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To Advertisers.

The Proprietor begs to hint the great advantage they will derive by forwarding their orders to the above; as the Commercial Journal may be seen every Wednesday and Saturday mornings, on the desk of every Merchant; at most of the principal Shopkeepers and respectable Inhabitants of Sydney; with an extensive up-country circulation, which is daily increasing to a very great extent.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

THE Subscribers to this Journal are requested in case of not receiving it regularly, upon the day of publication, to communicate the same to the Commercial Journal Office, No. 7, Bridge-street.



RAPID STEAM PACKET.

PARTIES wishing to contract for well seasoned Forest She Oak, cut in billets of 2 feet in length by the 100 tons, for the use of the above Packet, are requested to send in their Tenders without delay, to Messrs. John Lord & Co., or, to the undersigned, on board.

THOMAS WILLIAM ELLIS
February 12, 1838.



MAITLAND STEAM PACKET.

THE Residents in the Hunter's River district and the Public in general, are respectfully informed that the Colonial Steam Boat MAITLAND,

Captain Taggart, will leave the Commercial Wharf for Newcastle and the Green Hills, on Wednesday evening next, the 14th Instant, at 7 o'clock precisely, and that her appointed time of starting will be—
From Sydney every Wednesday and Saturday Evening at 7 o'clock.
From Morepeth every Tuesday and Friday Morning at 8 o'clock.

It is requested that any Goods for Shipment be sent at least an hour before the time of starting.
Sydney, 12 Feb. 1838.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.



THE fine first-class Teak-built Brig

PETER PROCTOR—George Barlow, Master, Burthen 266 Tons. Having the principal part of her Cargo engaged, will meet with quick despatch. For Freight or Passage apply to the Commander, on board, or to

JOHN LORD & CO. Agents, Lower George-street.
Sydney, 12th February, 1838.

FOR HOBART TOWN.



A REGULAR TRADER,

THE Fine Schooner JOSHUA CARROLL, E. F. Lindsey, will be dispatched positively on the 2nd of April. For freight or passage, apply to the Commander on board, or to

WM. DAWES, Bligh-street.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN DOUGHERTY, of the Ship JAMES STEWART, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN TABOR, of the Ship SHYLOCK, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN PICKER, of the Ship ROSSALIE, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

THE COMMANDER of the Barque BLENHEIM, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN GILBERT of the Ship BENCOOLEN, hereby cautions all Persons against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be responsible for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

THE COMMANDER of the Brig STIRLINGSHIRE, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

THE COMMANDER of the Barque EMMA EUGENIA, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

THE COMMANDER of the Ship SUPERB, hereby cautions all Persons against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be responsible for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN GILKINSON of the Ship BRILLIANT, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts they may contract.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN WILLIAMS, of the Ship UPTON CASTLE, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew, as he will not be answerable for any debts by them contracted.

CAUTION.

CAPTAIN MILLER, of the Brig BLACK JOKE, hereby cautions the Public against giving credit to any of his Crew as he will not be responsible for any debts by them contracted.

ROYAL EXCHANGE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the ROYAL EXCHANGE COMPANY, will be held at the Union Assurance Company's Offices, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of April next, at two o'clock precisely, to elect two Members of Committee, in the room of Mr. Robert Campbell, junior, of George-street, who has resigned, and of Mr. Kinmore, who has disqualified.

Candidates for the Office are requested to give intimation of their intention of offering themselves on or before Wednesday, the 4th proximo, at Pultney Hotel, 22d March, 1838.

ADAM WILSON, Secretary.

Engraving, Printing, &c.

THE undersigned begs to renew, at long intervals his assurance that all business entrusted to him will continue to be executed with the same anxiety to please, and with the same regard to excellence of style which during the last three years has secured the public patronage. Having so long, by liberal wages drawn to his employ the highest talent, the undersigned is enabled to boast that in every department of his business he stands without any rival, either here or at home.

Copper-plate Engraving and Printing at an hour's notice
Seals Engraved on Stone or Brass
Door Plates in the first style of excellence
Arms found from authentic books
Sun Dials by log calculation, made for every five miles of the Territory—particularly recommended in the interior to those who know or would learn the value of time.

N. B.—A very large supply of Enamel Cards, Stud Books, Sheep Forms, Bill Returns, and a thousand other items.

R. CLINE, ENGRAVER, Opposite the Bank of Australasia.

T. BRENNAND,

Bookseller, Stationer, Bookbinder, and Account Book Manufacturer.

HAVING just received a fresh supply of Paper suitable for the manufacture of Account Books, is ready to execute any orders with which he may be favoured on the shortest notice, and is induced to offer his present varied and well-assorted Stock of useful and fancy Stationery, Account Books, School, Classic, Scientific, Moral and Literary Books of every description, at a reduction of thirty per cent. under his low selling prices, for cash, and which will afford an opportunity to public and private Teachers, Families and others, of supplying themselves with the most approved selection of School and other Books ever imported, at half the selling price.

T. B. having discontinued his Circulating Library, requests that all Parties having got Books belonging thereto in their possession, will return the same forthwith; and the Subscribers who have paid their Subscriptions in advance, are requested to call at the Library, when the balance will be returned.

P. S.—A great number of the most choice Books of the Library having been detained beyond the period for which they were lent, to parties who are known, a list of persons so detaining them will be published on the first day of April next, with the respective dates when the Books were taken from the Library, from December, 1834, to December, 1837.

George-street, March 9, 1838.

WOOL.

THE Undersigned are purchasers of WOOL of the present Clip.
H. & C. WALTON & CO.,
92, Lower George-street,
March 14, 1838.

COMMISSARIAT NOTICE.

Commissariat Office, Sydney, 13 March, 1838.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Tenders will be received at this Office until Saturday, the 31st instant, at Noon, for supplying at the different Stockade Stations of Sydney, Longbottom, Duck River, Parramatta, Penant Hills, Campbelltown, Newcastle, and Maitland, such Portable Wooden Houses as may be required for a period of Twelve Months, commencing the 1st of April next.

The Wooden Houses are of four different descriptions, of which the particulars may be learned at the Royal Engineer's Office, in Sydney, and the Tenders are required to specify separately the price of each, deliverable at the several places above-mentioned.

W. MILLER, Dep. Com. Gen.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having removed their Offices from George-street, to Terry's New Buildings, at the corner of Pitt-street.

CHARLES HENRY CHAMBERS
WILLIAM THURLOW.
Terry's New Buildings,
Corner of Pitt-street, Sydney,
24th February, 1838.

