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She will continue as a regular Trader to the Hunter, if encouragement is given, which it is to be hoped will be the case, as a vessel of her description, tendered, as at the service of all on the River, is so much required. For further particulars, apply to

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Hyndes' Wharf, July 2, 1838.

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THE fine fast-sailing Barque **CECILIA**,
247 Tons, built in 1832, stands first class at Lloyd's, now discharging her Cargo at the Queen's Wharf, in the prime order. She is well found in Stores, an Inventory of which may be seen, and further particulars ascertained, on application to
COOPER & HOLT,
George-street.

Waterloo Warehouse, }
21st July, 1838. }

In the Estate of Wm. Hodges, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Probate of the last Will and Testament of William Hodges, late of Sydney, deceased, having been granted to Harriet Hodges, his Widow, and Edward Ryan, and William Birch, the Executors and Executors therein named; persons having any Claim or Demand on the said Estate, are requested to leave particulars in the Office of the undersigned.

D. POOLE, Proctor.

George-street, Sydney, }
July 12, 1838. }

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NOTICE is hereby given, that from and after the 1st Proximo, Interest will be charged and allowed at the following rates until further Notice.

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not more than 100 days... 10 per Cent.
more than 100 days... 12 per Cent.

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On Current Accounts, on the daily balance..... 4 per Cent.
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No partial payment will be made on any Deposit Receipt, and it is requested that previous notice be given to the Manager, of any Deposit exceeding Two Thousand Pounds.

CHARLES FALCONER, MANAGER.

Sydney, June 27, 1838.

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IN returning his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal encouragement received by an impartial Public, assures all, that the same attention which has hitherto given universal satisfaction both in the execution of Orders entrusted to his care, and price, will ever be pursued by him—despising the practices of men, who, from envy alone, at the ACTUAL success of industrious individuals, impudently and ignorantly resort to the lowest meanness to suit their fraudulent designs, and often ACTUAL moonlight flights—"AN ACTUAL TRUTH."

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To the Proprietors of Shares in the Capital Stock of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—
THE prescribed period for holding the seat lately occupied by me in the direction of your Establishment, (to which you did me the honor of electing me two years since), having expired on the last Annual Election of Directors, I am now again enabled to offer myself to your consideration as a Candidate for re-election at the approaching Anniversary, to be held on Friday, 20th July next.

In soliciting the favour of your votes on the occasion, I have but little claim to urge on my behalf, other than an anxious regard for the prosperity of the Institution, and I flatter myself a punctual attention to the duties of the Office of Director during the short time I had the honour to occupy that station.

I beg leave to subscribe myself, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
W. H. MOORE.

A CARD.

MANHEIM BROWN,
Tailor, Draper, and Hatting,
No. 8, George Street,
OPPOSITE THE COMMERCIAL BANK, SYDNEY.
N. B.—An Apprentice wanted,
1st June, 1838.

To Builders and the Public generally.

MR. HENRY ABRAHAMS begs to inform the Inhabitants of Sydney and its Vicinity, that he has taken the business of the late Mr. John Humphries, as carried on at the "Hilly Blue" Wharf, but has removed the same to the "Soldiers' Point," at the lower end of Erskine-street, where he intends to carry on the business of TIMBERMERCHANT and LIME-BURNER, and having made extensive arrangements for a constant supply of the above articles, he assures the Public they will be supplied with the best materials on the most liberal terms; and trusts he may, by his assiduity to supply the wants of his Customers, engage the liberal patronage his late lamented predecessor so long enjoyed.

Erskine-street, West. }
14th July, 1838. }

Splendid arrival of Pianofortes.

FELLARD begs to announce, that he has opened an additional Ware-room, where a great variety of Pianofortes by the best London makers may be inspected. By their being placed in juxtaposition, the musical world can form a more accurate estimate than heretofore, of the relative merits of the different London makers. Among the great variety of modern improvements in the construction of these Instruments, he begs to call the attention of the public to Wolf's lately invented Pianoforte with patent transverse strings and grand pivot action.

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SPLENDID OIL PAINTINGS,

By MARY ANN.

ON SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT by the Undersigned, a few

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THE Executors of the late F. STEPHEN, Esq., hereby inform the Purchasers of the Brighton Property, that they are now prepared to execute Deeds of Conveyances of the same to them.

A. POLACK, AUCTIONEER.

Sydney, June 12 1838.

TO SOLICITORS, AND THE LAW GENERALLY.

THE Advertiser, now in the colony upwards of six years, (one out of which he has passed in his present employ,) & which he presumes is a guarantee for character as to uniformity, honesty, and sobriety, having served his apprenticeship when in England to the business of a Law Stationer is desirous of meeting with a situation in an office or elsewhere; or would be glad to act as Writer, in the procuring out-work in copying of Abstracts, Briefs, Wills, Mortgages or other Law proceedings, for a small remuneration, and which would be transcribed both with neatness and accuracy.

Any communication, as to the above, addressed to S. N. to the care of the Editor of this paper, will be speedily attended to.

