens
20th January 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£370) Three Hundred and Seventy Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for such of the Articles contained in your last Invoice per *Lambton* as have been received at the Company's Stores at Port Stephens.

2nd. It appears, on landing the *Lambton's* cargo, that there is a deficiency of One Thousand five hundred Pounds of Flour, as compared with the Invoice.

3rd. The Sum of £20, which you state to have been paid to the 'Foundry-Man' is provided for in the Draft now enclosed; but a Voucher for the payment is wanting, to enable me to place that Sum to your Credit in your Account with the Company.

4th. The Voucher No. 12 of Your Invoice of the 27th of December is also wanting.

5th. There have been received, per *Lambton*, Thirty-five Segments and one Pinion, of Cast-Iron, which are not included in your Invoice or Letters. I request you will send me some information respecting them.

6th. I enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply with as little delay as possible.

7th. I request you will forward per *Lambton*, without fail, the Box numbered 322, arrived per *Craigevar*, together with any others which She can conveniently bring.

8th. The whole of the rest are to be sent by the *New Zealander*, which vessel is intended to bring the Company's Wool to Sydney from hence. I request you will make it understood that assistance will be given here, in unloading her.

9th. You will receive an Invoice of the Wheat shipped per *Lambton*, which is to be ground under the superintendence of Mr Sawkins.

Letter No. 320

Port Stephens
20th January 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you, together with my Banking-book, as Commissioner of the A. A. Company, Bills on the Governors & Directors for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds.

My Account would not have been over-drawn, but that the Master of the *Lambton* was unable, on the preceding voyage, to obtain the Banking-book, in consequence of its being a Holiday when he called.

Letter No. 321

Port Stephens
21st January 1831

J. M. Winder Esq.
Windermere
Maitland

Sir,

With reference to the subject of my letter addressed to you on the 27th of December last,

I request that you will deliver at Newcastle, not later than the 4th of February, the One Hundred and Sixty-eight Bushels of good clean Wheat, due by you to the A. A. Company.

Should the *Lambton* be at Newcastle, which it is my intention she should be, at that time, I request you will cause the Wheat to be delivered on board her at the Wharf; otherwise, into the Warehouse of Mr John Smith, as before arranged.

Letter No. 322

Port Stephens
24th January 1831

-- Low Esq.

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to Mr Low, and, in reply to his note of the 4th instant, begs to express his gratification in finding that the report, which has lately been current at Port Stephens, of Mr Low's having said that the Company's Rams offered for sale at Maitland were diseased is devoid of Foundation.

Sir Edward Parry will have great pleasure in contradicting this report, on the authority of Mr Low's communication; tho' he should not otherwise have thought it of sufficient importance to notice.

Sir Edward Parry begs to add that until the receipt of Mr Low's note, he was unaware of Mr Burnett's name having been mentioned in this business.

Letter No. 323

Port Stephens
25th January 1831

Charles Hall Esq.

Sir,

Observing your Agreement with the Company will expire in the Month of June 1832, I request you will inform me whether you are willing to continue in the Company's Service after that time; and if so, for what period and on what terms.

Letter No. 324

Port Stephens
28th January 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit to you the following Accounts by the Australian Agricultural Company against His Majesty's Government, vizt.

1 st . Accounts (in Triplicate) and Vouchers for Provisions supplied to the Military Guard at Port Stephens from the 25 th of March to the 24 th December 1830	£100.13.4
2 nd . Accounts (in Triplicate) & Vouchers for Provisions supplied from the 25 th of March to 24 December 1830, to Sundry Persons on Account of His Majesty's Government at Port Stephens	£4.8.5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total	£105.1.9 $\frac{3}{4}$

And I have to request you will cause the Amount to be paid at the Bank of Australia, on account of the Company.

I beg also to remind you that the last Accounts of a Similar Kind for the quarter ended the 25th March 1830, amounting to £34.3.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ have not yet been paid.

Letter No. 325

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Mr Eales
Hunter's River

Sir,

With reference to the subject of my Letter addressed to you on the 27th December 1830, I have now to request that you will cause the 233 Bushels of Wheat due by you to the A. A. Company to be delivered at the Store of Mr John Smith, Newcastle, not later than the 5th proximo.

Letter No. 326

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Mr John Smith
Newcastle or Maitland

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th current I beg to acquaint you that I am willing to send Wheat belonging to the A. A. Co. to be ground and dressed by you upon the terms mentioned in that communication, namely, One Shilling per Bushel for grinding and dressing, Carting and Storage included; the Wheat being received and delivered by you at the Wharf, Newcastle.

It is also to be understood that the Grain is to be accounted for in the following manner

Flour	44 ½ lbs
Bran	12 ½ lbs
Waste	1 lb
Bushel of wheat	58 lbs

Dr Nisbet who is the Bearer of this Letter, will communicate with you as to the quantity expected to be delivered to you in a few days for the above purpose.

Letter No. 327

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Messrs William Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

1st. I herewith enclose to you one Invoice of (150) One Hundred and Fifty Bales of Wool, and (366) Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Bullock Hides, belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, shipped on board the *New Zealander* to be re-shipped, according to the understanding between us on board the ship *Forth* for conveyance direct to London.

2nd. The Wool having been shipped on board the *New Zealander* in perfectly dry and good condition, I request you will cause equal care to be used in the removal of it to the *Forth*, and that I trust that this Ship will not be detained in Sydney beyond the 15th proximo, it being as you are aware, of essential importance that the Wool should arrive early in the English Market.

3rd. I likewise transmit to your herewith a Letter addressed to the Governors and Directors of the AACo., of which the outer cover is un-sealed, I request you will put into it a Bill of Lading, executed according to the annexed particulars and duly signed, and after sealing the pacquet, that you will deliver it into the charge of the Master of the *Forth*, to be put into the Post Office at the first English Port at which he may arrive.

4th. I request that you will also cause three other similar Bills of Lading to be made out and executed, retaining them until I arrive at Sydney.

5th. I request you will do me the favor to cause the rest of the enclosed Letters to be carefully delivered with as little delay as possible, according to their respective addresses.

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Shipped – by the Commissioner for Managing
the Affairs of the AA Company
In the *Forth*, Captain James Robertson bound for London
150 Bales of Wool
A^{co}A Nos 1 @ 50
366 Bullock Hides
to be delivered in London
unto the Governors and Directors, of the
AA. Company or their Agents
Freight having being paid in London

Letter No. 328

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you together with my Banking-book, Bills on the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds Sterling, the receipt of which, I request you will be pleased to acknowledge.

Letter No. 329

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1. Understanding that Patrick Sheridan, a Prisoner of the Crown, lately in the Service of the A. A. Co. has been convicted by the Supreme Court of burglariously robbing the house of Daniel Ivey at Port Stephens, and is now under Sentence of death for the Same,

2. I consider it my duty to transmit to you Copies of two Papers written by an Assigned Servant of the Company in July & August last charging other parties with the crime, above-mentioned, upon which I consulted at the time with Mr Donelan, when we agreed that it was a stratagem to protect Sheridan.

3. About the same time a great many Reports of a similar kind had come to my knowledge, and every endeavour was made to discover the truth, but no positive information was obtained from which legal evidence could be drawn. And as the Crown-Solicitor had, in his letter of the 19th of August, acquainted Mr Donelan that "the Evidence already acquired did not warrant any expectation of the Prisoner's (Sheridan's) Conviction" the necessary legal proofs being in his opinion entirely wanting, I did not deem it of importance to forward any of the vague Reports to which I have alluded, and in which I place no confidence whatever, as affecting

Sheridan's guilt, though it is possible that they may have some influence on the minds of others.

Letter No. 330

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith return to you five Vouchers, requiring receipts of the Parties of whom the goods were purchased on commission.

I likewise enclose a Receipt from Mr Henderson for 17 Pairs of Slop Shoes, dated Newcastle 11th of January, but no account of these shoes has been received, unless the Receipt in question refers to the "20 pairs of Strong Shoes" sent to Newcastle by you on the 7th of January the receipt whereof is certified by Mr Henderson on the account. I request you will explain how the matter stands.

Your account of the 20th of January containing a charge for 3 Padlocks, and your Letter of the same date mentioning three, whereas Mr Henderson certifies to the receipt of two only, I request you will inform me whether the mistake can have occurred in shipping them.

The *Lambton's* cargo not having being landed the correctness of the last Invoice has not yet been certified by the Company Storekeeper; but I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank for (£150) One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Articles purchased.

I have again to request, as a measure necessary for maintaining regularity in the accounts of the Company, that all Accounts or Invoices be signed.

Letter No. 331

Port Stephens
31st January 1831

Henry Douglass Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of the 28th current, with the corrected accounts of Rams &c sold at Sydney and Wallis's Plains on account of the A. A. Company.

It appearing that there is a balance in favor of the Company, of £8.8.10 I request you will pay the same into the Bank of Australia.

Your account stating the price of the Rams sold to Mr Eales at 106 shillings, and Mr Eales's agreement stating it at Five Guineas, I request you will inform me on whose part the error lies.

Letter No. 332

Port Stephens
5th February 1831

John Adams
Carrington

John Adams,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date requesting to be allowed to retire from the Service of the A. A. Co.,

I have to acquaint you that I am willing to comply with your wish.

I therefore give you Notice to quit the Company's Estate on the Fifth of March next, being One Calendar Month from this date.

Letter No. 333

Port Stephens
5th February 1831

Mr B. Singleton
John Mill Boatfalls
Hunter's River

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 8th ultimo, offering to furnish Flour of the first and second Quality to the Australian Agricultural Company;

I beg to acquaint you that neither Mr Dangar nor myself can understand from the communications you have addressed to us respectively, exactly what your offer is.

I therefore request you will inform me more distinctly, whether you are willing to deliver Flour at the Company's Settlement at Port Stephens at the same price as that paid by the Company in Sydney, free of all other expence to the Company whatsoever.

Letter No. 334

Port Stephens
5th February 1831

J. W. Donelan Esq. J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that the following Cattle impounded in the Company's Private Pound at Carrington and duly advertised in the *Sydney Gazette* were this day sold by Public Auction for the Sum of (£4) Four Pounds vizt:

One Red Poll Cow White Flanks & White Star branded JG.
One Brindle Bull-Calf unbranded
One Blue-sided Steer 18 months old branded JG.
The Expences on the Cattle are

Poundage 21 days before Advertizement	£1.11.6
Ditto while Advertizements	£1.11.6
Expences of Advertizements	<u>£1.0.3</u>
	<u>£4.3.3</u>

Letter No. 335

Port Stephens
8th February 1831

Mr Myles
William's River

Sir,

It having been reported to me by the Superintendent of Flocks to the Australian Agricultural Company, that a Dray belonging to you was lately at Tellighary, Near Stroud, with Maize for Sale to the Company's Servants,

I beg to refer you to my Advertizement on this subject in the *Sydney Gazette* of the 17th April, 1830 and of which a Copy is herewith enclosed; and to inform you that, if you again send your Dray upon the Company's Estate without communicating to me the purpose for which you do so, and obtaining my permission I shall immediately direct the Company's Solicitor to commence an action against you for Trespass.

Letter No. 336

Port Stephens
8th February 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Invoice of the 28th January, I beg to inform you that on opening the Bag containing Shoes (which did not appear to have been opened after leaving Sydney) only forty-nine Pairs were in it, leaving a deficiency of Five Pairs.

The Amount of the above Invoice should have been £142.18.9, instead of £135.0.5, the charges (£3.19.2) having been deducted from instead of added to, the cost of the Goods.

Letter No. 336a

Port Stephens
7th February 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

A considerable difference of opinion having been expressed by persons in the profession of the law, as to the competency of Sir Edward Parry to sit on the Bench at Port Stephens, in any cases where the Servants, whether Free or Bond, of the Australian Agricultural Company (of which he is the Commissioner) are concerned, and it being frequently desirable & indeed necessary for the ends of public justice that a Bench should be assembled in such cases,

We have to request that you will procure the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown upon this question.

Should they be of opinion that Sir Edward Parry can legally sit in any such cases, We request to be distinctly informed what those cases are and especially in such instances as admit of the Bench exercising a Summary Jurisdiction.

W. E. Parry J.P.
J. W. Donelan J.P.

Letter No. 337

Port Stephens
8th February 1831

Thomas Tulk

Thomas Tulk,

In reply to your Letter of this day's date, requesting to be discharged from the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company,

I have to acquaint you that I very much regret that it is not in my power at present to comply with your request.

Letter No. 338

Sydney
14th February 1831

Messrs W. Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

Understanding from you to my great astonishment and regret, on my arrival here from Port Stephens this Evening, that notwithstanding the express Agreement between us that all the Wool belonging to the A. A. Co. should be conveyed to England by the *Forth*, only Thirty Bales have been shipped by that Vessel.

I have to request that you will acquaint me, in writing, for the information of the Governors & Directors of the Company, with the reasons for this alteration in the intended arrangements, which I considered most conclusively & satisfactorily made, until I received from you this evening, the disagreeable & unexpected intelligence above alluded to.

Letter No. 339

Sydney
14th February 1831

J. B. Bettington Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Understanding this evening from Messrs Walker & Co. that Captain Heard of the Ship *Dryad* has offered to take to England for them in that Ship from Seventy-five to One Hundred Bales of Wool,

I beg to acquaint you that the Wool in question belongs to the A. A. Co. and I have therefore to request that you will do me the kindness to take care that this promise is performed, as I am anxious that the Wool should not leave the Colony later than the *Dryad* is likely to sail.

Letter No. 340

Sydney
15th February 1831

James Raymond Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to Mr Raymond & will be much obliged by his informing him by the Bearer, whether all the Letters which were in the Post Office, addressed to the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company have been sent by the *Nancy*, or any other Ship actually sailed; as Sir Edward is desirous of avoiding the risk of sending Duplicates in the same ship.

Sir Edward also requests to be informed when the Mail-bags per *Forth* actually close.

Letter No. 341

Sydney
17th February 1831

Messrs W. Walker & Co.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your note of the last evening, I beg to say that I shall feel much obliged by Mr William Walker's taking charge of the Box on board the *Forth* addressed to the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Co. and delivering it himself as well as the paquet if convenient at their office, King's Arms Yard.

Wishing Mr W. Walker a quick & pleasant voyage.

Letter No. 342

Sydney
18th February 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Having received an Account from the Editor of the *Australian* Newspaper, charging the Company with two Copies of that Publication during the whole of the year 1830,

I have to request you will inform me whether you know of any Authority which the Editor can possibly have received, to furnish two Copies, contrary to the wish expressed by me in the 4th Paragraph of my letter addressed to you on the 13 January 1830.

Letter No. 343

Sydney
19th February 1831

Richard Jones Esq.
Hunter Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this day's date enclosing one from the Reverend Mr Adair, who wishes to undertake the Duties of Clergyman upon the Company's Estate at Port Stephens,

I beg to acquaint you (and I request you will do me the favor to convey the information to Mr Adair) that applications of this nature must be made solely to the Archdeacon of the Colony with whom alone such appointment must originate in this Country.

It may be proper for me to add, however, that a Clergyman being shortly expected from England expressly for the Company's Estate, it is not probable that any persons would in the mean time, succeed in obtaining that appointment.

Letter No. 344

Cummings' Hotel
Sydney
19th February 1831

Colonel Despard
&c &c &c
Commanding H.M. 17th Regiment
Parramatta

Sir,

As Commissioner for managing the affairs of the A. A. Company, I am under the painful necessity of acquainting you that the Serjeant and several of the Detachment of H.M. 17th Regiment, which have just left Sydney Cove in the *Lambton* for Port Stephens, have embarked in a state of great intoxication, and have been guilty

of very disorderly conduct, towards myself and others, when I went on board to order the Vessel under way.

Situated as the Company's Establishment at Port Stephens is; at a distance from Head Quarters; and particularly as at present circumstance without any Magistrates, I have felt it an especial duty, to inform you of this circumstance; having reason to apprehend from the Spirit displayed by the Serjeant on this occasion that, unless some notice be taken of this occurrence, serious mischief is likely to ensue between the Military and the Company's Servants before the arrangements can be completed for stationing a Commissioned Officer at Port Stephens.

I have pleasure in adding that the Corporal, whose name I believe is Hogan, was perfectly sober, and that his Conduct was every way proper on the occasion.

Letter No. 344a

Memorandum, to serve as the Basis of certain Arrangements to be made, relative to Lands to be granted to, or leased by, the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales

1st

The Company to give up so much of their present Grant as is included within, or to the Eastward of the Lines marked ~~~~~ in the accompanying Map commencing on the South East, from the Junction of the Myall River with the Sheet of Water called the 'First Broadwater' thence running West (Magnetic) to a point distant about 3 3/4 miles from Booral (Central Point of Squares 1461, 1462, 1488, 1489) & due North of the Commissioner's Residence at Port Stephens; thence due North 'till within 4 miles of the Manning River; thence East 7 miles (in upper left hand corner of 212), and lastly about 3 miles North to the Banks of the Manning (at upper right hand corner of 95).

Sir Edward Parry would gladly have proposed to relinquish more of the very indifferent Land to the Southward (i.e. nearest to Port Stephens) but for several extensive and substantial Fences and a few Buildings already erected upon it by the Company.

The object of carrying the Northern part of the line abruptly to the Eastward is, that the Company may possess a certain extent of Water frontage upon that part of the Manning River which is navigable for Boats; from which advantage they would have been wholly excluded had the line continued due North to the Manning.

engraved Map
Square No. 1474

2nd

The Company to retain the remainder of the original Grant, amounting to about 715 ½ Square Miles, or 457,920 Acres as one Location of the two or three allowed to the Company by His Majesty's Government (see Sir George Murray's Despatch No. 23 to His Excellency the Governor dated the 21st of April 1830).

The Map of the Company's Grant accompanying the Memorandum, has no pretensions to correctness in its details; but the general limits may be considered sufficiently accurate for the present purpose. A copy of the correct Survey of nearly the whole Original Grant is ready for His Excellency's inspection.

3rd

The portion of Land to the North of the Manning, reserved by order of His Excellency for examination by the Company, has been found unfit for their purposes. The quantity of available Land in any one spot not being of sufficient extent or Value to constitute one of their Locations – Sir Edward Parry therefore declines taking this Portion of Land.

(See Mr Dangar's Survey accompanying this Memorandum, which Sir Edward Parry requests may be copied & returned to him by the Government).

4th

With a view to the examination of unlocated Lands for the purpose of a further Selection for the Company of 542,080 Acres Sir Edward Parry wishes to be put in possession of all the information of this nature, in the Surveyor General's Office, as relates to that Portion, of the Colony lying to the Westward & North Westward of the Company's present Estate, especially Liverpool and Goulburn Plains and the Country situated between these, and the Company's Grant.

5th

With reference to the Argument made between His Majesty's Government and the Directors of the Company, that the latter shall, upon certain conditions, hold on Lease such a part of the "Clergy and School Reserve" adjoining their present Estate, "as shall be proportioned to the quantity of their old Allotment which they may retain" (see Sir George Murray's Despatch above-quoted) Sir Edward Parry wishes to select the following portions of the "Reserve" for the Reasons hereinafter mentioned.

Parish of Crosbie

5 miles in length of the southern part of it 17½ square miles 11,200 acres

The remainder or Northern part of this Parish is useless for any purpose whatsoever

Parish of Fitzroy

The whole of this Parish 24½ square miles 15,680 acres

Parish of Verulam

Contains of available Land only about 6 square miles 3,840 acres

Parish of
Faulkland

The whole of this Parish 24½ square miles 15,680 acres

Total 46,400 acres

Leaving (out of the whole proportion to be leased namely) 65,417 acres

Remainder to be proposed for selection by Sir Edward Parry 19,017 acres

This last mentioned Portion it would be desirable for the Company to possess adjoining the Southern Boundary Line of the 'Reserve', namely about one half of each Parish of Tarean and Wilmot respectively. The Principal reason for Sir Edward Parry's desiring to lease this part on account of the Company, is, that it is known to be the outlet in the direction of William's River, of Stolen Property from the Company's Estate. It is also desirable that the Company should possess a Communication between the Williams and Karuah Rivers, as well as, some water frontage on the Banks of the former of these two streams.

The other Parishes above mentioned have been selected, as immediately connected with the Company's present Sheep Stations, & as less likely than any other part of the 'Reserve' to interfere with the Settlers, who may have leases of those portions of the 'Reserve' immediately adjoining the Williams River.

A Survey of the whole of the Northern Part of the 'Reserve' down to the Parish of Thalaba inclusive, has lately been made by the Company's Surveyor and is ready for His Excellency's inspection.

The Survey of the Remainder (namely the Parishes of Horton, Wilmot, Karuah and Tarean) is now going on. This circumstance may possibly render necessary some slight modification in the above proposals; but, in the mean time, Sir Edward Parry is desirous of knowing the views of His Majesty's Government, on the subject of this Selection for the Company.

Sir Edward Parry feels confident that in permitting him to make a Selection from this Reserve His Majesty's Local Government will bear in mind that the Company have agreed to pay no less a Sum than £300 per annum for any such Selection.

W. E. Parry
Sydney
21st February 1831

Letter No. 345

Sydney
21st February 1831

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to the Conversation I had with you on the 19th current relative to a Sum of Money which I was desirous of putting out to Interest on account of the Port Stephens Savings Bank, I beg you will acquaint me, for the information of the Committee of the Bank whether you will undertake to invest this money, which amounts at present to about (£460) Four Hundred & Sixty Pounds & is likely soon to be increased.

If you are willing to undertake the Investment, I request you will favor me, at your earliest convenience, with replies to the following queries

- 1st. What Interest will the Money bear upon Securities which you consider quite unexceptionable?
- 2nd. What is the nature of those Securities?
- 3rd. How often may additional Sums be conveniently invested? And to how low an Amount?

4th. How often may the Interest be conveniently received? And at what Notice?

I request you will favor me with any other suggestions which may seem to you as likely to prove useful in establishing the intended Savings Bank at Port Stephens.

P.S. An early answer will oblige as I am about to return to Port Stephens in a few days.

Letter No. 346

Sydney
25th February 1831

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

William Booth

I beg leave to report to you the Death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, by the falling of a Tree at Booral, a Farm on the Company's Estate.

Letter No. 347

Sydney
25th February 1831

Stephen Collett

Stephen Collett,

In reply to your Letter of the 9th current, requesting that your Agreement with the A. A. Company may be cancelled,

I have to acquaint you that I have no objection to comply with your request, and that your Agreement will be cancelled accordingly on the 7th of April, or earlier if you desire it.

Letter No. 347a

Memorandum

In the Memorandum of the 21st current submitted to the consideration of His Majesty's Government Sir Edward Parry did not include any proposals relative to the A. A. Company's intended Grant at Newcastle as he had just received the Colonial Secretary's

letter of the 14th current acquainting him that his Proposals already made had been acceded to.

As, however, His Excellency has been pleased to intimate His intention of shortly bringing the above-mentioned Memorandum before the Executive Council, Sir Edward Parry considers that time may perhaps be saved by his now submitting to His Majesty's Government his wish to occupy, for the Company, two or three allotments in the Town of Newcastle, for the purpose of erecting Buildings &c, the greater part of these Allotments to be near the Company's intended Works & Wharf (i.e. towards the Western End of the proposed Town) and a smaller portion for an Office & Stores within or near the Precincts of the present Town.

The above proposal is, of course, intended to be independent of the Water frontage alluded to in the 4th Article of the Colonial Secretary's Letter addressed to Sir Edward Parry on the 14th current and which from the Situation of the intended Wharf must be partly abreast of the Town as marked out on the Plan.

W. E. Parry
Sydney
28th February 1831

Letter No. 348

Sydney
1st March 1831

R. Campbell Esq.
Sydney

Sir Edward Parry presents his Compliments to Mr Campbell & regrets extremely that, in consequence of Mr Burnett's absence at the Company's Farms, when the *Lambton* left Port Stephens, he did not receive by her any positive answer about the Wheat which Mr Campbell has been kind enough to reserve, & of which the Sample was duly forwarded to Port Stephens, for Mr Burnett's decision.

Sir Edward Parry hopes it may not be inconvenient to Mr Campbell to reserve the 400 Bushels for a week longer; in which case he will feel obliged by his doing so.

Letter No. 349

Sydney
2nd March 1831

Messrs W. Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and with reference to your former assurance that the (366) Three Hundred & Sixty-six Bullocks' Hides now in your Stores belonging to the A. A. Company are not in a fit state to be shipped for England,

I have to request you will dispose of them in the Colony as advantageously as possible, according to the suggestion contained in your Letter.

I have further to request that you will inform me, by letter, when the *Dryad* actually leaves Sydney.

Letter No. 350

Sydney
2nd March 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 26th ultimo tendering from One Hundred to One Hundred & Fifty Head of Cattle, delivered at Port Stephens, at One Penny half penny per pound,

I beg to inform you that your Tender being the lowest yet received, it is probable that I shall accept it, and that I will communicate with you further on this subject on the *Lambton's* return from Port Stephens.

Letter No. 350a

S. Stephen Esq.

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to Mr Stephen and, in returning to him the proposed Address to His Majesty, begs to assure him that it will afford him great pleasure to second it.

Sir Edward takes the liberty of suggesting the propriety of touching upon the circumstances of His late Majesty's decease, as

a customary and proper occasion of condolence; and also of mentioning the Queen's Name towards the close of the Address, as a just tribute of respect to that most excellent Personage.

Sydney
March 2nd, 1831

Letter No. 351

Sydney
2nd March 1831

The Managing Director of the Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to hand you two acceptances of Major Innes to me for £180 and £60 respectively, due on the 4th instant which I have to request you will hold over for Six Months, charging the usual Interest, which extension of time I have agreed to allow him.

You will however observe that the Bill for £60 being taken as a Collateral Security you will be pleased to deliver up that Bill to Major Innes upon his paying the other Bill for £180.

Letter No. 352

Sydney
2nd March 1831

Major Innes
&c &c &c
Port Macquarie

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th of January which I deferred answering in hopes of meeting you at Sydney, I now beg leave to acquaint you that on receiving your communication I laid it before the Superintendent of the Company's Stud for his Report thereupon.

I think you will perceive by this Report (of which I now enclose a copy for your information) how impossible it is for me to accede to your purpose of being allowed twelve months' further Credit without interest from the 1st of March.

But being desirous under all the circumstances of the times not to press unreasonably for the payment of this Debt, I have

lodged the two Bills in the Bank of Australia with Instruction to the Managing Director to hold them over for Six Months, & that when the Bill for £180 is paid (with the usual Interest) the other Bill for £60 is to be endorsed back to you.

Letter No. 353

Sydney
3rd March 1831

R. Campbell Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Having just heard from Port Stephens respecting the sample of Seed Wheat which I forwarded to Port Stephens from your Stores, I beg to acquaint you that Mr Burnett does not wish me to purchase any of this Wheat for the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 354

Port Stephens
7th March 1831

Robert Futter Esq.
Lumley
Argyle

Sir,

With reference to your offer lately communicated to me at Sydney to furnish Seed-Wheat (as per sample) at Six Shillings per Bushel,

I have now to request that you will, as soon as possible, send to the Warehouse of Mr George Bunn, George Street, Sydney (150) One Hundred & Fifty Bushels of the Said Wheat, for the use of the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 355

Port Stephens
8th March 1831

Charles Olive

Charles Olive,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday, again applying for leave to quit the Company's Service,

I have to acquaint you that it is my intention to comply with your request.

