



**PORT PHILLIP  
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,**

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1844.

*Clerk of Work's Office,  
September 9th, 1844.*

**Tenders Required:—**

**T**ENDERS will be received at this office until Saturday, the 21st inst., from persons willing to contract for the erection of a Custom House and Queen's Stores at Geelong, Port Phillip.

Plan and specification can be seen, and all information obtained, by applying at the above office any day between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock.

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

**Court of Requests.**

FOR THE COUNTY OF BOURKE.

**N**OTICE 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 seventh and following days of October, 1844, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Plaints must be delivered at the office of the Registrar, on or before Friday the 28th day of September, instant.

Defences or set-off must be filed on or before Friday, the 4th day of October, instant.

No plaint, defence, or set-off, shall be received or filed without having the name and residence of plaintiff and defendant written thereupon.

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

By order of the Commissioner,  
**J. S. GRIFFIN,**  
Registrar

September 9.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 28th August, 1844.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Gentlemen to be magistrates of the Territory and its Dependencies, viz,—

**THOMAS NEW,** Esquire, of the Manning River, and **JOHN VON STRIGLITZ,** Esquire of the Upper Werribee, Port Phillip.

By His Excellency's Command,  
**E. DEAS THOMPSON;**

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 24th August, 1844.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, in virtue of the power vested in him, by the 6th section of the act of council, 6th Victoria, No. 16, has been pleased to appoint

**WILLIAM VERNER,** Esquire, of Melbourne, to be the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Melbourne, in the room of George Frederick Berkeley St. John, Esquire.

By His Excellency's command,  
**E. DEAS THOMPSON.**

**I**T is ordered that a Criminal Sessions and General Gaol Delivery of the Supreme Court, for the district of Port Phillip, be holden at the court house, La Trobe-street, in the town of Melbourne, on Monday, the sixteenth day of Sept. next, at which all parties concerned are requested to give their attendance.

Dated this 27th day of August, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

**W. JEFFCOTT,** Resident Judge.

**Conveyance of Mails.**

**C**ONVEYANCE being required for the post office mails as undermentioned, for one year, from the 1st January 1845. Persons disposed to contract for providing the same, are invited to transmit their offers in writing, to this office, by twelve o'clock on Tuesday, the 8th day of October next, endorsed "*Tender for conveyance of Mails,*" viz:—

From and to Melbourne and Portland, by way of Ballan, Mount Emu, Fiery Creek, and the Grange, once a week.

From and to Port Fairy and Fiery Creek, once a week; by way of the Woolshed Inn, or by Mr. Sprot's station, as the Government shall determine.

From and to Geelong and the Lake Inn, near Mr. Lloyd's station, beyond the Wardy Yalloc river, and lake Korangamite, once a week.

From and to Melbourne and Mount Macedon, once a week.

From the Post Office in Melbourne to vessels in Hobson's Bay, twice a day; and from vessels in Hobson's Bay to the Post Office in Melbourne, as often as mails may arrive; always by the Eastern Beach.

Tenders are to mention distinctly the time proposed to be occupied on any line of road,—but offers for the Portland line, are to state

particularly whether as intended for performance of the journey, to Portland and back to Melbourne, within a week or fortnight; and as expedition is so desirable a point in post office communication, the tender proposing the quickest rate of travelling, if combining cheapness, will of course receive a preference.

It will be optional with parties to offer for one or more of the above lines of stages, and to propose the mode of conveyance; but on all roads where wheel-vehicles can travel, a preference will be given to carriage conveyance. The contractors will be held strictly bound to use the conveyance they propose, and to travel at the rate agreed upon. The rate of travelling is not to be less than six miles per hour, including all stoppages.

Contractors will be liable to a fine of five shillings for every five minutes delay after the specified time of starting; and to a like penalty for every ten minutes delay after the specified time of arrival; except for the first five and ten minutes respectively.

A mail cart or carriage, drawn only by one horse, must not carry more than one passenger; by two horses, not more than three passengers; and by three or more horses, not more than six passengers—exclusive of the driver; under a penalty of £3 for each offence.