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, having entered into Co-partnership, under the Firm of H. & C. WALTON & CO., shall continue to carry on a General Import and Commission Business.

HENRY WALTON,
CHARLES WALTON,
ANDREW LIDDELL.
92, Lower George street,
March 14, 1838.

MR. HUGH TAYLOR,

General Agent at Parramatta, BEGS leave to inform his Friends and the Public in general, that the last day of issuing Summons at next Court of Requests, to be held at Parramatta, is the 26th March next; therefore no time must be lost in settling their accounts with him, if they do not wish to appear before His Honor the Commissioner.

Parramatta, February 28, 1838.

W. IMESON,

Tobacco & Snuff Manufacturer,
OPPOSITE PERRY'S TAVERN,
Lower George-street.

W. IMESON begs leave to call the attention of consumers of Tobacco to the very superior article he is now selling, particularly those who reside in the neighbourhood of the King's Wharf, Dock Yard, &c., his shop stands most conveniently for their accommodation. All the favor W. E. requests, is that they will give him one trial, and that he little doubts securing a constant customer. Those who have already favored him freely promise to recommend him, and he is determined if a good article is a recommendation to command success.

To Cooks and other Servants.

WANTED, at the Pultney Hotel, a HEAD COOK, to whom, if competent, most liberal wages will be given. Also, an active WAITER, a LAUNDRESS, and a CHAMBERMAID.

A GENERAL CARPENTER

WISHES to engage himself on an Estate in the Country; he has a general knowledge of all work suitable to this Country, also a general knowledge of the bush timber, and in working it. Letters addressed to L. M. O. at this Office, will meet attention.

MERCHANTS AND OTHERS

REQUIRING the assistance of a Clerk, Collector, or other situation of trust, will hear of a Person well suited for the purpose on application to Mr. E. D. HARLOW, Engraver and Lithographer, No. 3, Colonnade, Bridge-street.
19th March, 1838.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS TO LET, either for single Gentlemen or a small Family, at Mrs. Cooper's, in Sussex-street, opposite the residence of Mr. Thomas Hyndes.

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION, for such Term as may be agreed on, those very desirable Premises, situate in the best part of Pitt-street, nearly opposite the new Theatre, and now in the occupation of Mr. Francis, Cabinet-maker.
Apply to Mr. Uther, 87, Pitt street.

Seven Hundred and Ninety Acres at Cook's River.

TO LET.

FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS. SEVEN Hundred and Ninety Acres of Land on the banks of Cook's River. For further particulars apply to the Proprietor,

A. POLACK,
George-street.

HOUSE AND STORE TO LET.

AN excellent THREE-STORIED STORE, now in the course of erection, and will be finished in one month, situate next to Mr. Hirst's, in Queen-street, with a large light Store attached, and excellent Dwelling in front to Bridge-street; the whole will be let together at a moderate rent, or if required the Store will be let by itself. Also, the excellent Shop and Dwelling, next door to Mr. Barlow's, Colonnade, Bridge-street, together with a two-storied Workshop at the rear, large enough to contain 20 Mechanics of any Trade, and originally built for a Cabinetmaker's Workshop. Apply to Mr. Barlow, Engraver, &c. 3, Colonnade, Bridge-street.

DERWENT POTATOES,

Ex "Joshua Carrol," THIS DAY LANDED, and on SALE at the Stores of
ALFRED SAUNDERS.
Reibey's Buildings, George-street,
20th March, 1838.

TO BUILDERS, &c.

PERSONS willing to Contract for Work required in the Alteration of a House in George-street, can see the Plans and Specification at the Office of

Mr. THOMAS BIRD, Architect.
Kent-street,
March 20, 1838.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are required for the erection of a Dwelling-house, in Castlereagh-street Sydney, for Edward Terry, Esquire.

The Plans and Specification may be seen at the Office of Mr. John Bibb, Surveyor, &c. Phillip-street, to whom Tenders are to be delivered on or before the 2nd day of April next.

Security, if necessary, will be required for the due fulfilment of the Contract in the time prescribed.

MARCH 19, 1838. EDWARD TERRY.

CAPITALISTS are reminded that the Undersigned has always for Sale or Exchange HOUSES and LANDS in Sydney, and Estates in various parts of the Country. Also, Bank and Insurance Shares.

W. BARTON,
Maquarie-place.
March 17, 1838.
* An order to select Twelve hundred and eighty Acres of Land.

REMOVAL.

J. G. RICHARDSON, LINEN AND WOOLLEN DRAPER, &c. &c. RESPECTFULLY informs his Friends and the Public, that he has REMOVED from his late residence, in King-street, to more commodious and spacious Premises, in George-street, nearly opposite Mr. Smart's Auction Rooms, to which Establishment he invites their attention, where he has for inspection an entirely new, well selected, and extensive Stock, received by late arrivals, to numerous to particularise in an Advertisement, but comprising every article in the Trade.

The Melbourne Eating House AND COFFEE ROOMS.

ALL KINDS OF REFRESHMENTS ON HAND.

ORDERS punctually attended to on the shortest notice, and on the most liberal terms. N. B.—Board and Lodging, and good accommodation. An Ordinary every day at 1 o'clock.

JAMES KINGABY, Opposite the Gaol, Lower George-street, Sydney, 17th March, 1838.

LIME KILNS.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the Public, that he has commenced Business in an extensive way, for supplying the Public with LIME of the best quality, which will be sold on the cheapest scale. Orders taken in at the residence of the undersigned, at the "Captain Piper" Public-house, corner of Erskine and Sussex-streets.

JOHN ANDERSON.
Sydney, February 23rd, 1838.

SERAPHINE FOR SALE.

A VERY superior fine-toned SERAPHINE, in a neat case, with a handsome silk curtain. The Instrument is of full compass, and is worthy attention from its answering to the touch as quickly as an Organ (a particular in which Seraphines are usually deficient), and its great power of tone—price moderate. For further particulars apply to Mr. J. Johnson, Professor of Music, next to the Commercial Bank.

IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.

FINE DERWENT POTATOES, ON SALE BY THE BAG OR TON,

AT
J. M. Hildge's
Grocery Store, George-street,
OPPOSITE THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.
22nd March, 1838.

TO PUBLICANS.

On Sale at the Stores of the Undersigned, RED PORT WINE, in Pipes, Hogsheads, and Quarter Casks, at Four Shillings per Gallon.

H. & C. WALTON & CO.
92, George-street, Sydney.

LAMPS.