NOTICE.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, under the Patronage and Direction of the Lord Bishop of Australia, will be re-opened on Wednesday, the 11th July.

TERMS:—

First and second years..... £. s. d.
Third and fourth ditto..... 1 10 0 per Qr.
Fifth, sixth, and seventh ditto..... 2 0 0

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ISLE OF FRANCE SUGAR,

OF a very superior description, on Sale by the ton or bag.

A. POLACK.

MEDICAL HALL.

GEORGE-STREET, PARRAMATTA.

MR. LLOYD, Surgeon, Acconcheur, &c. respectfully announces to the Inhabitants of Parramatta and neighbourhood, that he has made arrangements so to be able to supply MEDICINES of the choicest description at the Sydney prices.

ET Bleeding, Cupping, Tooth-drawing, &c. performed at the above establishment.

Prescriptions dispensed with care.

PRESERVES.

A CHOICE Collection of FRENCH FRUITS, of superior quality, preserved in the French style, just arrived, viz.—Strawberries, Red Currants, Raspberries and Cherries, &c.; highly recommended to Families, there being no sugar required, having retained their flavour the same as just gathered, at

M. GILL'S,

Confectioner, George-street.
M. G. has on hand also a quantity of superior English Fruits, Janus and Jellies, &c.

N. B.—Two Apprentices wanted. No premium required.

R. LINCH & CO'S,

FLOUR & CORN WAREHOUSE,
43, PITT-STREET;
CORNER OF BATHURST-STREET,
Opposite the "Edinburgh Castle."

R. L. & CO., beg leave to inform Merchants, Owners and Captains of Vessels, with Families and others, who may favor them with their Orders, that they have laid in a large supply of

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Application to be made to Mr. Fraser, on the Premises.

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T. & M. WOOLLEY have received a case of the above, consisting of Single and Double Barrels, in cases, complete, by King, of Piccadilly; and Mortimer, of Bush Lane.

ALSO,

Pistols, in and out of cases, by the same makers a patent Rifle, by Collier.

76, George-street,
and 4 & 5, King-street,
July 14th, 1838.

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Sheet Lead
English Iron assorted
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Blister, Shear, and Cast Steel
Cooper's and Carpenter's Tools
Chains assorted
Stable and Hay Forks
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Scythe Handles and Furniture
Wheat and Flour Sieves
Hammers and Backbands
Rag and other Stones
Handfiles
Corn and Wheat Mills
Scales, complete, from 3 to 10 cwt.

Weights for ditto
T. & M. WOOLLEY,
July 14th, 1838, 76, George street.



Royal Victoria Theatre,

FITT-STREET.

The Public is most respectfully informed that MR. JOSEPH SIMMONS is engaged at this Theatre, and will make his first appearance on

Thursday Evening, July 26th.

THE Performance will commence with

Shakespeare's Play, entitled

KATHERINE & PETRUCHIO.

Petruchio,.... by Mr. Joseph Simmons.

To be followed with the Melo-Drama, entitled

MABEL'S CURSE.

A Dance,.... by Miss LAZAR.

To conclude with the Laughable Farce, called

Raising the Wind.

Jeremy Diddler.... by Mr. Joseph Simmons.

T. SIMES, Acting Manager.

J. LAZAR, Stage Manager.

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A HOUSE in Goulbourn-street, containing 6 Rooms and a Kitchen, furnished or unfurnished, also a Pump of the purest Water. Apply to THOMAS MELLON, sign of the "Jew's Harp," Brickfield Hill. Terms very moderate to a quiet tenant.

Sydney, 14th July, 1838.

FARM TO LET.

AN excellent FARM of nineteen Acres, situate on the PARRAMATTA & LANE COVE RIVERS, three miles from Sydney, there is a large two-storied HOUSE, detached Kitchens, and extensive Work-shops, good Well of Water, Garden enclosed, and every other requisite. The property will be let on extremely moderate rent, to a respectable person, for a term of three years.

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WM. MOFFITT,
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Extensive Stores to be Let.

WITHIN a few yards of the QUEEN'S WHARF.

Enquire of Mr. John Anderson, "Blue Anchor," Queen's Wharf.

PART OF A STORE TO LET.

THE Undersigned will RENT the spacious CELLAR and two FIRST FLOORS of his newly erected STORE, situate in Queen-street, adjoining Mr. Hirst's.

The upper Store and Loft being used by himself only, the Occupier would seldom be interrupted. The situation is first-rate, being within thirty yards of George-street, and the Store well and substantially built.

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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,

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To Market Gardeners & Others.

TO BE LET, on moderate terms, about TWO ACRES of LAND, at the Surry Hills, adjoining the Premises and Garden of Mr. Waters

ET The very short distance of this Land from Sydney, renders it very desirable to any industrious Man, who understands the above Business.

Apply to W. Jones, Printer, Bridge-street.

