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George Town, 11th December, 1867.

SIR,

WITH reference to my communication of the 20th ultimo, and your note thereon, relative to the leasing the Tamar Oyster Beds, I beg to say I quite acquiesce in your view of monopolies in general; but I cannot help thinking it would have been for the advantage of the commonweal had the Beds been long ago in private hands. However, as it is vain in these times to hope for the formation of an Oyster Culture Company, and you are good enough to say I can lease a small portion of the river for that purpose, I beg to say that I am prepared to try the experiment on a small scale in this immediate vicinity, on obtaining the Governor's authority, on a lease for Ten years from the 1st proximo of the estuary of the Tamar from Garden Isle to the sea or entrance of the river, with the assurance of an extension of the Lease for Five years more should I desire it.

There are no Oysters on this area. My views are to form parks for artificial culture on the shallows which appear to me to be suitable for Oyster Culture, if the tide be not too strong in some places. Accordingly, if a tender is necessary for the exclusive rights and privileges I solicit, I beg to inform you that I am willing to give Two Pounds per annum for the first Five years; Five for the second Five years; and Ten Pounds per annum for the Five years extension of the Lease, should I or my assigns require such extension. I have no hesitation in stating my opinion, that should the undertaking prove successful it would go far to resuscitate this delapsd and deserted Township.

Requesting you will have the goodness to submit this application to His Excellency the Gernor at your early convenience,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

MALCM. L. SMITH.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

THE Surveyor-General is requested to furnish the Colonial Secretary with a tracing of the River Tamar from Point Effingham to the sea.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY,
14th December, 1867.

TRACING herewith forwarded.

J. E. CALDER,
14th December, 1867.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

George Town, 6th January, 1868.

SIR,

As it is my full intention to give a fair trial to Oyster Culture in this immediate vicinity, provided sufficient guarantee or lease be granted me by the Government to occupy exclusively the shallows

of the Tamar, as described in my letter of the 11th ultimo, for the period or term of years therein mentioned, and to which I am still without reply. In the meantime I would further beg to add, should the ground be considered too extensive to be conceded to an individual, I am willing to restrict or confine my application to the east or George Town side of the river from Garden Isle to Mrs. Coxe's Jetty or allotment.

The season is at hand for the procuration of Spat and young Brood, and considerable preparations are indispensable for such undertaking. I trust I shall be excused for thus again troubling you on this subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

MALCM. L. SMITH.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Hobart Town.*

THE Surveyor-General is requested to furnish a tracing on a larger scale than the one enclosed of the site proposed by Mr. Smith for his Oyster Park, and also a description of the same.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

12th May, 1868.

George Town, 10th February, 1868.

SIR,

As I am without reply to my communications of the 11th December and 6th January, containing proposals for the occupation or renting of a certain portion of the Shallows on the east side of the river here for the purpose of Oyster Culture, may I beg to acquaint you with the same, and to observe, that such undertaking requires early preparations in park walls, &c., procuring early Brood or Spat, and moreover, that no return can be expected for the trouble and expense in less than Four years, even in the event of the ground being suitable or the speculation proving successful. I therefore trust you will excuse my troubling you again on the subject, time and season being of importance in such a prospective undertaking.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

MALCM. L. SMITH.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Hobart Town.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 12th February, 1868.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 10th instant referring to your former communications upon the subject of renting a certain portion of the Shallows on the eastern bank of the Tamar for the purpose of laying down Artificial Oyster Beds, I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that the subject has been, and still is, under the consideration of the Government; and the absence of the Attorney-General, with whom the papers at present are for his opinion, prevents my conveying to you the decision of the Government for a few days longer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

B. T. SOLLY.

M. L. SMITH, *Esq.*, *George Town.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 30th May, 1868.

SIR,

WITH reference to your application for authority to form an Artificial Oyster Bed or Park in the Tamar, I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Surveyor-General a tracing showing the boundaries proposed by you.

As your intended Bed will be opposite private property, it would be necessary, before the permission you seek could be granted, for you to obtain the consent of all the owners or occupiers of the several Allotments : See the 2nd Section of the 17th Victoria, No. 10.

