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1872 1045 CHIEF SECRETARY Commissioner and others appointed to Tender Board.

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1872 1070 J. BELL, HAMLEY BRIDGE. Querying whether Violin to be sold at auction is that stolen from him.

1872 1078 POLICE DEPT, SYDNEY. 500 Cattle stolen from Barnes and Smith by suspect William Tyler. - Thought to have been taken to S.A. and possibly in possession of Station Owner, Holland.

1872 1085 G. ORR PT. Death of Margaret Reeves, 15 years, resulting from her Fall over a 120 ft. cliff at Third Creek.

1872 1091 CHIEF COMMISSIONER, MELBOURNE. Re Bigamist Henry Swift.

1872 1094 L. WOODCOCK, SERGEANT. Gawler PS. - Stolen Saddle and Bridle recovered. - Contested claims for.

1872 1112 I. ROE, INSPECTOR. Affidavit by John Spratt of Clare refuting allegation
Against PC Dempsey by PT Orr at hearing by Board of Inquiry into the Police Service.

Clare - Testimonial of prominent Clare citizens commending the Police there. Sent to the Board of Inquiry into the Police Service.

Adelaide - Public demonstration for unspecified issue in the city streets and at the Exhibition building. Police called in from outstations - no arrests.

Woodside PS. - Charge of reckless driving laid against one, Poole. - Offence not witnessed by Police but deft pleaded guilty. - Attitude of Dashwood S.M. who told Prosecutor he would not normally convict unless the offence was witnessed by Police. - His non acceptance of civilian witnesses.

Port Lincoln - Corporal R. Sullivan appointed as Bailiff.

Licensee of Hanson Hotel complaining of lack of Police assistance in dealing with disorderly person.

WALLAROO. - Three gold rings found and returned to finder.

Account for freight of goods to Cooranina PS.

Querying delay in forwarding "States" from Clare H.Q.

BLINMAN - Prisoner James Fitzgerald in Adelaide Gaol. - Claiming expenses for food bought by him whilst under escort to Gaol from Blinman.

David Gulliver - taken into custody by the Manager of Yadlamalka Station for the rape of Catherine Wilmot, aged 12 years. - Prisoner secured awaiting arrival of Police but escaped, probably with assistance.

Blinman - Hugh Thompson committed as a lunatic.

Letter to Commissary re his absconding wife and family and larceny of his horse.

Thomas Whaley, missing friend.

Port Wakefield - James Lenon charged in the Supreme Court and acquitted - 6 tons of bark to be returned to him.

Letter to Mount Gambier Newspaper by "Mt Burr" alleging Senior Officer's improper use of a Police horse and constable to collect wood for his personal use. - Report of the Senior Officer, Inspector B.G. Hunt.

Bordertown. - Offer of the Licensee of the Woolshed Inn for the free use of his premises for holding of Bordertown local court.

Riverton PS. - Police v Michael Mannering for sheep stealing. - Difficulty of holding sheep for evidence.
CIRCULAR DATED 9-12-1872 STATING THAT ALL LEGAL BUSINESS OF GOVT. DEPARTMENTS WILL BE TRANSACTED BY THE HON. R. B. ANDREWS Q.C., CROWN SOLICITOR. OUT OF POCKET FEES TO BE MET BY THE DEPT. INCURRING HIS SERVICES.

ALLEGING WILLIAM SHEPERD OF TEEITALPA STATION WILL MURDER A FEMALE WHO HAS REJECTED HIS ADVANCES AND MARRIED ANOTHER. • POLICE INQUIRIES RE.

ESCORT FOR H.E. THE GOVERNOR PROCEEDING TO SEMAPHORE VIA PORT ADELAIDE. • METRO POLICE TO BE DRAWN UP AT THE RAILWAY STATION TO SALUTE HIM WHEN HE LEAVES HIS CARRIAGE. • ESCORT DECLINED AND GOVERNOR WALKED TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

TELEGRAM REQUESTING POLICE TO SEND HER DAUGHTER TO MOUNT GAMBIER BY THE VESSEL PENOLA.

VICTOR HARBOUR PS. • ARRIVAL OF THE BRIG ‘EMILY SMITH’ FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA. • JAMES HAY SUSPECTED OF NOT BEING CLEARED AS A CONVICT. • FOUND TO HAVE BEEN A FORMER CONVICT, BUT AS 3 YEARS HAD EXPIRED SINCE HIS SENTENCE ENDED HE WAS ALLOWED TO LAND. • FILE CONTAINS EXAMPLES OF W.A. CERTIFICATES RE CONVICTS.

REPORTING THEFT OF JEWELLERY • PROPERTY RECOVERED.