Ex ORESTES,

AND ON SALE AT THE STORES OF

MR. E. MANNING, QUEEN'S-PLACE,

FOUR THOUSAND BUSHELS OF SEED OATS

Seven hundred bushels of the most superior Seed Barley

The above samples vegetate rapidly, and can be seen growing at the Warehouse.

ALSO,

One hundred dozen of prime bottled Cider

Five tons best yellow Soap, in boxes of 50lbs to 3 cwt. each

Eighty barrels superfine Dantzic Flour

Twenty small boxes Garden Seeds

Invoices of assorted Brushes

Variety of splendid Marble Chimney Pieces

The whole of the above Goods to be sold in quantities to suit purchasers.

Sydney, May 12, 1838.

FINE SARDINIAS ON SALE,

AT the Wine Depot of the Undersigned, 6, Colonnade, Bridge-street, at £27 10s. per case of 100 tins, or £3 per ton.

FREDERICK MORRIS.

To Mast and Block Makers.

FOUR good Hands may have constant employment, by applying to

J. WEST,
Windmill-street,
Darling Harbour.

June 19, 1838.

FEED OATS

AT FOUR SHILLINGS PER BUSHEL, CASH.

ON SALE, at the Stores of Mr. E. Manning Queen's-place, about One Thousand bushels FEED OATS.

Sydney, May 14, 1838.

TO PUBLICANS.

TO BE SOLD,

THE LEASE for 4 years of an old Established PUBLIC HOUSE not licensed at present, in a very fine locality it will be one of the best stands in Sydney; it is fit for immediate occupancy, and the Tenant is not bound by the Lease to expend one shilling for repairs.

Immediate possession can be given. Apply at the Office of this Paper.

Ex 'Maria' and 'John,'

ON SALE,

AT THE STORES OF THE UNDERSIGNED,

BLUE CLOTH Jackets and Trousers

Surtout and Dress Coats

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Wool of England superfine Broad Cloth

Jerseys, Doekskins, and Merinoes

Kerret and Silk Waistcoatings

Drills and Ducks

Lace and Ribbons

Handkerchiefs, Shawls

Needles, Wadding

Carpet Bags

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Toy and Tunbridge Ware

Duke's Cricket Bats and Balls

Bows and Arrows

Watch Glasses and Spectacles

Louifer and Night Lights

Saddlery

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Jams and Jellies

Drugs, Epsom Salts

Perfumery, Windsor Soap

Snuff, Candlesticks

Tobacco Pipes

Glass Ware

Looking Glasses

British Plate and Cutlery

Pails, Yokes, and Butcher's Trays

Walking Sticks

Hatters' Trimmings

B Y Sickles

Barometers and Telescopes

Surgical Instruments

Carriage and Wrapping Paper

Playing and Blank Cards

Account Books

Quills, Sealing Wax

Ink and Slates

Blacking, Pepper

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

From Cork and the Cape of Good Hope, on Saturday last, having left the former place the 8th of March, and the latter the 21st May, the ship Magistrate, Allen master, with 273 emigrants, under the superintendence of Dr. Savage, R. N. Passengers, Mrs. Savage and 2 children, and Mr. John Smith.

DEPARTURES.

For Newcastle, on Monday, the steamers Zamar and Sophia Jane.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

The Superb for Liverpool and Orontes for Batavia, this day; the Pero for South Australia and Strathfield for Calcutta, the 29th instant.

His Excellency Governor Hindmarsh came up in H. M. Ship Alligator, from South Australia, on Saturday, having vacated the command of that settlement—he proceeds to England by the Superb, which vessel sails this day.

from his fellow-townsmen that his enterprising speculation calls for.

The brig Black Jake discharges her cargo at the wharf of Messrs. Lamb and Parbury.

The Americans, we are informed, now adopt the following mode in pursuit of the whale fishery—A large vessel of 500 or 600 tons is fitted out as a whaler, with the usual boats, &c., and she is accompanied with two fast sailing schooners of easy draught of water, who are also furnished with boats and gear.

By the brig Black Jake, from Launceston, we learn that the Glencair and Henry had arrived at that Port from England.

The Dutch barque Elizabeth, which came up yesterday, has brought a cargo for sale at this Port; she is consigned to Messrs. Edwards & Co. Her crew, which consists of Lascars, has suffered severely from cold whilst on the coast; six of them have died, and the rest are so enfeebled that they could scarcely work the ship.

H. M. surveying ship Beagle came into this Port yesterday, from Hobart Town. She will rest and proceed again on her voyage. Since her last being here she has altered her rig, being now converted into a bark—she was originally a brig.

The ship Cecilia, Walker master, is offered for sale, freight or charter. Cooper & Holt are the agents.

The Bright Planet, lately arrived from Calcutta, is offered for sale or charter. T. Gore & Co. agents.

Captain Hindmarsh, late Governor of South Australia, who arrived in the Alligator on Saturday last, intends to return to his native land in the Superb, which in all probability will sail to-day or to-morrow.

Sydney General Trade List.

IMPORTS.

Reports from the 14th to the 21st instant, inclusive.

