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1861 864 B. SHEPHARDSON S.M.

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1861 865 W. SULLIVAN SGT.

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1861 866 D. PLUNKETT SGT.

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1861 867 F. NEEDHAM.

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1861 868 H.S. GLENIE

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1861 872 P. O'REILLY PT.

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1861 877 G. SCOTT INSPECTOR

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1861 878 SGT. DYKE

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1861 882 SGT. HUNT GAWLER PS - THEFT OF HORSES - SUSPECT E. BLACKALL.

1861 883 T. MALLON PT. REDRUTH PS - REQUISITION FOR MAIZE.

1861 885 W. FOWLER J.P. Advising death of his shepherd, W. Wicken at Moorowie.

1861 887 T. MALLON PT. REDRUTH PS - ILLNESS OF TROOPER ROLLISON.

1861 888 CHIEF SECRETARY REQUIRING POLICE TO ATTEND FUNCTION.

1861 888.5 J. PLUNKETT PT. PORT AUGUSTA PS - COURT INSTRUCTED TO PAY MOIETIES FROM FINES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1861 890 J. DONNELLEY PT. GUMERACHA PS - REQUISITION FOR MAIZE.

1861 891 COMMISSIONER QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR TROOPER NIXON FOLLOWING ACCIDENT - RECOMMENDED LIMITED COMPENSATION DUE TO RELATIVE HIGH PAY OF POLICE - 50 POUNDS GRANTED. THIS IS POSSIBLY THE FIRST TIME COMPENSATION HAS BEEN PAID TO A SERVING MEMBER.

1861 893 A. LAWRENCE PT. OVEERLAND CORNER PS - RESIGNATION OF.

1861 895 SGT. HUNT HT GAMBIER PS - SALE OF LUNATIC'S PROPERTY - PROCEEDS REMITTED TO ASYLUM.

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1861 900 G. HOLMES. REPORTING MISSING HORSE.

1861 901 INSPECTOR SCOTT. PENOLA PS - HORSE STEALING FROM J. REDMAN.

1861 904 INSPECTOR SCOTT. GUICHEN BAY PS - W. TAYLOR OF THE CRITERION HOTEL COMPLAINING OF THE CONDUCT OF CORPORAL WOODCOCK, A LODGER AT HIS HOTEL. - INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BANNING POLICE FROM EATING AT HOTELS.

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1861 919 L. WOODCOCK CORPORAL. GUICHEN BAY PS - EFFECTS OF H. SHUTE DECEASED.

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- And his admission to the Lunatic Asylum. · Promotion of the Chief Clerk R. P. Pettinger to Inspector to replace Hall. · Clerical appointments in the Commissioner's Office.
- Application to resign following his negligence in not securing cattle believed stolen and his conduct in going to Public House with Prisoner J. Dermody.
- Arrest warrant for wife desertion by H. Jones.
- John Payner · wanted for horse stealing.
- Reporting theft of 20 horses.
- Death of Corporal Nixon · outstanding monies paid to his estate.
- James Wilson of Mount Gambier · warrant for false pretences.
- Kapunda PS · re fine paid on behalf of James Jeffreys.
- Gumeracha PS · failure of well sinker to complete contract.
- Inquiry from Chief Secretary re ownership of horses and cattle agisted in the Police Paddock, Adelaide. · Report discloses Commissioner has two cows there and other police have horses there as well as other Govt. Officers. Commissioner's comments claiming this has been customary.
- Bench of Magistrates seeking reports on applicants for publicans licence.
- Trial of George Hamilton at Supreme Court for robbery of Mr Braddock, a hawker, in the North. Hamilton's antecedents and his accomplice James Fitzpatrick. · Difficulty in locating Braddock, main prosecution witness. Disposition of cheques held as evidence.
- Estimates for year ending 30 June, 1862.
- Seeking appointment of female searcher at Pt. Adelaide. · Wife of Sgt. Dyke appointed at 18 pounds per annum.
- H. Jones · whereabouts of sought.
- Wallaroo · L. Robertson and others, seamen from vessel 'Big Wave' arrested for disobedience of master's orders and charged for their conveyance to gaol from their own funds. · Report approving this practice.
- Difficulties encountered in obtaining Supreme Court orders to administer estates · instruction to Police re detail required.
- Mt. Gambier · effects of Alfred Young deceased.
- Wallaroo PS · arrest of Burkby at Moonta Mines. · wanted for manslaughter arising from furious driving.
R. PETTINGER, INSPECTOR.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL PAY WHEN ACTING AS CHIEF CLERK AS WELL AS INSPECTOR.