JUST RECEIVED, EX "SIAM" & "EARL OF HAREWOOD,"

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT, consisting of
Table and Bracket Lamps
Hall and Hanging ditto
Grecian, with rich cut glass dishes
Reading and Boat ditto
Pulpit Screens and Chamber ditto
Plain and Cut Shades

ON SALE AT
JOHN COHEN & CO.'S,
63, George-street, opposite the Market-place.

On Sale at the Stores of the Undersigned, per Siam, Earl of Harewood, Upton Castle, &c.

CABINET and Square Pianos, with metallic plates, and every other modern improvement.
Invoice of Musical Instruments
Invoice of Music—latest publications
Port Wine—hogsheads, quarter-casks and three dozen cases
Glue of a superior quality
Slops—a general assortment
Hamburg Pork
Invoice of Toys, Umbrellas, Corks, Furs, Hats, Watch Implements, Cutlery, Saws and Spades
Saddlery, Broad Cloths, and Hosiery.
Ironmongery—a general assortment
Patent wheel Ploughs
Vicker's patent Chaff Machines
Invoice of furniture, of very superior quality
Best German Steel, in bars.

H. & C. WALTON & CO.
92, Lower George-street.

Royal Victoria Theatre, PITT-STREET.



THE Public is most respectfully informed that this Theatre being ready for the reception of the Public, the Season will commence on

MONDAY EVENING NEXT.

It is almost unnecessary to announce, that the whole of the Scenery, Machinery, Dresses, and Decorations, are entirely new, and of the very best and most costly description. The Establishment already consists of the following persons, forming the various Departments—which will be increased whenever opportunity offers:—

Dramatis Personæ.
Mr. MORTON, from the Hobart Town Theatre
Mr. ARABIN, from the Hobart Town Theatre
Mr. LANE
Mr. HOLLIS (H. T. T.)
Mr. SMITH
Mr. SPENCER
Mr. SIMES
Mr. GROVE
Mr. ATWOOD (H. T. T.)
Mr. FALCHON
Mr. HARVEY
Mr. COLLINS
Miss WINSTANLEY
Mrs. ARABIN (H. T. T.)
Mrs. MURRAY
Mrs. GROVE
Mrs. HOLLIS
Miss STEPHENS
Mrs. HORTON
Mrs. SIMES
Juveniles—Masters ELIAS & SIMES; MISS POWER & GRAY.

Orchestra Leader, Mr. Deane. Principal Flute, Mr. Wallace.

4 Violins, 2 Tenors, 1 Violoncello, 1 Double Bass, 2 Clarionets, 2 Flutes, 2 French Horns, 1 Trumpet, 1 Bassoon, 1 Serpent, 1 Drum.

Messrs. BENHAM & BUNCE, to whom will be added, and already on his way from Hobart Town, Mr. BELMOUR, Machinist of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

Scene Painters.
Mr. SHRIDDS, Assistant, Mr. WINSTANLEY.

Dresses and Costumes.—Mrs. SIMES and Assistants.

The Proprietor, in forming the above Departments, has spared neither trouble nor expense, for wherever talent is, he is determined to obtain it, if possible. In conclusion, he most respectfully solicits the inspection of the Public, and their kind support and patronage, which it will ever be his study to merit.

On Monday, March 26, 1838,
The Performances will commence with SHAKESPEARE'S admired Tragedy (in 5 Acts) entitled

OTHELLO.

Duke of Venice.....Mr. Collins
Lodovico.....Mr. Morton
Rodrigo.....Mr. Simes
Othello.....Mr. Arabin (H. T. T.)
Iago.....Mr. Spencer
Montano.....Mr. Falchon
Gratiano.....Mr. Atwood
Julio.....Mr. Hollis
Paulo.....Mr. Gages
Marco.....Mr. Powell
Giovanni.....Mr. Dalton
Desdemona.....Miss Winstanley
Emilia.....Mrs. Arabin

Mr. FALCHON, from the Hobart Town Theatre, will sing the admired and popular Song of

Paddy's Wedding.

The Evening's Entertainments to conclude with (for the first time in this Colony) the laughable Farce, in one Act, called

THE MIDDY ASHORE;

OR,
A Spree upon Land.

Harry Halcion (the Middy Ashore) with Songs.....Mrs. Murray (H. T. T.)
Lieut. Morton, H. M. S. Orion.....Mr. Arabin
"Tom Cringle, Boson of the "Billy Ruffin".....Mr. Falchon
Lumberjack, a Legal Adviser.....Mr. Collins
Mr. Townish, a Pop.....Mr. Spencer
Stubbs, a Constable.....Mr. Hollis
Lady Starlington.....Mrs. Arabin
Emily, her Niece.....Miss Winstanley
Anne, her Maid.....Mrs. Grove

Previous to the rise of the Curtain, an Appropriate Address,

BY MR. SPENCER.

Vivat Regina. J. WYATT, Proprietor.

The Doors will open at half-past 6. and Performance commences at 7 precisely.
Dress Boxes, 5s.; Upper Boxes, 4s.; Pit, 2s.; Gallery, 1s.

Dress Boxes, half-price 2s. 6d.; Upper Boxes, half-price 2s.; Pit, half-price 1s.; Gallery, no half-price.

Nights of performance, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Boxes for the Night or Season, to be taken at the Box Office from 9 till 11 o'clock daily. To prevent disappointment, no Box will be kept unless paid for when taken at the Office, where a Plan and Prices of the Boxes may be seen. Children in arms not admitted.

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Dramatic Profession, and Others connected with the business of the Stage.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Mr. JOSEPH WYATT, the Proprietor of the New Theatre Royal, Pitt-street, will be in attendance in the Green Room of that Establishment from 10 till 4 daily, for the purpose of entering into Engagements, and making the necessary arrangements for the opening of the Theatre on Monday, the 26th instant, where all persons desirous of Engagements will please to attend.
JOSEPH WYATT, Proprietor.

Theatre Royal, Sydney.



THIS DAY, SATURDAY, March 24th, 1838, will be performed, the favorite Farce in two acts, of the

LADY AND THE DEVIL.

AFTER WHICH,
A Favourite Song, by Mrs. Clarke.

To conclude with, by particular desire, the Favourite Comedy, in three Acts, called

MARRIED LIFE.

For Characters see Bills of the day.

J LAZAR, Manager.
Vivat Regina.



AT UTHER'S OLD ESTABLISHED COLONIAL AND LONDON HAT WAREHOUSE, 87, PITT-STREET.

JUST ARRIVED, from a best London House, twenty cases of the BEST HATS ever imported to the Colony, and will be sold FAR CHEAPER than at any other House in Town, consisting of—

Best quality very narrow fashionable Brims Ditto 2 1/2 inch Brims
Very light superior Drab and Black 3 and 3 1/2 Brims

Superior quality Infant's and Children's White and Blue Hats, with handsome Feathers, only 15s each.

