

Wood

257
1852

No 64
Inform Mr. Smith
that he may take
out the
Mileage
done " " 18/185

Attorney General Recd 10.1.65 - 1 Envelope
(Conveyance)
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65 Attorney General's Office
Jan 10. 1865

I have the Honor to enclose
a conveyance for of Land and a Title
of Anasimio, which has been duly
executed by the parties who convey
to the Crown

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
& humble servant

Thos: L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

To

His Honor the

No 260
1103
The Colonial Secretary.

Forwarded to the Honble the Acting Surveyor General who is requested
to record and deposit in his office the enclosed conveyance
(To be returned)
New York Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
10.1.65

Indertines of 29th Sept. 1862 and 6th Sept. 1865 on our Sheet Paper
Received & Disposed this day.

M. Pease
at. Wakeford 10th January 1865.

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL PABC
CORRESPONDENCE

R 57
1852 10th January 1865

Acting Attorney General

Subang, State of emergency of
Thomas Building at Havana
to the Governor.

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL PABC
CORRESPONDENCE

Wood
R. 59
1079

Rec. 17. 1. 65
Attorney-General

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Attorney General's Office
January 17th 1865

N^o. 67

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Papers connected with the cases of Hart and Hughes, convicted of Whiskey selling at Nainimo and the confiscation of the Schooner "Shank" at the same place

As the proceedings taken against Mr. Franklyn are proceedings against a Justice of the Peace I ought to draw your attention to the fact that acting as Attorney General it does not lie within my province to appear for Justices of the Peace in matters of this kind. The Government

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary
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not being answerable for the
errors of Magistrates I shall
be however happy to give
Mr. Franklyn every assistance
in my power should His
Excellency desire me so to do

With respect to start the
conviction as returned to me
is I think only informal and
can doubtless be amended but
with respect to the Schooner
"Shark" the conviction must I
think be quashed and doubtless
an action may be brought against
Mr. Franklyn for acting in excess
of his jurisdiction. The costs and
damages connected with the
latter case may I am afraid
amount to a large sum

The cases at present stand
over for a week so that com-
-munication may be had
with

with Mr. Franklyn

The Papers disclose the
necessity of Mr. Franklyn's receiving
assistance from some one used
to these matters in drawing up
and returning convictions and
generally in the discharge of
this branch of a Magistrate's
duty always a matter of some
precision and involving
considerable risk to a Magistrate.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient and
Stumble Servant

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

¹¹⁰¹ ₁₁₀₁ Forwarded for the information
of the Stipendiary Magistrate
Hawaii accordingly
Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
(To be returned) 17. 1. 65

R 55
1079, 17th January 1865

Obolony Veterinary General

Relative to the action of Mr
Franklyn Jennings on
the case of John J. Teal
and Sid. Shark "

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

W. Wood
R 60
1086

Rec. 18. 1. 64
Attorney-General

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Attorney General's Office
January 18th 1865

No. 68

Sir

I have the honor to submit
for His Excellency's consideration
that my attention having been
drawn to the fact that the
Schooner "Draut" alleged to be an
American ship found wrecked
and abandoned in the Straits
of Pined near the shore of
Vancouver Island is about
to be sold by the Order of the
United States Consul I think
it would be advisable to
ascertain the facts of the case
in order to see what, if
any, rights the Crown may
have in the matter

The Hon
The Colonial Secretary

M. Woodhouse

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Woolton the Harbour
Master would be presumed the
best person to afford reliable
information and his directions
may be pointed to the following
particulars

The value and condition
of the "Drant"

The particulars of the wreck,
where found, at what distance
from the shore of Vancouver
Island, in what manner was
she wrecked or abandoned,
who were the Salvors, and
the nature of the Salvage
services, also who are the
supposed Owners, and to
what Port she belongs

Francis
Mr. Allen, the United
States

Consul might doubtless supply
many particulars but
inasmuch as it is within
the bounds of possibility
that some question might
arise between this Government
and that of the United States
the making direct inquiries
of Mr. Francis may be matter
of some delicacy

I have the Honor to be

Your Obedient and
Stumble Servant

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

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9/11/6
Call upon the Harbour Master
to report on the heads of the
Tobacco etc. Jan 19/65

Forwarded to the Harbour Master accordingly

(Not returned)

Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
19. 1. 65
over

Report attached
J Henry Wrotton
207.1/65 Harbor Master

Rec 20. 1. 65

Vancouver Island

Harbor Master's Office
Victoria 20th Jan 1865

I have the honor
to report for the informa-
tion of His Excellency
the Governor.

The Hull of the Schooner
"Brant" is in good condition
and I should estimate
its value at about \$1,200.00

The "Brant" was
capsized off Port Dissey
Washington Territory, and
all hands drowned, she
was picked up by Robert
Mansford

The Honble

The Acting Colonial Secretary

9/11/265
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R 60
1094
Direct to the
Acting Attorney
General
Forward for the
remarks of the
Acting Attorney
General
Young Wake for
acting Colonial Secretary
(To be returned)
In Act. General's
see Page 3
Acting Attorney
General
21 1. 65

frontfoot (an American)
and taken to Port Angeles,
frankly stripped and an
attempt made to righten
her; the wind increased,
and she was blown to
this shore bottom up, and
picked up by the Schooner
"North Star" off Albert Head, ^{Capt McCulloch}
in Royal Roads, and brought
by him to the entrance of this
harbor - the claim of the
"North Star" was submitted to
arbitration, appointed by the
United States Consul and
Peter McQuade owner of
the North Star, and three-
fifths of what she sold for
was awarded to Peter Mc
Quade, or to the "North Star".
I should think she would
bring about \$600 or \$800.00 -

she was owned by Capt
Olney who was drowned
and belongs to Astoria.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt Servant
J Henry Wootton
J Harbor Master

No 71

On the facts as reported by Mr
Wootton, I think the Crown has no
reason to interfere in the matter of
the Schooner "Prairie".

Jno: L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

21/1/65



R 1044 20th January 1865

Donation Drafts

Report on work of School
"Board" 10th 1865 subject

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Rec. 25. 1. 65
Attorney General
3 Enclosures.

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No 72

Attorney General's Office
Jan 25 1865

Sir

31st Dec/64 9 11-59
January 16th 1865
January 20th 1865

I have the honor to enclose
an original note from a person calling
himself James Hogg - a copy of a note
addressed by me to Mr. Lang, the late
Attorney General, and his answer thereto.

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
humble servant

Jno. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

To
The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
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FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.) COLONIAL PABC
1865 JAN. TO MAY CORRESPONDENCE

13 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25th January 1865

John Attorney General

Building correspondence
relative to the
Salt Spring Island

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.) COLONIAL PABC
1865 JAN. TO MAY CORRESPONDENCE

MS. A. 62
R. 1124

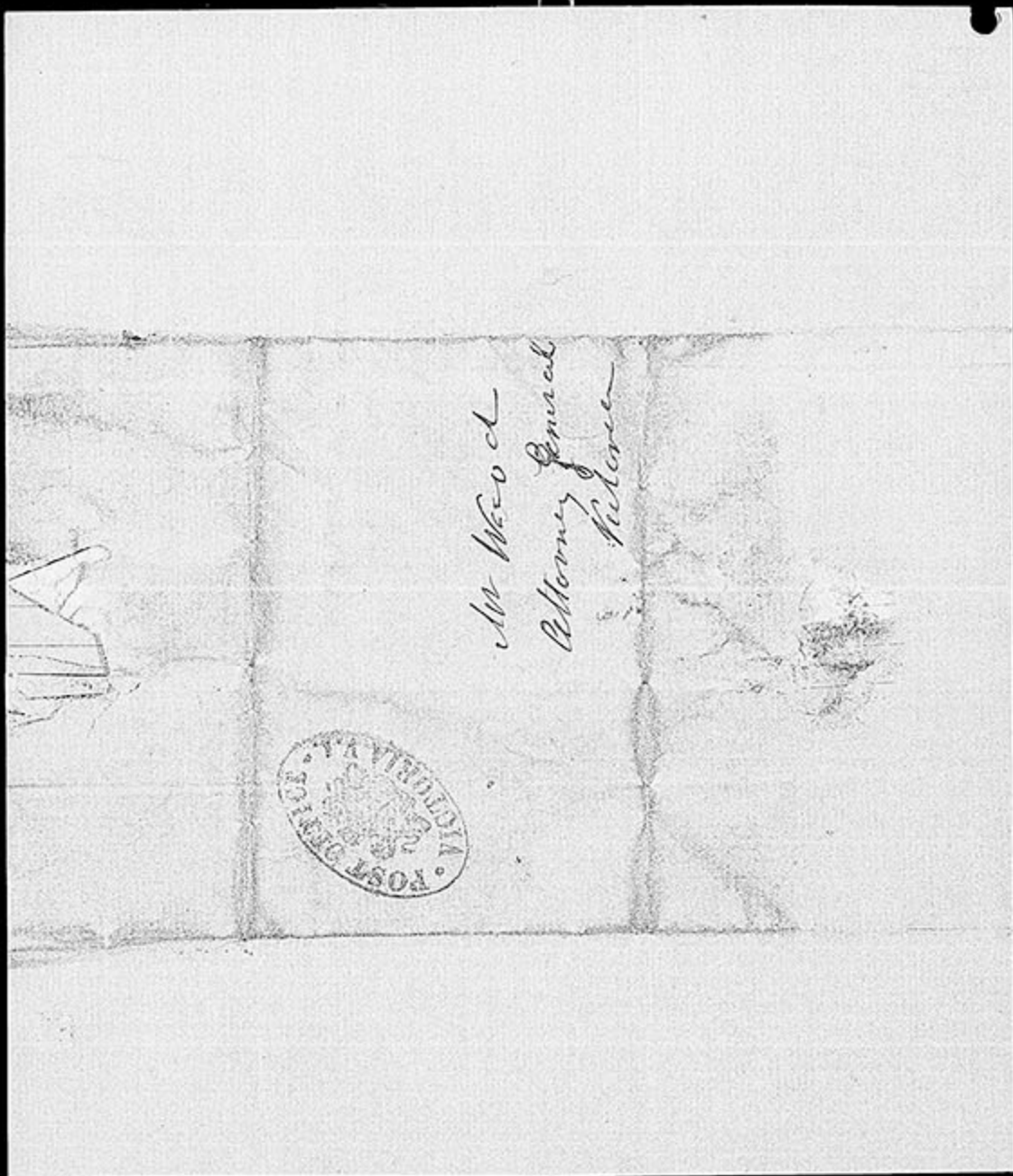
Salt Spring Island
Dec 31 1864

Sir
I have been informed by
Mr. Carey some time since that my
case had in the Colonial Secretary's
office, that the Colonial Secretary is
the proper person to give me every
information and every instruction, and
that he is the only person in the colony
that can do it. I wish to know what
compensation I am to have for the trouble
I have had with these two countries
and what steps I am to take.