July 17—CECILIA (barque), 247 tons, Walker, master, from London, Coops & Holt, agents; 4 bales woolpacks, 64 cases bottled ale, 30 cases blacking, Lamb & Parbury; 1232 bars 24 bundles rod iron, 240 sets iron hoops, 190 hogheads 15 barrels beer, 80 cases bottled beer, 12 barrels 2 cases harness, 70 kegs white lead, 6 cases oil vitriol, 3 butts whalebone, 30 packs shoos, 2 trypots, 2 furnace doors, 6 iron beams, 4 iron knees, 3 cases harpoons, 20 cases starch, 1 case bags, 2 cases apparel, 45 cases wine, 13 bales wool sacks, 2 bales corn sacks, 3 cases grindery, 2 carriages, 1 case piano, 27 bales shoes, Cooper & Holt; 7 bales bags, 4 bales bagging, 100 cans lined oil, 2 cases mustard, 1 case drugs, 1 case percussion caps, T. Smith; 10 hogheads gin, 1 case printed music, Betts Brothers; 6 bales 2 cases slops, 1 case stationery and apparel, 6 trunks boots and shoes, 1 case oilcloth covers, 1 bale carpeting, 3 cases hosiery, 4 cases printed cottons, 4 cases haberdashery, 1 case silk handkerchiefs and shawls, 1 case silk and ribbons, 1 case handannans, 1 case cottons, 1 case stationery, 2 bales shoe thread, 2 pipes 3 cases wine, 1 box corrosive sublimate, 12 woolbags, 2 cases apparel, S. A. Donaldson; 20 cases corks, Campbell & Co.; 1 trunk apparel, G. Cooper; 2 bales 1 case, J. Hosking, jun.; 1 case, G. Allen; 1 case 1 case stationery, Evans; 43 cases pickled salmon, 14 cases 2 bales slaps, 4 cases haberdashery, 2 cases stationery, 1 case hats, 1 case apparel, 1 case millinery, 1 case, B. package, W. Walker & Co.; 7 cases perfume, T. & M. Woolley; 1 box apparel, A. Polack; 3 plantons, J. H. Grose; 12 cases alkali, 1 case copper, 20 cases tin plates, 29 bundles iron plates, 24 cases 12 bales 3 packages slops, 1 case tin bars, 1 case grain tin, 1 hoghead Fuller's earth, 1 pipe pumice stone, 1 case rotten stone, 18 cases paints, 1 case 3 baskets varnish, 3 cases white lead, 2 furnaces, 4 cases spirit fountains, 2 cases lead pipe, 2 cases solder, 1 case colored skins, 1 case bottling wax, 2 bales broadcloth, 3 cases silk handkerchiefs, 1 case cutlery, 2 cases pens and quills, 7 hogheads glass, 8 cases pickles, 3 cases haberdashery, 1 case tinman's tools, 1 case crockeryware, 4 trunks hosiery, 1 case harness, 5 cases palm oil, 1 case medicine and eye snuff, A. & S. Lyons; 69 cases bottled

beer, 35 cases wine, 30 barrels gunpowder, Salting & Girard; 2 hogheads brandy, 1 case tobacco, 1 barrel preserved fish, Order.

July 20—MARY, (barque), 250 tons, Stein, master, from South Sea Fishery, Hughes & Hosking, agents; 120 tons black, 10 tons sperm oil, Hughes & Hosking.

EXPORTS.

Vessels cleared from the 14th to the 21st instant inclusive.

July 17—JOHN PIRIE, 105 tons, Marsin, master, for South Australia; 7100 feet cedar, 19 hogheads stout, 25 chests 10 half-chests tea, 8 cases bottled beer, 24 cases wine, 205 bushels maize, 18 boxes raisins, 6 drums figs, 3 mats dades, 4 cases salt, 2 bags nuts, 2 cases almonds, 2 bags walnuts, 350 fruit trees, 140 flagstones, 2 tons flour, 8 kegs butter, 4 boxes specie, 1 ton of cheese, 1 case sperm oil, 18 boxes candles, 1 case lard, 30 hogheads 30 quarter cases Cape wine, 6 cases oranges, 1 package cigars, 1 ton oakum, 1 case jams, 60 barrels pork.

FREIGHTS.

To London and Liverpool—Wool 15d. per lb Oil, old 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 10s. per Ton. To Swan River £1 10s. to £2 per Ton. To New Zealand and South Sea Islands £2 to £2 10s. per Ton.

RATES OF INSURANCE.

London and Liverpool..... 2d to 3 per Cent Hobart Town..... 1d to 2 per Cent Launceston..... 1d ditto Swan River..... 1d ditto South Sea Islands..... 2 ditto

Commercial Journal.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1838.

"Knowledge is power." Lord Bacon.

ENGLISH NEWS.

By the Bengal Merchant we have received our usual files of English journals up to the 30th March. There appears to be nothing of peculiar interest to these colonies, beyond the few scraps we have selected.

