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VICTORIA.

GOLD FIELDS.

Return to Address.

MR. FAWKNER.—10TH DECEMBER, 1852.

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VICTORIA.

RETURN of the NUMBER of HALF-MONTHLY LICENSES issued at the various Gold Fields of this Colony, together with the Names of Officers making such issues, and also by whom ordered or sanctioned.

LOCALITY.	Date of Issue.	Number.	By whom Issued.	By whom ordered or sanctioned.
Ballaarat {	20th to 30th September, 1851	532 {	Assistant Commissioner Doveton	His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
" {	20th to 25th September, 1852	2 {	Assistant Commissioner Eyre	" "
Anderson's Creek	October, "	17 {	Crown Land Commis- sioner Fenwick	" "
Monnt Alexander	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Broken River ...	October, "	5 {	Crown Land Commis- sioner Smythe	His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
May Day Hills ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

WILLIAM TURNER, Commissioner.
For the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields.

VICTORIA.

RETURN* of all OFFICERS appointed to act upon the various GOLD FIELDS of this Colony, together with the DATES of their several APPOINTMENTS and REMOVALS, or RESIGNATIONS, if any.

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	Gold Field to which first appointed.	REMOVALS.	RESIGNATION.	REMARKS.
Wright, W. H.	Chief Commissioner	1 May, 1852	Mount Alexander.	Relieved 18th February, 1852.	...	Promoted 1st May, 1852.
Bull, J. F. N.	Resident Commissioner	9 Oct., "	Bendigo.		...	
Smythe, H. W. H.	"	1 Nov., "	May Day Hills.		...	
Powlett, F. A.	Acting Resident Commissioner	1 Oct., 1851	Mount Alexander		...	
Wright, W. H.	"	18 Feb., 1852	"		...	
Doveton, F. C.	Assistant Commissioner	19 Aug., 1851	Ballaarat	To Mount Alexander, 7th November, 1851.	...	
Mair, Wm.	"	3 Oct., "	"	Relieved 1st January, 1852	...	
Dexter, B.	"	27 Oct., "	Mount Alexander		16 Nov., 1852.	
Layland, C. J. P.	"	29 Oct., "	"		...	
Armstrong, D.	"	28 Nov., "	Ballaarat	To Mount Alexander, 10th Dec., 1851	...	
Horne, R. W.	"	28 Nov., "	"	To Mount Alexander, 3rd December, 1851.	31 May, 1852.	
Fletcher, Jno.	"	28 Nov., "	Mount Alexander	Relieved 1st June, 1852	31 Dec., 1851.	
Gray, W. N.	"	10 Dec., "	Ballaarat	Relieved 1st January, 1852.	...	Also Acting Police Magistrate.
Eyre, A. J.	"	1 Jan., 1852	"		...	Also Acting Police Magistrate.
Dane, J.	"	1 Jan., "	Mount Alexander		26 Jan., 1852.	
Cockburn, O. R.	"	1 Jan., "	Ballaarat	{ To Bendigo, 13th March, 1852; returned to Ballaarat, 15th May, 1852; to Mount Alexander, 6th November, 1852.	...	
Smythe, G. D.	"	14 Feb., "	Mitta Mitta	31st August, 1852	...	
Gilbert, G. A.	"	14 Feb., "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 20th March, 1852.	...	Party broken up.
Clow, J. M.	"	14 Feb., "	"	{ To Bendigo, 24th April, 1852; and to May Day Hills, 15th October, 1852.	...	
Rawnsley, R. C.	"	1 March, "	"		1 May, 1852.	
Thomson, J. C.	"	1 March, "	"	Dismissed 28th May, 1852.	...	
McLean, M.	"	1 April, "	Ballaarat	{ To Mount Alexander, 30th April, 1852; returned to Ballaarat, 6th Nov., 1852.	...	
Fenwick, W.	"	28 April, "	"	Relieved 1st December, 1852	...	Removed and promoted 1st Dec., 1852.
Cook, S. J.	"	28 April, "	Bendigo		...	
Symonds, E. S.	"	11 May, "	Mount Alexander.	To Bendigo, 3rd July, 1852.	...	
Read, C. R.	"	25 May, "	"	To Bendigo, 12th June, 1852.	...	
Panton, J. A.	"	29 May, "	"		...	
Reynell, A.	"	1 June, "	Mount Alexander and Bendigo.		...	{ Employed by the South Australian Government.
Kingdon, S.	"	8 June, "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 25th September, 1852	...	Promoted 19th October, 1852.