The area you apply for appears very large for an Artificial Oyster Bed, and I question the advantage of your operating upon so wide a space : that, however, is more especially for your own consideration, and provided you can obtain the requisite concurrence of the landholders on your shore boundary the Government will not interpose any obstacle to your efforts to form the Bed.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD DRY.

M. L. SMITH, *Esq.*, *George Town.*

George Town, 25th May, 1868.

SIR,

IN reference to your letter of the 13th instant I beg herewith to return the sketch of the Tamar Estuary, with the boundary of the Shallows marked as far as respects extent of shore applied for, but the sinuosities of the water boundary of course I could not define or describe, as it consists of several reefs and one or two grassy Islets, forming a natural protection or shelter to the inside shallows or basins, which I think convertible into several Parks for the brood or young Oysters.

I regret to say I am informed by the fishermen here that no Oysters, young or old, are now to be found in the Tamar, so complete is the destruction of the natural Beds ; consequently, the Oyster farmer must depend on getting his seed or materials to commence with elsewhere.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) MALCM. L. SMITH.

J. E. CALDER, *Esq.*, *Surveyor-General.*

THE Surveyor-General is requested to furnish a description of the Oyster Ground applied for by Mr. M. L. Smith, as shown in the tracing.

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
25th August, 1868.

DESCRIPTION herewith forwarded.

(Signed) J. E. CALDER.
26th August, 1868.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

BOUNDED on the north west by a line in continuation of the north-west boundary of a location to W. Boot extending 46 chains from high-water mark on the River Tamar south-westerly into the River Tamar, thence by a straight south-easterly line to a point which is 30 chains from Windmill Point in the town of George Town at a bearing of south 24° west, thence to that point and by the Town of George Town and high-water mark to the point of commencement.

TRACING of Mr. M. L. Smith's proposed Oyster Farm herewith. He asks for the area of Six hundred odd acres. I may here mention that *The Waste Lands Act* does not allow land to be taken in front of that of another's private land bordering on the sea without his permission being first obtained.

(Signed) J. E. CALDER.
26. 5. 68.

George Town, 17th August, 1868.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 30th May, I have the honor to enclose a Certificate of the consent of the Proprietors of the allotments and locations of land on the East Bank of the Tamar Estuary, in compliance with your suggestion and the terms of Act 17th Victoria referred to. I may, however, observe that there is a Crown Reserve of a chain or one hundred feet between those locations and high-water mark.

The Shallows commence opposite Mr. Ronald C. Gunn's allotment, so that my views do not extend farther south than the commencement of those Shallows.

The formation of Oyster beds on new and somewhat exposed ground requires considerable outlay in the erection of dykes and banks for the protection of the planted Oysters, with a prospect of remote remuneration in the event of the ground proving suitable: the privilege of a long lease is indispensable for the trial of an attempt quite new in these waters. I therefore trust you will not deem my views unreasonable, and confer on me the requisite authority to occupy the Shallows I have applied for, in accordance with the Act 17th Victoria.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) MALCOLM L. SMITH.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

George Town, 20th July, 1868.

WE the undersigned Proprietors and Occupiers of Town Allotments and adjoining locations fronting on the Tamar Estuary in and near George Town being informed that Malcolm Laing Smith, Esq., residing in the said Township, has made application to the Government for permission and authority, under the 2nd Section of the 17th Victoria, No. 10, to occupy and use for Oyster Culture only the Shallows on the East Bank of the Tamar Estuary. We beg to certify that we have not, or can have, any objections to the occupation of the River Shallows referred to for the sole and only purpose of Oyster Culture, or to any privilege the Government may deem proper to concede to the aforesaid Malcolm Laing Smith, Esq., or his assigns,—believing as we do that successful Oyster Farming in this vicinity would be a material aid in promoting the prosperity of this Township and District.

JAMES RICHARDSON, *Agent for Sir R. DRY.*

WILLIAM LAWTON.

GEORGE JACKSON.

RONALD C. GUNN.