I am Sir,
your humble servant
James Hooper

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE PABC



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ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Encls. ²⁰² R ⁶² 1124

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Attorney General's Office
January 16th 1865

Sir

Will you kindly
inform me if you can
throw any light on a
Letter which I received
by Post the other day
a copy of which is
enclosed

James Hogg
31 December 1864

Yours very truly
(Signed) Tho: L. Wood

G. H. Lany Esq.
for the

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Reeds Hook Valonia
January 20th 1865

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I cannot afford any information
with regard to Mr. Boss's application
otherwise than by stating that
Mr. Boss has previously written
to me letters of an indefinite
character which induced me
to suppose him to be of unsound
mind. In all probability he
is a settler at Salt Spring Island
who has some grievance with
regard to our surveyary land
claim.

Thurs the honor etc
G. W. M. J. J. J.

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL PABC
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney-General

Attorney General's Office
January 26th 1865

No. 73

Sir

I have the honor ^{to say} for
His Excellency's information
that I have seen Mr. Franklyn
of Nandanoo relative to the
cases of the convictions of
Hart and Hughes, and the
confiscation of the Schooner
"Shark." The correspondence
between Mr. Franklyn and
the Government ^{in Jan 1864} respecting
the latter case which
discloses that Mr. Franklyn
sought the advice of

The Hon: the
Colonial Secretary of

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

the Government relative to
the Sale of the Schooner
"Shark" and that the
Government did not then
interfere to prevent Mr
Franklyn from confiscating
the Vessel according to what
he considered his duty
in the matter, throw
an obligation on the
Government to support
Mr Franklyn in the
present proceedings relative
to that matter

With respect to the
cases of Hart and Hughes.

I think Mr Franklyn has
right on his side, and all
things considered I think I am
justified in advising His
Excellency to recommend
that in a matter of this
kind where severe measures
are indispensable to restrain
the Sale of Whiskey to
Indians, the hand of the
Magistrate should be strenght-
-ened by the support of
Government and that if His
Excellency should think it
advisable I will represent
Mr Franklyn in the matter
of

of all these cases

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Stumble Servant

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

Inform M. Wood that I concur
in his view - and that he
may exercise his discretion
in this matter. T. L. W. Jan 27/65

25.1.65

R 1132 25 January 1865

Attorney General

Recommending that the
Franklin be separated by
the Government in the
case of Sir. Shale and
John P. Wood.

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attorney general 6

Attorney General's Office
February 2nd 1865

Sir

In answer to your note
of the 1st instant requesting me to
inform you what steps (if any) have
been taken to secure the Landing
at Esquimaux to the enjoyment
of the Public, I have the Honor
to state that proceedings in Chancery
were taken by my Predecessor in
Office (Mr. Cary) to contest this
matter, I being then of Counsel
for the other side and on being
appointed Acting Attorney General
I was unable to take part on the
side of the Crown against my
former clients without their permission
and accordingly I formally moved
the Court with the consent of both
parties that an order should be issued

The Hon:

The Surveyor General
tc tc tc

by the Judge to try the right at
Common Law by way of indictment
but that the matter should stand
over for some time - Since then
I have been allowed by my former
Clients to appear for the Crown.
Mr. Drake has already been
retained in the matter on the part
of the Crown and is now about
to hand over for my perusal the
Papers which are in his possession

Before risking an indictment
it would be indispensable that
I should be satisfied that the
facts shew a good case and when
I have perused the documents I
should be glad to consult with
you on the merits of the case

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient
Humble servant
(Signed) Tho: L Wood
Acting Attorney General

submitted for the information of
H. E. the Governor

The Hon^{ble} (Signed) B. W. Pearce
Act^y Surveyor Gen^l
The Act^y Colonial Secretary 9th February 1865

I will be glad to see the Attorney
Gen^l & Act^y Surveyor Gen^l on this
matter as soon as they have consulted
upon it

(Signed) A. E. R
Feb 4 / 65

Forwarded to the Hon^{ble} the Acting Attorney
General and acting Surveyor General
accordingly for their information and
guidance

(Signed) Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
4. 2. 65
A true copy
Lillian B. Harris

Noted.

(Signed) B. W. Pearce
Act^y Surveyor Gen^l
8th February 1865

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1168 2 February 1865

Atty. General

Reporting steps taken in regard
to successment of the public
landings at Fryingbird

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ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

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Attorney-General
R ⁸⁶/₁₁₇₁ Rec. 9. 2. 65.

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1 Enclosure

No 79

Attorney-General's Office
Feb. 8. 1865

Sir

I beg to return for
His Excellency's kind notice the
draft of "The Victoria Incorporation
Act 1862. Amendment Act 1865"

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
& humble servant

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney-General

I.
The Advocate
The Colonial Secretary

L. W.

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

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1861 8th February 1865

Attorney General

Embroidery Draft of Bill "The
Tobacco Incorporation Act 1865"

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Wood

R. $\frac{56}{1180}$

Rec. 9. 2. 65

1 Enclosure

No 78

Attorney General's Office
Feb. 8. 1865

Sir,

I have the honor ^{and pleasure} to ~~enclose~~
for his Excellency's perusal
the amended Draft of "the
Postal Act 1865."

I have the honor to be

your most obedient
humble servant

Jno. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

The Honble

The Colonial Secretary

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St

R 66
1180 8th February 1865

Attorney General

Enclosed annexed draft
of the Patent Act 1865

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney-General

Attorney General's Office
February 15th 1865

N^o 83

Sir

I have the honor to
reply for His Excellency's
information that I have put
myself in communication
with The Hon. The Treasurer
relative to the claim of the
Government against William
and James Goodwin and
have commenced proceedings
against them in the
Summary Court. In this matter
I have entered the plaint with
the Registrar of the Court
without the intervention of

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

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ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

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CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

an Attorney judging such
an expense under the circum-
stances out of the question
I regret to say that more
than 5 weeks must elapse
before the case can be heard

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

68
R 1218 15 February 1865

Acting Attorney General

Reporting Proceedings Taken
against Wm and J. Kerstain
relative to claim of the
Crown against them

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney General
Rec. 6. 3. 65

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1. Enclosure

Attorney General's Office
Mar. 6 1865

The paper of the school account with a list
by the Secretary of the same, who is on the
regular form -
The Hon. the acting attorney general
(To be returned)
9. 3. 65
Enclosure (proper form) 2. 1. 65
10. 8. 65
Account of the school account

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed list of fees due to the Attorney General at the close of the year I have the honor to remark

1. That the amount is not unduly large according to what I understand to be the course heretofore pursued, the fees being less than would be marked by private practitioners

2. The amount is undoubtably large owing to the calendar involving

The Hon. V.

The Colonial Secretary

involving 7 cases of a serious
character by 3 murders, 2
perjuries, & 2 trials for bribery
a matter altogether unusual.

I have the honor to

give you my obedient
& humble service

Yrs. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

Balance R $\frac{72}{1273}$

1864

November Assizes

R. v Bell Indictment (ignored) — \$ 10
R v Elvey d° d° — \$ 10
R v Henderson & others (Bribery) — \$ 50
R v Webb & another (d°) — \$ 50
R v Flatmuck (Murder) — \$ 50
R v Klah-cus-u-tah (Murder) — \$ 50
R v Quo-qu-li-mot d° — \$ 50
R v Grammes (Fraud) — \$ 15
R v Harmon (Assault) — \$ 15
R v Smith (Bribery)
(Extortion)
2 Indictments (ignored) \$ 20
R v Smith 3rd Indictment
(Bribery) }
First Trial — \$ 50
Second d° — \$ 50
R v King Disorderly House — \$ 25

\$ 145

1273
1865

Atkins Attorney General
Sketch of Five blue lines up to
November 31st 1864

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
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Courts

Rec. 11. 3. 65.

