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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the  
House to be printed, July 8, 1873.



FINGAL GOLD-FIELDS.

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*Commissioner's Office, Mathinna, 25th June, 1873.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward the Return relative to my duties ordered by the House of Assembly on the 19th instant.

I am, Sir,  
Yours obediently,

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Commissioner.*

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.*

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WILL Mr. Chapman be good enough to explain how he makes the total amount of fees £238.0s. 2d.,\* when the amount collected by himself and Mining Registrar, as shown by his Report, is only £216 12s. 2d.

CHARLES MEREDITH,  
1 July, 1873.

\*Should have been £238 10s. 2d.

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*Commissioner's Office, Mathinna, 4th July, 1873.*

SIR,

IN reply to your query of 1st July, received this afternoon, relative to the amount of fees collected by myself and the Mining Registrar, as stated in the Return furnished by me on 25th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the amount, £216 12s. 2d., is correct to the 31st May, 1873; but in furnishing the Return I gave the fees to date, viz. to 24th June, 1873.

The amount for this portion of June was £21 18s., which, added to £216 12s. 2d., gives a total of £238.10s. 2d., as the amount collected up to the time of furnishing the Return.

I may add, that the total receipts for the half-year ending 30th June, 1873, amount to £239 7s. 8d., and from 1st to 4th July, 1873, £24 10s. 9d.

Returns of 25th June, 1873, enclosed herewith.

I am, Sir,  
Yours obediently,

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Commissioner.*

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.*

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## FINGAL GOLD FIELDS.

*RETURN of all Public Duties performed by A. K. CHAPMAN, as Gold Commissioner at the Fingal Gold Diggings, from the 1st January, 1873, to 1st June, 1873.*

Ordered by the House of Assembly, 19th June, 1873; by the Colonial Secretary, 20th June, 1873; by the Minister of Lands and Works, 21st June, 1873. Instructions received by the Commissioner, 24th June, 1873; Return prepared and posted, 25th June, 1873.

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Commissioner.*

Fees, &c. collected in the Office from 1st January to 24th June, 1873, by the Commissioner and Registrar, Two hundred and thirty-eight pounds ten shillings and two pence—£238 10s. 2d.

*January, 1873.*—January 1st: New Year's Day. January 2nd: Reported myself to the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, and performed the usual routine of the office work during the month,—issuing miner's rights, giving notice to leaseholders to pay rents, giving information and explaining the Regulations to all persons making enquiries, listening to and settling complaints, visiting the various claims in work, and performing generally the duties of a Gold Commissioner under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations. Received money on behalf of the Government during the month, in rents and fees, to the amount of Nine pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, and remitted same to the Treasury in due course—also, return of all particulars to the Auditor. During the month addressed letters on the business of the Department to the following persons:—Charles Toby, H. J. Hull, J. S. Goodall, W. J. Hammond, T. C. Smart, J. W. Agnew, Turner & Walbourn, John Russell, James Gaylor, Robert M'Gough, Albert Wagenknecht, William Kennedy, Robert Pollitt, William Wardman, and J. M. Dooley, with reference to leases, &c.; also to the managers of the City of Hobart and Golden Gate Mining Companies. During this month prepared and forwarded, according to instructions, Reports and Returns relative to the general state of the Fingal Gold Fields, and upon departmental matters, and also the statistics for the year 1872, to the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, and to the Government Statistician; and transacted routine business under the Gold Fields Regulations with William Byatt, Charles Peterson, Albert Wagenknecht, John Davis, James Thomson Dowlin, and other persons.

*February, 1873.*—Transacted business under the Gold Fields' Regulations this month with Charles Grace Greig, Manager of the Derwent Prospecting and Gold-Mining Association, with regard to certain leases; also with Augustus East Littler, George Lowe, sen., George Russell, George Renison Bell, George Turner, John Mullins, Edward Hughes, John Kerrigan, George Drayton, and others. Corresponded with the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, the Fingal Municipal Council, the Colonial Storekeeper, and others, upon departmental business; visited claims, and performed general routine duties of Commissioner as usual. Collected and remitted in due course to the Colonial Treasury the sum of Seventy-seven pounds thirteen shillings and sixpence for fees and rents under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations thereunder.