ALSO,
LAMBS' WOOL HATS.

Made entirely from the FINEST LAMB'S WOOL, produced in the Colony, with LOW and HIGH CROWNS, BROAD and NARROW BRIMS, to suit the taste of every person. These Hats, made from the Wool of the Colony, have received the strongest recommendation by every Gentleman through the Territory, preferring them to all others, on account of their lightness and extreme durability, as they actually improve after being eighteen months in the bush.

Persons sending from the Country, will please to mention the height of crown, breadth of brim, and number of inches round the head, and their orders will be strictly attended to.

A very great improvement is now made in the manufacture of middling quality BEAVER HATS, which are cheaper and far better than the inferior exportation Hats, usually sent for sale to this Colony. These Hats are particularly recommended to up-country Storekeepers, being very suitable for country trade. Orders sent for one dozen will be packed free of charge.

No Connection with any other House in the Colony.

HENRY DELION, Hair Dresser, Peruke Maker, & Perfumer, George-street.

BEGS to acquaint his Friends and the Public in general, that he has Removed his Establishment to the late offices, of Mr. C. H. Chambers, next door to Mr. Grose's Store, and one door but one from his late residence; and has also the pleasure of informing them that he has now Private Apartments for those Ladies and Gentlemen who are disposed to wait on him at his Establishment to have their heads dressed.

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

From Port Phillip, on Wednesday last, having sailed from that place the 17th instant, the schooner Sarah, William Winkworth master, 28 tons, 28 bales wool. Passengers, Cabin, Lieut. Hawkins, 80th Regiment, Miss Bradford, Master Bradford, Mr. J. Brown. Steerage, James Wetherstone, Thomas McGraft, 1 soldier, 1 constable, and 6 prisoners of the crown.

From Newcastle, on Thursday, the steamer King William IV. From Port Macquarie, same day, the steamer William the Fourth. From Newcastle yesterday evening, the Midlothian, Morrison master, laden with wool for London. Reports having seen a cutter on shore, ten miles to the Northward of Newcastle.

DEPARTURES.

For New Zealand, on Wednesday, the barque Patriot. For Newcastle, on Thursday, the steamers Sophia Jane and Temar. For Newcastle, yesterday, the steamer King William IV.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

The Marion Watson for Hobart Town, Lady Rogers for Sperm Fishery, to-morrow; Hind for South Australia, and William Harris for London, the 27th instant.

By late arrivals from Port Phillip, we learn that the cutter Child Harold of eight tons burthen, was piratically seized upon in Geelong Harbour, on the 16th instant, by six armed bush-rangers; they immediately got under weigh. Upon information being received at head quarters, the Ranger, revenue cutter, Captain Scott, went in pursuit, and it was supposed they would be captured before they could get to sea.

The Sir William Wallace cleared out yesterday for the sperm fishery.

The James Stewart, Dougherty, having completed the discharge of her oil, is refitting in the stream for the whale fishery.

The brig Black Gull proceeds to Hobart Town when her discharge is completed.

The Stirlingshire, Scollay, is taking in wool for London, at Walker & Co's wharf; Aspinall, Brown & Co. agents.

The Packington sails in the course of next week for the fisheries.

The Marion Watson sails for Hobart Town tomorrow.

The following vessels are laid on for Sydney. The Ferguson, Kimear, Captain Cook, Duchess of Northumberland, Ellen, Orontes, and Jane. The Canton, Goshawk, and Truist, for South Australia.

The wool brought by the Sarah from Port Phillip, is the first imported into this Colony from that settlement.

The Brilliant completes her cargo in the Cove.

The Sir David Ogilby, which sails in a few days for the Friendly Islands, affords an excellent opportunity for any one wishing to visit the Islands to the Eastward.

There are at present in the harbour of Port Jackson, 5 ships, 11 brigs, 6 barques, 6 schooners, 1 cutter, 1 steam ship, and a 36-gun frigate, besides what is designated the mosquito fleet.

SYDNEY MARKETS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1838.—There was a very fine supply of vegetables this morning and the prices moderate. A supply of very fine Van Diemen's Land potatoes have arrived since our last market publication, but it caused no alteration in the price of that article. We recommend private families to purchase of those who advertise them for sale, and not of the marketmen, or they will pay full five and twenty per cent. more for this article. Fruits in season are very fine, we saw a pear yesterday weighing 2lbs. 8oz. The price is maintained. Poultry at a high figure, and such it will continue unless forestalling which unblushingly stalks abroad is put down. Dairy produce is slightly on the decline which ought to have been the case a month ago, in consequence of the fine refreshing rains. Butcher's meat, sheep and cattle are firm at our last, and no alteration need be anticipated.

GRAINS.—Wheat (Colonial, best samples) 6s. per bushel; ditto, ditto, Hobart Town 7s. 6d. to 8s.; Launceston ditto 7s. to 7s. 6d. ditto; maize 3s. 6d. to 4s. ditto; oats, 3s. to 3s. 9d. ditto; barley, 3s. 9d. ditto.

FRUITS.—Apples, 6d. to 3s. per dozen; pears, 6d. to 6s. ditto; peaches, 4d. to 6d. ditto; grapes 1d. to 8d. and 1s. per lb.; water melons 6d. to 1s. each; rock ditto 6d. to 1s. ditto; figs 6d. to 1s. per dozen; lemons 4d. to 1s. 2d.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes 8s. 10s. 12s. and 14s. per cwt.; cabbage 1d. to 6d. each; brocoli 3d. to 8d. ditto; red cabbage 4d. to 6d. ditto; turnips 4d. per bunch; carrots 4d. ditto; radish 1d. ditto; Spanish ditto 1 1/2d. and 2d. ditto; onions 1d. ditto; garlic 6d. ditto; rhubarb 6d. ditto; French beans 1s. 6d. per peck; vegetable marrow 6d. each; Lettuce 1 1/2d. to 2d. each; tomatoes 6d. per dozen; chilies 8d. to 10d. per quart; spinach 6d. per dish.

Ships in Harbour.

