

Guide
to the
“Swan River Papers”

with

Document Summaries

in date order

and

Person and Subject Indexes

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Introduction to the Guide to the 'Swan River Papers'

The '*Swan River Papers*' comprise some 1050 documents. They are an important source of information about the beginning years of Western Australia and the influences that determined early policies.

Alice Mayes copied the '*Papers*' by hand from original sources in London in 1904, the year of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the claiming of New Holland for the British Crown and the founding of Western Australia.

The documents appear to have been selected by Alice Mayes. She did not place the documents in date order and her sequence and that of the bound '*Papers*' appears to derive in part from the order in which the originals are preserved in London and in part from personal decision.

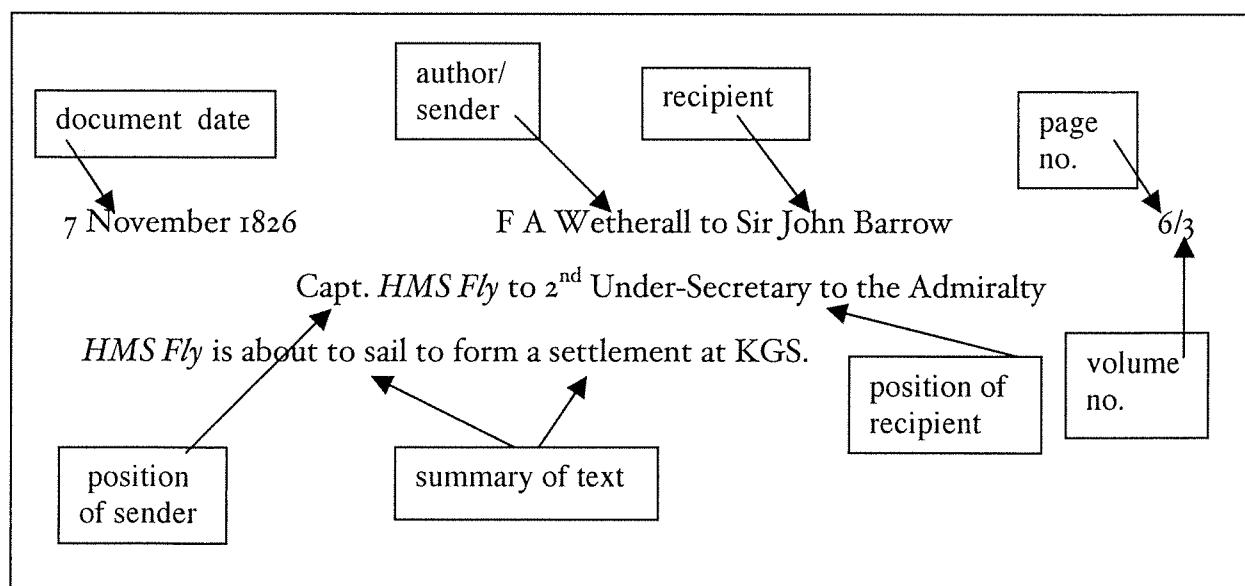
The hand-written manuscripts of Alice Mayes were typed and bound in 18 volumes around 1970. Comparison of the typed documents with the originals (on film, Battye Library) shows very few minor errors. However the AJCP microfilm should be consulted for any in depth study of a document.

This Guide has been produced in the 175th anniversary year of the founding of New Holland to help make the '*Swan River Papers*' more accessible, facilitate their use and rescue them from their comparative neglect.

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1. 'Not copied' refers to a document mentioned in the text which was not copied by Alice Mayes.
2. 'see' refers to a document copied by Mayes but which is not summarised.
3. 'ref' indicates a cross reference.

SWAN RIVER PAPERS

Document Summaries in Date Order

1826

- 1 March 1826 Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling 1/3
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor New South Wales
New South Wales is hereinafter NSW. Preparations are to commence for a settlement in Western Australia (hereinafter WA). Information is to be obtained about the potential of Shark Bay as a penal settlement and a survey of the WA coast is to be undertaken.
- 1 March 1826 Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling 3/3
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor NSW
The settlements in WA and Sharks Bay are to be made to frustrate possible French occupancy.
- 11 March 1826 Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling 5/3
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor NSW
Directs the coastal survey (ref 1/3, 1 Mar 1826) to examine King Georges Sound (hereinafter KGS) for a possible penal settlement before undertaking the survey of Sharks Bay.
- 10 October 1826 Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst 1/1
Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Re the establishing of settlements at Western Port, KGS and Sharks Bay.
- 4 November 1826 Alexander McLeay to Major Edward Lockyer 3/1
Colonial Secretary NSW to Major 39th Regiment
Instructions to Lockyer to establish a settlement at KGS.
- 7 November 1826 F A Wetherall to Sir John Barrow 6/3
Capt. *HMS Fly* to 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty
HMS Fly is about to sail to form a settlement at KGS.
- 24 November 1826 Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst 9/1
Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Reports the State Expedition to KGS has sailed.
- 14 December 1826 James Stirling to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling 11/1
Capt. RN to Governor NSW
Describes the benefits of a settlement near the Swan River.
- 18 December 1826 Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst 17/1
Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Supports the possibility of a settlement near Swan River.

1827

1 March-30 June 1827	Muster Table of <i>HMS Success</i>	22/2
1 March-30 June 1827	Alphabetic list of crew of <i>HMS Success</i>	36/2
18 April 1827	James Stirling to Lt. Gen. Ralph Darling Capt. RN to Governor NSW A letter, with a narrative of the exploration of Western New Holland (ref 1827, 47/1).	19/1
Undated 1827	The report of Capt. James Stirling's Survey of Western New Holland.	47/1
18 April 1827	Major Edward Lockyer to Alexander McLeay OIC 39 th Regiment at KGS to Colonial Secretary NSW Report on the settlement at KGS.	84/1
21 April 1827	Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies Sends Stirling's Report re WA (ref 18 Apr 1827, 19/1) with favourable comment.	93/1
3 May 1827	Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Earl Bathurst Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies Sends Lockyer's Report re KGS (ref 18 Apr 1827, 84/1) with unfavourable comment.	97/1
15 May 1827	Lt Gen. Ralph Darling to Robert W Hay Governor NSW to Under-Secretary for Colonies Stirling has been rewarded for the <i>Success</i> voyage with NSW land and reports Stirling's desire to have "charge of the Settlement at Swan River".	100/1
18 May 1827	James Stirling to Allen Bathurst, Earl Bathurst Capt. RN to Secretary of State for War & Colonies Applies for "superintendence and Government", if there is a settlement at Western New Holland.	102/1
15 October 1827	Sir John Barrow to Robert William Horton 2 nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies Some of Capt. J Stirling's remarks are fallacious, but Swan River should be settled if KGS is continued, to prevent French and/or American occupancy.	7/3
6 November 1827	Robert W Hay to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor NSW Confirms the NSW grant of 2560 acres to Capt. J Stirling (ref 15 May 1827, 100/1). The land could be at Swan River subject to security and development. Other naval officers could benefit similarly.	10/3
29 November 1827	Edward Geoffrey Stanley to James Stirling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Capt. RN Swan WA is not to be established.	12/3

1828

- 28 January 1828 **William Huskisson to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling** 13/3
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor NSW
 The difficulties of sailing and the expense prevent Swan being occupied.
- 30 July 1828 **James Stirling to Robert W Hay** 17/3
 Capt. RN to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sets out the advantages of the Swan River and the desirability of settlement.
- 2 August 1828 **Sir John Barrow to Horace Twiss** 20/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Supports the transfer of the KGS settlement to Swan, the "sooner the better".
- 21 August 1828 **James Stirling and Major Thomas Moody to Robert W Hay** 21/3
 Capt. RN & a former 'Adviser' on slavery to the Colonial Office to
 Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Request permission to form a Private Company to settle WA, obviating any Government expense.
- 22 October 1828 **James Stirling to Horace Twiss** 23/3
 Capt. RN to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Those interested in settlement at Swan are concerned as they:
 1) have no knowledge of Government intentions and
 2) suggest a boat goes to take possession, do surveys etc, as no British right has been declared and
 the French contemplate it. Stirling is willing to go at his own expense.
- 5 November 1828 **Sir George Murray to Lords Commissioners of Admiralty** 26/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Admiralty
 "Immediate". Have a Royal Navy ship from the Cape of Good Hope station sent to WA to take and
 maintain possession at or near Swan River.
- 7 November 1828 **Sir John Barrow to Charles Marsh Schomberg** 27/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Naval C in C Cape of Good Hope
 Send *HMS Tweed* to Swan River to take possession and review Cockburn Sound.
- 7 November 1828 **Sir John Barrow to Horace Twiss** 29/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
HMS Tweed is being sent to take possession of Swan without loss of time.
- 12 November 1828 **Sir George Murray to Lords of Admiralty** 30/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Admiralty
 A vessel is to take troops and others to the Swan River "where it is intended to form a settlement".
- 12 November 1828 **Horace Twiss to Sir John Barrow** 31/3
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty
 An RN Ship (ref 12 Nov 1828, 30/3) needs to carry 120-150 adults and provisions and other materials
 sufficient to establish the passengers on shore for a year.
- 15 November 1828 **Sir John Barrow to Horace Twiss** 32/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Re 30/3, 12 Nov 1828, *HMB Sulphur* will be fitted out at Chatham to take troops to New Holland.
- 2 December 1828 **Sir John Barrow to Charles Marsh Schomberg** 33/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Naval C in C Cape of Good Hope
 If *HMS Tweed* has not sailed, recall her and send *HMS Challenger*.

- 2 December 1828 **John Barrow to Charles Marsh Schomberg** 34/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Naval C in C Cape of Good Hope
 Orders for *HMS Tweed* and *HMS Challenger*.
- 3 December 1828 **Lord Rowland Hill to Sir George Murray** 36/3
 C in C Army to Secretary for War and Colonies
 Sixty soldiers and officers of 63rd Regt. and married women will go to Swan. Please give orders for their comfort and authorise rations for the women and children. Should a Medical officer go?
- 5 December 1828 **Horace Twiss to John Septimus Roe** 85/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lieutenant RN
 You are appointed i/c of the Surveying Department in the new settlement in WA.
- 12 December 1828 **Horace Twiss to Sir John Owen Bt** 86/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to ?enquirer about employment
 The new Settlement is to be on the smallest possible scale and excepting the Secretary, Chaplain, Storekeeper, two Medical men and two Surveyors, all of whom are appointed, there will be no Officers paid by the Public.
- 24 December 1828 **Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Horace Twiss** 38/3
 Secretary to C in C Army to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 One hundred persons of 63rd Regt. will be sent (including 32 women & children) under the command of Frederick Chidley Irwin. Also an Assistant Surgeon.
- 27 December 1828 **Robert W Hay to John Wilson Croker** 40/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Secretary to the Admiralty
 Lists the officers for *HMB Sulphur* as at 24 December 1828 under W T Dance, Commander RN.
- 28 December 1828 **James Stirling to Robert W Hay** 41/3
 Capt. RN to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The Swan settlement should not be subject to NSW and his title should be Governor.
- 29 December 1828 **R Seppings, H Legge & C Boyle to Robert W Hay** 43/3
 Shipping merchants to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The transport *Parmelia* has been engaged for passengers and stores to Swan. Requests the names and ages of children who are to be aboard.
- 29 December 1828 **Robert W Hay to Mark J Currie** 87/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Captain RN
 Your offer to go to WA is accepted, a passage will be provided and you are appointed Harbour Master without Salary.
- 30 December 1828 **Robert W Hay to Peter Brown** 88/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to citizen
 You are appointed Secretary of WA at £400 per annum with half pay from the date of embarkation, a passage will be provided. PS. – the *Parmelia* should sail about 7 January 1829.
- 30 December 1828 **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** 44/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Captain RN
 Instructions for establishing the Swan settlement, towns, land grants, provision for churches etc. Stirling is to administer Swan entitled Lieutenant Governor.
- 30 December 1828 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 49/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Captain RN
 Appoints Stirling as Lt. Governor Swan Settlement.

31 December 1828	James Stirling to Robert W Hay Captain RN to Under-Secretary for Colonies Accepts post as Lt. Governor.	50/3
31 December 1828	Robert W Hay to James Stirling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor Lists the Civil Establishment for the Swan settlement, with names and salaries.	51/3
31 December 1828	Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Horace Twiss Secretary to C in C Army to 2 nd Under-Secretary for Colonies Lists the soldiers of the 63 rd Regt. and the women & children going to Swan.	57/3
31 December 1828	Robert W Hay to G R Dawson Under-Secretary for Colonies to unknown Swan is to be established on the "least expensive scale". Also an estimate of the possible passage costs for settlers etc (ref undated 65/3).	61/3

1829

1 January 1829	Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Frederick Chidley Irwin Secretary to C in C Army to Captain 63 rd Regt. Appoints F C Irwin i/c detachment of 63 rd Regt. with orders/instructions for their activities on arrival.	71/3
2 January 1829	Robert W Hay to James Stirling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor Authorises the payment of allowances to the 63 rd Regt. when engaged on public works.	52/3
3 January 1829	Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Robert W Hay Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies Orders have been given for the embarkation of the 63 rd . Sends a copy of Capt. F C Irwin's orders (ref 10 Jan 1829, 56/3).	88/3
5 January 1829	Robert W Hay to James Stirling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor W Shilton will be Clerk to any department at Swan.	53/3
8 January 1829	Robert W Hay to James Stirling Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor The Captain of the <i>Parmelia</i> will provide rations to passengers en route and for 10 days after arrival. Build huts and get the passengers ashore before 10 days have elapsed.	54/3
10 January 1829	Sir George Murray to James Stirling Secretary for War and Colonies to Lt. Governor, Swan Copy of the orders given by Lord Hill (Army C in C) to F C Irwin (ref 3 Jan 1829, 88/3)	56/3
Undated	James Stirling to unknown Lt. Governor to unknown Estimates of the passage costs to Swan by three methods: <i>HMS Sulphur</i> , common transport and ship hire (ref 31 Dec 1828, 61/3).	65/3

- 12 January 1829 **Sir George Murray to Lt Gen. Ralph Darling** 73/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Governor NSW
 Government has changed its mind. Swan settlement will get supplies from the Cape of Good Hope and not be under Darling's orders.
- 12 January 1829 **James Stirling to War Office** 126/3
 Lt. Governor to War Office
 A requisition for rifles, carbines and muskets for despatch by *HMB Sulphur* (failing the *Parmelia*).
 NB. Document 126/3 is a newspaper cutting pasted among the original Mayes documents.
 Neither the name of the newspaper nor the date of publication is given, the date obviously being much later than that of the Stirling requisition.
- 13 January 1829 **Colonial Office Guidance to Settlers** 67/3
 "Colonial Office Regulations for the guidance of those who may propose to embark as Settlers for the new settlement on the western coast of New Holland".
- 14 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 75/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Reply to a request for artificers to go to Swan.
- 14 January 1829 **William Townsend Dance to Robert W Hay** 53/4
 Captain *HMB Sulphur* to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Reports *HMB Sulphur* leaked after meeting heavy weather and put into Plymouth for repairs.
- 16 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 76/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor, Swan
 Says £1000 will be put at his disposal.
- 16 January 1829 **James Stirling to Horace Twiss** 77/3
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary Colonial Office
 Stirling will be unpaid as Lt. Governor; he has received £600 towards his passage and will receive a 100,000 acre grant on the conditions laid down. (ref 24 Jan 1829, 2/5 & 99/3).
- 16 January 1829 **Dr Alexander Collie to William Townsend Dance** 79/3
 Asst Surgeon 63rd Regt to Captain, *HMB Sulphur*
 The conditions for troops, women and children on the *Sulphur* are unhealthy.
- 17 January 1829 **William Parker to Andrew Carnegie, Admiral Earl Northesk** 81/3
 Captain *HMS Warspite* to C in C Plymouth
 After visiting *HMB Sulphur*, makes recommendations to alleviate the poor conditions on board.
- 18 January 1829 **Andrew Carnegie, Admiral Earl Northesk to John William Croker** 83/3
 C in C Plymouth to Secretary to the Admiralty
HMB Sulphur will be satisfactory for the journey subject to the disembarkation 15 persons and the changes recommended by William Parker.
- 19 January 1829 **William Townsend Dance to Robert W Hay** 55/4
 Captain *HMB Sulphur* to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The *Sulphur* cargo was ordered by Stirling. Some bricks have been unloaded, repairs and changes made. The ship is now seaworthy and more comfortable for passengers.
- 19 January 1829 **John Burdett Wittenoom to Robert W Hay** 1/5
 Clergyman to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Wittenoom accepts the Chaplaincy of the Swan Settlement at £250 per yr.

- 20 January 1829 **Sir John Barrow to Robert W Hay** 85/3
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Copies of the correspondence re conditions on board *HMB Sulphur*. The recommended changes are approved.
- 20 January 1829 **Joseph Sabine to Robert W Hay** 86/3
 Secretary of Horticultural Society to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A list of plants and seeds (see 87/3) that James Drummond (Government Naturalist) is to take to Swan and propagate etc.
- 22 January 1829 **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** 89/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Lt. Governor, Swan
 Stirling should carry out his instructions (ref 30 Dec 1828, 44/3) in accordance with the Colonial Office Regulations (ref 13 Jan 1829, 67/3).
- 22 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 92/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Stirling and Drummond should grow flax in the Swan settlement.
- 22 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 93/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Sends NSW agricultural information of possible use at Swan.
- 23 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 94/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Sends the list of plants and seeds (ref 20 Jan 1829, 86/3) and refers to utilisation in the Colony.
- 23 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 95/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Stirling should inform NSW, Van Diemens Land, (hereinafter VDL) Ceylon and Mauritius as soon as possible after Swan is established.
- 23 Jan 1829 **Treasury Minute** 48/4
 Re specie in WA and its future supply and the need for certificates and receipts.
- 24 January 1829 **Lords of Admiralty to William Townsend Dance** 97/3
 Admiralty to Captain *HMS Sulphur*
 Orders to join *Parmelia* and to proceed, protect and promote the Swan settlement.
- 24 January 1829 **John Wilson Croker to Robert W Hay** 96/3
 Secretary to Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends a copy of the orders for *HMS Sulphur* (ref 24 Jan 1829, 97/3).
- 24 January 1829 **John Stirling to Horace Twiss** 2/5
 Brother of & agent for James Stirling to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Requests Stirling's land grant of 100,000 acres be in the Geographe Bay area, subject to usual improvements (ref 16 Jan 1829, 77/3).
- 24 January 1829 **James Stirling to Horace Twiss** 99/3
 Lt. Governor, Swan to 2nd Under-Secretary Colonial Office
 Desires clarification of the regulations which pertain to his land grant. (ref 16 Jan 1829, 77/3).
- 26 January 1829 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** 100/3
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 A copy of the orders issued to William T Dance (ref 24 Jan 1829, 97/3).

- 29 January 1829 **Horace Twiss to James Stirling** 101/3
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Clarification of Stirling's queries about land grant (ref 24 January 1829, 99/3).
- 29 January 1829 **Horace Twiss to James Stirling** 102/3
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Of four persons seeking land grants at Swan, only Peel remains and he can be so granted.
- 4 February 1829 **James Stirling (on *Parmelia*) to Horace Twiss** 103/3
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 All are embarked for Swan and await fair winds. Stirling signs himself as Lt. Gov.
- 5 February 1829 **James Stirling (on *Parmelia*) to Horace Twiss** 104/3
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A list of those embarked on *Parmelia*, (see 106/3). Has only 3 artificers and suggests 7 more be sent, 5 carpenters, 2 masons.
- 7 February 1829 **Horace Twiss to James Stirling** 107/3
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Reply to 5 February 1829, 104/3; No more artificers are available, Stirling must make do with the "labour already placed at your disposal".
- 6 March 1829 **Jonathan Matthey to Horace Twiss** 3/5
 Unknown to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Desires confirmation/clarification of a report that Peel had been granted much of the Swan and Canning River frontage, which would be unjust to earlier settlers and others.
- 10 March 1829-29 August 1829 **Extract of *HMS Challenger's* Journal** 1/6
 Sailing and weather records and work carried out between Simons Bay and Cockburn Sound. Records running aground 27 April 1829, Capt. Fremantle and Lt. Henry taking possession of New Holland on 2 May 1829 and their return to shore on 4 May 1829, the landing of Lt. Henry RN, Lt. Griffin RN, Mr Cross, Asst. Surgeon, 2 midshipmen, 10 seaman and 10 marines on 6 May near Swan River to form a settlement, the arrival of the *Parmelia* on 2 June 1829, her grounding and refloating on 3 June having lost her rudder, the arrival of *HMS Sulphur* on 8 June, the disembarkation of troops to the settlement on 17 June and the repair of the *Parmelia*.
- 13 March 1829 **Victualling Office & Treasury estimates** 51/4
 Estimates of the cost of the Swan River settlement for 1830, including victuals, salaries.
- 14 March 1829 **Charles Marsh Schomberg to Charles Fremantle** 110/3
 Naval C in C Cape of Good Hope to Capt. *HMS Challenger*
 Orders Fremantle to "take possession" of Swan, construct dwellings for troops, locate fresh water.
- 14 March 1829 **Answers to a Questionnaire from Major Gray** 89/16
 Answers to questions about the WA climate, moisture, soil, water, land regulations and the procurement of livestock.
- 20 March 1829 **Charles Marsh Schomberg to John William Croker** 108/2
 Naval C in C Cape of Good Hope to Secretary to Admiralty
 Sends a copy of the orders given to Capt. Charles Fremantle (ref 14 Mar 1829, 110/3). *HMS Challenger* has taken 6 months provisions. Lists men removed from *HMS Challenger* due to sickness (see 109/3).
- 18 April 1829 **Letter to Editor of *The Times* (London)** 7/5
 The Government has failed to follow its own Land Regulations at Swan by granting land to "one Gentleman who has no intention of emigrating" [Thomas Peel].