WITNESS to Signatures,

THOMAS HUME SIMPSON, *Dep. Clerk of the Peace.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 31st August, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith an Authority, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, permitting you to lay down an Oyster Bed in the River Tamar.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

M. L. SMITH, *Esq., George Town.*

By virtue of the power and authority in me in that behalf vested by an Act for the improvement and regulation of the Oyster Fisheries in Tasmania, I hereby permit Mr. Malcolm Laing Smith to plant an Oyster Bed in the River Tamar; bounded on the north west by a line in continuation of the north-west boundary of a location to W. Boot extending 46 chains from high-water mark on the River Tamar south-westerly into the River Tamar, thence by a straight south-easterly line to a point which is 30 chains from Windmill Point in the Town of George Town at a bearing of south 24 west, thence to that point and by the Town of George Town and high-water mark to the point of commencement.

Given under my hand this 14th day of September, 1868.

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE,

George Town, 30th November, 1868.

SIR,

OBSERVING by the *Gazette* of the 17th instant that certain applications under the provisions of The Oyster Fisheries Act—subsequent to the date of my application—appear in Notices 165 and 166, perhaps you will be so good as confer on my application referred to the same Official sanction, and cause its insertion in the *Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) MALCOLM LAING SMITH.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 3rd December, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Colonial Secretary, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting that your application for permission to form or plant an Oyster Bed in the Tamar may be inserted in the *Gazette*, as you observe has been done in other cases.

In reply, I am to point out to you that you already hold a Licence under date the 14th September, 1868; and that, by the Oyster Fisheries Act, Section 15, all acts done prior to the passing of the Act are valid; therefore the Licence you already hold is as good in law and sufficient as though it had been granted under the Act of last Session, and any further action is unnecessary.

I have, &c.,

M. L. SMITH, *Esq.*, *George Town.*

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 8th September, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor from the Municipal Council of Glamorgan, and in reply to acquaint you that the Act to amend the Law relating to Oyster Fisheries has already received the sanction of the Legislature, and it would be impossible now to entertain the prayer of the Petition.

The Government trust, however, that the evils anticipated by the Petitioners will not arise, but that the productiveness of the Fisheries may increase year by year as their management becomes better understood.

I have, &c.,

E. C. SHAW, *Esq.*, *Warden, Glamorgan.*

(Signed) RICHARD DRY.

*To His Excellency the Honorable Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C. B.,
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The Petition of the undersigned Members of the Municipal Council of Glamorgan.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners understand a Bill is to be brought before your Honorable Houses of Parliament during the present Session having for its object the removal of the control of all Oyster Fisheries (now under the control of Municipal Councils) to the care of the Government.

That on and in the vicinity of the sea-shore forming the eastern boundary of Glamorgan there exist numerous natural Oyster Beds.

That your Petitioners have paid great attention to the preservation of these Beds, and have caused the Police to supervise them with extra vigilance.

That during the past season your Petitioners found it necessary to close several Beds in consequence of injury they had received through being overworked.

That, though the Revenue now derived from Oyster Fisheries belonging to Glamorgan is merely nominal, your Petitioners had anticipated, with care, to render them a material addition to their Local Revenue.

Your Petitioners, therefore, feel if, after taking such precautions, they are deprived of the benefits anticipated from the careful working of these Beds a great injustice will be done them; and further, that the Beds will be liable to injury from parties removing young Oysters to other Colonies with the intention of forming new Beds.

And your Petitioners earnestly pray Your Excellency will be pleased not to allow any measure to have force which will remove the control of natural Oyster Beds from the Municipal Councils, as at present.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

EDWIN CARR SHAW, *Warden.*

J. LYNE,
HENRY LYNE,
JOHN MEREDITH,
ADAM AMOS,
HENRY COTTON,
JOHN MITCHELL, } *Councillors.*

Council Chambers, Swansea, October 28th, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE been instructed by the Warden to forward the accompanying Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and with it a copy of the Minute empowering the Warden to sign on behalf of the Municipal Council of Glamorgan.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. J. LYNE, *Council Clerk.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

It was duly submitted and carried, "That the Warden be requested, on behalf of this Council, to petition the Governor in Council for compensation for loss of the Municipal Oyster Fisheries."