CROWN LANDS DEPT.

LOAN OF POLICE SADDLE TO KEEPER OF THE GOVERNMENT FARM.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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ROLLISON, L/CORPORAL.

KOORINGE PS - SICK LEAVE GRANTED TO.

FARM & GARDEN NEWSPAPER.

SOLICITING TENDER ADVERTISEMENT FROM POLICE.

H. HEWSON PT.

CLARE PS - FINDING OF DROWNED GOVERNMENT HORSE.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS - SPECIFICALLY BANNING EMPLOYEES FROM INTERFERENCE IN POLITICS AND CONVEYING TO THE MEDIA ANY UNAUTHORISED INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER.

THREE LAKES PS - RE HENRY BEST EX-FOOT POLICE COMPLAINING OF HAVING WITNESSED SEVERE ILL TREATMENT OF NATIVES AT JAMES THOMPSON’S STATION, WHICH HE REPORTED TO SGT. O’SHANAHAN. ALLEGED LACK OF ACTION BY O’SHANAHAN - UNRESOLVED.

G. AYLiffe PT.

KAPUNDA PS - ALLEGATIONS BY OF CONTINUAL DRUNKENNESS OF OF TROOPER FOX. INQUIRY BY SGT. MAJOR SEARCY. TRANSFER OF FOX FROM KAPUNDA. TROOPER O’BRIEN NEW O.C. - COMMENT OF COMMISSIONER AS TO SHORTCOMINGS OF THE ENQUIRY.

COMMISSIONER.

LIST OF FOUND PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE - NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT RE.

B. De LISSA, PT.

MT. GAMBIER - RESIGNATION OF.

TASMANIA POLICE.

M. MERLE @ HEBRAND @ TIMOTHY JEREMY - CONFIDENCE TRICKSTER FORMERLY CONVICTED IN ADELAIDE - SEEKING TO CONFIRM HIS TRUE IDENTITY - PHOTO FORWARDED POSSIBLY MAKING IT THE EARLIEST USE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

E. BENTLY, CORPORAL.

KADINA PS - HIS PATROL TO PORT ARTHUR AND FINDING PORT ARTHUR HOTEL NOW OWNED BY TROOPER ELLIOT OF PORT WAKEFIELD AND BEING RUN BY HIS WIFE.

W. SEARCY SGT. MAJOR.

INQUIRY RE WHEREABOUTS OF FRED HILL WANTED FOR FORGERY.

R. S. SMYTH PT.

WELLINGTON PS - SUSPECTED MURDER OF NATIVE 'MASON'S BOB' ON POLTALLOCH STATION REPORTED BY ALEXANDER TOLMER. NATIVE NAMED 'WILSON' ARRESTED ON SUSPICION BUT LATER RELEASED WHEN IT WAS JUDGED DEATH WAS FROM DISEASE.

G. HAMILTON CHF. INSPECTOR.

JACK WILSON, ABORIGINAL, KILLED IN FIGHT AT POINT MCLEAY BETWEEN THE MURRAY AND MUNDOO ISLAND TRIBES. DEATH CAUSED BY SPEAR THROWN BY NATIVE 'NATTRA' FROM LAKE ALBERT STATION. SUGGESTION OF INACTION BY POLICE TO PREVENT THE FIGHT.

CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES.

EFFECTS OF G. GREGORY DECEASED.

CLARE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SEEKING SUPPLY OF STAFFS AND HANDCUFFS FOR COUNCIL’S CONSTABLES. SUPPLIERS NAMED.

T. BERRILL CORPORAL.

YANKALILLA PS - ARREST OF GEORGE SHEPARD AT RAPID BAY.
PT. LINCOLN - REPORTING ARRIVAL OF HORSES 'ALBERT' AND 'YORK' FROM HEADQUARTERS.

APPLICATION TO BE RELIEVED FROM THE WESTERN DIVISION.

McDONNELL BAY PS - COMPLAINING HE HAS BEEN PASSED OVER FOR PROMOTION.

ENCLOSURE AROUND NATIVE BODY REMOVED - POLICE TO INVESTIGATE.

COMMISSIONER TO EXAMINE TREASURY BOOKS WITH OTHERS.

SEEKING RE-ENLISTMENT.

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