- ?19 April 1829 Joseph Hume to Horace Twiss 6/5**
 Member of Parliament to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends an anonymous letter published in *The Times* of 18 April 1829 that accuses the Government of the deception of settlers and potential settlers.
- 29 April 1829 Horace Twiss to Joseph Hume 92/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Member of Parliament
 Re the article in *The Times* (ref 18 Apr 1829, 7/5), it is correct that Thomas Peel has been granted 250,000 acres on conditions, but it is not true that the entire harbour and useful land has been appropriated, for only Peel and Stirling have received land grants. It is also untrue that the great portion of the Swan and Canning Rivers is within their land and that Peel has no intention of going to WA.
 Land will be given only to those who go in person and will not be granted until their arrival. The first Settlers will have first choice, other than for land reserved for Public purposes.
- 20 April 1829 James Stirling to Horace Twiss 112/3**
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
Parmelia has arrived at Cape Town. He has made some purchases and an agreement for a fresh meat supply. Reports the loss by drowning of a Medical Officer and his daughter [Mr Tully Daly and Jessie Jane Daly].
- 1 May-30 June 1829 Muster table of *HMS Challenger* 1/2**
- 1 May-30 June 1829 Alphabetic list of crew of *HMS Challenger* 12/2**
- 5 May 1829 William Townsend Dance to Horace Twiss 58/4**
 Captain *HMS Sulphur* to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Put into Simons Bay for repairs and refit, should proceed on 6 May weather permitting.
- 6 May 1829 William Townsend Dance to Horace Twiss 59/4**
 Captain *HMS Sulphur* to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Arrived Cape on 26 April. Repairs needed. The *Parmelia* transport has sailed, *HMS Challenger* sailed two months ago. *Sulphur* is being fitted to carry oxen.
- 14 May 1829 Lt. General Ralph Darling to Sir George Murray 108/5**
 Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The Raffles Bay settlement is being withdrawn. Having been informed by Capt. Fremantle of his orders to take possession of Swan River and of the need for cattle and stores etc, the Raffles Bay materials have been ordered to Swan.
- 15 May 1829 Navy Office Minute 46/4**
 Lists the Expenses incurred for the conveyance settlers to Swan River.
- 23 May 1829 Richard Badnall to Sir George Murray 131/10**
 Potential Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Requests land near KGS to establish the cultivation of Silk, Flax, Hemp and Fruit on a large scale by conveying poor emigrants from UK and some from Italy. Not less than 100,000 acres will be required.
- 25 May 1829 Horace Twiss to James Stirling 114/3**
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Requests the grant of land to Sgt. Beasmore [of 63rd Regt].
- 29 May 1829 Richard Badnall to Horace Twiss 132/10**
 Potential Settler to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Should a grant as requested in 23 May 1829, 131/10 be made, the new settlement will be subject to the Laws and Regulations of the Governor of Swan and the costs of administration will defrayed by himself

until the grant conditions are fulfilled. The new settlement would be under himself as Commandant, "by such arrangement the cost of salary would be saved".

- ? June 1829 **Horace Twiss to Richard Badnall** 134/10
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Potential Settler
 Sir George Murray has agreed to assign you 100,000 acres at KGS subject to: a limitation of frontage to sea, creek or river; £20,000 security for the annual payment of monies for the necessary Public Servants; all of whom are to be named by the Secretary of State for Colonies and all judicial persons must have approved qualifications. The initial public servants required, in addition to Troops, will be a Chaplain, a Surveyor and an Assistant Surveyor. The Settlement will be a dependency of Swan and the Troops at present at KGS shall continue there while protection is necessary.
- 13 June 1829 **John Burdett Wittenoom to Unknown** 10/5
 WA Chaplain to unknown.
 Details of his 'family' who will accompany him to WA.
- 9 July 1829 **Richard Badnall to Sir George Murray** 136/10
 Potential Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Although Twiss informs me a settlement at KGS is not encouraged, renews his request for 100,000 acres and applies to be Temporary Superintendent at KGS. Twiss appears to believe it would not be conducive to a Settlement if I were both Superintendent and an extensive speculator, but the speculation would be little different to that of all other Settlers. Superintendence would induce him to take Mrs Badnall and family for permanent residence.
- July 1829 (undated) **Thomas Peel to Sir George Murray** 13/5
 A WA settlement organiser to Secretary for War and Colonies
 Peel (a cousin of Sir Robert Peel) has bought a ship and supplies, his land grant is confirmed; he wants protection against calumny and an extension of time to transport his 400 emigrants.
- 13 July 1829 **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** 115/3
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Informs of the appointment John Burdett Wittenoom as Chaplain on the Swan Civil Establishment (ref 19 Jan 1829, 1/5).
- 17 July 1829 **Major-General Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Horace Twiss** 45/4
 Secretary to C in C Army to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Asst Surgeon William Lane Milligan is appointed vice Daly deceased (ref 20 Apr 1829, 112/3). Arrange a passage or provide an allowance for a private passage.
- 24 July 1829 **Thomas Peel to Horace Twiss** 11/5
 WA settlement organiser to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Suggests the conditional benefits he is to receive for taking 400 emigrants be fulfilled by their arrival in 1829.
- 25 July 1829 **Horace Twiss to W Barnard** 95/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to ?Merchant
 Please obtain and forward to WA at early opportunity a Bible, Prayer Book, Cup and Salver for the Sacrament and a linen Surplice, and three Register books for Births, Marriages and Deaths.
- 29 July 1829 **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** 116/3
 Secretary for War and Colonies to Lt. Governor
 The conditions applicable to Thomas Peel should he fail to land 400 settlers by 1 November 1829.
- 29 July 1829 **James Drummond to Peter Brown** 37/4
 Government Naturalist to WA Colonial Secretary
 A report on soil and vegetation south of the Swan River.

- 2 August 1829** **Thomas Peel to Sir George Murray** 17/5
 WA settlement organiser to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Thanks for an extension of time to April 1830, if the first group is landed by 1 November 1829. As his initial emigrant ship *Gilmore* cannot arrive before 10 November 1829 he requests an extension to 30 November 1829.
- 8 August 1829** **Thomas Peel to Sir George Murray** 19/5
 Organiser of a settlement scheme for WA to Secretary for War and Colonies
 The basis of his contract is his departure before end of 1829. He has never assented to an arrival date of 1 November but hopes to comply.
- 13 August 1829** **Horace Twiss to Thomas Peel** 96/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to WA settlement organiser
 Your request was that you have a particular tract of land reserved on condition you were to embark in February, later extended to 1 November, because of the difficulties created by the abandonment of the undertaking by your original partners.
- 25 August 1829** **James Stirling to Horace Twiss** 118/3
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 An account of Swan settlement and the early activities to date, including the foundation of Perth on 12 August 1829.
- 7 September 1829** **Peter Brown to Maudes & Co** 122/8
 WA Colonial Secretary to his Bankers.
 Pay £50 to John Henry Luscombe master of the *Parmelia* and charge to my account (ref 26 Jan 1831, 61/8).
- 9 September 1829** **William Townsend Dance to Horace Twiss** 62/4
 Captain *HMS Sulphur* to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Arrived Cockburn Sound. Garden Island has been settled for 2 months, Fremantle is established. The Perth foundation stone was laid by Mrs Dance on 12 August 1829, "the only lady who could be persuaded to venture so far into a savage country." Reports exploration of the Canning River, the loss of the *Marquis of Anglesea* in Gages Roads and of their unsuitability as a winter anchorage.
- 9 September 1829** **Peter Brown, WA Colonial Secretary.** 99/4
 A Journal of events respecting the Swan River Settlement, commencing with the sailing of the expedition on 5 February 1829 and ending with the declaration on 5 September 1829 that Perth and Fremantle are open for settlement.
- 10 September 1829** **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 1/4
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The expedition arrived in June. A boisterous winter. Some settlers expected greater comfort, but there is confidence in the future. Sends the proceedings of the Local Government, being:
- 1) Journal of events (see 8/4)
 - 2) Proclamation of the settlement and that the laws of UK are applicable (see 13/4)
 - 3) Land regulations (see 18/4)
 - 4) Report of the first exploration under Lt. Henry RN, 1st Lt. *HMS Challenger* (see 28/4)
 - 5) Report of a seagoing exploration by Mark Currie, Capt. RN, Harbour Master, Fremantle south of Cockburn Sound (see 33/4)
 - 6) Meteorological Journal not copied
 - 7) Colonial Surgeon's Report (see 40/4)
 - 8) The number of persons, stores available and land in cultivation not copied
 - 9) Additions to the Civil Establishment (see 43/4).

- 8 October 1829** **Charles H Fremantle to John William Croker** **100/5**
 Captain *HMS Challenger* to Secretary to Admiralty.
 Took possession of Garden Island on 28 April 1829 and of 'the whole of the West Coast of New Holland' on 2 May 1829.
 The *Parmelia* entered Gages Roads on 2 June 1829 and grounded between Carnac Island and Woodmans Point. She was pulled off with the help of *Challenger's* crew after *Parmelia* had received much damage. Stirling decided to land on Garden Island first and *HMS Challenger* crew assisted.
HMS Sulphur arrived with troops on 8 June 1829 and they disembarked on 17 June. Although *HMS Challenger* was ordered to India, Stirling and the Master of the *Parmelia* requested Fremantle's assistance to repair the *Parmelia* or she must be abandoned. After assisting the *Parmelia*, *HMS Challenger* sailed on 28 August 1829, by which time an emigrant ship from England had arrived and a ship with cattle from the Cape.
 Stirling has determined the site for Perth, to which he intends moving the whole Garden Island party. Another town is to be built at the mouth of the river.
 Nearly 300 persons are present. Cockburn Sound is a safe, good harbour but the entrance is intricate, requiring to be well buoyed and ought not be attempted except in fine weather. Gages Roads is doubtful as anchorage during winter, but for 9 months of the year ships may ride there safely.
- 20 November 1829** **Lt. General Ralph Darling to Sir George Murray** **110/5**
 Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Raffles Bay was abandoned in August. The *Mermaid*, *Governor Ready*, *Swiftsure*, and *Comet* were wrecked in Torres Straits. *Amity* called at Swan with some stores from Raffles Bay.
- 20 November 1829** **Col. Thomas Potter McQueen to Horace Twiss** **21/5**
 Potential investor in WA to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Acts in concert with Thomas Peel and others. Wants re-assurance that WA will not be a convict settlement and will have civil rather than military government. If confirmed several hundred Scots will emigrate. Suggests UK Parishes be relieved of the obligation to support any persons who emigrate and receive land benefits but who later return.
- 27 November 1829** **Horatio Holden to Frederick Chidley Irwin** **62/5**
 Hospital Assistant to OIC 63rd Regt in WA
 Requests forage for a horse or allowance in lieu – with an extract of Regulations re Army Hospitals.
- 1 December 1829** **Benjamin Goodman to Sir George Murray** **24/5**
 Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Requests a grant of land in Tasmania in lieu of WA for his money in support of his land grant is only to be recognised if deposited with Stirling and may only be withdrawn for expenditure on land.
- 1 December 1829** **Benjamin Goodman to Sir George Murray** **26/5**
 Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Goodman was unable to receive the land arranged with Thomas Peel. Stirling acted contrary to the Regulations by only recognising part of Goodman's money brought for land grant purposes.
- 7 December 1829** **Frederick Chidley Irwin to James Stirling** **60/5**
 OIC detachment 63rd Regt in WA to Lt. Governor
 Requests Hospital Assistant Holden have a horse while in Medical charge of troops.
- 9 December 1829** **Sir George Murray to Lt. General Ralph Darling** **127/3**
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor NSW
 Acknowledges the despatch saying Darling has withdrawn from Raffles Bay and had its breeding stock and stores conveyed to Swan River. (ref 14 May 1829, 108/5)
- 15 December 1829** **Part of Letter from Dr Thomas Braidwood Wilson, RN** **43/5**
 Naval doctor visiting WA from NSW
 A summary of Captain F C Irwin's account of exploration to the NW from KGS.

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- 17 January 1830 **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 68/4
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Sends report of Swan proceedings, being
- 1) Schedule
 - 2) General account of settlement — not copied
 - 3) Return of Civil Establishment at end 1829 — (see 70/4)
 - 4) Abstract from general muster book — see Parliamentary Papers
 - 5) Return of persons applying for land — see Parliamentary Papers
 - 6) Opinion of the progress, condition and prospects for the Settlement — not copied
 - 7) Survey of Cockburn Sound — not copied
- 20 January 1830 **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 74/4
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The pressing wants of Swan settlement are: the establishment of civil and criminal courts, an increase in the civil establishment, alteration of the method of granting land, establishment of a means of generating revenue and a means for legal land conveyance.
- 25 January 1830 **Sir Francis Freeling to Henry Goulbourn** 36/6
 Secretary to General Post Office to Chancellor of Exchequer
 Sends an extract of a letter received from Messrs Soloman & Co at St Helena saying the *St Leonard* from Swan River reports the total failure of WA, the loss of *Marquis of Anglesea*, the infertility of the soil and that the settlers are near starvation.
- 26 January 1830 **Solomon Levey to Sir George Murray** 34/6
 Thomas Peel's Attorney & partner to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The *Rockingham*, en route to WA, put into Falmouth. Levey has heard reports that Stirling will abandon WA because of great distress. Requests information so he may travel to Falmouth to make such arrangements as may be necessary.
- 26 January 1830 **James Stirling to Horace Twiss** 76/4
 Lt. Governor to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The population has risen because of the favourable land conditions and more settlers are imminent. Swan ought be a Royal Settlement or a private one and needs laws, revenue and adequate salaries. Good country has been found near KGS. Stirling is in communication with all the colonies in "these seas". The climate is good, Dance is helpful, Peel has arrived, Stirling requests an allowance c. £1,200 to £1,300 as his expenses are high.
- 27 January 1830 **R W Ronald & Co to Horace Twiss** 38/6
 Unknown to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Requests official information about the failure of WA and of a report that Stirling is sailing to Mauritius, as several families are about to emigrate to WA by ship *Juno* from Liverpool.
- 28 January 1830 **Extract of *Herald* newspaper** 35/5
 First reports of the WA soil quality for agriculture "completely delusive". Also a letter about poor harbours and difficult river navigation.
- 28 January 1830 **John Septimus Roe to unknown** 64/5
 WA Surveyor-General to unknown
 A list of instruments required by the WA Surveying Department.

- 28 January 1830 **John Septimus Roe to unknown** 65/5
 WA Surveyor-General to unknown
 A list of the stationery required by WA Surveying Department.
- 30 January 1830 **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 85/4
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 There should be a settlement at KGS; the Cocos Islands should be appropriated. Lists the rations for the Civil Establishment, the soldiers, their wives and children and suggests discontinuance, wants instructions re fodder for the OIC troops and the Surgeon, house allowances for the Secretary (see 95/4) and Chief Surveyor (see 97/4) who requires mathematical instruments, (ref 28 Jan 1830, 64/5) and 2 additional surveyors. No further provisions are required from UK for the soldiers, *HMS Sulphur* or the Civil Establishment. More clergy would be desirable and the Settlement needs more specie. (ref 20 Jul 1830, 5/11).
- 30 January 1830 **Horace Twiss to a cousin in Liverpool, published in "Herald"** 34/5
 2nd Under-Secretary Colonial Office to unknown
 Stirling despatches give satisfactory accounts of Swan River. There is general confidence although the soil fertility was 'somewhat exaggerated'. There is no foundation for the unfavourable reports in newspapers.
- 4 February 1830 **William Leake to Horace Twiss** 39/6
 Father of settlers George & Luke Leake to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Refers to the Twiss response to 38/6 (not copied). Dance's Report is unimportant; Stirling's Report should have been given. Stirling was imprudent to name Perth (the birthplace of Sir George Murray) for Perth UK is insignificant and obscure and WA will be considered a place where Scots influences will prevail.
- 13 February 1830 **Extract from *Glasgow Courier* re Swan River** 28/5
 Refers to the weather, soil, vegetation, harbours and the navigation difficulties on Swan River, with some comment on natives.
- Undated **Prospectus for potential Swan River settlers** 39/5
 Gives a favourable description of land, soil and weather. Land is to be free of charge, rent, tithes or taxes.
- 8 March 1830 **Sir John Barrow to Horace Twiss** 99/5
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends a copy of 8 October 1829, 100/5 from Captain Fremantle.
- 18 March 1830 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 41/6
 WA Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Describes the circumstances making he, Mrs Morgan and their daughter the first *family settlers* in WA. Gives his impressions of Carnac Island; Garden Island (recounts the landing of entire settlement party there, their suffering and loss of property); Cockburn Sound; Gages Roads; The Main Land (a near desert, wholly unfit for agricultural or pastoral uses); Clarence and Canning River. Says he has 3000 acres of Canning country 8 miles from Perth, 300 acres of which is good, the rest useless, despite examining the country for three weeks. Most is totally worthless sand.
 The natives are barely human, all are entirely naked, the women unattractive and their population small. They are very great thieves and good mimics, afraid of goats and horses but greatly admire the settler's dogs.
 Gives his opinions of the climate, Cocoa [Cocos] Islands, American influences, Swan and Canning Rivers, Rottenest Island. His general summary: that the soil is generally worthless with the good areas too detached from each other and importance for WA will take 10 times longer than USA or British North America.
 Stirling fails to understand the role of Storekeeper. Morgan's responsibilities are great, his station detached and his assistance is ineffective. Food costs are high. No lodging money is allowed: all must build their own accommodation. Labour is very expensive, the most worthless persons receive 4/- per day. Morgan has additional responsibilities because of communications and staff difficulties, so he is claiming additional pay from Stirling. Morgan is collecting seeds to send to Hay.

- 20 March 1830** **James Henty to Thomas Henty** **60/6**
 Settler of 1829 to his Father
 Reports returning from Port Leschenault in the *Eagle* where a new settlement has been established, as good land near Fremantle is quite inadequate for the large number of settlers arriving.
- 1 May 1830** **James Henty to Worthing Esq** **65/6**
 Settler of 1829 to unknown.
 Sends an 'authentic' statement about WA because he knows conflicting accounts have been made. Cockburn Sound is a safe harbour, refers to the Foundation of Fremantle and the bar at the mouth of the Swan River. Perth is situated entirely in a wood, with 20 wood houses and the rest tents.
 The land is bad until a mile east of Perth where land is good for the most part. His 2000 acre farm has small portion of good soil near the river and it is less good than at land at Port Leschenault where he is to have 60,000 acres on the Collie River, where hopes to keep Merinos and cattle. The Canning River has less good land than the Swan.
 There is no river for 90 miles north and the river [the Moore River] is likely to be the northern boundary of settlement. Thirty miles south is the Murray River and there is good land 80 miles from there. Settlers are tempted to go south for better land and less heat. There is good land beyond the Darling Range.
 The Colony will succeed if cheaper labour is found — carpenters receive 10/- per day and labourers 5/-. Parishes should send their surplus poor as free servants.
 The natives are ignorant, usually harmless and not numerous. They fish expertly, throw spears well, imitate closely and are usually naked though sometimes have a kangaroo skin on the shoulders.
 The Colony is well supplied with stock and export is likely in a few years. The climate is good. There is little law, but Stirling, Brown and Roe are clever and efficient. Fifty ships visited in the last year. Provisions are costly as most settlers came half supplied. The population is about 3,000.
- 28 May 1830** **Robert W Hay to James Stirling** **1/11**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Has John Hill arrived at Swan?
- 30 May 1830** **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** **2/11**
 Secretary for War & Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Confirms that an Act of Parliament enables persons resident in WA to make Laws for WA and constitute Law Courts. British Law applies in the mean time. Add to the establishment with caution and recompense in land rather than salary. A salary for a Harbour Master and Secretary's Messenger is approved.
- 22 June 1830** **Horace Twiss to James Stirling** **4/11**
 2nd Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 Twiss has been replaced by Hay. Government will be unable to pay you a salary, but a large land allotment will be the recompense.
- 30 June 1830** **Peter Brown** **97/5**
 WA Colonial Secretary
 Lists the WA Civil Establishment, showing name, situation, date of appointment and yearly salary.
- 5 July 1830** **William Henry Mackie to Peter Brown** **89/5**
 Chairman of WA Quarter Sessions to WA Colonial Secretary
 Reports the outcome of trials, sends a return of prison (the *Marquis of Anglesea*) committals and discharges (not copied), Public House licences granted and Constables sworn to whom payment suggested. Also that a Lock-up be constructed and that walls be erected around the Fremantle burial ground. Gives Dr William Lane Milligan's recommended Prison diet.
- 14 July 1830** **James Morgan to Robert W Hay** **72/6**
 WA Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Of 10 ships in Gages Roads and Cockburn Sound, 6 were driven ashore and 4 (*Thames*, *Emily Taylor*, *James* & a small Indian Ketch) are a total loss. The *Eagle* driven ashore is now repairing. *Rockingham* was driven ashore having been brought near the beach to land stores, there being no wharf. It got off with little

rudder damage. Cockburn Sound is a safe anchorage at all seasons.

The natives have been troublesome in Perth and are determined on mischief. Some of the 63rd Regt. were wounded by spears. Some say 30 or 40 natives were killed and wounded.

Thomas Peel wounded his right hand while shooting. He is incapable of conducting affairs and will not delegate. His people are very miserable, 37 have died.

Many settlers have had ophthalmia, some with permanent sight loss. This disease is prevalent throughout New Holland: the natives suffer very much from it.

Morgan is in charge of Garden Island where has built a log house. His request for 50 acres there requires sanction from UK. In a few months his duties as Civil Storekeeper will cease, as all the stores will be expended. The price of provisions is enormous, 50 to 300 % more than UK.

The Governor has formed a Settlement at Augusta. A newspaper, the *Western Australian Gazette* is published at Fremantle. A Public Library has been established at Perth. There is a clergyman shortage and a strange fatality among medical men (7 deaths).

Added 21 July 1830: *Medina* has struck the Parmelia reef and Mr McKensie has been speared by natives. Soldiers may be needed to teach natives how to behave.

Added on 20 August 1830: Ensign Wall has discovered a large river running to the north, presumed to reach the sea at Sharks Bay.

20 July 1830 Sir George Murray to James Stirling 5/11

Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Lt. Governor

The steps taken in the formation of WA have Government approval. A reduction of emigration to WA is difficult (ref 26 Jan 1830, 76/4). The influx of settlers could be reduced by raising land prices and dispersion may be prevented by a reduction of the quantity of land each settler can retain.

Hopes surveys, buoys and pilots will reduce shipping losses. Suggests settlements be south of the Swan rather than north. Agrees KGS Military should be under OIC Swan. A Commission is being prepared to provide for the establishment of Courts, the punishment of offenders, the raising of Revenue and the issue of Land Title (ref 20 Jan 1830, 74/4).

Steps will be taken to claim the Cocos Islands. The issue of rations to the Civil Establishment to end of 1829 is approved but any continuance is to cease immediately. The applications of Irwin and Hospital Assistant Holden (ref 27 Nov 1829, 62/5 & 7 Dec 1829, 60/5) for forage allowance and Brown's application for house allowance (for no one is entitled to a house by virtue of office) is refused. No Salaries may be increased without authority from UK. The salary of the Surveyor General is to increase by £100. The need for instruments and 2 Assistant Surveyors will be given attention. One Clergyman is enough (ref 30 Jan 1830, 85/4).

20 July 1830 Information for Prospective Settlers WA 13/11

HM Government will incur no expense nor pay the cost of provisions on arrival, assist a return to UK or travel elsewhere. Land will be granted in order of arrival at the rate of 20 acres for each £3 invested, including stock, implements and productive articles. Those taking labourers will receive 100 acres for each labourer in addition to other investments. Women and children over 12 shall be termed as labourers. Each child under 6 years will be granted 30 acres and 60 acres for children between 6 and 12 years. Licence will be given to occupy land according to the investment made and title will be granted following the further investment of 3/- per acre. After 2 years uncultivated land shall attract 1/- per acre quit rent and after 2 more years without cultivation such land shall either revert to the Crown or pay higher quit rent.