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2 Enclures

Attorney General's Office
11th March 1866

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Sir

In the Matter of John Holder
& others - "Re Shark"

I have the honor to enclose
Mr Drake's Bill of Costs as taxed
and also my Statement of fees
in the above matter with a view
to their approval for payment

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Jas: L. Waring

Acting Attorney General

The Hon
The Colonial Secretary

137. 66
Appnd account handed to
day attorney Frank W
23.3.65

Enclosure in R. 74

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice

In the matter of John Holders and others -

Costs

On receiving order to H. H. J. for a subpoena, show cause - + copy	£	1. 0
Attend to search for off. filed & bespeak copies but found all papers missing		6 8
Drawg conviction of Hughes		10 .
Copy		2 6
Free to Mr Woods beette	2.	2 0
Drawg conviction of Hart.		10 .
Copy		2 6
Free to Mr Woods beette	2.	2 0
Drawg conviction of Holders,		10 .
Copy		2 6
Instructions to Mr Woods to settle		6 8
Free to him beette	2.	2 0
Instructions to Mr Woods to oppose rule for attachment		6 8
Free to him	3.	3 0
Attend him		6 8
Attend hearing of Rule, said discharged		6 8
Carried over	£	17 10 10

Acting Attorney General
 Enclosure in R. 74
 costs and fees due him
 in case of "The Clerk"

110. 0-10

Clerk Book Forward \$ 12. 10.
 On receiving notice of motion
 that attachment would be
 applied for - copy thereof } 1.
 Instructions to Mr Woods to oppose } 6.
 Affidavit to search for affidavits } 6.
 filed and bespeaking copies }
 Brief to Mr Woods to oppose } 1.
unpaid Fee to him } 3.
 Attorney fees } 6.
 Attorney Motion cause waived } 1.
 Several attendances on }
 Mr Bishop with respect to his }
 application to the Governor }
 for the discharge of Hughes }
 & informing him that an }
 unconditional submission }
 was the only course that }
 would meet with a }
 favorable reply }
 Drawing out of - copy of }
 Affidavit to } 6.
 Paid Registrar copying } 3.
 Total at 20. 7. 1865 } 20. 7.
 Paid Woods & Sons Receipt }
 7 March 1865

Amount paid on }
 Levy unpaid } 20. 7. 1865
 } 12. 12. 0
 } 7. 15. 1865
 I find the sum of Seven pounds fifteen
 shillings and four pence is due to Mr Drake
 on account of the sum of Seven pounds
 Wood Acting Attorney General
 Charles Wood
 Acting Receiver
 7th March 1865

error of 1/2 in
 the number in first
 column 22
 paid out for
 27 15 4 3/4 (1865)

Supreme Court

In the matter of
John Holder & Co
& the Schooner
Shark

Bill of Costs

W. M. Drake
Solicitor

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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1339

Court
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Attorney General's Office
20th March 1865

Sir,

I have the honor to report for His Excellency's information that your judgment was this day pronounced in the summary against Messrs W. G. & J. Woodwin for the sum of \$103 and costs and execution can now be had against the goods of the Defendants in His Excellency's judgment that measure is advisable.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your Obedient & Humble Servant
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney Genl

The Secretary to the Court
has been directed to issue
warrants to arrest the
defendants in the above
case & to seize their
goods & chattels & to
sell the same for the
payment of the debt
& costs & to deliver
the proceeds to the
Attorney General.

21. 3. 65
L. Wood

Acting Attorney General
21st March 1865

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary

N^o 109

I was in error in supposing that
execution could issue immediately on
the judgment being obtained against
W. & J. Gordon - By the terms of
the summary court the defendants
have 8 days in which to pay, after
which execution can issue, this
interval of 8 days is reckoned as
8 clear days, after judgment given -
Judgment was given on the 20th
execution was prayed for on the
29th not on the 27th which is also
an error. and execution made
Mr. Woods informs me the 29th
was the first day on which
execution could have been taken
out. Execution issued on the 30th
I am inquiring, but seeing at
the Supreme Court no return had
yet been made. I Mr. Waples
and I have been unable to find
the Sheriff this morning.

April 11
1865.

Thos: L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

Forwarded to the Sheriff with a request that he will
state for the information of His Excellency the Governor
what is the result of the operation issued in this case.

(To be returned)

Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
12. 4. 65

The prisoners have no funds in their pockets, so I have
returned to "such funds" to the undersigned
at Boston 13th April 1865
J. P. [Signature]

1839

Attorney General

Reporting state judgements
Attained against ship owners
for \$1000 each

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL PABC
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney-General
Rec. 23. 3. 65

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1 Enclosure

Attorney General's Office
March 22nd 1865

N:100

Sir

I have the honor to
enclose for His Excellency's
perusal the draft of a Bill
entitled "An Act relating
to Gold Mining"

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient and
Humble Servant
Thos. L. Wood

The Hon: Acting Attorney General
The Colonial Secretary
for for for

77
R 1347 22 March 1865

Acting Attorney General

Embassy drafts from Paris
Relating to Slavery

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Wood

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Attorney General

Rec 24. 3. 65

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No. 101

Attorney General's Office
Jan 24. 1865.

Sir

I have the honor to submit
for his Excellency's consideration a
request that I may be permitted
at my own expense to occupy
an office in the Town subject to
any arrangements which his
Excellency may deem advisable for
my attending either at this Office
or at the Government Buildings
so that the Government's service
may be duly attended to.

The Honble

The Colonial Secretary

Yours
O. J.

I am

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE PABC

I am presumed to be at liberty to enjoy private practice but the experience of 7 months has shown me that by occupying an office so far removed from the town as the present Attorney General's Office, the private practice I had before my appointment has very materially diminished, and in many branches of my practice has been entirely lost to me.

The rest of the profession are now established in or near Government Street, in what may be called, the legal quarter, and I am removed from consultation with them, from emergency practice, and generally from

my connexion with clients of commercial & business habits, who have great reluctance in coming so far as the Government Building for legal advice or assistance, and with whom in accordance with the rules of the profession as practised here I am allowed to consult without the intervention of an Attorney.

I should propose to take my clerk with me, and make my office in the town my head quarters and arrange for either himself or myself being in the way at such hours or in such number as may be

Received with comment

I have the honor to
acknowledge
your most kind
& humble servant

Mr. L. Wood
Approved for the present
without prejudice to any
future arrangements which
may be found necessary.
A. C. M. M. M. M.
March 25/85

Forwarded for the information and guidance of
The Hon^{ble} the Acting Attorney General
Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
(To be returned)
25.3.85.
Noted & Returned
Mr. L. Wood
Self. Att. Gen.
26 March 1865

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Requesting permission to remove
his office to the Town for another
more than private practice

Henry Henry General

FILE 55

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Wood

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Postal

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3. Enclosures

Attorney Generals Office
March 25th 1865

No 102

Sir

I have the Honor to
enclose Draft Agreement from
The Vancouver Island Coal Mining
and Land Company Limited
to The Queen for carriage of
Mails to Comox; also Draft
Bond from Mess^{rs} Henderson
and others to The Queen for
faithful performance of the
above Agreement for His Excellency
approval

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

J. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

The Hon:

The Colonial Secy

Enclosure in R. 78
1366

Know all Men by
These Presents that the
Robert Burnaby of Victoria
in the Colony of T. J. Michant
Henderson of
the same place Michant
and Charles Wentworth
Wallace of the same
place Gentlemen are
held & firmly bound
to Her Most Gracious
Majesty The Queen in
the sum of \$
to be paid to Her said
Most Gracious Majesty
Her heirs or Successors
for which payment

The Co. being
already bound by
their agreement
under seal -
a bond from them
binds them in
my judgment
with warranty
J. L. W.

To be well and truly made We bind
ourselves and each of us and any
<sup>and the heirs, executors, administrators, assigns &
of each of us & of any two of us</sup>
~~three~~ or two of us, jointly severally
and respectively firmly by these
presents

Dated this day of
A.D. 1865

Whereas the Vancouver Island
Coal Mining and Land Company
Limited have by Agreement dated
the day of A.D. 1865
agreed with Her Most Gracious
Majesty The Queen to carry the
Mails of Her Most Gracious Majesty
Her Heirs and Successors and all

Letters, Books, Papers, matters, &
things sent by or through the
Post Office of the Colony of V.I.
and its Dependencies in manner
& form & subject to the stipulations
in the said Agreement specified
And Whereas the above bounden
Robert Burnaby Henderson
and Charles Wentworth Wallace
have agreed to become sureties
for the faithful performance
by the said V.I. Coal Mining
and Land Company Limited of
the said Agreement on their
part Now the condition of the
above written obligation is

such that if the said T. H. Galbraith
and his company limited do & shall
well & truly perform the said
Agreement in all things to be
on their part done and performed
Then and in such case the above
written obligation to be void and
of no effect otherwise to remain
in full force and virtue.

1863
R. J. Sumner to the
to
The Queen
I shall
I should
for faithful performance
of contract

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1500 25. Dec 1865

Mr. Attorney General

Prize apartment bonds in
for state's to cover by
Taverner and Co.

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Wood

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Attorney General

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1 Enclosure

N^o 103

Attorney General's Office
April 3rd 1865

draft ready
to be
sent
J.W. 65
10. 14

Sir

I have the honor to
enclose for His Excellency's
consideration a Bill embodying
the Resolutions of The Hon. The
Legislative Assembly of the 21st
and 27th ultimo, with respect to
duties on Auctioneers, Opium
Dealers, and Wholesale Liquor
Merchants

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney Genl

T.L.W.

The Hon.

The Sol. Secretary

J. V. V.

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

N^o. 108

I have reviewed "The Trade License
Amendment Act 1865" with alterations
to meet the resolution of the Hon^{ble} the House
Legislative Assembly of the 3^d instant
imposing on merchants &c. a tax of \$10
& also 1/2 per cent on returns of sales &c.
and a duty of \$1000 on bankers - and also
with alterations to render more effectual
the several provisions of this & the amended
Act.

Jno. L. Wood

Selling Attorney General.

April 10
1865.

R 79
1397 3^d April 1865

Atty. Gen. E. S. Loring

Enclosed draft of Bill relating
to the petitioners' petition dated
1st March 1865 signed by the
petitioners.