Your Agreement with the Company will, therefore, be cancelled on the 8th of April, on which day you will deliver up to Mr Thomas Ebsworth the house you now inhabit, together with all other property belonging to the Company, which may then be in your possession.

Letter No. 356

Port Stephens
9th March 1831

Frederick Leman [Lehmann]

Frederick Leman,

In reply to your Letter of the 19th ultimo, requesting my permission to marry Grace Rickards and to be allowed a house, rations &c for her,

I have to acquaint you that as your Services to the Company, are not, in my opinion, or in the opinion of your Superintendent, worth even so much as you already receive from the Company, I cannot possibly allow you any additional Indulgence, which may involve the smallest expense.

I have also to state that you cannot possibly be spared to go to Newcastle or Sydney until after the Cattle have been mustered.

With respect to your marrying Grace Rickards, I have neither the power nor the wish to prevent your marriage; except inasmuch as I have considered it my duty to inform her of your being already considerably in debt, and that I therefore consider the match as a highly imprudent one.

Letter No. 357

Port Stephens
9th March 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.
Hyde Park
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 26th ultimo tendering to me for the use of the A. A. Co. One Hundred to One Hundred & Fifty Head of Cattle in good healthy Condition & Order, deliverable at Port Stephens at the rate of One Penny halfpenny per pound, deducting One Pound per cent from their total Amount if upwards of One Hundred are taken,

I now beg to inform you that I am willing to accept your Tender of One Hundred & Fifty Head, provided you consent to deliver them as follows:

The 1st Lot of 50 Head, the last week in April

The 2nd Lot of 50 Head, the second week in June

The 3rd Lot of 50 Head, the first week in August.

It is unimportant to me whether you deliver the Cattle at Stroud Farm or on the Company's Estate immediately opposite Sawyer's Point provided you give me two or three days' Notice of your intention in either case.

I particularly request your final reply to this proposal by the return of the *Lambton* Cutter to Port Stephens, as in the mean time other Tenders remain unanswered.

Letter No. 358

Port Stephens
10th March 1831

The Editor of the *Australian* Newspaper
Sydney

Sir,

On reference to the Documents in the office of the A. A. Company at Port Stephens, I find that the Item, amounting to £2.15 inserted at the foot of your Account (lately paid by me) up to 31st

December 1830, has already been settled by Mr Bunn & that the Vouchers for the payment of this demand are complete.

I therefore take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you therewith, in order that you may be aware that nothing is now due to you from the Company up to the close of the past year.

I take this opportunity of requesting that you will cause your account to be transmitted to me regularly at the end of each quarter, by which much future trouble and inconvenience will be saved.

Letter No. 358a

Henry Blackford

Sir Edward Parry, finding on enquiry, that Mr Donelan objected to recommend Henry Blackford for any Assigned Servants, in consequence of his not giving them proper food, cannot sign the Certificate required for that purpose.

Port Stephens
11 March 1831

Letter No. 359

Port Stephens
12th March 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. Enclosed you will receive an Order on the Bank of Australia for the Sum of (£130) One Hundred and Thirty Pounds to meeting the demands on the last Invoice per *Lambton*.

2. I likewise enclose the Acceptance for Mr Richard Stubbs for (£100) One Hundred Pounds falling due the 4th proximo, and payable at your Office. This Sum has been charged in your Account as a further Remittance on Account of the Company.

3. In addition to the Flour which the *Lambton* is to bring, from the Wheat now sent (as per Enclosed Invoice) and some Seed Wheat to be purchased by Mr Burnett, I request you will send as many as possible of the Goods lately arrived from England, as it is important that the whole should be received into the Company's Stores, previous to the annual taking of Stock – and, that you will inform

me when the whole is sent. The Nails per *Sovereign* are much wanted at the Company's Establishment -

4. I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed Memorandum from the Company's Accountant, on the subject of two separate purchases of Wheat made by you on Account of the Company in February and March 1829, and I request you will at your earliest convenience furnish me with all the information you possess on this subject, returning the Memorandum at the same time.

5. Mr Burnett proceeds in the *Lambton*, to select and purchase the Requisite Quantity of Seed-Wheat for the use of the Company, and I request you will procure the number of bags he may require for that purpose. Mr Burnett is directed to communicate with you on the subject.

6. As some difficulty may arise in selecting out of our various wants, what is to form the Return cargo for the *Lambton*, it may be proper for me to observe that the Seed-Wheat, the *Craigievar's* Cargo and the Nails per *Sovereign* are required in preference to the Flour produced from the Wheat now sent, of which therefore only such a portion need be shipped as will fill up the hold, should any room be left. The Articles contained in the Requisition now enclosed will not occupy much space.

Letter No. 360

Port Stephens
14th March 1831

Mr Henderson
Roslin
William's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th current offering me on account of the Australian Agricultural Company, A Dozen or more of prime Bullocks at 1 ½ d per lb,

I beg to acquaint you that having received Tenders considerably below that price I cannot accept your offer; but that I am willing to purchase from you one or two dozen at (1 ¼ d), One Penny Farthing per lb, provided they are delivered by you on the Company's Estate, either at Sawyer's Point or Booral.

Letter No. 361

Port Stephens
14th March 1831

The Editor of the *Sydney Gazette*
Sydney

Sir,

In order to avoid for the future, the irregularity and inconvenience arising from the non-settlement of your Accounts with the Australian Agricultural Company,

I request you will do me the favor to transmit your Accounts to me, as soon as possible after the expiration of each quarter.

Letter No. 362

Port Stephens
19th March 1831

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney
(via Newcastle 22 March 1831)

Sir,

It appearing by the accompanying List that Seventeen Prisoners have been sent in Irons from the Estate of the A. A. Company, in each of which cases a Pair of Irons belonging to the Company have been sent with them, and none returned,

I request you will furnish me with the same number of Irons for the use of the Police at this place.

Letter No. 363

Port Stephens
21st March 1831

H. C. Sempill
Hyde Park
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th current on the subject of a Threshing Machine which you offered to me for the A. A. Co.,

I beg to inform you that, as two Threshing Machines were in progress of constructing for the Company, before I received your first offer, I shall not have occasion to purchase one.

P.S. I shall consider your Tenders for Cattle as accepted and request you will give me the necessary intimation previous to your sending the first 50 head.

Letter No. 364

Port Stephens
22nd March 1831

Thomas Walker Esq.
Sydney
(via Newcastle)

Sir,

I beg to hand to you a Copy of a letter received from Andrew Brown together with the original Draft for (£5.15.0) Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings therein alluded to.

With reference to these Communications, I beg to acquaint you that as no claim against Mr James Walker appears on the Books of the A. A. Co. I cannot receive the payment thus tendered.

The Account in question (which I now again transmit to you) stands against you, three Bay Mares having been served at the times respectively specified.

I have therefore to request that you will pay the full amount into the Bank of Australia.

Letter No. 365

Port Stephens
22nd March 1831

Mr Andrew Brown
Manager for Mr J. Walker
Wallerawang

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I beg to enclose to you herewith a Copy of a letter I have addressed to Mr Thomas Walker on the subject of your Communication.

Letter No. 366

Port Stephens
22nd March 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to the Memorandum from the Company's Accountant, enclosed to you in my Letter of the 12th current, and alluded to in the 4th paragraph of that Communication, relative to the Sum of £43.6.8 paid by you to Mr Robert Green on the 19th of March 1829, for 100 Bushels of Wheat, and also the Sum of £145 paid to you by Messrs Rapsey and Mitchell for 290 Bushels – both on account of the Company,

I beg to say that, as the Company's Accountant considers it highly important that he should be possessed of the requisite information on this subject, I am induced to hope you will still be able, on reference to your books, to inform me to whom the wheat was delivered – also the date of delivery of the Produce – & the Quantities and description shipped by you for Port Stephens.

Letter No. 367

Port Stephens
24th March 1831

Patrick Campbell Esq.
Maitland

Sir Edward Parry presents his Compliments to Mr Campbell and begs to acquaint him that he shall be at Maitland about this day fortnight, when he will be glad to settle with Mr Campbell for the Seed Wheat – and he requests Mr Campbell will send 50 more Bushels of the same kind as the Sealed Sample, to be at Newcastle on that day – namely Thursday the 7th proximo. A Line addressed to Sir Edward Parry at Mr Hillier's will be duly attended to.

[*Letters 368 to 369 missing: possibly re Coal Works*]

Letter No. 370

Port Stephens
26th March 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Case No. 251 containing 1,000 Tin Pannikins and Two Boxes of Tin Plates for spare use amounting to £47.19.0 per *Craigievar* not having yet come to hand, and the contents being much wanted I request you will send the same down by return of the *Lambton* without fail.

The case is described thus in the Invoice – “a strong wooden Case, Battens & Iron Hoops 3 x 7, 3 x 2, 2 x 3”.

I herewith enclose a Requisition for Stores with which I request you will comply as soon as possible.

I also beg you will send as many Stones to Newcastle, as a Small Vessel will carry as Ballast, and as nearly the dimensions required as possible. I mentioned this in my letter to you of the 24th current but now repeat it in case of accidents, as our Work is standing still for want of the Stones.

Letter No. 371

Port Stephens
28th March 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for your Information certain Documents relative to an assault stated to have been committed by Mr William Barton, Accountant to the A. A. Company upon William Farrell (an Assigned Servant to the Company) while the latter was going (in execution of my Orders to that effect) to perform certain Duties in the Accountant's Office.

As I had on Saturday last (the 26th current) received from Mr Barton no reply to my Questions put to him on the 22nd I sent him a Duplicate of the same and have still received no reply at 4pm this day.

As I wholly disapprove of any Servant of the Company thus presuming to take the Law into his own hand, I deem it my duty to bring the matter before you; especially since Mr Barton does not appear disposed to give me any satisfactory Information upon the only important point; namely the assault with which he is charged.

Whatever steps you may consider it expedient to take on this occasion I request that these Documents may be placed upon Record in the Police Office to serve as my Protest (and through me as the Protest of the Company) against an Act which, so far as appears on the face of the Documents, is a highly improper and reprehensible one – on the part of Mr Barton.

Without this precaution I conceive that I should be placing the Company and myself as their Agent in the situation of a Master behaving intemperately and illegally towards Prisoners of the Crown assigned to him by His Majesty's Government.

Letter No. 372

Port Stephens
29th March 1831

Mr B. Singleton

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that the Firsts Flour lately received from you for the A. A. Company not proving equal to the Samples referred to in your Agreement, I shall be under the necessity of making some deduction (to be proposed by the Company's Miller) from the Prices agreed to be paid; and that I cannot receive any more, if inferior to the Samples.

Letter No. 373

Port Stephens
29th March 1831

James P. Webber Esq.
Paterson's Plains
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 11th current, I beg to inform you that you can purchase a Ram of the A. A. Company of the same quality as those sold to Mr Scott of Glendon at the price of Ten Guineas.

But in consequence of the trouble, inconvenience and expense attending the late Sale of the Company's Rams it is not in my power to comply with your request except on one of the following Terms: namely, Cash, or the actual delivery upon the Company's Estate either at Carrington, Booral or Stroud (as you may wish) of Wheat of a sound marketable quality to be approved by a Person whom I may appoint on the part of the Company, and at a price per Bushel (60 lbs to the Bushel) to be previously proposed by you & acceded to by me.

Letter No. 374

Port Stephens
2nd April 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit for your perusal a letter addressed to me by Mr William Barton, Accountant to the A. A. Company, purporting to be written on the 29th ultimo but received by me yesterday (Good Friday) Morning.

As this Letter appears to me to contain Matter imputing to you something like improper or unjust conduct in the Decision to which Mr Barton informs me you have come, in your Proceedings relative to the Assault said to have been committed by him, I deem it a Duty which one Magistrate of the Territory owes to another to make you acquainted therewith.

You are at liberty to make a copy of any Part of this Letter affecting your Magisterial Proceedings and I request that you will then return the letter to me.

Letter No. 375

Port Stephens
2nd April 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney
(via Newcastle)

Sir,

As there does not appear in the Police Office here, or in the Office of the A. A. Company, any Document intimating the assignment of the Man named in the Margin either to the Company or to any Individual,

Thomas Foster,
Marquis of Hastings

I request you will do me the favor, by return of the *Lambton*, to acquaint me (as Commissioner to the Company), or the Bench of Magistrates at Port Stephens what was the intended assignment of this Man by His Majesty's Government.

P.S. Your letter of the 18th ultimo has been duly received and the Prisoners therein stated as assigned to the Company have landed.

4th April 1831

Letter No. 376

Port Stephens
2nd April 1831

Mr James Reid
Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo received yesterday, I beg to refer you to the Advertizement for Tenders for supplying the Servants of the A. A. Company which will shortly appear in the *Sydney Gazette*.

Letter No. 377

Port Stephens

4th April 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I request that you will cause the accompanying Advertizement to be inserted Six times in the *Sydney Gazette*.

-oOo-

Notice is hereby given that I am ready to receive Tenders for Supplying the Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle (from 45 to 60 in number) with the following Weekly Rations, for One Year, commencing the 1st of June next; namely,

for each Prisoner from 30 to 40 in number	11 lbs good Seconds Flour 7 lbs Beef or Mutton 1 lb Sugar 2 oz Tea 2 oz Tobacco
for each Free Person, 15 to 20 in Number	11 lbs First flour 7 to 10 lbs Beef or Mutton

Tenders for the above Supplies or any part of them are to be addressed to me at Mr Bunn's Office, George Street, Sydney, or Mr Henderson, Newcastle; And to be accompanied by a reference to Two respectable Persons willing to become Securities for the due performance of the respective contracts.

(signed) W. E. Parry, Commissioner to the A. A. Company
Port Stephens
4th April 1831

Letter No. 378

Port Stephens

4th April 1831

Roger Therry Esq.
Commissioner of the Court of Requests
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose to you a Copy of an Agreement indented between the A. A. Company and one of their Servants, and to request you will give me your opinion on the following Points; namely,

1st. The Word 'Agents' not appearing in the Fifth Clause, as it does in the First and Second, is it legal for me, as Sole Attorney and Commissioner to the Company, to "put an end to this Agreement", in the manner therein stipulated?

2nd. Supposing that I can legally do this, do you understand by the wording of the Fifth Clause, that the Individual is in either case entitled to a Passage home at the expense of the Company; that is whether he is discharged after Six Months Notice, or more immediately on the payment of Six Months Salary in advance.

The Authority under which I act as Sole Attorney & Commissioner for managing the Affairs of the A. A. Company in New South Wales was enrolled in the Supreme Court in pursuance of the direction contained in the Act of Incorporation, on the 1st of January 1830; to which I presume you can refer if necessary.

It is proper for me to add that I have deemed it necessary on this occasion not to consult Mr Norton who has hitherto been the Company's Solicitor in this Colony, in consequence of having understood that Gentleman to be the Legal Advisor of the Individual named in the Agreement.

I have further to request that you will favour me with a Reply by the return of the *Lambton* to Port Stephens, as I consider your opinion upon these Questions of essential and immediate importance to the Company's Interests.

Letter No. 379

Port Stephens

5th April 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.
Hyde Park
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I beg to acquaint you that, in coming direct to Port Stephens, you will have to swim the Cattle over the Williams and Karuah Rivers; and that Stroud is decidedly the best place for your delivery of them, there being a track, which any Black can shew your Stock Keeper from Mr Sullivan's to that Farm.

In all probability, Mr Henry Hall, Superintendent of Stud & Cattle to the Company will be at Segenhoe in the last week of this Month – say about the 26th – for the purpose of viewing the first 50 Head before they come over, in order to avoid any future disagreement.

Letter No. 380

Port Stephens

5th April 1831

Mr Moses Brown
Cap Maker
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to acquaint you that finding D. Cohen (C) a more useful & trust worthy man, than I first supposed, I cannot, consistently with my duty to the A. A. Company, consent to his leaving their Service, unless a stronger and more able-bodied Man than the lad I saw, or a Mechanic, be obtained in his room – the person to be approved by Mr Corlette, Commander of the *Lambton*.

In that case, I will make the necessary application to His Majesty's Government for the Exchange.

Letter No. 381

Port Stephens

6th April 1831

Lieutenant Wood R.N.

Maitland

Sir,

The Venerable the Archdeacon having intimated to me that “although, perhaps that which is the object of publishing Banns of Marriage might better be secured in point of fact by their publication at Port Stephens (when the Parties belong to that Place) still, as there is at Maitland a place duly licensed for such publication he thinks there are reasons why the publication should take place there by Mr Wood”,

I now beg leave to convey to you the wish of the Parties named in the Margin to be joined in Holy Matrimony, and to have the Banns published as early as possible.

Frederick Leman,
Bachelor; Grace
Rickards, Spinster

I need only add that I know no just cause or impediment (except prudential reasons to which they are not disposed to attend) for the Celebration of this Marriage; and I request you will inform me when the Banns have been duly published.

Letter No. 382

Port Stephens

7th April 1831

John Henderson Esq.

Newcastle

Sir,

1. Herewith you will receive per *Lambton* certain Goods, for the use of the Mining Establishment as per accompanying Invoice.

2. Enclosed is also an Invoice of Goods stated to have been sent to your charge on the 30th ultimo by Mr Bunn which Invoice requires your Certificate, as noted by the Accountant thereupon.

3. With reference to the progress you report having made in procuring Stone for the Engine &c I request you will inform Mr Bunn, by the *Lambton* (which proceeds from Newcastle to Sydney) that no Stone will be wanted from Sydney, besides what he may

have already shipped, provided you think we can procure all we want at Newcastle.

4. The enclosed Advertizement (being a copy of what is to appear in the *Sydney Gazette*) is to be posted up in some conspicuous place at Newcastle.

5. The Articles which you mentioned having borrowed from Mr Buchanan, are herewith returned in kind, with the exception of two or three of them which are to be manufactured.

6. In making any Arrangements for the Messing of the Assigned Servants (for which purpose a supply of Cooking and Mess Utensils &c are herewith sent) you are to understand that the following, and no more, are to be allowed, namely –

2 Iron Pots)
1 Frying Pan) for every Six Men
1 Bucket)
1 Small tub)

&

1 Axe for every 12 Men
1 Pannikin each Man

7. I approve your not having employed Simon Kemp for the Company, and should he apply again, you will give him a definite answer to that effect.

8. I herewith forward to you some Plans for the Men's Houses at Newcastle, which have been sketched out by Mr Armstrong. You can examine these before I come to Newcastle (which I expect to do by about Tuesday or Wednesday next) and then suggest any alteration which may occur to you.

9. You will also have the Bills ready for Settlement at the same time.

Letter No. 383

Port Stephens

8th April 1831

P. Campbell Esq.
Maitland

Sir,

On examining the Seed Wheat furnished by you to the A. A. Company Mr Croasdill, who made the Agreement with you, has reported to me that the Oats & Grass Seed it contains are so numerous, as to render it of somewhat less value than the Sealed Sample, probably in the proportion of about One Bushel to be deducted from Fifty.

I have directed the Company's Superintendent of Agriculture to inform me, when it is cleaned for sowing, what the exact proportion is after which I will take the earliest opportunity of settling with you for the Amount due.

Letter No. 384

Port Stephens

8th April 1831

George Bunn Esq
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose an Invoice of Twenty-three Bags of Wheat to be Ground into Flour, agreeable to the Memorandum at foot of the Invoice to which I beg to draw your attention.

You will also find enclosed a Requisition with which request you will comply.

You will receive by the *Lambton* a Box of Patterns for Casting, a Description of which you will find enclosed, and I request you will cause them to be completed as soon as possible.

P.S. Herewith you will receive a Draft (No. 540) for One Hundred and Twenty Pounds to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Articles contained in your latest Invoice.

Letter No. 385

Port Stephens

8th April 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose you Bills on the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Co. for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds to be disposed of on my account.

I also enclose my Banking Book.

P.S. You will find enclosed a Draft (No. 537) for (£179:3:0) One Hundred & Seventy-nine Pounds & Three Shilling Sterling, to the order of George Townshend Esq., which I request you will place to the credit of that Gentleman's Account at the Bank of Australia, and be pleased to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

Letter No. 386

Port Stephens

11th April 1831

W. Buchanan Esq.
Newcastle

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to Mr Buchanan, and having received intimation from Government that it will be convenient to dispose of the some of the present Stock at Newcastle to the A. A. Co. when the Establishment at Newcastle is broken up, he has sent Mr Henry Hall, the Company's Superintendent of Horses & Cattle to look at any of these animals which the Government may possess.

Sir Edward Parry hopes to be at Newcastle himself tomorrow, but in the mean time will be obliged by Mr Buchanan's allowing Mr Hall to look at the Cattle and Horses &c for the above mentioned purpose.

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Letter No. 387

Newcastle
13th April 1831

Mr W. Sparke
Newcastle

Sir,

In reply for your Tender for Beef received this day, I have to acquaint you that the offer made by Mr Reid being the same as yours, I consider it due to you to accept your Tender so long as you continue to supply Meat of good quality.

Letter No. 388

Newcastle
13th April 1831

Mr Reid
Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Tender for Beef received this day I have to acquaint you that the offer made by Mr Sparke being the same as yours, I consider it due to Mr Sparke to continue to take Meat from him so long as he supplies it of good quality.

Letter No. 389

Newcastle
13th April 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to the last Communication which I did myself the Honour to address to you from this place, I have now to request that the Government will be pleased to direct that the following Prisoners may be assigned to the A. A. Company from the Government Establishment about to be broken up, for the purpose of expediting the Company's intended Works, which, for the reasons pointed out, are making but slow progress.

1. John Radcliffe	<i>Mary</i>	Carpenter
2. James Dales	<i>Minstrel</i>	Ditto
3. Thomas Bridges	<i>America</i>	Bricklayer
4. John Davidson	<i>Guilford</i>	Stone-mason
5. John William	<i>Marquis of Huntley</i>	Plasterer
6. James Wells	<i>Fame</i>	Sawyer
7. Peter Mottram	<i>Mermaid</i>	Ditto
8. Christopher Gwenlock	<i>Asia</i>	Ditto
9. Isaac Dean	<i>Asia</i>	Shingle Splitter
10. William Castleton	<i>Earl Spencer</i>	Ditto
11. Andrew Brown	<i>Mellish</i>	Shoemaker
12. Thomas Carter	<i>Eliza</i>	Bullock Driver
13. Michael Landragan	<i>Eliza</i>	Ditto

And Ten able-bodied Labourers.

I have caused to be examined the Stock and Materials at present in use by the Government at this place, and beg to inform you that I am willing to purchase on account of the Company the undermentioned Stock &c, at a fair valuation whenever the Government can dispose of them namely:

One Dray – wanted immediately & not at present in use.
Three Carts
Eighteen Working Oxen – Six wanted immediately.
Bullock-Harness – Two sets wanted immediately
Any good Coal-Picks & Shovels, when the Government ceases working the Coals
Any Timber or Plank now in the Store.

I have also to request permission to fence in a Paddock on One Hundred to One Hundred and Fifty Acres, situated about a Quarter of a Mile to the Southward of the Company's Coal-Pit and which must necessarily be included in the Company's intended Coal-Grant.

Letter No. 390

Port Stephens

15th April 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.

&c &c &c

Sir,

His Excellency the Governor having communicated to the Several Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony, the intention of His Majesty's Government, to abolish the Situation of District Constable, retaining only the Ordinary Constables after the 30th instant,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that it is my intention, at the same time to reduce the present extravagant Allowances made to the District Constable at Carrington at the Sole expense of the A. A. Company.

But, being desirous of rendering the Situation of Principal Constable upon the Company's Estate as comfortable and as respectable as possible, I am willing (should you recommend the present District Constable deserving of this Indulgence) to grant him the following Allowance, namely:

	per Annum
Two Shillings and Tenpence per day (being the present Salary of a District Constable) instead of 2s3d or £47:2:11 as in future intended by the Government	£51:14:2
<u>Rations for himself</u>	£8:19:10
Dairy Produce (as at present) about	£5:0:0
House, rent free – about	£8:0:0
Being in the whole	<u>£73:14:0</u>

or £26:11:1 more than is intended to be allowed by the Government to the Individuals holding similar Situations, besides the advantages of gratuitous Medical Attendance & other Minor ones.

The Allowances to cease after the 30th instant, are:

Rations for the Constable's Wife & Family	£14:19:8
Money Allowance for 'Extra Rations'	£7:15:0
A Servant, allowed by the Company – about	£14:0:0
	<u>£34:14:8</u>

The Constable can (on application to me) be allowed to purchase Meat and Flour at the Company's Store, at the Sydney Prices.

Letter No. 391

Port Stephens
18th April 1831

Mr R. Stubbs
Carrington

Sir,

Having been informed that James O'Neill, in your Service, lately took some Rum to the Cattle Station, whereby some of the Company Servants there became intoxicated,

I request you will take steps for preventing a repetition of this improper conduct; acquainting James O'Neill that if he is found in future on any part of the Company's Estate, except Carrington, without my permission, I shall immediately prosecute him for a Trespass.

Letter No. 392

Port Stephens
18th April 1831

Mr William Sparke
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 13th current, tendering to the A. A. Co. (70) Seventy Bushels of Maize, according to Sample, at Two Shillings & Nine Pence per Bushel, deliverable at Newcastle,

I have to acquaint you that I am willing to purchase from you this quantity of Maize provided you deliver it on board the *Lambton* at Newcastle on Wednesday next the 27th current, at Fifty-four pounds to the Bushel, and agreeable to sample.

Letter No. 393

Port Stephens

20th April 1831

Lieutenant John Wood R.N.

Catechist

Maitland

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 12th current, I beg to inform you that the Parties alluded to in my Letter of the 6th as wishing the Banns of Marriage to be published at Maitland, are not Prisoners, but came out to the Colony Free, as stated in the Particulars inserted in the Form herewith returned.

Letter No. 394

Port Stephens

20th April 1831

His Honor the Chief Justice

&c &c &c

Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for your information, a Copy of a Letter of the 18th instant, addressed to me by Mr Henry Hall, Superintendent of Stud to the A. A. Co. on the subject of your three Mares sent in December last for the Services of the Company's Entire Horses.

I beg to add that I consider Mr Hall's proposal, contained in the 2nd paragraph of his communication to be just and reasonable and I request you will acquaint me with your wishes thereupon.

Letter No. 395

Port Stephens
20th April 1831

Helenus Scott Esq.
Hunter's River

Sir,

With reference to your Agreement to deliver to the A. A. Company at Newcastle (533) Five Hundred and thirty-three Bushels of Wheat at 60 lbs to the Bushel,

I beg to acquaint you that, by the Certificate of Mr Smith at Newcastle, who was appointed to receive the Wheat, there appears to have been delivered on your Account only as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>lbs</i>	
Feb 1 st	10150 or	169 and	10	from Mr Simpson
Feb 25 th	11505 or	191 and	45	by the cutter <i>Jessie</i>

supposed to be on your Account; but no Invoice accompanying it, nor has anybody appeared, to take a receipt for it.