21 July 1830 Robert W Hay to James Stirling 16/11

Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor

Requests an explanation of B Goodman's complaint of December 1829 (ref 1 Dec 1829, 24/5 & 26/5).

25 July 1830 Alexander Collie to Peter Brown 83/5

Asst Surgeon 63rd Regt to WA Colonial Secretary

A report on diseases in the Clarence area: Peel's settlers comprise some 400 persons, 12 families at Mangles Bay and 19 persons at Murray River. Deaths since arrival total 28, excluding 2 killed by natives. Fatal diseases are Dysentery, Scurvy, Inflammation of Bowels, Pneumonia, Convulsions, Inanition, Still

Birth, Puerperal Fever, Uterine Haemorrhage. The main cause of sickness is the lack of anti-scorbutic diet. Recommends anti-scorbutic food, a larger hospital and encouragement to persons to seek speedy medical aid.

2 August 1830 Audit Office London to Treasury, London 82/6

Directions to Stirling to account for all moneys have not been followed, for accounts have been received signed P Brown, Acting Treasurer and certified by the Board of "Council and Audit". Stirling should act according to instructions, or if changes are to be made, the Audit Office should have all details. Also comments on Civil contingency expenses, payments to a Civil Engineer, money for a gig boat and stationery, Regimental pay and sundry accounts, requesting these accounts be administered according to the rules.

Undated ?Aug 1830 William Lane Milligan MD to Peter Brown 74/5
Acting Colonial Surgeon to WA Colonial Secretary

Report on Perth diseases 1 March to 1 August 1830. The situation of the first settlers was 'by no means an enviable one'. Prevalent diseases (described with their treatment) are: Dysentery, Ophthalmia, Fever and Scurvy.

6 August 1830 Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Robert W Hay 106/5
Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies

39th Regiment troops at KGS are under the orders of OIC Swan until their Regiment proceeds to East Indies in about 2 years, at which time a detachment of the 63rd can replace them.

28 August 1830 James Woodward Turner 115/8
Report of a Swan settler who moved to the Augusta area

Sailing up Swan River it appears as though designated for country villas, but the soil is nearly all sand. Walked from Fremantle to Perth three times through mainly forest country, which is easily got through, as the shrubs etc are nearly a yard apart.

On landing my stores were placed all over the beach and as no boats were available we made a raft and dragged it through the water. All the good land had been taken and the carriage of goods beyond Perth is very expensive.

After a southward survey, a party was made up, accompanied by the Lt Governor, to form a settlement. I determined to go there. We landed on 2 May 1830 at Eagle Bay and set about constructing shelter, difficult because of rain. There was some grumbling, especially from the married.

Another vessel is expected in a month. The fish is good and birds are plentiful but difficult to get without a boat or dogs. We are very busy making shelter where Augusta town is proposed on the Blackwood River (it has a bar at its mouth) in County Sussex. The soil is good, the trees large, taking 6 men 2-3 days to fell and the same time to cut up.

Work is hard, but my health good and that of my wife and children better than in London. We have built a two-storey house. The *Sulphur* sails tomorrow, leaving a detachment of soldiers.

4 October 1830 William Henry Mackie to Peter Brown 94/5
Chairman of WA Quarter Sessions to WA Colonial Secretary

Reports the outcome of a trial and the granting of 4 Public House licences.

8 October 1830 Capt. Frederick Chidley Irwin, to Peter Brown 95/5
OIC 63rd Regt to WA Colonial Secretary

His home was recently destroyed by fire. The successive arrival of 'respectable families' has necessitated him and his Brother Officers much hospitality expense. Suggests an allowance be paid.

18 October 1830 James Stirling to Sir George Murray 66/5
Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

His annual report — details of ship and person arrivals, the accounts, medical position (deaths numerous despite good climate), explorations undertaken (report annexed). Turbulent servants are now controlled but Stirling needs proper legal support. The schemes of Peel and Latour have failed, the natives are mainly harmless, the Civil List has been increased. Future prosperity is assured, though it is necessary to help emigrants in misfortune or incapacity, timber good.

- 18 October 1830** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **112/5**
Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Extract of a Despatch (see 114/5). Progress as rapid as could be expected, despite illness and death, which are likely to be infrequent in future. Explorations have been made as far as means allowed. Magistracy has been instituted with good effect; natives in general have been harmless with 2 exceptions. Attaches lists and reports:
1) vessels arriving 17 September 1830, showing cargo, stock, and number of passengers (see 115/5),
2) properties on which land has been claimed showing name, family, value of livestock, implements, provisions etc (see 117/5),
3) exploration of Geographe Bay and Cape Naturaliste by J S Roe (see 121/5),
4) exploration to Cape Leeuwin by J S Roe (see 125/5),
5) journal of an expedition east of the Darling Mountains by Robert Dale (see 126/5),
6) F C Irwin re aggression and theft by natives in West Perth and the subsequent affray (see 129/5).
- 25 October 1830** **Sir George Murray to James Stirling** **17/11**
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Lt. Governor
Robert Vertue Edwards and Alfred Hillman are appointed draftsmen at Swan, Edwards salary £200 and Hillman £150. (ref 30 Jan 1830, 85/4).
- 1 November 1830** **His Majesty in Council** **90/6**
George IV Cap 22 provided HM could make orders for 3 or more persons within WA to make ordain and establish Laws, Courts and Officers. So ordered: the Governor, the Senior Officer i/c Land Forces, the Colonial Secretary of WA, the Surveyor General, the Advocate General shall (or any 3) have authority to make laws, constitute courts for peace, order and good government, subject to all such laws being transmitted to HM for his approbation or disallowance (ref 18 Oct 1830, 66/5).
- 1 November 1830** **Extract of 3rd Report into Revenues in Colonies** **30/6**
Briefly sets out the history of WA as colony, the Civil Establishment, the pressing wants, the number of persons resident, land settled and numbers of stock and the expenses to date.
- 5 November 1830** **Robert Vertue Edwards to Col. Wedderburn** **93/6**
Assistant Surveyor to Unknown, possibly Survey Office.
Requests his appointment as Asst. Surveyor be delivered before his embarkation on the *Atwick*.
- 10 November 1830** **Robert Dale to John Septimus Roe** **25/7**
Ensign 63rd Regt to Surveyor-General
Journal of an expedition east of Darling Range 28 September to 7 November 1830. Largely a description of country traversed.
- 29 November 1830** **Peter Brown to John Morgan** **95/8**
WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Storekeeper
The Governor cannot sanction lodging money (ref 18 Mar 1830, 41/6).
- 2 December 1830** **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** **94/6**
Treasury official, London to Under-Secretary for Colonies
WA salaries cannot be fixed at a rate higher than is applicable in NSW.
- 23 December 1830** **Capt. W C Jervoice to John Morgan** **96/8**
Captain *HMS Success* to WA Colonial Storekeeper
Jervoice thanks Morgan for willingness, care and attention to stores.
A footnote states *Success* was wrecked between Carnac and Garden Island and her repairs took 12 months.
- 24 December 1830** **Walter Raymond to Unknown** **95/6**
Unknown to Unknown
Sends information received from William Bolton, an early WA settler. The sea near Swan has excellent fish and beche le mer is plentiful and in demand among the Chinese.

Black whales come for 4 months of the year in great numbers to calve in Cockburn Sound and Gages Roads. Over 200 were seen in one day off Cape Leeuwin and a whaling enterprise could be established on Garden Island. Five whaling boats at Hobart took 40 whales last January and WA whales at the time of calving will be in fine condition, easily killed and will yield more oil.

Much cheese is exported from England to India with much loss by reason of distance and climate. Cheese from Sydney arrived at Bombay in good condition after nearly 4 months. The journey time from Swan River to Bombay is about 4 weeks.

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8 January 1831 Frederick Chidley Irwin to Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset 98/7
OIC 63rd Regt. WA to Secretary to C in C Army

Five soldiers were sent to Upper Swan to join armed settlers to pursue natives who had stolen sheep and poultry, speared goats and robbed a house. One native party opposed the settlers and the leader was shot dead in the act of throwing his spear. Seven or 8 natives were discovered, made prisoner and brought to Perth, but were dismissed the next day. A wounded native was treated in hospital for a week and then dismissed. Hopefully the affair will prevent further bloodshed by teaching natives of our friendly disposition and ability to retaliate.

A Canning settler who was robbed of some turkeys beat a native caught in the act of plucking them. Later a neighbouring settler, when being visited by two natives whom he had well treated, was speared while in friendly converse with them. I sent an officer and seven soldiers to patrol the Canning but it was found all the natives had left. To protect the area four soldiers have been posted at Kelmscott, where a town has been marked out and a Barrack is being erected.

At the end of September 1830 a deliberate attack was made on the Murray River post, when contrary to usual, the natives were painted red and unaccompanied by wives or children. Spears were thrown when a parley was attempted and the natives' leader had his arm broken by a shot and they fled. The aggression may have been made to dislodge settlers because the natives had made weirs on the Murray to catch fish. There has been no aggression since and when met with are friendly.

The Lt. Governor has inspected the land east of Darling Range and was much gratified by the fine country — no fear of a deficiency of good land now remains.

Stirling has recently returned from a tour to Augusta. The settlement there flourishes; it has greater rainfall and coolness. Stirling continued his tour surveying the coast to KGS, but found no river of consequence.

9 January 1831 Lt.-Col. Peter Augustus Latour to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick 67/8
UK investor in WA land/migration scheme to Under-Secretary for Colonies

The Swan Colony has a great need of labourers. Many who previously of good character were recently sentenced to 7 years transportation. I will carry to and locate on my Swan land up to 300 of these persons. On arrival the Governor may select as many as he may require for Public Works. I will carry them in one or two vessels at a quarter of the Government price. Although no convicts were to be sent these are a different class and would be of great benefit. I am about to proceed to Swan with my present establishment to join those already there (ref 18 Oct 1830, 66/5 re Latour).

12 January 1831 William Henry Mackie to James Stirling 23/7
Chairman WA Quarter Sessions to Lt. Governor

Reports the outcome of the Quarter Sessions: two persons tried for Larceny, Constables sworn and publicans licensed.

- 17 January 1831** **James Mangles to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **79/8**
 MP, shipping magnate to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 [Mangles was Stirling's father in law.] All accounts of WA say progress is impeded for want of labour. This was to be expected, as it was the convicts that allowed Sydney and VDL to progress rapidly. The recent riotous agricultural labourers cannot be considered as felons and should be sent to Swan. If Stirling did not approve of them, they could be sent on to Sydney or VDL.
- 19 January 1831** **James Stirling to Joseph Planta** **36/8**
 Lt. Governor to Treasury Officer
 Encloses lists of Bills drawn on the Treasury 10 January to 19 January 1831.
- 26 January 1831** **John Campbell to Robert W Hay** **61/8**
 Merchant, London to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A Bill of Exchange for £50 drawn by Peter Brown on Messrs Maudes has been refused payment. Maudes say Brown's salary was to be paid in England, he to draw on them as required. Since going to WA Brown has made other arrangements and Maudes cannot meet his debts. Payment of the £50 is requested, to be charged against Brown (ref 7 Sep 1829, 122/8).
- 27 January 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **74/7**
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury sanctions the Civil Establishment now recommended. The Governor's salary and 2 others should commence from the date of decision that the posts should continue permanently (ref 8 Feb 1831, 79/7 & 14 Feb 1831, 76/7).
- 31 January 1831** **Lt. Gen. Ralph Darling to Sir George Murray** **138/10**
 Governor NSW to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Acknowledges an 11 August 1830 despatch (not copied) to establish a Garrison at KGS. Immediately sent a Subaltern and 20 Soldiers of the 63rd Regiment to relieve the Detachment of the 39th. Between April and October, ships sailing between NSW and KGS have to travel via the Torres Strait which is dangerous, 5 vessels being wrecked last year.
 The ship with the 63rd detachment will call at Swan to allow Stirling to make any arrangements. The 63rd Regiment numbers now in WA are: 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 4 Serjeants, 74 Other Ranks.
- 5 February 1831** **Thomas Bannister to James Stirling** **49/7**
 Capt. 63rd Regt to Lt. Governor
 Journal of an expedition from Fremantle to KGS.
- 5 February 1831** **Thomas Bolton to Colonial Office** **49/8**
 Upholsterer, London to Secretary, Colonial Office
 Peter Brown in WA owes £150 for furniture, partly paid. How to recover the balance? (ref 14 Feb 1831, 18/11).
- 8 February 1831** **Treasury Minute** **79/7**
 Refers to 27 January 1831, 74/7 and to military expenses (ref 14 Feb 1831, 76/7).
- 9 February 1831** **Comptrollers of Army Accounts to Treasury** **82/7**
 Re Irwin letter requesting lodging money. Secretary of War says the claim is reasonable as the privations exceed what would have been in Eastern Australia. However the privations could not have exceeded those of the first settlers at Botany Bay, so their allowance would be a fair standard.
 But we do not recollect lodging money being granted then. If the present Eastern Australia lodging money be granted, it would be disproportionate to the quality of WA accommodation.
 The troops must submit to necessity and await improvements. The 63rd Regt was provided with tents.
 Irwin says a barrack is to be erected which will not accommodate officers. Suggest the barracks be extended to house officers. When Melville Island was settled no lodging money was requested and the WA climate is much superior. No instance of an allowance to officers on first establishing a Colony is recalled. The matter should be put to the Secretary of State.

- 11 February 1831 Robert Milne Lyon to to Sir George Murray 69/8**
 1829 WA settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Writes as an early settler. Says Quartania (WA between scarp and sea) can grow almost everything excepting the beans of Europe and the sugar and spices of Asia. First year wheat from defective seed grew well without manure and produced fine bread.
 Gages Roads are a very good anchorage for six months of the year and there is perfect security in Cockburn Sound. Anchorage difficulties during winter are no reason to object to the Colony and after work done by convict labour, large ships could enter the Swan River and small boats reach the Darling Range.
 The climate is healthy though too warm in summer. Mosquitoes are troublesome for a few months each year but these evils will be remedied when wood and brush are cleared to allow the winds to blow — now excluded by the density of forest. The country east of the Darling Range is even better and is cooler.
 Want of money has reduced many settlers almost to pauperism. Gentlemen with the finest estates in England are here without the common necessities of life. There is no capital for stock or labour and none has been sent since settlers reached WA and markets are few.
 Convict labour as in Eastern Australia and Tasmania would be a benefit and will be only thing to save most from ruin. The Government need not fear a breach of faith as all settlers have changed their view since arrival.
 PS. Indentured servants are useless and almost every settler has had to dismiss them for idleness and as soon as they are free they embark for Hobart or Sydney. By following Government recommendations Lyon has been ruined. (ref 12 Aug 1831, 99/16).
- 14 February 1831 James K Stewart, Treasury to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick 76/7**
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury approves the recommendation that the salary for Stirling and 2 others should commence from 1 June 1829, their date of disembarkation. (ref 27 Jan 1831, 74/7 & 8 Feb 1831 79/7).
- 14 February 1831 Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick to James Stirling 18/11**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Lt. Governor
 A demand against Mr Brown for goods supplied (ref 5 Feb 1831, 49/8).
- 15 February 1831 James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick 77/7**
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The stores supplied by *HMS Challenger* to the Swan Settlement should be voted by Parliament.
- 19 February 1831 Extracts from the *WA Chronicle and Perth Gazette* 1/8**
 Editorial states the policy of the paper is the welfare of Colony and liberal principles. Records the escape and recovery of two runaway convicts, completion of the Fremantle to Perth road, destruction of the home of Duboise Agett in North Fremantle (ref 12 May 1831, 81/10). Asks farmers to send information, especially the time of sowing successful crops, of the weather and temperature, clearing, sowing and planting. Some prices of food and wine listed.
- 19 February to 12 March 1831 Government Notices printed in the newspapers 13/8**
 Applications to leave the Colony: by Peter Wicks, William Dalton, Robert Budden and Donald Macqueen (see 13/8), William Short (see 17/8), John Williamson, Sarah Norcop, Diggery Geake & family and Walter Sleep (see 19/8).
 Appointment of Lt. Archibald Erskine, 63rd Regt. as a JP (see 14/8).
 Permission for Alfred Hawes Stone to practise as Solicitor, Attorney, Conveyancer & Notary Public (see 15/8).
 Proclamation of places and days for markets in Perth, Fremantle & Guildford (see 16/8).
 Tenders for cutting a canal (see 18/8).
 Appointment of William Temple Graham to be a JP (see 20/8).
 Government Notice: Lt Governor informs that HM Government is satisfied with the progress of the Colony, that Courts of Justice are in preparation and a Legislative Council of local residents may be expected shortly (see 21/8).

Government Notice: Lt Governor informs that the troops and convicts stationed at KGS are to be withdrawn and KGS will be under WA. Any persons desirous of exchanging a land grant for a similar extent in the Southern districts should apply to the Surveyor General (see 22/8).

- 23 February 1831 **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** 81/7
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A report concerning a claim for lodging money made by army officers at Swan Settlement (ref 9 Feb 1831, 82/7).
- 26 February 1831 **Extracts from the *WA Chronicle and Perth Gazette*** 5/8
 Records the shooting of a native who had attempted to kill a Canning settler, Mr Phillips, after attacking a group of soldiers, the completion of a survey of the Swan River and the commencement of the Botanic Garden.
 Arrangements are being made to celebrate Divine service at Fremantle on alternate Sundays.
- 5 March 1831 **Extracts from the *WA Chronicle and Perth Gazette*** 7/8
 Records the birth of son to Capt. and Mrs Stirling. Says there has been false stories in Sydney papers and at the Cape about the Swan River Colony.
 Records return of Capt. Thomas Bannister (ref 5 Feb 1831, 49/7) and Mr George Smythe Asst. Surveyor, from an exploration journey.
- 11 March 1831 **Colonial Office Estimates** 54/11
 An estimate of the sum required for WA for year 1831 — total estimate £24,895.1.9d.
- 12 March 1831 **Extracts from the *WA Chronicle and Perth Gazette*** 9/8
 Prints a Colonist letter saying abundant good land exists. Records *HMS Sulphur* pulled a ketch off shore where it was stranded last winter.
- 12 March 1831 **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 1/7
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Response to various despatches dated between 10 April and 21 July 1830, including response to the complaint of Goodman (ref 1 Dec 1829, 24/5 & 26/5).
- 12 March 1831 **Henry W Reveley to James Stirling** 46/7
 WA Civil Engineer to Lt. Governor
 Lists the Public Works at Garden Island, Fremantle, Perth and Port Augusta.
- 13 March 1831 **James Stirling to Sir George Murray** 8/7
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 A general report on progress, conditions and prospects from 1830 to date.
 Ships from England, India and the nearby Colonies have brought more settlers requiring land. Consequently a townsite has been selected at Port Leschenault and soldiers left there to protect its inhabitants. Augusta has also been founded.
 To reduce master/servant conflicts: a scale of rations was fixed; when masters broke indentures the servant was freed from them and idle and disobedient servants were imprisoned. Guildford was founded for discharged servants.
 Eye inflammation continued during the summer. A Public Dinner on HM's birthday 23 April was the first public meeting in the Colony.
 All vessels in Gages Roads were warned to move to a safer anchorage before winter. Three ships neglected the warning and were driven ashore. Because of the impression these losses make in UK, note that these arose from neglect by the ship's Masters.
 Winter brought sickness to many and a hospital was established in July, but by the end of the year was un-necessary and closed.
 Seventy to 80 persons have left, generally none that could be regretted.
 Believing provisions could become scarce, Stirling sent for flour and grain. When scarcity commenced in August 1830 with high prices, the arrival of these provisions reduced them.

The expedition of Dale & Brockman had a positive effect on public opinion concerning the success of the settlement. Stirling inspected the area and opened it for settlement under the name Yorkshire, which the area was thought to resemble.

Visited Augusta in December, the settlers there are contented. Very good potato and vegetable crops.

Reports: Agriculturalists only comprise about one third of the population, so progress less rapid than expected. Only 200 bushels of grain were grown, but the quality was good and farmers will supply Perth for a price not exceeding that of grain from Van Diemen's Land. Vegetables grow well but require irrigation in summer. The supply of meat, vegetables and fruit has prevented scurvy. Cattle and sheep numbers have not much increased because of the price of meat, but horses, pigs and poultry increase rapidly.

Fishing has only yielded enough for consumption. Whaling should become profitable. Timber has been sent to London for consideration. Building material is abundant and much labour is employed in building — there are some very good houses.

Warehousing and shop keeping is common, for it is not a laborious life and the profits are high, so there are more shops than can be supported.

Sends documents on the WA Civil Establishment (giving names, situation, salary, date of appointment and remarks (see 41/7) abstracts of accounts (not copied), statements of all purchases (not copied) and remarks on Public buildings and works (ref 12 Mar 1831, 46/7). The only established road, Fremantle to Perth, was built by private subscription. A bush road to KGS would be of great advantage now KGS is under WA.

Explorations by Dale (ref 10 Nov 1830, 25/7) and Capt. Thomas Bannister (ref 5 Feb 1831, 49/7) have increased confidence.

A rapid increase of population, a problem last year (ref 20 Jul 1830, 5/11) is now possible. The greater population and capital should allow Colonial trade. Whale fishing has not commenced because of insufficient capital.