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney-General

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for transmission
to Sec. of State
No 104 made
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Attorney General's Office

April 6. 1865

With reference to 'An Act
to amend the Land Registry Act
1860' I have the honor to report
that it is an Act the general
purpose of which is to supply deficiencies
in the existing Land Registry Act
and one which is of material service
to the Colony.

I have the honor to be
your serv. obedt. servant

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

The Honorable

The Colonial Secretary

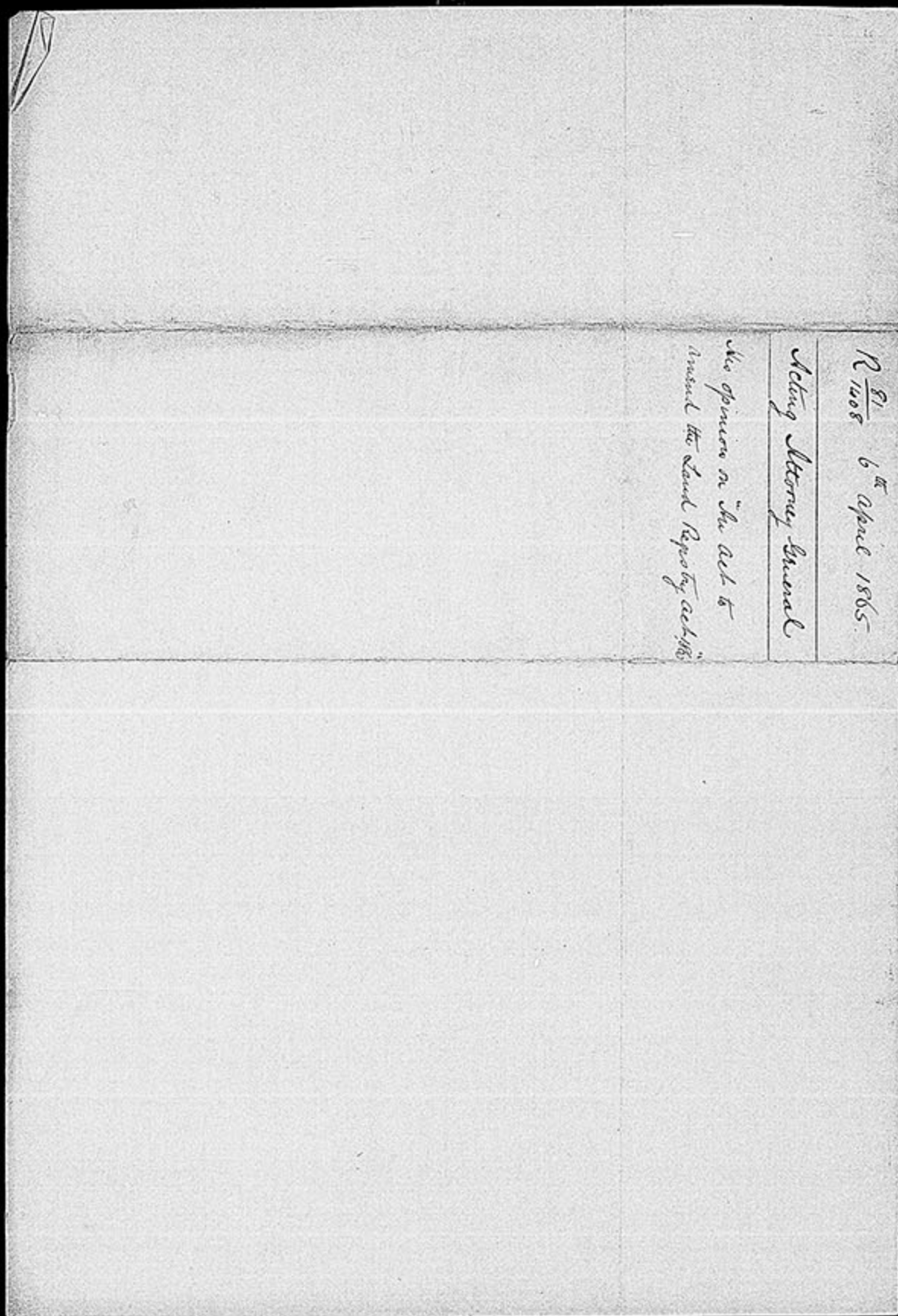
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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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R 81
1208 6th April 1865.

Acting Attorney General

who opinion on "The Act to
amend the Slave Registry Act 1865"

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Attorney-General

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1 Enclosure

Attorney General's office
April 12th 1866

N^o 110

Sir

I have the honor to
enclose for His Excellency's
consideration a Bill
embodying the Resolutions
of The Hon. The Legislative
Assembly with respect to
duties, ⁱⁿ Stock, Farcases,
Vegetables and Goods

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

Jas. L. Wood

Acting Attorney Genl.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary
[Signature]

all bills, etc. referred
to Legislative Assembly
18. 4. 65

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.) COLONIAL PABC
1865 JAN. TO MAY CORRESPONDENCE

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1865
Attorney General
Office of the
Attorney General
Office of the
Attorney General

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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 made 26 7 65
 Attorney Generals Office
 25th April 1865
 Sir
 In reply to your Note of
 22^d April in which my attention
 is called to the reported Statement
 of Mr Duncan M. L. A with
 respect to the Land Proclamation
 of 1862 that "It granted a
 "man 150 Acres of Land who
 "had only to build a Cabin and
 "twirl his thumbs, He was not
 "even asked to fence it in and
 "there was still a greater evil
 "connected with the Law, a
 "speculator might pre-empt 150
 "Acres of Land and buy 50,000
 "Acres of Land surrounding it
 at
 The Hon.
 The Colonial Secretary

[Faint handwritten notes in the left margin:]
 The best of all would be
 to have a law which would
 make the purchase of a
 large portion of the
 land which is now
 being sold to be made
 by the Government
 and not by private
 individuals.

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.) COLONIAL PABC
 1865 JAN. TO MAY CORRESPONDENCE

"at 2/ per acre" and requesting
to know if this Statement is in
accordance with the Law

I have the Honor to state
that except with reference to one
or two particulars Mr Duncan's
Statement is correct and that a
person may under s.s. 4, 5, 26,
27, and 28 acquire (if a single
man 100 Acres if married with
his wife resident in the colony
150 Acres, and with additional
quantities of Land for his children)
a plot of Land of the character
mentioned in section 4 - the
only conditions being Entry into
possession, Recording, and
continuous personal occupation,
and I see nothing in the Land
Proclamation which requires
him

except that unless he
sets a fence or other
the land is worthless
him

him to make any improvement
on it whatever

Subsequently by section 17
if the Land is situated in a
surveyed District he may acquire
the right to Purchase at the
end of 2 years occupation, in
unsurveyed Districts as I under-
stand the Proclamation he
cannot acquire the right to
have the Land conveyed until
the survey reaches him

The purchase money is
to be paid as stated in section
21

By section 6 a person in
possession of Land recorded and
occupied may acquire the right
to hold and purchase any
further

further tract of unoccupied
Land besides his own originally
occupied portion on payment
of $2/1^d$ by way of instalment
of the Purchase money, but
not as Mr. Duncan states by
way of absolute purchase with
a subsequent right to complete
the purchase at the end of 2
years of personal occupation
in surveyed Districts; and
in unsurveyed Districts after
the survey has reached him and
also after two years occupation

I should remark that this
is matter of Proclamation and
not Statute law and the Procla-
-mation tho' probably it should
be construed in analogy
with

with Statute law is not enforceable
as against the Crown by the
ordinary Tribunals and I think
in case of the claim of any
Individual to purchase a very
large tract of Land it might well
be contended by the Crown that
the Proclamation can have
no application to unreasonable
claims while questions might
arise as to what amount of
personal occupation would suffice
for Lands claimed to be purch-
-ased

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

12th 25th April 1865

Att. Attorney General

Relation to Mr. Buncani
Statement in regard to
the said Proclamations

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney General's Office
April 29th 1865

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Sir

Referring to your communication of the 27th instant relative to the Title Deeds of the new Government House I have the honor to say that I have received from Messrs. Weipenberg and Schloepfer certain Title Deeds of the Land, but these Title Deeds do not extend higher than conveyances from Sir James Douglas and Mr. Pemberton; and the Titles of Sir James Douglas and Mr. Pemberton are not disclosed - these I have no doubt will be forthcoming but for the full understanding

The Hon: of
The Colonial Secretary

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CORRESPONDENCE

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of the Title as well as for reason
of general convenience it would
be highly desirable that I
should have copies of the
documents which establish the
title of the Sturrow Bay Company
These would be copies of the
Royal Charter of the 22nd day of
May in the 22nd year of the
Reign of Charles 2nd - and of
the Letter Patent of 73rd January
1849

Doubtless true printed or
written copies of these deeds are
accessible and I should be much
obliged if I may be favoured with
a perusal of them

I have the Honour to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

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Report to the Act. Gen. June
to supply the Accy's Information

11th May 1865

Forwarded to the Hon. the Act. Gen. several meetings

(Sole returned)

Henry Waterford
Acting Colonial Secretary

Sir James Douglas has on Indenture in the usual Form, issued and executed by the Sturrow
Bay Company, to Sections 1-1, 2, 1, c. - 1, 2. - Copies of which can be seen in this Office. Mr.
J. Tombs has the usual Indentment papers issued to Purchasers of Land, from
the "Land Proclamation Act of 1860". He has paid for all his Lands in full, and has
a Certificate of Title under the "Land Registry Act 1860". He has no Indentures
concerning the Land formally, because the whole of the purchase money was not paid
prior to 13th January 1859.