* Compiled from Returns furnished to the 15th December, 1852.

RETURN OF OFFICERS, &c.—Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	Gold Field to which first appointed.	REMOVALS.	RESIGNATION.	REMARKS.
Hall, C. B.	Assistant Commissioner	28 Aug., 1852	Mount Alexander.			
Turner, W.	"	1 Oct., "	"			
Mostyn, H. P.	"	2 Oct., "	"			
Foster, H.	"	4 Oct., "	"	To Bendigo, 8th December, 1852		{ Acting Police Magistrate, from 8th December, 1852.
Rede, R.	"	9 Oct., "	"	To Bendigo, 23rd October, 1852.		
Mayer, E.	"	19 Oct., "	"	To May Day Hills, 6th November, 1852.		
Jones, F.	"	1 Nov., "	Bendigo.			
Hutton, F. F.	"	1 Nov., "	Mount Alexander		30 Nov., 1852.	
Cruikshank, C.	"	1 Nov., "	"			
Sherrard, C. W.	"	1 Nov., "	Ballaarat.			
Morphy, J. S.	"	5 Nov., "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 11th December, 1852.		
Wiltoby, W.	"	16 Nov., "	"	To Bendigo, 11th December, 1852.		
Bracksbury, W. C.	"	24 Nov., "	Ballaarat.			
Heron, F. D. S.	"	1 Dec., "	Mount Alexander.			
Green, J.	"	1 Dec., "	Ballaarat.			
Callicott, A. M.	Chief Clerk	25 March, "	Mount Alexander		25 Aug., 1852.	Promoted 19th October, 1852.
Meyer, E.	"	7 June, "	"			
Hall, M.	"	8 Dec., "	Castlemaine.			
Bell, J.	Clerk	11 Oct., 1851	Ballaarat		31 Jan., 1852.	
Weir, C.	"	17 Jan., 1852	Mount Alexander	Dismissed 11th March, 1852.		
Margrave, L.	"	17 Jan., "	"			
Notterwood, J. B.	"	14 Feb., "	Mt. Mitta	31st August, 1852		Party broken up.
Esley, A.	"	18 Feb., "	Mount Alexander	"	20 July, 1852.	
Clarke, T.	"	23 Feb., "	"	{ To Bendigo, 20th March, 1852; returned to Mount Alexander, 4th September, 1852.		
Lewtham, T.	"	8 March, "	"	"	10 March, 1852.	
Honey, J.	"	15 March, "	"	"	31 May, 1852.	
Garsed, E.	"	16 March, "	"	To Bendigo, 27th March, 1852	15 Nov., 1852.	
Sturke, H.	"	16 March, "	"	To Bendigo, 4th September, 1852.		
Webb, E. C.	"	16 March, "	"	Dismissed 29th June, 1852.		
Chauncey, H. S.	"	22 March, "	"	"		{ Acting Surveyor, promoted 30th Sept., 1852.
Payne, C. H.	"	25 March, "	"	"		Promoted 1st April, 1852.
Ramsay, D. T.	"	16 April, "	Ballaarat	"	31 July, 1852.	
Heywood, R.	"	14 May, "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 29th May, 1852.		
Levey, G. C.	"	20 May, "	"	"	31 July, 1852.	
Hutton, F. F.	"	7 June, "	Mount Alexander and Bendigo	{ To Gold Office, Mount Alexander, 7th October, 1852		{ Clerk to South Australian Commissioner, 6th October, 1852; promoted 1st November, 1852.
Jones, F.	"	7 June, "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 3rd July, 1852		Promoted 1st November, 1852.
Pierce, W.	"	7 June, "	"	To Bendigo, 3rd July, 1852		
Warner, A.	"	7 June, "	"	To Bendigo, 4th September, 1852.	31 Oct., 1852.	
Johns, R. E.	"	1 July, "	"	"		{ Clerk to South Australian Commissioner, from 7th October, 1852.