The following account of the Money Market is taken from the Times of the 30th March—Consols left off at 93½ sellers for money, and buyers on account. Bank Stock was 208½ to 9½, and India Stock 26½ to 6, for the opening. Exchequer Bills 63s. to 65s. India Bonds, 64s. to 66s. premium.

The House of Commons had been occupied for two nights, debating on the merits of a Bill for the Abolition of Slave Apprenticeship,—one speech occupying six hours.

A lady of Title, in Bavaria, has been observed to somnambulate through the streets of a certain town in that country for some time past, and would, but for the timely interference of some friends, have been placed in the greatest danger. All efforts of the Bavarian medical fraternity to ease her of this singular malady, have proved unsuccessful.

THE CAPE.

By late arrivals, which touched at the Cape on their passage hither, we have received Cape journals. Having scanned them over, nothing of importance presents itself to our notice that might interest the perusers of our journal, perhaps, excepting some two or three extracts given below.

The first, and the only truly interesting one to our Colonists, showing in some measure the relative position their Colony stands with ours is as regards the growth of Wool.

It seems by the article in question, that the attention of the Cape settlers has been aroused by the repeated announcements of the extraordinary prosperity of our flockholders, and intend on account thereof, to arise from their slumbers, and be doing, provided a sufficient security be given them by the Colonial Government. Here, we fear, their wishes cannot be met, as it will be far more difficult for proprietors to protect their flocks from the depredations of the Kafirs, even with Government protection, than it has hitherto been with their herds of cattle.

The additional expense attending the security of their flocks, when they become so numerous as to require a greater expanse of country to range on, would, necessarily, eat up all the profits. We leave the article in question, having offered our hasty opinions, in the hands of our readers.

It appears to be a conclusion now generally arrived at by all acquainted with the capabilities of this country, that Wool must become, and continue to be, its staple export. Such being the case it is a matter of the utmost importance, that a pursuit on which so much depends as that of sheep-husbandry, should meet with a corresponding share of public attention. It is evident, that notwithstanding all the improvements which have been made in this branch of rural economy, still that we have done no more than made a commencement. Much knowledge is yet to be acquired,—great difficulties are to be encountered, and many prejudices to be discarded,—before we shall arrive at that point of excellence to which we conceive this country, by steady well-directed industry, is capable of attaining. To stimulate us to exertion, we have the example both of some amongst ourselves, and of other colonies. To the former the public is greatly indebted for that perseverance which has been displayed under circumstances of great discouragement, and which we are happy to say, has met with its own reward,—a return alike honourable and profitable to those who have displayed it.

The progress which has been made in the colonies of Australasia, and the high stand they now take amongst the dependencies of the British Empire, purely arising from the production of marketable Wool, distinctly prove to us what by prudent management, may be attained in this country, and which we feel the utmost confidence in stating is, in respect to climate, natural productions, and other physical peculiarities, fully equal to those extensive and thriving settlements.

It certainly appears to militate against this conclusion, when we recall to mind that this Colony had arrived at maturity at the period when the colonies of New South Wales were first established; but such an inference would be premature; and it may now perhaps operate as a spur to our future exertion, and as a rebuke for our too general supineness to revert to the

time when the first party of emigrants arrived on the shores of this country.

The first expedition landed on the 20th January 1788, and on the following month an account was taken of the live stock, which consisted of four cows, one bull, one stallion, three mares, and one colt; with some pigs and poultry. In May following, they had twenty-nine sheep, and in June, all the horned cattle strayed and were lost in the bush, where they remained undiscovered until the year 1795; when they were discovered with their progeny, amounting in all to about sixty head, in the neighbourhood of the Nepean River. In 1790, H. M. S. Guardian, took on board some live stock, including sheep from this colony, for New South Wales; but the whole perished during the voyage. The following year, however, sixty-eight sheep from this colony were landed from the Governor, and it is from this beginning, that were generated the numerous flocks which now depasture on territory nearly equal to the superficies of modern France; affording an example of rapidly created capital and prosperity, unparalleled in the history of our colonial possessions. Between 1796 and 1801, the number of sheep imported did not amount to one hundred. In 1797, the late Captain JOHN M'ARTHUR, was induced to commence a series of experiments for the improvement of the fleece, by the introduction of a few Spanish sheep. In 1803, he states in an account given to Lord Hobart, that his flock consisted of 400 sheep, and had been derived partly from thirty Indian sheep, brought from Calcutta; to which had been added, ten of the Spanish and Irish breeds; and subsequently from a flock belonging to another officer, originating from the same number and from the same source.

From this small beginning we find eleven years afterwards, that the number of sheep had augmented to 65,121, and that the importations of Wool from Sydney to Great Britain, amounted to 32,971 lbs. In 1821, the number of sheep had increased to 290,168; and the weight of imported Wool, to 138,498 lbs. In 1836, the number of sheep in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land has been estimated at 2,500,000; whilst the importations of Wool are stated to have been 22,738 bales, or (at 230lbs. per bale) 5,200,000 lbs. of Wool.