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C. B., Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The humble Petition of the Municipal Council of Glamorgan.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That your Petitioners are in receipt of Your Excellency's reply to their prayer, "That the control of Oyster Fisheries might not be removed from Municipalities;" and your Petitioners feel grieved to find that their Petition,—though forwarded with the utmost dispatch after receiving intimation of the intention to alter the Oyster Fisheries Act, 1861,—was too late to prevent the Bill, which they conceive is calculated to do them serious injury, becoming law.

Your Petitioners consider it a duty they owe to the ratepayers they represent to again lay before Your Excellency the inexpediency of such a measure.

By the Act of Parliament of Tasmania, 25 Vict. No. 10, the Oyster Beds and Oyster Fisheries situate upon or adjacent to the shores of any Municipality were made subject to the Bye Laws of such Municipality, and all moneys received for licences to fish these beds were to be applied in aid of the Municipal funds, at a time when the Government "Grant in Aid to Municipalities" was much more liberal than it is now, and when the Municipal Revenue was not in want of that local aid it at present so much needs.

Since the passing of the before-recited Act it has been the aim of your Petitioners to improve and regulate the Oyster Beds and Fisheries under the control of Glamorgan in a manner most calculated to render the revenue receivable therefrom, before the lapse of many seasons, of material assistance to the Local Funds; and your Petitioners desire to convey their firm belief that under such management the beds, now in their infancy, would very shortly become very prolific, and to then deprive your Petitioners of the revenue would be to remove one of their chief supports.

Your Petitioners, lastly, beg to point out that this measure tends to increase the taxation of the already over-burdened Ratepayers: and your Petitioners earnestly pray Your Excellency in Council to take the matter into your serious consideration, and grant your Petitioners compensation equal to the loss sustained by the removal of their Local Revenue.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

EDWIN CARR SHAW, *Warden.*

October 28th, 1868.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 31st October, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition addressed to the Governor, signed by yourself on behalf of the Municipal Council of Glamorgan for compensation for loss of the Municipal Oyster Fisheries; and in reply to acquaint you that it will be laid before His Excellency upon his return to Hobart Town.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

The Warden, Glamorgan.

Glenorchy, 15th October, 1868.

SIR,

IN conformity with the Oyster Act passed last Session, I am prepared to form several Oyster Beds in the River Derwent fronting my estate and residence at Glenorchy. The Derwent is not more than eight feet deep on my side the Channel at high water: it forms a large bay, and is subject to a deposit of silt occasioned by the eddy in the winter floods, which increases annually, and has been the destruction of the original Oyster Beds which formerly existed and still remain embedded in solid masses at various depths. Most of the Beds laid down by me, and which furnished a large supply of excellent Oysters three years ago, are now covered six inches deep with mud, and, consequently, destroyed. There are to be found small patches a few yards in circumference, where the bottom is rocky and stony. My intention is to drive stakes round these and suspend fascines to receive the spat. As these Beds will be some distance apart, I consider it desirable that I should be permitted to occupy the full extent of my frontage of about 40 chains on the Derwent in a straight line, extending from a grant to E. Green to the property of — M'Laren, the water boundaries to bear E.N.E. by compass from each of these points to the Channel, as shown on the plan herewith enclosed.

I have &c.,

(Signed) THOS. Y. LOWES.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 26th October, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, in which you state that you are prepared to form several Oyster Beds in the River Derwent fronting your estate at Glenorchy, and forwarding a map and tracing of the locality.

As the tracing sets forth the frontage as being "granted" to others besides yourself, and as there is, of course, no record in any Government Office of the purchases of land by you from the grantees, I have to request that you will be good enough to tint that portion of the frontage which is your property; and should any not belong to you, that you will send in the consent of the owners of such portion to your forming an Oyster Bed opposite their land.

With regard to the direction of the water boundaries it would not be possible to sanction the "East North East" line as applied for by you and marked on the plan, as it would encroach on the water space in front of the allotment located to E. Green. The northern boundary line of your privilege will therefore have to be an extension of the boundary line between the location above referred to and your own property.