I have obtained from Mr. McCann a Copy of the "Grant of Warramere Island"
together with a Copy of the "Royal Charter of 1670" and which I have
promised to return to him within a few days.

J. P. Moore
Act. Gen. Secretary
4th May 1865.

The Hon. the
Acting Colonial Secretary

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The Hon. the Act. Gen. Secretary, who is requested to call upon
the Act. Gen. Secretary, when he can be obtained to the document referred
to. Henry Waterford
(Sole returned) Act. Gen. Secretary 4. 5. 65

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This matter being closed this paper is now returned

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

Aug. 15
1865

Respectfully
Yours

Victoria, Vancouver Island
25th April 1865

Sir

With reference to the purchase of
of Stoneleigh property contracted by His
Excellency the Governor with Mr. Miles
we beg on behalf of this lady to reiterate
the particulars of said purchase, which for
formality's sake you will please to accept in
reply, viz:

Section 75 of Fairfield Estate, Victoria
District containing 8,98 acres, held under
a lease for ever from Sir James Douglas
at a rental of £10. Sterling per annum
payable semi-annually and comprising all
that massive stone dwelling commonly
known as "Cory Castle" or "Stoneleigh"
further adjoining

Hon^{ble} Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
of Vancouver Island

further adjoining)

No. 78 acres more or less forming part of Section LXXIII in the official map of Victoria District, comprising an acreage of an extent of about 6 acres.

The property above mentioned is more particularly delineated on a tracing submitted you in our letter of 21st March last and shown colored red.

The purchase price agreed upon is \$19,000 Nineteen Thousand Dollars U. S. Gold Coin to be paid to Mr. Miles or her Agents upon execution and delivery of satisfactory title deeds and conveyances.

Mr. Miles is prepared to give possession of "Hemeligh House" on the third day of June next, but will not fail to take all such steps which might enable her to quit the premises at an earlier date.

date than above mentioned

We shall hand at once to the Hon^{ble} the Attorney General all papers and documents relating to this property for approval and must refer this gentleman for prior titles to the Land Registry Office.

With regard to these documents we have to state that the Mortgage of \$8000 resting on Section 75 now owned by A. S. Dallas Esq^r is not due till 1 January 1867, bearing Interest meanwhile at the rate of 1 1/2% per month ^{and up}. The Agent here is not prepared to release the same before consulting Mr. Fisher in San Francisco.

We would now ask whether His Excellency the Governor would not feel disposed to purchase the property subject to this Mortgage.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servants
Humbert & Schreyer.

I will be glad to see Mr. Meisenburg
at 12 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) in
reference to the latter part of this
letter - L.L. Apr 26/65

Son-J.W.
26.4.65

Inform Mr. Meisenburg that
I am not disposed to take the
property encumbered by any
mortgage - Man the Attorney
shall report the title deeds.
Satisfactory and clear
possession of the property given
the money (\$19,000) will be
at once paid L.L.

Son-J.W.
27.4.65

Apr 27/65

Forwarded to the Hon^{ble} the acting attorney ^{General} Messrs Weiss and
and Schoedter have been requested to submit the title deeds for
his inspection and has requested to report upon the goodness or otherwise
of the title.

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Henry Wakeford
acting Colonial Secretary
27.4.65

report sent J.L. Wood
29/4/65 Self Attorney General

R 88
1522

Rec. 29. 4. 65

Victoria, Vancouver Island
28th April 1865.

Sir

We have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your letter of
yesterday's date.

In accordance thereto we
submitted to the Hon^{ble} the Attorney
General all papers and documents relating
to Stanleigh property purchased by His
Excellency the Governor, which will
doubtless prove in order. We likewise
made arrangements to have the mortgage
on this property mentioned in our letter
of 23rd Inst. cancelled and are
therefore prepared to grant a clear con-
veyance from Mr. Miles upon hearing
from you of the approval of the documents
above mentioned.

We note

Hon^{ble} Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
of Vancouver Island

We note that upon such a conveyance of the property having been duly executed and delivered, the purchase money of \$19,000 will be at once paid; but we shall then feel obliged for His Excellency the Governor's permission in writing allowing Mr. Miles to reside in Stonleigh House up to the third day of June next.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servants
Humbert & Schlesselman

Send to the Act. Attorney General
for his Report & then inform
Mr. Ripenburg that I will make
no difficulty in allowing Mr.
Miles to occupy the House till
3rd June 1865

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Mr. Humbert & Schlesselman informed
29.4.65.
Forwarded to the Works the Acting
Attorney General accordingly
New York Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
(John returned) 29.4.65

report sent
6/5/1865
J. L. Wood
Acting Attorney
General

12 28 28th April 1865

Meisenburger & Co.

Shipping and Co. for
Purchase of Steamship property
as Government Service

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Victoria B.I.

4th April 1865

Sir,

With reference to the conversation
of His Excellency the Governor with our
Mr. Weissenburger yesterday, we now beg
to state that Mr. Stahl Schmidt will not
depart from his stipulated price of \$6,500.-
Cash for 1 1/2 acre and dwelling house
thereon, adjoining the property offering by
Mr. Miles; he will not allow of any
alteration being made in the site of his
property and in the event of a sale, makes
it conditional to live rent free in the
present premises to the 31st December 1865
to give him time for the erection of another
residence. - Mr. Stahl Schmidt considers
himself bound by this proposal until

Saturday morning next, the 8th instant
Hon^{ble} Henry Wakeford and
Colonial Secretary of Vancouver Island
Victoria B.I.

and on the basis thereof we consulted
Mrs. Miles, after which we again are
authorised by that lady to alter the
offer made in our letter of 21st March
last, by adding to the property therein
described the 1/2 acre now owned by
Mr. Stahlschmidt, and more particularly
delineated
on the plan, we had the honor to submit
you on the 21st ult. and stipulating
the purchase price at \$ 24,000 twenty six
thousand dollars U. S. Gold Coin

You will perceive that by this
offer Mrs. Miles is making a considerable
reduction in the price previously asked,
which we trust will meet with the
approval of His Excellency the Governor.

Owing to the arrangement made
with Mr. Stahlschmidt as aforesaid
we

we regret that we too cannot extend
our obligation in this offer beyond
the morning of Saturday next the
8th Instant

Awaiting the favor of your reply
we have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servants
Humboldt & Schreyer

Wright's April 7/65

Replying to your

letter of the 21st March &c.

April & you had interview

with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~proposer~~ ^{proposer} this

day, fixing the

lowest price for the Storehouse

property at 21,000 dollars,

and directed A. S. to inform

you that he had based his

calculations ~~on~~ ^{on} the proposition

he intended making to the

House of Assembly on obtaining

the property for \$8,000.

On ~~re~~ ^{re} consideration A. S. finds

it would be impossible for him

to compare the total expenditure

with \$35,000 if he paid

\$21,000 for the House & property

incomplete
in its present condition
Under these circumstances
Mr. S. Lopez has the honor
to relinquish all intention of
acquiring the Monastery property
for Public purposes, & does
not intend to submit any
proposition to the Leg. Assembly
in reference ~~to it~~.

FILE 55 ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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1512.

Rec. 27. 4. 65
Victoria, Vancouver Island,
21st March 1865

Sir,
In compliance with the request of His Excellency the Governor we have the honor to submit on behalf of Mr. Miles the following proposal of a suitable site for a gubernatorial residence; - viz: Fairfield Estate, Victoria District, containing 8.98 acres, held under a lease for ever from Sir J. James Douglas at a rental of £10. Sterling per annum payable semi-annually, and comprising all that massive stone dwelling commonly known as "Cary Castle" or "Stoneleigh".

Further adjoining
10.73 acres more or less, forming part of Section IXVIII on the Official map of Victoria District, comprising an orchard of an extent of about 6 acres. The property thus offering is more particularly delineated on the tracing hereto annexed and thereon colored red. - The purchase price thereof is \$21,000. - Twenty one thousand Dollars U. S. Gold Coin.

Although it might be desirable to have the 1 1/2 acres now belonging to Mr. Wablschmidt added to the area above described we regret that our various favorable proposals for a reconveyance thereof have not had the desired result - as the owner will only sell it for \$6500. - with the privilege

Honble Henry Wakeford
Colonial Secretary of Vancouver Island
Victoria, B.C.

privilege to reside in the dwelling
therein rent free to 31st December 1865.
Mr. Schuchmidt will not be bound
by this offer and under these circumstances
Mr. Miles is not in a position to
include this property in the proposal
above made.