*March, 1873.*—Transacted business this month under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations with George Children Diprose, John Harmer, John Joseph Pennington, John Morgan, Thomas Christie Smart, Charles Grace Greig, George Pollingtone, James Smith, John Clement Macmichael, John Quigley, Valentine Connors, George Webb, Christopher Isles, John Russell, David Dick, Peter M'Lintock, Charles Donnelly, Martin Ryan, James Bowers, John Roach, George Lowe, junr., Charles White, Thomas Parker, William Sherwood, William Archer, Frederick Herbert, Robert Binney, John Hennessey, George Briggs, Henry William Ristenpart, John M'Mahon, Samuel Poynting, Colin Robert Sutherland, James Railton, John M'Kilpine, William Short, Henry Cape, John Bailey, Charles Cannon, John Long, Hugh Hardiman, Arthur Burr, Charles Russen, and others. Corresponded with the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, the Government Statistician, H. J. Hull, the Superintendent of Fingal Police, &c. Visited the various claims and performed usual duties of Commissioner. Collected and forwarded the sum of Ten pounds fifteen shillings under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and forwarded abstract of same to the Colonial Auditor in due course.

*April, 1873.*—Transacted business this month under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations with Thomas Meehan, William Green, Andrew Moran, Robert Carter, Charles Krushka, John Lambert M'Kwone, Richard Quinn, Robert MacLish, Charles Russen, Joseph Ebenezer Clarke, William M'Kwone, William Malcolm, and others. Corresponded with the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, and forwarded return of all fees collected from August 1st, 1870, to March 31st, 1873; also, with John Senor Goodall, William Kennedy, George Turner, Robert Carter, Lavington Roope, and Neil Lewis upon departmental business. Visited claims, supplied information, attended to complaints, and performed routine of Commissioner's duties as usual. Collected during the month and duly forwarded to Colonial Treasury the sum of Seventeen pounds five shillings under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and forwarded abstract of same to the Colonial Auditor in due course.

*May, 1873.*—Transacted business this month under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations with Robert Carter, Alexander Harper, John Senor Goodall, Joseph Okines, James Handley, Thomas Handley, Augustus East Littler, Thomas Christie Smart, John M'Laren, and others. Corresponded with the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, forwarding Returns relative to fees and leases; and names, numbers, areas, rents, and dates of gold-mining leases. Addressed letters on departmental business to W. D. Grubb, T. C. Smart, Thomas Grieve, Turner & Walbourn, Albert Wagenknecht, John Charles Macmichael, and Augustus East Littler. Visited claims and performed usual routine duties of Commissioner. Collected during the month and duly remitted to the Colonial Treasury the sum of Sixty-six pounds seven shillings and eight pence, for fees and rents under the Gold Fields Act and Regulations. Was in Hobart Town on leave of absence on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 29th, 30th, and 31st May; returned by mail on Sunday, 1st June, 1873, reaching Fingal on Monday morning, June 2nd, 1873.

A. K. CHAPMAN,  
*Commissioner of Gold Fields, Fingal.*

*Commissioner's Office, Mathinna, 25th June, 1873.*

*FEES Collected by the Commissioner for Fingal from 1st January to 1st June, 1873.*

| <i>By Commissioner.</i> |  | <i>£ s. d.</i>   | <i>By Registrar.</i>           |  | <i>£ s. d.</i>  |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| January .....           |  | 9 17 6           | January.....                   |  | 8 0 0           |
| February .....          |  | 77 13 6          | February.....                  |  | 6 7 6           |
| March .....             |  | 10 15 0          | March.....                     |  | 7 3 6           |
| April .....             |  | 17 5 0           | April .....                    |  | 11 17 6         |
| May .....               |  | 66 7 8           | May .....                      |  | 1 5 0           |
|                         |  | <u>£181 18 8</u> |                                |  | <u>£34 13 6</u> |
|                         |  | 34 13 6          |                                |  |                 |
|                         |  | <u>£216 12 2</u> |                                |  |                 |
| 24th June, 1873 .....   |  | 21 15 6          | Add collected by Commissioner. |  |                 |
| (June fees) .....       |  | 0 2 6            | Ditto Mining Registrar.        |  |                 |
|                         |  | <u>£238 10 2</u> |                                |  |                 |

A. K. CHAPMAN,  
*Commissioner, Fingal.*

*Mathinna, 26th June, 1873.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward the Return ordered by the House of Assembly on the 19th instant.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,  
GEORGE C. SMITH.

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.*

*LIST of Public Duties performed by G. C. SMITH, Mining Surveyor and Mining Registrar for the District of Fingal, from the 1st January, 1873, to 1st June, 1873.*

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| Mining surveys (addition to City of Hobart water right) .....                  | 1  |
| Miner's rights issued .....  | 66 |
| Business licences .....  | 2  |
| Applications for claims received, and certificates of application issued ..... | 6  |
| Claims registered .....  | 2  |
| Certificates of registration issued .....                                      | 7  |
| Application for water right received, and certificate issued .....             | 1  |
| Water right registered .....   | 1  |
| Rent of water right received .....   | 1  |

Total of fees received, £34 13s. 6d.

GEORGE C. SMITH,  
*Mining Surveyor and Mining Registrar.*