It will also be necessary for you to forward a declaration taken before a Justice of the Peace to the effect that to the best of your knowledge and belief the site applied for is not a Public Oyster Fishery within the meaning of the Oyster Fisheries Act.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

The Hon. T. Y. LOWES, Esq., M.L.C., Glenorchy.

IN compliance with the Government Regulations in reference to the Oyster Fisheries Act No. 16, passed 17th September, 1868, I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the site now applied for by me fronting my residence on the banks of the Derwent at Glenorchy is not a public Oyster Fishery within the meaning of that Act.

THOS. Y. LOWES.

Taken before me this 2nd day of November, 1868.

THOS. GIBLIN, *J.P., Hobart.*

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 165.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 2nd November, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, the Honorable Thomas Yardley Lowes, Esquire, has made application for a Licence to form or plant an Oyster Bed in all that portion of the bed of the River Derwent in front of the property of the said

Thomas Yardley Lowes, to commence at the north-east angle on the River Derwent of a grant of 170 acres to the said Thomas Yardley Lowes, thence by an east line of 60 chains into the said River, thence by a south-easterly line to a point in the said river distant 60 chains from the north point on the said river of a grant of 20 acres to William M'Laren, thence by a west line of 60 chains to that point, and thence by the margin of the said river to the point of commencement.

By His Excellency's Command,

T. D. CHAPMAN,
For the Colonial Secretary.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THIS is to certify that in accordance with the Regulation made by the Governor, and published in the Hobart Town *Gazette* of this day's date, the Honorable T. Y. Lowes, or his Agent, is hereby authorised to fish for and take Oysters from natural Oyster Beds for the sole purpose of relaying the same on Mr. Lowes' private Bed opposite his estate at Glenorchy now in course of formation.

This Licence to continue in force from this date to the 31st December instant.

By Command,

(Signed) R. DRY.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 8th December, 1868.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 14th December, 1868.

SIR,

I HEREWITH forward to you the Licence to form an Oyster Bed, applied for by you on the 15th of October last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

The Hon. T. Y. Lowes, Esq., Glenorchy.

Hobart, 3rd October, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to apply to His Excellency the Governor to grant a Licence to my sons,—Charles Meredith, junr., and Owen Meredith,—to form or plant an Oyster Bed in that part of Prosser's River below high-water mark extending to the middle of the River opposite to the lots respectively purchased from the Crown by my said sons; the said lots being bounded on the east by Charles-street, on the south by Crown land, on the west by Alice-street, and on the north by the Esplanade. Because with this month the opportunity of procuring brood Oysters will cease, I pray His Excellency's earliest attention, so that I may form a plant of Oysters this year, and not lose a whole season.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES MEREDITH.

THE Surveyor-General is requested to certify to the correctness of the description of the land herein referred to.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
17th October, 1868.

THE description is correct, with the addition, or rather the interlineation, that I have supplied in red ink.

J. E. CALDER.
17. 10. 1868.

I send Sketch.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 5th October, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you apply for the grant of a Licence to your sons, Charles Meredith and Owen Meredith, to plant an Oyster Bed in a specified portion of Prosser's River.

The Oyster Fisheries Act of last Session empowers the Governor to make Regulations in respect of the Oyster Fisheries of the Colony; and accordingly Regulations are now being framed and will shortly be published. Until they have been approved and gazetted I am unable to submit your application to the Governor; but I may add that no objection will be offered by the Government to the issue of the Licence under the provisions of the Act, so soon as the requisite Regulations have issued.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) RICHARD DRY.

The Hon. C. MEREDITH, Esq., M.H.A., Hobart Town.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 161.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 19th October, 1868

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, the Honorable Charles Meredith, Esq., has made application on behalf of his sons, Charles Meredith, junr., and Owen Meredith, for a Licence to form or plant an Oyster Bed in that part of Prosser's River below high-water mark opposite to the lots respectively purchased from the Crown by the said Charles Meredith, junr., and Owen Meredith, and extending to the middle of the said river.

The said lots being bounded on the east by Charles-street, on the south by Crown land, on the west by Alice-street, and on the north by the Esplanade.