All vehicles and horses employed in the conveyance of mails, are to be at all times subject to the inspection, and approval, or rejection of the Postmaster at Melbourne, or person appointed by him for that purpose. The drivers and postmen are to be men of certified good character, subject also to rejection by the Postmaster at Melbourne.

Contractors are to provide secure lockers for the mails in carriages, and dry coverings for the mails on horseback, under penalty of £10, for damage sustained by any mail; unless where the damage may arise from unavoidable accident.

Contractors are to carry all post office bags, mails and letters which may be delivered to them under authority of the Postmaster at Melbourne, or any of the Postmasters. And they will be bound to prevent the conveyance of any letter or packet, by any of their servants or passengers, or otherwise, to the prejudice of the Post Office Revenue, under a penalty of £5 for each offence. They may, however, deliver letters on that direct line of road, clear of any collection of postages, when required by any Postmaster; and may receive letters from parties on the direct line of road, to be given up to the Postmaster immediately on arrival at the nearest Post Office.

All fines and penalties incurred under the agreement are to be deducted by the Postmaster at Melbourne from the next quarterly instalment falling due to the contractor, and are to be considered as, over and above any penalties forfeited under any Act of Council.

Each party tendering, or an agent for him, must attend at this office on the day appointed for opening the tenders; and each tender must bear the signatures of two respectable and solvent persons, willing to enter into a bond with the contractor for the safety of the mails, and the due performance of the contract.

It being intended hereafter to close all Melbourne inland mails at 4 o'clock p.m., the one uniform time of half-past 4 p.m. will thus be established for departure of inland mail conveyances from the Post Office at Melbourne; but it is to be understood that the days and hours for dispatch and arrival of all inland and branch mails, are to be fixed and determined by the Postmaster at Melbourne, and are to be subject to his revision, should the convenience of the public so require.

Parties proposing to tender are invited to seek information at the Post Office at Melbourne, where printed forms of tender may be

had upon application. Forms may be also obtained from any of the Post Offices in the districts.

C. J. LA TROBE,  
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
Melbourne, 26th August, 1844.

**New Post Office.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that under sanction of His Excellency the Governor, a Post Office has been established as follows, viz.:

**On the Portland Road,**

At FERRY CREEK, 26 miles westward of Mount Emu; Peter Walsh to be Postmaster. The delivery from this office will embrace, besides the neighbourhood of Ferry Creek and Lake Boloke, the district immediately westward of the Myreene and the whole of the upper Hopkins river.

This mail will reach Melbourne every Friday, and be dispatched thence every Saturday, with the Portland Mail.

Parties wishing to receive their letters and newspapers through this post office, should particularly caution their correspondents to address communications thereto distinctly by its name; because private localities, in their relative position to the different post offices, cannot be sufficiently known at distant stations to give to the post office department a correct guide for ensuring direct transmission.

HENRY D. KEMP,  
Postmaster.

Post Office Melbourne,  
26th August, 1844.

**In the Estate of William Meek, of Melbourne, Solicitor, an Insolvent.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that I, William Meek, the above-named insolvent, do intend, on Wednesday, the 9th day of October next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to apply to William Verner, Esquire, Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for the District of Port Phillip, that a certificate be granted to me in pursuance of the provisions of a certain Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of her present Majesty Queen Victoria, No. 19, intitled "An Act to amend an Act for giving relief to insolvent persons, and providing for the administration of insolvent estates, and to abolish imprisonment for debt."

Dated this ninth day of September, 1844.

WILLIAM MEEK.

**In the Estate of Benjamin Baxter, Settler, an Insolvent.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that I, Benjamin Baxter, the above-named insolvent, do intend, on Wednesday, the 9th day of October next, at the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to apply to William Verner, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for the District of Port Phillip, that a certificate be granted to me in pursuance of the provisions of a certain Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of her present Majesty Queen Victoria, No. 19, intitled "An Act to amend an Act for giving relief to insolvent persons, and providing for the administration of insolvent estates, and to abolish imprisonment for debt."

Dated this ninth day of September, 1844.

BENJAMIN BAXTER.

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