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| 14 March 1831 | James Stirling to Robert W Hay
Lt. Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies | 63/7 |
| | The keeping of Public Accounts may be unsatisfactory; instructions are awaited. An increase in the Civil Establishment and payment to those who came without salary was necessary for them to live. Sends the first 4 copies of the newspaper and requests a printing press for Government use. (ref 10 Sep 1831, 105/7 & 21 Nov 1832, 77/18). | |
| 14 March 1831 | James Stirling to Joseph Planta
Lt. Governor to Treasury Officer | 38/8 |
| | Encloses lists of Bills drawn on Treasury 19 January to 14 March 1831. | |
| 16 March 1831 | James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick
Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies | 86/7 |
| | Treasury has agreed to the 1829 WA accounts. As accurate accounting is important, suggest a Commissariat officer be appointed, reporting to the Lt. Governor, to keep accounts as prescribed for Foreign Stations and that he be sent as soon as possible, taking £5000. | |
| 21 March 1831 | Stirling's General instructions to Government Residents | 11/9 |
| 25 April 1831 | Extracts from <i>the Fremantle Observer, Perth Gazette & WA Journal</i> | 11/8 |
| | The first printed WA newspaper. Records death of William Stirling, a horse accident to the Governor and the recovery of Mrs Stirling's health. | |
| 28 April 1831 | John Butler to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich
Settler (Freshwater Bay) to Secretary of State for War & Colonies | 56/8 |
| | Capt. Irwin owes me £17.16.1 for lighter hire and other matters. He refuses payment though I received 11/1d. Colonists have had great suffering and loss and should be paid by Public Men. I keep an inn on the road from Fremantle to Perth and with my brother own the <i>Skerne</i> which brought us here and may establish communication with neighbouring Colonies. I also complain of the practice of allowing soldiers and others to be traders (ref 7 Jan 1833, 11/12). | |

- 28 April 1831** **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** **19/11**
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor
 Sends the Commission appointing Stirling as Governor and C in C WA, (see 71-85/11), terms recently printed for Settlers (see 51-53/11), instructions for the exercise of duty (see 32-50/11), and an Army General Order for Officers.
 As current arrangements lead to Settler dispersion the minimum land price is raised to 5/- per acre. Suggests the adoption of the NSW and VDL system of leasing grazing land. Land purchase shall be unconditional with immediate effect.
 As WA will not have convicts persons are to be encouraged to bring labourers by allowing £20 investment for each married labourer and family (to prevent an excess of males which was "exceedingly injurious in the 2 Penal Colonies").
 Hopes confidence can be restored between the Settlers and natives after recent aggression. (ref 8 January 1831, 98/7).
 The Civil Establishment ought not be further increased. Stirling's salary of £800 with arrears is all Government will provide despite the expenses and the time which must elapse before land grants become profitable (ref 26 January 1830, 76/4).
 One Harbour Master sufficient. WA Colonial Secretary should act as Registrar as in the other Colonies, the Commissioners of Council and Audit cannot be paid.
 Should the Surveyor General require help in addition to Edwards and Hillman (ref 28 October 1830, 17/11) Mr Kellam may be retained.
 Treasury will send £5000 to pay for those services which cannot be paid by Bills upon England. Rigid economy is necessary. Bills to £8474 are recommended for payment despite lack of information as to the specific service. Advice of all future Bills drawn must be sent.
 UK is to be informed of all WA deaths with an inventory of deceased's property as inquiries may be made.
 Revenue should be raised in the Colony, the suggestion of wine, spirits and tobacco duty is acceptable at 4/- per gallon on spirits. The duty needs to be neither too low or so high as to lead to smuggling and illegal distillation. Also consider a duty on all imports.
 First construct the Barracks with Officer accommodation to avoid the demands for an allowance in lieu of quarters.
- 28 April 1831** **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** **65/11**
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor
 A response on subjects of Judicial/Legal nature raised by Stirling, covering Law making, two Councils, Courts, probable necessity of deviating from English modes of trial, judicial fees, conveyancing and the execution of sentences. Also examples of forms for grants of land (ref 20 Jan 1830, 74/4).
- 29 April 1831** **Sir John Barrow to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **88/7**
 2nd Under-Secretary to the Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The charts of Cockburn Sound and part of Swan River sent by William Roe (brother J S Roe) will be engraved and copied.
- 5 May 1831** **Audit Office to Treasury** **90/7**
 The accounts for 1829 and several charges are agreed. DACG Lewis has been appointed to go to WA and render accounts hereafter. Our report of 2 August 1829 (not copied) mentioned that the 1829 accounts were signed by Brown. Though he is personally exonerated by the Lt. Governor, some of his payments require sanction.
 Stirling was not given detailed account instructions, being left to act at his discretion. Therefore we have not sent queries to Stirling as he would only refer back to Treasury. Suggest regulations be framed for DACG Lewis. As the system will become more regular in future, little benefit would be derived from a minute revision of past accounts.
- 5 May 1831** **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** **68/11**
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor
 Confirms the appointment of Mr Mackie as Advocate General.

- 12 May 1831** **Amelia Blagg to Mr & Mrs Blagg** **81/10**
 Daughter to her parents
 On arrival in WA the other servants of the Agetts left and I became a slave to them all. The clothes you gave me were cut up because they were too fine for a servant. Natives burned the house down and most of the Agett and Amelia's own property was destroyed. After another house fire, Mrs Agett blamed me and sent me to gaol. I have been taken in by a stranger and will stay as I cannot apply for a position having no clothes to wear. Mrs Agett encouraged a man to pay his addresses and said if he would pay her the money she wanted "I might go where he pleased".
- 14 May 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **89/7**
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury sends copy (ref 5 May 1831, 90/7) of Audit Report relative to Swan River for 1829 and the first six months of 1830. Please inform Treasury of Viscount Goderich's opinion on charges therein.
- 18 May 1831** **HM in Council** **96/7**
 Approves the creation of a Great Seal for use of the WA Government.
- 28 May 1831** **James Stirling to Joseph Planta** **44/8**
 Lt. Governor to Treasury Officer
 Lists the Bills drawn on Treasury 14 March to 27 May 1831.
- 30 May 1831** **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** **69/11**
 Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor
 It being impossible to provide sufficient troops to guard every part of the Colony, settlers can only expect troops to repel any serious or combined native attacks and must defend themselves against "petty assaults of a predatory nature". Settlers should be impressed with the necessity of concentrating, instead of scattering themselves at distant and detached settlements (ref 28 Apr 1831, 19/11).
- 6 June 1831** **William Winter to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **121/8**
 Merchant to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends bill of exchange drawn by Brown Colonial Secretary at Swan in payment of John Henry Luscombe Master of *Parmelia* and dishonoured by Maudes & Co. (ref 7 Sep 1829, 122/8).
- 13 June 1831** **Capt. Frederick Chidley Irwin to James Stirling** **113/7**
 OIC 63rd Regt WA to Governor
 Proposes an officer be appointed to the Colonial Staff to assist the OIC, similar to an appointment in Ceylon, for whenever Irwin visits a detached station, (5 in number and extending to KGS) there is no one to run the office, deal with pay matters, returns and reports. Recommends Ensign Dale as the only person available.
- 17 June 1831** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **65/7**
 Governor WA to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The delay in providing me with powers to administer justice must have disastrous consequences unless remedied. Instructions on quitting England were suited to commencement rather than the present, such that at a loss to know how to proceed.
 Stirling must know the amount and distribution of expenditures, the numbers and salaries of the Civil Establishment, the amount for troops, the mode of keeping accounts and amounts for Public Works. Amendment to the mode of granting land is needed. The absence of instructions is scarcely obviated by correspondence and Stirling suggests possibility of a voyage to England to clarify matters.
 The prosperity of WA continues unabated.
- 18 June 1831** **Maj-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **97/7**
 Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends copy of the despatch (ref 8 Jan 1831, 98/7) of Captain F C Irwin.

- 18 June 1831 **John Septimus Roe to Capt. Frederick Chidley Irwin** 116/7
 Surveyor-General WA to OIC 63rd Regt WA
 Regrets necessity of removing Dale as a temporary Assistant Surveyor but testifies to his real perseverance and ability. Recommends him to particular notice with HQ (ref 2 Dec 1831, 109/7).
- 22 June 1831 **James Stirling to Capt. Frederick Chidley Irwin** 117/7
 Governor WA to OIC 63rd Regt WA
 Agrees with the need for a staff officer and thanks him for Dale's time in the Survey Department.
- 23 June 1831 **Capt. Frederick Chidley Irwin to Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset** 111/7
 OIC 63rd Regt WA to Secretary to C in C Army.
 Recommends the appointment of Ensign Dale to the Colonial Staff.
- 23 June 1831 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 81/8
 Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends a copy of a letter about house money (ref 23 Jun 1831, 89/8).
 Comments on the number of worthwhile arrivals and of land interest south of Cockburn Sound where the soil is better and rains more general. Although there is good soil between the sea and the Darling Range, there are no rivers of size. South of Port Cass crops are possible all year, north of Port Cass crops are only possible for 6 months, unless irrigation is used. Vegetables are unknown between November and June making WA poor for agriculture.
 Stirling is indefatigable and well supported by the settlers, most of whom are unused to bivouacking under sheets of bark, but more persons are needed to reduce the price of labour. Stirling has offered 15/- a bushel for the next crop — seed costs 8/-. Great effort is being made to cultivate to take advantage of the offer and Lt. Bull (on Navy half pay) is likely to plant more than 50 acres (ref 13 Mar 1831, 8/7).
 Sheep do very well, despite a sort of ophthalmia. There is insufficient pasture west of the Darling Range and until there are establishments east of the Range there will be only enough sheep for domestic consumption. One sheep requires 10 acres and the lack of fresh water is a difficulty.
 The natives have been troublesome on several occasions and there was a murder on the Canning in May. However three natives went with soldiers to pursue the aggressors. The natives swim well.
 Being unable to improve his land grant, Morgan would like to move to North America or the Cape. He has had to purchase a boat to obtain supplies.
 Winter has started with N and W gales but all ships are in Cockburn Sound, bar one in Owens Roads.
 Sends a copy of the first edition of the *Fremantle Observer*.
- 23 June 1831 **John Morgan to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 89/8
 Colonial Storekeeper to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Has been on Garden Island since arrival i/c the stores. On landing I enquired about a home and office accommodation for self, clerk and cooper and was informed in the then state of the Colony each must provide for himself. About September 1829 the Lt Governor and Civil Establishment went to Perth, leaving only myself, clerk and cooper on Garden Island.
 For a year I sheltered my family in a thatch hut with a sail for the roof, the clerk sleeping on bags in the store (he having no other shelter). I then built a home costing over £250, more than a year's salary, which expense was never anticipated.
 I asked the Lt Governor for lodging money or for the value of the house, but he responded in accordance with Home Government instructions that he could not allow a home in an area reserved for Govt purposes (ref 29 Nov 1830, 95/8). I request either an annual allowance or payment of the cost of building my home.
 Although in charge of stores of over £10,000 no soldier guard has been requested and no stores have been lost. The salaries of others are higher than mine and they are allowed to build on their lands.
- 24 June 1831 **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 23/8
 Treasury Official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A list of all Bills of Exchange drawn on Treasury by Stirling, showing those not previously recommended for acceptance.

- 30 June 1831** **Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick to James Stirling** **70/11**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Sends a third complaint that Peter Brown, WA Colonial Secretary, has dishonoured Bills when presented for payment in England. Inform Brown serious notice will be taken unless he remits funds to meet the Bills in question.
- 19 July 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **29/8**
 Treasury Official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury does not agree to pay Stirling's salary prior to the date agreed (ref 14 Feb 1831, 76/7).
- 5 August 1831** **Audit Commission to Treasury** **32/8**
 The accounts for WA to 31 December 1830 contain unauthorised payments. Account queries have been given to DACG Lewis who is about to sail for Swan (ref 16 Mar 1831, 86/7 & 5 May 1831, 90/7). Suggest Stirling be instructed to report all new appointments to the Civil Establishment to overcome problems. A list of salaries and allowances not provided in the estimates is attached (see 34/8).
- 7 August 1831** **Lt Col Peter Augustus Latour to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **74/8**
 UK investor in WA land/migration to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 I have sent over 400 labourers, wives and families to VDL and WA at a cost of £25,000. He has suffered loss by mismanagement and is going in September to VDL with 60 married labourers. To consolidate his holdings seeks permission to exchange the 120,000 acres allotted at Swan for 32,000 acres called Ross River in VDL. The Swan land is good and contains a valuable salt mine (ref 9 Jan 1831, 67/8).
 Permission was granted to give his Swan land to a friend (see 75/8).
- 10 August 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **31/8**
 Treasury Official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury requests Stirling be issued with instructions to cease irregular and unauthorised allowances and payments as detailed by the Auditors and of Stirling's responsibility for all unauthorised issue of Public Money.
- 12 August 1831** **Viscount Howick to Robert Milne Lyon** **99/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Settler
 Goderich acknowledges the 11 February 1831, 69/8 letter, regrets that some early settlers may not be successful because of a lack of capital. The labourer shortage cannot be overcome with Convicts.
- 27 August 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **40/8**
 Treasury Official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 A despatch has been sent to Stirling about unauthorised charges. The charges for "loan to needy settlers and others" are considered "highly objectionable".
- 31 August 1831** **HM in Council** **104/7**
 The Great Seal for WA approved. It is to be sent and the Governor empowered to use it (ref 20 Dec 1832, 83/18).
- 2 September 1831** **Settlers Memorial to Secretary of State for War & Colonies [Goderich]** **123/8**
 Good soil west of the Darling Range is limited so settlers will be compelled to remove their stock east of the range at great expense. Many lost stock on first arrival and these losses together with high colonial prices have exhausted the settler's money resources. The most effectual remedy is permission to establish a bank to advance money at moderate interest.
 Labour is scarce, for many have left the Colony and indentured servants have deserted. We request the Government to furnish a supply of labourers. Many able bodied persons would come with their families if they were able to choose a master on arrival.
 Please instruct the WA Government to erect bridges, churches, prisons and necessary public works.
 The number of soldiers is wholly inadequate to protect the country. The Colony offers great advantages to Great Britain and the settlers believe they are entitled to assistance.

The Memorialists testify to the unremitting exertions of Capt. Stirling to promote the welfare of the settlers and are confident of an "early and vigorous maturity" under his guidance.

Signed by about 200 persons — signed George Fletcher Moore.

The complete list of signatures to the petition is printed at 1/10.

7 September 1831 **Thomas Henty to unknown** 66/8

Father of a settler James Henty to ?Official Colonial Office

My son's letters from Swan River until January 1830 were favourable, but crops on my son's grant have twice failed in the last 18 months because of too dry summers. Having invested much in an attempt to succeed at Swan now requests a smaller grant in VDL.

10 September 1831 **Edward Barnard to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 105/7

?Merchant to Under-Secretary for Colonies

A printing press packed and shipped to WA will cost £160, (ref 14 Mar 1831, 63/7)

23 September 1831 **Lt. Col. Peter Augustus Latour to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 76/8

UK investor in WA land/migration to Under-Secretary for Colonies

My friend who is interested in purchase (see 75/8) is not satisfied that permission has been given for Latour to sell 106,000 acres for the £8,000 capital actually expended and £5,000 for stock and goods and 100 labourers sent out, for which no grant was received. Seeks permission to dispose of 106,000 acres without reserve. Attached is extract of letter from Stirling to Lt. Col. Latour which confirms the grant of 106,00 acres (see 78/8).

25 September 1831 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 97/8

WA Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Since last (ref 23 Jun 1831, 81/8) the Colony has improved, crops are better, the settlers pleased. There is much interest in KGS because in the last three summers rain fell there every other day (and for a week at Augusta) when Perth had none. Settlers will flow to the south and it is likely the Government will be removed there. The Swedish ship *Stirling* brought settlers, boats and houses and 'the most valuable of her owners' is going to KGS.

Thistle has arrived, also *Cruiser* with despatches for Capt. Dance. *Zebra*, Cmdr. Saumarez, arrived, bound for Fiji to dislodge pirates.

There have been no shipping accidents this winter and the channel into Cockburn Sound is considered safe. Prices are reasonable but labour is costly and general improvement cannot occur until labour costs reduce. I have sent a paper on sheep matters to the Governor (ref undated, 103/8 below).

On Garden island vegetables grow in the wet (5 months) — peas, carrots, radish, cabbage. Barley does well. Believes it is the same at Rottenest Island.

The cargo of the *Edward Lombe (Lamb)* is nearly gone, so the future of the stores on Garden Island is unclear. The Purser of the *Sulphur* is acting as Government Agent on £200 per year and my post should be valued greater than his.

Will send the Colonial newspaper, currently not being produced because of a printer dispute.

PS. Capt. James Mangles a botanist, (cousin of Ellen, wife of James Stirling), has been here 2 or 3 weeks: he may publish an account of the Colony. The Governor sent a party over the mountains to form the new town of Beverley, an area well adapted to sheep pasturage. Sheep on the plains become blind, perhaps the driving system will correct this.

Undated **John Morgan to James Stirling** 103/8

Colonial Storekeeper to J Stirling as Patron of the Agricultural Society

No. 1 Relates his understanding of sheep management in Spain, especially driving flocks to obtain pasture and improve fleece.

No. 2 Driving Spanish sheep over distances does not reduce fleece value. As one pasture withers, the sheep are driven to new mountain pastures until frosts begin, when sheep are returned to the plains. Where water is scarce, reservoirs are made. Similar arrangements would be beneficial in WA.

- 30 September 1831** **Owen C Edmond to Robert W Hay** 64/8
Citizen, London to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Requesting information about the death of William Stirling in WA (cousin of James Stirling).
- 10 October 1831** **George Elliot to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 106/7
Secretary to Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies
HMS Sulphur has been "out" for 3 years and must be recalled from Swan River.
- 12 October 1831** **HM in Council** 107/7
A request to grant Stirling powers similar to those of other Governors necessitates appointing him a Vice-Admiral. These have to be appointed by the Lord High Admiral. Request HM to get the Privy Council to appoint Stirling.
- 14 October 1831** **James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 41/7
Treasury Official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
A printing press with type and materials at estimated cost £160 is approved (ref 10 Sep 1831, 105/7).
- 22 October 1831** **Navy Office to Treasury** 43/8
Gives supplementary naval expenses for *HMS Sulphur* for the conveyance of settlers to WA.
- 24 October 1831** **Navy Office to Treasury** 42/8
An account of naval expenses incurred between 19 November 1828 and 30 September 1831 to convey settlers to WA and requesting payment.
- 26 October 1831** **James Stirling to Joseph Planta** 1/14
Governor to Treasury Official
Lists bills drawn on Treasury since the last advice, 28 May.
- 27 October 1831** **Thomas Henty to Unknown** 66/8
Father of a settler James Henty to ?Colonial Office
Sails to Launceston and then to Swan River. If the grant at Swan is unfit for cultivation or stock, can other land be taken in exchange? Crop loss and ophthalmia has driven my sons to Launceston temporarily. Is confident there is good land in WA.
- 21 November 1831** **W Burnett to Robert W Hay** 60/8
Unknown to Under-Secretary for Colonies
William Shilton was appointed Secretary's Clerk but has been attached to the Garden Island stores on an inadequate salary. Stirling testifies to Shilton's character and conduct. Please arrange him to be placed in the job to which he was appointed (ref 5 Jan 1829, 53/3).
- 30 November 1831** **Alexander Collie to Robert W Hay** 63/8
Acting Colonial Surgeon to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Having been discharged from *HMS Sulphur* to be Colonial Surgeon at Albany at the request of Stirling requests official confirmation of his appointment.
- 30 November 1831** **J C Gotch to John Charles Spencer, Viscount Althorp** 47/8
Unknown to Chancellor of the Exchequer
John Okey Davis [an 1829 arrival, granted 7027 acres in Canning] has some 7000 acres on the Canning and Gotch requests Davis receive an introduction to the Governor to "insure him the civilities and attention he may be found to merit".
- 30 November 1831** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 68/7
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
In 17 Jun 1831, 65/7 referred to unabated prosperity. This continues excepting hostile natives around the Swan River. The natives attack property and are resisted by settlers, of whom 3 or 4 have been killed. The

small military force cannot protect every point, so a yeomanry force has been organised and mutual help and co-operation arranged among the settlers.

Some settlers are now "beyond the mountains" where is a great extent of the finest land.

One company of the 63rd Regt. came with an increased number of officers to permit courts martial and brought women and children greater in number than is usually allowed for a complete Regiment. Suggests any married soldiers who wish to remain with their families as settlers should be discharged and the rest of the 63rd be replaced by two companies of another Regiment which would cost little more than at present. (ref 9 Jul 1832, 55/10).

30 November 1831 **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 71/7
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

A requisition for supplies to be left at KGS. (ref 31 Aug 1832, 54/10 & 1 Sep 1832, 53/10)

2 December 1831 **Maj-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** 109/7
Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Mr Bannister quitted HM service some years ago. Ensign Dale "will be recollected when an opportunity shall offer for his advancement" (ref 18 Jun 1831, 116/7).

9 December 1831 **Maj-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Robert W Hay** 110/7
Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Irwin's letter states Dale is appointed to the Colonial Staff. Please submit the appointment to favourable consideration (ref 23 Jun 1831, 111/7).

13 December 1831 **John Rutherford to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 112/8
Captain of *St Leonard* to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

In August 1829 he supplied Peter Brown to value £98.3.6d and Capt. Dance to value £30.13 10d. Dance gave his money to Brown, who supplied a draft for the whole on his agents Messrs Maudes & Co. They have dishonoured the draft and continue to do so.

Understanding there are no law courts in WA to enforce payment, Rutherford appeals to the Government, for although the debt is strictly speaking private, it was incurred in relief of distress in the Colony.

13 December 1831 **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** 10/9
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor

A Schedule of despatches and documents received.

December 1831 **William Townsend Dance to Sir Thomas Hardy** 46/13
Captain *HMS Sulphur* to Admiralty

James Wingate Johnston, Assistant Surgeon *HMS Sulphur* was appointed by me as Surgeon when Collie was appointed Colonial Surgeon vice Dr Simmons deceased. I recommend Dr Johnston to your notice.

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4 January 1832 **Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich to James Stirling** 10/9
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor

A Schedule of despatches and documents received.

7 January 1832 **James Stirling (at KGS) to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 1/9
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

Thanks for appointment as Governor of KGS. The new land regulations commence on 1 January 1832 and are acceptable to settlers. Returns are being made of land assigned under the old regulations and of claims awaiting processing, which will conclude all transactions under the previous arrangements.

Salary payments not in the Parliamentary estimates have ceased, but Government Residents at KGS, Augusta, York, Kelmscott, Fremantle and Guildford and Assistant Storekeepers and Surgeons at KGS and Augusta are necessary. They continue without salary until the Government view is known. Salaries for Harbour Masters and the Commissioners who value immigrant property should be approved.

Looks forward to the arrival of a Commissary. *HMS Sulphur* is no longer required. Dr Collie ex *HMS Sulphur* is appointed Colonial Surgeon vice Dr Simmonds deceased.

- Undated 1832 Advertisement to Potential Emigrants to KGS 71/10**
 Committee of Management of Social Emigrants
 Describes KGS and its advantages, says natives friendly, the land cost is 5/- per acre. Fares £20 for men, £17 for women, children under 14 half price. Edward Merrell, Secretary.
- 7 January 1832 James Stirling to Robert W Hay 14/9**
 Governor WA to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Explains why Fremantle and Perth so located. The SW will attract settlement and industry; but the Shark Bay area may have fresh water and better prospects than hitherto concluded. Morgan is honest and satisfactory but at first did not keep accounts in accordance with instructions.
- 18 January 1832 Mrs G Blagg to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 80/10**
 Ladies School, Greenwich to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Her 14 year-old daughter went with Mr Agett to Swan and is now "at a very improper age to be left unprotected". Wishes Agett to be compelled to send her daughter home.
- 24 January 1832 Mrs G Blagg to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 84/10**
 Parent to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Amelia went with Agett as a child's-maid to the six Agett children. Thanks Goderich for agreeing to ask the Governor to press Agett to give Amelia a passage to England. A postscript says Agett did not allow Amelia to write home and told Mrs Blagg at the outset that in the event of a difficulty the Government would send Amelia home.
- 28 January 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 46/9**
 Lt. Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 A general statement of appointments, alterations or reductions to the Civil Establishment before 17 February 1832 and the reasons for these. (ref 17 Feb 1832, 81/9).
- 4 February 1832 James K Stewart to Robert W Hay 57/10**
 Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Ref 23 June 1831, 89/8, Morgan's letter about his house building expense: a £100 increase in salary is not agreed, but Treasury will increase the Swan estimates by £250 for the house which will then become Public property. The arrival of a Commissariat Officer should permit Morgan's job to be abolished at the earliest opportunity.
- 6 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 2/17**
 Establishing procedures for and appointments of J P's.
- 7 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 3/17**
 Minutes confirmed and meeting adjourned.
- 7 February 1832 John Lewis to James K Stewart 66/10**
 DACG Swan to Treasury
 The expense of bringing supplies from Fremantle to Perth is very high for there is only one carter to take goods to the Flats which carry them to Perth. In Perth cart hire has to be paid again, requiring a total payment for six different goods movements. The Jail is used as a store though overrun with vermin. The cost of bringing two tons of flour from Fremantle to Perth is as much as the freight from England to Fremantle (ref 31 Oct 1832, 64/10).