Table with columns: NAME, VESSEL, TON, MASTER, AGENTS, REMARKS. Lists various ships like Achilles, Alexander Henry, Argo, Benecola, Bee, Blenheim, Black Joke, Brillant, Caroline, Clarkstone, Cockernouth Castle, Denmark Hill, Duchess of Kent, Emma Eugenia, Fame, Hind, Henry Freeling, James Laing, Jessie, James Stuart, Joshua Carroll, Lady Howena, H. F. M. S. L'Herois, Minerva, Midlothian, Nimrod, Peter Proctor, Pilot, Pockington, Proteus, Rossalie, Sarah, Shylcock, Spartan, Scamander, Sir William Wallace, Stirlingshire, Superb, Sir David Ogilby, Tamara, Upton Castle, Vetic, William Harris, William.

POULTRY.—Fowls 3s. 6d. to 4s. per couple; ducks 4s. to 4s. 6d. ditto; geese 5s. to 10s. 6d. ditto; turkeys 20s. ditto; pigeons 2s. ditto. DAIRY PRODUCE.—Fresh butter 1s. 9d. to 2s. per lb.; salt ditto 1s. to 1s. 6d. ditto; cheese 8d. to 1s. ditto; ham 1s. ditto; bacon 1s. 3d. ditto; lard 1s. ditto; eggs 1s. 9d. to 2s. per dozen. BUTCHER'S MEAT.—Beef per joint per lb. 4d. to 4 1/2d.; per quarter 3d. to 3 1/2d. ditto; mutton 3 1/2d. to 4 1/2d. ditto; per carcass 3d. ditto; veal 9d. ditto; pork 9d. ditto; salt beef 4 1/2d. ditto; ditto pork 9d. ditto; roasting pigs 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. each.

Freights.

To London and Liverpool...Wool 1 1/2d. per lb Bull, oil measure, £4. 10s. to £4. 15s. per Ton; Timber, £3. 10s. to £4 per Load; Flax £6 per Ton. To Hobart Town and Launceston £1 5s. to £1 13s. per Ton. To Swan River £1 10s. to £2 per Ton. To New Zealand and South Sea Islands £2 to £2 10s. per Tun.

Rates of Insurance.

London and Liverpool...2 1/2 to 3 per Cent. Hobart Town...1 per Cent. Launceston...1 1/2 ditto Swan River...4 ditto New Zealand...1 1/2 ditto South Sea Islands...2 ditto

Commercial Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1838. "Knowledge is power." Lord Bacon.

FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

This institution is invaluable in any country, more especially so in a rapidly rising and peculiarly constituted Colony like New South Wales. But if abused, it is attended with a curse, rather than a benefit to those for whose protection and support it was peculiarly instituted. We are led to these reflections, by having within these few days witnessed some specimens of the working of this system, which we do not consider creditable to those who manage the institution. One is the case of a girl named Ann Gatch or Gudge, who had been apprenticed to a Mrs. Madlox, of Pitt-street. The infant, for she was nothing else, of the tender age of nine years, complained of ill-treatment from the mother-in-law of her mistress, and the Bench said they would enquire into it. This is not the subject we intend canvassing at present.

Royal Victoria Theatre.

The Royal Victoria Theatre opens on Monday evening. The building with the internal arrangements and fittings are such as to reflect the highest credit upon the spirited Proprietor, Mr. Wyatt. Every accommodation that can be provided has been put into requisition. The Theatre will open with Shakespeare's Tragedy of "Othello." We think the selection very judicious. Whoever has the selection of pieces should have remembered the fearful competition which the Othello of this night has to contend against. He could not or should not have forgotten that Othello has been played by Messrs. Simmons, Knowles, Lazar and Spencer, and Desdemona by Miss Douglas, the best actress who ever acted in the Sydney Theatre, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Howard. The representations are not easily erased, and of course the new Othello and Desdemona of the evening will be tried by that standard, we hope to their advantage; but we still retain our opinion, that if Shakespeare was to be played upon the opening of the Theatre, it should have been a performance never before witnessed in this Colony. Then there would have been no thermometer here by which to have rated their talent. The afterpiece we have no objection to. We will tell Mr. Wyatt one thing which has done more to bring the Drama into contempt in this Colony than any thing else—the bullying and blackguard propensities of some of its members, who exhibit it not only before the scenes, but in the public to the disgust of all who feel an inclination to patronise the Drama. Such men, whose highest ambition is to receive the applause of pot-house critics, have brought the Drama into very considerable contempt: we could quote instances by scores of persons keeping away from the Theatre in consequence of the conduct of all as well as on the boards of some of the dramatic persons. We recommend Mr. Wyatt to keep the whole power in his own hands, that upon the first appearance among his body of any bullying or hectoring, the fellow, whoever he may be, may receive the reward of his ambition, by being kicked down the stairs.

Theatre Royal, George-street.

RATINGS.—The Gazette of Thursday contains a milk and water article upon the Theatre, not one point of which is tenable. We have no difficulty in seeing through the motive. Does not the writer of that article wish a favourite actress of his, together with her husband, to succede from the Theatre Royal, to the Royal Victoria, with something like relief? To receive, also, the very paltry sum of £40, being £20 for each, the penalty in which both they and Mrs. Levey are reciprocally bound? Well, this is capital. He would not only have his favourites to Rat, but have them paid for such disgraceful conduct. The cloven foot has been exhibited in this article, but it has not escaped our detection. What can be more disgraceful and heartless than to recommend those who have been eating the bread of the fatherless and widow to desert at the moment of her utmost need? But we can tell the recalcitrants that do fly, that the lash shall follow them as they run, and that we shall be neither delicate nor gentle in its application; and, further, that they have not the slightest occasion to lay the flattering unction to their souls, that they will grind their own money from the w-d-w as a premium for their own villainy of conduct, but that they will be called upon to pay, to the uttermost farthing, the forfeit of their bond. Now, we would ask these people upon what ground, or what shadow of pretext they have for deserting before the close of the season? 'Tis a question that is unanswerable. The Benefits, which appear gall and wormwood to the very "judicious critic" of the Gazette, are shortly to commence; they are so, and very properly too. Is not Mrs. Levey, as well as Mr. Wyatt, to employ her servants in a manner that may best answer her own interests? And she, therefore, thinks fit that the Benefits shall commence on Monday week. There is no occasion for the "judicious critic" to attend; they can do without him—and the performers need not apply to the Mendicity Society—for such, it appears, Benefits are now denominated, without his aid, and if he were to attend, that the money to be paid for the Benefits is to support the house during the "fare up" occasion by the opening of the Royal Victoria, is also untenable. In conclusion, "a word to the players." If they do desert their colours, we hope that Mr. Wyatt will not engage them; no faith can be placed in a deserter, nor in him who would deceive and betray the party whose bread he has been eating; and if they do desert in that manner, we hope that they may experience the same treatment. But we have a better opinion of Mr. Wyatt than to suppose he would engage any one whose agreement had not only not been fulfilled, but fulfilled satisfactorily, so that he may know something of the character of the heterogeneous mass that he is obliged to gather around him. We are informed, from unquestionable sources, that a certain black guard, belonging to Mrs. Levey's company, had the impudence, knowing that his agreement was not fulfilled, to offer his services to Mr. W. at the moderate rate of four guineas per week, but that Mr. W. was so indignant at the impudence of such a proposition that he ordered the fellow out of the Theatre; pity he did not order him to be kicked out, for we can tell Mr. W. that the fellow would not have been a company with twice the virtues of that he has retained. Whoever does not unreluctingly pursue, until, at their Benefits, they will find that the Public have a proper sense of their conduct, in deserting the fatherless and the widow before the expiration of their agreement. The allusion, that Mr. Lazar is playing into the hands of Mr. Wyatt is too contemptible for an answer. Such conduct, if proved, would set Mr. Lazar's theatrical career for ever in this Colony.

