GRG 5/4  Miscellaneous papers - Police Commissioner's Office

Series Description

This series contains miscellaneous un-docketed correspondence and telegrams from the Police Commissioner's Office,

It includes a report on the Police Stations at Wellington, Mount Barker, Port Elliot and Willunga, 1854; the wreck of the 'Alma', 1861; discharged Fenian prisoners, 1869; Gold Escort, 1853; Lambing Flat riots, 1861; list of questions and answers for the guidance of Police recruits, 1869; sketch of a Police uniform, 1840s; and the apprehension of Richard Turner.

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