Besides the above, I found lying in Mr Smith's Warehouse 2213 Pounds (or 36 Bushels and 53 Pounds) of damaged and useless Wheat, which also came from the *Jessie*, and is supposed to have come on your Account, but which I have ordered Mr Smith to return, whenever he can find the owner.

Indeed there is scarcely a Bushel of the Wheat delivered on your Account which is capable of proving tolerable seconds Flour, and I could not therefore, consistently with my duty to the Company, have received it at all, had it not been ground in part before I saw it.

I have to request that you will make arrangements for the immediate fulfilment of the remainder of your Contract, by the delivery of the deficient quantity, and of sound marketable quality.

Letter No. 396

Port Stephens

21st April 1831

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1. I beg leave to offer, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, a few Remarks and Suggestions upon a subject which is likely to affect the Interests not only of the Company, whose affairs are under my Management, but every Individual residing in or connected with the District of the Hunter River, and therefore the Colony generally.

2. I allude to the injurious practice which has hitherto existed of ships and vessels which come to Newcastle for Coals, throwing out their Ballast (consisting, generally, of hard and heavy stones) indiscriminately in any part of the Channels and Anchorages of that Port.

3. In some cases, indeed, when it happened to be attended with no great inconvenience the Stone Ballast has been landed on the Wharf, from which on account of the scarcity of hard material for the Roads, it has been carted away by the Government Superintendent, and used for that purpose. But as no Penalty has been attached to the throwing of it overboard, the Representations and Remonstrances of Mr Buchanan & of the Pilot, have been, in most instances; either wholly disregarded, or their vigilance evaded by throwing it out at night. I am assured that many Tons have thus been disposed of in the course of a single night.

4. The consequence of continuing the practice especially should the Trade to the Hunter encrease, must inevitably be, the gradual contraction and filling up of the Channels & Anchorage, both of which are already extremely confined. Every heap of Stones thus deposited must form a Nucleus around which other Bodies will gradually collect, and it is difficult to say how rapidly this process may not be going on. The cutting of Hempen Cables against sharp edged Stones and the bad effect produced upon the Ground for the holding of Anchors, are other, and scarcely less injurious, consequences of this practice.

5. I therefore take the Liberty of suggesting to His Excellency the Governor the expediency of putting an End to this Evil by an

Act of Council, attaching some considerable Penalty to the first Offence, & an encreasing one for a repetition of it; a part of the Penalty to go to the Informer; & the Master of the Vessel being in all cases the responsible Person.

6. Some particular spot might be selected for putting out the Ballast, and the Penalty enforced, upon Conviction before Two Justices of the Peace, against any deviation from the Regulation; the Law to be Publicly Notified as in the Case of Pounds, Toll-gates &c by a painted board placed upon the Wharf, or any other conspicuous Spot, fronting the Sea.

7. The Authority to remonstrate against the practice now alluded to, might be vested in all Magistrates & Officers of Government generally, & in the Custom House Officer in particular, it being already within the line of his Duty to examine the Holds of all Vessels arriving at the Port.

8. I am not aware of the Regulations on this subject, at present, existing, as relates to Sydney Cove & Port Jackson generally, it may, therefore, be a matter of consideration whether with the present encreasing Traffic, such a Law might not advantageously be adopted for that Harbour also.

9. I need scarcely add, that, should His Excellency approve of this suggestion, I shall be glad to afford any further information or assistance in my power, to effect the desirable object which forms the subject of this Communication.

Letter No. 397

Port Stephens
21st April 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to that part of your Letter of the 3rd ultimo which relates to the decision of the Commissioners for managing the Affairs of the Church Corporation, respecting the portion of the 'Clergy & School Reserve' adjoining the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company, to be rented by the Company, upon the terms settled between His Majesty's Home Government, and the Directors of the Company,

I now do myself the Honor to acquaint you that, on mature consideration of the circumstances mentioned by the Commissioners in the Letter of the 2nd ultimo (a Copy of which you have enclosed for my information) I have determined on acceding to their proposal of the Company's renting Five Entire and Contiguous Parishes, namely those of Crosbie, Fitzroy, Verulam, Faulkland and Trevor.

And I request you will do me the favor to communicate to me, as early as convenient, for the information of the Directors, the final Reply of the Commissioners to this Proposal.

Letter No. 398

Port Stephens
25th April 1831

Mr William Sparke
Hunter's River

Sir,

With reference to the subject of my Letter addressed to you on the 18th current,

I have now to request, in consequence of the *Lambton's* detention to the southward by contrary winds, that, should it be your intention to supply the (70) Seventy Bushels of Maize therein referred to, you will not send it to Newcastle 'till I give you fresh Notice, and that you will then send it without delay.

Letter No. 399

Port Stephens
27th April 1831

Mr B. Singleton
Hunter's River

Sir,

With reference to your Agreement to Supply the A. A. Company with Flour, I request that you will immediately furnish another Cargo. And as some Firsts Flour is immediately required, I further request that should you not have a Vessel ready, a Portion be sent without delay by way of Sawyer's Point – sending word by the Bearer of this Letter what day it may be expected to arrive.

Letter No. 400

Port Stephens

27th April 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

William Earp,
Minerva 5 & Thomas
Saunders, York

Mr Moses Brown of George Street, Sydney, having agreed to transfer to the A. A. Company, the two Men named in the margin in exchange for Daniel Cohen (*Burrell*, Life) now in the Company's Service, & it being my wish to make this Exchange,

I request you will obtain and transmit to me, as soon as convenient, the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to this Transfer; also the usual description of the Men.

Letter No. 401

Port Stephens

28th April 1831

Messrs W. Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Letter of the 6th current, on the subject of Hides belonging to the A. A. Company,

I have to request you will dispose of these Hides, as soon as possible, to the highest Bidder who may have offered for them; or, if no bidder has offered, that you will cause them to be immediately sold by Auction.

I beg leave also to acknowledge the receipt of your, Mr Thomas Walker's, communication of the same date, on the subject of an Amount transmitted to him for the Services of the Horses of the A. A. Co.

Letter No. 402

Port Stephens

29th April 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose the Invoice of Goods, sent out from Glasgow by James Wilkie, in the *Czar*, attached to which is a Certificate from the Company's Store-keeper, stating his not having received into the Company's Stores One Plough and One Spare Lock for ditto, named in the Invoice.

I likewise enclose a Certificate relative to the Cargo of the *Craigievar* stating that there is a deficiency of One Box of Soap (No. 81 or 118) and One Can of Spirits of Turpentine (No. 161) containing Four gallons.

And I request you will cause these articles to be forwarded, by return of the *Lambton* to Port Stephens, and also the Bill of Lading of the Goods ex *Czar* if you have it.

Herewith you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£150) One Hundred & Fifty Pounds to meet the payments of the last Invoice, likewise a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£29:16:9) Twenty-nine [Pounds] Sixteen Shillings and Nine pence to the order of Mr Robert Futter, to which Gentleman I request you will pay the same as soon as convenient, transmitting me his Receipt. Also a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£4:19:1) Four Pounds Nineteen Shillings & one penny to the order of the Executors of Robert Howe Deceased, for which I request you will obtain a printed Receipt and transmit it to me by the next Cutter, together with the Bill herewith enclosed.

I return to you herewith three Accounts applying to your Invoice of the 16th April (Nos 1, 3 and 5) requiring the signature of the parties of whom the Goods were purchased; also an Account from Francis Mitchell for £6:7 and one from Charles Goodluck for £31:5 requiring Certificates as to the delivery of the Goods to which they refer, the same not being included in the Invoices of Goods already received.

I request that you will transmit to me by the next *Lambton*, your A/C to the 30th instant, including all charges upon & payments made by you on account of the Company up to that time.

As Mr Croasdill proceeds immediately to Newcastle for the purpose of Keeping a Set of Books, it is for the future to be understood that Communications to and from you relating to transactions for the Coal Establishment are to be made by, and to, Mr Henderson only.

Enclosed you will receive a Requisition for Stores which I request you will cause to be completed, and forwarded by return of the *Lambton*.

Letter No. 403

Port Stephens
29th April 1831

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the Case of the Prisoner named in the Margin, an Assigned Servant to the A. A. Co., and I request you will receive him into the General Hospital, and cause him to be returned when cured.

John Hill, *John*, Life

Letter No. 404

Port Stephens
29th April 1831

Thomas McVitie
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

I return the Company's Banking Book, and have to inform you that it is essential that the Vouchers for payments up to the 30th instant should accompany it on its return by the next *Lambton*.

Letter No. 405

Port Stephens
29th April 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 11th of February last acquainting me that the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, an assigned Servant to the A. A. Co., had on the 9th of that month, been "sentenced to be worked Three Months in Irons on the Roads", and, that "he is to be returned to the Service of the Company on the expiration of his Sentence",

George Jones,
Seostris, 14 Years

I shall esteem it a favor if you will cause him to be returned to Port Stephens with as little delay as possible after the expiration of his Sentence; as his Services are much required in the Accountant's Office here.

Letter No. 406

Port Stephens
30th April 1831

James Bowman)
H. H. McArthur) Esqs
James Macarthur)

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit to you as the late Colonial Committee of the A. A. Company the following Accounts of the Company, which have just been completed for your examination, and for transmission to the Governors & Directors, namely;

A Copy, complete, of the Cash Book and Journal from the commencement of the Company's Transactions in the Colony to the 30th of April 1830.

A copy of the Petty Cash Book from its commencement on the 6th July 1826 to its termination on the 31st December 1829.

Balance Documents – containing Balances of the Colonial Accounts with particulars of the Several Items forming such Balance on the 30th April 1830 including

London Account Current to the 30th April 1830
London Account – Suspense Account Particulars of the
Items composing the Account and general remarks
thereupon.
Account Current with Alexander Macleod
Account with the Executors of the late Henry Croasdill

Also Correspondence relative to items outstanding in the
Accounts against Alexander Macleod – Rapsey & Mitchell and
Robert Green.

I request that you will at your earliest convenience examine
these Accounts, so far as relates to the period during which the
Company's Affairs in this Colony were under your Control; and
that after certifying them, you will return them to me.

Should you require any information or explanation thereupon,
I request that you will apply to me for the same; or, if you consider
it requisite or desirable that the Company's Account should wait
upon you personally for this purpose, I beg to inform you that an
intimation to that effect will be immediately attended to.

Letter No. 407

Port Stephens
30th April 1831

The Honorable John Macarthur
Parramatta

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith your Account
Current with the A. A. Co. to the 30th April 1830; Balance in favour
of the Company (£23:0:11) Twenty-three pounds and Eleven pence,
which, if found correct, I request you will cause to be paid into the
Bank of Australia, at your earliest convenience.

Letter No. 408

Port Stephens

30th April 1831

H. H. McArthur Esq.
Parramatta

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith your Account Current with the A. A. Co. to the 30th April 1830; Balance in favour of the Company (£6:16:0) six pounds, Sixteen shillings, which, if found correct, I request you will cause to be paid into the Bank of Australia, at your earliest convenience.

Letter No. 409

Port Stephens

30th April 1831

James Bowman Esq.
Woolloomooloo

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith your Account Current with the A. A. Co. to the 30th April 1830; Balance in favour of the Company (£4:10:0) four pounds, Ten shillings, which, if found correct, I request you will cause to be paid into the Bank of Australia, at your earliest convenience.

Letter No. 410

Port Stephens

5th May 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to the subject of my Letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to you, I request you will enquire of Mr Field, the District Constable, whether he wishes to retain Patrick Blake (C) as his Servant, 'till he can procure an Assigned Servant from Government, in which case I have no objection to his doing so for three Months

from the 30th ultimo, or 'till he obtains another if sooner than that time.

But should he not require Patrick Blake's Services, I request you will direct Mr Field to send this Man to Mr Ebsworth for Employment in the Company's Service.

Cancelled on finding that Thomas (not Patrick) Blake is assigned to Mr Field by government and not to the company. W.E.P. 6th May.

Letter No. 411

Port Stephens
13th May 1831

Robert Hardy
(Coal Miner)
No. 5 Pitt Street
Sydney

Robert Hardy,

In reply to your Letter of the 19th ultimo, I have to inform you that the Company have no occasion for your Services.

Letter No. 412

Port Stephens
13th May 1831

C. Hall Esq.

Sir,

With reference to the subject of your Letter of the 27th ultimo, I beg to acquaint you that I am willing on behalf of the Company, to accede to the Terms you propose for the first two years after the expiration of your present Agreement, leaving it to the decision of the Directors, whether the rest of your proposals be accepted.

I request, therefore, that you will inform me whether this arrangement meets your wishes; and, if so, whether I may consider it as acceded to on your part, as a distinct understanding between us.

Letter No. 413

Port Stephens

16th May 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.

&c &c &c

Sir,

I request you will do us the favor to inform me whether Mr William Barton obtained from you, or at the Police Office, a Copy of my Letter addressed to you on the 28th of March last.

Letter No. 414

Port Stephens

16th May 1831

James Norton Esq.

Sydney

Sir,

With reference to your Letter addressed to me on the 20th July 1830, apprizing me that you had obtained the Enrolment in the Supreme Court of a Letter of Attorney, authorising me to demise the Company's Lands, but informing me (in a Post Script) that the Letter of Attorney (requiring the signature of the Chief Justice) could not be forwarded by that opportunity,

I have now to request that you will forward it to me, if possible, by the return of the *Lambton*.

Letter No. 415

Port Stephens

16th May 1831

Nathan Pickering

Sydney

Nathan Pickering,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, It is my duty to inform you that I cannot consistently with that duty, direct payment to be made to you for Services which you did not perform.

Letter No. 416

Port Stephens

17th May 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I do myself the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22nd ultimo enclosing Copies of a communication made to you by Mr William Barton, and of your answer addressed to that Individual by Command of His Excellency the Governor.

In order to confirm the Governor in the opinion he has been pleased to express as to the absence of any wish on my part to keep any of the Documents on that subject 'Secret', as intimated by Mr Barton, I feel it to be a matter of Justice to Captain Moffatt no less than to myself to enclose to you for His Excellency's information a Copy of the very Documents forming the Enclosures in question, by which His Excellency will perceive, not only that they had all passed through Mr Barton's own hands, and were partly his own writing, but that they exhibit on my part a desire to give Mr Barton every opportunity of explaining his conduct and thus of avoiding altogether the necessity of Magisterial Interference.

Mr Barton's apparent determination not to afford the necessary explanation on the only important point, alone induce me, after several days, to refer the matter to the Competent and Legal Authority which I did by the Letter of which Mr Barton sent you a Copy.

These were the only steps I took in the whole Business and this obvious Act of Duty on my part is what Mr Barton complains of, as "interference with the course of Justice" by "making the Police Establishment of this Place subservient to private purposes"!

Letter No. 417

Port Stephens

17th May 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 12th current claiming, on the part of His Majesty's Government, Payment from the A. A. Company of the Sum of (£39:12:9) Thirty-nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, on amount of Rations issued to the Men lent to the Company to bore Coal at Newcastle,

I request you will furnish me with the particulars of the same, for examination and payment.

Letter No. 418

Port Stephens

17th May 1831

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The A. A. Company requiring the Services of a Prisoner, as a Clerk, who has been accustomed to Book-keeping & understanding that the Man named in the Margin is competent to perform such duties,

John Birmingham

I shall esteem it a favor if you will procure from His Majesty's Government his assignment to the Company, if not otherwise disposed of.

Letter No. 419

Port Stephens

18th May 1831

Michael McKenna
Carrington

Michael McKenna,

I hereby give you Notice that your Services will not be required by the A. A. Company after this day Month, the 18th of June.

Letter No. 420

Port Stephens

18th May 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

The Company's Superintendent of Agriculture having reported to me that it is of importance to the Company's Interests that a Quantity of Seed Wheat now at Newcastle should be brought here without delay,

I beg to acquaint you that I am under the necessity of ordering the *Lambton* back here from Newcastle, without proceeding to Sydney,

But as I shall give directions for the *Lambton's* returning here, and then proceeding to Sydney, with the smallest possible delay, I consider it very probable that she may still reach Sydney by the 26th instant.

Letter No. 421

Port Stephens

18th May 1831

Patrick Campbell Esq.
Maitland

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that I have lodged in the hands of Mr Henderson at Newcastle a Draft for the sum of (£16.14.3) Sixteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings & Three pence, for 50 Bushels of Seed-Wheat (less 2¼ Bushels of Refuse) delivered to the A. A. Company which Draft will be paid to you on producing this Letter to Mr Henderson.

Letter No. 422

Port Stephens

18th May 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you, by way of Newcastle, a Requisition for Stores, which I request you will prepare for the *Lambton's* arrival, in order to save time. She will probably be at Sydney about the 20th instant.

I request your attention to the enclosed Memorandum respecting the *Sydney Gazettes*.

I also request that you will pay the draft remitted to you for Mr Futter into the hands of Mr Maclaren, thro' whom I find the Seed-Wheat was delivered.

Letter No. 423

Port Stephens

18th May 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General

Sir,

I do myself the Honor to return to you herewith the two documents enclosed to me in your Letter of the 29th ultimo which I have signed according to your desire.

I request you will cause the Amount (£134:16:5½) One Hundred & Thirty-four Pounds, Sixteen Shillings & Five pence halfpenny, to be paid into the Bank of Australia on account of the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 424

Port Stephens

20th May 1831

Mr Edward Sparke Jnr
Ravensfield
Maitland

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 15th current tendering Two Tons of Salt Pork to the A. A. Company,

I beg to acquaint you that the Company are not, at present, in want of that Article.

Letter No. 425

Port Stephens

20th May 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

With this you will receive the Company's Banking Book, and I have again to state that it is essential that the Vouchers for

Payments, should accompany it on its return by the next *Lambton*, without fail.

Letter No. 426

Port Stephens
23rd May 1831

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the Cases of Two Prisoners, named in the Margin, Assigned Servants to the A. A. Company, and I request you will receive them into the General Hospital, and cause them to be returned when cured.

Emmanuel Leach,
Fame, Life; Patrick
Murphy, *Phoenix*, 7
Years

Letter No. 427

Port Stephens
23rd May 1831

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to my Letter addressed to you on the 27th ultimo, requesting that you will obtain for me an account of the A. A. Company, the permission of His Majesty's Government to exchange the Prisoner named in the Margin for the other two also named in the Margin, the latter being Assigned Servants to Mr Moses Brown,

Daniel Cohen,
Burrell, Life
William Earp,
Minerva 5; Thomas
Saunders, *York*

I beg to acquaint you that Mr Moses Brown having sent to Port Stephens the Two Men he proposed exchanging, I have now forwarded Daniel Cohen (C) by the *Lambton*, in charge of the Chief Constable in order that Mr Brown may not be deprived of his Services longer than is necessary, should His Majesty's Government approved the proposed exchange.

Letter No. 428

Port Stephens

24th May 1831

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1. Herewith you will receive a draft on the Bank of Australia for (£200) Two Hundred Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the Articles contained in your last Invoice – likewise the Draft for (£4:9:1) to the order of R. Howe, which you returned for my signature.

2. With reference to the 1st paragraph of your Letter of the 16th current, I request you will make further enquiry respecting the “Wooden Plough and Spare Sock for ditto”, mentioned in the Invoice of Goods per *Czar*, which have not yet come to hand. I have directed Captain Corlette to communicate with you thereupon.

3. I beg to call your particular attention to the enclosed Memorandum (to be returned to me) on the subject of Three Acceptances of Mr Douglass’s Drafts for Rams sold by him in 1829 endorsed by him to Mr J. E. Ebsworth and by the latter Gentleman in April 1830 to you; and I request you will furnish me with all the particulars of these transactions, so far as you may be acquainted with them.

4. I enclose a Duplicate of the Requisition lately forwarded to you via Newcastle, and request your attention to the additions now made to it.

5. It is my wish that the *Lambton* should leave Sydney as soon as possible as she is to call at Newcastle on her return for some Seed Wheat which is much required.

6. In reply to the questions concerning Mr Barker’s land, I beg you will acquaint him that it will not be required by the Company.

Letter No. 429

Stroud
27th May 1831

Major A. C. Innes J.P.
&c &c &c
Port Macquarie

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 22nd ultimo accompanying the Cleveland Colt, returned by you to the A. A. Company,

I beg to assure you that I conceive the loss likely to accrue from the transaction respecting the Two Colts which you took will be suffered by the Company rather than by you; as the Cleveland Colt has reached Stroud in bad condition, and there will of course be considerable difficulty in selling him, after being returned by you, even after he is got into condition. Upon the whole, I cannot hesitate to say that the Company appears to me to have more reason to regret the negotiation than you have.

This being my real opinion, I cannot consistently with my duty to the Company allow you more than a deduction of £10 from the £30 agreed to be paid for the Cleveland's Services – leaving £20 to be paid together with the £80 (the price of the purchased Colt) in all £100, on the 1st of September.

If this Sum be paid on that day, interest will not be demanded; if not, I must require the full amount of £110, with Interest thereon, from 1st March.

I have directed that your Bills be returned to Mr Macleay by the Bank of Australia, on his paying into the Bank £100 on the 1st of September.

Letter No. 430

Port Stephens
27th May 1831

The Managing Director of the Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to my communication of the 2nd of March directing you to hold over for Six Months Major Innes' two

acceptances to me for (£180) One Hundred & Eighty Pounds & (£60) Sixty Pounds respectively, due on the 4th of that Month, charging the usual Interest, which extension of time I agreed to allow him;

I beg to acquaint you that I have consented to a further extension 'till the First of September next, on which day, should the sum of (£100) One Hundred Pounds in all be paid into the Bank on account of the Company by Major Innes, his two Bills are to be returned to him.

But if the Sum of (£100) One Hundred Pounds is not paid on that day, the Bills are not to be returned, except on payment of (£110) One Hundred & Ten Pounds, with Interest from the 1st of March.

Letter No. 431

Port Stephens
7th June 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive my Banking Book also Bills on the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds to be disposed of from my Account, the receipt of which you will have the goodness to acknowledge.

Letter No. 432

Port Stephens
7th June 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 27th ultimo, handing a Statement of Account for fifty-one Bullocks sold to the Australian Agricultural Company, I have now the Honor to enclose to you, a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£213:6:6) Two Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Six-pence – A Mode of payment more convenient for the Company's Accounts than that which you proposed.

I request you will acknowledge the receipt of the same, by the hands of Mr Ebsworth, who is instructed to deliver this.

Letter No. 433

Port Stephens
8th June 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I herewith enclose to you a draft on the Bank of Australia for (£150) One Hundred and fifty Pounds to meet the Current Expences of the Company.

2. The Planer Block contained in James Rainey's Account accompanying your last Invoice, is returned herewith, being defective, I request it may be re-cast, and sent back with as little delay as possible.

3. With respect to the three Bills supposed to have been endorsed to Mr Douglass by you, and of which an explanation is offered in your last communication, I particularly request that you will endeavour to bring these matters to a close in the best way which circumstances will admit without any further increasing the length and intricate correspondence which has taken place on the subject.

4. Enclosed you have Invoice of 38 bags of Wheat to be ground into flour as per your Memorandum at the foot of the same.

5. You will also find enclosed a Requisition with which I request you will comply.

Letter No. 434

Port Stephens
8th June 1831

Nichol Allan Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 23rd ultimo I beg to acquaint you that in the transaction with Mr H. Douglass therein alluded to, the

Australian Agricultural Company cannot be answerable for any of the Costs.

Letter No. 435

Port Stephens
16th June 1831

Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The large increase of the Flocks on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company together with the number of Men who have lately left the Company's Service by Freedom Tickets of Leave, or Committed for Offences, obliges me to request you will obtain from His Excellency the Governor an Assignment to the Company of Fifty able-bodied Prisoners as Agricultural Labourers and Shepherds, as early as may be convenient to His Majesty's Government.

Letter No. 436

Port Stephens
20th June 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 14th current, requesting that I will acquaint you, for the Information of His Excellency the Governor, whether I consider that Mr Stacy has any Claim on the Colonial Government for examination & attendance on certain Inquests held on bodies, as communicated to you by Mr Stacy's Letter of the 23rd of May,

I beg to acquaint you that as the services in question appear to me to have been entirely of a public nature, I should consider Mr Stacy's claim to be well founded.

Letter No. 437

Port Stephens

27th June 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. Herewith I enclose to you Mr Stubbs's acceptance for (£132:4:10) One Hundred and thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Ten Pence due on the 1st proximo which together with my Draft for (£150) One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (also enclosed herewith) I request you will place to the credit of the Company.

2. With reference to the subject of the 3rd paragraph of your Letter of the 14th current, I request you will settle the matter therein alluded to, as if it were your own affair. And I further request you will communicate with Mr Nichol Allan on this subject, as soon as convenient, informing him that I have requested you to do so, in reply to his Letter addressed to me on the 15th current.

3. I request you will particularly inform me, by the return of the *Lambton*, what Ship or Ships (if any) are likely to be sailing for England direct, towards the end of July, or in all August; and that if any are likely to sail about those times, you will acquaint me with the particulars respecting them, with especial reference to the propriety of engaging in one of them a Passage for Mr Barton and probably for his family also.

4. I herewith enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply as early as possible as it is important that the *Lambton* should be at Port Stephens not later than the 3rd proximo.

Letter No. 438

Port Stephens
27th June 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive Bills on the Governors & Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds which I request you will place to the Credit of the Company's Account when disposed of.

You will also find the Company's Banking Book enclosed.

Letter No. 439

Port Stephens
28th June 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to report the Death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, which took place on the 3rd instant at one of the Company's Sheep Stations, after an attack of pneumonia.

Patrick O'Brien,
Providence, Life

Letter No. 440

Newcastle
29th June 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 13th current I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that I am now ready on the part of the A. A. Company to receive the whole of the Prisoners lately employed at the Coal-Mines at this place.

And I request that I may also be allowed to have the use of the Barracks for One Month from the day that the order is given at Newcastle for the transfer of the Men.

Letter No. 441

Newcastle
29th June 1831

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 20th ultimo, I beg to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that after making the requisite enquiry, and giving the subject my best consideration, I am decidedly of opinion it would not be practicable for ships discharging their Ballast to deposit it at the Breakwater, which cannot be approached with safety for that purpose.

Letter No. 442

Newcastle
29th June 1831

George T. Graham Esq.
General Post Office
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th current, which I have only lately received, I avail myself of an opportunity which has unexpectedly occurred at this place, to acquaint you that, as I have already made every arrangement for placing the Servants of the A. A. Company under the Control of a Committee of the Company's Officers to be appointed in the course of the present week for that purpose, it will not be in my power to avail myself of the offer of your services in that Department.

Letter No. 443

Newcastle
29th June 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to my last communication to you from Port Stephens which you will receive at the same time with this Letter,

I have now to request that you will engage, upon such terms as may be most advantageous to the A. A. Company, a passage to England direct, for Mr Barton, his Wife, Two Children (about four and two years of age) and one Female Servant in any ship having good accommodation which is likely to be the first to leave Sydney after the 25th of July next.

