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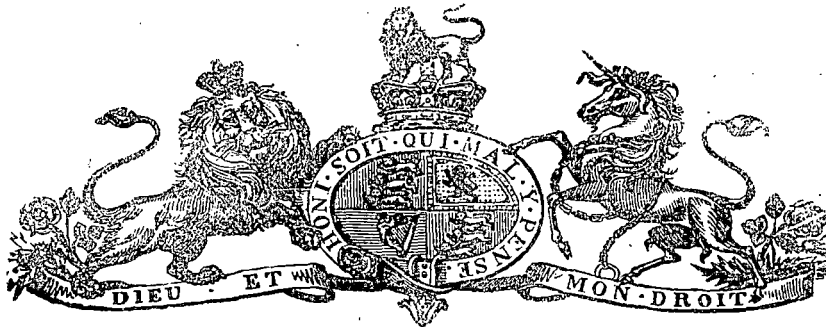
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PORT ARTHUR:

PAPERS RELATING TO THE DEPORTATION THITHER OF
100 PAUPERS IN JULY, 1876.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
May 16, 1877.



General Hospital, 3rd July, 1876.

SIR,

I RESPECTFULLY beg to direct your attention to the overcrowded state of the Male Invalid Depôt, more particularly as regards that at the Cascades.

At the latter place upwards of seventy men are lying upon the floors of rooms ill-adapted for sleeping apartments; and in the permanent wards the inmates are so closely packed as to render the breathing space insufficient for the maintenance of health.

At the Brickfields also, the beds are much too close together.

This overcrowding is fraught with danger to the inmates, and may give rise to an outbreak of typhoid fever.

I would therefore press upon the attention of the Government the urgent necessity which exists for the immediate transfer of a large number of these paupers to another home.

As the winter has but just commenced, a diminution in their numbers cannot be expected, but on the contrary, as the cold and wet weather set in, a considerable increase may be anticipated.

It has lately been necessary to admit several cases (fit only for an Invalid Depôt) into the General Hospital; and if these admissions continue the wards will become filled with chronic cases, and necessitate the exclusion of cases of disease amenable to treatment.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE TURNLEY.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

THESE papers are referred for the perusal and consideration of the Hon. the Attorney-General.

The necessity for relieving the Cascades Invalid Depôt of some of the inmates, and of providing further temporary accommodation appears to be pressing, and the Colonial Secretary is not aware of any means of meeting the case except by utilising the Invalid Depôt at Port Arthur.

GEORGE GILMORE.

I HAVE carefully considered the matter herein discussed, and made various enquiries as to the capabilities of our existing institutions, and the extent of the present demand upon their accommodation. I regret to say that I am compelled to come to the conclusion that the Invalid Depôt at Port Arthur must be temporarily re-opened, and at least 100 men immediately transferred thither. It is to be hoped that before another winter comes round sufficient additional accommodation will be provided at the Brickfields.

W. R. GIBLIN.
13. 7. 76.

I SEE NO escape from the serious difficulty but that of temporarily disposing of the Invalids at Port Arthur.

F. M. INNES.
14. 7. 76.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 14th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, owing to the overcrowded state of the Invalid Depôt in Hobart Town, the Government have decided upon re-opening the Depôt at Port Arthur for a time.

I have, therefore, to request that you will take immediate steps for the accommodation of from one to two hundred men.

By return post you will be good enough to let me know what you require in the shape of bedsteads, bedding, and stores, to enable you to receive these men at the earliest possible date, and also state what staff you consider necessary for their control.

I shall be glad to hear by telegram whether you can receive one hundred men on Wednesday next, should the Government arrange for their transport by the steamer *Derwent*.

The Storekeeper will send down a supply of stores by the schooner leaving on Sunday morning.

I have, &c.

The Civil Commandant, Port Arthur.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

Civil Commandant's Office, Port Arthur, 15th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me that "the Government have decided upon re-opening the Invalid Depôt at Port Arthur for a time;" also requesting me to "take immediate steps for the accommodation of from one to two hundred men," and to "state what staff I consider necessary for their control."

In reply, I beg to say that I shall be prepared to carry out the wishes of the Government to the fullest extent in my power; and assuming the necessary cooks and attendants can be supplied from the number of men sent, I shall only require one Superintendent for the whole establishment.

As, however, the duties and responsibilities of the appointment will be of a nature in which ability and character must be considered, the salary attaching to the office should not, in my opinion, be less than £120 per annum, with a personal ration, quarters, &c., such as are at present enjoyed by the Head Keeper of Insane, and the Dispenser.

A telegram will be forwarded to-morrow, as requested, and the necessary supplies asked for as soon as possible; and, in the event of the weather preventing the signal from passing to town, I must add, that I shall be prepared to receive One hundred men should they be forwarded on Wednesday by steamer *Derwent*.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. COVERDALE.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

By ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Port Arthur, 17th July, 1876.

CAN receive One hundred Invalids on Wednesday.

J. COVERDALE.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 15th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Colonial Secretary, to enquire whether your Company can arrange for the transport by one of your steamers of one hundred invalids to Port Arthur; and if so, what would be the expense?

Could the *Derwent* take them on Wednesday on her voyage to Melbourne? If not, what would be the earliest day after Wednesday when you could spare a steamer for this purpose?

It would be necessary whenever the men were taken that they should be landed in daylight.