On Wednesday night a man named Cornelius Carey, a cooper, employed at Mr. Matthews', Barrack Lane, went into the house of Ayton, (Crispin Arms) in Clarence-street, at which time he had a £10 note in his waistcoat pocket. He had some liquor to drink, soon became intoxicated, and laying his head upon the table, fell asleep. During his slumbers, some light fingered customer or other drew forth the £10 note, and introduced it in place of a piece of paper; upon awaking he stated the circumstance to the landlord, but could learn nothing of the note. He applied to the Bench on Thursday how to act in this case, when, as he stated he should know to the note again, he was recommended to go to the banks and stop it, if not paid; if so, perhaps he might obtain some information of the person who had cashed it. Carey said that he had every reason to suppose the liquor he drank in the house of Ayton was "hosed," as it is called, or, in other words, that a powerful soporific had been mixed with it.

On Thursday Mary Davis and David Gidney, were fully committed to take their trials, for receiving a part of the £300, in Commercial Bank notes, stolen from the post-boy, between Queanbeyan and Maneroo, knowing them to have been feloniously stolen.

Theatre Royal, George-street.

The smart cutter Ariel, which won the sailing boat prize of the Silver Cup in the late Regatta, is the property of Mr. Pilot Wealand. This "clipper," and such she has proved herself, is a splendid model, having been built after the plan of one of the fastest sailing boats on the River Thames. She is well found in every particular, and being in the market, will, we should think, not be long finding a purchaser more especially after she has so fully proved her sailing qualities.

Merchant Seamen Again.

Captain Orlando Bull of the barque Spartan, brought before the Police on Saturday two of his seamen, named William Kenny and William Griffith, who had signed articles in London to proceed to New South Wales, and return to her port of discharge, touching at any immediate ports. They had each absconded for the 29 days last past. Kenny he had found on board the Elizabeth schooner, and the master of that vessel de-murred when called upon to deliver him up, but upon the production of a warrant he allowed him to be taken away. The man Griffith, during the time of his desertion, had been employed on board the Temar, steam boat, earning wages. The Bench wished to know if Captain Bull treated the absence of the men as a desertion. Captain B. replied, "Yes, a total desertion; when they signed articles it was fully explained to them that forty-eight hours absence would be considered total desertion." The Bench, upon looking at the information, discovered that they were charged with absconding, not desertion, and therefore they could not punish them for the latter offence. [Oh! this law, this law!] Captain Bull replied, that when he made his affidavit, he was asked for a warrant issued forty-eight hours had elapsed, but he was not permitted to have the word "desertion" inserted in his affidavit. The Bench were troubled with a convenient deafness at this remark, which is sometimes the case, and only replied, they could not punish them for desertion, but absconding. The men were then each sentenced to forfeit fifty-eight days pay to the owners, being two days pay for each day they had been absent, and also pay the costs.—This is a mere farce and mockery of justice; if the information was faulty through the ignorance of the Clerk who drew it, surely it might have been amended.—Peel's Act permitting such amendments in the higher Courts, of a grave and important nature. Now, will any man who lays claim to a portion of common sense, attempt to argue, that these men were adequately punished; we say no, fearless of contradiction. Had these men been what is technically called a "Free hired Servant," and they had absented themselves, or deserted—for we hold it to be one and the same offence—for half an hour, without leave first had and obtained of their employer, they would in all probability have been sent to the treadmill for three months. Merchant seamen, and free hired servants, by analogy, are upon the same footing; they are both under a master's special contract, and both are under the two Acts of Colonial legislation under which these two bodies are amenable, it would appear as though the Legislators had a horror of their dinners being spoiled or delayed, or that their own personal comfort should be in any way intruded on; while the masters of "the bulwarks of old England" are left to shift for themselves, so far as efficient punishment is concerned. A hired servant, who on any day sent to the treadmill for a month for bringing a fish to his master's table with the scales on. The next day, seamen abscond from their vessel, leaving the captain to get his cargo on board, which he is doing with all expedition to save a heavy demurrage, as he best may, and for such absconding they are simply mulcted two days pay for every one who has been absent. We protest against such an inequality in our Colonial enactments, and call upon our Legislators to expunge such anomalies from our Statute Book. We shall not sit calmly by and witness the loss and annoyance sustained by the shipping interest of this port, upon which the prosperity of the Colony mainly depends, without again and again calling for an amended Act.

On Monday night, Mr. Kelk, of the "Union," corner of Clarendon and King-streets, went to bed about eleven o'clock, placing his trousers, containing 11s. 6d., at the bed foot. He awoke some time afterwards, and found the trousers had been removed. The assigned woman-servant was standing at the entrance of the room, and she said she had moved her mistress's dress, she said no—her mistress had been in the room. Upon Mrs. Kelk being questioned as to the truth of the statement, she denied that she had entered the room. The woman, whose name is Boxall, was then searched, but nothing found upon her. A constable was sent for, when Boxall said, "Don't be in such a hurry, let us see if the money is among the clothes;" she went to her room, she introduced her hand among the clothes at the foot, and drew forth the money, wrapped up in paper, as it had been originally put by Mr. Kelk into his pocket. Upon the arrival of the constable, she was given in charge.

The winter is approaching, and the constables' teeth have obtained a keener edge at the prospect. Their anxiety for rain is astonishing, not because they care one straw for the prosperity of the Colony, but because they reckon upon rapping a rich harvest from few-comers, and others, who are ignorant that there is no such enactment compelling them to fix gutters and piping to their houses, under a heavy penalty. We wish all those who were previously ignorant of this fact, to be cautious in not neglecting it, and to provide against the necessity of filling the pockets of these men, by complying with the terms of the Act.