And I request you will acquaint me by return of the *Lambton* what steps you have taken in this business.

Letter No. 444

Port Stephens
6th July 1831

L. Myles Esq.

Sir Edward Parry begs to acquaint Mr Myles that, in consequence of the trouble he has had, and the expense which has always been incurred by the Company, in all Barter-transactions, it will not be in his power to sell any Rams to Mr Myles, except for Cash.

Should Mr Myles be still desirous of purchasing on these terms, Sir Edward Parry will send him the requisite Authority to the Superintendent of the Company's Flocks.

Letter No. 445

Port Stephens

6th July 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The Australian Agricultural Company requiring the Services of a Prisoner, as a Clerk who has been accustomed to Book-keeping and understanding that the Man named in the Margin is competent to perform such Duties,

William Watt,
Marquis of Hastings,
14 Years

I shall esteem it as a favor if you will procure from His Majesty's Government his assignment to the Company if not otherwise disposed of.

Letter No. 446

Port Stephen

2nd July 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Having this day appointed a Committee of the Officers of the A. A. Company to keep the Servants of the Company during the absence of an Accountant from their Estate,

I beg to acquaint you that from this day, until further Notice, the signature of Mr William Wetherman, Chairman of the Committee, will appear in all Bills upon the Directors, and all Drafts upon the Bank instead of Mr William Barton's.

Mr Wetherman's Signature is at foot.

"W. Wetherman."

Letter No. 447

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

George Tomlins Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In my reply to your Letter of the 4th current, offering your Services in the Situation of Accountant to the Australian Agricultural Company,

I beg leave to acquaint you that, a Committee of Accounts "having been already appointed to perform the duties of that Office", during the temporary absence of an Accountant from the Company's Estate, it will not be in my power to accept your Services in that capacity.

I may also add that, under any circumstances, I should not have felt myself authorised to appoint an Accountant for any period exceeding a year; which would of course not answer the purpose.

Letter No. 448

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

Understanding it to be the intention of His Majesty's Government to assign to Private Settlers the Mechanics hitherto employed in Government Works, I beg leave to repeat my request that the following Mechanics may be assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company, namely:

Bricklayers	Two
Carpenters	Four
Sawyers	Four
Blacksmiths	Two
Horse-Shoer	One

to be employed upon their Estate at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 449

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.

Sir,

Understanding it to be the intention of His Majesty's Government to assign to Private Settlers the Mechanics hitherto employed on Government Works, I have this day repeated my request to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts to have a certain number of these assigned to the A. A. Company for their Estate at Port Stephens.

And I request you will be pleased to represent to His Excellency the Governor that the Company's Estate at Port Stephens is, at the moment in extreme need of Mechanics, of which their present number is scarcely equal to those upon the Estates of Private, and comparatively small, Settlers, which has hitherto rendered it necessary to employ almost exclusively Free Persons at an enormous expense.

I trust that His Excellency, with that consideration which he has hitherto evinced for the Interests of the A. A. Company, will, on this occasion, (which can never again occur) be pleased to direct that a fair proportion of the disposable Mechanics be assigned to the Company for their Estate at Port Stephens.

Letter No. 450

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

His Excellency Lieutenant General Darling
&c &c &c

Sir,

By the Ships which have recently arrived at Sydney with Convicts, I have received from three different Quarters – two of the Writers being near Relations of my own – very strong Recommendations of the five Prisoners named in the Accompanying List, who were among the deluded Persons lately convicted of rioting or breaking Machines &c. The Recommendations have been accompanied by an earnest request that I would apply to the

Government to have them assigned to the Company whose affairs I control.

Being convinced that it is your Excellency's sincere desire to promote, by all the means in your power, the moral reformation, as well as the comfort of these unhappy persons, and especially of those whose offence, tho' highly meriting punishment, are not of a deep moral cast, I have no hesitation in laying the circumstances before your Excellency, and requesting that the men named in the list may be among those who may be assigned to the Company.

If, however, it should be impracticable to comply with my request, I would beg that I may be informed to whom they are directed to be assigned.

List of Prisoners recommended to Sir Edward Parry

<i>Names</i>	<i>Trades</i>	<i>Residence in England</i>	<i>Offences</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
William Prinner	uncertain probably Labourer	Parish of Bishopstoke, Hants	Breaking threshing machines	Ship not known but very lately arrived
Benjamin Harding	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	
Isaac Burton	Tailor	Newbury, Berks	Rioting &c	
Thomas Goodfellow	Blacksmith	A parish in Berkshire probably near Newbury	Ditto	
William Watts	Sawyer	Ditto	Ditto	

Letter No. 451

Port Stephens N.S.W.

9th July 1831

John Barrow Esq.
Admiralty
London

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th of December 1830 accompanied by the Specimen of the Proposed Nautical Almanac for 1834,

And I request you will convey to My Lords Commissioner of the Admiralty my very best acknowledgements for their kindness in directing it to be forwarded for my acceptance.

I have the Honor to be, Sir
Your obedient humble Servant
W.E. Parry, Captain, R.N.

Letter No. 452

Port Stephens

9th July 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a Draft on the Bank of Australia for £180:14:2 (one hundred and eighty Pounds fourteen shillings and twopence) being the amount for 48 head of Cattle purchased of you and received upon the Estate of the A. A. Company.

And I have to request you will forward per return of the *Lambton*, an Account and Receipt for the same.

Letter No. 453

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith I enclose to you a Draft in your favour for £270 (Two hundred and Seventy Pounds Sterling) being the Amount for the Passage of Mr Barton and his family to England on the *Eamont* and I have to request you will obtain the necessary Receipts for the same.

The sub-vouchers for the last Invoice not having been received no Draft will be forwarded with this Account.

As it is of great importance that the *Lambton* should not be detained more than 24 hours in Sydney, I request that you will endeavour to procure as many of the Articles mentioned in the enclosed Requisition as may be practicable within that time.

I also request that you will cause an Agreement to be made out and executed (in Duplicate) for the passage you have taken for Mr Barton and his family in the *Eamont*, communicating with Mr Barton on the subject of his passage should he require any information from you.

Letter No. 454

Port Stephens
9th July 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

The Company's Bank-book is herewith returned, and I have to request that you will cause the Cancelled Checks to be forwarded to me forthwith, and in future once a fortnight, Mr Corlette, the Commander of the Cutter, *Lambton*, is directed to call for them.

Letter No. 455

Port Stephens

15th July 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£300) Three Hundred Pounds, to enable you to make Cash payments for the Articles contained in your two last Invoices. The remittance for the former of those Invoices was omitted from an inadvertence.

P.S. You will find a Requisition for Stores enclosed which I have to request you will comply with.

Letter No. 456

Cummings's Hotel

Sydney

21st July 1831

Mr Frederick George Foxall
Castlereagh Street

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, I beg to acquaint you that, arrangements having been made for conducting the Department of Accounts in the Establishment of the Australian Agricultural Company, it will not be in my power to accept the offer of your Services.

Letter No. 457

Cummings's Hotel

Sydney

21st July 1831

E. S Hall Esq
Monitor Office

Sir,

In reply to a Letter of yesterday's date, bearing the Signature of William O'Neill, and stated to have been written by your direction, I am desired by Sir Edward Parry to acquaint you, with

reference to the Account therein alluded to, that if, on his return to Port Stephens, he should find, as stated in the letter, that, "Mr Barton's Report is favourable to your Claim", he will gladly pay the amount without delay.

J. C. White

Letter No. 458

Sydney
21st July 1831

Mr W. H. McKay
4 Harrington Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter without date, received this day, I beg to acquaint you that, for the small quantity of Tobacco which it is at present my intention to cultivate on the Estates of the A. A. Company, it will not be necessary to engage any Person expressly to superintend its cultivation.

Letter No. 458a

Copy of a Letter from George Allen, Attorney, to Mr Barton.

Sydney
21st July 1831

Sir,

In reply to your Letter, dated 9th July 1831, addressed to Sir Edward Parry and delivered to him, after your departure from Port Stephens, in which you state that you leave your furniture and other property in the house of the Australian Agricultural Company, occupied by you, as their Accountant, I am directed to inform you that, that house, will be required for the purposes of the Company during your absence and that your furniture and property cannot be permitted to remain there.

I am further directed to inform you that Sir Edward Parry does not admit any right of your possession of the premises, nor any power or authority in you to do any act in demonstration of such a right.

Under these circumstances you had better give direction, to your Agent, for their immediate removal from the premises of the

Australian Agricultural Company lately occupied by you – otherwise they will be removed to the Stores of the Company which will be done as a favor to you, to prevent your property from destruction, and not as a right, which you have any pretension to claim.

I am also instructed to inform you that Sir E. Parry will not hold himself, in any way responsible, for any damage, loss or injury, your property may sustain, in consequence of your own inattention and neglect, to take due and proper care of it.

In the event of your not directing an Agent to remove the property within a reasonable time (say a fortnight) I shall consider that your omission to do so, will be in effect a licence on your part, for the removal of the property, in the manner I have described, at your own risk.

George Allen

Letter No. 459

Sydney
22nd July 1831

William Buchanan Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 14th current, tendering 387 head of Cattle for purchase by the Australian Agricultural Company, I regret to say that it will not be in my power to avail myself of your offer.

Letter No. 460

Port Stephens
26th July 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose an Order on the Bank of Australia for (£125) One Hundred & Twenty-five Pounds, to enable you to make Cash Payments for the last Invoice.

I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed Memorandum respecting some small errors in the Invoice.

I request you will comply as soon as possible with the Requisition for Stores transmitted to you herewith.

Letter No. 460a

Advertisement in the *Sydney Gazette, Australian & Sydney Herald* respectively.

3 insertions in each.

Wanted, by the Australian Agricultural Company, as an Overseer of their Intended Salt-Works at Newcastle, a Person who has some experience of the Manufacture of Salt from Sea-water. Good Testimonials of Character and Qualifications will be required.

Apply to Sir Edward Parry, by Letter, to be left at the Office of George Bunn Esq., Sydney.

Port Stephens
30th July 1831

Letter No. 461

Port Stephens
26th July 1831

William Ogilvie Esq. J.P.
Merton
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 28th ultimo very lately received on the subject of Richard Beecher, I beg to acquaint you that I am, on every account, desirous that he should be re-united with his wife; and that, some time before the receipt of your Communication, I had agreed to apply for her the moment he could find out where she was; of which he was at that time ignorant.

My duty to the Company, however, renders it necessary for me to inform you that, as Richard Beecher is an extremely valuable man, not only on account of his steady good conduct, but also from his Qualifications as a Seaman (by which he saves to the Company, in the *Lambton* Cutter, between £2 & £3 per month) it will be necessary for you to furnish an Able Seaman in exchange, before I can consent to part with him.

As you intimate that the Government will, under these circumstances, be ready to assign to the Company, a man in his place, perhaps it will be best for you to make the application; in which case you can make what use you please of this Communication. Should you succeed in obtaining a man, no time shall be lost in forwarding Beecher to your Estate.

Letter No. 462

Sydney
6th August 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts

Sir,

Understanding that my Application for men on the 16th of June last has escaped notice, I beg leave to enclose herewith a Copy of my Letter of that date, and to repeat the request therein contained.

Letter No. 463

Sydney
13th August 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit to you herewith, a Set of Bills on the Governors and Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds, to be placed to my Credit as Commissioner to the Company; of which I request you will acknowledge the receipt.

Mr J. B. Montefiore having applied to me to be accommodated with these Bills, I promised to mention to you his wish, whenever they were transmitted to the Bank.

Letter No. 464

Port Stephens
15th August 1831

William Edwards
Carrington

William Edwards,

In reply to your Letter of this day's date, requesting to be discharged from the Service of the A. A. Company,

I have to acquaint you that I am willing to comply with your Request and I hereby give you notice to be ready to deliver up the Premises, & any other Property belonging to the Company, in your possession, on this day Month, the 15th of September.

Letter No. 465

Port Stephens
18th August 1831

The Surveyor of Roads
Parramatta
On His Majesty's Service

Sir,

In reply to an Application made to me by the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, I beg to acquaint you that he was employed in the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company during the period named in the Accompanying Form, and that I do not know of any objection to his receiving a Ticket of Leave, when due.

Daniel Griffin, *Eliza*
3, 7 Years

Letter No. 466

Port Stephens
20th August 1831

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith the Case of the Prisoner named in the Margin, of whose insanity I believe there is no doubt. I request you will receive him into the General Hospital.

Daniel Dimotte,
Hercules, Life

Letter No. 467

Port Stephens
22nd August 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to your Circular of the 18th ultimo, on the subject of a proposed Emigration of Free Agricultural Labourers from certain Parishes in England to this Colony,

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Governor that, after making the requisite enquiry, I find there is no respectable Settler in this Neighbourhood who is desirous of obtaining the Services of such Persons in the manner therein suggested.

Letter No. 468

Port Stephens
22nd August 1831

John McNamara
Newcastle

John McNamara,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th of August, I have to acquaint you that it will not be in my power to accept your Services as therein proposed.

Letter No. 469

Sydney
25th August 1831

Dr Nisbet
Port Stephens

Sir,

By the enclosed Extract from a Despatch (Paragraphs 6 to 10 inclusive, of Despatch No. 11) addressed to me by the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company, dated the 15th of April 1831, and received yesterday, you will perceive that the Court have declined confirming the Appointment now held by you; and that they have appointed Mr James Edward Ebsworth to hold that situation, together with the Superintendence of the Company's Accounts in the Colony.

I therefore take the earliest opportunity of communicating to you this decision of the Court, and of acquainting you that, under the circumstances, it will not be in my power to retain you in the Service of the Company longer than this day two months, or the 25th of October; and this at the reduced Salary of £300 per annum after the day of your receiving this Communication.

I request you will inform me, as soon as convenient, whether it is your wish to avail yourself of that Clause in your Agreement with the Company which stipulates that the Company shall provide you with a passage to England in case of the non-confirmation of your Appointment.

Letter No. 470

Sydney
25th August 1831

Major A. C. Innes J.P.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, enclosing a Blank Receipt for Fifty Pounds, being part of the Amount due by you to the A. A. Company, and requesting twelve months further Credit for the remaining Fifty Pounds,

I beg to acquaint you that I have directed Mr McVitie to allow you this further Credit – namely, till the 1st of September 1832 – the usual Interest to be then paid on that Sum.

Letter No. 471

Sydney
25th August 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

With reference to my Letter addressed to you on the 27th of May last, relative to Major A. C. Innes's Acceptances for £180 & £60 respectively, and also with reference to a communication made to me yesterday by that Gentleman enclosing a Bank-Receipt for £50 paid by him on account of the A. A. Company,

I have now to acquaint you that I have at Major Innes's request, consented to allow him twelve months' further Credit upon the remaining Fifty Pounds; namely, till the 1st of September 1832, with the usual Interest thereupon.

Letter No. 472

Sydney
26th August 1872

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, I request that you will return to Mr Macleay, the two Bills of Major A. C. Innes alluded to in my Communication of yesterday; retaining in the Bank his Bill for £50 now enclosed, payable, with Interest, on the 1st of September 1832.

Letter No. 473

Macquarie Place
Sydney
27th August 1831

W. H. Dutton Esq.
Raby

Sir,

The Governors and Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company having recently directed me to make further enquiry respecting the Sum of Money deposited in your hands by them on the 7th of October 1825, on account of Four German Shepherds engaged for the Service of the Company, with a view to bring this matter to a close,

I beg leave to suggest, for your consideration, the propriety of our having a personal Communication on the subject, previously to my taking any other steps. And, as the Shepherds continue to be urgent in their Claims with respect to this money, & intend, as I understand, to have recourse to Law proceedings, I would further suggest the expediency of our meeting for that purpose as soon as possible.

As it is my intention to remain in Sydney a few days longer, perhaps you could make it convenient to call upon me at the residence of my family in Macquarie Place.

Letter No. 474

Sydney
27th August 1831

Messrs William Walker & Co.
Sydney

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to acknowledge the Receipt of a Bank-Receipt for the Sum of (£83.17.4) Eighty-three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings & Fourpence, paid into the Bank of Australia by you, on account of the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 475

Sydney
27th August 1831

William Williams Esq.
Pitt Street

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 25th current, just received, I beg to acquaint you that I will give directions for George Jones (*Sesostris*) being sent to Sydney from Port Stephens by the return of the *Lambton*,

As the *Lambton* leaves Sydney this afternoon at 4 o'clock, you will perhaps think it desirable to send the sub-poena by this conveyance. If so, and you will forward it to me, at the Church Corporation House in Macquarie Place, not later than that hour, I will take care that it is duly transmitted.

Letter No. 476

Sydney
27th August 1831

Mr David Murray
Phoenix Hulk
Sydney Harbour

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 25th current, I request you will inform me what is the Extent of the Property therein alluded to – what portion of it has been cleared – and to whom an application may be made upon the Spot, for the purpose of viewing it – also, whether you are in possession of a Title to it.

Letter No. 477

Captain Steel
Governor of H.M. Gaol
Sydney

Sir Edward Parry presents his Compliments to Captain Steel, and, with reference to the enclosed Petition, which he has just received from Robert Hames, now in His Majesty's Gaol at Sydney, requests Captain Steel will cause Hames to be informed that Sir

Edward Parry cannot possibly affix his Signature to the Petition, as recommending any mitigation of the Sentence, which he considers a very lenient one.

Macquarie Place, Sydney
29th August 1831

Letter No. 478

Sydney
1st September 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. With reference to your Letter addressed to me on the 20th May last, and my Reply thereto on the 29th of June, on the subject of Ships depositing their Ballast at Newcastle, I now beg leave to offer you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor; a suggestion which alone appears to me calculated to remedy the evil complained of in my former communication of the 21st of April.

2nd. The very confined limits of the anchorage at Newcastle, the strength of the tides, and the absence of any bold Coast, will I think prove insuperable obstacles to Ships being placed in any situation where Ballast may be advantageously deposited by throwing it directly out of the ship to the place where it is intended to remain.

3rd. I would, therefore, suggest the propriety of imposing upon the Master of every vessel desirous of taking out his ballast at Newcastle, a legal obligation to deposit it in a barge to be provided and brought alongside for this purpose; and from which the Ballast might easily be discharged in such spots as, from time to time, might be deemed expedient.

4th. In order to cover the expense of building and repairing such a Barge (say one of twenty tons' burthen) and of depositing the Ballast in the proper place, it will be necessary to affix, by Law, some reasonable price per ton for the performance of this Service. And as the Regulation is intended to produce a public benefit of great & increasing importance I should recommend very strongly that the Barge be provided & employed by the Government, and placed in the charge of one of the Government Officers at Newcastle,

to whom an application may be made whenever her Services are required.

5th. It might, perhaps, however, be expedient to allow the Masters of Vessels the option of complying with the foregoing Regulations, or of discharging the Ballast at the present Wharf, provided the Officer in charge of the Wharf sees no objection at the time. The same price would cover the expence of carting away the Ballast in the latter case, in the manner already pursued occasionally.

6th. To the suggestions I have now offered, and those contained in my letter of the 21st of April, I shall only at present add that I conceive it will be better not to limit the proposed Penalty to the throwing overboard of Ballast, but to word the Act so as to extend it to Stones of any kind, ashes, rubbish or any other substance whatever, which by sinking to the bottom may tend to produce the evil in question.

Letter No. 479

Macquarie Place, Sydney
2nd September 1831

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Being about to establish some 'Regulations to be observed at the Coal-Wharf of the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle', intended to secure to the Public a regular, easy, & expeditious supply of Coals at that Port, I request you will favour me with your legal opinion on the following Points; it being understood that the Wharf in question is the sole property of the A. A. Company.

1st. Can there be any doubt of my right to establish such Regulations, having principally for their object the purpose above-mentioned, and also the preservation of the Wharf from damage or mis-application?

2nd. The Government Contractor, Mr Street, having applied to me, through the Government, for something like a preference in his Vessels coming to the Wharf for Coals, do you think that (supposing I could admit this as just) I should have a right to give his Vessels such a preference?

3rd. Supposing the Master of a Vessel, after being admitted alongside the Wharf, to delay in an unnecessary and unreasonable degree, the loading of his Vessel, thereby occasioning loss of time to other vessels waiting for Coals, what measures may I pursue, to oblige him, either to use proper exertion in receiving his Coals, or to haul off from the Wharf? This case is constantly occurring at present, and is the source of much vexation and annoyance.

4th. What power have I to enforce my Regulations, & what remedy in case of their being wilfully disregarded?

5th. As a general principle, have I a right to order a vessel to haul off from the Company's Wharf, or to prevent her making fast to it? If so, what means may I lawfully use for these purposes respectively?

As the Company is shortly about to deliver Coals, I shall be obliged by an early reply to these Questions.

Letter No. 480

Sydney
2nd September 1831

William Buchanan Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 31st ultimo tendering to the A. A. Company a general Herd of Cattle, I beg to acquaint you that I have communicated your Offer to Mr Henry Hall, the Company's Superintendent of Cattle, and will inform you of my determination as soon as possible.

Letter No. 481

Sydney
2nd September 1831

Helenus Scott Esq.
Glendon
Hunter's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 1st August (which I should have answered sooner but for Mr Henry Hall's absence from the

Company's Estate) I beg to acquaint you that, having referred your Communication to that Gentleman, I am informed by him that there must have been some mistake relative to his wish to send some of the Company's Mares to 'Toss'; as he has no desire to do so.

I shall be glad, on any other terms in my power, to furnish you with 15 of the Company's fine-woolled Rams, the lowest price of the best being ten guineas.

Letter No. 482

Sydney
5th September 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

As Chairman of the Port Stephens Savings' Bank, I request you will be good enough to open an Account with 'the Chairman & Committee' of the Institution, receiving any Deposits which may be made on their Account.

Letter No. 483

Sydney
6th September 1831

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

As Chairman of the Port Stephens Savings' Bank, I beg to acquaint you, in reply to your Letter of the 3rd current, that I have requested the Managing Director of the Bank of Australia to open an Account 'the Chairman & Committee' of the Port Stephens Savings' Bank' and to receive any Deposits which may be made on account of that Institution.

Letter No. 484

Sydney
7th September 1831

Hon. Alexander Macleay Esq.

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th current, just arrived, I have the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that I hope, before the end of this week, to fix, and (with His Excellency's approval) to advertize, the day on which the A. A. Company will be ready to deliver Coals at Newcastle for General Consumption.

Letter No. 485

Sydney
7th September 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have to report to you the death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, which occurred at a distant Sheep-Station. His disease, in the first instance, was Pneumonic Inflammation – which baffled all the attempts of the Surgeon to allay, and terminated fatally in Phthisis Pulmonalis.

Patrick O'Brien,
Providence, Life

Letter No. 486

Sydney
10th September 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

A great number of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company having lately applied to me for their Tickets of Leave, I request you will furnish me with a Supply of the Usual Printed Forms for that purpose.

Letter No. 487

Sydney
10th September 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General

Sir,

With reference to the subject of your Letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary on the 6th ultimo, & transmitted by me by Order of His Excellency the Governor,

I do myself the Honor to request that you will acquaint me with the following particulars, for my future guidance,

1st. What is the annual quantity of Coals (nearly) which the Contractor engages to supply to Government at Sydney? Or other places requiring Coal to be shipped?

2nd. At what particular periods of the year, and in what proportions at those periods, does he engage to furnish the supply?

3rd. Have the Vessels of the Government-Contractor hitherto had the preference in coming alongside the Government Wharf at Newcastle; I mean, when other vessels have been ready and waiting for that purpose?

4th. If so, what Regulations have been adopted, & how enforced, to prevent delay by the neglect of the Masters or Crews of the Contractors' Vessels?

5th. At what price per ton has the Government sold the Coal, delivered on board the Vessel?

An early reply to these Questions will oblige.

Letter No. 488

Sydney
14th September 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

The A. A. Company being in great want of men, in consequence principally of the great numbers of Tickets of leave lately become due among their Assigned Servants,

I request you will do me the Honor to procure the Assignment to the Company of Twenty-five Agricultural Labourers, and the same number of Shepherds.

Letter No. 489

Sydney
14th September 1831

Honorable Alexander MacLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th current I now have the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency of the Governor, that, by a Report received from Newcastle this day, I find that the Coals raised by Government will be sufficient to last till about the 4th of next month.

The Company will then be ready to supply Coals for Public Consumption, fully equal in quality to those lately supplied, but very inferior to those which will be raised when their Works are completed, which will be the case on the 9th of November.

In the interval, therefore, between the time of the Company's commencing the supply of Coal (say about the 4th of October) and the completion of their Works, I have to request His Excellency's permission for the loan or hire of the Government drays, oxen and drivers, with leave to load vessels at the old Wharf, as hitherto practised.

Letter No. 489a

Sydney Gazette Two Insertions
Sydney Herald Two Insertions

Shipment of Wool for England

Notice is hereby given, that I am desirous of receiving Tenders (until the 15th proximo) for the Conveyance of about Two Hundred Bales of Wool, belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, to England, from Port Stephens, Newcastle, or Sydney. The former of these three Ports will be preferred, and the Wool will be ready to ship there on the 30th of January.

In case of no Offer being made for the Shipment direct from Port Stephens, I am also ready to receive Tenders for the conveyance of the above mentioned Wool from that Port to Sydney or Newcastle, as circumstances may require.

Letters are to be addressed to me at the Office of George Bunn Esq., Sydney

Sydney
14th September 1831

Letter No. 489b

Sydney Gazette Four Insertions
Sydney Herald Two Insertions
Australian Two Insertions

Wanted immediately, by the Australian Agricultural Company,
at Newcastle, a Coal-Barge of Twenty Tons' Burthen.

Tenders may be addressed to me, and a Specification seen, at the office of Mr Bunn at Sydney, or of Mr Henderson at Newcastle, until the 10th proximo.

Security will be required for the due performance of the Contact.

Sydney
15th September 1831

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Specification of a Coal-Barge required by the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle.

Outside Measurements
Length 37 feet
Breadth 14 feet
Depth 7 feet

To be built quite flat, the same at both ends, and the same breadth fore and aft. The ends to overhang the bottom three feet. A keel of blue gum six inches square, to project three inches below the Rabbitt [sic]. Timber strong in proportion. The Scantling of the bottom not less than 6 inches. Four Cross-beams, 6 inches by 7, to be placed at equal distances. The Beams to be secured to the sides with strong knees on each side. The knees to be secured by bolts to the sides and beams. Each beam is also to be supported by a strong Stanchion from the Keelson. The planking of the bottom to

be of hard wood three inches thick; sides in proportion. The manner of securing the Planks of the Bottom will be by Clinch-bolts & spikes; one of each alternatively. A gangway, eighteen inches wide, secured upon the beams close to each side fore & aft, & flush with the covering board of the gunwales. The internal lining of the Bottom and sides to be of blue gum or flooded gum $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch and perfectly close in every part, so as to prevent coals from getting down. A small pump to be closely fitted to the Well, and secured to one of the beams. A moveable trough to be attached to it, for carrying the water over the sides. A strong iron roller for a chain cable to be fixed upon the middle of the gunwale at each end; and an inch & half ringbolt, two feet from each end, secured through the keel.