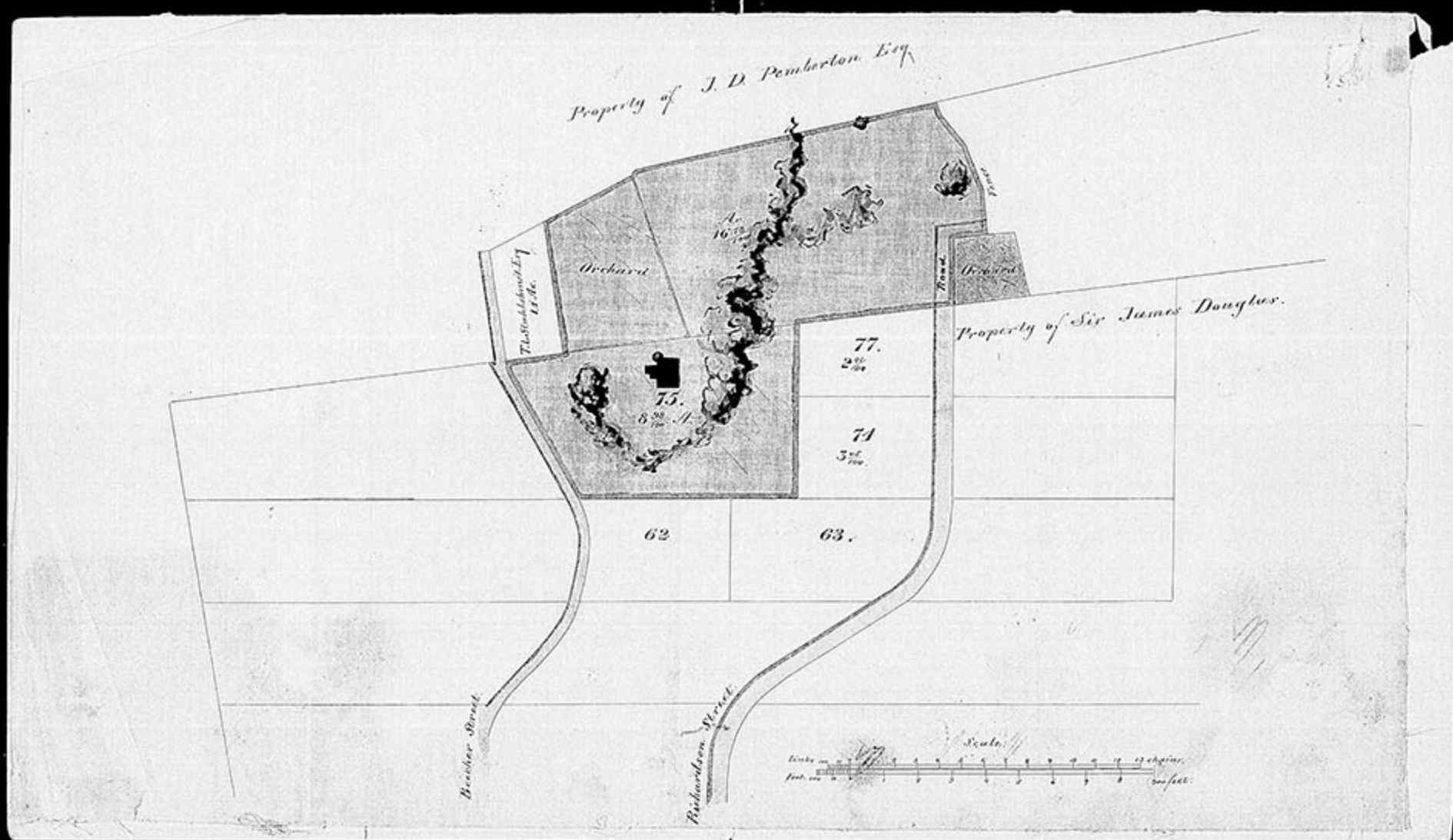
A transfer of the leases of Sections
74 and 77 of Fairfield Farm, containing
3.05 acres and 2.41 acres respectively
can be obtained by paying a
premium of \$500. - These leases
end the 25th March 1863 and
confer upon the owner the privilege
of purchasing the land at any
time during such term at the rate
of £200. - Sterling per acre. The
rental per annum, meanwhile is
\$15.25 for Section 74. -
12.05 " " 77. -
payable quarterly

The addition of these two
sections to the estate offering by Mr.
Miles would greatly enhance the
adaptability of the property to the
purposes in view, as will be seen by
the tracing attached overleaf.

Awaiting the favor of your
reply, we have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servants
Winnibury Schloer



FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Wood

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Attorney-General
Recd. 6. 5. 65

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Attorney General's Office
5th May 1865

N^o. 192 Sir

I have the honour to enclose
Bonds from Messrs Wootton and
Sparrow to The Queen for
faithful performance of duties
of Office duly executed and
attested and shall feel obliged
by your executing on behalf
of Her Majesty the Declarations
at the foot thereof

Declarations
executed in bond
deposited in safe in
Colonial Secretary's Office
20. 5. 65

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient and
humble servant

J^r: L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

This is on

The Act of Colonial Secretary

R. 76
1333.

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Colonial Secretary

Harbour Master's Office,
Victoria. 18th March 1865

Sir,

I have the honor to
submit as sureties for myself
Mr Gilbert Malcolm Sparrow
and Mr William Parsons Layward,
and Mr Sparrow submits as
his sureties Mr James Dickson
M. D. and the Rev^d Ephraim
Evans -

Trusting they will meet
with the approval of His Excel-
lency the Governor -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J Henry Wootton
Harbour Master

*Direct the Attorney General
to prepare the usual Bonds as
soon as possible. L. L. Wood
March 20th 1865
Advise to the Acting Attorney General accordingly
Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
18. 3. 65
(To be returned)
Bonds prepared
and executed
May 20 1865
Henry Wootton
Harbour Master*

This I forward
The Acting Colonial Secretary

R. 76
1340.

Rec. 21. 3. 65

2. Enclosures

Attorney General's Office
20th March 1865

No. 99

Sir

I have the honor to
enclose Draft Bonds from
Messrs Wootton and Sparrow
to the Queen for His Excellency
perusal

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedient
Stumble Servant
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

The Colonial Secretary

*Relates to the above the Acting Attorney General
with a request that he will forward the printed
of the bonds as soon as possible, and forward them
to this office. Henry Wakeford
Acting Colonial Secretary
(To be returned)
Wootton & Sparrow's Bonds prepared & executed
Sparrow's 29th April 1865
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General*

12⁹⁰
1857

5th May 1865

Atty Attorney General

Books and papers
written and approved:

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Attorney General's Office
6th May 1865

Sir

In answer to your communications of the 27th and 29th of April requesting my consideration of ——— and report on the Title to the Lands intended for the New Government House I have the honor to report that I have perused the deeds sent to me by Messrs Weissenberger and Schoepfer as also Deeds or copies of deeds and documents evidencing the Title of the Hudson Bay Company, Sir James Douglas, and Mr J. Despard Pemberton

The Act of Attorney General is referred to above the reference to require further information. It is noted with a view to the investigation of the title to the property being completed without delay.
The original is returned.
I. L. Wright
8 May 1865

I find the Title to Lot 75 of the Fairfield Estate good with
The Hon: The Colonial Secretary

the exception of incumbrances
of £10 per annum to Sir James
Douglas and the existing Mortgage
in favor of Mr. Dallas for \$8000

The Title to the remaining
Land portion of Section 68 of
Victoria District is good with
this exception, that there is a
right of way over portions of it
as marked in the Plan and
that the Grant of the fee will
require execution by the Hudson's
Bay Company

With respect to all this
property the Registrar of Real
Estate should certify that the
Land is free from incumbrances,
the Treasurer that no Taxes are
in arrear, and the Registrar of
the Supreme Court that no

Judgments

Judgments are outstanding against
the Hudson's Bay Company, Sir
James Douglas, Mr. Pemberton,
Mr. Cary, Mr. Drake, Mr. Miles,
Mr. Weisenburger, Mr. Schoepfer, or
Mr. Dallas

When these matters are gone
thru' I can then prepare the
Deeds and in the meantime
I propose to retain the Papers
already sent by Mr. Miles to
the Crown

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient and
Humble servant
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

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These matters being ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ ~~title~~ ~~papers~~ ~~are~~
in law returned.

Recd
1865

Aug 15 1865

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

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Attorney General's Office
9th May 1865

Sir
I have the honor to
enclose Drafts of Conveyances
of the Site of the New Govern-
-ment House, which after
perusal I propose sending to
Mess^{rs} Weissenberger & Schloepfer
for their approval after
which I should suggest that
they be engrossed on Parliament
previous to execution

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient
Humble Servant

Thos. L. Wood

The Hon.

The Colonial Secy Acting Attorney General
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Summit of the information regarding
the whole of the Attorney General's
No. 1011
11.5.65
Acting Attorney General
Coburn (national)
L. L. W.
May 11/65
M. 11.5.
L. L. W.

Attorney General
R. 92
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Council

Attorney General
Rec. 15.5.65

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Attorney General's Office
15th May 1865

N^o 127 Sir

In reply to your Note of
the 12th instant requesting my
opinion on the following Bills
now before the Legislative Council
viz

- 1 An Act to exempt the
Homestead and other property
from forced seizure and sale
in certain cases
- 2 An Act respecting weights
and Measures
- 3 An Act for securing
licens to Mechanics & others

The Hon:

The Colonial Secretary
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4 An Act respecting the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages

5 An Act to amend the manner of taking a verdict in civil cases

I have the honor to state as follows

1 The Act to exempt the Homestead from seizure is an Act almost identical with an Act of the State of California - The general provisions of such an Act are I think beneficial - settlements in favor of a wife and children and the tools and implements of trade are protected by the law of England to a certain extent which I think might be extended with advantage.

The form of the Act however is I think objectionable as being almost word for word with an

American

American Act and the law in this matter if amended should be amended in my opinion with reference to English law, so expressed in the Act and both the principle of the Act and its provisions ought to be well discussed and considered as it may open the door to many frauds

2 The Act respecting weights and Measures

An Act to establish uniformity in weights and measures is much wanted the detail however will require readjustment, some of the provisions are in conformity with the law of the State of California, I do not see the advisability of making the bushel of Wheat equal to so many pounds and the bill is defective in some of the penal clauses

3 An Act

3 An Act for securing Liens &c

This is purely an American law
great objection to it exists among
many persons and I have serious
apprehensions that it will work
injuriously - It is not in my
judgment required by Mechanics
who are usually paid weekly -
and the class who need benefit
are Contractors and Builders not
impugnably with at the expense of
the owner of the structure

4 Registration of Births, Deaths
and Marriages

This Act is also required, but
the details require revision

5 An Act to amend the
manner of taking the verdict of
a jury in civil cases

This Act is a serious inroad
on the Common Law of England
but if the Public desire it I see
no objection which as a Lawyer

I can urge against it, juries in
so small a community as this
rarely agree and in the present
state of Society in this Colony it
would prevent many suits from
becoming abortive

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

R 62
16th May 1865

Attorney General

This opinion on Bell's will
is forwarded. Myself releasing
also will, Registrar of Probate
Kendal in case, cases

FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
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Attorney General

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N^o 130

Attorney General's Office

May 20 1865

Sir

In answer to your note of
this morning regarding the
what stage the conveyance of the
Indies estate now is I have the honor
to state that the deeds are now in
the hands of Mrs. Antler's agents
ready for execution by her & have been
so for the last two days.

