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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 12th August, 1845.

TORRES' STRAITS:

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the following amended Sailing Directions, for the passage through Endeavour Strait, prepared by Lieutenant C. B. Yule, R. N., Commanding H. M. S. *Bramble*.

It is intended that the present shall be substituted for the temporary Sailing Directions for the same passage, published in the *Government Gazette*, of the 30th May last, which were prepared before Lieutenant Yule's Survey was in a complete state.

His Excellency further directs it to be notified, that a Chart of this passage on a much larger scale than that already published by the Government has been lithographed, and will in like manner be substituted for the Sketch referred to in the Notice of the 30th May last.

Complete sets of the Charts, &c., relating to Torres Straits, which have been published by the Government, may be obtained from the Port Master, Sydney, and the Harbour Master, Melbourne, at a charge of five shillings per set, each set including the following:

- 1.—A Chart of the passage from Raine's Island to Cape York, with corresponding Sailing Directions.
- 2.—A Chart of the passage through Endeavour Strait, with corresponding Sailing Directions.
- 3.—A lithographed sketch of the Beacon on Raine's Island.

By His Excellency's Command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

SAILING DIRECTIONS FOR ENDEAVOUR STRAIT.

VESSELS coming from the southward and eastward, drawing above fifteen feet water, should, after having passed the Brothers and Albany Isles, keep a good look out for a rock situated nearly midway between Cape York and Mount Adolphus; this rock is laid down in the Admiralty Chart by Captain King, it has since been examined by an Officer of H. M. S. *Fly*,

who found only four fathoms on it, which being reduced to the low water level would be barely three fathoms; there is deep water round it. From this rock the S. W. extremity of the table of Mount Adolphus bears N. 53 E. 4½ miles, Cape York S. 67 W. 4 miles, rock a. N. 52 W. 6 and Albany Rock which has a conspicuous white summit, S. 42 E. 3½ miles. Having passed this shoal, a direct course to the westward may be shaped, passing about one mile northward of York Island; from this position, the course will be W. ½ S. 10½ miles, (always allowing for tide) which will lead to abreast of the Western Passage into Endeavour Strait; it may be entered by two others between the Possession Isles, which are both perfectly safe, but as the former is twice as broad as either of the others, with deeper water and less tide, I consider it the best of the three. When abreast of this opening steer S.S.W. ¼ W., or nearly midway between Entrance Island, which is high and rocky, and the two westernmost of the Possession Isles, which are close together and thickly covered with wood. Having passed through this opening, continue the same course S.S.W. ¼ W., until Barn Islet, which is small but high and rugged, bears S. 42 E. 3½ miles, and the two woody islets are in one, bearing N. 35 E.; the next course will be W. ¼ S. 15 miles, or, as the Wallis Isles will now be visible from the mast-head, steer such a course as will lead two miles to the northward of the northern or Red Wallis Island; when it bears south, distant two miles, the given course (W. ¼ S.) is still to be continued nine miles, or until Booby Island, which may be seen from the mast-head, bear N. 5° E. Care must be taken not to keep to the southward of the course, (W. ¼ S.) as a very narrow sand bank extends from Red Wallis Island west six miles, having only two fathoms on its western extremity. The passage here is the narrowest part, and is two miles broad, the least depth being sufficient for the largest ships with the exception of a small sandy knoll, on which I got three fathoms: A vessel having proceeded so far west as to bring Booby Island to bear N. 5° E. I consider she will then have passed through the strait, and may shape a course northward and westward according to her destination. That portion of the strait between the Possession Group and Wallis' Islands, is quite clear of shoal water, having an uniform depth of seven fathoms and

upwards, the nature of the bottom being generally coral sand.

The spring tides between the Possession Isles sometimes run five knots per hour; the ebb N.N.E. five hours; and the flood seven hours S.S.W.; the range is nine feet six inches. At the Wallis Islands I found the tides too irregular to enable me to give any definite information with regard to the time of high and low water, or at what time the set of the tide east or west changes. The range is seven feet and the greatest velocity is two knots per hour. The ebb runs east and the flood west.

I generally found that the direction of the tides in all parts of the strait accorded with the trend of the channels.

* All the bearings and courses are Magnetic, and the soundings are reduced to the lowest spring tide levels.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 26th August, 1845.

WRIT OF ELECTION.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information, that Benjamin Boyd, Esquire, having, in due form, resigned his seat in the Legislative Council, for the Electoral District of Port Phillip, a Writ has been issued for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Council for the said District, during the continuance of the present Council, and that the following arrangements has been made for the said election, viz.:-

Chief Polling Place or place of } Melbourne.
Nomination }

Other Polling Places—Geelong and Portland.

Day of Nomination—Friday, 19th September, 1845.

Polling Day—Friday, 26th September, 1845.

Return of Writ—Tuesday, 14th October, 1845.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. DEAS THOMSON.

Public Notice.