- 9 February 1832 First report of Agricultural Society 128/8**
 There are 44 members and numbers increase. A monthly market is established at Perth and a market house and cattle pens have been erected at direction of H. Ex. at Public expense. Scarcity of labour, horses and oxen has meant the use of hoe and spade only, despite which 200 acres have been brought into cultivation.
 Wheat is the main crop and even with the unavoidable imperfect agriculture the return has been nearly as good as the English average, 23 bushels per acre, weighing 64 pounds per bushel. Barley and oats have had limited planting but have succeeded.
 The alluvial flats yield the greatest return with the least expense. The higher ground requires manure or more labour than is available. Maize and tobacco have been cultivated with success but are hindered by the scarcity of labour.
 Turnips are abundant and flourish in summer. Mangel-wurzel, beetroot and potatoes grow abundantly and may be planted at any time in damp soil or where there is irrigation. All garden vegetables grow except broad beans. Melons, cucumber and the like are abundant.
 Many imported fruit trees are doing well, as are vines. Few local edible fruits have been discovered. It is rumoured that the natives near KGS grow grain. Trials have been made of native grasses. Cattle of all sorts thrive, as the pasture is suitable and abundant, but stock numbers are low because of the high cost of import.
 Interruptions and depredations by natives are frequent and there are insufficient forces available to overawe them and then establish mutual understanding.
 Fishing may be expected to improve. Sperm whales frequent the shores and two equipped whaleboats have been brought out recently.
- 10 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 4/17**
 Consideration of the Civil Establishment, including an Auditor for valuing Land improvements, a Jailor, Superintendent of Livestock, York, Government Residents and others.
- 11 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 9/17**
 Consideration of an amended Civil Establishment.
- 13 February 1832? George Fletcher Moore to James Stirling 127/8**
 WA Settler to Governor
 Presents Memorial (ref 2 Sep 1831, 123/8) and requests it be forwarded to Home Government.
- 13 February 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 20/9**
 Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Lists bills (see 21/9) drawn on Treasury by DACG Lewis.
- 14 February 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 22/9**
 Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Has returned from KGS, has reduced the civil list, sends the report of the WA Agricultural Society (ref 9 Feb 1832, 128/8) and a memorial from the settlers requesting more labour.
- 14 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 12/17**
 Consideration of Incidental Expenses, the leasing of the Farm at York by Bland and Trimmer, possible disposal of the Colonial vessel, rules for relief of the indigent and the proceedings of the Civil Court.
- 15 February 1832 Thomas Spring Rice to Robert W Hay 59/10**
 Secretary to Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury approves a Staff Officer for Swan River to be paid 4/9d per day and the C in C Army is requested to increase the estimates accordingly (ref 23 Jun 1831, 111/7).
- 17 February 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 16/17**
 Adoption of Rules and Orders for the Civil Court (ref 17 Feb 1832, 61/17), request to import cattle.
- 17 February 1832 Rules and Orders for the Regulation of Civil Court Proceedings 61/17**
 Includes forms and fee schedules.

- 17 February 1832 **Return of the WA Civil Establishment as at 17 February 1832.** 81/9
- 18 February 1832 **Thomas Spring Rice to Robert W Hay** 60/10
 Secretary to Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends a copy of a Treasury Minute about the WA accounts for 1829, 1830, 1831. (see 61/10) critical of expenditure beyond the amounts granted by Parliament and requiring explanations).
- 21 February 1832 **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** 17/17
 Minutes confirmed and furniture for the Council considered.
- 2 March 1832 **John Morgan to Peter Brown** 60/14
 Colonial Storekeeper to WA Colonial Secretary
 Acknowledges his letter on the future maintenance of Store Accounts. Says he has to incur expenses to preserve the Stores and with removal of a watchman he cannot be held responsible for losses. Fandam is going to England because of his health and Shilton has been transferred, so Morgan declines to be answerable for any losses (ref undated, 63/14 & 16 Mar 1832, 64/14).
- 2 March 1832 **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** 18/17
 Colonial Schooner *Ellen* should be sent to the Isle of France for supplies should *HMS Sulphur* not arrive.
- 4 March 1832 **Peter Brown to James Stirling** 53/8
 WA Colonial Secretary to Governor
 Prior to leaving UK Brown made arrangements with his Attorney to pay Bolton (see 5 Feb 1831, 49/8) from the sale of furniture. Has written to his attorney. In order to outfit his family for the voyage to WA Brown borrowed from Maudes & Co subject to Life Assurance, to be repaid at the rate of half his salary. The total was less than £500 and Brown thought his brother would greatly reduce if not extinguish the amount by good claims left with him. However a Bill was dishonoured and Brown was obliged to draw a Bill at the Cape rather than make his first remittance. Maudes have received £100. Brown has used every exertion to reduce his debt to the injury of his health. Brown's salary is inadequate to the expenses of his situation and he should be grateful for any additional money obtainable for also acting as Treasurer.
- 6 March 1832 **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** 19/17
 Agreed *Ellen* should go to VDL via Augusta and KGS (to increase the probability of meeting *HMS Sulphur*). Considered an improved plan for the Perth Jail.
- 8 March 1832 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 34/14
 Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Refers to Stirling's complaint of incorrect accounting for stores (ref 7 Jan 1832, 14/9 & 2 Mar 1832, 60/14). DACG Lewis has supported me and I remain at Garden Island with a cooper. Feels badly treated. Gives his views of:
 The Colony – perilous, prices very high and provisions short.
 York – unlikely to survive as the cost of conveyance of stores and goods is very high and the land except alluvial flats is poor. Production costs are so high that despite good harvests returns are very low. Morgan would take £100 for his 5,000 acres.
 Natives – Troublesome. Labourers and shepherds have to carry arms ready loaded. Most murders appear to be retaliation. Swan natives are undesirable, Murray River natives are not to be relied on, at Augusta they are friendly when seen and at KGS are generally good.
 Fleas – In all sandy districts we are almost destroyed by them, particularly the females of all classes.
 Captain Irwin – has a good property and intends to settle. An excellent man.
 Executive and Legislative Councils – commenced last month with Mark J Currie as Clerk and Colonial Auditor.
 HMS Sulphur – Sailed for Hobart for flour on 1 November. Dance tried to interfere with my duties and we disagreed. Stirling supported Dance – this is a Naval Government.
 Colonial Schooner *Ellen* – Belonged to Capt. Rae of 20th Regt. It was taken by Stirling as security for a loan. With little stowage, she is only useful for despatches.

Mr Peel – says he has arranged to abandon Clarence and move to half of Garden Island.

General – Many more have left than have arrived. I wish for removal where I may live on my pay — or receive a pay rise. My wife and daughter greatly desire to go elsewhere.

Undated (probably 9 March 1832) Peter Brown to John Morgan 63/14

WA Colonial secretary to Colonial Storekeeper

Shilton may be employed as Stores Clerk at £50 per year and sleep in the stores in lieu of a watchman (ref 2 Mar 1832, 60/14 & 16 Mar 1832, 64/14).

9 March 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 24/9

Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

Lists bills (see 25/9) drawn by DACG Lewis on Treasury since 13 February (ref 13 Feb 1832, 20/9).

12 March 1832 John Morgan to Robert W Hay 54/14

Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies

The *Ellen* has sailed to find the *HMS Sulphur* at KGS and should she be not there, will sail to Launceston for flour which is now 9d per pound.

13 March 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 20/17

DACG Lewis has an alarming mental illness and is suicidal. Agreed not to suspend him and to have him observed carefully.

16 March 1832 John Morgan to Peter Brown 64/14

Colonial Storekeeper to WA Colonial Secretary

Your letter of 9 March 1832 re Shilton sleeping in the Stores. Shilton visits the Stores before mid-night and in the early morning. Since November 1831 the mice and weevils make it impossible for anyone to sit or sleep inside the canvas.

16 March 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 23/17

Minutes confirmed. A despatch of 30 May 1831 (see 69/11) from Secretary of State for War & Colonies read.

20 March 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 23/17

Stirling said the worst evils of the Colony might be removed by him going to England. This was agreed, subject to Irwin remaining in charge and only if influential persons agreed after consultation.

26 March 1832 John Morgan to James Stirling 67/14

Colonial Storekeeper to Governor

Has no reply to his formal request for £100 (offered to him earlier) for House money. The delay is costing 20%. Morgan is a head of department but has not been paid a house or office allowance and was obliged to pay for his rations in 1829 and 1830, unlike Messrs Brown, Roe, Currie, Stirling, Simmons and Drummond. Requests to be placed on the same basis as the aforementioned.

27 March 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 25/17

Stirling said the influential Agriculturists opposed his travel to UK and so he would remain.

27 March 1832 Peter Brown to John Morgan 66/14

WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Storekeeper

The Governor has seen your letter of 16 March 1832 (ref 64/14) and it is his order that Shilton sleeps in the Store or close outside. Morgan is responsible for any loss.

30 March 1832 Peter Brown to John Morgan 72/14

WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Storekeeper

Stirling is unable to grant you the £100 for house money because of recent instructions from HM Government. Stirling will represent to the Secretary of State the inadequacy of your salary and request the £100 be paid. Stirling intended to make the allowance, but strict orders from England prevented this.

- 30 March 1832** **James Stirling to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **52/8**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Stirling has asked Brown for explanation (ref 4 Mar 1832, 53/8). Stirling is convinced Brown would have made arrangements for the Bills to be paid when due.
- 31 March 1832** **Peter Brown to John Morgan** **70/14**
WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Storekeeper
Re your letter of 26 March 1832 (ref 67/14) the Governor states you have no office and his measures with other persons cannot come under your cognisance. Insinuations against the Governor do not require a public answer.
- 2 April 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **26/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Executive and Legislative Councils and Civil and Criminal courts have been established. The WA Acting Treasurer has transferred Military and Civil monies to the Officer appointed. The department of the Colonial Storekeeper is un-necessary: Morgan should be given another post.
- 2 April 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **28/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Hitherto WA was an "experimental occupation of a remote and wild country". Sets out the prospects and steps to be taken. Outlines soil, surface, water supply, climate and indigenous products. Many persons unsuited to emigration have suffered severely and remain reliant on Government resources. Some are well established, some partly. The remainder work for subsistence, but prefer WA to UK. Sets out the population distribution of settlers (mainly in towns) and the value of property and stock.
Despite trying to communicate amicably with aborigines (conjectured at 1 per sq. mile) there has been little success. Their depredations on property and murders seriously annoy settlers.
More people and capital required. Can be a "great and powerful Colony".
- 3 April 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **26/17**
Considered the wheat contract with the Government and the necessity of advancing rations to agriculturists so they may employ labour to grow and harvest wheat, steps to recover Government cattle from the bush and failing this, importation of horses and cows from the Cape. Notices to be issued that persons recovering lost cattle should receive a quarter of their value as a reward.
- 4 April 1832** **John Morgan to Peter Brown** **71/14**
Colonial Storekeeper to WA Colonial Secretary
Did not intend 'insinuations' (ref 31 Mar 1832, 70/14) but wished to draw attention to his circumstances while holding public office.
- 4 April 1832** **John Morgan to Peter Brown** **73/14**
Colonial Storekeeper to WA Colonial Secretary
Obliged for the information in letter 30 March 1832, 72/14.
- 6 April 1832** **Abstract of the Quarter Sessions Criminal Record Book** **90/17**
- 8 April 1832** **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** **56/14**
Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
HMS Sulphur is still absent, possibly needing to travel through Torres Strait. The *Ellen* is gone to Launceston for flour. Interest rates are between 20% and 25%. A Commissariat Store is to be built at Perth, the wages etc for which will keep persons from emigrating to VDL, although Fremantle would be a better location because of Fremantle-Perth transport costs. The Eleanor River is not a river but a winter drainage line.
- 11 April 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **42/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Lists bills (see 21/9) drawn by DACG Lewis on Treasury.

- 24 April 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 30/17**
Desirable to delay building a Commissariat store as there are insufficient bricks and the tenders are too high. Also that the Civil Engineer report on the condition of all Public Works and Buildings.
- 1 May 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 31/17**
Agreed the Storekeeper Department be abolished and moved to Fremantle under the charge of the Commissariat and that Richard McBride Brown be employed as Collector of Colonial Revenue.
- 8 May 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 33/17**
Report of the Civil Engineer on Public Works presented. He is to estimate the expense of repairs where required (ref 24 Apr 1832, 30/17).
- 11 May-12 May 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 33/17**
Stirling stated he had directed the presentation of a quarterly report of all Public Works which he had divided into two lists:
 1. Works to be maintained and repaired
 2. Buildings to be let, sold or allowed to decay (lists under both headings are given).
The Store Department should be moved to Perth (ref 1 May 1832, 31/17) so allowing easy transfer to the Commissariat, particularly as the Stores to be delivered by the *Sulphur* and *Ellen* would be mainly consumed in the Perth area, lodgement there would be more convenient.
- 22 May 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 42/17**
Minutes read and confirmed.
- 29 May 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 42/17**
Considered a proposal for the hire of a house in Perth for a Colonial Store.
- 29 May 1832 Thomas Bolton to Unknown 50/8**
Upholsterer, London to Colonial Office
Brown owes £140. No response from Brown who lives in princely manner. Brown has purchased 2000 acres, money which should have paid his creditors who are starving in UK to pay the taxes which pay Brown's salary. How to proceed against him? (ref 5 Feb 1831, 49/8 & 4 Mar 1832, 53/8).
- 1 June 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 43/17**
Stores unadapted to issue should be left at Garden Island to save the expense of their removal and for them to be sold on the spot if a reasonable offer is made.
- 9 June 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 44/17**
Minutes read and confirmed. John Septimus Roe sworn to the Council.
- 12 June 1832 Peter Brown to William Townsend Dance 48/13**
WA Colonial Secretary to Captain *HMS Sulphur*
HMS Sulphur is no longer required at WA (ref 7 January 1832, 1/9). Please inform the Governor when you will sail to UK. Captain Irwin requests a passage at his own expense. Stirling requests Alexander Fendam, James L Smith and wife, (being no longer required to remain in WA and with permission to leave) be granted a passage if the provisions necessary for their maintenance on the voyage are either paid for or shipped with them. (ref 1 Mar 1833, 56/12 & 19 Aug 1833, 67/12).
- 22 June 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 45/17**
Considered the total want of meat and most of its substitutes. Some settlers have discharged their servants because of the scarcity and the high cost of food and others consider so doing. Stirling has arranged for Dance to supply 6 weeks worth of meat and previous to it being consumed, he expected a UK ship would arrive.
Stirling had made an agreement with the Captain of the *Cornwallis* to sail to the Isle of France and this was accepted. Advances of £2.10.0 per acre for wheat to be secured by a charge on the land.
The stores from *HMS Sulphur* are to be sold at the lowest prices that will repay Government outlay.

- 26 June 1832 **Joseph Scott Moore to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 17/14
 Father of George Fletcher Moore to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 G F Moore emigrated in the hope of a Judicial appointment, but as at November 1831 no Judicial appointments have been made. Moore has been on a six week expedition with Mr Dale and reports soil is of mixed quality, with a thin covering of Mahogany. The Avon is not navigable, the natives are friendly and not numerous. Servants are troublesome, demanding high wages as clothes and English produce are costly, though fresh meat is of moderate price and vegetables abundant.
- 26 June 1832 **James Stirling to Robert W Hay** 44/9
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends despatches. The Colony is suffering as "settlers have spent all their money" and "The settlement is in truth a more difficult operation for all concerned in it, than I calculated on, when I embarked in it."
 Wheat crops prosper, but natives are troublesome, with one murder and much stock destroyed.
- 26 June 1832 **Decisions of a Meeting to alleviate settler-native conflicts** 11/10
 An agent should be appointed to conciliate.
- 26 June 1832 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 74/14
 Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Stirling informs me he has recommended the abolition of the Storekeeper Department and the appointment of Morgan as Clerk of Councils and Govt Resident, Perth as Capt. Currie is to return to UK. Until receipt of the UK response Sutherland will be Clerk of Councils.
HMS Sulphur was absent seven months [1 Nov 1831-Jun 1832] and then brought only a small supply of provisions. Prices remain high. Since I last wrote natives have destroyed nearly £1000 of livestock and all are ruined.
 My family and I are now living in one end of Capt. Irwin's house the other being used as a store (ref 11-12 May 1832, 33/17).
- 28 June 1832 **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 78/9
 Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Lists the Civil Establishment as at May 1832 with reasons for changes to the Parliamentary estimate.
- 28 June 1832 **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 85/9
 Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Requests an allowance for Lionel Sampson for running the WA Post Office from 5 March 1830 to 19 February 1832.
- 29-30 June 1832 **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** 51/17
 Agreed the advance to Settlers for wheat should be increased to £4 per acre, the *Ellen* to be sent to Mauritius as the *Cornwallis* will be delayed. Discussion as to the security for the wheat advances and whether the duty on spirits should be repealed.
 Stirling said the reduction of immigration, the evils borne with respect to the natives and the limited Public Expenditure results in the settlers having little market for their produce and many declare they will leave unless a change takes place. Stirling believes he should make representations in England. Agreed.
- 1 July 1832 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 77/14
 Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Stirling is to go to England to represent the wishes of the Settlers and the need to spend more money. A public meeting to request this was to have been held but on hearing of it Stirling determined to act as prices are rising and servants being discharged as settlers are unable to feed or pay them.
 Being now in Perth my Garden Island house is a total loss to me. *Ellen* is to sail immediately for provisions to Isle de France.
- 2 July 1832 **Government Notice in WA Colonial News** 95/17
 Advises of the departure of Stirling to UK to advance the interest and views of the Settlement and of the administration devolving on Captain F C Irwin.

- 3 July 1832 Petition of Agricultural settlers 17/10**
 Supports Stirling's proposed visit to UK.
- Undated [?July 1832] Settler Petition supporting Stirling visit to UK 15/10**
 Colony is in a critical condition. Taxes, high land prices, harsh civil retrenchment. A personal representative should put their views in UK.
- Undated [?July 1832] Memorial of tradesmen, artisans and mechanics 18/10**
 Want an assurance that public works will continue in Stirling's absence, or with the inducements offered, many will leave for Hobart. Stirling 's proposed visit to UK is supported, (see a Stirling response 5 Jul 1832, 149/9 No. 14).
- Undated [?July 1832] Settler Petition against tax on spirits 13/10**
 Surrounded by difficulties and distress, the tax will raise the price of labour, reduce immigration, and cause smuggling and furthermore the Settlers are not adequately represented to allow taxation to be levied.
- Undated [?July 1832] Memorial of Settlers 21/10**
 The Colony has made rapid progress, much good land is available and there is confidence in the future but, requirements are: a bank; more labour and livestock; land grants rather than land sales; the ability to spread Location Duties; reduction of taxes; more clergy and schoolteachers; more troops to protect from natives; more roads and bridges; a representative Government.
- 7 July 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 1/18**
 Laid before Council: an Abstract of the July Quarter Sessions Criminal Record Book, a Memorial from the Licensed Victuallers, resolutions of Public Meetings at Guildford and Perth on 3 July 1832, a Petition from Landholders and Merchants and a Memorial from Tradesmen et al.
 Only one tender has been received for repairs to Public Works and with two exceptions the tender is too high to be acceptable. Council agreed the Barracks should be continued.
- 9 July 1832 Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Robert W Hay 55/10**
 Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary Treasury
 The 63rd Regt. had more women and children than are ordinarily carried for a whole Regiment as it was directed that married men should be selected. It is agreed that those soldiers entitled to a pension can be discharged as settlers with land in lieu of pension, but not those not so entitled. Any increase of troops at Swan will depend on availability (ref 30 Nov 1831, 68/7).
- 10 July 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 4/18**
 Considered a sketch for the Barracks, accepted a tender for a Fremantle Ferry boat. Council thought it very desirable to erect a flour mill, there no means of grinding WA grown wheat except manually while flour is readily imported. Reveley thought Fremantle the best place for a windmill but the wind strength meant it "must be of the most perfect and self regulating description". The next best place was land opposite Perth. A complete mill without a residence would cost £2,000.
 Reveley's or Mr Andrews land would be best for a water mill. Reveley could not recommend the conversion of any existing machinery to cattle power. A water mill would be less expensive than a windmill and less liable to accident.
 Agreed Reveley be granted £20 to ascertain the best milling method and to advance £200 to Mr Anderson to allow him to erect his mill, subject to his grinding wheat at a rate fixed by the Government.
- 13 July 1832 Settler Petition to James Stirling 88/14**
 Settlers to Governor
 The settlers protest against the imposition of a tax on spirits and the failure to suspend it until the measure is put before the UK Government. Taxation is by consent and the tax is against the unanimous voice of the people. The settlers have a right to be heard and represented. It cannot be the intent to enforce the measure when steps are needed to save all from ruin and the greater number of the labouring classes are scarce able to find employment and cannot bear the tax.

- 14 July 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **86/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Sends Minutes of the WA Executive Council, from 1st Sitting to end of June 1832.
- 19 July 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **8/18**
Amend the plan of the Barracks to accord with the Rules and Customs of the Service.
Provisions — On considering the quantity in the Public Store it was agreed tenders should be called for the supply of 1,000 bushels of wheat and 10,000 lbs of rice.
Hardship of Fremantle Workers — Agreed Public Works (fences, stone walls and roads) should be undertaken to provide subsistence, with part payment in wheat or provisions.
- 20 July 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **11/18**
Stirling will take to England for information of the UK Government:
1. Return of all assignments of occupied land and the conditions applicable to the assignments.
2. Return of all town allotments with the conditions applicable to the assignments.
3. Form of application for full title.
4. Applications for full title to town lots.
5. Regulations concerning the sale of land and purchase of Crown land.
6. New regulations for towns and town allotments.
Council agreed to the forms for conveyance to existing grantees and the purchase of Crown land hereafter. A monthly list of applicants for full title is to be put to Council. There being doubt as to the authority for levying fees on conveyances, Stirling would refer the issue to the UK.
Plans and estimates for the Barracks were agreed.
- 20 July 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **87/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Lists the bills (see 88/9) drawn by DACG Lewis on Treasury.
- 22 July 1832** **Alfred Waylen (Devizes) to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **82/14**
Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Sets out his land transactions and requests relief from the fine of 6d per acre as he will be unable to return to WA in time to carry out his initial land obligations.
- 23 July 1832** **James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **90/9**
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Sends returns, schedule of documents and letters:
Schedule of documents see 91/9
Return of Civil Establishment of WA at 20 July 1832. see 95/9
Quarterly return of Public Works and Buildings 2nd quarter 1832 see 97/9
Colonial Revenues collected see 103/9
Register of deaths in WA June 1829-June 1832 see 105/9
(showing date, name, age, birthplace, abode, profession, by whom buried)
Report on aborigines by Dr A Collie see 110/9
Vessels arrived at Swan River 5 August 1829-21 July 1832. see 122/9
23 Letters, memorials & petitions referred to the Secretary of State for decision:
1) 11 July 1832 William Tanner to James Stirling 126/9
 WA Settler to Governor
Requests land to the value of monies with which he embarked, rather than the amount actually brought — the circumstances of the reduction in money being set out (ref 12 August 1833, 61/16).
2) 13 July 1832 Peter Brown to William Tanner 129/9
 WA Colonial Secretary to settler
Governor cannot grant additional land on the grounds stated (ref 12 Aug 1833, 61/16).