It may be useful for those interested in the prosperity of this Colony to consider these facts with attention, and to enquire what obstacles exist to our entering into a career of generous rivalry with the sister Colonies? The great point we require of the Government, is security; and if this be afforded, if the Government display honest intentions, will discountenance idle speculations in the industry, there is sufficient enterprise and intelligence in the country to do the rest, and to accomplish in the matter in question the most important results. Let our difficulties, whether arising from a want of information, or from local circumstances, be looked at steadily, and met with unflinching determination of purpose, and they will soon vanish; every year will add to the importance of this pursuit in a constantly increasing ratio.

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We have been led to make these remarks from having had our attention directed to some recent accounts from London, relating to Wool exported from this country; and amongst others we have been kindly furnished with the perusal of a letter addressed by Mr. Southey, the eminent Wool Proker, to a house at Graham's Town.

From this communication we make it appear, that our country has hitherto been exerted on very unsuitable and unprofitable objects. It appears to me inexplicable how such extreme irregularities can be produced in the same flock; for instance, one bag exceedingly short and unwashed,—another half washed, and a third long in staple and clean washed. Surely a method may be adopted by sheep owners to avoid having such an incongruous mass of wool sent to this country under one head in one consignment. Prudence would rather dictate another course, viz: to send the washed wool under one mark,—send the greasy under another, as by so doing, the consignee would receive ocular demonstration of the advantage of sending long wool to this country, instead of that short, hairy, filthy class of wool which we occasionally receive from thence. I wrote you in my last letter fully on this head, and to which I again refer you. I am afraid you will be inclined to think me travelling out of my way in being so urgent in importuning you so strenuously upon a subject in which you are not immediately connected; the truth is, I clearly perceive from the conversation I had with you when in England, that you have the means of facilitating the object I really have at heart, viz: the improvement of the breed of sheep in Southern Africa.

KAFIR DEPREDACTIONS.

It appears by the following extract, that the Kafirs have not left off their pillaging depredations. Until something decisive be adopted by the Colonial Government, the settlers will ever be in a state of the greatest and most distressing fear.

A statement has been made to us to the effect that the kraal of a farmer, named Du Preez, residing at the district of Port Beaufort, was attacked last Saturday evening, and his cattle driven off. Calling, however, promptly for the assistance of a neighbour, named Scheeper, they pursued the plunderers; and although dark, succeeded in recapturing the cattle. The next evening, before some of the cattle were in the kraal, the Kafirs attacked Scheeper's cattle, and attempted to drive off, not only those outside, but also those within the enclosure. Nine Kafirs were seen. The farmer resisted the attack, several shots were fired, and a boy, an adopted son of his, had his ribs fractured by the blow of a kirie from one of the assailants. The farmer succeeded in retaining his cattle; but purposes to quit the frontier immediately.

The kraal of Mr. Temple Nourse was forced about a week ago, and all the cattle, upwards of 100 head, driven off. They were immediately pursued by seven armed men, and recovered.

Three oxen have been taken from the farm of Mr. James Howse, on the Kat River, within the past week.

The following is an extract from a communication addressed to us, dated Kariega, 26th March: "Last night my sheep kraal was again forcibly entered, and two fetherland sheep stolen. This morning I went on the spur, which I followed for about three miles, until it brought me to the Kafir huts on the farm of Mr. W. Lucas, and to the door of one occupied by Kafirs named Jonas, who denied any knowledge of sheep having been brought there in the night, or his having any mutton in his hut, which was closed and which he refused to open for the purpose of searching. However, upon my going towards it with the intent of satisfying myself, he opened it, and squatting himself down in one particular place, he allowed me to search; but was deaf to all requests to change his position. I, who had observed a patch in the outside of the hut, immediately against which he was sitting, and refused to move, went out, and began breaking away with the butt-end of my gun, and directly discovered his lost mutton. The fellow then confessed his delinquency. I have forwarded a report of the circumstance to the Clerk of the Peace."

The court Martial for the trial of the mutineers of the Cape Mounted Rifles, has been this week exclusively engaged on the trials of Corporal Movers, who is said to be the fomenter

and ring-leader of the whole conspiracy. Several witnesses who have been examined have given evidence of a very grave and important character, fully corroboratory of the account we have already laid before public. They speak distinctly as to having acted in conjunction with the Kafirs, and that Umkyo had engaged to join them in their contemplated massacre of the European soldiers and of the white inhabitants. They state that they were in the first instance to attack the minor frontier posts, and if successful, they were to send expresses to the Hotentots of the Kat River and elsewhere along the border; and that when reinforced by them, they were to attack Port Beaufort, and afterwards march upon Graham's Town. We have not heard that any evidence has been given tending to criminate any of the Hotentots referred to; but still, extravagant as the account appears to be, it shows clearly that the conspirators entertained an opinion, that those people were disaffected to the existing Government,—a point which it behoves the authorities not to treat with indifference. We have not the shadow of a doubt, that had the plot succeeded in the first instance, the conspiracy would like a snow-ball have accumulated with every step the mutineers moved onward.