To be delivered afloat at Newcastle; to be subject to inspection while building, and to survey when finished.

Sydney
15th September 1831

Letter No. 490

Port Stephens
New South Wales
17th September 1831

John Barrow Esq.
[Admiralty, London]

Sir,

Having occasion to remain in this Colony, on my private business, beyond the time allowed me by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, as intimated in your Letter of the 14th July 1829,

I request you will do me the Honor to move their Lordships to extend my Leave of Absence for two years beyond the Original Term; namely, to the 14th July 1834.

(signed) W. E. Parry Captain R.N.

Original per *Renown*

Duplicate per – .

Letter No. 491

Sydney
22nd September 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.

Sir,

Herewith you will receive Bills on the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Company for (£2,000) Two Thousand Pounds, to be placed to my Credit as Commissioner to the Company; and of which I request you will acknowledge the Receipt.

Letter No. 492

Sydney
22nd September 1831

The Committee of The Port Stephens Savings' Bank

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Letter of the 9th current, I beg to acquaint you that, availing myself of the discretionary power given me in that Communication, I preferred retaining in the Bank of Australia, on account of the Port Stephens' Bank, the Sum of £45.10.11, to meet any Contingent Expences; and I have, therefore, this day, paid to Mr Norton for investment, the Sum of £215 only, instead of £260. Mr Norton's Receipt for that Sum is herewith enclosed.

I have directed an Account to be opened at the Bank of Australia in the name of the 'Chairman & Committee of the Port Stephens' Savings' Bank'; And I recommend that all Monies, however small, be paid into the Bank as soon as received.

It remains for you to determine, and to intimate to the Managing Director, the Signature or Signatures of the Person or Persons authorized to draw for, or deposit, Money in the Bank of Australia. I should recommend that it be confined to the Chairman, conjointly with any one of your Committee.

Letter No. 493

Sydney
23rd September 1831

H. C. Sempill Esq.
Hyde Park

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 12th current, tendering to me for the A. A. Company a Herd of Four Hundred Head of Cattle or upwards,

I beg to acquaint you that I shall not have occasion for the Cattle therein alluded to.

Letter No. 494

Sydney
24th September 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Booral

Sir,

Your Services being no longer required by the Australian Agricultural Company, I hereby give you notice of the same, and am ready, in compliance with the Stipulation contained in your Agreement, to pay you Six Months' Salary in advance, and to provide you at the expense of the Company, a Passage to England should you require the same.

I request you will acquaint me with your wish on the latter point, by a letter to be left at my office at Tahlee, not later than the 1st proximo, to enable me to give the necessary directions for your passage being taken, if required.

Letter No. 495

Newcastle
27th September 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to my former Communications to you on the subject of the practice of throwing overboard Ballast and Rubbish, in the already confined Channels & Anchorage of this Port,

I now beg leave to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor that as I understand the practice of removing the Ballast from the end of the Wharf by the Government-Labour (hitherto occasionally permitted) is now to be altogether discontinued, there can be no doubt that unless some strict & immediate measures be adopted, the whole will be thrown overboard.

Under these circumstances, I beg leave, on the part of the A. A. Company, as one of the many parties belonging to the Hunters River District, and therefore interested in this subject, to direct His Excellency's attention to the absolute necessity of adopting the necessary Regulations without delay.

The importance of the subject will, I trust, be a sufficient excuse for my venturing to suggest to His Excellency the expediency of applying a temporary remedy by the issuing of a Government Order until it can be more effectively done by legal enactment.

Letter No. 496

Sydney
29th September 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.

Sir,

The A. A. Company having now commenced suppling Coals at Newcastle, I beg leave to draw the attention of His Excellency the Governor to that part of the Negotiation between His Majesty's Government and the Company, which stipulated that the latter shall furnish to the Government a certain specified Quantity of Coals at the Pit's Mouth "at Prime-Cost".

This latter expression appearing to me somewhat indefinite, when thus applied to an Article which is produced, and not bought, I request to be informed, by way of a necessary preliminary in the decision of this question, upon what data, or according to what principle, His Excellency conceives the Prime Cost of the Company's Coals ought, in justice to both Parties, to be computed.

Letter No. 497

Port Stephens
1st October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Booral

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 28th ultimo, I beg to acquaint you that the *Lambton* will be ready to convey you, with your family and your effects, to Sydney on the 19th instant; and that I have made the following arrangements, with a view to giving you the requisite time, and every facility, for your removal from Booral.

The *Ebsworth* is to be at Booral so as to leave that Place, with the heaviest and most bulky part of your baggage, on Friday the 14th instant, and to give time for her Crew returning in a lighter boat for yourself and family on Monday the 17th.

The *No. 1* Boat will also be up at Booral by the last-mentioned day, to take the remainder of your luggage.

On Monday the 17th you will deliver over to Mr Henry Hall (who is directed to communicate with you for that purpose) the charge of the Agricultural Department of the Company, with the Implements and other Stores belonging thereto, giving him such information as may be requisite to put him in possession of the present state of the Farms, Crops &c, and your views respecting them.

You will, on Tuesday the 18th, deliver into the charge of Mr Henry Hall and Mr Swayne all the property belonging to the Company which may be in your possession for private purposes, together with an Inventory of the same (in duplicate); and the keys of the house now occupied by you are to be given to Mr Henry Hall.

On the same day you will leave Booral for Port Stephens, where the House at Pindyambah will be ready for your reception, should you require it till the *Lambton* is ready to sail.

Your Salary and Allowances will continue till the charge of the Department is transferred to Mr Henry Hall, and your Rations till you leave the Company's Estate.

P.S. I have already promised a person in Sydney to exchange Henry Phillips for an able-bodied man.

Letter No. 498

Port Stephens
3rd October 1831

A. Smyth Esq.
York Hotel
York Street
Sydney

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Australian Agricultural Company have no occasion for any of the Cattle mentioned in your Letter addressed to me on the 26th of August last.

Letter No. 499

Port Stephens
4th October 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. The intended Coal-Works of the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle being nearly completed, it becomes essential to the Company's operations that a portion at least of the Water-frontage should now be determined on.

2nd. In the month of August 1830, it was intimated to the Company by Mr Hay, Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, as the intention of His Majesty's Government to allow the Company a Water-frontage of not less than two hundred yards in length in one place and not less than three hundred yards in another, according to the situation of the separate locations which

might be selected; that is, a minimum length of (500) Five Hundred Yards in the whole.

3rd. My wish is, to be allowed (with reference to the Company's present location) One Hundred and Fifty Yards of Water-frontage on each side of their new Wharf; that is, Three Hundred Yards in the whole; deferring the selection of the remaining Frontage (of not less than Two Hundred Yards) till some Second Location be determined on.

4th I should hope, also, that a breadth of One Hundred Yards will not be considered as exceeding the intention of His Majesty's Government in agreeing to a 'liberal allowance' of Water-frontage to each Location.

5th. In the course of the conference alluded to in the 2nd paragraph of this Letter, (and indeed in all negotiations on this subject) it has been taken for granted that the Government Mines and a reasonable portion of the Land near them, were to become the property of the Company. I have, therefore, further to request that (although in order to avoid interfering with the Town, as apprehended by His Majesty's Government, I have placed the Company's Works entirely beyond its limits) I may be allowed to select, as the Property of the Company, Two Small Town-Allotments of the usual size, for the convenience of an Office, Dwelling-houses &c.

6th. And I beg leave to name Nos 23 and 52, in Watt Street and Pacific Street, as at present unlocated, and likely to prove convenient to the Company.

7th. I request you will do me the Honor to convey to the Governor the Proposals I have now made, and that you will favor me with His Excellency's determination as early as may be convenient.

Letter No. 499a

For the *Sydney Gazette* Three Insertions
For the *Sydney Herald* Two Insertions

Wanted, by the Australian Agricultural Company, at Port Stephens, an Overseer for their Cattle-Department; an active man, without incumbrance.

Testimonials as to character and ability will be required.

Apply personally, or by Letter, to Mr Henry Hall, Port
Stephens

Port Stephens
4th October 1831

Letter No. 500

Port Stephens
4th October 1831

Mr Thomas Bodenham
George Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th ultimo, I beg to acquaint you
that I shall not require the Cattle therein alluded to.

Letter No. 501

Sydney
13th October 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts

Sir,

Mr Busby having informed me that the three Prisoners of the
Crown named in the margin, now employed in the Government
Works in his Department, can be spared,

James Rawson, *Asia*;
Thomas Thomas,
Exmouth; Richard
Tennant, *Exmouth*

I request you will do me the Honor to obtain their assignment
to the A. A. Company as Miners at Newcastle, where an additional
number are very much required.

Letter No. 502

Sydney
17th October 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General

Sir,

The Australian Agricultural Company having now taken the
Supply of Coals into their own hands, I should esteem it an
obligation if you will, at your convenience, cause me to be furnished

with a Return, for the information & guidance of the Directors of the Company, of the Quantity of Coals sold and expended by His Majesty's Government from the years 1827 to 1831 (both inclusive) according to the enclosed form; so far as the Documents in your possession may enable you to afford this information.

Letter No. 503

Sydney
21st October 1831

His Excellency General Darling
&c &c &c

Sir,

With whatever feelings of satisfaction I have had the Honor of adding my name to the numerous respectable Signatures which appear at the foot of the Address presented to Your Excellency this day, I conceive that I should be wanting in my duty to the Company whose affairs I am appointed to manage in this Colony, were I, on the present occasion, to omit addressing you expressly in their name.

I am the more desirous of doing this, because, at the time of my entering upon my present Office, an idea was entertained at home (as Your Excellency is aware) that you had not afforded to the Company's Agents in this Colony the assistance which they might reasonably expect from the Local Government.

It is, therefore, with particular satisfaction, that I now beg to acknowledge the ready and considerate attention which Your Excellency has uniformly paid to my requests, for the promotion of the Company's Interests during a period of almost two years that I have been in the Colony; and, as the Company's Representative, I request Your Excellency will accept my best thanks for your attention and assistance.

Interested as Your Excellency is in the Welfare of the Company, as intimately connected with that of the Colony in general, it will, I am confident, afford you gratification to be assured on the eve of your departure, that I consider the affairs of the Company to be steadily rising from that depression under which they suffered at the outset. That a large sum of money has been injudiciously expended, is unhappily a fact too obvious to be denied; but with the large reduction now making in their expenditure, the great augmentation & healthy state of their flocks, and the increasing

income likely to arise from that source and from the sale of Coal just commencing, I see no reason to doubt that the Company will soon begin to derive a profit from their Capital now expending, and which may be hereafter expended in this Colony.

I request Your Excellency will accept my cordial good wishes, for the health & happiness of yourself, Mrs Darling, and family...

Letter No. 504

Sydney
21st October 1831

William Burnett Esq.

Sir,

With reference to my Memorandum addressed to you on the 22nd ultimo, and of which (as no answer has been received at my office at Port Stephens on the 17th instant) I now enclose a Duplicate,

I beg to suggest to you whether it is not expedient, as a matter of justice to Mr Barton, who has acted in this case without my Authority, that you should offer, for the information of the Directors, any explanation which you may be able to furnish me on this subject.

Letter No. 505

Macquarie Place, Sydney
24th October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Cummings's Hotel

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 28th ultimo, in which you state you was not then prepared to say when you should be ready to embark for England,

I now request you will inform me whether you wish to take a passage for Mrs Burnett, yourself, and family, in the ship *Palambam*, expected to sail hence for England between the 5th & 10th proximo.

There can, of course, be no objection on the part of the Australian Agricultural Company, and therefore on mine, to your deferring your embarkation till a later period, should your private affairs require it. But it is my duty to offer you a passage in the

Palambam, and to acquaint you that I am ready, on the part of the Company, to pay all reasonable expences of your board and lodging up to the time of that ship's departure.

P.S. Some accommodation in the *Palambam* being, by my desire, reserved for your determination, I request an early reply.

Letter No. 505a

Sydney Gazette }
Sydney Herald } 3 insertions in each
Australian }

Advertisement

Supply of Coals at Newcastle

Notice is hereby given, that the Australian Agricultural Company will be ready to commence supplying the Public with Coals at the New Wharf at Newcastle, in the course of the next month (November).

The Coal will be of superior quality, as well as larger and cleaner than that hitherto supplied at Newcastle; and a rail-road from the Pit's Mouth to the Wharf will ensure a quick and convenient delivery.

Price, eight shillings per Ton, delivered on board; Terms, Cash.

For the information of the Masters of Vessels intending to load with coals, Regulations to be observed at the Company's Wharf will shortly be published.

In the meantime, Coals can be furnished in any quantity, in the usual manner, at the Old Wharf.

Newcastle
October 25th 1831

Letter No. 505b

Reverend R. Mansfield

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to Mr Mansfield, and will be obliged by his noticing in the *Gazette* when convenient (with reference to the accompanying advertisement) the circumstance of its being the intention of the A. A. Co. not to increase the price of Coal at Newcastle, notwithstanding the very

great advantages the Public will derive from a very superior Article, delivered on board in one-tenth of the time formerly employed.

Should Mr Mansfield wish to insert any account of the Company's Coal Works, Sir Edward Parry would be glad to furnish a brief comprehensive Statement for that purpose. They are certainly quite unique in this Colony.

Macquarie Place
26th October 1831

Letter No. 506

Sydney
26th October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Cummings's Hotel

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th current, desiring to know if it is my intention to remunerate you for the Expence which you mention having incurred in procuring Fruit-Trees for the Garden at Booral,

I beg to acquaint you that, the Company's Solicitor having given it as his opinion that I am not "authorized to admit this claim", I must decline doing so.

But as the Trees are stated to be in a healthy condition, and they have not been long planted, they will in all probability bear removing when the proper season arrives. I shall therefore be happy to deliver them to any person you may appoint to take them up and receive them in the course of the next winter.

Letter No. 507

Sydney
26th October 1831

J. E. Stacy Esq.
Carrington

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th current offering your Services as Superintendent of any new Establishment which may be formed near Liverpool Plains, I beg to inform you that any Establishment

which may be formed there will be a mere Sheep-Station; and that the Superintendent will not receive anything like your present Salary & Allowances, or reside in a house fit for a family.

Letter No. 508

Newcastle
26th October 1831

Honorable Alexander Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Mr Laidley having, by my desire, obligingly furnished me with the enclosed Account of the Quantity of Coals used by His Majesty's Government and sold, during the time that the Accounts have been under the Commissariat Department,

I take the liberty of requesting that you will cause me to be furnished with a similar Account for the period immediately preceding, namely for the year 1827, and the first six months of 1828.

Letter No. 509

Sydney
26th October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Cummings's Hotel

Sir,

The Committee of the Port Stephens' Savings' Bank having referred to me the Question relative to an Allowance to be made to your son John, as Clerk to that Institution, I beg to acquaint you that, altho' I think that One Half per Cent upon the money received, and for the period during which he performed the duty of that Office, is as much as the Bank ought to pay, yet in consideration of the more than ordinary trouble of attending its first Establishment, I am willing, on the part of the Company to make the Sum up to Three Pounds.

I request to know whether this Sum will be acceptable to your Son.

Letter No. 510

Sydney
27th October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Cummings's Hotel

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday, I beg to acquaint you that, the Agent for the *Palamban* having, by a letter of this morning, offered a passage for yourself, Mrs Burnett & family, in that ship for the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds, I of course cannot place at your disposal any larger Sum for that purpose.

I request to know whether you wish to accept that sum.

Letter No. 511

Sydney
28th October 1831

William Burnett Esq.
Liverpool Street

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday, I beg to acquaint you that I accede to your proposal of accepting Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds for your Passage to England, and that I will, in a few days, cause that Sum to be paid to you accordingly.

Letter No. 512

Sydney
28th October 1831

Hon. Alexander McLeay Esq.

Sir,

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin is one of five men, whose services were lent to the A. A. Co. at Newcastle for eight months, which period has now expired.

John Milon,
Stone-Cutter

In returning the other men, I venture to request that Milon may be permanently assigned to the Company, a person of his trade being indispensable to their Works, and there being no other to procure.

I request that your Reply may be addressed to me under Cover to Mr Henderson at Newcastle.

Letter No. 513

Port Stephens
1st November 1831

Frederick Lehmann.

Frederick Lehmann,

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo requesting to be discharged from the Service of the A. A. Company,

I have to acquaint you that I am willing to comply with your Request, and I hereby give you Notice to be ready to deliver up the Premises, and any other Property belonging to the Company on this day Month, the 1st of December.

Letter No. 514

Port Stephens
3rd November 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I received about a Month back a Memorandum from your Office dated the 22nd September 1831 which stated that the ten Prisoners named in the Margin had been ordered to be assigned from the Road Department to the Australian Agricultural Company and would be discharged to their Service on application, by Agent, to the Officer in charge at Parramatta: I, therefore, directed Mr Bunn, the Company's Agent at Sydney, to request that these men might be sent down in the Parramatta Boat for the purpose of their being embarked on board the Cutter *Lambton* for Port Stephens, he was informed that the Men had been forwarded overland.

The Men not having yet made their appearance on the Company's Estate I have to request that you will be good enough to cause them to be transmitted as soon as possible.

John Lacey, *Marquis of Huntley*; Denis McCarty, *Mangles*; Charles McCarthy, *Ann & Amelia*; Bernard McDavid, *Fergusson*; Patrick Murphy, *Eliza*; John Skammald, *Marquis of Huntley*; James Smith or John?, *Phoenix*; Michael Wallace, *Sir Godfrey Webster*; Robert Smith, *Guilford*; Thomas Thompson, *Marquis of Huntley*

Letter No. 515

Port Stephens
4th November 1831

Thomas Stubbs Esq.
Paterson's Plains

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th October, I beg to acquaint you that there being no vacancy in the Establishment of the Australian Agricultural Company, it is not in my power to comply with your Request.

Letter No. 516

Port Stephens
4th November 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I beg leave to state to you, for the information of His Excellency the Acting Governor that, in consequence of the Number of Tickets of Leave lately become due, and the large increase of Flocks, (amounting to ten thousand lambs in the season) the Australian Agricultural Company are in extreme want of at least Sixty Shepherds or Agricultural Labourers. In fact, this valuable part of their property is daily and hourly suffering for want of a proper number of men to attend them, and the consequent necessity of dividing them into flocks of more than twice the customary number. I am, therefore, reduced to the ruinous alternative of not employing the proper number of men in shearing; or of allowing the Sheep to be lost for want of proper attendance.

Under these circumstances, I earnestly request that Sixty Men of the above-mentioned Class may be assigned to the Company with as little delay as possible.

Letter No. 517

Port Stephens
4th November 1831

George Bunn Esq. J.P.
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive Bills on the amount of Two Thousand Pounds on the Governors and Directors of the Australian Agricultural Company, drawn to your Order, according to the understanding between us on this subject; and which I request you will lodge in the Bank of Australia on my Account, as Commissioner to the Company, transmitting to me the Bank-Receipt for the same.

With reference to the accompanying Memorandum of the 22nd September, from the Office of the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, I beg to acquaint you that, notwithstanding the Message you received from Parramatta respecting the ten men therein named, they have never made their appearance on the Company's Estate. I have written to Mr Hely on the subject, and I request you will give him any information he may require thereupon.

I enclose an Invoice of Three Hundred and Seven Bushels of Wheat to be ground & dressed under the Superintendence of Mr Sawkins – likewise a Requisition for Stores much required at the Company's Establishment.

Letter No. 518

Stroud
11th November 1831

Lawrence Myles Esq.
William's River

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 2nd current just received, I beg to express my regret at the circumstance therein alluded to. I find on enquiry from Mr Henry Hall that it occurred in consequence of the freshes preventing the Stock Keeper crossing his Cattle at the usual Ford.

I am quite aware of the inconvenience and injury which might thus be sustained, and I have given such directions as will, I trust, prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

Letter No. 519

Port Stephens
14th November 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I request you will do me the favor to inform me what are the Contract-Prices for supplying the Military at Newcastle with Rations during the Current Year, for the purpose of enabling me to make out the Account of Rations furnished to the Military Detachment at Port Stephens by the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 520

Port Stephens
15th November 1831

William Buchanan Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

As the period has nearly arrived when you have agreed to deliver to the Australian Agricultural Company a General Herd of Cattle upon certain terms nominated in your Agreement of the 27th of September on this subject, I request you will inform me, when you will be ready to deliver them.

Letter No. 521

Port Stephens
15th November 1831

The Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

The enclosed Certificates relate to the application which I had the Honor to make to you in Sydney, in favour of Thomas Jones, an indentured Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company, whose character as well as that of his wife, is such as to merit in the highest degree the indulgence of a Free Licence for the House in question.

I beg you will do me the Honor to submit the case to His Excellency the Acting Governor, with my request that this Indulgence may be granted to Thomas Jones from the 1st of January next.

Letter No. 522

Port Stephens
15th November 1831

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

John McCune, York,
7 years

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, having as I understand, been just returned to Government at this place from the Service of Mr Richard Stubbs,

I request you will move His Excellency the Acting Governor to allow him to be assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 523

Port Stephens
15th November 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£350) Three Hundred & Fifty Pounds to meet the Current Expenses on Account of the Australian Agricultural Company; also a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply as soon as possible. The casting of the Pinion Wheel herewith sent is much wanted; and I request that no payment be made for it, or any other similar work till the Model is returned.

Letter No. 524

Port Stephens
16th November 1831

Mr Benjamin Singleton
John's Mill
William's River

Sir,

You will receive herewith Invoice of Two Hundred & Eighty-four Bushels of Wheat shipped on board the sloop *Ellen* to your address, on account of the A. A. Company, to be ground and dressed into Seconds Flour upon the terms stated to me in your Letter of the 10th September last.

The Flour produced from the Wheat with the Bran, I shall require at Port Stephens, with five tons of your own fine Flour not later than one month from this day.

Letter No. 525

Port Stephens
16th November 1831

W. Wetherman Esq.
Carrington

Sir,

With reference to Captain Moffatt's letter addressed to me on the 14th current, complaining of your alleged Conduct to his Servant, which letter I transmitted to you yesterday for your explanation & subsequently to Mr Ebsworth, I must express my regret that any circumstances which had previously occurred between Captain Moffatt, or his Servant, and yourself, should have occasioned this complaint, at a time when it does not appear that the Man's Conduct was offensive, whatever it might have been on any former occasion.

I feel confident you will admit that any such expression used to a Servant, whether that Servant be free or Bond, and whether of good or bad character, must be offensive to his Master, especially when coupled with his Master's name.

It is, therefore, my duty to observe that I cannot but disapprove of such expressions being used by the Company's Servants or of allowing any private feelings of this kind to be exhibited in the transaction of public business; because, it must always tend to excite a degree of irritation incompatible with the due performance of our respective duties, and therefore in the end prove highly injurious to the Company's Interests.

I would also remark that no private feelings, whatsoever, whether justly or unjustly entertained, ought for a moment to be suffered to interfere with the public courtesy, which is especially due to a Gentleman not belonging to the Company's Establishment, and living on their Estate as the Resident Magistrate.

On these Public Grounds, the only ones, on which, in my Official Capacity, I have any business to interfere in such cases, and, of which I am sure you will see the reasonableness, I must earnestly request that you will cautiously avoid in future the necessity of any similar reference to me, and the consequent occupation of my time and attention in a manner so unprofitable to our employers.

Letter No. 526

Port Stephens
16th November 1831

Captain Moffatt Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th current complaining of certain expressions said to have been used by Mr Wetherman to your Servant at the Company's Store, and I now enclose for your information, a copy of a letter I have this day addressed to Mr Wetherman, and also for your perusal, the explanations of that Gentleman & Mr Ebsworth on the subject.

I request you will return me your own letter ...

Letter No. 527

Port Stephens
16th November 1831

Charles Hall Esq.
Stroud

Sir,

Observing by the Monthly Returns of the Increase and Decrease of the Company's Flocks that a loss of (568) Five Hundred & Sixty-Eight Sheep has taken place in the Quarter ending the 31st of October last, I request you will report to me, in duplicate, for the information of the Court of Directors, the causes of so unusual a loss.

Letter No. 528

Port Stephens
16th November 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.

Sir,

It being the wish of the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company to establish at Newcastle, in conjunction with their Coal Works, a Manufactory of Salt by evaporation from Sea Water,

I request that you will do me the Honor to submit the same to His Excellency the Acting Governor and that you will inform me as early as convenient, whether there will be any objection to this Manufactory on the part of His Majesty's Government.

Letter No. 529

Port Stephens
21st November 1831

James Macarthur Esq.
Parramatta

Sir,

The Claim of Mr Wetherman upon the A. A. Company, which is set forth in the accompanying letter from that Gentleman of this day's date, and its enclosures, was submitted to me not long after my arrival in the Colony. But as I understood from Mr Wetherman that your recollection of the circumstances would probably save much time & trouble on this subject, it was considered advisable not to submit the Claim to the Gentlemen of the late Committee of Management, until your return to New South Wales.

I now beg leave to enclose the Documents for your consideration and request you will do me the favor to acquaint me, as early as convenient, with the decision of the Committee thereupon.

Letter No. 530

Newcastle
24th November 1831

The Board for the Assignment of Servants

Gentlemen,

Three of the Miners transferred from the Government Coal Works at this place to those of the A. A. Company having obtained Tickets of Leave, and two others being incapacitated (I fear permanently) by disease and accident,

I beg to acquaint you that with this reduced number of regular Miners, the company cannot raise Coals sufficient for the demand.

I have, therefore, to request that you will move His Excellency the Acting Governor to be pleased to direct that Eight regular

Miners may be assigned to the Company with as little delay as possible.

Letter No. 531

Port Stephens
6th December 1831

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive the Company's Bank-Book, also the Sum of Fifty-nine Pounds Four Shillings which I request you will place to the credit of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 532

Port Stephens
6th December 1831

John Henderson Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

I send you, enclosed, the undermentioned Drafts for Payments with Sundry Accounts received from you, and request you will return the Receipt for Draft No. 1008 along with the Account, retaining the others for the Office at Newcastle.

Draft No. 1005 favor of W. Croasdill	£20
Draft No. 1006 favor E. Sparke	£7:12:1
Draft No. 1008 favor J. Reid	£42:10:0
Draft No. 1009 favor Alexander Philp	£5:15:8

Letter No. 533

Port Stephens
6th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Invoice of 40 Bags of Wool shipped on board the *Lambton* to your consignment. A Requisition for Stores to which I request your attention and a Draft (No. 1010) on the Bank of Australia for (£50) Fifty Pounds to be placed to the credit of the A. A. Company.

The Invoice for Newcastle dated 5 October not having been received with the Vouchers, I request you will forward it.

The Voucher No. 5 for the Port Stephens Invoice dated 5 October has not come to hand – the Articles were 2 Kegs Green Paint.

The Invoice dated first December is returned for your Signature.