- 3) 19 January 1832 James Stirling to George Cheyne 130/9
Governor to settler
Sets out the property values which qualify Cheyne for 8000+ acres (ref 12 Aug 1833, 61/16).
- 4) 24 March 1831 Henry Bull to Peter Brown 132/9
Settler to WA Colonial Secretary
Many settlers received land in several locations and are unable to improve all areas at once. It would be better for the Colony that 'Location Duties' (ie improvements) be done thoroughly in one place rather than sketchily on several (ref 12 Aug 1833, 61/16).
- 5) 23 February 1832 Mark J Currie to James Stirling 135/9
Settler to Governor
Received a £100 loan, which he planned to repay from his allowance or higher pay, but having been removed from Civil list is unable to repay. Seeks support for the writing off of his debt (ref 12 August 1833, 61/16).
- 6) 31 March 1832 Peter Brown to Mark J Currie 138/9
WA Colonial Secretary to a settler
Stirling will support your request. Reminds him of another outstanding debt for £165.17.6.
- 7) 28 October 1831 Peter Brown to Marshall MacDermott 139/9
WA Colonial Secretary to a settler, Middle Swan
MacDermott is entitled to claim 9150 acres by reason of importation of property, having left UK before the alteration of the land scale (ref 12 Aug 1833, 61/16).
- 8) April-July 1832 Abstract of the General Post Office Account 140/9
Written by Charles Macfaull, Post Master.
- 9) 3 July 1832 Stirling's response to a petition re duty of spirits 142/9
Governor to Settlers
The duty was fully considered and agreed by the Legislative Council and will be beneficial to public purse, industry and morality. The measure will be transmitted to the Secretary of State for Colonies.
- 10) 20 July 1832 Agricultural Society queries to Governor 143/9
Can surplus Location Duties expended in one location be used as fulfilment of the duties in another location. and
Can livestock be considered an expenditure to the value of the cattle. (ref no. 10, 144/9 below).
- 11) 5 July 1832 Peter Brown to George Fletcher Moore 144/9
WA Colonial Secretary to a settler
Stirling does not agree that surplus location duties on occupied land can be used for un-occupied land. Livestock is "an expenditure". Any livestock claim needs the support of certificates from persons in their neighbourhood as to their right to the stock in question. (ref no. 10, 143/9 above).
- 12) undated Agricultural Society to Secretary of State for Colonies 146/9
Petition for more clergy to reduce debauchery on the Sabbath, give instruction etc.
- 13) undated Settlers petition to James Stirling 148/9
Present distress is partly due to paying for *HMS Sulphur*, send the ship away and charter a vessel at the Cape to supply provisions.
- 14) 5 July 1832 James Stirling to Tradesman's Deputation 149/9
Governor to trades persons — summary of verbal response.
Moneys appropriated for public works will not diminish if Stirling leaves the Colony. Further public works are to be carried out, the Barracks, officer's quarters etc.

- 15) 2 August 1832 William Nairn to James Stirling 151/9
Late Major 46th Regt to Governor
If he imports 6-800 sheep will he be entitled to a further grant of land.
- 16) 23 July 1832 Alfred Hawes Stone to James Stirling 152/9
Registrar Civil Court to Governor
Court fees are inadequate compensation for the time expended. Either raise fees or pay salary.
- 17) 24 July 1832 John Morgan to James Stirling 153/9
Colonial Storekeeper to Governor
As Government Storekeeper on Garden Island he was unable to take up a property and on transfer to Perth he had to abandon his home there. Requests compensation for loss and lodging money as paid to DACG Lewis.
- 18) 5 July 1832 John Morgan to Peter Brown 157/9
Colonial Storekeeper to WA Colonial Secretary
Requests Brown to put it to Stirling that Morgan's salary should be increased.
- 20) 20 July 1832 John Burdett Wittenoom to James Stirling 159/9
Colonial Chaplain to Governor
Wittenoom understands his house rent allowance is to cease, despite a verbal understanding with Robert W Hay before departure and that Wittenoom would be on a similar basis to all other clergy in Australia. Requests intercession.
- 21) 25 July 1832 Peter Brown to John Burdett Wittenoom 160/9
WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Chaplain
Stirling will pay the house allowance and arrears and will represent to the Secretary of State for Colonies that Wittenoom should be paid similarly to other Australian clergy.
- 22) undated, James Drummond to James Stirling 161/9
WA Naturalist to Governor
It is impractical to run the Government Garden and be paid by the sale of its produce. Would accept a salary to run the garden if he can have a home near the garden (and other conditions).
- 23) 23 March 1832 Peter Brown to James Drummond 163/9
WA Colonial Secretary to WA Government Naturalist
Stirling accepts the conditions set out in 161/9, undated (see 22 above).
- 23 July 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 5/10
Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
Copies of the first 10 Acts passed by the WA Legislative Council (see list 6/10)
- 24 July 1832 John Morgan to Robert W Hay 80/14
Colonial Storekeeper to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Stirling has appointed me JP and Government Resident, Perth and told Irwin to appoint me Barrack Master. Since being in Perth I have received every attention and consideration from Stirling. I have sent a memorial to Goderich about the house money.
- 26 July 1832 Settler Petition to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 84/14
Settlers to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
The petitioners emigrated to WA expecting no taxes during "the infancy of the settlement". Taxes have now been imposed by summary act of Council which does not have proper representation. It will lead to smuggling. WA needs more settlers and the imposition of taxation will check their coming. At the present the settlers are unable to pay any tax which adds to their distresses already too great.

- 30 July 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 16/18**
 Stirling was assured by Dance that *HMS Sulphur* would proceed to the Cape about 15 July. At that time he was assured the ship would sail on 20 July or within 2 days. An official letter on the matter was unanswered until 26 July, when Dance said he would not move from his anchorage. Consequently Stirling informed Dance that his continuance on the WA station would not be desirable.
 Supplies from the Cape being thus delayed, Council agreed it was important to send to the Isle of France for supplies (as only 200 bushels of wheat had been obtained) to purchase 5-600 bushels of wheat and as much rice and flour as was available at the lowest possible price.
 A protest against the duty on spirits will be sent to the UK Government (ref ?July 1832, 13/10).
 Because of repeated attacks by natives Stirling believed persons should be sent among them to gain an influence over them (ref 31 Jul 1832, 20/18).
- 31 July 1832 Capt. William Temple Graham to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 4/14**
 Editor and Owner of the *Western Australian* to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 The first newspaper in the Colony. Extracts concern: Governor activity, notices of hotels, formation of the Civil Court, farmers reports, a petition against monopoly at Fremantle Jetty (ref 31 Oct 1832, 64/10), cost of goods, Government notices, shipping information, inadequacy of settler protection, charges for South Fremantle Jetty, settlement at Port Lincoln etc.
- 31 July 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 20/18**
 Stirling proposed a Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Native Tribes to be in charge of a small body of mounted armed police. They would be constantly in motion visiting outstations and observing the natives to acquire a knowledge of their haunts, numbers, movements etc. The police would secure the natives from aggression and punish any who injure them except in self defence as well as punishing any native or tribe who committed an outrage. The police would acquire influence by their speed of movement and the power and certainty of punishment. Natives might be traced either by the use of dogs or by a study of their movements. It was intended to obtain a detachment of mounted Hottentots from the Cape to form the mounted force.
 It was agreed that meantime Capt Theophilus Ellis be appointed Superintendent at £100 per yr and Charles Norcot as Assistant at £50, both with rations and a horse, each to have two soldiers of the 63rd at 6d. per day plus rations.
 Agreed the Collector of Revenue should present a monthly abstract of his cash account and the Surveyor General a monthly list of all applications for Town Lots.
 A list of persons wishing full title was accepted and two grants were approved.
- 6 August 1832 W Burnett to Frederick Chidley Irwin 52/10**
 Admiralty to Acting Governor
 Recommends the appointment of Collie as Colonial Surgeon, as *HMS Sulphur's* Assistant Surgeon had been promoted to Surgeon and appointed to the ship. (ref 7 Jan 1832, 1/9 & 9 Mar 1833, 31/16).
- 7 August 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 24/18**
 The cash accounts of the Collector of Revenue and Acting Treasurer were presented. The DACG had purchased 500 bushels of wheat at £1 per bushel and 2,000 lbs of rice at 6d. per lb.
 11 August is fixed for sailing of *HMS Sulphur* via Mauritius. On considering the supplies then available in WA, it was agreed it would be best for *HMS Sulphur* to go direct to the Cape — a list of supplies to be procured there was approved.
 Agreed that provisions and stores should be advanced to Swetenham to allow him to commence whaling and that £50 be advanced to Reveley to construct a mill.
 The fees of the Civil Court were increased, being too small for the remuneration of its officers.
 R Dawson was sworn as Sheriff. Irwin to be designated Lt Governor in Stirling's absence.
- 10 August 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Chidley Irwin 40/10**
 Governor to Capt. 63rd Regt
 General instructions to Irwin when acting as Governor during Stirling's absence in UK.

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- 10 August 1832** **Peter Brown to John Lewis** **33/15**
 WA Colonial Secretary to DACG WA
 Sets out changes made by Stirling to the Civil List: Capt. Ellis (Supt. Of Native Tribes), Charles Norcot (Asst. Supt. Of Native Tribes), Alfred Hillman (Asst. Surveyor), Shenton (Draftsman), John Morgan (Barrack Master).
- 17 August 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **29/18**
 Stirling sailed on 12 August when Lt Governor Irwin was sworn. A proclamation is to be issued stating Irwin had assumed the administration of Government.
 Agreed the Colonial Secretary and the Advocate General should receive an additional £200 per annum and the Assistant Colonial Surgeon an additional 2/6d per day, his present 5/- per day being below the wages of a common labourer.
 Agreed Ensign Dale be appointed as ADC during Stirling's absence.
- 20 August 1832** **Peter Brown to John Lewis** **34/15**
 WA Colonial Secretary to DACG WA
 Sets out the salary increases made by Stirling to the Civil List: for F C Irwin (acting Lt. Governor), Colonial Secretary, Advocate General and Asst. Colonial Surgeon, Perth (ref 17 Aug 1832, 34/15)
- 21 August 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **32/18**
 Tenders for the construction of the Barracks are to be considered next meeting.
- 24 August 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **33/18**
 In view of a misapprehension among tenderers for the barracks, it was agreed to extend the tender period.
- 31 August 1832** **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** **34/18**
 Accepted the tender of Mr Leroux for the Officers quarters, Barracks and Powder magazine for £3,950. 10. 1d, all to be built within 9 months.
 Agreed to pay Reveley a further £20 to ascertain the practicability of a water mill on his property, he having met with difficulties.
 A letter from Mr Lyon offering his services as a missionary together with a letter from W L Brockman, seeking friendly communication with natives, was considered. Mr Brockman to be informed of the appointment of the Superintendent of Native Tribes and the arrival of missionaries from England should achieve his objective.
- 31 August 1832** **James Meek to Victualling Department, Admiralty** **54/10**
 Owner of *Camden* to Comptroller, Admiralty
 The *Camden* cannot call at KGS as the insurance is direct to Sydney. Freight sent direct to KGS will cost 50/- per ton, but if the carriage of freight to KGS is a condition of the next NSW convict ship the cost will be between 1/- and 2/- per ton. (ref 30 Nov 1831, 71/7).
- 1 September 1832** **George Elliot to Robert W Hay** **53/10**
 Secretary to Admiralty to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The requests that provisions be left at KGS by ships going to Sydney have not been not permitted by the owners of the *Camden* convict ship (ref 31 Aug 1832, 54/10 & 30 Nov 1831, 71/7).
- 10 September 1832** **Frederick Chidley Irwin to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **48/10**
 Acting Governor to Secretary of State for Colonies
 Bills drawn on Treasury since the last advice (see 49/10).
- 10 September 1832** **Frederick Chidley Irwin to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** **39/10**
 Acting Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Informs of the departure of Stirling for UK.

17 September 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 37/18

HMS Challenger arrived on 6 September en route to UK and all that could be spared of her supplies was landed. Colonial Schooner *Ellen* arrived on 14 September and unloaded 7,600 lbs of English beef, 25,900 lbs of English pork and 68,094 lbs of Cape beef.

The purchases of wheat agreed on 19 July (ref 8/18) and 30 July (ref 16/18) were bought at high prices, but the Public were charged a lower price. The DACG and Colonial Storekeeper to be asked to recommend price changes to prevent loss to Government when selling Public stores.

Agreed to the purchase of a boat for the Harbour master, a crew to be hired when needed.

The Government Resident, Fremantle having resigned, agreed George Leake be appointed.

Council to inspect Reveley's Mill trial and ascertain his terms for grinding corn before further advances be made. A proposal from Mr Shenton for a mill at Guildford, worked by cattle or water, to be held over.

Duplicate Despatches 22, 23, 24 November 1831 and 4, 5, 7 December 1831 read, the originals not having been received.

20 September 1832 James Stirling to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 7/10

Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

There is a real possibility the settlers might give up, because of money scarcity, reduction of WA Government expenditure, troublesome natives and the duty on spirits. It is proposed Stirling should put the WA case in London. Sends copies of 26 June 1832 11/10; ?July 1832 13/10, 15/10 & 18/10; 3 July 1832, 17/10.

25 September 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 43/18

The inspection of Reveley's mill was positive and he undertakes to grind at 2/- per bushel. Agreed to obtain a plan of the mill and an estimate by which the total expense will be limited to £500, with a weekly inspection of the work. Reveley is to submit the period over which his advances would be repaid.

A despatch of 22 November 1831 directing that salaries of the Civil Establishment be drawn quarterly on Edward Drummond of Treasury was considered impracticable owing to difficulty negotiating Bills from WA because of insufficient contact with other Settlements, the infrequency of shipping and the probability of all such Bills being discounted 10%. Irwin will continue the current modes of payment pending representations to the Secretary of State.

28 September 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 49/18

Agreed Reveley should comply with the Land Regulations for the Lots intended for his mill thereby allowing him freehold, as a mortgage would better secure the WA Government than a charge on repayments.

A proposal from Shenton to erect a water mill on the Helena River subject to a £300 advance was not agreed, it being the intention to make no further advances for mill purposes.

3 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 51/18

Applications for building lots in Perth, Fremantle and Guildford were approved. C Macfaull's land claim to be considered valid and that of Messrs Burgess (to make a further land selection for property recently imported) was not accepted.

4 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 54/18

On 29 September Yagen, for whom a £20 reward had been offered being the chief perpetrator in more than one murder, was captured with two others. One of these others was recognised as a leader in attacks on persons and property, all three being present. All are confined in Fremantle Goal.

Irwin thought opportunity should be taken to acquire a knowledge of the language and habits of the natives by placing the prisoners on Carnac, where they should be treated with kindness and their education and religious instructed promoted. Agreed after discussion and also the appointment of R M Lyon (he having volunteered) to take charge of the three at Carnac (ref 21 Nov 1832, 77/18).

Applications for grants of freehold land are to be held over until there is clarity from UK as to whether the value of stock should be included. A guide to the acceptable species of land improvement is to be composed.

- 5 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 63/18**
 Full title was granted to applications for the months of August and September.
 Subscriptions having opened to commence schools at Perth and Fremantle, it was agreed £20 should be given annually to each school by the Government.
 J McKail's claim for loss of tools to value £30 left with the Colonial Storekeeper, Garden Island was not accepted.
 Reveley proposes to repay his mill loan over 3 years.
- 9 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 66/18**
 Agreed Schooner *Ellen* should visit Augusta and KGS, to carry Ensign McLeod to be i/c KGS (vice Lt. Carew recalled in January), Assistant Surveyor McLeod to be Government Resident KGS and John Lyttleton Assistant Surgeon KGS (vice A Collie), Lyttleton to receive rations.
 Agreed the charges of the Colonial Storekeeper for storing supplies from *HMS Sulphur* at the Perth Store should be allowed, but not other charges. Morgan to be cautioned against unauthorised expenditure.
- 19 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 69/18**
 Agreed to increase the pay of Mr J Toby, Commander of the *Ellen*, and to change the presentation of the abstracts of accounts. An abstract of the Criminal Record Book, October Quarter Sessions was considered.
 The grant of Town lots in Perth and Fremantle to be fee simple to remove fear of a possible lease resumption within 21 years.
- 26 October 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 73/18**
 A Proclamation to be made prohibiting all boats landing on Carnac Island while the recently apprehended natives are there in custody.
 A request for remission of duty from W Tanner, who ordered spirits prior to the imposition of duty such that he had insufficient time to countermand his order was not granted.
 Return of Town Lots assigned in occupancy for the third quarter and a return of Perth burials 3 July – 3 October 1832. Agreed on new forms of application for grants in fee simple and 6d. being charged as Bailiff fees for each Civil Case.
- 31 October 1832 James K Stewart to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick 64/10**
 Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Re DACG letter (ref 7 Feb 1832, 66/10), suggest drawing the attention of the Governor to ways of overcoming the monopoly of cart hire and that the gaol is highly improper for the storage of Government provisions. A building should be hired or built at smallest possible cost.
- 6 November 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 76/18**
 Confirmed last minutes and gave final approval to grants in fee simple.
- 20 November 1832 Henry Amswick to Robert W Hay 79/10**
 Citizen, London to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Understands Stirling is returning to UK to resign and wants the appointment if possible.
- 21 November 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 77/18**
 A printing press plus paper etc has arrived. It is unclear whether it is public or private property. Macfaull's proposal for printing a Weekly Government Gazette at costs given was agreed (ref 14 Mar 1831, 63/7).
 On the night of 15 November the three natives on Carnac escaped using a Government boat through negligence of the person in charge (ref 4 Oct 1832, 54/18).
 Agreed to the payment of 1gn. per week for a messenger and approvals for applicants for building lots in Perth, Fremantle and Guildford.
 Agreed Ommanney be employed as Assistant Surveyor for York town site and locations with an allowance of 3/- per day.

27 November 1832 Extract from the *Sun* Newspaper 51/13

A letter from a WA Settler, who does not complain of the soil or hardship, does complain of the neglect of the Government in protecting Settlers from robbery by natives, who are much addicted to theft "like all savages" and the soldiers keep grog shops and stores. (ref 28 Apr 1831, 56/8 & 7 Jan 1833, 11/12).

If a native is shot while stealing sheep, Settlers are threatened with hanging, but natives taken in the act of robbery are given a nights detention and sent off with a loaf and blanket. It is impractical for settlers to protect themselves by congregating in towns and being well guarded for they cannot afford the protection or cultivate their farms (ref 28 Apr 1831, 19/11 & 30 May 1831, 69/11).

6 December 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 80/18

Considered applications for grants in fee simple and town lots and the report of the Civil Engineer on Public Works and Buildings.

13 December 1832 Meeting of the Executive Council WA 81/18

The Fremantle Magistrate recommends employment on Public Works for labourers there owing to severe distress caused by unemployment and high prices. Irwin said the previous public work of building stone walls in Fremantle (ref 19 Jul 1832, 8/18) was discontinued for the hay harvest, but the harvest being over, further action was required. Council agreed to resume the previous relief, construction of stone walls or fences.

12 December 1832 Mark J Currie to Horace Twiss 86/10

WA Harbourmaster to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Sends a copy of the letter giving him permission to visit England (see 87/10) and requests such allowance as may be proper, his Colonial Salary having ceased on 15 July 1831.

12 December 1832 William Townsend Dance to Captain George Elliot 50/13

Captain *HMS Sulphur* to Secretary to Admiralty

Arrived at Spithead this day. Herewith a copy of his orders from the Cape and of the letters received from Stirling dispensing with his services, for these letters appear to blame Dance.

14 December 1832 Thomas Bland (London) to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 13/14

Relation of a settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

Servants and labourers in WA have left their masters to own land or go to VDL for higher wages. The supply of labour is now inadequate in WA, causing shortage of provisions, high prices and higher wages. We suggest money be made available to offer the same inducements for WA as are given for NSW and VDL and also £10,000 should be provided to allow the Governor to make loans.

14 December 1832 Joseph Scott Moore to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 19/14

Father of George Fletcher Moore to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

The *Newry Examiner* published articles saying WA is to be abandoned. Letters from G F Moore dated 15 June 1832 say the Colony has received no mail for over a year and that he is appointed Judge at a salary "that will not afford him a horse" and at less than servants are paid in the UK. Prices are very high and crops difficult to raise for want of labour and bullocks to plough. The Government should send provisions and passengers four times each year to reduce prices.

19 December 1832 Edward Merrell to Robert W Hay 27/14

Proposer of settlement at KGS to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Have met Stirling. The proposal is now to pay 5/- per acre before leaving England and that for each settler, (who will be located near each other), the proposers receive an allowance of £20. A joint stock bank will hold unoccupied land as security for making roads etc. The proposers anticipate requiring not less than 160,000 acres with about 2,000 people. Thus the land cost will be £40,000 and the allowance paid for 2000 persons be £40,000, so the land will pay the emigration costs (ref 27 Dec 1832, 31/14 & 24 Jan 1833, 49/15).

20 December 1832 **Robert Milne Lyon to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 88/10
 WA Settler to Secretary of State for Colonies

As requested a sketch of WA and its future — Much good land has been found beyond the Blue Mountains by Bannister exploring to KGS and by Collie in the KGS area. There is entire ignorance about the North. The rivers give uncommon facility for inland navigation and the settlement is better situated than Sydney, except for harbours. The sand in WA is different to that of England for when properly cultivated it is equal to good land in England. Even in places where there is only white sand there is “timber of the most gigantic description”. Able and talented farmers can double their capital every second year, hence interest rates of 25%.

WA could employ unused UK capital to great advantage and be an outlet for UK surplus population. Instances the success of W L Brockman by contrast to another un-named [probably Thomas Peel].