By His Excellency's Command,

RICHARD DRY.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 187.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 14th December, 1868.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, notice is hereby given, that the Licences applied for by Messrs. Charles Meredith, junr., and Owen Meredith, the Honorable T. Y. Lowes, Esq., and John Effingham Lawrence, Esq.,—for particulars of which see Government Notices Nos. 161, 165, and 166, in the *Gazette* of the 3rd November ultimo,—have been granted.

By His Excellency's Command,

RICHARD DRY.

Point Effingham, 28th October, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE seen the Edward Taylor who formerly applied for and obtained permission to plant an Oyster Bed on the Tamar, and in answer to your last question in reference to the same he has authorised me to state that he did lay down a quantity of Oysters; but not understanding how to do the thing properly they did not succeed, and that he has done nothing since, and has, in fact, abandoned it; but if there is any vested interest on his part in the place now, having once obtained permission to form an Oyster Bed, he is quite ready to transfer any interest he may have in the same to myself. I beg to bring under your notice that the position of the Bed in question was wrongly marked on the chart sent to me from the Survey Office; and that at the time that Edward Taylor applied for the permission to form an Oyster Bed he was my tenant living on the land opposite the spot applied for. I beg to again apply for permission to lay down and form Oyster Beds along that portion of the coast line of the River Tamar for which I have already applied; and hope the Government will soon let me know their decision as to my application.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN E. LAWRENCE.

The Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.

Survey Office, 31st October, 1868.

MY DEAR SIR,

I FORWARD a description of the Oyster Park in the River Tamar applied for by Mr. J. E. Lawrence, and return all the papers relating thereto.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. E. CALDER.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

ALL that portion of the bed of the River Tamar commencing at the south angle of the town of George Town, thence by a north-west line of 23 chains or thereabouts at right angles with the south-west boundary of that town, thence by a line in a general south-easterly direction to a point in the aforesaid river 12 chains distant from and opposite the south point of a small bay into which Williams's Creek enters, thence to that point, thence by the margin of the aforesaid river in a general north-westerly direction in front of the property of John E. Lawrence to the point of commencement. The boundary in the River Tamar to be 12 chains from the shore and mouths of the bays, except in Pipe Clay Bay.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 166.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 2nd November, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, John Effingham Lawrence, Esq., has made application for a Licence to form or plant an Oyster Bed in all that portion of the bed of the River Tamar commencing at the south angle of the town of George Town, thence by a north-west line of 23 chains or thereabouts at right angles with the south-west boundary of that town, thence by a line in a general south-easterly direction to a point in the aforesaid river 12 chains distant from and opposite the south point of a small bay into which Williams's Creek enters, thence to that point, thence by the margin of the aforesaid river in a general north-westerly direction in front of the property of J. E. Lawrence to the point of commencement. The boundary in the River Tamar to be 12 chains from the shore and mouths of the bays except in Pipe Clay Bay.

By His Excellency's Command,
For the Colonial Secretary,
T. D. CHAPMAN.

Sorell, 24th December, 1868.

SIR,

PREVIOUS to the Oyster Fisheries being taken away from the control of the Municipalities, a Licence for the Carlton River and Bream Creek River was granted to D. Hildyard & Co., of the District of Sorell, to cultivate Oysters in these places for a term of years.

I beg therefore that your Department may not issue any description of Licence for these places that may in any way infringe the right possessed by Messrs. Hildyard & Co.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

F. ALLISON, *Warden.*

The Surveyor-General, Hobart Town.

FORWARDED for the information of the Assistant Colonial Secretary.

J. E. CALDER.
29th December, 1868.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 22nd January, 1869.

SIR,

THE Surveyor-General has forwarded to the Colonial Secretary your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you state that before the Oyster Fisheries were withdrawn from the control of the Municipalities a Licence for the Carlton River and Bream Creek had been granted to D. Hildyard & Co., to cultivate Oysters in these places for a term of years, and requesting that no Licence may be issued which would infringe the rights possessed by Messrs. Hildyard & Co.

In reply I am directed to request that you will furnish the Colonial Secretary with a copy of the Licence granted to the above-named parties.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

F. ALLISON, *Esq., Warden, Sorell.*

Southport, Tasmania, 8th January, 1869.