Winter, H.	Clerk	1 July, 1852	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 7th August, 1852	31 Aug., 1852.	Promoted 1st November, 1852.
Batt, J. W. S.	"	20 Aug., "	"	"	"	"
Wollaston, E. C.	"	1 Sept., "	"	"	"	"
Lindsay, H. A. F.	"	1 Sept., "	"	"	"	"
Watson, T. B.	"	1 Sept., "	"	To Bendigo, 2nd October, 1852.	"	"
Skene, H.	"	6 Sept., "	"	To Bendigo, 11th September, 1852.	"	"
Ellin, E.	"	22 Sept., "	Ballaarat	"	30 Nov., 1852.	"
Legguth, J. D.	"	1 Nov., "	May Day Hills.	"	"	"
Austin, J. L. S.	"	1 Nov., "	Mount Alexander.	"	"	"
Hutchinson, G. L.	"	1 Nov., "	"	"	"	"
Cogdon, J.	"	1 Nov., "	"	"	"	"
Fitzsimons, G. W.	"	3 Nov., "	"	"	"	"
Reek, S. P. R.	"	3 Nov., "	"	To Bendigo, 6th November, 1852.	"	"
Hony, J.	"	12 Nov., "	"	To Bendigo, 13th November, 1852.	"	"
McNish, J.	"	1 Dec., "	Ballaarat.	"	"	"
Wyman, S.	"	1 Dec., "	"	"	"	"
Le'Prove, J.	"	7 Dec., "	May Day Hills.	"	"	"
Clementson	"	20 Nov., "	Mount Alexander	To Bendigo, 20th November, 1852.	"	"
Bennett, H. O.	"	6 Nov., "	"	"	"	"
Walsh, L.	Storekeeper	16 March, "	"	"	1 Oct., 1852.	"
Keor, J. F. F.	"	4 June, "	Bendigo.	"	"	"
Wollaston, E. C.	"	1 Nov., "	Mount Alexander.	"	"	"
Agg, W. H.	"	5 Nov., "	May Day Hills.	"	"	"
D'Arc, J.	"	1 Dec., "	Ballaarat.	"	"	"
Walsh, E. S.	Assistant Storekeeper	27 April, "	Mount Alexander	"	"	Promoted 1st May, 1852.
Walsh, J. B.	"	11 May, "	"	"	September 1852.	"
Dixie, J.	"	8 Nov., "	Castlemaine	Removed 1st December, 1852	"	Removed and promoted 1st Dec., 1852.
Armstrong, D.	Crown Bailiff	1 Oct., 1851	Ballaarat	"	"	Promoted 28th November, 1851.
Baxter, E.	"	9 Oct., "	"	"	"	Promoted 27th October, 1851.
Rogers, R. R.	Acting Clerk of Works	20 Mar., 1852	Mount Alexander	Relieved 1st June, 1852.	"	"
Ohlsen Begge, C. H.	"	21 May, "	"	"	"	"
Wilson, W.	Camp Inspector	1 April, "	"	Dismissed 28th April, 1852.	"	"
Walsh, E. S.	"	19 May, "	"	"	"	"
Sutth, W.	"	18 June, "	Bendigo.	"	"	"
Smith, H.	Inspector of Gold Workings	31 Oct., 1851	Ballaarat	To Mount Alexander, 13th July, 1852.	31 Aug., 1852.	"
Wendridge, S.	"	1 Nov., "	Mount Alexander	"	"	"
Brodie, C.	"	1 Dec., "	"	Relieved 14th February, 1852.	31 Oct., 1852.	"
Miller, A.	"	9 Dec., "	"	To Bendigo, 10th July, 1852	"	"
Nicholson, A. B.	"	14 Jan., 1852	"	"	"	"
Wilson, W.	"	16 Jan., "	"	"	"	"
Mitland, J. T.	"	24 Jan., "	"	"	15 March, 1852.	Promoted October, 1852.
Nicolson, C. W.	"	27 March, "	"	"	30 Sept., 1852.	Promoted 1st April, 1852.
Steele, J.	"	20 April, "	"	Dismissed 30th June, 1852.	"	"
Holloway, A. M.	"	1 May, "	Reid's Creek	Relieved	"	Acting Inspector.
Morcum, S.	"	12 July, "	Bendigo	"	31 Oct., 1852.	"

RETURN OF OFFICERS, &c.—Continued.