The Government errors have been the giving of large grants of land, grants to Naval Officers who have no intention of settlement, an early imposition of taxes and the high price of provisions from the beginning. A bank would be valuable and allow the circulation of specie (ref 2 Sep 1831, 123/8, 7 Jul 1832, 21/10, 5 Feb 1833, 26/12 & 8 Mar 1833, 13/16).

20 December 1832 **Meeting of the Executive Council WA** 83/18

The Schooner *General Bourke* had brought old despatches that had accumulated in Sydney for want of opportunity to forward them and the Great Seal of WA (ref 31 Aug 1831, 104/7).

A request from the inhabitants of Fremantle and Canning River for Civil Court sittings to be held alternately at Perth and Fremantle was not agreed.

A request from John Butler to be permitted to select more land was not agreed.

The establishment of a Court of Vice Admiralty required two deputies. The Chairman of Quarter Sessions and the Commissioner of the Civil Court were so appointed. A Proclamation is to be made to that effect (see 90/18).

20 December 1832 **James Stirling (in London) to Robert W Hay** 26/10
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

An HM ship with 100 marines would be cheaper and better than soldiers (ref 12 & 13 Feb 1833, 32/12 & 38/12).

22 December 1832 **James Stirling (in London) to Robert W Hay** 29/10
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

A paper on WA covering:

- The origins of the settlement (see 29/10),
- the colonisation plan adopted (see 30/10),
- the difficulties encountered (see 30/10),
- the WA Civil Establishment (see 31/10),
- the effect of the 1832 Land Regulations (see 31/10),
- the condition of settlers in 1832 (see 32/10),
- causes of the present distress (see 33/10),
- content of the settler petitions (see 34/10),
- suggestions for the WA Civil Establishment (see 34/10),
- cost estimates for 1833 and 1834 (see 34/10) and general observations (see 36/10).

27 December 1832 **Edward Merrell to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 29/14
 Proposer of settlement at KGS to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

Although a £20 allowance may seem large, the emigrants will make the roads etc which in NSW and VDL were made by Convicts. Urges acceptance of his proposal (ref 19 Dec 1832, 27/14).

27 December 1832 **Edward Merrell to Robert W Hay** 31/14
 Proposer of settlement at KGS to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Sets out details of the arrangements proposed for the land payments and emigrant allowance saying his proposal will reduce poor rates by taking labour for which there is no UK demand (so reducing crime and poverty) while increasing demand for UK manufactures.

- 31 December 1832 **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** 68/10
 Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sends copy of a letter from DACG Lewis (see 69/10) enclosing a £600 Warrant (see 70/10) issued by Stirling to defray his passage expenses to England. Has Stirling the authority?
- December 1832 **Frederick Chidley Irwin to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 50/10
 Acting Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Bills drawn on Treasury since 10 September 1852 (see 51/10).

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- 1 January 1833 **Robert Milne Lyon to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich** 107/10
 WA Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 A further error of the WA Government has been its attitude to aboriginals. Initially they treated settlers well and were 'harmless, liberal and kind hearted', but aggressions between natives and settlers developed. An Agricultural Society meeting in Perth in 1831 agreed the Church Missionary Society should teach Christianity and a policy of conciliation and self defence was agreed. Lyon's offer to learn a native language at his own expense was rejected.
 Settlers shot native fauna so natives attacked stock. A mounted police was decided on. About that time a £20 reward for a native [Yagen] was given and he and others were taken by stratagem and sent to Carnac Island, from which they escaped just over five weeks later.
 Lyon sets out his Carnac experiences (see 115/10, 117/10, 122/10) and calls for peace and conversion (ref 24 & 25 May 1833, 102/16 & 34/16 and the comment 28 Jan 1833, 50/15).
- 2 January 1833 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling (London)** 1/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Response to Stirling's letter (ref 22 Dec 1832, 29/10) and various conversations to assist decisions on the future fate of Colony and the extent to which the Colonists are entitled to UK help.
 The idea of a Settlement was formed because of false rumours of French intentions. It was given up on the grounds of economy and had not gentlemen proposed a Settlement scheme at their own risk, being compensated by land, with some protection and a limited period of assistance from UK, would not have been undertaken (ref 21 Aug 1828, 21/3).
 It was never contemplated the UK Government would incur the greater part of the expenses and the Civil Establishment was fixed on the most economical footing accordingly. While any notice to emigrants may appear to impute Government support, the 5 December 1828 notice (not copied) should have made emigrants realise assistance would be for a very limited period. [but note ref 21 Aug 1828, 21/3].
 Stirling's statement, that 20,000 persons might have made a prosperous settlement while 2,000 of slender means could accomplish little, does not reflect a paucity of emigrants, but their character as being the chief drawback — for many commenced land speculation and became without the means to pay their workers. The blow to settler expectations, that Government expenditure was to be limited, needs be considered against the prospect of no expenditure had it not been limited from the outset.
 Stirling says WA has no further resources and that unless money can be attracted the Colony it will be a charge on the Public or be abandoned. Consequently, Parliament must decide whether it will make an annual vote for a Civil Establishment that will not be reduced for some time.
 The proposed Civil Establishment does not seem excessive, although the way of paying for police in the Colony is unclear and a detailed estimate of monies for Public Buildings will be needed.
 An extension of the Legislature by nomination is not objectionable and it seems reasonable to give those Settlers who have remained a title to their land and permission to sell. The land of those who have left WA should be liable to resumption after 10 years.
 Labourers could be sent out regularly if the Settlers gave security for the passage money. The proposal of Mr Merrell that the money he and others advance for land purchase should be spent on Public Works in the area is acceptable. However, Merrell has no practical knowledge and it is unclear how he expects to obtain a return on his investment.

- 5 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 1/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Requests his salary due from departure WA until January 1833.
- 5 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 2/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Stirling's understanding of the proposition of Mr Merrell re settlement at KGS is: if 80,000 acres is granted to Merrell at 5/- per acre, 5/- per acre will be spent improving the land within 5 years. Merrell will provide a list of 100 families, each with not less than £1,000 who might go to WA. (ref 27 Dec 1832, 37/14 & 24 Jan 1833, 49/15).
- 5 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 4/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Requests approval to re-locate his 100,000 acre WA grant to districts further south (listed) (ref 24 Jan 1829, 2/5 & 23 Jan 1833, 12/16).
- 5 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 6/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Both settlers and Stirling always thought WA originated with the Government for Public purposes, despite conveying and maintaining themselves there. Agrees he (Stirling) discovered that WA could be successfully colonised and informed the Government, because he wished WA to become a British possession. Stirling accepted charge of the expedition to found WA under most unfavourable circumstances.
- 5 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 9/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
A memo re land regulations: Suggests acceptance of the arrangements suggested in the WA Council minutes 20 July 1832 (11/18) re Land Improvement, ie that land owners shall be able to sell unimproved land, the requirement for improvement transferring to the purchaser.
- 7 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 11/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Sends two Government Notices of 3 October 1831 for information: one listing Resident Magistrates (see 14/12), and a list of persons and districts to raise and command a troop of Yeomanry (see 15/12), a Proclamation of 3 October 1831 about native murders and attacks, setting out preventive measures (see 16/12), and a distribution list of the WA Military (see 19/12).
Investigation of the charge of trading by the Military (ref 28 Apr 1831, 56/8 & 27 Nov 1832, 51/13) shows shops and a dairy are kept by soldier's wives, which not only help them provide for their families but is convenient for the Public. Those involved are not subject to Military discipline and are not living in Barracks. Irwin's brick home was offered and hired by Public tender for the reception of stores. The complainant [John Butler] is "not remarkable.....for respectability or sobriety". Irwin has the support of the Gentlemen of the Colony.
- 7 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 20/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Requests payment of 5 months Salary.
- 8 January 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 21/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Send a copy of an address (see 22/12) presented to Lt. William Preston and hopes he shall be promoted as was the case for the similar service of the late Capt. Flinders.
- 24 January 1833 **Edward Merrell to Robert W Hay** 49/15
Proposed settler KGS to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Accepts the terms for settlement at KGS set out in Hay's letter 12th ult (not copied).

- 25 Jan 1833 James K Stewart to Robert W Hay 1/15
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury disagrees with paying Stirling while he is in the UK and wishes to know if the Acting Governor receives any acting allowance.
- 28 January 1833 John Morgan to Robert W Hay 50/15
 Government Resident, Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Recounts his present role and that he does not believe he is competent to be Clerk of the Councils. Gives his opinion of:
 The Colony — considerably improved, crops grow well but food and labour are highly priced.
 KGS — unchanged, but 3 acres of wheat grown; Augusta — unchanged, people are generally supplied with provisions from the Government Store; Vasse — the land near the Vasse is good; Murray River — a “Sergeants party” is only there to protect Thomas Peel, all bar 5 or 6 having left him; Garden Island — has been bought from Stirling by Peel for £1,000; Fremantle — improved, the houses are usually white, the colour of the sand which blows constantly and forms hillocks in the streets, making them impassable; Perth — has fewer solid homes than Fremantle as many are Government Officers. The Barracks are building at a cost of £4,000; Guildford — progresses slowly, most inhabitants being poor former indentured servants of Thomas Peel. Their crops are as well as can be expected.
 Morgan went over the mountains to York with Irwin, Roe, Dale and Brown and 3 soldiers of the 63rd in early October 1832. The first halt was at Green Mount, where there is fresh water near the road. For the next 18 miles they saw scarcely a bird, kangaroo or emu, proof of poor soil. They stopped the night at *Travellers Joy*, a lonely inn 28 miles from any neighbour. There is a decent five room cottage and three acres under wheat. After another 20 miles birds became more numerous and the soil better. At York all eight camped in the sitting room of the Government Reserve farm which is rented by Trimmer and Bland. The next day they went South to good sheep country (Bland and Trimmer’s sheep are very fine, over 400 of them) where the country is better than that of Swan or Canning. They climbed Mt Bakewell the next day. The road to York was passable for any carriage excepting some 5 miles near Carter’s.
 Natives are less troublesome than before. Two natives from KGS gave a favourable impression. Some months ago Eagan “one of the fiercest and most blood thirsty” was captured with 2 others and sent to Carnac under the charge of “a person named Lyon” from where they escaped by boat to Woodman’s Point. Eagan remains near Perth, but unless the settlers are the first aggressors he is not to be feared.
- 4 February 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 25/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 About an advance of money by Cmdr. Dance to Artificer Hall.
- 5 February 1833 James Stirling (London) to Frederick Robinson, Viscount Goderich 26/12
 Governor to Secretary of State for War & Colonies
 Requests decisions on the matters raised in his September Despatch (ref 20 Sep 1832, 7/10). Makes 6 recommendations “essential to the support and advancement of the Settlement”.
 Support the Civil Establishment.
 Extend the Legislative Council.
 Maintain protection (again suggests RN Ship rather than Troops).
 Interpret Land Improvements liberally.
 Establish a Colonial Bank.
 Clarify Government intentions regarding the Colony.
- 9 February 1833 William Townsend Dance to Robert W Hay 35/15
 Former Cmdr. *HMS Sulphur* to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 HMS Sulphur was put at the disposal of the Swan Colony and kept on station beyond the understood time of 18 months. After 18 months he had to purchase everything at a high cost with money borrowed at very high interest. A fire destroyed a cottage he built for stock to supply both himself and the ship’s company. He sent money to Batavia for more stock and other supplies, but heavy weather killed nearly all the stock and damaged the supplies. Requests a recommendation for his promotion to Post Captain.

- 12 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 32/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Concerning recommendation 3 of 5 February 1833, 26/12. A mounted Police force will protect against Natives and secure Natives against injury, but such a force will take 4 to 5 years to establish, by which time the Colony should be able to pay for it (ref 8 Mar 1833, 13/16). In the meantime at least 100 Troops are required.
 When troops are finally withdrawn, an RN Ship with Marines would suffice to control ships and crews, prevent piracy, carry out Surveys, buoy channels and construct Public buildings. A 6th rate would be cheaper than the Military and more effective (ref 20 Dec 1832, 26/10).
- 13 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 38/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Sets out the comparative cost of a ship of war compared with a detachment of Troops (ref 12 Feb 1833, 32/12).
- 14 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 24/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Gaze was murdered by natives in June 1832 near Kelmscott. Current practice after deaths: the heir takes out Letters of Administration, or if Intestate, the Registrar of the Court administers their effects. Gaze is understood to have left a will.
- 15 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 42/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Monies were paid to *HMS Sulphur* to move Government officers about the Colony, all payments being in accord with the Naval Regulation scales. Dance made no application for money. The expenses arose from needs of the service (for the Government pays all travelling expenses).
- 16 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 45/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Re Peel's land claim. Twiss's letter (ref 29 Jul 1829, 116/3) stated Peel's party should arrive before 1 November 1829 or lose claim to the land reserved for his use. Peel arrived after 1 November so his reserved land was offered for Public selection and he was treated like other Settlers.
 Peel disembarked at Cockburn Sound. He applied for more land on 12 January 1830. Asked repeatedly to quantify his request according to the Regulations, his request for 250,000 acres on 31 July 1832 was agreed. If the letters to Peel of 6 December 1828 and 28 January 1829 regarding land are correct (not copied), Peel will be entitled to a further 750,000 acres, subject to him bringing property to WA of value £75,000 before end of 1840.
- 23 January 1833 **Robert W Hay to James Stirling (London)** 12/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Stirling's request to have his land grant of 100,000 acres moved to a new location is acceptable. No further change will be possible (ref 24 Jan 1829, 2/5 & 5 Jan 1833, 4/12).
- 28 February 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 50/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 When forwarding the account of Capt. Bannister's journey from Swan to KGS (ref 5 Feb 1831, 49/7) I recommended a reward for his service and severe privations. Has any action been taken?
- 1 March 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 51/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 The wheat and rice purchase by DACG Lewis in August 1832 was a precaution against monopoly and artificial scarcity – see minutes of the Council (ref 13 Mar 1831, 8/7).

1 March 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 52/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Mr Griffiths, the Surgeon who accompanied Peel to Swan appears to have died in VDL and Stirling is unable to give any information regarding property and effects.

1 March 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 53/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

An explanation of some charges in the cash account of DACG Lewis, especially the lodging allowance drawn by Stirling, 1 February-31 May 1832.

The Executive and Legislative Councils were established in February 1832 and required a building, so the wooden house or shed which had been the Governor's temporary residence was made available. The Governor then being without a house, a cottage of Stirling's was enlarged until a proper Governor's residence was erected. Lewis paid lodging money of £300 p.a. to defray the expense.

The advance of £100 to Morgan for a house at Garden Island can be recouped from the £250 voted by Parliament. Monies paid to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Government Livestock and the Schoolmaster were arrears due before their Salary ceased.

1 March 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 56/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Re the complaints of James L Smith. Smith's wages were raised by 1/6d per day when rations were issued to others, this being thought advantageous to him and not objected to at the time. Smith assisted in repairing *HMS Success* and showed great ability. He claimed he was entitled to a pension before he left England and he appeared a fit person for a pension. Early in 1832 he became incapable of duty and his discharge was agreed, but Government funds could not be used to convey him to England. Dance allowed him on *HMS Sulphur*, but Smith became insane on the voyage and absconded at the Cape (ref 12 Jun 1832, 48/13 and 19 Aug 1833, 67/12).

8 March 1833 James K Stewart to Robert W Hay 3/15
Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Treasury agrees Stirling should receive a "moiety" of his salary while in UK and be paid an allowance for his passage expenses. £400 is too great as a Lt. Col. allowance for NSW is £140.

8 March 1833 Viscount Goderich to James Stirling (London) 13/16
Secretary of State for War & Colonies to Governor

Though the absence of capital and labour has depressed the Settlers, the ultimate success of WA is not doubted. On the points raised:

Establishment of a Bank. The Government cannot justify a bank as the risks are too great. It must be left to private enterprise as in the other Australian Colonies (ref 2 Sep 1831, 123/8; 7 Jul 1832, 21/10; 20 Dec 1832, 88/10 & 5 Feb 1833, 26/12).

Emigration. May be encouraged by advancing the passage money to be repaid from wages. Mr Merrell's proposition would bring 2,000 to WA and every support has been promised (ref 24 Jan 1833, 49/15).

Importation of Livestock. This must be a private enterprise.

Sale of Crown Land. The new regulations may deter persons of small means and prevent speculation but they will be beneficial to those of means and bring in a better class, better able to employ labour. A reduction in the size of grants will lead to greater concentration of population and allow of mutual support so being more attractive to new emigrants.

Government does not support any change to location duties (ref 24 Mar 1831, 132/9; ?Jul 1832, 21/10 & 12 Aug 1833, 61/16).

On the removal of import duties, freedom from taxation, more clergy and schoolmasters, greater Military force for protection, construction of roads and bridges by UK Government – essentially quotes Hay (2 January 1833, 1/16), noting the Colony was formed on the basis of minimum expense.

Representative members in Legislative Council. The advantages are agreed and Stirling authorised to nominate a maximum of 8 (ref 5 Feb 1833, 26/12 no. 2).

Stationing of a Ship at WA. Impracticable, one will be sent in every 6 months. The Colonial vessel may be armed.

A mounted Police force to protect natives and settlers from each other is agreed and 30 men and horses at a cost of £3432 will be met from Colonial Revenue and sale of property (ref 12 Feb 1833, 32/12).

Your despatches confirm that most who went to Swan were unlikely to make their way. Thomas Peel was one who extended his money in an extravagant scheme and could not then pay his workmen. Again quotes Hay (2 January 1833, 1/16).

9 March 1833 Robert W Hay to James Stirling 31/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Captain Sir Richard Spencer is appointed Government Resident at KGS vice Dr Collie who is appointed Colonial Surgeon. Spencer is to receive £100 per annum from the date of his commencement.

18 March 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 59/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Repeats support for Capt. Bannister's recompense for his journey and service. No reward was promised before or after the journey and as a Resident Magistrate he received only the appropriate salary (ref 28 Feb 1833, 50/12).

18 March 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 61/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Rev John Burdett Wittenoom alleges the WA Govt owes him £125, one year's salary, being paid only half salary during his passage. There is also ambiguity as to whether he could draw Public rations. Please advise.

3 April 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 63/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Brilliant and *Buffalo* are due to sail to KGS with supplies. A Commissariat Clerk should be sent with the ships to oversee the KGS Commissariat. Suggests that discharges be granted to all married soldiers at KGS with children, instead of conveying so many to India (ref 30 Nov 1831, 68/7).

3 April 1833 Robert W Hay to James Stirling 32/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Treasury allows £400 for a return passage to WA. Please refund £200, being money overdrawn in the Colony (ref 31 Dec 1832 68/10; 8 Mar 1833, 3/15; 22 May 1833, 5/15).

11 April 1833 Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling 101/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

No promise was made to J B Wittenoom when appointed Chaplain, other than a salary of £250 per annum, half being paid from the date of embarkation. His claim for rations is unfounded unless other paid Officers were receiving them, when it would be fair for him to receive them also (ref no. 20 of 23 Jul 1832, 90/9 & 18 Mar 1833, 61/12).

18 April 1833 James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay 65/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Dance alleges Stirling did not travel with him resulting in loss to Dance and requesting compensation, but Stirling only agreed to travel if *HMS Sulphur* sailed on 20 July. *HMS Sulphur* was not then ready and Dance was informed Stirling would travel on the first ship available. This was *HMS Sulphur* and at Stirling's request he travelled as a guest of the Gun Room not of the Captain (ref 30 Jul 1832, 16/18; 4 Jun 1833, 38/15 & 9 Feb 1833, 35/15).

4 May 1833 John Morgan to Robert W Hay 65/15
Government Resident, Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Sends a copy of Perth Gazette. The Editor is also the compositor and printer and the press is rented to him by the Government.

The Colony is reasonably provided with goods as several vessels have brought cargo. Lists current prices and wages. The scarcity of money and the interest rate of 25% both retard prosperity. Crops are reasonable, Morgan expects 1,000 bushels for which he will receive 15/- per bushel as fixed by Stirling. Lists grain prices.

The population is stable but as property is unsaleable no one can leave. KGS has 34 persons including soldiers.

Augusta is unchanged and several think of moving nearer the Vasse.

Peel, owner of a million acres, may be seen driving his 2 horse team helped by his 15 yr son. He is without a shilling. Garden Island is deserted but Peel may move his stores there from Clarence. Also brief references to Fremantle, Perth, Guildford, York, Beverley, Kelmscott, Grantham and Kingston.

The natives at KGS have been robbing gardens and a soldier was speared at Clarence. Men on Morgan's property at Bulls Creek are well armed, for up to 50-60 armed natives visit often. Morgan is building a store with flat roof and parapet there to be a Military Post.

In his JP capacity he obtains legal help from Mr Mackie.

Added 20 May: Midgeegoroo, the father of Yagan has been taken and identified as the murderer of a person. He will probably be executed where the murders were committed and when a native witness can be found.

Progress is slow because no Public money worthy of notice has been spent — by comparison with other places. Fortifications on Carnac Island and the Swan entrance would be of value and one thousand convicts would do much.

6 May 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 66/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Please arrange a passage to WA on a Kings Ship or an allowance to travel in a Merchant ship.

6 May 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 67/12
Governor WA to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Conclusion of the WA accounts is delayed because many early transactions are unsupported — either approve them or call for explanations (ref 12 Jun 1832, 48/13 and 1 Mar 1833, 56/12).

22 May 1833 **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** 4/15
Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Any officer acting for Stirling is only entitled to part of Stirling's salary. Stirling has acted irregularly by authorising an advance to the Acting Governor.

22 May 1833 **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** 5/15
Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Treasury agrees Stirling is entitled to an allowance to return to WA and accepts £400, but requires that £200 be repaid from the money given for his passage to the UK (ref 3 Apr 1833, 32/16).

24 May 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Henry Short** 68/12
Governor to Official Colonial Office
1. Proposed changes to Land Regulations from Lord Goderich are injurious to Settlers. Stirling counter-proposes a 6d per acre fine on land unoccupied after 3 years and resumption after 10 years,
2. Both Executive and Legislative Councils need augmentation (ref 8 Mar 1833, 13/16),
3. Commissary accounts need be separated if Military and Civil charges are to be separated,
4. Should Land Fees go to the WA Colonial Secretary or the Public,
5. If the OIC Military is to lose his 10/- per day allowance orders need be sent him,
6. Government Residents collecting duties and taxes should be allowed a percentage,
7. Require confirmation of the instruction to hold more Military provisions than is needed,
8. The Colonial vessel is unfit to be armed (ref 8 Mar 1833, 13/16),
9. Instructions for the Colonial Chaplain are required,
10. The Civil Establishment approved in UK will require 13 persons to be thrown out of employment.

24 May 1833 **Robert W Hay to Robert Milne Lyon** 102/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Settler
E G Stanley thanks you for your observations. Since returning Stirling has given information and Stanley thinks it no longer necessary to continue the correspondence. (ref 20 Dec 1832, 88/10 & 1 Jan 1833, 107/10).

