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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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Despatch No. 11 relative to bills drawn on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.
1st January 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 12 relative to the acquisition of land by discharged soldiers. 13th January 1842.
Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 13 requesting that copies of acts passed in South Australia in the first year of Her Present Majesty's reign [1837-1838] be forwarded to the Colonial Office.
17th January 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 14 announcing that the Crown has disallowed the Whale Fisheries Act and the Whale Fisheries Amendment Act. 18th January, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 15 relative to the policy to be pursued in the event of murder of colonists by Aborigines. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 16 relative to the appointment of Mr William Hamilton Hart as Superintendent of the Bank of Australasia's establishments in New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land and South Australia. 18th January 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 17 relative to the mutual protection of Overland parties and Aboriginal tribes inhabiting the River Murray. 21st February 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 18 relative to complaints made by Mr W. Durie, late Junior Medical Officer in Van Diemen's Land against Mr Robert Officer (sic), late Principal Medical Officer, Van Diemen's Land. 28th February 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 19 relative to relief of pauper emigrant labourers: 1st March 1842.
Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 20 giving notice that the Great Eastern Road Act has been allowed by her Majesty and that the Insolvent Debtors' Act, the Post Office Act and the Police Force Act are under consideration. 16th March 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 21 relative to a question of title to certain lands in South Australia granted in 1839 to Mr John Wright and subsequently granted to Mr Robert Torrens. 29th March 1842.
Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 22 relative to increasing the Military Force in the Australian Colonies. 4th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 23 relative to the imposition of a duty upon all grain imports to the Colony.
5th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

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Despatch No. 24 relative to a memorial presented to the Governor by the operatives and labouring classes of Adelaide complaining of the reduced rate of wages given to persons employed upon Government works. 6th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 25 relative to conflict between a party of Europeans [Robinson's] and a party of Aborigines and relative to Eyre's expeditions. 13th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 26 relative to removal to South Australia of convict boys from Parkhurst Prison. 26th May 1842. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 27 relative to returns of Crown Lands disposed of in the colony. 26th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 28 relative to the approval felt by the Home Government towards Governor Grey's reduction of expenditure by government. 28th May, 1842. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 29 relative to a bill drawn on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for £1000 for the relief of destitute and unemployed emigrants. 28th May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 30 relative to the Scab in Sheep Act. Allowed by the Crown. 31st May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 31 relative to the Masters and Servants Act. Allowed by the Crown. 31st May 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 32 relative to the indentures of apprenticeship of boys from Parkhurst Prison. 7th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 33 relative to expenses incurred in the erection of the Wharf and Public Works at Port Adelaide. 8th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 34 relative to appointment of John Alexander Jackson as Colonial Secretary and Robert Gouger as Colonial Treasurer. 8th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 35 relative to appointment of John Eyre as Resident Magistrate and Protector of Aborigines on the Murray River. 9th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 36 relative to the Act to authorize the levying of fees on land grants. Allowed by the Crown. 10th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 37 relative to the Act for giving relief to imprisoned insolvent debtors [allowed with certain conditions], the Act for the regulation of the police force [allowed with certain conditions] and the Act for the regulation of the Post Office [disallowed]. 11th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

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Despatch No. 38 relative to financial situation of the Colony. [Contains tables of Debts and Assets, table of Governor Grey's financial arrangements, statement of dishonoured drafts up to January 1842, and table of stocks of the South Australian Guarantee Fund. Also mentions the introduction into Parliament of a Bill repealing the South Australian Act.] 20th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 39 relative to the drawing of bills on the British Treasury in liquidation of certain outstanding claims. 21 June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 40 relative to the Registration of Deeds Act. Disallowed by the Crown. 22nd June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 41 acknowledging receipt of Despatch No.3 of 1841 of John Eyre's report on his relations with the Aborigines [as Resident Magistrate of the River Murray]. 23rd June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 42 relative to the Quarterly Report of the Commissioner of Police [Dec. 1841] 29th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 43 relative to the application for an increase of salary of Judge Cooper. 29th June 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 44 relative to returns of appointment to public offices, increase of salaries and payments of a special nature for the third quarter 1841. 1st July 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 45 relative to differences between Colonel Gawler and Governor Grey previous to Gawler's leaving the Colony. 2nd July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 46 seeking a report on the desirability of erecting a Bishopric in the Colony. 2nd July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 47 relative to the Park Lands in the vicinity of Adelaide. 6th July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 48 relative to claims of the Government of South Australia on account of the chartering of the Lord Hobart to the Island of Timor for the purpose of buying ponies. 6th July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 49 relative to report by Captain Dawson R.E. on surveys in the Colonies and remarks by Captain Frome, the Surveyor General of South Australia on Dawson's report. [Contains map of the District of Adelaide as divided into country sections, 1839, plan of the District of Adelaide showing the application of the Running Survey and copy of Captain Dawson's 'Report on Surveying'.] 12th July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 50 relative to claims for payment by Messrs. Wilson & Co. of certain bills.