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
and humble servant

The Honorable

The Acting Colonial
Secretary

L R

Mrs. L. Wood

Acting Attorney
General

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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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N^o 95
1627. 20th May 1865

Acting Attorney General

Confirming that the details of
the Statute's propriety are
ready for execution & are
with the other bills apud
Treasury's possession.

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Postal

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Sent to Mr. May
Nanaimo for execution
27.5.65

Returned - 12.4.99
12.16.99

N^o 1314

Attorney General's Office
26th May 1865.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
Contract from The Vancouver
Coal Mining and Sand Company
to The Queen for carriage of
Mails from Victoria to Gmoa
for signature.

The Company's seal will
have to be affixed

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

The Hon:

The Colonial Secretary
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FILE 55

ATTORNEY GENERAL (V.I.)
1865 JAN. TO MAY

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R 96 26th May 1865
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Atty Attorney General

Meeting contact with
Tanner's East Co for
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1865 JAN. TO MAY

COLONIAL
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Wood
R 96
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Attorney-General

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Attorney General's Office
27th May 1865

N^o 132

Sir
In reply to your note of
the 22nd instant requesting my
opinion upon the following Bills

1 A Bill respecting the descent
of Real property

2 A Bill to amend the law
of imprisonment for debt

I have the honor to state as follows

1 The Bill respecting the descent
of Real Property has for its principal
object the abolition of what is called
the "law of primogeniture" and
and promotes in the case of intestates
the subdivision of property among
descendants in equal shares

I need not remark that the
principle

The Hon:

The Colonial Secretary

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principle of this bill favors the minute subdivision of property which when carried to the extent of property being divided into shares insufficient for the maintenance of a family is an evil of some moment. Independently of the principle of the Bill, of the soundness ^{of} necessity which I leave His Excellency to judge the bill seems to me unsuited to the wants of the population - Agriculture will probably for some time to come be mainly carried on under some sort of Land Proclamation by which the portions to be taken by Individuals would be regulated by what would be deemed sufficient for a settler to farm and this it would be manifestly highly inconvenient to divide - Down Lots also seem

to me to be practically invidious except in very leading thoroughfares and Owners of large Estates are very few at present, added to this the law of the matter is much involved and a Bill of this kind making many radical changes ought to be very carefully drawn

I should beg to suggest

- 1 That the principle of the Bill is such an one as the Government of this Colony should not support
 - 2 That it is unsuited to the requirements of existing owners of real Property
 - 3 That its details are faulty
- 2 The Bill relating to Imprisonment for Debt

This Bill takes away imprisonment for

for debt except in the event of the
presumed absconding of the debtor

I see no legal objection to the
principle of the Bill which I
understand has many advocates

A similar Act has been
passed in British Columbia and
I should suggest that the provisions
of the Bill should be made as
near as may be identical with
that the Act of the sister colony

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thos. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

Attorney General
His power of Bill, relative to
Debtors & Creditors
Supplement for 1865

12th Jan 27th May 1865

Wood

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Attorney-General

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Attorney Generals Office

May 27 1865

No 133

Answered both Papers to Samuel with a
request that he will register the Deeds
here annexed & return them with
the letter Henry Wakefield

M 4109
2039

Acting General Secretary

Till required returned, returned 19. 6. 65

with certificate of title 22/10/65

477 Special Collector

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2038

Forwarded to the Hon. Secy. of the Dept. of the Interior

who is requested to return the deeds here

for info. enclosed as follows

(Tobago)

Separate receipt

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The Hon. Secy.

The Colonial Secretary

Dec 29 1864. Mr. W. Wakefield

Schlosser to Mr. Drake

recourse - the mortgage

preceding

Preceding this not forming one of the
to the deeds inasmuch as it mainly
refers to other property.

Dec 29 1864 Mr Drake to Mr. Miller ✓
conveyance

Dec 29 1864 Mr. Miller to Mr. Drake ✓
mortgage

Dec 31 Mr. Drake to Mr. Dalry
assignment of mortgage ✓

May 15 1865 Mr. Dalry to Mr. Drake ✓
conveyance

(These three are in one deed)

Dec 29 1864 Policy of insurance ✓

Dec 29 1864 certificate of title ✓

May 10 1865 same ✓

May 20 1865 Mr. Miller
to the Queen conveyance ✓

2 As to portion of section 68 Victoria District

Dec 1859 Mr. Deane to Mr. Cary ✓
agreement

April 2 1863 same to same ✓
conveyance

July 30 1864 Mr. Cary to Mr. Drake ✓
conveyance

Mar 15 1865 Mr. Drake to Mr. Miller ✓

Apr 7 1865 Certificate of title ✓
The Hudson Bay Co &

May 20 1865 Mr. Miller and
to the Queen
conveyance

Minutes to go to the Com. with
of 27 March 1865 to April 25 1865
Governor's Minute of 7 April 1865
Plan of New Gov. House

Letter V. R. $\frac{87}{1512}$

Letter VI. R. $\frac{88}{1522}$

Warrant for the
28 April 1865

With respect to the portion of section 68
the Hudson Bay Co have title to
convey which they doubtless will do
when the rest of the Island is conveyed
to the Crown

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
and humble servant
Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

12 26
 1848 27 May 1865
 Chief Attorney General
 including title deeds of
 Government lands

Deeds of conveyance of section
 75 of the Fairfield Estate
 (extract from Attorney General's letter dated
 May 27 1865 & copy of memoranda
 attached thereto)

- ✓ March 25 1861 Sir James Douglas to
 M^r: Cary conveyance
- ✓ July 30 1864 M^r: Cary to M^r: Drake
 conveyance
- ✓ Decem^r: 29 1864 M^{rs}: Wicissminger & Lehmann
 to M^r: Drake conveyance
 " The mortgage preceding this act forming
 " one of the title Deeds inasmuch as it mainly
 " refers to other property -
- ✓ Decem^r: 29 1864 M^r: Drake to M^{rs}: Miles
 conveyance
- ✓ Decem^r: 29 1864 M^{rs}: Miles to M^r: Drake
 Mortgage
- ✓ Decem^r: 31 1864 M^r: Drake to M^{rs}: Dallas
 assignment of mortgage
- ✓ May 15 1865 M^{rs}: Dallas to M^r: Drake
 conveyance
- " (These three are in one Deed)
- ✓ Decem^r: 29 1864 Policy of Insurance
- ✓ Decem^r: 29 1864 Certificate of Title
- ✓ May 10 1865 Same
- ✓ May 20 1865 M^{rs}: Miles to the Queen
 conveyance
- 2 As to portion of section 68 Victoria District
- ✓ Decem^r: 1859 M^r: Pemberton to M^r: Cary
 agreement
- ✓ April 2 1863 Same to same conveyance

July 30 1864 M^r Cary to M^r Drake ✓
 Conveyance
 March 15 1865 M^r Drake to M^r Miles ✓
 April 7 1865 Certificate of Title ✓
 May 20 1865 The Hudson's Bay Co + ✓
 M^r Miles to the Queen
 Conveyance

~~Wessmington & Colburn's
 Letters to R 87
 25th April 1865
 1512
 7 April 1865
 Plan of new Gov^t House
 Wessmington & Colburn's Letters R 88
 20 April 1865
 1522~~

~~Forwarded to the Registrar General
 with a request that he will Register the
 Deeds herein enumerated and return
 them with this letter
 (Signed) Henry Wakeford
 acting Colonial Secretary
 19 . 6 . 65~~

~~Letter Registered & documents returned
 with certificate of Title 22/6/65
 (Signed) E. Graham Aleton~~

~~Forwarded to the Hon^{ble} the acting
 Surveyor General who is requested to
 retain and file the deeds herein for safe
 custody and record in his Office
 (Signed) Henry Wakeford
 acting Colonial Secretary
 22 . 6 . 65~~

Received the Documents
 herein enumerated, Seventeen in
 Number

J. W. Carse.

Acting Surveyor General
 23rd June 1865

Wood

R 27
1663

Remain

N^o 137

Attorney General
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Attorney General's Office
May 31st 1855

Sir

In answer to your Note
requesting my opinion on the Bill
entitled "An Act to make better
provision for the custody of the
Estates of deceased persons"

I have the honor to say that
there can in my opinion be no
question as to the urgent necessity
of a provision for the custody of
the Estates of deceased persons - the
details however proposed I think
upon a wrong principle - the
persons entitled to the custody of
such Estates should be ~~the~~ Public
Administrators subject to the
control

The Hon:

The Colonial Secretary

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control of the Probate Court having
general authority to take immediate
steps to protect the property of the
person dying, ^{and} to compel disclosures
by Summons before a Magistrate,
The Act in question seems to
contemplate independent action
on the part of the Police which
I think is not advisable

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Jno: L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

12 ²⁷/₁₈₆₃ 31st May 1865

Attorney General

his opinion on Bill
relative to custody of the
Suits of deceased persons

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Attorney-General
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No 136