- 25 May 1833** **Robert W Hay to Frederick Chidley Irwin** **34/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Acting Governor
 Please inform Robert Lyon that his correspondence with the Mr Secretary Stanley has been given to Stirling and Stanley does not wish the correspondence to continue.
- 25 May 1833** **Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling** **33/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Treasury will issue £400 for a return passage that will be recovered from monies granted to WA (ref 3 Apr 1833, 32/16).
- 26 May 1833** **Robert W Hay to Frederick Chidley Irwin** **35/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Acting Governor
 Sends a copy of a letter about Irwin's acting allowance. As Stirling authorised money in excess of that allowed, the excess needs be refunded (ref 22 May 1833, 4/15).
- 27 May 1833** **James K Stewart to Robert W Hay** **7/15**
 Treasury official to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury regrets numerous and continued deviations from the Estimates, both in appointments and salaries. Instances include: an allowance to Brown for Acting as Treasurer, to the Civil Engineer, to Lt. Carew at KGS, to Assistant Surveyor Smith for a survey, for horse upkeep to the Colonial Secretary, the house rent and travel expenses given to the Colonial Chaplain, a payment for taking prisoners from KGS to Launceston, a horse to Capt. Bannister, fees to the Colonial Surgeon for inquests, design allowances paid to the Civil Engineer and an allowance to the Master of the *HMS Sulphur*. Deviations from the Parliamentary Estimates will be the responsibility of those authorising them.
 The DACG is authorised to receive an additional 2/6d a day (ref 20 Jul 1833, 103/16).
- 4 June 1833** **William Townsend Dance to Robert W Hay** **38/15**
 Former Cmdr. *HMS Sulphur* to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Dance has received a copy of Stirling's letter (ref 18 Apr 1833, 65/12). It appears the Admiralty has used it to refuse him promotion and payment for the potential entertaining of Stirling and his family between Swan and the Cape of Good Hope. Stirling's statement, that he would be Dance's guest "at Captain Dance's solicitation" is objected to. Dance could not sail because of the illness of his wife, an excuse unacceptable to Stirling, whose change of mind and by being a guest of the Gun Room caused Dance ruinous loss.
- 18 June 1833** **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** **73/12**
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Response to Dance's allegations against Stirling with respect to his passage in the *HMS Sulphur* — Dance received commendations for diligent service early, but subsequently Stirling changed his opinion because of Dance's excessive delay in bringing provisions (ref 26 Jun 1832, 74/14) and his refusal to sail because of the illness of Mrs Dance (ref 30 Jul 1832, 16/18).
- 20 June 1833** **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** **78/12**
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Gives his view of salary increases granted to Messrs Browne, Mackie, Toby and Dr Lyttleton, and on other appointments and Public works instituted by Irwin in Stirling absence.
- 27 June 1833** **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** **82/12**
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Stirling supports a petition by William Hudson for compensation for assistance in apprehending an attempted piratical seizure of the Colonial vessel *Cyprus* (at VDL).
- 27 June 1833** **William Townsend Dance to Harold Twiss** **46/15**
 Former Cmdr. *Sulphur* to former Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Dance had hoped his case would have made more favourable impression, but as it is felt the matter is better dropped, ask Hay not to take the matter further.

28 June 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 83/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Changes to the Civil Establishment did not exceed the amount voted by Parliament. Fourteen points were raised and explanations follow (ref 27 May 1833, 7/15):

1. £200 to Mr Browne was granted as he refused the responsibility of Colonial Accountant without remuneration.
 2. The Civil Engineer refused to serve at the rate of £100 per annum, which was less than half the wages of a common Carpenter.
 3. The allowance to Lt. Carew as OIC KGS was granted in accordance with NSW and VDL practice, when he took charge of stores and the issue of rations, as no one would take charge when the Commissariat Clerk was removed.
 4. There was no double payment to Smythe, there being two persons of the same name.
 5. The allowance for horse upkeep was given to the WA Colonial Secretary because he needed to travel to Fremantle weekly.
 6. The house allowance paid to the Colonial Chaplain was in accordance with NSW and VDL practice and the travel allowance was given for his duties at Fremantle and Guildford on alternate Sundays.
 7. The apparent payment to the Captain of the Colonial vessel was entered following the transport of absconding convicts, but actual payment was not made.
 8. The horse for Capt. Bannister was to assist his exploration from Swan to KGS.
 9. Fees for attendance at inquests and punishments were made to a private practitioner as the Colonial Surgeon could not attend.
 10. When the Civil Engineer resigned the Troop barracks could not be built without his aid. When allowed to charge for his designs, 5 gns each, he agreed to continue.
 11. Master of the *HMS Sulphur* buoyed the channel into Cockburn Sound and was paid in lieu of the extra The pay allowed to Naval personnel engaged on Civil duty.
 12. Moneys paid for the passage and accommodation of Colonial Officers on board the *HMS Sulphur* is correct (ref 42/12, 15 Feb 1833).
 13. Issues of wheat and grain to Officers on the Civil Establishment at settler prices is explained in the Executive Council minutes.
 14. The appointment of a Colonial ADC I cannot explain not being aware of such an appointment.
- If the above is satisfactory please ask for approval of the accounts

Undated **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 91/12
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Morgan was appointed Barrack master without salary until UK views were known. He has no authority to write to the Ordnance Dept or apply for stores.

20 July 1833 **Robert W Hay to James K Stewart** 103/16
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Treasury

Sends copy of 28 June 1833, 83/12. The explanations are satisfactory to the Colonial Department and hopes they will be to Treasury. Stanley has asked for a response to Audit queries arising since Stirling returned to WA being:

Appointment of Capt. Ellis and Charles Norcott as Supt. & Asst. Supt. Of Native Tribes — the despatch and minutes of Council of July 1832 give information as to why these appointments are necessary. They appear to be the commencement of the Mounted Corps (ref 8 Mar 1833, 13/16).

Hillman Assistant Surveyor rather than Draftsman and Shenton as draftsman — staff changes in the Department have allowed Hillman's promotion. It is suggested be the resulting increase of £150 be allowed.

Morgan, Barrack Master without salary and rations — the erection of the Barracks made it necessary for someone to take charge of them (ref 24 Jul 1832, 80/14).

Increases of salary to J Toby (Master of Colonial Schooner *Ellen*), Peter Brown (Colonial Secretary), Mr Mackie Advocate General) and Dr Lyttleton (Assistant Colonial Surgeon) — Toby and Lyttleton should refund all unauthorised payments, Mackie should refund the excess over the increase now granted. Brown, with a large family and salary barely adequate to support them, should not be required to refund and be permitted to retain £100 of the fees received by his Department.

The Corn Mill – Irwin authorised a £600 advance subject to mortgage (ref 28 Sep 1832, 49/18) and the Public will not suffer loss. It is agreed the WA Government should not undertake similar enterprises.

Messenger to Councils – Stirling's explanation that the post was necessary on formation of the Councils is accepted (ref 21 Nov 1832, 77/18).

The per diem to Privates of the 63rd — partly Police, paid in because of exposure in the woods (ref 31 Jul 1832, 20/18).

House rent — is actually the Office rent of the Surveyor General's Department.

Irwin's pay while Acting Governor — the arrangements are set out at length.

Instructions are being prepared for the control of Public expenditure, the present head of the Commissariat Department is to receive 2/6d per day (ref 27 May 1833, 7/15) and a Clerk is to be appointed at KGS.

Collector of Revenue — Stirling is to appoint a person for this.

24 July 1833 **James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 92/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Renews his recommendation that married soldiers at KGS who wish to remain be discharged to be settlers (ref 30 Nov 1831, 68/7 and 3 Apr 1833, 63/12).

25 July 1833 **Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling** 36/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Requests Stirling to pursue queries raised by Army Accounts in respect of Morgan's accounts.

28 July 1833 **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** 38/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Instructions on Revenue and the Establishment:

Revenue: Needs be raised to make WA independent of UK Finance. Suggests Custom Duties on luxuries, fees levied by Public Departments (which are not the perquisites of the head of departments), Court fines and all sums due on 31 March 1832 from Settlers for land and stores etc will be for use of the WA Government.

Expenditure: The Colony will be charged for all Civil expenses not provided by Parliament.

Disbursements of Public Money: All must be authorised by the Governor and made by the Commissary.

Salaries: Any salary or allowance in excess of the Estimates needs the authority of the Secretary of State or Treasury. Stirling will be personally responsible for any departure from this unless the increase is necessary to prevent resignation or if no competent person was available at the lower salary.

Public Works: No Public Works are to commence without plans and estimates approved by the Legislative Council. Any works exceeding £200 will require the approval of the Legislative Council and UK Government.

Stores: Requisitions on England must be signed by the Governor as "indispensably required for the Public Service" and must state their purpose, the quantity held in WA and the means of payment.

Accounts: To be made up quarterly and sent to the UK for audit with vouchers and authorities for all payments

Establishment: Attaches an authorised schedule of Offices with names and salaries (see 52/16 & 53/16). Notes that Assistant Surveyors are discontinued as the sale of Crown land will reduce the workload, that Civil Officers must pay for Medical help and that the Advocate General (G F Moore) can undertake private practice.

Contingencies: The Estimates will cover the cost of the lease of an office for the Surveyor General and the Colonial Secretary, £500 to maintain a Colonial Vessel and £2,200 for Public Works.

Impresses "upon you the absolute necessity of your abstaining from increasing the Expenditure of your Government".

29 July 1833 **Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling** 54/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Re persons affected by the Civil Establishment changes (ref 24 May 1833, 68/12 no. 10) Messrs Smythe, Shenton and Collinson in the Surveyor General's Department are not entitled to special consideration, not being sent from UK for their jobs. Drummond may be leased the Botanic Garden at

nominal rent and sell the produce thereof. Mr Sutherland should be offered the post of Collector of Colonial Revenue at his current salary, Mr Reveley should receive a percentage of Public Works he supervises. Mr Shilton has no claim on the Government, the Assistant Surgeons and Storekeepers at KGS and Augusta may find alternative Medical or commissariat employment. Draws the attention of Stirling to the merits of Captain Meares.

30 July 1833 **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **58/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor

Removes the restriction set out in Goderich's land instructions of 8 March 1832 (not copied) in which unimproved land could be sold, if part of the land were surrendered to the Crown. Emphasises that when land is sold it is still subject to all the improvement conditions to which it was liable and that the quit rent and resumption regulations remain in force. No land sale is permitted for those who have left or are proposing to leave WA. Where persons have already left their land may resumed immediately.

2 August 1833 **Thomas Spring Rice to Robert W Hay** **18/15**
Secretary to Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Suggests amendments to the WA Act for import duty on spirits.

3 August 1833 **Thomas Spring Rice to Robert W Hay** **21/15**
Secretary to Treasury to Under-Secretary for Colonies

In light of letters received, Treasury now accepts some of the salary increases and allowances but not others (listed). Agree to the Police appointments for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Native Tribes. The cost of the Barracks for the Soldiers and Officers and a Magazine can be defrayed from Army money.

6 August 1833 **Sir James Stirling (Guildford, UK) to Robert W Hay** **94/12**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Requests payment of the fees (£380.10.6) charged to him on appointment as Governor.

8 August 1833 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** **1/13**
Government Resident, Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Accepts an appointment as Police Magistrate, Richmond VDL.

8 August 1833 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** **2/13**
Government Resident, Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies

His promotion is envied by all in Government for VDL has the necessities of life at reasonable cost. The current WA news is that £10,000 will be allowed for the Civil Establishment and 250 Marines will relieve the 63rd.

Yagan (or Eagan) and his father Midgegoroo have been shot, the "most treacherous foes and implacable enemies" of the settlers. This may teach the natives a lesson, for the certainty of immediate punishment for wrong is the best inducement to do right.

8 August 1833 **Richard Milne Lyon to Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick** **47/15**
Settler to Secretary of State for War & Colonies

A war of extermination with the native tribes may be avoided if the Government will give Lyon the means to establish schools among the natives in the Interior beyond the present boundaries to diffuse among them knowledge of Christianity, before they have contact with the vicious and demoralising Europeans. Natives are being killed every day "often in mere sport".

9 August 1833 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** **5/13**
Government Resident, Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies

Crops grow well, the principal drawback is a shortage of bullocks or horses to plough and the high cost of every article and labour. Timber should prove valuable and the best timber grows in the worst land. Is winding up the Store Keepers accounts.

- 12 August 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **61/16**
 Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Previous letters have dealt with Public Affairs. Problems raised respecting resident individuals are dealt with herein:
 Thomas Peel – was allowed 21 years rather than 10 to improve his land. He should not be able to sell any land unless he waives his 21 year period and be subject to 10 years like other settlers. Government does not consider itself bound to allow Peel land to complete 1 million acres as he did not fulfil the conditions for 250,000 acres.
 William Tanner – Agree with Stirling's decision to grant land such as his capital covers (ref 13 Jul 1832, 129/9).
 MacDermott & Cheyne – Agree with Stirling they cannot have land under conditions applicable before the date of their arrival (ref 28 Oct 1831, 139/9 & 19 Jan 1832, 130/9).
 Henry Bull – Goderich 8 March 1833 did not approve any change to Location Duties (ref 24 Mar 1831, 132/9).
 Captain Mark J Currie – The request to cancel his loan is not agreed. He requested to go to WA knowing he would receive no salary for duties (ref 29 Dec 1828, 87/16 & 23 Feb 1832, 135/9).
- 19 August 1833** **John G S Lefevre to Sir James Stirling** **67/16**
 ?Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Asks for Stirling's opinion on claim by James L Smith for arrears of pay. (ref 12 Jun 1832, 48/13 & 1 Mar 1833, 56/12).
- 20 August 1833** **John G S Lefevre to Frederick Chidley Irwin** **68/16**
 ?Under-Secretary for Colonies to Acting Governor
 Satisfied with the explanation given by Brown relative to Bills drawn on his UK Agents (ref 4 Mar 1832, 53/8).
- 24 August 1833** **Major-Gen. Lord FitzRoy Somerset to Robert W Hay** **27/15**
 Secretary to C in C Army to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Married soldiers of the 63rd at Swan who so desire may be discharged there to be settlers provided they renounce all claim to a pension (ref 3 Apr 1833, 63/12 & 1 Sep 1833, 69/16).
- 29 August 1833** **Commissioners of Audit: Report** **28/15**
 Have disposed of many of the queries against the WA Accounts to 31 March 1832. Concerned that the forgery of Government Notes should be a charge on the Public, but in view of the interest saved by use of the Notes, the Audit Commissioners should consider the loss by forgery to be allowed. There are queries in relation to Mr Sholl and subject to these we agree the Accounts should be passed.
- 1 September 1833** **John G S Lefevre to Sir James Stirling** **69/16**
 ?Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Copy of the instructions allowing married soldiers of the 63rd to take discharge to become Settlers (ref 24 Aug 1833, 27/15).
- 2 September 1833** **James K Stewart to John G S Lefevre** **32/15**
 Treasury official to ?Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Treasury does not agree to return to Stirling the fees charged on his appointment as Governor.
- 2 September 1833** **John G S Lefevre to Sir James Stirling** **70/16**
 ?Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
 Treasury does not agree to pay the fees consequent on his appointment as Governor (ref 6 Aug 1833, 94/12).
- 4 September 1833** **Sir James Stirling (Guildford, UK) to Robert W Hay** **95/12**
 Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
 Stores obtained from the Cape were for Military use and should be so charged.

- 4 September 1833** **Sir James Stirling (Guildford, UK) to Robert W Hay** **96/12**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Re the salary of Mr Sutherland as Clerk and the appointment of a Messenger to the Councils.
- 6 September 1833** **The Agricultural Society Report to Patron** **7/13**
Directors of Society to Governor
Despite the disadvantages, land cultivation has increased four fold, to 560 acres of wheat and 240 acres under barley, oats etc. Barley grows well, but the absence of a brewery results in too free a use of spirits. Messrs Burges brew sugar beer which though pleasant is not as suitable as malt beer. Comments on oats, peas, potatoes, turnips, mangel-wurzel, maize, fruit and nuts.
Sheep and cattle have increased, but too many breeding cattle have been butchered for food.
The York district is superior to Swan and Canning but the lack of a road across the hills is a great drawback.
Attacks by natives have ceased and better feelings exist. It is hoped the Government will continue to supply them with rations.
- 17 September 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **71/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
Brown should retain Departmental fees and allowances while Acting as Colonial Treasurer (ref 4 Mar 1832, 53/8).
- 20 September 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **73/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
The UK Government approves the Rules and Orders for Civil Courts WA (ref 17 Feb 1832, 61/17) and suggests a report from the WA Judiciary after 3 years as to their efficacy.
- 22 September 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **74/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
Instructions for the management of Colonial funds. Sends the Audit Report on the forgeries of Promissory Notes (ref 29 Aug 1833, 28/15) and requests any information/explanation of the accounts of Mr Scholl. No Promissory Notes or Currency may be issued without UK permission.
- 26 September 1833** **Sir James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** **98/12**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
A list of 39 gentlemen resident proprietors fittest to be members of the Legislative Council.
- 3 October 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **76/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
The augmentation of the Legislative Council is deferred until 1834 when the Act under which the Colony is governed is renewed. If your opinion of any of those previously recommended changes, please apprise and name a substitute (ref 26 Sep 1833, 93/12 & 24 May 1833, 68/12).
- 9 October 1833** **Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling** **77/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
Should Mr Dawson return to WA he may be appointed Harbour Master at Augusta or other position for which he may be qualified (ref 7 Aug 1832, 24/18).
- 1 November 1833** **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** **78/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
The 10 Acts with your despatch (ref 23 Jul 1832, 5/10) have been considered. The positions of Chief Judge, Registrar of the Court and Sheriff need be subject to agreement by HM, who should have the right of future nomination. Offices should be held during pleasure, excepting the Chief Judge to hold by good behaviour. Please amend the Act accordingly.

- 5 November 1833 **Sir James Stirling (London) to Robert W Hay** 100/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Recommends Humphrey Donaldson as Sheriff of the Colony vice Dawson (ref 9 Oct 1833, 77/16).
- 5 November 1833 **Robert W Hay to Sir James Stirling** 80/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
Humphrey Donaldson's appointment as Sheriff is accepted, salary to commence on reaching WA.
- 5 November 1833 **Sir James Stirling (London) to Edward Geoffrey Stanley** 101/12
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Promissory Notes amounting to £288 were forged, despite precautions. This should be admitted against the Public Accounts (ref 29 Aug 1833, 28/15). On return I shall investigate the Purchase Accounts.
- 19 November 1833 **Edward Geoffrey Stanley to Sir James Stirling** 81/16
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Governor
Have Irwin's despatch of 1 June 1833 (not copied) with comment on 3 matters for which a different conduct would have been desired: 1. Re native conduct which led to the deaths of 2 labourers 2. remuneration to settlers who aid the Military 3. the bounty on wheat production.
The animosity of the natives is regretted and may arise from "incautious proceedings on the part of the lower Class of Settlers" though pleased that no blame attaches to them as the death of the natives which led to subsequent violence occurred in defence of property. The two labourers could have been more vigilant.
The apprehension of the murderers was proper but the decision of Irwin and the Legislative Council, however just, was calculated to increase the native exasperation. The other two guilty natives should be handled in such way as to produce a salutary effect on the natives without capital punishment.
Allowances for aiding the Military are objectionable. If Police and Troops are inadequate protection settlers should give their services free.
The wheat bounty has serious objections and must cease immediately, although those who will use the bounty to repay advances from the Government prior to cessation may receive the bounty (ref 29-30 Jun 1832, 51/17).

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- 9 February 1834 **Sir James Stirling (Portsmouth) to Robert W Hay** 12/13
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Is detained by a westerly wind. Capt. Irwin arrived yesterday and reports the Colony satisfactory. Irwin always gave zealous assistance and support and he is recommended to favour.
- 16 May 1834 **John Morgan to Robert W Hay** 22/13
Government Resident Perth to Under-Secretary for Colonies
His appointment to the VDL Police arrived 23 November 1833 (ref 8 August 1833, 2/13). Told on 31 December 1833 to close the Storekeepers Accounts and hand over to the DACG, this fully occupied him until the end of March 1834. Morgan could not proceed to VDL before the completion of his duty, there being no delay on his part as he is unpaid in WA. The temporary mental derangement of Capt. Daniel (21st Regt.) held up public business, but Capt. Beete (21st Regt) took command 15 May 1834.
- Undated **Peter Brown to J Burnett** 24/13
WA Colonial Secretary to Colonial Secretary VDL
Morgan could not travel earlier to VDL, being required to wind up his Store Accounts. Universal esteem exists here towards him, your kind auspices are requested on his arrival.

- 23 June 1834** **Sir James Stirling (KGS) to Robert W Hay** **14/13**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
After a 4.5 month voyage, as his ship carried many KGS settlers, Stirling landed there and will soon travel to Perth. KGS continues promisingly, Sir Richard Spencer and his family are pleased with their circumstances. The Acting Governor, Captain Daniell resigned from ill health (ref 16 May 1834, 22/13).
- 3 July 1834** **Frederick Chidley Irwin (London) to John G S Lefevre** **25/13**
Capt. 63rd Regt. to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Suggests Indian Convicts be used in WA to construct of roads, bridges and Public Works as is currently done in Mauritius. The cost would be trifling compared with the benefit.
- 18 July 1834** **John G S Lefevre to Frederick Chidley Irwin (London)** **118/16**
Under-Secretary for Colonies to Capt. 63rd Regt.
Your suggestion for the use of Indian Convicts for Public works in WA is not accepted.
- July 1834** **Report of Thomas Hunt and Henry Mortlock Ommanney** **27/13**
An account of a journey to Sharks Bay to searching for a possible wreck in the vicinity and to ascertain the truth of the report of a wreck and relieve any survivors.
- 24 November 1834** **Peter Brown to George Cheyne** **21/13**
WA Colonial Secretary to Settler
Stirling will forward his petition (see 19/13) to the Secretary of State.
- 26 November 1834** **Sir James Stirling to Robert W Hay** **16/13**
Governor to Under-Secretary for Colonies
Morgan accepted the appointment in VDL and departed on 2 November 1834 leaving a deficit in his Store Accounts of £785.1.9d for the period 1 April 1832 to 31 December 1833. There being no way this sum could be recovered, Stirling deemed it best to allow Morgan to go to VDL and requests the money be recovered through the Government of VDL. Stirling is unable to send responses to the queries of the Army Audit as Morgan went to VDL without returning them.
- 3 December 1834** **Sir James Stirling to Thomas Spring Rice** **18/13**
Governor WA to Secretary to Treasury
Sends a copy of a petition from some persons at KGS (see 19/13) desiring the despatch of Convicts to create proper lines of communications in the Colony, the want of which results in inability to dispose of Agricultural produce (not supported by Stirling) and his reply. (ref 9 Jan 1831, 67/8; 17 Jan 1831, 79/8; 11 Feb 1831, 69/8; 3 Jul 1834, 25/13).

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