THE THEATRE.

On Monday evening last, Moreton's celebrated Comedy of Speed the Plough was produced at the Theatre; and we could not but regret how thin the house was attended. It appears that nothing but pomp and show will draw a Sydney audience; whilst sterling comedy and legitimate drama give place to trifles of minor description. The Comedy itself is one of the best stock pieces of our London theatres, and upon the whole was performed respectably. We could have wished to see the part of Bob Handy in any other hands than Spencer's, who appears best in general comedy; the very life and spirit of the comedy depends on Bob Handy. The Sir Phillip Blandford of Mr. Fenton was completely successful—it was a masterly piece of acting. This gentleman is an actor of the old school, and "suits the word to the action, and the action to the word;" he not only conceived, but performed the character admirably. His scene with Farmer Ashfield, where he requires him to turn out "that boy—that Handy," was peculiarly happy, and drew forth repeated and deserved rounds of applause. And the selection of his story to Bob Handy, was told in a feeling and masterly manner. Upon the whole, the performance of Mr. Fenton was the best in the comedy. Mr. Meredith played the part of Farmer Ashfield as Farmer Ashfield should be played, and looked the character admirably. His fine farmer-like face contributed in no small degree to remind us of our English West Country Farmers. Mr. Grove, as Sir Able Handy, performed well; he is the best old man we have ever seen on the Sydney boards; but he sometimes forgets that he is personating an old man; although, in Sir Able Handy, that is no fault. Mr. Gannon was in the chambermaid, that the haughty, proud Lady Hand. Mrs. Larra's Dame Ashfield was good. Mr. Arabin's personation of Henry was a kind of milk-and-water performance, and failed in giving effect to the all interesting Henry. Miss Winstanley performed the character of Miss Blandford very playfully, but she forgot that she should have fallen in love with Henry at first, and did not appear to feel that embarrassment natural to a young lady on such an occasion. Mrs. Taylor kept herself something within bounds, and enacted the part of Susan Ashfield very prettily.

The dance at the conclusion of the second act was much too long, and very clumsily performed. Some of the gentlemen's legs appeared very stiff, and many of the ladies could not dance at all. Winters, however, shuffled a la Duetty Bob, and did not appear to feel that embarrassment natural to a young lady on such an occasion. Mrs. Taylor kept herself something within bounds, and enacted the part of Susan Ashfield very prettily.

To-morrow evening Mr. J. Simmons makes his first appearance at the Victoria in the characters of Petrucchio and Jeremy Diddler. Mr. Wyatt seems determined at last to make his corps dramatique as complete as possible. There is no doubt of his success now.

We call the attention of the Public to the Entertainment and Lottery advertised by Mr. Barlow, of Bridge street, to take place on Friday evening next, the 27th instant, in the Saloon of the Victoria Theatre, Pitt-street. The prizes will consist of 100 splendid Engravings, varying in value from £1 12s. and not to be decided by two wheels of Fortune, after the manner of the State Lotteries in the Mother Country. From the liberal and spirited manner the sale of the above pictures are offered, we have little doubt that the list will meet with ample encouragement, and the increasing exertions of the Proprietor meet with their just reward.

The Market Building is undergoing a thorough repair, and is to be touched up by the painter. Ladies with silk cloaks had better walk in the centre, or they will make too much work for the mercers.

The Emigrants per ship Magistrate were landed at the Government Jetty yesterday morning, and conducted to Bent-street.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Friday evening Mr. A'Beckett will give his second lecture at the Mechanics' School of Arts.

THE HARBOUR.—Our romantic harbour once more begins to exhibit a goblin number of "hearts of oak," from the land of our forefathers—old merry England. It is to be feared that our number will be doubled, as many vessels are even now considerably overdue, before many weeks are over our heads.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.—Mr. Rayner of the "Star," Kent-street, has had his license transferred to Mr. Wheeler's house, the corner of Phillip and Hunter-streets.

We have to apologise for an expression of our Reporter in our last, which at the time escaped our notice, respecting the strength and ability of the gentlemen composing the orchestra of the Royal Victoria Theatre; it being our opinion that for efficiency and ability never before in this department has so much satisfaction been given.

Mr. John Morris offers himself as a candidate for the vacancy in the Secretaryship of the Australian Marine Assurance Company.

A meeting of the Bathurst Land Conveyance Company will take place at Bathurst on the first proximo.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held on the body of Eliza Pearson, at the "Light House," public house, in Sussex-street, which was found drowned near Mr. Wilshire's slaughter house, Darling Harbour, on Friday last.

THE MILITARY AGAIN!!!—On Monday evening an old woman named Jane Gombol, while passing along Lower George-street, opposite the Guard house, was outrageously attacked by two soldiers, who, through the darkness of the night, did not hesitate to take unwarrantable liberties with her person. When will the military be quiet, and behave themselves like men and soldiers?