FELONY RETURN FOR QUARTER ENDED 3-9-1872. • DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE RE-DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION TO THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

ACCOUNT FOR TRANSPORT OF STORES FROM PT AUGUSTA TO COORDINNNA.

ASKING POLICE TO PREVENT OVERLOADING OF PASSENGER VEHICLES ON THE BAY ROAD.

CLARE • REPORTING ON POLICE STRENGTH NEED AT • QUESTION WHETHER BURRA WILL REPLACE CLARE AS THE PRINCIPAL TOWN IN THE REGION. • COHENT RE BURRA RAILWAY.

MT. GAMBIER • REPORTING G. CARTER PT FOR INSOBRIETY. • CARTER FINED.

APPOINTMENTS OF POLICE AS CROWN LANDS RANGERS.

BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE. • VOLUMINOUS FILE CONTAINING DETAILS OF ITS FINDINGS AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE AND VIEWS OF THE GOVT AND THE COMMISSIONER ON ITS FINDINGS. • BOARD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AND WANT OF UNITY AMONGST POLICE. • CORPORAL BADMAN, PC'S SAYLER AND LEAHY DISMISSED. SGT. ETHERIDGE AND PC. DEMPSEY ALLOWED TO RESIGN. • DISMISSAL OF SGT. EVERDELL UPHELD. • THE COMMISSIONER'S GENERAL ORDER TO THE FORCE RELATIVE TO THE BOARD'S CRITICIMS. • FURTHER DETAILS OF PC DEMPSEY'S HISTORY IN THIS FILE.

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1873 3 COMMISSIONER.

APPOINTMENTS.
(1) SGT. MAJOR R. SAUNDERS TO INSPECTOR. - TRANSFERRED TO GAWLER AS INSPECTOR OF PUBLIC HOUSES IN CENTRAL DIV.
(2) SGT. L. WOODCOCK TO MELROSE AS O/C FAR NORTHERN DIVISION.
(3) APPOINTMENTS TO FOOT POLICE - A. CONNELL, J. DONOHUE · T. TULLOCH · G. LANE · J. HAMMILL · T. Hickey · J. Coffey · J. McNally · C. Power · W. Bowley · H. Home · G. Blay · C. Stanley · F. Bennett · N. Waters · J. McKiverken · J. Sheehan · J. Clark · J. Oborn · C. Peach · J. Burdon · J. Clifford · G. Cunningham · H. Egam · G. Huston · F. Holzerland · J. Jones · D. O'Donohue · A. Turner · T. Wanhill · J. Bannigan · P. Martin · MARGARET DOYLE APPOINTED FEMALE SEARCHER AT PORT ADELAIDE.
(4) APPOINTMENTS TO MOUNTED POLICE - J. W. Blake · T. J. Brooks · J. P. Dowling · C. Eckers · D. McPharlane · J. Ninham · A. Ormsby · H. Pasoe · J. Rolland · E. Riebe · P. Thornton · T. Williams · W. Yate · J. Hogan · E. G. Cropland · E. Bertram · H. Hamlyn · C. E. Brooks · W. D. Hammond · A. Kelly · R. Stuart · B. Conry · C. Bertram · A. Bradley · S. Howard · G. Plunkett · W. Reade · H. Wilkinson · J. Raff · C. Stanley · P. S. Bastard · H. Busbell · J. Davis · G. Dunn · W. E. Rumball · M. Hurley · H. B. Berker · C. J. O'Sullivan · J. Flynn · R. Noble · F. Born.
(5) TRANSFERRED TO NORTHERN TERRITORY. H. Ring, L. VONDER BORCH, C. A. Miller, G. Tasker, J. Davis, G. Dunn.

1873 5 COMMISSIONER

PAY INCREMENTS GRANTED TO MEMBERS ON ACCOUNT OF LEVELS OF SERVICE.

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APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY:- H. GAULBRATH · F. BIGGS · T. MALLO · P. RYAN · W. RAYMOND · M GASON (AFTER 6 YEARS IN FAR NORTH) · J. EWENS · R.B. ABBOTT (SADLER) · INSPECTOR PETERSWALD · G. ORR · T. CLODE · C. PROVIS · M. O'CONNOR · L. WOODCOCK · W. JOHNSON (CLERK).

1873 9 H. NICHOLSON, SUB-INSPECTOR, QUEENSLAND NATIVE MOUNTED POLICE

(1) QUERYING WHETHER S.A. IS CONTEMPLATING FORMING A CORPS OF NATIVE POLICE AND OFFERING HIS SERVICES - COMMISSIONER'S REPLY IN THE NEGATIVE.

