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*Crown Lands Office, Hobart, 8th July, 1890.*

SIR,

IN accordance with your instructions of the 14th ultimo to inspect the country from Little Swanport as far as Swanston, and to report on the value of the wattle thereon, I have the honor to state that, as soon as the weather allowed, I visited and carefully inspected the country.

The country lying between the above points has been entirely stripped of its wattle-bark within the last three years, which is being replaced by a large crop of young wattle-trees.

From Little Swanport to a point known as the Sugar-loaf, midway between that place and Swanston, only the Black variety is known. From thence to Swanston the Silver variety obtains.

A heavy stripping of bark will be obtained throughout this part of the country in the course of three or four years, in consequence of heavy fires having passed over it two years since. There will be no danger of loss from this cause for some years to come.

Proceeding from Swanston to the Jericho Siding on the T.M.L. Railway a large extent of Crown Land is passed through, on portions of which a good stripping will be obtained in a few years.

To inspect this country I passed over what is known as the Old Swanport Road, which in places is very good; in others it is grown over with wattle and other scrub and ferns. The creek crossings are very bad, one in particular being hardly safe at any time, the approach to it not being properly laid out. Some side-draining would render a great deal of what is now impassable a fair summer road.

If a small sum were laid out on this road, a course I respectfully recommend, it would enhance the value of the wattle-bark by enabling carters and others to get it out with some degree of certainty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM T. H. BROWN,  
*Conservator of Forests.*

*The Hon. A. T. PILLINGER, Esq., M.H.A.,  
Minister of Lands and Works.*