The two Packets in the Despatch Box addressed to Mr McVitie containing money I request you will forward them to the Bank of Australia, by a careful person.

Duplicate Numbers of the *Australian* newspaper dated 4th & 25th November having been received are herewith returned, as the Company only take one Number of this paper.

Letter No. 534

Sydney
8th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letters addressed to me on the 8th and 18th ultimo & this day respectively, I now beg to acquaint you that I accept your Tenders for the conveyance of the A. A. Company's wool to England, therein contained, namely

A Portion in the *Prince Regent* to sail positively on the 1st of January at Three half pence per pound and the rest in the *Integrity* at Newcastle to be shipped between the 10th current and the 29th of January and to sail from Sydney between the 10th and 15th of February at Seven Farthings per pound.

Forty Bales may be hourly expected here in the *Lambton*, and Forty more not later than the 19th or 20th instant.

The rest, consisting of One Hundred Bales, more or less, will be at Newcastle between the 1st & 15th of January at the latest, and also 250 Hides to be shipped in the *Integrity*.

Letter No. 534a

SALE OF COALS AT NEWCASTLE

Notice is hereby given that, on and after **Tuesday** next the 13th instant The **Australian Agricultural Company** will be ready to deliver **Coals** in any quantity at their new Wharf, on application to Mr Henderson.

The following **Regulations** are published for the information of Masters of Vessels intending to load with Coals.

1st. Vessels will be loaded with coal in the order they come alongside the Wharf, provided they comply with the Established Regulations.

2nd. No Vessel is to come alongside the Wharf, until she is ready to receive the whole quantity of Coals required.

3rd. No Cargo, Ballast or other article can be landed on the Wharf.

4th. One Vessel only is to be alongside the Wharf, or to be in anyway secured to it, at the same time.

5th. If unnecessary or unreasonable delay occurs in the loading of a Vessel, she will lose her turn.

6th. Every Vessel is to haul off from the Wharf; immediately she has received the quantity of coal required.

7th. **Price Eight Shillings per Ton. Terms Cash before Delivery.**

W. E. Parry

Commissioner to the Australian Agricultural Company
Newcastle

8th December 1831

Sydney Gazette – to be inserted 3 times

Sydney Herald – ditto ditto

The Australian – ditto ditto

Letter No. 535

Port Stephens
10th December 1831

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Advertizement for Tenders for supplying the Military Detachment at Port Stephens with Rations for the ensuing year,

I beg to acquaint you that I am willing, on the part of the A. Company to Supply Flour and Meat for that purpose at the undermentioned rates namely,

Beef or mutton at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d per pound.

Flour at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d ditto

Letter No. 536

Port Stephens
13th December 1831

His Excellency Lieutenant General Bourke
Governor-in-Chief
Sydney

Sir,

As Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales, I beg leave respectfully to address Your Excellency on a subject which is intimately connected with their best Interests in this Colony. I allude to the indispensable necessity which now exists for their possessing a certain portion of Land in or near Sydney, for the purpose of Wharves & Warehouses for the receiving the Produce of their Estates.

The rapid Encrease of the Company's Flocks (amounting in the past year to more than Ten Thousand Lambs) would, of itself, render this necessary since it is frequently requisite to warehouse the Bales of Wool at Sydney for some considerable time, and at a great expence previous to its shipment to England in order to avoid the risk of its not reaching Sydney in proper time.

But a still more important object is the establishment of a Depot for Coals, on a scale commensurate with the Company's Operations at Newcastle, where their New Works are this day opened and where this useful Article may now be delivered, of good quality and in any quantity, with all the facility and expedition of a British Colliery, at the Moderate Price of Eight Shillings per Ton.

Your Excellency will, perhaps, be surprised to learn that, notwithstanding this facility, a Ton of Coals can seldom or never be procured at Sydney under Eighteen or Twenty Shillings; Five & Twenty Shillings is, indeed, not an uncommon price and it has occasionally risen even to Thirty Shillings.

The exorbitant price arises, partly from there being little or no competition in the Coal-Trade, but principally from the Want of any regular Coal-Merchant at Sydney. Both these objects, might I conceive, be advantageously embraced by The Company, and the price of Coals in Sydney thus considerably lowered, provided The Company could procure without the heavy expence of purchase an Allotment of Ground for this purpose.

In connection with the Coal Works at Newcastle, it is also my intention to establish a Manufacture of Salt by evaporation from Sea-Water. Should this succeed, which I see no reason to doubt, a Wharf and Warehouse at Sydney will be absolutely necessary for the Sale of this Article by wholesale.

Another Article which I have reason to hope, may become an object for the Company to export to Sydney from Port Stephens is Lime-Stone, which has lately been discovered upon The Company's Estate, of excellent quality, many miles nearer to Water-Conveyance than in any other part of the Colony and which I expect to trace still nearer to the Navigation of the River Karuah for this purpose.

Under all these considerations, and various other minor ones, I am induced to request on behalf of the Company, that your Excellency will be pleased to allow them a Grant of a Town allotment favourable for the above mentioned purposes.

And I beg particularly to request from Your Excellency a Grant of Three Acres of Land (including One hundred and Fifty Yards of

Water Frontage) at a place called Limeburners' Point in Darling Harbour, formerly leased to one 'Shelly'.

I shall only remark, in conclusion that the Company has at present no property whatever of the Description above mentioned; and I willingly leave it to Your Excellency to judge whether the circumstance of their having actually expended in this Colony the Sum of One hundred & Forty Thousand Pounds, and of their Annual Outlay in this Country being still about Ten Thousand Pounds, does not give them a strong claim to this Indulgence which is enjoyed by many Private Persons of comparatively trifling Capital.

Letter No. 537

Port Stephens
13th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive Bills on The Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company for the Sum of (£1,000) One Thousand Pounds drawn to your Order, which I request you will deposit in the Bank of Australia to the Credit of my Account as Commissioner to the Company.

I likewise enclose a Draft on the Bank for (£60) Sixty Pounds to meet the Payments of your last Invoice.

I herewith hand you Invoice of (40) Bales of The Company's wool to be shipped on the *Prince Regent* for London.

I request you will inform me, by return of the *Lambton*, whether the *Prince Regent* can receive Forty Bales more, in addition to the Eighty already intended for her. If so, I shall send that number immediately.

Should the *Prince Regent* not be able to receive any more than the first Eighty Bales, I request you will inform me whether the *Stirling Castle* can receive from Forty to Eighty Bales, that is, provided she will certainly sail not later than the 10th of January. In this case, you will be good enough to consider it as understood, that I shall forward about that number to be shipped on the *Stirling Castle*; the freight being, I presume, three half pence per pound.

Finding that it is a notorious practice, particularly of late, for the Millers at Sydney to make use of The Company's Bags for their

own purposes, or those of other Individuals I have addressed a Letter to Mr Longford on this subject, informing him that I have given directions for the Bags to be seized in any such instances in future, and that I shall immediately bring an Action to recover damages.

I request you will do all in your power to check this practice, whenever it may come under your observation as it has done under mine and others, in the Streets of Sydney.

I enclose a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply as early as convenient.

I again return, in the Despatch Box, Two Numbers of *The Australian* newspaper, being Duplicates sent by mistake, and I request you will again communicate this mistake to the Editor.

I request that the *Lambton* may be dispatched without any delay.

I enclose several Vouchers, requiring the Signatures of the respective Parties from whom the Goods were purchased.

Letter No. 538

Port Stephens
13th December 1831

W. Longford Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Finding from my own observation as well as by various Reports from others, that the Bags belonging to the A. A. Company, placed from time to time in your charge, are indiscriminately and improperly used for the purposes of other individuals,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have given directions for the Bags to be seized in any such instance in future, and that in such case, it is my intention to bring an Action, to recover damages.

Letter No. 539

Port Stephens
14th December 1831

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday I beg to acquaint you that I have no objection to your keeping Two Geldings on the Company's Estate.

Letter No. 540

Port Stephens
14th December 1831

James Norton Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you, Two Letters of Attorney, lately received from the Court of Directors of The A. A. Company; one empowering me to alienate a certain Portion of Land for the purpose of a Church & Burial Ground; the other to sell any Vessels belonging to The Company. And I request you will cause these to be duly registered, without delay, in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and then returned to me.

I also request you will favour me with your Opinion, with reference to the first-mentioned Letter of Attorney, whether there will now be any difficulty in my making over to The Church, one, two or three parcels of Land (if necessary) in different Parts of The Company's Estate at or near Port Stephens, for the purpose of more than One Church or Burial Ground.

Letter No. 541

Port Stephens
15th December 1831

The Surveyor of Roads
Wollombi Station

Sir,

1st. With reference to Mr Kentish's Letter addressed to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts dated the 25th ultimo of which a Copy is now enclosed, relative to the 10 Men therein named assigned to the Company,

2nd. I now beg to acquaint you that the Bearer, Mr John Field, District Constable, is authorised by me to receive them on the part of the Company & I request you will deliver them to him accordingly.

Letter No. 542

Port Stephens
15th December 1831

Captain Anly J.P.
Superintendent of Police
Maitland

Sir,

With reference to Mr Kentish's Letter addressed to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, dated the 25th ultimo, of which a Copy is herewith enclosed, relative to the Ten Men therein named, assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company –

I do myself the Honor to inform you that the bearer, Mr John Field, District Constable is now dispatched with a Letter to the Surveyor of Roads at the Wollombi Station for the purpose of bringing the Men to Port Stephens; and I shall esteem it an obligation if you will afford Mr Field any assistance he may require and which you may be enabled to give him for that purpose.

Letter No. 543

Port Stephens
16th December 1831

William Longford Esq.

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that many complaints have lately been made of the quality of the flour ground at your Mill for the Australian Agricultural Company in consequence of the wheat not being cleaned from smut –

As I thought it possible that this circumstance might have been unavoidable, I deferred taking any notice of it til I have received a Cargo of Flour produced from the very same wheat at the Mill of Mr Singleton on the William's River.

The respective Samples which I now enclose clearly shew the carelessness with which the Flour has been ground at your Mill. It is my duty, therefore, to point out to you this glaring neglect, and to request that more care be taken in future, or I cannot otherwise authorise the payment of your Account.

Letter No. 544

Port Stephens
19th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

Herewith you will receive an Invoice of Forty Bales of Wool belonging to The A. A. Company to be shipped on the *Stirling Castle* for London.

I beg to acquaint you that I propose sending from 30 to 40 Bales more to be shipped on the Same Vessel, according to the terms of your letter of the 16th current.

I now find that in consequence of the unusual lightness of the Fleeces this year, and the Bales averaging more that 250 lbs each, instead of 200 lbs (the usual weight) The Company will have none to ship on the *Integrity* as at first intended; the whole number probably not exceeding 150 to 160 Bales.

I request you will inform me whether the *Integrity* can receive at Newcastle about 250 Bullocks Hides.

I request you will cause a Bill of Lading for the (80) Eighty Bales per *Prince Regent* to be executed in Triplicate and given to Captain Corlette, who has my directions for forwarding One in a Despatch to the Governors & Directors placed in his charge.

The packet in the Despatch Box addressed to Mr McVitie, containing money I request that some careful person may be directed to deliver it at the Bank of Australia.

I request you will procure & send by the *Lambton* with as little delay as possible the Lock and Four Casks of Pork, mentioned in the accompanying Requisition, as it is important She should return to Port Stephens immediately.

I request you will send to the Editor of the *Australian Almanack* for 4 copies of that Work which I ordered for the Company and send them by return of the *Lambton*.

I shall be glad to be informed on what day the *Prince Regent* will actually sail.

Letter No. 545

Port Stephens
19th December 1831

The Board for the Assignment of Servants

Gentlemen,

Doctor Bowman having recommended the Prisoner named in the Margin as a fit person to assist the Surgeon of the Australian Agricultural Company, I do myself the Honor to request that he may be assigned to the Company for that purpose, and that I may be allowed to return Henry White (*Portland & Earl St Vincent*) who was assigned to the Company to perform the same duty.

William Whitton,
Sophia

Letter No. 546

Port Stephens
23rd December 1831

The Board for the Assignment of Servants
Sydney

Gentlemen,

With reference to my Letter addressed to Mr Hely on the 3rd ultimo, relative to Ten Men assigned by His Majesty's Government

to the Australian Agricultural Company, and Mr Hely's reply dated the 26th ultimo and its enclosure, I beg to acquaint you that after sending a Free Constable to the Wollombi, at a considerable expense, to bring the Men to Port Stephens he has lately returned with only five of the Men, and an explanation of the other five, of which I now enclose a Copy for your information.

I do myself the Honor to request that you will be pleased to assign to the A. A. Company Four other Men, in lieu of those who, it appears are not forthcoming.

I trust also that you will take such Measures as you may deem requisite for preventing a recurrence of such unnecessary vexatious and expensive delays in the delivery of Assigned Servants.

Letter No. 547

Port Stephens
24th December 1831

John Robson Esq.
Care of George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 22nd current, I regret that it will not be in my power to accommodate you with any of the *Lambton's* Guns, which we intend entirely as the means of defence for that Vessel in case of need.

Letter No. 548

Port Stephens
27th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose herewith a Requisition for Flour with which I request you will comply, sending a part of it by the *Lambton* on her next Voyage. I expect she will be in Sydney about Saturday next, with the last 40 Bales of Wool for the *Stirling Castle*.

The number of shares in the Bank of Australia required for the Port Stephens Savings Bank will be from Eight to Twelve supposing each to cost about (£45) Forty Five Pounds.

I request you will inform me by the earliest conveyance, what is the greatest weight of Iron which the Founders employed by the Company in Sydney can cast at once, with reference to some Wheels required for a Mill.

I also request that you will make enquiry for two Patterns of Wheels of the following description which have not been returned to Port Stephens vizt

1 Large Wheel about 3 feet in Diameter.

1 Pinion about 10 Inches in Diameter.

The four *Sydney Almanacks* alluded to in my last Communication have not yet been received.

I request you will forward the various Letters herewith enclosed.

Letter No. 549

Port Stephens
28th December 1831

Honorable A. McLeay Esq.

Sir,

With reference to my Letter addressed to you on the 11th December 1830, and your reply on the 24th of the same Month,

I request you will be good enough to inform me whether my proposal to make the Port Stephens Savings Bank a branch of that at Sydney is likely to be acceded to.

The Sum now deposited in the Port Stephens Savings' Bank is above (£1,200) Twelve Hundred Pounds.

Letter No. 550

Port Stephens
30th December 1831

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed you will find an Invoice of (40) Forty Bales of Wool, to be shipped for England on board the *Stirling Castle*, also a Requisition for Stores with which I request you will comply.

I forward with this Duplicate of the Requisition for 20 Tons of Seconds Flour, and I request that you will inform the Person from whom it may be purchased that should it not prove of the Character & quality named in the Requisition, it will be immediately returned.

P.S. Be good enough to send by return of the *Lambton*, Triplicate Bills of Lading for the 80 Bales of Wool per *Stirling Castle*.

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Letter No. 551

Port Stephens
2nd January 1832

The Resident Magistrate
Maitland

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that the Prisoner of the Crown whose description is herewith enclosed has lately been seen at large as a Bushranger on the Estate of the A. A. Co. – in whose service he was, 'till sentenced to an Iron Gang in August last for Robbery.

A Man calling himself William Elder, *Manlius*, who was his Companion has been apprehended and sent to Sydney, Hames escaped, and it is supposed, has proceeded in the direction of William's River.

By Elder's account, they both absconded from a Road Gang near Old Wiseman's – and their intention was, to have committed certain robberies here, and to have escaped on one of the Company's Boats.

Description was enclosed and a copy of the above, with Description was also sent to the Resident Magistrate at Newcastle.

Letter No. 552

Port Stephens
7th January 1832

W. B. Singleton

Sir Edward Parry begs to acquaint Mr Singleton that finding his Boat was not in any person's charge at Sawyer's Point, and that her remaining there afforded facilities for improper persons crossing to the Company's Estate, Sir Edward has removed the Boat and Oars to Carrington where she will be safely kept 'till Mr Singleton may find it convenient to send for her.

Letter No. 553

Port Stephens
13th January 1832

Henry Dangar Esq.
Post Office
Maitland

Sir,

Expecting, from your two communications which have been duly received, that you may be reaching Maitland about this time, I write to request that you will leave the Company's Dray there instead of bringing it to the Company's Estate, and that you will cause it to be substantially repaired, if requisite, as it is probable, from your Reports, that I shall proceed very shortly to inspect the Lands you have recently surveyed.

Letter No. 554

Port Stephens
13th January 1832

Mrs Burnett
Sydney

Madam,

In reply to your Letter of the 6th current requesting that I would transmit to you a Sum of Money for the Expences of Mr Burnett and family in Sydney, up to the time of the Sailing of the Ship *Palambam*,

I regret to inform you that it is not in my power to comply with your request.

Letter No. 555

Port Stephens
13th January 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith I enclose to you a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£7) Seven Pounds, which I request you will lodge in that Bank, to the credit of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 556

Port Stephens
14th January 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I forward this day by the *Lambton* to Newcastle to be conveyed to you from thence by the Steamer two Cases containing patterns for Castings as follows

- No. 1 Flange Pattern – 3 Castings
- No. 2 Plomber Block – 2 Castings – One with a plate, the other without one, the plate to be cut off in the sand
- No 3. 2 Castings of Bell Metal
- No 4. 1 Casting of Iron
- No.5 1 Casting of Bell Metal
- No. 6 2 Castings of Iron.

And I request you will cause the Castings to be completed as quickly as possible – the patterns to be carefully returned at the same time.

P.S. I request you will purchase for the Company (20) Twenty Chests of Tea, if cheap, otherwise Ten Chests, also (500) Five Hundred Weight of Colonial Soap.

I also request that you will have the Whole of the Flour, ordered to be purchased, in readiness for the *Lambton's* arrival.

Letter No. 556a

NOTICE

James Edward Ebsworth Esq. J.P. having been appointed Accountant to the Australian Agricultural Company, in the room of William Barton Esq. I hereby give Public Notice of the same to all Persons concerned.

W. E. Parry
Commissioner to the A. A. Company.
January 17th, 1832

A copy of the above Notice was forwarded to the *Sydney Gazette*, *Sydney Herald* & the *Australian* Newspaper Offices, to be inserted three times in each Publication.

Letter No. 556b

Police Office
Port Stephens
17th January 1832

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to the Letter addressed to you by the Bench of Magistrates at Port Stephens on the 7th of February 1831, as to the Competency of Sir Edward Parry to sit in a Magisterial capacity in any case where the Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company (of which he is Commissioner) is concerned – and also with reference to the Attorney General's opinion thereupon enclosed to us in your Letter of the 3rd November last –

We have the Honor to request that the opinion of the Law-Officers of the Crown may be taken upon the same Question as relates to James Edward Ebsworth Esquire lately appointed a Magistrate of the Territory, & who also is a Servant of the A. A. Company.

The Situation held by Mr Ebsworth in the Service of the Company, is that of assistant to Sir Edward Parry in Managing the Company's Affairs, and also Accountant to the Company. In the absence of Sir Edward Parry, for any part of the Company's Estate, but not otherwise the chief Authority and Control are vested in Mr Ebsworth.

We have the Honor to be...
W. E. Parry
R. G. Moffatt
J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 557

Port Stephens
23rd January 1832

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

As there appears to be some difficulty in returning, at regular intervals, my Cancelled Drafts on the Bank of Australia, on account of A. A. Company, I beg leave to suggest for the purpose of maintaining regularity, in the Company's Books, that the number of each Draft be, in future, inserted in the Pass-Book, instead of the name of the Person in whose favour it is drawn; which I presume, will be less trouble than the mode now practised.

In this case, the transmission of the Cancelled Drafts to Port Stephens every six months will answer the purpose of the Company's Accountant.

I beg also to acquaint you that my Bills on the Directors of the Company, and my Drafts on the Bank of Australia, will in future bear the Signature of Mr James Edward Ebsworth as Accountant to the Company – Mr Ebsworth's signature is at foot.

Signature of Mr Ebsworth
'*J. E. Ebsworth*'

Letter No. 558

Port Stephens
24th January 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£120) One Hundred and Twenty Pounds to meet the payments of your last invoice.

I likewise enclose two Drafts on the Bank of Australia for £38:8:0 & £11:4:0 – respectively in all £49:12:0 which I request you will lodge at the Bank to the Credit of the Company.

I hand you herewith a Requisition for Stores, with which I request you will comply, so as not to detain the *Lambton* when she arrives in Sydney, which she probably may about Monday next.

In addition to the articles mentioned in the Requisition, should you be able to procure for the Company, Fifteen or Twenty Tons of Seconds Flour, as good as the last purchased, subject to the same inspection by the Company's Miller, & not dearer than the last, I request you will do so.

The Sample of Shoes mentioned in your last Letter as sent by the same conveyance has not been received which prevents my replying to your question as to the purchase of some of them.

As the Master of the *Integrity* could not fill up the Bills of Lading for the 235 Hides belonging to the Company, shipped on board that Vessel, on account of not knowing the freight, I request you will take care that they are properly executed, and that you will enclose one to the Governors & Directors by the *Integrity*, transmitting the others to me.

I request you will cause the accompanying letters to be forwarded to their respective addresses, and that you will transmit to me in one parcel by the *Sophia Jane* on Friday next, any Letters or Papers which there may be for me at your Office.

Letter No. 559

Port Stephens
25th January 1832

Mr Alexander S. Manson
School Master

Mr Manson,

In reply to your Letter of last night, I have to acquaint you that, not having time before I leave Carrington this morning, to make arrangements for your giving up the charge of the School, it will not be in my power to accede to your Request of going to Sydney by the *Lambton* on Saturday; but I shall have no objection to your doing so by the following opportunity.

With respect to the payment of your Salary, I must add that as 'no definite agreement' was made on this point, the Amount you

receive must depend entirely upon your Conduct while you remain upon the Company's Estate.

Letter No. 560

Port Stephens
26th January 1832

Thomas McVitie Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause to be forwarded by the *Lambton* on her return from Sydney – the Pass-Book of the late Committee of Management of the A. A. Company together with all the cancelled Drafts for payments since it was last transmitted to Port Stephens

Letter No. 561

Port Stephens
30th January 1832

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

I enclose to you herewith Drafts on the Bank of Australia, as follows,

E. Biddulph	£5:12:0
E. Biddulph	£10:8:0
E. Biddulph	£9:4:0
William Croasdill	<u>£37:12:0</u>
	<u>£62:16:0</u>

Amounting together to the Sum of (£62:16:0) Sixty-Two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, which I request you will place to my Credit on account of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 562

Port Stephens
30th January 1832

The Board for the Assignment of Servants

Gentlemen,

See letter to Dr
Browning R.N. of
this date –
Demi-official Letter
Book folio 70

The Prisoner named in the Margin, lately arrived in the Colony, being qualified to perform the duty of School-Master, and a vacancy being about to occur in one of the Schools of the Australian Agricultural Company,

I have to request you will do me the favor to procure from His Excellency the Governor his assignment to the Company for that purpose.

Letter No. 563

Port Stephens
30th January 1832

The Honorable Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Communication of the 17th current addressed to the Bench of Magistrates at this place.

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, an Estimate of the Agricultural Produce in this District on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company for the present Season.

Letter No. 564

Port Stephens
30th January 1832

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

With reference to my Letter addressed to you on the 4th October last, on the subject of the Water-frontage & Town-allotments

proposed to be granted to the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle,

I have now to request the favor of an early answer to that communication, as the further operations of the Company are waiting for the determination of His Majesty's Government on this subject.

And as the portions of ground above-mentioned will require to be marked out by a Surveyor, I beg to suggest that it would be a saving of time if the Surveyor to be so employed were also to be directed to mark out in some permanent manner the whole of the 1,500 acres (corresponding with the 300 Yards of Water-frontage), which it is my wish to take for the Company; the selection of the other 500 acres (with its proportion of Water-frontage) to be reserved for future consideration.

Letter No. 565

Port Stephens
30th January 1832

George Bunn Esq. J.P.
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose by the *Lambton* a Requisition for Stores, to which I request your early attention.

With reference to the Requisition of the 24th current (of which a Duplicate is herewith forwarded) I request you will procure eight-thousand horse-shoe Nails instead of four thousand as therein stated; and that you will take the necessary steps for their being selected by Thomas Hely, Farrier, an assigned Servant to the Company who proceeds to Sydney by this Cutter on a sub-poena and will therefore, be found at the Convict Barracks.

On a visit to Newcastle last week, I found the Sample of Shoes, which were missing, having, it seems been inadvertently addressed to Mr Henderson instead of to me. I have now to request you will supply the Company with (250) Two Hundred & fifty Pairs of these Shoes according to Sample – as many of them to be bound as possible.

Letter No. 566

Port Stephens
1st February 1832

Honorable Alexander McLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you, for the information and decision of His Excellency the Governor, the case of the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, an Assigned Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Richard Poynder,
Prince Regent, Life

This man was recently tried at the Sydney Quarter Sessions for a Robbery committed by him in the House of one of the Free Servants of the Company.

The evidence was quite clear and indeed he acknowledged the crime. But as he evinced some symptoms of insanity Mr Foster the Chairman put it to the jury whether they considered him insane, and if so, directed them to acquit him. They did so, on the grounds of insanity, and yet strange to say, he is returned to the Service of the Company, like any other acquitted individual! He was also so ill, when put on board the Steamer last Tuesday that Captain Moffatt who happened to be on board directed him to be left at the Hospital at Newcastle, as unable to proceed further.

I have, therefore, to submit to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, whether, under such circumstances, Poynder ought to have been returned to the Service of the Company at all, and also whether the Company should be charged with the expenses incurred on his Account in Newcastle Hospital.

Letter No. 566a

Police Office
Port Stephens
2nd February 1832

The Honorable Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

Sir,

We beg leave to represent to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that in a case now before the Supreme Court at Sydney, for the trial of the Prisoner of the Crown named in the margin, an Assigned Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company a number of Persons, of whom we subjoin a List, have been Subpoena'd to attend on the Part of the Prisoner, altho' they have no knowledge of anything relative to the transaction; & when the depositions were originally taken before Captain Moffatt J.P. it appears from the Records of the Police-Office that the Prisoner "had no evidence to call or bring forward on his trial at Sydney".

Michael Connolly,
Guilford, Life

Understanding that it is a common practice for one Prisoner when committed for trial, to Subpoena others for the mere purpose of bringing them to Sydney – thus occasioning very great loss and inconvenience to the Master, without promoting the ends of Public Justice – we have considered it proper to lay the case before His Excellency, in the hope that some measures may be adopted for preventing so gross an imposition.

We are the more disposed to press this subject on the Attention of His Excellency as, in the case above alluded to a Letter was intercepted going into Sydney Gaol and delivered to George Bunn Esq. J.P. addressed to Connolly and desiring he would Subpoena some of the Assigned Servants of the Company, as they wished to get to Sydney for their own amusement, or to that effect.

W. E. Parry
R. G. Moffatt
J. E. Ebsworth

List of Prisoners subpoena'd on the Trial of Michael Connolly.

