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HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

WHEREAS on the morning of Saturday the 28th of August 1869 the Beechworth and Buckland coach was stopped in the Bowman's Forest Gap by a man armed with a double-barrelled gun and two revolvers, who presented his gun at the driver and ordered him to bail up, after which he ordered the passengers, four in number, to descend and lay upon the ground such money or valuables as they possessed: And whereas the said offender obtained from Mr. Hazleton a gold watch, from the driver £2 16s. in cash, and 13s. from a female passenger; and after robbing other persons who had in the meantime come up, he eventually gathered up his booty and rode off upon one of the horses taken from the coach, boasting at the same time that he was the person who robbed the Beechworth and Bright coach on the 7th of May 1869: Notice is hereby given that a Reward of Five hundred pounds will be paid by the Government for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the offender who committed the outrages above described.

This notification is in lieu of that which appeared in the Supplement to the Gazette issued on the 22nd of November 1869, the latter notification, and all copies thereof, being hereby cancelled.

J. McCULLOCH, Chief Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office, Melbourne, 29th April 1870.

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENDER.

He is described as probably English, aged 40 or 50, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height, with a short greyish beard and heavy eyebrows. He wore a light-grey sac-coat of raised pattern, light trousers, blucher boots, and a light-brown felt hat.

This man, there is every reason to believe, is Henry Power, alias Johnson, who escaped on the 16th of February 1869 from Pentridge Stockade, where he had been confined under a conviction for horsestealing at Beechworth. His description is as follows:—Native of Liverpool, aged 48, 5 feet 6½ inches high, with sallow complexion, light-brown hair, blue eyes, scar on the forehead, scar on the cheek, two scars on the right arm, scars on the left elbow, large scar on the left shin, left third finger deformed. He suffers from stricture.

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