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12th July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 51 relative to Colonial expenditure and urging the adoption of measures to equalize income and expenditure. 21st July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 52 relative to a claim made by Dr. Kent, Proprietor of the Steam Flour Mill on account of the non-employment of his mill in grinding corn for Government departments. 21st July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 53 relative to a complaint by a settler that letters addressed to private individuals in Britain which cast the Colony in an unflattering light are being detained by the Post Office authorities in South Australia. 29th July, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 54 relative to the Report on the Emigrant Population of the Labouring Class and support of emigrant paupers. 2nd August, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 55 relative to the legality of certain marriages which have taken place in the Colony. 8th August, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 56 relative to employment of pauper emigrants and the introduction of Indian labourers into South Australia. 23rd August, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 57 relative to a complaint by a settler that letters addressed to private individuals are being detained by the Post Office authorities. 4th August, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 58 acknowledging receipt of the Half Yearly report of the Colonial Engineer and commenting on the use of surplus labourers on public works. 24th August, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 59 relative to the Act to provide for the better government of South Australia, financial matters, and disposal of Waste Lands, 6th September 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 60 relative to Mr Mann's claim for payment for services rendered. 8th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 61 relative to regulations adopted for conducting the public expenditure of the Colony. 9th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 62 relative to the payment of certain bills drawn by Governor Gawler. 10th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 63 requesting particulars of an incident in which the son of the Revd. L.H. Hepenstal alleges he sustained a loss in consequence of a whale harpooned by his men being seized by the Police as the property of the Queen. 12th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

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Despatch No. 64 relative to the Act to facilitate proceedings by, and against, the South Australian Marine and Fire Life Assurance Company. Allowed by the Crown. 13th September 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 65 relative to the schedule of appointments to public offices, increase in the salary of public officers and payments of an unusual kind for the fourth quarter of 1841. Mentions relief of Robert Gouger from his duties. 19th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 66 relative to the Report of the Commissioners of Audit into irregularities on the part of Treasurers of South Australia [Gillies and Jackson] in receiving monies for the sale of colonial lands and of paying them into the Bank of South Australia without passing them through Treasury accounts. 22nd September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 67 relative to an Act passed in Parliament [Great Britain] for regulating the sale of Waste Lands belonging to the Crown in the Australian Colonies. 15th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 68 relative to the act for adopting certain acts of Parliament passed in the first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the administration of justice in South Australia, in like manner as other Laws of England are applied. Allowed. 27th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 69 relative to the act for adopting a certain Act of Parliament intituled An Act for the Amendment of the Laws with respect to wills in South Australia, in like manner as other laws of England are applied herein. Allowed. 28th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 70 relative to the salary of Judge Cooper. 29th September, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 71 relative to the act to regulate the appointment and duties of the sheriff. Disallowed. 4th October, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 72 relative to the recommendation of the Resident Magistrate and Protector of Aborigines of the Murray River [John Eyre] that a permanent settlement on the Murray be established with a small detachment of soldiers. 8th October, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 73 relative to the sale of land as a reserve for the Aborigines. 27th October 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 74 relative to South Australian objections to the Western Australian Act to secure the repayment in certain cases of the expenses incurred by the local Government for the introduction of labourers, domestic servants, mechanics and artisans into the Colony. 1st November, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

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Despatch No. 75 relative to the act for registering Births, Deaths and Marriages in the Province of South Australia. To be allowed by the Crown provided certain printing errors are remedied. 2nd November, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 76 relative to the seizure of the Ville de Bordeaux. 14th November 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 77 relative to interest on money paid in England for the purchase of a Special Survey in 1839 [John Morphett and others]. 21st November, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 78 requesting the accounts of the Colonial Treasurer [Jackson] for the period 1st July to 30th September, 1840 be forwarded. 27th November, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 79 relative to the disposal of land by Land Order. 30th November, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 80 relative to Bills presented and payments made on the S.A. Government's account up to 30th September, 1842. 12th December, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 81 relative to the Harbour Master's salary and emoluments. 24th December, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.

Despatch No. 82 relative to the Impounding of Cattle Act. 26th December, 1842. Ref. GRG 2/1/2.