The Colonial Secretary would feel obliged by your favouring him with a reply at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

E. J. FREEMAN, Esq.,
Manager of the Tasmanian Steam Navigation Company.

Tasmanian Steam Navigation Company, Hobart Town, 17th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. enquiring whether this Company will charter one of their steamers for the conveyance of one hundred invalids to Port Arthur; and if so, at what cost; and in reply have much pleasure in informing you that this Company will place the s.s. *Southern Cross* at the disposal of the Government on Monday next, 24th inst., for the above purpose, for the sum of seventy-five pounds.

The Company will allow the invalids ten tons of luggage, all over that quantity will be charged for at the rate of fifteen shillings per ton of forty cubic feet.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD J. FREEMAN, *Manager.*

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.

P.S.—The vessel to leave for Port Arthur, should arrangements be made, at 8.30 A.M. on the date above named.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and in reply have to signify to you the acceptance by the Government of the terms therein proposed for the conveyance of one hundred invalids to Port Arthur by the s.s. *Southern Cross*, on Monday next, the 24th instant, for the sum of Seventy-five Pounds.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

E. J. FREEMAN, *Esq., Manager T. S. N. Company.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th July, 1876.

SIR,

REFERRING to my letter of the 14th inst., and your reply of the 15th, I have the honor to inform you that the Government have chartered the s.s. *Southern Cross* to proceed to Port Arthur on Monday next, starting at 8.30 A.M., with one hundred invalids on board.

You will make the best arrangements in your power for the prompt landing of these men, so as to detain the steamer as short a time as possible.

With regard to a Superintendent of the Dépôt, the Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of your son Norrison John, with remuneration at the rate of Ten Pounds per month, with a personal ration, quarters, fuel and light, and to take effect on and from the date to which you may certify.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

The Civil Commandant, Port Arthur.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th July, 1876.

MEMO.

THE Government have decided to charter the s.s. *Southern Cross* for the purpose of conveying one hundred invalids to Port Arthur on Monday next, the 24th instant. The Superintendent will be good enough to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that number of men being placed on board the steamer on the morning of Monday next at 8.30 A.M.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

A. H. BOYD, *Esq., Superintendent, Cascades.*

General Hospital, 17th July, 1876.

SIR,

I BEG to report that the Hospital is now full, the number of invalids being very large; and as Patients are daily applying for admission, cases which require active treatment must for the present be excluded.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE TURNLEY.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 19th July, 1876.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, reporting that the Hospital is now full, and that owing to the presence of invalids cases which require active treatment must for the present be excluded, I have the honor to inform you that arrangements have been made to remove one hundred invalids from the Cascades to Port Arthur on Monday next, when men now occupying beds in the Hospital, who can be equally well cared for in an Invalid Depôt, can be removed.

A copy of your letter and this reply has been forwarded to the Administrator of Charitable Grants for his information and guidance.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

The Surgeon-Superintendent General Hospital, Hobart Town.

SIR,

Colonial Secretary's Office, 19th July, 1876.

WITH reference to Mr. Catley's letter of the 24th ultimo, respecting the necessity for the removal of two men from the Hospital, and stating that the Brickfields and Cascades Depôts were both full, which letter you referred to me on the 27th, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Surgeon-Superintendent of the General Hospital, and my reply.

The Government have engaged the s.s. *Southern Cross* to convey 100 invalids from the Cascades to Port Arthur on Monday next, and the necessary instructions have been sent to the Superintendent to have the men on board by 8 o'clock A.M. on that day.

Should further relief be necessary, batches of from ten to twenty men could be sent down by the schooner as occasion offered.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

W. TARLETON, *Esq., Administrator of Charitable Grants.*

Port Arthur, 16th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to apply for the appointment of Superintendent of the Invalid Depôt at Port Arthur, under the general supervision of my father.

I have, &c.

(Signed) NORRISON J. COVERDALE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RECOMMENDED as being an appointment in which every confidence can be placed, both as to assiduity and ability in carrying out the duties of the office.

J. COVERDALE, *Civil Commandant, Port Arthur.*
16th July, 1876.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

MINUTE PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart Town,
19th July, 1876.

SUBMITTED—

THAT Mr. Norrison John Coverdale be appointed Superintendent in charge of Paupers in the Invalid Depôt, Port Arthur, with remuneration at the rate of Ten Pounds per month, a personal ration, quarters, fuel, and light.

To take effect on and from the date to which the Civil Commandant may certify, and to be provided for upon a Supplementary Estimate.

GEORGE GILMORE.

THE Governor in Council approves.

E. C. NOWELL.
20. 7. 76.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

INSTRUCT Treasurer.

H. E. S.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 19th July, 1876.

MEMO.

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To take effect on and from the date to which the Civil Commandant may certify, and to be provided for upon a Supplementary Estimate.

By Command,
(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE.

The Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 22nd July, 1876.

MEMO.

THE Government having decided to temporarily re-open the Invalid Depôt at Port Arthur, the Superintendent of the Brickfields Invalid Depôt will arrange to send twenty-five Paupers from that establishment by the s.s. *Southern Cross* on Monday next.

The men must be on board by 8 o'clock on the morning of that day.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY.

The Superintendent Brickfields Invalid Depôt.

Brickfields Depôt, 28th July, 1876.

MEMORANDUM.

ACCORDING to instructions received from the Hon. Colonial Secretary's Office, I beg to state I forwarded to Port Arthur from this Establishment per s.s. *Southern Cross*, on Monday, 24th instant, (25) twenty-five Invalids.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JNO. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Invalid Depôt, Cascades, 27th July, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, in accordance with instructions received dated 18th instant, I embarked (100) one hundred Invalids on board the s.s. *Southern Cross* on the 24th instant for Port Arthur, in charge of Mr. Thomas Todd.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. H. BOYD, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