A Hired Servant.

On Wednesday, at the End Factory, Botany Road, brought before the Bench his hired servant, William Longson. Mr. J. stated that the prisoner was hired to him as a spinner; he was a good workman, and could earn for him a guinea a day, but he was constantly in the habit of absenting himself, going to public houses, and boasting that his master did not dare send him to jail, or he would very soon have to follow himself. He had forgiven him this offence often times, and could no longer put up with such treatment; he was determined he should be punished. He had engaged another man to fill his place, but certainly not so expert a workman. Prisoner had nothing to say. The Bench, after commenting upon the kindness of his master in so repeatedly forgiving him, sentenced him to the treadmill for a month, with this remark, that, when he came out, if he again neglected his duty, and was brought before them, he would receive the full penalty of his offence, viz. six months imprisonment. The man, Longson, appeared to think that he should be able to escape the agreement he had entered into with Mr. Johnson. He is, however, egregiously mistaken. The agreement ceases not until he shall have served the full time for which he shall have bound himself, including, also, every day that he is undergoing punishment for his time agreement. That is not included in his time of agreement. The same rule applies also to apprentices.

The streets of Sydney have, without doubt, undergone very considerable improvements during the last two years, yet, strange to say, a portion of one of the principal streets has been entirely overlooked. We allude to that portion of Market-street, extending from George-street to the Race Course, which is in a state of complete dilapidation. We call Mr. Felton Matthews' attention to this circumstance.

An Abstract of the Staple Articles the Produce of the Colony, exported in the year ended 5th January, 1838, as compared with the year ended 5th January, 1837.

Table with columns: Description of Articles, Year ended 5th Jan. 1837, Year ended 5th Jan. 1838. Rows include Bark, Butter and Cheese, Coal, Cattle, Flour and Biscuit, Hides, Horses and BONES, Iron, Provisions, Sheep, Soap, Treenails, Tobacco, Wool.

The following are the Produce of the adjacent Islands and South Seas.

Table with columns: Description of Articles, Year ended 5th Jan. 1837, Year ended 5th Jan. 1838. Rows include Wax, Oil, Black Whale, Spermin, Seal Skins, Tortoise and Pearl Shell.

Grand total Imports for 1836 and 1837.

Grand total Imports for 1836 - £1,237,406. Grand total Imports for 1837 - £1,182,222.

REMARKS.—The decrease in the year 1837, as compared with the preceding, arose from a less quantity of wheat, rurn, tobacco, and wine being imported.

That very lucky gentleman, Ryan Brennan, Esq., has been it is said, appointed

Magistrate of the Third Police District, which will shortly become vacant by the resignation of Adolphus William Young, Esq., whose retirement will be a cause of regret to those who have to attend the Police Office with complaints against assigned servants, which department was peculiarly Mr. Young's. Mr. Brennan is a very lucky gentleman, no doubt, but too "modest," much too "modest" for to fill the situation of Third Police Magistrate. The situation of Magistrate and Third Police Magistrate, combined with private practice as an Attorney and Solicitor, are very snug things, and Mr. Brennan is in luck to represent them in his own person, but we are well aware that it was Mr. Brennan's modesty, and that alone which induced him to represent himself qualified for the situation. Modesty after all is a valuable commodity sometimes.

The bustling gentry who "got up" the St. Patrick's Hall and Supper, will make their appearance at the next sittings of the "little go."

It appears that Mr. Wood, the lump contractor of King-street, was applied to by the committee for the purpose of providing the required illuminations. Mr. W. had a plan delineated at some expense, and prepared one thousand lamps for the devices required, when the committee discovered that somebody else had offered to illuminate at a few pence per dozen less. Drawing off from their agreement with Mr. Wood, the man was engaged. Mr. Wood, very naturally for the expense he had been put to on his bill for five guineas, and a very moderate sum too, considering the trouble he had been put to. The committee, still holding with the bustling principle, offered two guineas, which Mr. W. very properly refused, and intends directing the claim before the Commissioner of the Court of Requests, who, strange to say, will be one of the parties. No wonder that the press was excluded. These bustling gentry would endeavour to hide their petting tricks behind the curtain, but all their attempts are vain when we feel an inclination to drag them to light. We should very much like to know whether His Excellency, Sir George Gipps, patronises the exclusion of the press upon such occasions. His opinion, out of courtesy, should at all events be taken.

It is quite refreshing to see the manner in which the parties are frequently baited, when placed at the bar of the P. O.

The change having been given, they are asked if they have any questions to put; should it be a status of a fellow, he commences telling a tale, when the chief brings him up all standing with, "have you any questions to ask?" Still rolls on the tale. "If you interrupt the Court, I shall send you to jail." The tale still progresses. "Sir I will keep you to the cells for ever," escapes between a billow of foam, hanging on the neck of the cool, and impartial judge, when the unfortunate fellow comes to a stand still; and when called upon for a defence, has not a word to offer.

The Colonel, with the high pressure on, thus delivered himself at the Police Office on Thursday morning.

"Every thing I order must be attended to, by every one in this office." We question it Colonel, you will get yourself laughed at for your petulance.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—On Sunday an inquest was held at the Daniel O'Connell, George-street, upon the body of Richard Hughes, an English man, who had been for some time an inmate of the Benevolent Asylum. He deceased dropped dead suddenly the previous day, from the effects of a paralytic stroke. The Jury returned a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God."

The Colonial Storekeeper's Department will in future merge into that of the Ordnance—orders having been brought out by His Excellency to that effect.

On Wednesday a man was taken into custody by Mr. Inspector Hoyle, having in his possession a carpenter's plough, which proved to have been taken from one of the houses of the late Mr. S. Terry, in Pitt-street. The offence of stealing tools has become very prevalent of late.

On Tuesday night, some wag, with more money than brains, hired the Town Bellman, and sent him round the various streets of Sydney, informing the inhabitants, that if they gave credit to the Printers, or others, of the "Sydney Gazette" or "Sydney Herald" Newspapers, they would not be paid. This is one way of keeping a person out of debt, truly. It was however a very lucky circumstance for the unfortunate Bellman that none of the "Devils" of either establishments were at hand, or he would very likely have found himself undergoing the tortures of the infernal regions.

"This girl was fourteen, when I had her apprentice," said a witness at the P. O. on Thursday; "I have had her two years, and now she is but twelve."

EMBEZZLEMENT.—On Thursday, the hired servant of Mr. Andrews, baker, named James Mackey, was sent by his master to collect some debts; among the rest, he received 10s from a person named Rogers, but gave no account of it. He absconded, and when told by his master that if he returned, and be more steady at his work, he would overlook his offence, he refused, and was given into custody. Committed.