Our shipping reporter being led into an unintentional error, to the effect that the ship Stiers was reported leaky, &c. and bearing up to Sydney for repairs," we hasten to remove any wrong impression on that subject, by placing Mr. Duke's letter before the public, which will, we trust, remove any unfavorable impression—

To the Editor of the Commercial Journal

SIR, Having made every enquiry respecting my ship the Stiers, from Captain Stein of the ship Mary, lately arrived, I find there is no foundation to your report in this morning's Paper, as to that ship being leaky—such a report, although untrue, would prevent me from effecting further insurances, and I beg you will contradict it in your next publication.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, ROBERT DUKE.

July 21, 1838.

THE INEFFICIENCY OF THE PAID POLICE MAGISTRATES.—However well the duties of the present trio of the Sydney Paid Police Magistrates may be performed, when it is taken into consideration that they, more particularly the First and Third, have so much private business to transact, yet it is easily to be perceived, even by the casual observer, that the number of the Paid might be increased to five, or even six. For, if some seven or eight years back it required three Paid Magistrates in Sydney to dispose of the cases then brought under their jurisdiction, surely the additional multiplicity of business in the present day requires an addition to their strength, in order to expedite their daily duties; which are now from day to day and from week to week remanded, through want of a second Magistrate to adjudicate the "two Magistrate cases," and other causes occasioned, generally, by the private business of the worthy "three" calling them away from the public Court.—It is impossible that the public weal can be studied by the Bench when other duties beside those in immediate connexion with the Police Court are foisted upon the three Paid—particularly on the First and Third—who are either indisposed, or taking a drive through the public streets, or attending inquests,—or doing a little private business in the time which should and which shall be devoted exclusively to the public. Out on such doings; do these worthies think the public sleepeth because its voice is not heard to deprecate such a waste, not to say robbery, of their time; and do they imagine their evil doings will go unpunished? The public expect to see to their duty, for which whole duty, and nothing but their duty, for which whole duty, and nothing but their duty, for which whole duty, and nothing but their duty. It is the determination of the Press, which is the people's voice,—to lash these flagers, and make them feel the collar.—If His Excellency would but pop in, Paul Frye, fishion, to this Court, when the lists are heavy—not a better day than Monday—he would soon see that it is necessary to increase the number of the Paid as far as regards Sydney;—unless a regular succession of the Unpaid could be brought to devote a week or two, or even a week, to the duties of the Paid, or relieve them altogether, when they have to attend inquests; or try the pieces of two chargers in tandem; or are compelled to remain at home to nurse up unfeigned indisposition.

LIBERTY OF THE SUBJECT.—A poor fellow on two wooden legs, a free man, was committed for trial in December last, by the Police Bench at Port Macquarie, for receiving a keg of stolen tobacco, upon the evidence of a convict constable named Green, who has himself been three times convicted, (twice for felony) by the same Bench. It appears that a keg of tobacco had been stolen, and the convict constable afterwards found some, not in a keg, but in a bag, buried near to a hut occupied by the prisoner upon the beach, and open all round. This poor fellow has now remained in gaol for nearly seven months, without having been brought to trial, although two Criminal and two Quarter Sessions have passed over since his commitment, and the witnesses upon the spot. Surely this sort of thing requires to be remedied. This is something like law, to punish a man for a crime, and try him (query) afterwards. So much for the liberty of Her Majesty's liege subjects in New South Wales.

THE GOAL.—About a week ago, a noise was heard inside one of the wards of the common goal by the sentry. Supposing something was afoot he placed his ear to the key hole of the door and heard men talking, to the effect that if they could only make an aperture sufficiently large to get their heads through, their bodies could easily be drawn after. The sentry, conceiving this conversation to be altogether proper; and having heard a loud knock at his door, he presented himself to his notice to lead to a belief that the men were preparing a way to escape. The sudden expulsion of the men into the yard by Toole, we consider an adroit act; for had there been anything in the room to facilitate their escape, in the shape of tools, this determined conduct would have prevented their being hidden. One man appeared to have a blow, fell down at the door-way, and was run over by the rest of the prisoners. In consequence of which blow Mr. T. was brought before the Bench on Monday last for the assault; but the Magistrate on hearing the case dismissed it, not however without going into the merits of the case to the fullest extent.

BATHING MACHINES.—Mr. Robinson, the hair dresser, is getting made a large bathing machine on a novel principle, at the head of the Cove. When completed, it will be loaded to its destination near the Fig-tree bathing place.

OUTRAGED ASSAULT.—On Sunday night last, Mr. Cowper, a respectable clerk in the Free Court, was set upon and cruelly ill-used by three or four gallant sons of Mars. The damage done to Mr. C. was so great as to compel him to be absent from his duties on Monday. The fact is, if the Commander of the Forces does not think it worth his while to put a stop to the frequent outrages of the military on offending individuals—the females not even excepted by these peace disturbers—he may one day or other hear of summary chastisement being given these gentry by the civilians, after the Hobart Town fashion. They must recollect the odds are greater here than there against them. We hope it will not be our duty to revert to this subject again.

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Ships in Harbour.

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