SIR,

WITH reference to my Memorial to be permitted to lay down an artificial Bed for propagation of Oysters at Southport, I beg leave to ask your permission to replenish these beds during the present and succeeding months, until the Oyster Season commences or the restriction at Southport is removed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES ELLIOTT & SON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Old Wharf, Hobart Town, 29th January, 1869.

SIR,

I RESPECTFULLY beg leave to apply for permission to replenish my artificial Oyster Bed situate in front of the Police Reserve at Hythe, Southport, preparatory to the Oyster Season, for One month, and in accordance with "The Oyster Fisheries Act."

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

SAMUEL STRATTON.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Old Wharf, Hobart Town, 29th January, 1869.

SIR,

I RESPECTFULLY beg leave to apply for permission to replenish my artificial Oyster Beds, situate in front of the Police Reserve at Hythe, Southport, preparatory to the Oyster season, 1869, in accordance with the Oyster Fishery Act,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES ^{his} + HATHRELL.
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The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Stores, Old Wharf, Hobart Town, 29th January, 1869.

SIR,

I BEG most respectfully to apply for a permissive order for the replenishing my Oyster Bed (artificial) in Cornelian Bay,—the Governor's assent at the time having been already accorded for its formation 21st February, 1867,—and that such permission be accorded for one month previously to the commencement of the coming Oyster Season.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM IKIN.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 4th February, 1869.

THE Colonial Secretary forwards herewith to Mr. William Ikin Licences for himself and others named in the margin* to replenish his and their respective private Oyster Beds from the natural Oyster Beds, which he will have the goodness to acknowledge.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) B. T. SOLLY.

Old Wharf, Hobart Town, 8th February, 1869.

SIR,

I RESPECTFULLY beg to apply for permission to replenish an artificial Oyster Bed, situate at Pelican Island at the mouth of Southport, in Tasmania, preparatory to the forthcoming Oyster Season.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WM. WHITEHOUSE.

The Hon. Sir RICHARD DRY, Colonial Secretary.

GRANTED.—Licence handed to Whitehouse, junr.
9th February.

Campbell-street, Hobart Town, 15th May, 1869.

SIR,

I RESPECTFULLY beg leave to apply for permission to plant an artificial Oyster Bed in front of the Society's Gardens in the Queen's Domain, seven chains north-westerly along the shore, in accordance with the Oyster Fishery Act.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM WHITEHOUSE.

The Hon. Sir RICHARD DRY, Colonial Secretary.

WILL the Surveyor-General be good enough to mark the site and extent of the proposed Bed, and furnish the description?

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
15th May, 1869.

Museum, 11th May, 1869.

SIR,

IN reference to your letter of this day's date, applying to the Council of the Royal Society for permission to plant an artificial Oyster Bed in front of the Society's Gardens, I am instructed to reply that the Council has no objection to your doing so.

I have, &c.,
J. W. AGNEW, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Mr. WILLIAM WHITEHOUSE, Campbell-street.

* J. Hathrell, Elliott & Son. S. Stratton.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 75.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 22nd May, 1889.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, Mr. William Whitehouse has made application for a Licence to form or plant an Oyster Bed on all that piece of land in the Parish of Hobart, County of Buckingham, bounded as follows; that is to say,— Commencing at a point on the River Derwent in front of the Royal Society's Gardens distant one chain in a north-westerly direction from the north-west angle of the Government House ground, thence by a north-easterly line of three chains running parallel with and distant one chain from the shore, thence by a north-westerly line of seven chains, thence by a south-westerly line to the Royal Society's Gardens, and thence by seven chains along those Gardens to the point of commencement.

By His Excellency's Command,
RICHARD DRY.

TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 25th May, 1869.

THIS is to certify that, in accordance with the Regulation made by the Governor and published in the Hobart Town *Gazette* of the 8th December, 1868, Mr. W. Whitehouse or his agent is hereby authorised to fish for and take Oysters from natural Oyster Beds for the sole purpose of relaying the same on Mr. W. Whitehouse's private Bed situate in front of the Royal Society's Gardens, River Derwent.

By Command,
RICHARD DRY.