On Wednesday, two men, Jones and Ship-pard, were each sent to an ironed gang for nine months, for catching 4s. 6d. worth of cabbage plants from the garden of D. Chambers, Esq.

David Coghlin and Peter Snodgrass, Esquires, have been appointed Commissioners of Crown Lands by His Excellency the Governor, for the district of Port Phillip.

On Tuesday last, the house of J. Davidson, Esq., Clarendon street, was robbed of a silver watch, makers name Thomas Greenwood, of London, No. 1509.

The Government Village Reserve, at the Junction of the Parramatta and Liverpool Roads, has been Surveyed and laid out for purchasers. It has been named "Ashfield."

THE MILITARY.—On Thursday evening a person named William James McKenzie, passing the main guard in company with a friend, was hailed by some soldiers sitting upon the steps with "holloa there!" Mr. McKenzie turned round and asked them if they addressed themselves to him? they replied "no, to the other foul that's walking with you." Mr. McKenzie told them if they were not where they were, he would make them remember the observation, upon which half a dozen of the gallant 28th Regiment, pounced upon him and put him in the guard-house, from whence he was marched to the watch-house. But these gallant men did not dare face him there he was discharged. We will just hint to the military that the inhabitants of a town numbering twenty thousand, are not to be annoyed and insulted by a handful of soldiers, thinking themselves very courageous no doubt, flourishing through the streets with drawn bayonets in a state of intoxication, as may be witnessed every night. More blame to their officers for permitting it.

On Wednesday last, Mr Polack sold by Auction, at Parramatta, the cattle belonging to Sir Richard Bourke, which fetched the following prices:—

Table with columns: Description of Cattle, Price. Rows include 10 Heifers to Mr Barker, 20 Steers to Mr Byrnes, 20 Heifers to Do., 22 Steers to Mr Samuel, 2 Cows to Mr Barker, 2 Cows & 1 calf to Mr Gold, 2 Cows to Mr Barker, 2 Do. to Mr. do., 2 Do. to Mr. do., 2 Cows to Mr Brown, 2 Do. to Mr Barker, 2 Do. & calf to Mr Byrnes, 2 Do. to Mr. do., 1 Do. to Mr Barker, 1 Do. to Mr. do., 1 Do. to Mr. do., 1 Bull to Mr Brown, 2 Cows & 1 calf to Mr Baker, 7 Cows and 21 calves to Do., 8 Working bullocks to Mr Byrnes, 9 Wethers to Mr Brown, 111 Do. to Mr. Esam, 1 Bull to Mr. Samuel, 1 Pig to Montgomerie, 4 Ditto, Lyons, 3, 1 Bay Gelding, Rutledge, 1 Mare and filly, Brown, 1 Mare, &c. to ditto.

Police Incidents.

Quart Pot, McGill, and Rober, a trio that would have looked well in a reel, and who had found their way from Brisbane Water, feeling an interest in the trial, Faunce v. Cavenagh, were charged with having been found lying in a heap at a corner of one of the streets. The charity who espied them, at the first glance took them for three sticks of charred swamp oak; but, upon closer inspection—a microscopic view—they proved the species called aborigines.

Bench—So, Quart Pot, you have taken to drinking?

Quart Pot—Only little bit, mass; no have one pint bull.

Bench—Ah! I see—a pint in a quart pot—ahem! Well, McGill, what have you to say?

McGill—Murry fine trial, massa. Gentleman wear wig like it sheep skin, all white like flour. Roll up in oppossium skin cloak all like black fellow.

Bench—That couldn't make you drunk (aside—although it has turned the heads of many wiser men)—ahem! Rober, were you drunk?

Rober—Me one prince fellow, a carbone fellow, massa. I show you my ginn, massa, you let me go.

Bench—Not prepossessing enough for me, McGill, you go to the stocks for three hours; Quart Pot and Rober for one hour each.

The trio moved out of the dock, not exactly understanding the sentence, and Rober, vowing that he would bring his gin for the satisfaction of his Worship, who gave a gentle shudder at the idea.

To the Editor of the Commercial Journal.

Sydney, March 22, 1838.

Sir,—In the trial yesterday, Simmons and Co. against Smart.—Mr. Lamb stated in his evidence that I had offered to sell the property belonging to the estate of Messrs. Long and Wright, without charge. The charity, in justice to me, might have gone a little farther, and showed on what grounds, and with what motive I thus made a tender of my services, namely, that being a creditor to a very large amount, I naturally felt interested and consequently disposed to use my best exertions, (although at a further sacrifice) for the good of the state, and the benefit of all creditors, considering that the gift of my dividend might be as "graciously" received by them as myself.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, A. POLACK.

"QUACK, QUACK, QUACK"—William Ellard was charged with having stolen a Muscovy duck. On Monday he was found upon the premises of Mr. Smith, boot and shoemaker, Lower George-street, he was arrested in the act of carrying under which something was apparently concealed. He was called upon to exhibit what it was, but he refused; an attempt was then made to seize him, but he was too agile, and whirled round in circles, darted into corners, and performed somersets that completely wearied the charity, who sat down in despair. When Ellard had exhausted his strength, he also sat down and had a grinning match with the charity for the space of five minutes, but the guardian of the peace never recovering his footing, made the man Ellard unbutton, when out fell from beneath his jacket a dead Muscovy duck. Duck was produced half plucked and breathing forth a high odour. Ellard alleged that a few love passages had taken place between him and Mr. Smith's assigned female servant named Ann Battersfield, who made him a present of the duck, as he was, massa. I've thought, as she said, "I am milled upon by the duck, which belonged to Mr. Cleave, a neighbour, had walked into the kitchen, exclaiming "Quack, quack, quack," thinking this a libel on the medical profession, she caught him an awkward blow on the side of the head with the kitchen poker, and the unfortunate bird having turned upon its back gave one kick and died. Fearing that something might arise out of this, she gave it to Ellard, who was committed for the same. We will just ex post facto hint to the Crown Prosecutor, Mr. Holden, that when he is drawing the information against this man, he must mind what he is about. Only a short time since a man was tried in one of the midland counties of England for stealing a sheep; upon the trial it appeared that the sheep was dead when stolen. The learned Judge ruled, that a dead mutton was not a sheep, and the man was acquitted. So here, without care, if the man is tried for stealing a Muscovy duck, he must be acquitted, a dead Muscovy duck, by a fiction of law, being no Muscovy duck.