T. H. BARROW · ACTING COMMISSIONER, BRISBANE

(2) REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SEND AN OFFICER WITH A VIEW TO RECRUITING S.A. (N.T.?) NATIVES FOR SERVICE IN QUEENSLAND NATIVE POLICE - COMMISSIONER'S REPLY STATING SUCH A REQUEST MUST BE FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT. REFERRED TO PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.
YARDEA PS - REPORT FROM MR. STOKES OF CORABIGONE STATION RE NATIVES KILLING SHEEP AND ROBBING HUTS. SHEEP FOUND TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY DOGS - COMMENT THAT NATIVES ASSEMBLE YEARLY AT THIS SPOT DUE TO SCARCITY OF WATER INLAND. - SEEKING RE-INFORCEMENT IF RAIN DOES NOT COME AND MORE NATIVES MOVE TO THE AREA.

LARGE NUMBER OF CATTLE STOLEN FROM PROPERTY OF JOHN DAISY OF COLOGOON QUEENSLAND. S.A. INQUIRIES RE.

APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER ETC.
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(3) TROOPER READE - FROM CLARE TO H.Q.
(4) TROOPER WHITBREAD - FROM MT. FREELING TO H.Q.
(5) TROOPER VON der BORCH - TO NORTHERN TERRITORY.
(6) PC'S REID AND WORKMAN FROM WATER POLICE TO N.T.
(7) RECOMMENDATION BY SGT. MAJ. SAUNDERS THAT TROOPER AT PRINCE ALFRED MINE BE TRANSFERRED TO SLIDING ROCK, "WHERE MATTERS ARE BAD," - CARRIED OUT.
(8) P.C. BURCHELL TO MOUNTED POLICE.
(9) PC FENNESSEY OF MOONTA TO ADELAIDE DUE TO HIS FEUD WITH SGT. BENTLEY.
(10) PT POLLITT FROM S.E. DIVISION TO H.Q.
(11) SGT. DOYLE OF PORT ADELAIDE. - SEEKING TRANSFER FROM DUE TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIS WIFE AND THE WIFE OF CORPORAL McCAFFERY, ALL LIVING IN POLICE QUARTERS.
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(22) PT. HARTE, PENOLA - SEEKING TRANSFER TO ADELAIDE.
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(24) MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS SEEKING RETENTION OF TROOPER McBETH AT WINNINIE.

DEATH REPORTS
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(3) SUICIDE OF JOHN PETERSON OF LONG GULLY NEAR KAPUNDA.
(4) DEATH OF G. POLLITT BY DROWNING AT GOOLWA.
(5) DEATH OF CHILD ON PREMISES OF PIER HOTEL, GLENELG.
(6) BINMAN - DEATH OF PATRICK KILKELLEY AT GLEM GUMS.
(7) COORANINA - DEATH OF ANTHONY KRAHWITTA - NATURAL CAUSES.
(8) DEATH OF BOY KILLED BY WAGON NEAR ALDGATE PUMP. - DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER BUT ACQUITTED BY
DASHWOOD S.M.

(9) ELIZABETH JOHNSON - CHILD AGED 4 MONTHS - DIED OF WHOOPING COUGH AT SADDLEWORTH - INQUEST JURY'S RIDER OF THE DISORDERLY AND IMMORAL STATE OF THE HOUSE.

(10) AUBURN - DEATH OF THOMAS HIGGINS.

(11) PARATOO - DEATH OF SHEPHERD, JOHN SPALL.

(12) DEATH OF WILLIAM TRURAN AT HALLETT.

(13) PORT AUGUSTA - DEATH OF CHILD ELLEN HUNT FROM STARVATION DUE TO NEGLECT BY SUSAN APPLEBEE HER NURSE.

(14) COONATTA RUN - DEATH OF FREDERICK BURT - WILLIAM RIDGEWAY, 19 YEARS ARRESTED AT SEVENHILLS AND CHARGED WITH MURDER - HANGED AT ADELAIDE GAOL ON 1-1-1874.

(15) BLINMAN - DEATH OF THOMAS CARKEET FROM HEPATITIS.

(16) SUICIDE OF W. ELLIS IN ADELAIDE POLICE CELL BY HANGING AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

(17) BLANCHETOWN - DEATH OF LAD, GILLEN, BY DROWNING.

CORPORAL JAMES LEAHY - DEponent AT COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY INTO METROPOLITAN POLICE (SEE 1259/1872 SUPRA) CALLED UPON BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR A REPORT RE HIS ALLEGED DECEPTIONS UPON THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES VIDE REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, PERTH.