James Target, *Marquis of Huntley*, Life
James Burke, *Mangles*, 7 years
Joseph Cox, *Forth*, 7 years
Thomas Healy, *Edward*, 7 years

Letter No. 567

Port Stephens
7th February 1832

The Board for the Assignment of Servants
Sydney

Gentlemen,

The Australian Agricultural Company being in extreme want of Four Carpenters, in consequence of a Number of the Agreements of their Indented Mechanics just expiring,

I request you will obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor for the Assignment to the Company of Four Mechanics of this Trade.

Letter No. 568

Port Stephens
7th February 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose herewith a Requisition for Stores, which I request you will procure in readiness for the *Lambton's* arrival in Sydney, which may be expected about this day week.

I am desired by the Committee of the Port Stephens Savings' Bank to request that you will cause the accompanying advertisement to be inserted in the Newspapers, if you have no objection to the reference to yourself contained therein.

I request you will inform me by the Steamer on Friday next what is the price of Shares in the Bank of N. S. Wales, if there are any in the Market.

Should Mr Charles Cooper pay you £15 on Account of the Company, I request you will deposit it in the Bank of Australia to the Company's credit.

Letter No. 569 and 570

Port Stephens
8th February 1832

Messrs Aspinall & Co.
Soap Manufacturers
Sydney

Messrs Mackie & Co.
Soap Manufactures
Sydney

Gentlemen,

It being my intention to attempt the making of Kelp or Barilla from the Mangroves which grow in great abundance on the Shores of this Harbour,

I take the liberty of requesting that you will inform me in what state you prefer having this article for the Manufacture of Soap, as it is my object to provide it in the most fit state for that purpose. Perhaps you will favor me with a Sample of the purest Kelp which you obtain in the Colony, informing me from what vegetable substance it is made.

As I am endeavouring to collect every possible information on this subject, I shall feel obliged by any suggestion you may be good enough to offer, in furtherance of my object.

Letter No. 571

Port Stephens
8th February 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

I enclose to you herewith Bills on the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Company, drawn to your Order, as follows; namely

Five Bills of £100	£500
Five Bills of £150	£750
Five Bills of £250	<u>£1,250</u>
	<u>£2,500</u>

Amounting in the whole to (£2,500) Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds.

I request you will endorse the same, and deposit them in the Bank of Australia, to be placed, when dispos'd of, to the credit of my account as Commissioner to the Company.

Letter No. 572

Port Stephens
11th February 1832

Thomas Tulk
Carrington

Thomas Tulk,

In reply to your Letter of yesterday, I have no objection to comply with your request to have your Agreement with the Australian Agricultural Company cancelled the last day of this Month.

You will therefore be ready to deliver up, on that day, the Premises & other Property in your possession belonging to the A. A. Company.

Letter No. 573

Port Stephens
13th February 1832

His Excellency General Bourke
&c &c &c

Sir,

Observing, by your Excellency's address to the Legislative Council, that you have directed a Bill to be prepared for making the Savings' Bank a Public Concern regulated by Act of Council, I take the liberty of addressing you on this subject as relates to a similar Institution established on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company, for the benefit of their Servants.

The Sum already deposited in the Port Stephens' Savings' Bank, tho' it has only been established for a year and a half, already amounts to £1,300; the greater portion of which is invested in Securities upon Landed Property at Sydney, from which the Bank derives 10 per Cent Interest.

But, as the Committee to whom the Management has been entrusted would prefer a Government Security, tho' at a somewhat lower Interest, I addressed a Letter to the Colonial Secretary on 11th of December, requesting to know whether the Port Stephens' Savings' Bank might be made a Branch of that at Sydney, and no reply to the question having been received, I again by desire of the Committee, renewed my application on the 28th of December last.

On the present occasion I am induced to bring the subject more immediately under Your Excellency's Notice, in order that, in the case of my proposal being acceded to, the necessary provision for that purpose may be inserted in the intended Act.

Letter No. 574

Port Stephens
14th February 1832

Peter McIntyre Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 3rd current addressed to the Superintendent of the A. A. Company's Stud, I beg to acquaint you that your Mare has received the Services of 'Grampus', and your Servant furnished with Rations and Lodging as you request therein.

I now enclose your Account for the above, amounting to £8.13.4 and request that you will do me the favor to settle the same by return of the *Lambton* to Port Stephens, that the Mare may not be detained on the Company's Estate longer than is actually necessary.

Letter No. 575

Port Stephens
14th February 1832

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you herewith an Account, in Triplicate, for Provisions issued by the A. A. Company, to the Military Guard at Port Stephens, from 25 December 1830 to 31

December 1831, amounting to (£114:6:1) One Hundred & Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings and a Penny.

Also on Account, in Triplicate, of Provisions issued by the A. A. Company to Sundry Persons, on Account of His Majesty's Government, between the same dates, amounting to (£25:5:7) Twenty Pounds five Shillings & Seven-pence.

Making a total of (£134:11:8) One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings & Eight-pence which I request you will cause to be paid into the Bank of Australia to the Credit of the Company.

Letter No. 576

Port Stephens
14th February 1832

George Bunn Esq.

Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th February and I now enclose a Letter from the Committee of the Port Stephens Savings' Bank in reply thereto.

2. With reference to your Letter of the 31st ultimo which was detained at Newcastle 'till two days ago, the Bags therein mentioned, belonging to Messrs Lamb, Buchanan & Co., will be returned by the present Voyage of the *Lambton* in charge of Mr Sawkins.

3. Enclosed you will receive by the *Lambton* some Patterns for Castings, & Andrew Turnbull the Company's Engineer is sent to see them executed.

4. I particularly request that you will take care to send back all the Patterns now, or at any future time in their own Boxes which are made at considerable expense to the Company.

5. Enclosed you will receive my Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£425) Four Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds to meet the Payments of your last Invoices.

6. The Counterpanes are returned by the *Lambton* to be exchanged for coloured ones, as noted in the original Requisition.

7. I likewise return a quantity of Horse Shoe-nails, which notwithstanding the precautions taken here to have them of the right size &c are nothing like the pattern sent being much too large.

8. Nos 2085 to 2088 of the *Sydney Gazette* were received by the *Sophia Jane* with the exception of No. 2087 (both Copies) which I request you will enquire after.

9. In the Despatch Box you will find an *Australian Almanac* addressed to the Governors & Directors of the Company which I request you will forward as a parcel by the first Ship to England, unless you happen to know that it is entitled to go free of any heavy expense per post, in the same manner as Newspapers &c which I have not been able to ascertain.

Letter No. 577

Newcastle
15th February 1832

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith Two Accounts (in Triplicate) for Coals purchased by His Majesty's Government from the A. A. Company at Newcastle between the 26th of September & the 31st December 1831, together with the requisite Vouchers for the same.

You will observe that Account No. 1 charges His Majesty's Government for one-fourth part of the whole quantity of Coals disposed of during that period at prime Cost in accordance with certain conditions on which the Coal-mines are held by the Company, & as the question respecting the mode of computing the Prime Cost is not settled, I have this day addressed a Letter to the Colonial Secretary suggesting for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor whether it will not be equitable to pay quarterly to the Company, in the meantime, a certain Sum – say Six Shillings per Ton on Account, for this portion of the Coals furnished to His Majesty's Government.

Account No. 2 shows also the remainder of the Coals furnished to His Majesty's Government during the same period charged at 8/- per Ton Amounting to (£95:0:6) Ninety-five Pounds and Sixpence, which Sum I request you will cause to be paid, as soon as convenient, into the Bank of Australia, to the Credit of the Company.

Letter No. 578

Newcastle
15th February 1832

Honorable Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that I have this day transmitted to the Deputy Commissary General at Sydney, the following accounts for Coal furnished by the A. A. Company at Newcastle to His Majesty's Government from the 20th September to the 31st of December 1831, namely:

No.1. Account of 232 Tons, 10 Cwt of Coals furnished to His Majesty's Government; being one fourth part of the whole Quantity disposed of by the Company in that period; to be charged to His Majesty's Government at prime cost. This Account is accompanied by an Affidavit made by the Manager of the Company's Coal Mines, of the whole quantity actually disposed of, as above.

No. 2. Account of 470 Tons 1 ½ Cwt of coals, being the remainder of the whole quantity furnished to His Majesty's Government during the same period charged at the price paid by the Public, namely: Eight Shillings per Ton.

His Excellency will perceive on reference to the Documents containing the Conditions on which the A. A. Co. holds the Coal-Mines at Newcastle, that the Accounts thus drawn up are in accordance with the terms of those Conditions; which stipulate that "Government shall be entitled, in perpetuity, to all Coal wanted for its own Consumption, not exceeding, in any case, one fourth of the annual average produce of the Mines; to be delivered at the Pit's mouth at Prime Cost".

The object of the present communication is to request that His Excellency will, in consideration of the large Capital expended, and still expending, in this undertaking, be pleased to direct that

Payment be punctually made to the Company every Quarter for the Coals sold to His Majesty's Government.

With respect to the Account No. 1, as I have received no answer to my Letter addressed to you on the 29th September 1831, on the subject of 'Prime Cost', and it would therefore appear that this question is not likely to be immediately decided, I beg leave to request, that in the mean time a certain portion of the price – say Six Shillings per Ton, be paid quarterly for that quantity of the Coal which is chargeable at Prime Cost. I feel confident that His Excellency will consider it only equitable that the Company should not be entirely kept out of this money (amounting at even the proposed low price to about £300 per annum) during the interval which may elapse before the question is finally settled.

I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to lay this application before His Excellency with as little delay as possible, that the Company may begin to derive some small profit from their Outlay in this undertaking.

I beg to add that I am ready to lay before His Excellency if required an account of the Capital expended, & now expending upon the Company's Coal Mines.

Letter No. 579

Newcastle
16th February 1832

Honorable Alexander MacLeay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that, owing to the extreme want of Regular Miners, the works of the Australian Agricultural Company at this place will shortly be unable to supply the demand of Coal for the Market.

The Company has, at present among their assigned Servants, only Six Miners, of which Two of the best are shortly about to receive Tickets of Leave; and it is not possible for any but regular Miners to work the Coal; this operation being as much a trade as that of a Carpenter or Bricklayer. I mention this latter circumstance because, among the few men who have lately been assigned to the

Company as Miners, some of them from Mr Busby's works, there is not one Man who ever took a Coal-pick in hand before.

I have therefore earnestly to request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that Twelve Regular Miners may be assigned to the Company for their Works at Newcastle.

Letter No. 580

Port Stephens
20th February 1832

Mr Cox
Maitland

Sir,

His Excellency the Governor having being pleased to consent to the exchange of Henry White (*Portland & Earl St Vincent*) for an able-bodied man in your Service, he is herewith forwarded to you; and I request you will cause the other man to be sent to this place immediately.

Letter No. 581

Port Stephens
20th February 1832

James Norton Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I herewith enclose a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£71:18:8) Seventy-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight-pence being the amount of your account against the A. A. Company, the receipt of which I beg you will acknowledge.

Letter No. 582

A Copy of this sent to Mr McLeay, by his request, on the 1st
November 1833

Port Stephens
1st March 1832

His Excellency General Bourke
&c &c &c

Sir,

1st. In the interview with which Your Excellency honoured me soon after your arrival in the Colony, I introduced the subject of the Police Establishment on the Estate of the A. A. Co.; to which subject Your Excellency's attention had already been drawn by the Directors of the Company previously to your quitting England.

2nd. Being aware how incessantly Your Excellency's time and attention must have been occupied since your arrival, I have purposely deferred troubling you further on this subject, important as it is to the interests of the Company, until you might have leisure to give it that share of your Consideration which you kindly promised to bestow upon it.

3rd. The object of the present Communication is to lay before Your Excellency a Concise view of the whole subject, together with the steps which have been taken respecting it; and then to propose to Your Excellency such a Plan as may relieve the Company from a part of the present heavy expense, without adding any unreasonable Sum to the Public Expenditure for the protection of His Majesty's Subjects in this District.

4th. For this purpose, I would first request Your Excellency's perusal of a Letter which I addressed to the Colonial Secretary on this subject on the 13th April 1830; and of which I now enclose a Copy (A) [Letter No. 60].

5th. The reply to this Communication, dated 14th June 1830, acquainted me that His Excellency the Governor had submitted my Letter to the Executive Council, and that the Council considering that the Military Party, together with the two Constables paid by the Government, were fully equal to the protection afforded to other Parts of the Colony, Could not recommend any addition to the Police at Government Expendence; with the exception of one more Constable. His Excellency also offered to increase the Detachment of Military to sixteen men, to enable me to station a few at Stroud.

6th. After consulting with Lieutenant Donelan, of the 57th Regiment, then commanding the Detachment here, I declined any addition to the Military Force, which I considered to be already sufficient; and which, as the sequel of the Present communication will inform Your Excellency, I now consider more than sufficient for our protection.

7th. The Additional Constable was never appointed; and indeed the next and only other Communication I received on the Subject, dated the 29th October 1830, informed me that, in pursuance of Instruction from His Majesty's Secretary of State, the only symptom of a Government Police which ever had existed here, would be removed on the 30th of the ensuing month of November, after which date the allowances to the two Government Constables mentioned in the 4th Paragraph of my Letter above referred to (A) would be entirely discontinued.

8th. The Ordinary Constable was accordingly soon afterwards discharged, and some of the former Allowances of the District Constable subsequently reduced; notwithstanding which the Annual expence of the Police Establishment (now entirely defrayed by the Company) still amounts to £364.16.4, as shown on the enclosed Account (B).

9th. Thus the matter remained, until, upon Your Excellency's appointment to this Government, the question was submitted to you by the Directors of the Company in London, and a reference made about the same time to Lord Goderich in a letter of which a Copy (C) was transmitted to you by Mr Brickwood on the 4th of July 1831, and of which I now annex another Copy for the sake of more convenient reference.

10th. Lord Goderich and Your Excellency having admitted the justice of the Principle which my former representations had failed in establishing – namely, that the Company's Servants are entitled to protection at the public expence, to the same amount, in proportion to their number &c, as the Servants of any other Settlers – I now consider it my duty once more to direct Your Excellency's attention to this subject. And after giving it my most mature consideration, I beg leave to propose the following arrangement for establishing a Police on the Company's Estate.

11th. The Government to maintain upon the Company's Estate Six Men of the Mounted Police, including One Non-Commissioned Officer; to be divided into two detachments, having their

head-quarters at the two principal Settlements, twenty-one miles apart.

12th. The Government to maintain one other Free Constable, to be resident at the Principal Settlement.

13th. An Officer to visit each Station once a fortnight, to dispose of any magisterial business of which the Law does not allow the two Magistrates in the Company's Service to take cognisance.

14th. The present Military Detachment to be altogether removed.

15th. The Company to maintain the following additional Police, Buildings &c, at their own expence: namely –

Four Constables (including two Watch-house Keepers) One Scourger, and One Police Clerk, being Six Individuals in all at	£19 per annum each	£114
Two Barracks & Two Stables for Mounted Police – valued at £200. Rent at 8 per cent..... Repairs.....	£16 £5	£21
Two Watchhouses – value £70 Rent at 8 per cent..... Repairs.....	£5:12 £2:8	£8
A house for the Free Constable Value £62:10 Rent at 8 per cent..... Repairs.....	£5 £1:10	£6:10
Stationary, as per actual average Expence in one year	£7	
Various Articles required by the Company's Police; such as Arms, Irons, Oil, Cooking Utensils &c &c &c	£20	£27
Making the total Annual Expence to the Company		<u>£176:10:0</u>

16th. In submitting this Plan to Your Excellency's consideration, I beg leave to remark that the necessity of a vigorous and efficient Police has very much increased since my first application to His Majesty's Government (Enclosure A) was made; above One Hundred Prisoners having been added to the Company's Establishment since that time. The rapid annual increase of the Company's Flocks will

necessarily require a still further addition to the number of our men every year.

17th. I also beg leave to assure Your Excellency, on the part of Mr Ebsworth and myself, as Magistrates of the Territory, that if any exertion of ours in our Magisterial capacity could obviate the necessity of occasional visits from another Magistrate not connected with the Company, those exertions should at all times be cheerfully made. But Your Excellency is aware that the Law Officers of the Crown have given it as their decided opinion that we cannot legally act in this capacity, in cases wherein the Company's Servants are concerned; which cases must necessarily constitute a large majority of those referred to the Bench at Port Stephens.

18th. Having stated my views on this subject, as relates to the Claims of the Company to a reasonable share of public protection, I trust Your Excellency will excuse my once more adverting to the extremely unconstitutional Principle upon which the Port Stephens Police is at present established.

19th. The Resident Magistrate – to say nothing of all those acting under him in that capacity – is paid a Salary of £100 per annum by the Company; & thus virtually becomes their Servant; inasmuch as every man is the Servant of the person who pays him. I need not do more than simply advert to this fact, to convince Your Excellency how entirely destructive of every-thing like Justice such an arrangement might prove, should the Magistrate or the Company's Principal Agent be induced, at any time, to depart from those just and honorable feelings which should characterize a Gentleman.

20th. As far, indeed, as my own experience goes, I have had the happiness of being associated with Gentlemen, as Resident Magistrates here, who are as incapable of being influenced by any interested or unworthy motive in the performance of their Magisterial duties, as I trust I should myself be of any undue interference with those duties. But it is, I conceive, equally evident, notwithstanding, that the Principle is unsound & unconstitutional.

21st. In having thus consented, on the part of the Australian Agricultural Company, still to bear a very considerable share of the expence of the Police of the Port Stephens District, Your Excellency will, I am sure, perceive that I am desirous of acting in the full spirit of understanding which exists between His Majesty's Home Government, and the Directors of the Company, as communicated to Your Excellency by Lord Goderich previous to your leaving

England; and I cannot, therefore, but feel confident that Your Excellency will accede, with as little delay as possible, to this, or some other equally efficient Plan for the protection of the Company's Servants and Property, and thus relieve the Company from the heavy expence by which they have been so long and so unjustly burdened.

Letter No. 583

Port Stephens
1st March 1832

Mr Benjamin Singleton
Williams River

Sir,

Adverting to my Letter of the 21st Instant I beg to acquaint you, for your government, that after the Supply ordered in that Letter shall have been furnished by you – the A. A. Company will not require any more Flour or Bran until further Orders.

Letter No. 584

Port Stephens
7th March 1832

William Smyth
Stroud

William Smyth,

In reply to your application dated the 3rd instant I am instructed by Sir Edward Parry to acquaint you that you have his permission to go to Sydney in the *Lambton* on her next trip, and to remain there until her return to Port Stephens.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 585

Port Stephens
9th March 1832

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Bank of Australia

Sir,

In the absence of Sir Edward Parry I beg to enclose herewith Drafts on the Bank of Australia as follows:

Edward Biddulph	£10:16:0
Ditto	£9:4:0
William Croasdill	<u>£81:4:0</u>
	<u>£101:4:0</u>

Amounting together to the Sum of One Hundred & one Pounds Four Shillings which I request you will place to the Credit of Sir Edward Parry on account of the Australian Agricultural Company.

Letter No. 586

Port Stephens
9th March 1832

John McLaren Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

In the absence of Sir Edward Parry I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 24th February – and have no doubt that your request to be allowed to exchange Prisoners will be complied with – provided – Men shall be furnished by you to the A. A. Company, whose sentences & periods of Service in the Colony shall be similar to those of any men the Company may transfer to your Service.

I am informed that in a conversation held with you on the subject the names of some individuals accustomed to the Rope-making & Flax-dressing Trade were mentioned. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you can point them out to facilitate their selection from amongst the Company's Assigned Servants.

J.E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 586a

Impounded

On the Australian Agricultural Company's Grant at Port Stephens

One Cow, Red Sides, White Back & Head, Long Horns, Branded on the near Hip *JW* on the off Hip *DW*.

One yearling Bull black sides, white back, unbranded.

One Cow white, Brown Ears, and spots on neck, Branded on the near Hip *JW*

One yearling Heifer White Brown Ears, unbranded.

One Cow, Red, White Back & Tail, Branded near Hip *JW*

One yearling Bull, Red, white rump & tail, unbranded

One Cow, Brindle, branded near Hip *JW*

One yearling Bull Dark Red, white back, unbranded

One Bullock, Red speckled Back & Head, near horn bent down. Branded off Hip *JW*

One Bullock Red, white back, Speckled Head, Branded near Hip *BT*

If the above Cattle are not claimed and all expenses paid within Twenty-one Days from this date they will be sold to defray the same.

(signed) W. E. Parry, Commisioner to the A. A. Company
March 1832

To be inserted in the *Sydney Gazette* three times, according to Law and to be dated on the day of the first insertion.

(signed) J. E. Ebsworth
Port Stephens
9th March 1832

To the Editor of the *Sydney Gazette*.

* To be enclosed in the following Letter addressed to Mr Bunn Esq.

Letter No. 587

Port Stephens
9th March 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. In the absence of Sir Edward Parry I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 25th ultimo.

2. Your Account Current with the A. A. Company shall have the earliest possible consideration but I cannot discover that you have transmitted the Series Complete there being a deficiency between the 31st of July to 31st October 1831 which I shall be obliged by your supplying, to enable me to complete the examination you require.

3. I now enclose a Draft to your Order No. 1158 for (£240) Two Hundred & Forty Pounds, on account, for Supplies as per your Invoice dated 25th February 1832.

4. I also enclose herewith Bills on the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company drawn to your Order as follows namely

Two Bills of £100	£200
Two Bills of £150	£300
Two Bills of £250	<u>£500</u>
	<u>£1,000</u>

Amounting in the whole to One Thousand Pounds.

5. I request you will endorse the same & deposit them in the Bank of Australia to be placed, when disposed of, to the credit of Sir Edward Parry's Account as Commissioner to the Australian Agricultural Company.

6. The following articles are returned to you by the *Lambton* to be exchanged, for the reasons explained against each

One Cask of Pork weighing 538 lbs – being unfit for use
Two Parcels of Rhubarb Powder, also unfit for use
One Cwt of Salt – fine salt was ordered, the description sent by you & now returned being coarse.

7. The Sample pair of Boots is also returned to you – as the Company have no occasion to purchase a further supply at present.

8. I hand a Requisition for iron castings &c to which I request your particular attention as well as to the notes at the foot thereof.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 588

Port Stephens
10th March 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Since closing my Letter of yesterday I find that some few other Articles are required to be purchased for the Company – and therefore enclose you a Requisition dated this day – to which I request your attention.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 589

Port Stephens
12th March 1832
¼ past 8 PM

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

It has this moment been reported to me that the Prisoner named in the Margin, an Assigned Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company has absconded from his employment, & I lose no time in apprising you thereof that you may give such Instructions to the Constables as you may deem most proper for the purpose of looking after him.

Thomas Flanagan,
Hadlow, Life

I am informed that Flanagan has a Wife and Family in Sydney.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 589a

Port Stephens
23rd March 1832

Memorandum

Michael Wallace, *Sir Godfrey Webster*, was ordered to be assigned to the A. A. Company as appears by a Memorandum for

In the service of the company

the Office of the Principal Superintendent of Convicts at Sydney – dated 22nd September 1831, And, I certify that, the said Michael Wallace was not to be found at the Wollombi on his being sent for by the Company in December last; Nor has he been in the Company's Service from that period to the present time.

In the absence of Sir Edward Parry, Commissioner for Managing the Affairs of the A. A. Company

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 590

Port Stephens
27th March 1832

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I have to report to you the death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, which took place on the 24th instant at the Company's Hospital at Carrington after a severe attack of 'Augina Pectoris' [sic].

J. Edward Ebsworth

Letter No. 591

Port Stephens
28th March 1832

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts

Sir,

I have to report to you the death of the Prisoner named in the Margin, one of the Assigned Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company, which occurred at the Company's Settlement at Booral, on the River Karuah, on of the 20th instant, he being carried away by the Fresh produced by the late rains.

J. E. Ebsworth

William Earp,
Minerva, Life

George Russell, *Asia*,
7 Years

Letter No. 592

Port Stephens
27th March 1832

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that the Prisoner named in the Margin, an Assigned Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company, is reported to me as having absconded on the 9th instant from his employment at a sheep station in the neighbourhood of Stroud.

John Hudson, *Prince
Regent, Life*

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 593

Port Stephens
28th March 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to Sir Edward Parry dated 15th instant and the Invoice of Goods shipped per the *Lambton*.

2. I enclose three Orders amounting together to (£32:15:5) Thirty-two Pounds fifteen shillings and five pence on account of payment of the articles named in your Invoice, namely

No. 965	£12:10
No. 1077	£10:16:8
No. 1083	<u>£9:8:9</u>
	<u>£32:15:5</u>

3. The Irish Pork sent in exchange for a quantity returned to you, I regret to say is very little better in quality than that refused. The Colonial Pork ordered in last Requisition should be purchased if possible – but for the price demanded (6d per lb) it ought to be exceedingly good.

4. The Mistake respecting the Razors arose in Sydney as it does not appear they were ever put on board the *Lambton* – Twelve

Parcels were received by Captain Corlette and delivered by him here – but they all contained Files – Not eleven parcels of Files and one of Razors, as was imagined – which I mentioned that you may procure some explanation on the subject from the Person who supplied them.

5. I inclose a Requisition for a few Articles and some more Iron Castings, to which I request your attention.

6. It is probable that the Company may shortly require a few Tons of Liverpool Salt and also about 250 pairs of Woolen Trousers for Prisoners – I should be glad to know at what prices these Articles can be procured in Sydney by the return of the *Lambton*.

7. Can you inform me whether there is any Market in the Colony for about 30 Tons of Rock Salt – and if so, what price per Ton could be obtained for it.

8. With reference to the Postscript of your letter dated 25th February – The Bank of Australia have not credited the Company with the £8:13 advised as paid in by you on the Company's Account.

9. The examination of your Account Current is in progress and will speedily be completed.

J. E. Ebsworth

Letter No. 594

Mr George Oliver
Hunter's River

Mr J. E. Ebsworth requests Mr Oliver will have the goodness to facilitate the Bearer of this Packet, Thomas Brown, in forwarding the enclosed Letter to the Post Office, Maitland, to be thence forwarded to St Heliers.

Mr E. will also be obliged, if Mr Oliver will send word when, the Cattle proposed to be purchased from Mr Graham, can be inspected by the Company's Superintendent, as he is about to draft some Cattle for one of the outstations, and would wish to add Mr Graham's to the Herd.

Sir Edward Parry, before his departure for Liverpool Plains, mentioned to Mr Ebsworth, that he intended engaging in the Company's Service, a Man by the name of Coombs – now in Mr Oliver's employment. Mr E. would be glad to know if Sir Edward

Parry has stated the fact to Mr Oliver, and to the Man – and, if so, what terms were proposed, and when is it likely the Man may be at liberty to join the Company's Establishment.

J. E. Ebsworth
Port Stephens
30th March 1832

Letter No. 595

Port Stephens
5th April 1832

Mr Peter Jackson
Clarence Street
Sydney

Sir,

In the absence of Sir Edward Parry – I have to inform you that the contents of your Letter dated 5th of March – have been communicated to Thomas Breeze – who says that he has written two Letters to you since his arrival at Port Stephens, also that he has duly received the Letter from his Father which you forwarded for him – and he informed you thereof shortly afterwards.

