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A (1846) 1028, 1042½

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A (1848) 1431

P (1848) 475, ..., 498

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A (1849) 1323

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A (1849) 1725

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A (1848) 1842

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A (1854) 2965, 3164 (outside gr.3) 3313, 3664 (outside gr.3)

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A (1850) 18

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A (1852) 1012, 1042

T (1852) 313, 346

Colonial Architect (W.B. Hays) decries the practice of inviting open competition with plans and specifications for works

A (1852) 2324

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List of works to be completed in the current year

A (1853) 1344

U (1853) 433

Plans and estimates requested for certain works

U (1853) 410

Works in progress during the year

A (1853) 1816

Tenders to be advertised in the newspapers as well as in the Gazette

A (1853) 1994

U (1853) 589

Proposal to bring a company of Sappers and Miners from England to alleviate the labour position

A (1854) 284, 351½

V (1854) 144

Suggestion that W.B. Hays be sent to England to make contracts for goods for public works

A (1854) 58, 360

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W.B. Hays severely censured for exceeding his estimates

A (1854) 2578

List of works contemplated for the coming year.

W (1855) 315

Governor MacDonnell expresses the view that there should be a "Minister of Public Works"

A (1855) 3198

Enquiry about unauthorised removal of plans from office. Steps taken for future control of plans.

A (1855) 3432

W (1855) 851

Colonial Architect remarks on proposed reductions of votes for various public buildings

A (1856) 472

X Finance (1856) 38

Colonial Treasurer recommends that due notice should be given for monies required for the various public works

A (1856) 2300

X (1856) 202, 407

Colonial Architect recommends that the Light House on Cape Border be built by employing men, immediately under the Public Works Office.

A (1856) 2686

X (1856) 481

Clerk of Public Works, Francis Scallan, requests salary increase (to the level of a 2nd class officer) from the commencement of the present year

A (1856) 2984

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Light houses and beacons

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A (1851) 1078

PUGH, Thomas

With others sends a memorial protesting against an action by J. Thomson
A (1855) 1630
W (1855) 397

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PULFORD, George

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A (1849) 1888

PULLEN, James Cheppel Bailey (aged 3 years)

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A (1852) 746

PULLEN, W.J.S.

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C (1838) 27
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A (1847) 1025, 1272
O (1847) 35 twice, 138 twice
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A (1848) 823

PULTENEY STREET SCHOOL

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S.A. May 26, 1848, 3C
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A (1849) 462, 463

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A (1853) 2373
U (1853) 680

PUNDT, Augustus

Seeks admission into the Hospital
A (1844) 958

PUNJAUB, immigrant ship

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A (1855) 1639, 1670
W (1855) 384
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A (1855) 1756
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PUNNYTON, Henry Crowther

Released from gaol
A (1847) 1444

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Sketch of the type of punt used in Tasmania

A (1844) 737½

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PURCELL, Laurence

Convicted of assault

A (1845) 1458

Seeks mitigation of sentence

A (1845) 1517

L (1845) 97

A (1846) ...

L (1846) 184

Released from gaol

L (1846) 189

Applies for appointment as Crown Lands ranger

A (1853) 475

U (1853) 143

Ranger for Mudla Wirra District Council

A (1855) 1329

PURCELL, William

Claim for druggett

A (1843) 995

G (1843) 301

PURDUE, Frederick

Applies for a position in the Assay Office

A (1852) 1403

PURILLO, Edward

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PURRI KUDNUTYA, aboriginal

Convicted of theft

A (1847) 351

PURSER, Robert butcher, Goolwa

Signs a petition for a survey of a possible union of Hindmarsh Island and the Peninsula of Lake Albert

A (1856) 2130

PURVIS, John

Gratuity as hospital assistant on the Hooghly

A (1846) 1342

M (1846) 147

PUTTOCK, William

Applies for medical attention to his wife

A (1844) 476

G (1844) 661

PYBUS, R. brass founder, Goolwa

Signs a petition for a survey of a possible union of Hindmarsh Island and the Peninsula of Lake Albert

A (1856) 2130

PYKE, George, postmaster

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