Sir

Attorney Generals Office
May 31st 1865

In answer to your comm-
-unication of the 30th instant
requesting me to inform His Excellency

1 Generally as to the Postal
Laws of this colony and

2 Do refer His Excellency to any
authority or Law at present
governing the Postal Department
of Vancouver Island

I have the honor to state as follows

The existing state of the law
is best shown by a copious extract
of the ^{Statute} Law at present bearing on
these matters

By the Post Office Management
Act of 1837 7 Will^m 4 v 1 Vic: c 33

The Hon:
The Colonial Secretary

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1865 JAN. TO MAY CORRESPONDENCE

It is enacted by section 2

"That wheresoever within the
"United Kingdom and other Her
"Majesty's dominions Ports or Post
"communications are now or may
"be hereafter established the
"Postmaster General by himself or
"by his Deputies and their respective
"Servants and Agents shall have
"the exclusive privilege of
"conveying from one place to
"another all Letters except in the
"following cases and shall also
"have the exclusive privilege of
"performing all the incidental
"services of receiving collecting
"sending despatching and delivering
"all Letters except in the following
"cases"

here follow the excepted cases which
are not material

By the Postal Duties Act 1844

344 Vict.

344 Vict. c. 96 sec. 58 It is enacted
That

"Wheresoever communications
"may from time to time be opened
"with Foreign Post Offices which
"may render an alteration in the
"rates of Postage expedient Be it
"Enacted that it shall be lawful
"for the Commissioners of Her
"Majesty's Treasury from time to
"time and at any time after the
"passing of this Act by Warrant
"under their hands to alter and
"fix any of the rates of British
"Postage or Inland Postage payable
"by law on the transmission by
"the Post of Foreign or Colonial
"Letters or Newspapers or of any
"other printed papers and to subject
"the same to rates of Postage
"according to the weight thereof
"and a scale of weight to be
"contained in such Warrant and
"from

"from time to time by Warrant
"as aforesaid to alter or repeal any
"such altered rates and make and
"establish any new or other rates
"in lieu thereof and from time to
"time by Warrant as aforesaid
"to appoint at what time the rates
"which may be payable are to be
"paid and the power hereby given
"to alter and fix rates of Postage
"shall extend to any increase or
"reduction or remission of Postage)

By the Colonial Postage Act 1844
7 & 8 Vict. c. 49 ss. 2, 3, 8 are as
follows

"Section 2 - And it is hereby
"enacted and declared that it
"shall be lawful for the Postmaster
"General for the time being from
"time to time to establish any
"Posts or Post communications
"in any of Her Majesty's Colonies
"or

"or in any of the Cities or Towns
"within any such Colony or the
"suburbs thereof and to alter
"or annul^{any} of the Posts or Post
"communications already established
"or hereafter to be established in
"any of the said Colonies, Cities
"Towns or Suburbs as he shall
"deem expedient and to appoint
"sufficient Deputies Agents and
"Servants under him for the
"better managing the Post Office
"revenue at any place or places
"where such Posts or Post in
"communications already have
"been or may hereafter be
"established and such Deputies
"Agents and Servants from time
"to time to suspend remove
"or displace and to appoint others
"in their place or stead and
"whenever any such Posts or
"Post communications shall be
"established

"established in any of the said
"Colonies all Colonial Legislative
"Acts and Colonial Ordinances
"relating to the Post or Postage
"of Letters in force within any
"such Colony shall cease and
"determine"

Section 3

"And be it Enacted, ^{and declared} that it
"shall be lawful for the
"Commissioners of Her Majesty
"Duesway from time to time
"and at all times after the
"passing of this Act by
"Warrant under their hands
"to alter and fix any of the
"rates ~~to~~ of Colonial Postage
"payable by law for the
"transmission of Letters by the
"Post and to subject the same
"to Rates of Postage according
"to the weight thereof and a
"scale of weight to be contained
"in

"in such Warrant and from
"time to time by warrant as
"aforesaid to alter or repeal any
"such altered rates and make
"and establish any new or other
"rates in lieu thereof and the
"rates of Colonial Postage from
"time to time to become payable
"under or by virtue of any such
"Warrant shall be charged and
"paid accordingly and from time
"to time by warrant as aforesaid
"to appoint at what time the
"rates which may be payable
"are to be paid and the power
"hereby given to alter and fix
"the rate of Postage shall
"extend to any increase or
"reduction or remission of
"Postage"

Section 8

"And be it Enacted that the
"term Colonial Letters used in
"the

"the 58th Section of the said
"last mentioned Act (34th Vict.
"c. 96 s. 58 above quoted)
"shall include all Letters
"transmitted by the Post between
"places within any of Her
"Majesty's Colonies or between
"any of such Colonies or
"between any of the Colonies
"and the United Kingdom or
"a Foreign country"

By the Colonial Postage Act 1849
12 + 13 Vict. c. 66 s. 1 after referring
to the Acts above recited and reciting
that by their authority,

Her Majesty's Postmaster General
"has by himself or his Deputies
"the exclusive privilege of
"establishing Posts collecting
"conveying and delivering
"Letters and collecting Postage
"within Her Majesty's Colonies
and

and the Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury have
authority from time to time
to fix the rates of Postage
to be charged within such
Colonies and whereas the said
Postmaster General and Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury
respectively have in exercise of
such ~~penalty~~ privilege and
authority established Posts and
fixed rates of postage in
certain of such Colonies and
whereas it is expedient to
authorize the establishment
of Posts and Postage rates in
Her Majesty's Colonies by the
Legislatures of such Colonies
Be it Enacted therefore & it
That it shall be lawful for
the Legislatures or proper
Legislative authorities of Her
Majesty's

"Majesty's Colonies or any of
"them by Acts, Edicts or Ordinances
"to be from time to time for
"that purpose made and enacted
"in the manner and subject
"to the conditions by Law
"required in respect of Acts, Edicts
"or Ordinances of such Legislatures
"or Legislative authorities to
"make such provisions as
"such Legislatures or Legislative
"authorities may think fit for
"and concerning the establishment
"maintenance and regulation
"of Posts or Post communications
"within such Colonies respectively,
"and for charging rates of
"Postage for the conveyance of
"Letters by such Posts or Post
"communications and for
"appropriating the revenue to
"be derived therefrom"

Sections 3 & 4 provide that
after the Establishment of
Posts by Colonial Legislatures
the powers of the Postmaster
General are to cease and that
the acts of Colonial Legislatures
shall extend only to Posts
within the limits of the Colonies

I can find no subsequent Acts
affecting the matter and in answer
to your questions

1 Generally as to Postal Laws
of this Colony
It is I think clear that until some
Postal Law be passed in this
Colony the Postmaster General in
England has the power to establish
Posts and the Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury the right to
fix

for the rates of Postage within
this Colony

As to Postal service without
this Colony the question is much
involved and I do not under-
stand my opinion to be re-
quired or as to the privileges
of the Home authorities on this
head It is also particularly
to be noticed that our own
Legislative authority is
expressly limited by Section 11
of the Act of 1849 to Posts
within the limits of our
Colony

2 As to any authority or Law
at present governing the Postal
service in Vancouver Island
I can only say that altho' the authority
seems

seems to exist in the Postmaster
General at home to regulate the
service and in the Lords of the
Treasury to regulate the rates of
Postage such powers have not to my
knowledge been ever ~~exercised~~^{exercised} and I
am at a loss to know by what ^{lawful}
authority the existing Postal ^{Service}
~~System~~^{has} been established

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient & Humble

Servant

Jno. L. Wood

Acting Attorney General

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Copy Made
Marsden

Tamousoo Island

Post Office, Victoria
7th June 1865.

Sir,

I have the honor to
inform you for the information
of His Excellency the Governor
that there are no Rules or
Regulations under which this
Department is conducted nor
have I received any but verbal
instructions as Postmaster -

I further beg to state I
know of no authority by which
I do

The Honorable
The Acting Colonial Secretary

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the different rates of postage
are fixed and levied -

With the exception of the
enclosed Extract from the
Colonial Secretary's Letter, the
only instructions I received with
regard to the rates of Postage
were those changed by the
officiating Postmaster when
I took charge. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant

J Henry Wootton
Postmaster

R 99 4th June 1865

Palmerston

Saying that there are no
Risks or objections in
connection with the proposed

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COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Extract from Colonial
Secretary's Letter.

Vancouver Island
Colonial Secretary's Office
23rd October 1861.

Sir,

It having been decided by
the Governor that the Post Office
in this Colony shall be abolished as
a separate Establishment, and
that the duties shall be conducted
by the Harbor Master in conjunction
with those already assigned to
him. I had to communicate the
same to you for your information
and guidance.

The present officiating Post Master,
Mr Buckley, who was placed in charge
temporary charge of the Establishment
during the absence on leave of the
late Post Master Mr. Dives, has been
accordingly directed to hand over to
you the charge of the ~~inter~~ establishment,
and you will make such arrangements
for carrying on the current business
of the Department until it can be
transferred to the Harbor Master's
Office, and combined therewith, as
shall seem to you expedient and

proper, seeking instructions from
this office in any case of doubt
or difficulty.

3. (As you are now arrangements
are in progress to combine the
Harbor Masters office and Post
office in one, and so soon as the
necessary alterations and fittings
have been made in the Building in
Wharf Street, you will transfer the
Post office Department to it, taking
care that the transfer be made after
the departure of the next European
Mail, and on such day as to cause
the least amount of inconvenience
to the Public.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
(sd) William A. G. Young

Henry Wrotton Esq.

Chief Harbor Master

Victoria

Colonial

J. W. Wrotton

Postmaster