IN pursuance of a Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Port Phillip, received by me from his Excellency Sir George Gipps, to return a member to serve in the Legislative Council in the room of Benjamin Boyd, Esq., resigned, the day of nomination fixed by his Excellency, being the 19th instant. I do hereby give notice, that I shall preside at a meeting to be holden for that purpose, at Twelve o'clock, on the 19th instant, opposite the Court House, Melbourne, when the Electors of the District are invited to attend.

WM. VERNER,
Returning Officer.

Melbourne,
September 2, 1845.

In the Supreme Court of
New South Wales for
the District of Port
Phillip.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

In the Goods of John Britten, a laborer,
late of Lal Lal.

PURSUANT to a Rule of this Honorable Court, all parties having claims on the estate of the above named Intestate are requested to prove them before James Denham Pinnock, Esq., Registrar of the Supreme Court, at his office, on or before the twenty-first day of September instant, or in default thereof they will be excluded from all benefit arising from the said estate.

Dated at the Registry Office, Supreme Court, Melbourne, this 6th day of September, 1845.

J. D. PINNOCK,
Curator of Intestate Estates.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the District of Port Phillip, in the colony of New South Wales, will be holden at the Court House, La Trobe-street, Melbourne, on Monday, the sixth day of October next, where all persons who have appeals or other business to transact, are desired to give their attendance at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Dated this 30th day of August, A.D. 1845.

HENRY F. GURNER,
Clerk of the Peace.

NOTICE.

A Special Meeting of the Justices of Peace, will be holden at the Police Office, Melbourne, for the County of Bourke, on Saturday, the 27th day of September, instant, for the purpose of reconsidering the present rate of charges for sustenance of Cattle, whilst impounded at the following public pounds, viz.:

- Kalkallo,
- Mount Macedon,
- Morang,
- Penridge,
- Bullen,
- Deep Creek,
- South Yarra.

N.B.—Poundkeepers at the above places, will please to give their attendance.

By order of the Bench,

W. R. BELCHER,
Clerk Petty Sessions.

Melbourne, Police Office,
8th Sept., 1845.

Court of Requests.

FOR THE COUNTY OF BOURKE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Requests for this County, will be holden in Melbourne, at the Court-House, King-street, on Monday the 6th, and the following days of October, 1845, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Plaints must be delivered at the office of the Registrar, on or before Thursday the 18th day of September, instant.

Defences, or set-off, must be filed on or before Thursday, 2nd day of October next.

Every plaint, defence, or set-off, must have the name and residence of plaintiff and defendant written thereon.

In defended cases, the plea, defence, or notice of set off, must be in accordance with the forms prescribed by the late Rules of Court.

(By order of the Commissioner,)

S. S. GRIFFIN,
Registrar.

Melbourne, Sept. 6th, 1845.

Clerk of Works' Office,
Melbourne, September 16th, 1845.
TENDERS REQUIRED.

To Cabinet-makers and others.

REQUIRED for the New Custom House, Geelong, a small quantity of furniture. Persons willing to contract for the same are requested to send in Tenders to this office on or before the 3rd day of October.

A list of articles can be seen by applying at the above office any day between the hours of ten and four o'clock.

By order of his Honor the Superintendent,
JAMES RATTEBURY,
Clerk of Works.

NOTICE.

Crown Commissioner's Office,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1845.

THE Depasturing Licenses, Brickmakers, and other Occupation Licenses, in the County of Bourke, which have not yet been received, must be so done before the 30th instant.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands for the County of Bourke will attend at his office for that purpose, for three hours every day from 10 o'clock, on the 25th instant to the 1st October.

FREDERICK BERKLEY ST. JOHN,
C. C. Lands.

IMPOUNDED at Melbourne, on September 9th, 1845, damage £3.

One red bull, a star on the forehead, white belly, tip off the right horn, off rump (a diamond within a triangle), off ribs C W.

If not claimed and expenses paid on or before the 3rd day of October, to be sold at the Pound yard according to the Act of Council.

G. SCARBOROUGH,
Poundkeeper.

3s. 3d.]

IMPOUNDED at Bulleen, Upper Yarra, on the 11th September.

A grey mare, cart breed, branded T near shoulder.

If not claimed on or before the 7th of October, she will be sold at the Pound agreeably to the Act.

Bulleen, 12th September, 1845.

3s.]

Clerk of Works' Office,
Melbourne, September 16th, 1845.

TENDERS REQUIRED.

TENDERS will be received at this office until four o'clock on Friday, the 26th instant, from persons willing to contract for sundry repairs to various Government buildings in Melbourne.

Specification can be seen, and all information obtained, by applying at the above office any day between the hours of ten and four o'clock.

By order of his Honor the Superintendent,

JAMES RATTENBURY,
Clerk of Works.

Clerk of Works' Office,
Melbourne, September 16th, 1845.

TENDERS REQUIRED.

TENDERS will be received at this office until four o'clock on Friday, the 26th instant, from persons willing to contract for supplying and fixing zinc rain pipes and gutters, also blue stone flagging, at the new Government Offices.

Specification can be seen, and all information obtained, by applying any day between the hours of ten and four o'clock.

By order of his Honor the Superintendent,

JAMES RATTENBURY,
Clerk of Works.

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