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Despatches received from the Secretary of State, London, later Governor General

Series Description

This series contains originals and copies of despatches from the Secretary of State, later the Governor-General, received in South Australia.

A despatch is a written official report on state affairs, and can also contain instructions for the South Australian government from the Imperial government in London.

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Agencies responsible

Office of the Governor of South Australia

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Transmitting warrant appointing Charles Sturt Assistant Commissioner of Public Lands, and requesting payment of stamp duty and fees. 31st August, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Transmitting warrants appointing Edward Frome and Charles Sturt members of the Council of Government. 3rd August, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch from Lord John Russell transmitting copy of despatch to Governor Sir G. Gipps relative to the provisions to be made for the wants and civilisation of the Aborigines. 4th September, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Advising Governor Gawler that he has been relieved of duties of Governor and Resident Commissioner, and appointment of Captain Grey as his successor. 26th December, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Answer to Captain Grey's letter asking to be informed as to proper procedure in correspondence with Her Majesty's Government, as to revenue, Special Surveys etc. 29th December, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Relative to making certain appointments in the Public Service, leaving them to Captain Grey's discretion. 29th December, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Refusing request for small body of troops for SA, and advising formation of local militia. 30th December, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch from Lord John Russell acknowledging receipt of three Acts passed by local legislature viz. No.6 Police Act, No.7 Post Office Act and No.8 Aliens Act. All disallowed by the Queen. 31st December, 1840. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to the selection of lands for the benefit of Aborigines. 28th March, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Transmitting Letters Patent from Admiralty appointing Captain Grey Vice Admiral of the Colony. 29th March, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to the preparation of annual Blue Books and report on the state of the Colony, for transmission to England. 15th April, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch acknowledging receipt of addresses from the inhabitants of South Australia congratulating the Queen and Prince Albert on their marriage. 20th April, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to the emigration of certain females from the parish of Marylebone with correspondence of the Poor Law Commisisoners on the subject. 30th April, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

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Despatch requesting information respecting one James Holden and his family. 18th May, 1841.
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Despatch transmitting the Order in Council for altering the Customs Duties levied upon importations the produce of British possessions in India. 28th May, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch acknowledging receipt of the Judge's notes on the trial of one Joseph Stagg convicted of murder and executed in Adelaide in November, 1840. 29th May, 1841.
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Stating that letter from Judge Cooper as to inadequacy of salary attached to his office must be forwarded through the Governor. 18th June, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch intimating that the Lords of the Treasury do not object to the capital of the Bank of Australasia being increased to the extent of £300,000. 30th June, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch stating that certain replacement books which had been applied for by Governor Gawler from the Colonisation Commissioners, the originals having been destroyed in the fire at Government Cottage, cannot at present be supplied through lack of funds. 12th July, 1841.
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Despatch relative to the withdrawal of the Government printing from the firm of Messrs. Thomas & Co. 27th July, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch intimating that by the Queen's Order in Council, Mates in the Royal Navy shall rank with Ensigns in the Army and Mates of three years standing with Lieutenants in the Army. 25th August, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to Bills of exchange amounting to £3017.16.1 drawn by the Colonial Treasurer upon the Colonisation Commissioners in London. 31st August, 1841.
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Despatch on same subject 33 Bills amounting to £6343/19/7. 1st September, 1841.
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Despatch from Lord Stanley announcing the Queen's assent to certain acts and Her Majesty's disallowance of others. [Assented to: 'An Act appointing Charles Newenham as Sheriff', 'An Act to Regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers', 'An Act to Regulate the Slaughtering & to Prevent the Stealing of Cattle', 'Scab in Sheep Act'. Disallowed: 'An Act for Declaring the Law', 'An Act for the Employment of Prisoners', 'An Act for the Ballasting of Vessels'. Amendments Required: 'An Act for the Committal of Prisoners', 'An Act for the Incorporation of the City of Adelaide'. Under consideration: 'Whale Fisheries'] 13th September, 1841.
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Despatch transmitting a report of the Audit Commissioners on the Colonial Accounts and suggesting the expediency of instituting legal proceedings against Mr J.H. Fisher late Resident Commissioner, and T. Gilbert Colonial Storekeeper. 4th October, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch from same acknowledging receipt of Governor Grey's report on the financial state of the Colony on his assuming the Government of South Australia, also transmitting report of the Colonisation Commissioners on the subject. 6th November, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch acknowledging receipt of Governor Grey's despatches relative to an attack which had been made by Aborigines on a party of settlers. 24th November, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch respecting the illegal seizure of the "Ville de Bordeaux" by the Collector of Customs. 25th November, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch intimating that Governor Grey's draft for £800 had been honored, for defraying the expenses of the late Governor, Governor Gawler to England. 7th December, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to the summary execution without trial of two aborigines who had committed murder, containing report of Crown Law Officers to the effect that the legal character of the act by Colonel Gawler, Major O'Halloran & others was murder. 14th December, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to Governor Grey's refusal to pay for services executed before his assumption of office. Expressing approval of same. 20th December, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relating to financial matters, also the grant of two companies of H.M. Troops for temporary service in the Colony. 20th December, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1

Despatch relative to granting relief to pauper labourers in the Colony and instructions on the subject. 31st December, 1841. Ref. GRG 2/1/1