J. Edward Ebsworth.

Letter No. 596

Port Stephens
10th April 1832

Mr B. Singleton
William's River

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that the Storekeeper reports the fine flour last purchased from you by the Australian Agricultural Company, to be very much mixed with Sand or Grit – and request that no more Flour of that description be sent to Port Stephens.

It is desirable that the Flour already ordered from you should be delivered here early in the ensuing Month (May) and I beg you forward with it 100 Bushels of Bran.

J. Edward Ebsworth.

Letter No. 597

Port Stephens
10th April 1832

The Honorable Alexander McLeay
Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

1. In the absence of Sir Edward Parry, I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your three Letters addressed to him dated the 19th, 28th and 31st March.
2. The subject of the former is reserved for the consideration of Sir Edward Parry on his return from the Interior.
3. With reference to that dated 28th March, I now transmit a Copy of the Letter addressed by Sir E. Parry to you on the 4th October 1831 relative to Water Frontage and Town-Allotments in Newcastle.
4. Ten Miners assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company in pursuance of the Instructions of His Excellency the Governor given on the 22nd March last have been received at Newcastle.

J. Edward Ebsworth

Letter No. 598

Port Stephens
12th April 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. Your letter of the 7th instant is duly received with its several enclosures – I am not prepared to remit you any Cash on Account by this opportunity – as I have no authority to draw upon the Bank of Australia – but as soon as Sir Ed. Parry returns, he will no doubt send you a Draft to meet your Disbursements.
2. I regret that the Error about the Razors has arisen – they cannot be traced to have been received on board the *Lambton*.
3. A Requisition for Supplies is transmitted herewith. The Castings alluded to therein are much wanted and I request you will

instruct the Founder to be careful of the Models, and return them with the Castings.

4. The Parramatta Trousers should be of large size, as noted in the Requisition – I observe the price to be 60/- per dozen. We are not in want of Frocks.

5. I have to thank you for the information respecting the Salt – which will probably form the subject of a future communication.

6. I have caused enquiry to be made relative to the Memo. at foot of your Letter but cannot discover that either the Maize or Barley have been purchased for the Company – in your Invoice of 14th July 1830, you have charged for 20 Bushels Barley – the Amount of Which, has been passed to your Credit.

7. I have to observe that an attempt has been made to defraud the Bank of Australia of £650 – under the forged signature of Sir Edward Parry and I hope the Offender may be brought to justice.

8. Three Packages Nos 421, 422 and 423 are yet to be delivered from the Cargo of the *Sovereign* which no doubt will be forwarded by the *Lambton* on her Return from Sydney.

9. I have to inform you that the following *Sydney Gazettes* have not been sent down – 2 copies of No. 2107, 1 copy of No. 2108.

J. Edward Ebsworth

Letter No. 599

Port Stephens
19th April 1832

J. E. Ebsworth Esq.
Port Stephens

Sir,

I enclose to you herewith a Letter I received yesterday from Captain Moffatt J.P. Resident Magistrate, relative to the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin; and I request you will favor me, as early as convenient with an explanation of the circumstances therein alluded to, so far as they may relate to the service of the A. A. Company.

William Cottar

Should the circumstances relate only to an Act in your Magisterial Capacity, I of course have no wish to interfere.

Letter No. 600

Port Stephens
19th April 1832

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c
Carrington

Sir,

William Cottar

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, relative to the Prisoner of the Crown named in the margin; which I referred to Mr James Edward Ebsworth, requesting that he would explain the circumstances therein alluded to, so far as they might relate to the business of the Australian Agricultural Company.

I now beg leave to enclose to you, two documents just received from Mr Ebsworth, containing the explanation in question; & I request you will return to me the letter which is addressed to myself.

Letter No. 601

Port Stephens
21st April 1832

Captain Moffatt J.P.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Michael Wallace, *Sir*
Godfrey Webster

In reply to your application to me relative to the Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, I beg to acquaint you that, altho' he was assigned to the A. A. Company several Months ago, he has never been delivered to the Company, nor been in their Employment in any way whatsoever. It is evident, therefore, that I cannot charge him as a Runaway from the Company's Service – more especially as Mr Hely's Letter of the 14th instant (which you have transmitted to me for my inspection) expressly states that he had absconded from the Service of the Government in the Department of the Surveyor of Roads.

For the same reason, it is impossible that I can authorise Rations to be issued for this man at the Company's Expense; & I consider the Company's Storekeeper as liable to be charged for the Value of the Rations which he has already, during my absence, issued on

this account, without the usual Requisition from the Resident Magistrate.

Letters Nos 602 and 603

Port Stephens
23rd April 1832

John Hawdon Esq. J.P.
Elderslie
Campbell Town
William Howe Esq. J.P.
Glenlee
Campbell Town

Sir,

As the A. A. Company will shortly require some artificial Grass-seeds, & understanding that you occasionally furnish this Article, I request you will be good enough to inform me, through the Post Office as early as convenient, whether you have any on hand – what kinds – what price – if mixed, the probable proportion of each kind in a pound or bushel – and the quantity you recommend to be sowed per acre.

Letter No. 604

Port Stephens
23rd April 1832

Edward W. Lord Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, an Assigned Servant of the A. A. Company having shewn me a letter from you, expressing a desire to have him transferred to you in exchange for another Man,

*Thomas Cooper, Lord
Melville, Life*

I beg to acquaint you that I have not objection to this Transfer, provided the Man given in exchange be able bodied, sentenced for Life, & not having served above 2 years of his Sentence (as in the case of Cooper).

If you will send a Man (under these circumstances) to Port Stephens by the *Lambton*, having first obtained the permission of

His Excellency the Governor, Cooper shall be sent to you by the return of that Vessel to Sydney.

Letter No. 605

Port Stephens
23rd April 1832

Honorable Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

On my return to Port Stephens after six weeks' absence, in search of Land for the Grant of the A. A. Company, I have had the Honor to receive your communication of the 19th ultimo, with its Enclosures, on the subject of an objection reported by Captain Moffatt, Resident Magistrate, to have been made by Mr Stacy, the Company's Surgeon, to attend without remuneration, certain Prisoners of the Crown not assigned Servants of the Company.

I beg leave to express my regret that Mr Stacy's communication should have been made to Captain Moffatt without my knowledge or consent, as no such communication ought to have been made except thro' me.

As however it would appear by your Letter that His Excellency the Governor has received an impression that Mr Stacy declines attending Prisoners who are assigned as Servant to Individuals attached to the Company's Establishment – and also that, in the particular case of Mary Anne Brown, Mr Stacy did actually decline attending; I beg leave to enclose, for His Excellency's information a copy of Mr Stacy's Report thereupon, by which it will be perceived that, on both these points, such an impression is entirely erroneous.

His Excellency will further observe that Mr Stacy's objection is strictly limited to Assigned "Servants of Persons in no way connected with the Company, but who have applied to the Resident Magistrate at Port Stephens on account of Proximity of Residence".

I feel confident that, after this Explanation, His Excellency will immediately perceive that as on the one hand, I, as the Company's Agent cannot legally call upon Mr Stacy under his Agreement to attend Prisoners so circumstanced, so, on the other, it would be highly unreasonable in His Majesty's Government to expect that in addition to the heavy expenses of Police by which

the Company are already unjustly burdened, they should provide Medicines & Medical Attendance for Prisoners with whom they have actually no more connection than any Private Settler in a remote part of the Colony.

Letter No. 606

Port Stephens
24th April 1832

Honorable Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

The two Prisoners of the Crown named in the Margin, who have just received Tickets of Leave being desirous of remaining on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company, the former as an Overseer of Sheep in the Company's service, the latter to work as a Shoe-maker – on his own account and with my consent, I request on behalf of these Men, that their Tickets of Leave may be altered to the District of Port Stephens.

William Hunt,
Cambridge, 7 Years;
James or Joseph
Hubberfield,
Florentia, 7 Years

Letter No. 607

Port Stephens
24th April 1832

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

Sir,

I request you will have the goodness to sanction and cause to be arranged the transfer of an Assigned Servant belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, whose name is William Holt, per Ship *Nithsdale*, Sentence Life, Convicted at York August the 1st 1829, to the Service of Mr John Armstrong Surveyor in the Australian Agricultural Company's Establishment; also James Mullins, Assigned Servant to Mr John Armstrong, who arrived per Ship *Captain Cook*, Sentence, 7 years, Convicted at Dublin, October the 3rd 1831, to the Service of the Australian Agricultural Company in exchange for the above; each party being agreed.

(signed) W.E. Parry, Commissioner

(signed) John Armstrong

Letter No. 608

Port Stephens

24th April 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. I herewith enclose to you a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£120) One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, to meet the Cash-payments for Articles lately purchased for the A. A. Company.

2nd. I beg to advise you that the Trousers which you lately purchased are almost all a great deal too small; several, indeed, are scarcely large enough for a boy twelve years old.

3rd. I hand you herewith a Memorandum prepared by Mr J. E. Ebsworth, the Company's Accountant, relative to certain Items in your Account to December 31st 1831. I shall be obliged by your early attention to the same.

4th. With reference to the Communications between Mr Ebsworth and yourself during my late absence, on the subject of Rock-salt, I am requested by that Gentleman to explain that it was not his intention to intimate that the Company had any to dispose of.

Letter No. 609

Port Stephens

25th April 1832

The Honorable Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, who has obtained a Ticket of Leave, being desirous of remaining on the Estate of the Australian Agricultural Company as a Shepherd in the Company's Service, I request on behalf of this Man that his Ticket of Leave may be altered to the District of Port Stephens.

Edward Devine, 7
Years, A Native

Letter No. 6I0

Port Stephens

25th April 1832

J. E. Ebsworth Esq.
Carrington

Sir,

Having maturely considered the subject of the two last Paragraphs of your Letter addressed to me on the 23rd instant,

I am of opinion that the Principle therein stated by you is correct. Permission to come, or remain, on a Private Estate is, I conceive, precisely of the same nature as permission to enter, or remain in, a Private House; and the latter cannot be granted by any Person but the Proprietor, or his duly authorized Agent, except in execution of the Laws, and then only by the usual legal Warrant.

A Permission so granted by a Magistrate (except as above-mentioned) would, I conceive, be of no use whatever, if the person so trespassing were to be prosecuted for Trespass.

Letter No. 6II

Port Stephens

25th April 1832

James Macarthur)
James Bowman) Esqs
H. H. McArthur)
&c &c &c

Gentlemen,

With reference to my Letter of 21st July 1830 – in which was transmitted to you a Bill on the Governors & Directors of the A. A. Company for Five Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, fifteen shillings and Seven Pence (£514:15:7) to meet the Amount of Orders (drawn upon you by Mr Dawson and Mr J. Edward Ebsworth) on the 31st December 1829,

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Amount now at the Credit of the Company in the Bank of Australia, in the names of the late Committee of Management in the Colony is Thirty-six Pounds & six shillings (£36:6) and that the Amount of Drafts at present unpaid is Thirty-four Pounds, Eighteen Shilling and Seven pence (£34:18:7).

For the purpose of closing this Affair, I request you will have the goodness to transfer the Balance (£36:6) to my Account as Commissioner at the Bank of Australia, and I have addressed a Letter to the Managing Director of that Establishment, desiring he will pay the outstanding Drafts upon you on their presentation if regularly accepted – charging the Amount to the same Account. This Letter I enclose for your perusal, and I shall feel obliged by your forwarding it to the Bank of Australia with your Draft for the Thirty-six Pounds & Six Shillings (£36:6).

Letter No. 612

Port Stephens
25th April 1832

Thomas McVitie Esq.
Managing Director of the Bank of Australia

Sir,

The Balance (Thirty-six Pounds and Six Shillings) of the Account of the late Committee of Management of the A. A. Co. at the Bank of Australia, having been transferred to my Account as Commissioner to the Company I have to request that you will pay and charge to my Account the following Drafts upon the late Committee if accepted in the regular way, vizt.

1828 March 29	No. 361	Drawn by R. Dawson in favor of Thomas Newton for	£5
1828 August 23	No. 24	Drawn by J. E. Ebsworth in favor of R. Woodley for	£3:7:11
1829 July 23	No. 433	Drawn by J. E. Ebsworth in favor of G. Hadell for	£10
1829 Dec 11	No. 623	Drawn by J. E. Ebsworth in favor of G. Hadell for	<u>£16:10:8</u>
		TOTAL	<u>£34:18:7</u>

Letter No. 613

Port Stephens
1st May 1832

Board for the Assignment of Servants
Sydney

Gentlemen,

The A. A. Company being in great want of Men, in consequence of the Number of Prisoners who have lately obtained Tickets of Leave or Freedom, whereby the valuable Flocks of the Company are daily suffering,

I earnestly request that you will be pleased to assign to the Company as early as possible, Fifty Shepherds or Agricultural Labourers.

Letter Nos 614, 615 and 616

Port Stephens
2nd May 1832

Editor of the *N. S. Wales Government Gazette*

Editor of the *Sydney Gazette*

Editor of *The Australian*

Sir Edward Parry presents his compliments to the Editor of the (), and requests he will cause the accompanying Advertizement to be inserted in that Paper the number of times specified thereon.

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Australian Agricultural Company
Established & Incorporated by Act 5 Geo. IV Cap 86 and
by Royal Charter

Notice is hereby given that a further Call of One Pound per Share has been made by the Governors and Directors upon the Proprietors of Stock in this Company.

The Proprietors resident in N. S. Wales & Van Diemen's Land are requested to cause the Amounts upon their respective Shares to be paid, on or before the 2nd Day of July next, into the Bank of Australia, where Receipts will be given for the same.

W. E. Parry Commissioner for Managing the Affairs
of the Australian Agricultural Company in New South Wales

Port Stephens
1st May 1832
(3 Insertions)

Letter No. 6I7

Port Stephens
4th May 1832

Mr J. W. Speed
12 O'Connell Street
Sydney

Sir,

In reply to your note of the 2nd current, I beg to acquaint you that I have not at present any occasion for the Services of the Person mentioned in your communication.

Letter No. 6I8

Port Stephens
5th May 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive 22 Letters addressed to some of the Colonial Proprietors of Stock in the A. A. Company respectively, which I request you will cause to be forwarded to them without delay.

With reference to any future Proceedings which the Governors & Directors may institute on this head, I request you will insert opposite each name in the accompanying List, the manner in which you have disposed of the respective Letters, and that you will return the List to me, signed by yourself, for transmission to the Court of Directors.

List of 22 (Twenty-two) Proprietors of Stock in the A. A. Company to whom Circulars are addressed announcing the Eleventh Call - £1 per Share – transmitted to George Bunn Esq. to be forwarded by him.

The Hon. Alexander Berry Esq.	Sydney
George Bunn Esq.	Sydney
Executors of the Late J. T. Campbell Esq	Sydney
The Hon. Robert Campbell Esq.	Sydney
Mr D. G. Forbes	Sydney
Mr T. W. Forbes	Sydney
F. A. Hely	Sydney
Patrick Hill Esq.	Liverpool
Revd. R. Hill	Sydney
James Macarthur Esq.	Parramatta
Thomas McVitie Esq.	Sydney
Revd S. Marsden	Parramatta
James Murdock Esq.	V. D. Land
Peter Murdock Esq	V. D. Land
James Norton Esq.	Sydney
Executors of the late John Ovens Esq. [annotated: <i>Captain Piper & Mr Lithgow</i>]	Sydney
Executors of the late John Oxley Esq	Sydney
G. T Palmer Esq.	Parramatta
A. B. Spark Esq.	Sydney
His Honor Mr Justice Stephen	Sydney
Executors of the late Charles Throsby Esq.	Glenfield
Edward Wollstonecraft Esq	Sydney

Letter No. 619

Port Stephens
5th May 1832

John Henderson Esq.
Newcastle

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive 3 Letters (as Letter No. 618).

List of 3 (Three) Proprietors of Stock in the A. A. Company to whom Circulars are addressed announcing the Eleventh Call – £1 per Share – transmitted to John Henderson Esq. to be forwarded by him.

The Hon. E. C. Close Esq.	Hunter's River
John Henderson Esq.	Newcastle
Robert Scott } & Esqs Helenus Scott}	Glendon, Hunter's River.

Letter No. 620

Port Stephens
5th May 1832

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary

Sir,

1st. I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th ultimo, acquainting me, by direction of the Governor, that a Police Establishment for Port Stephens has been determined upon by His Majesty's Local Government, but that His Excellency does not feel justified in incurring the Expence of it till the Sanction of the Secretary of State has been obtained.

2nd. I beg leave, on the part of the Company, to offer to His Excellency my best acknowledgement for the attention which he has been pleased to pay to my proposal on this subject.

3rd. I trust, however, that His Excellency will excuse my remarking that, with whatever satisfaction the Company may hail this admission of a just claim for which they have been so long contending, the present arrangement holds out no prospect of relief for at least twelve months to come.

4th. I beg leave, therefore, respectfully to suggest, for His Excellency's consideration, whether during this long interval, it will not be reasonable that His Majesty's Government should relieve the Company from some small proportion of the present expence – say the Stipend of £100 per annum paid to the Resident Magistrate; leaving the further arrangements to be decided upon whenever the answer from the Secretary of State arrives.

Letter No. 621

Port Stephens

5th May 1832

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary

Sir,

1st. Adverting to the Arrangements made between His Majesty's Government and the Australian Agricultural Company, respecting the final Selection of the Company's Grant of Land in New South Wales; and more especially with reference to the Documents noted in the Margin,

2nd. I have now the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that, in conformity with those arrangements, I have at length, after much exertion, and with great expence to the Company, succeeded in selecting two Locations in the Interior of the Country, which, tho' at an inconvenient distance from their Original Grant and the present Establishment at Port Stephens, I consider the only Selection which can be made, in any degree fit for the Company's purpose, in the unlocated parts of this Colony.

3rd. For a Description of the two Locations in question, comprising about 249,600 Acres and 300,160 Acres respectively, or about 549,760 Acres in the whole, I beg leave to refer His Excellency to the Accompanying Map by Mr Dangar, the Company's Surveyor, and the Specification inserted therein.

4th. It being of vital importance to the Interests of the Company (principally on account of the very large addition to their Flocks expected this year), that they should, with as little delay as possible, be put in possession of their Land, I beg you will do me the Honor to lay this Communication before the Governor as early as convenient, together with my earnest request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct immediate steps to be taken for the final decision of the Company's Grant.

5th. With a view to expedite the final Settlement of this business, by affording His Majesty's Government any further information that may be required on the part of the Company, it is my intention to proceed to Sydney very shortly, and shall hope to be allowed the Honor of waiting upon His Excellency in a few days after your receipt of this Communication.

1. Sir George Murray's Despatch (No. 23) to His Excellency General Darling, dated 21st April 1830.

2. Sir Edward Parry's Memorandum addressed to His Majesty's Colonial Government, 21st February 1831

3. Mr Macleay's Letter (in reply to the foregoing) dated 3rd March 1831

Letter No. 622

Port Stephens

5th May 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1st. Herewith you will receive Bills (Nos 221 to 230 inclusive) on the Governors and Directors of the A. A. Company, to the amount of (£1,500) One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds; which I request you will endorse, and place to my Credit at the Bank of Australia, as Commissioner to the Company.

2nd. I likewise enclose herewith a Draft on the Bank of Australia for (£75) Seventy-Five Pounds, to meet the Payments for your last Purchases on Account of the Company.

3rd. I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed Memorandum relative to your Account with the Company, which I trust will now be speedily settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

4th. I request that, in order to save time in the issuing of the Trowsers to the Company's Assigned Servants at Newcastle, you will forward direct to Mr Henderson, Forty Pairs of Trowsers for that Establishment, as soon as they can possibly be procured.

Letter No. 623

Port Stephens

5th May 1832

George Wentworth Esq.
South Creek

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you an application from William Edwards, a Prisoner formerly in the Service of your Father, and who has since been so faithful a Servant of the Australian Agricultural Company, that I should be glad to obtain for him a Ticket of Leave.

I think that this indulgence must chiefly depend on your certifying that he did not leave his former Master for any particular fault, which he seems to suppose you will have no objection to do. If so, I shall be much obliged by your writing upon the Form

whatever testimony you can offer in his favor, and returning it to me by post as early as convenient.

Letter No. 624

Port Stephens
8th May 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

Herewith you will receive some Letters, which I request you will be good enough to forward as soon as possible to their respective addresses, informing me by the *Lambton* that you have done so.

Letter No. 624a

Port Stephens
1st May 1832

Australian Agricultural Company

Persons desirous of Supplying the Servants of the Australian Agricultural Company employed at Newcastle with rations from the 1st of June 1832 to the 1st of June 1833 are requested to address Tenders to me under Cover to John Henderson Esq. Newcastle on or before the 31st instant.

The Articles required are

Good Fresh Beef or Mutton about	400 lbs per week
Fine Flour	100 lbs per week
Seconds Flour	600 lbs per week
Sugar	50 lbs per week
Tea	7 lbs per week
Tobacco	7 lbs per week

The Tenders are to specify in words the price per pound at which the several Articles will be supplied.

The Rations are to be delivered to the Company's Servants in such quantities, and at such time as the Company shall appoint.

Payment to be made in Cash or by the Draft of the Company upon the Bank of Australia within a Month after the delivery of an

Account made in such Form as the Company may prescribe, up to the last day in every Month.

The Contractor will be required to give Security for the due performance of his Contract.

W. E. Parry
Commissioner to the A. A. Company

N.S.W. Government Gazette 2 insertions
Australian 3 insertions.

Letter No. 625

Port Stephens
11th May 1832

William Jones
Carrington

William Jones,

Your Agreement with the A. A. Company expiring on the 14th instant, I have to inform you that I am willing to re-engage you as a Labourer for three years more, in the Company's Service, on the following terms:

Wages £40 per annum
Rations of Meat & Flour for Yourself & Family
House, rent-free,

together with the other usual advantages of Dairy-Produce, Fuel, Medicines & Medical Attendance free of Expense, but no other allowance whatsoever either in Money or Kind.

I request to be informed, as early as possible, whether it is your wish to engage with the Company on these terms.

Letter No. 626

Port Stephens
16th May 1832

Daniel Ivey

Daniel Ivey,

Your Agreement with the A. A. Company expires on the 19th proximo.

I have to inform you that I am will to re-engage you in the Company's Service – in the capacity of a Mason & General Labourer, for three years, on the following Terms:

Wages £50 per Annum being an encrease of £10 on your former Agreement

Rations of Meat & Flour for yourself & Family, together with the usual advantages of Lodging, Dairy-Produce, Fuel, Medicine & Medical Attendance free of Expense, but no other Allowances whatsoever either in Money or Kind.

I request to be informed, as early as possible, whether it is your wish to engage with the Company on these Terms.

Letter No. 627

Port Stephens
16th May 1832

James Laidley Esq.
Deputy Commissary General
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith Two Accounts (in Triplicate) for Coals purchased by His Majesty's Government from the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle between the 31st December 1831 and the 31st March 1832; together with the Requisite Vouchers for the same.

For an explanation of these two Accounts, I beg to refer you to my Letter addressed to you on the 15th of February last, enclosing similar Accounts for the preceding Quarter.

I beg leave at the same time to remind you that the former Accounts still remain unpaid and request you will inform me, as early as convenient whether any arrangement has been made for this purpose.

Letter No. 628

Port Stephens

16th May 1832

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

With reference to my Letter addressed to you on the 15th February last, on the subject of payment for Coals purchased by His Majesty's Government from the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that I have this day transmitted to the Deputy Commissary General similar Accounts for the second quarter ending the 31st of March 1832.

I beg leave to inform you that the former Accounts still remain unpaid, and to repeat my request that payment may be made without delay.

Letter No. 629

Port Stephens

18th May 1832

George Bunn Esq.
Sydney

Sir,

1. I beg leave in the absence of Sir Edward Parry to forward herewith a Requisition dated this day for Articles on Account of the A. A. Company to which I request your particular attention.

2. With reference to your Invoices of 25th February last, I have to remind you that Vouchers Nos 3 and 7 for Castings are not yet received.

3. A Memorandum on the Subject of your Account Current was transmitted via Newcastle on the 15th instant – will you have the goodness to state if it has been received by you.

J. Edward Ebsworth

Letter No. 630

Newcastle
24th May 1832

Editor of the *Sydney Monitor*

Sir,

Having observed in your Paper of the 16th current a Paragraph, intimating that a difficulty has occurred in the Operations at the A. A. Company's Coal Works at Newcastle, which will render it necessary either to sink the Shaft deeper, or to abandon the Mine,

I request you will give publicity in your Paper to this my assurance that the above mentioned Statement is entirely untrue, no difficulty whatsoever having occurred, and the Coal continuing of excellent quality.

Letter No. 631

Port Stephens
28th March 1832

Dr Mitchell
General Hospital
Sydney

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the Case of the Prisoner named in the Margin, and I request you will receive him into the General Hospital, and cause him to be returned when cured.

George Robinson,
Portland

Letter No. 632

Port Stephens
28th May 1832

George Bunn
&c &c &c

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a Draft on the Bank of Australia, for the sum of (£75) Seventy five Pounds, to meet the Current Expences, which I request you will place to the Credit of the Company's Account.

In the service of the company

I also enclose a Requisition for Stores, to which I request your early attention.

Letter No. 633

Sydney
2nd June 1832

Honorable Colonial Secretary
Sydney

Sir,

Thomas Atkinson or
Achison, *Minstrel*;
Thomas Wright,
Florentia

The Two Prisoners named in the Margin who have lately obtained Tickets of Leave for Newcastle from the Service of the A. A. Company at that place are desirous of having their Tickets changed to Sydney in consequence of their not being able to obtain work at Newcastle in their Trade as Miners.

As they both bear good characters & their Services are likely to be more useful in Sydney than elsewhere I beg leave to solicit for them this Indulgence.

Letter No. 634

Sydney
4th June 1832

Honorable A. Macleay Esq.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Edward Devine, 7
Years, a Native

The Prisoner of the Crown named in the Margin, respecting whom I had the Honor to write to you on the 25th of April last, being desirous of having his Ticket of Leave for Windsor, instead of Port Stephens, as therein stated,

I request, on his behalf that you will be pleased to obtain for him this indulgence. Devine has a wife and family, whom he will be able to support in that district.

Letter No. 635

Sydney
4th June 1832

The Board for the Assignment of Servants

Gentlemen,

The A. A. Company being in extreme want of Shepherds & Agricultural Labourers, I have the Honor to request you will be pleased to assign to them Fifty Prisoners of that description.

Letter No. 636

Sydney
4th June 1832

The Board for the Assignment of Servants

Gentlemen,

The Australian Agricultural Company being in very great want of Carpenters, owing principally to the number of Agreements with their Indented Servants which have lately expired,

I earnestly request that you will be pleased to assign to them Six Carpenters, there being actually only one Convict of that trade in their large establishment; and not one having been assigned to them in the two years and a half that I have been in the Colony.

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