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McCrea, Wm.	Assistant Colonial Surgeon	15 Mar., 1852	Mount Alexander.			
McCrae, J.	"	24 April, "	Bendigo.			
Green, Hy.	"	19 Nov., "	May Day Hills.			
Fryer, F.	Postmaster	1 April, "	Mount Alexander.			
Cusworth, J.	"	7 June, "	Bendigo.			
Payne, C. H.	Clerk to Postmaster	1 April, "	Mount Alexander.			Promoted 12th July, 1853.
Morcum, S.	"	19 May, "	" "			
Winfield, G.	"	1 July, "	" "			
Poole, G. H.	"	14 July, "	Bendigo		20 Sept., 1852.	
Simpson, T.	"	16 July, "	" "		9 Aug., 1852.	
Dixon, G. F.	"	1 Aug., "	" "		23 Aug., 1852.	
Armstrong, J.	"	10 Aug., "	Bendigo.			
McGhee, T. H.	"	6 Sept., "	" "			
Thutchell, T.	"	22 Sept., "	" "			
Pain, S. B.	"	1 Oct., "	" "			
Danna, H. E. P.	Acting Police Magistrate	1 Jan., "	Mount Alexander	Relieved 31st January, 1852.		
Stewart, R. P.	"	11 Jan., "	Bendigo	Relieved 8th December, 1852.		
Shadforth, R. W.	"	1 June, "	Mount Alexander.			
Harper, G. M.	"	29 Oct., "	May Day Hills.			
Green, J.	Clerk to the Bench	...	Ballaarat			Promoted 1st December, 1852.
Saunders, J. T.	"	6 May, "	Bendigo.			
Heron, T. D. S.	"	7 May, "	Mount Alexander			
Abbott, W. A.	"	1 Nov., "	May Day Hills.			Promoted 1st December, 1852.
Legguth, W.	"	1 Nov., "	Castlemaine		6 May, 1852.	
Cuttan, C. E.	"	1 Dec., "	Mount Alexander.			
Kingdon, S.	Deputy Sheriff	19 Oct., "	" "			
Jones, J. W.	Clerk to Deputy Sheriff	Oct., "	" "			
Lydliard, C. J. P.	Escort Officer	1 Oct., 1851	Ballaarat			Promoted 27th October, 1851.
Hunter, A. F. A.	"	29 Oct., "	" "			Promoted 27th October, 1851.
Templeton, W.	"	1 Nov., "	Mount Alexander			Promoted 27th October, 1851.

NOTE.—The various Commissioners of Crown Lands also assist in carrying out the Gold Regulations in their respective Districts, as far as required.

WILLIAM TURNER, Commissioner.
For the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields.

VICTORIA.

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

GOLD FIELDS.

1852.

No. 1.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

THE duties of this Officer will be first to take general charge and supervision of all branches of the Government establishments, at what may be understood to be the Mount Alexander Gold Fields.

2. All Orders and Instructions for the guidance of the several Officers of the establishment will be forwarded to him, which he will communicate without delay to whoever they may concern.

3. He will be careful that all Reports or Returns which are, or may hereafter be, required for the Lieutenant Governor's information, are correctly prepared and transmitted at the time prescribed.

4. He will give his attention to the manner in which all persons in the service of the Government in the Mount Alexander Gold District perform their duties, and should he discover any incompetency, neglect of duty, or irregularity of conduct, in any of them, which may be prejudicial to the Public Service, he will not fail to report them without delay, as fully as possible, for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration.

5. Should the conduct of any one, above the rank of Constable, be so bad as to require instant notice, the Chief Commissioner will suspend him from duty, and report the circumstance forthwith for his Excellency's decision.

6. No Officer is to be allowed to leave his station for a longer period than one week, without having obtained the Lieutenant Governor's sanction; the application for leave of absence to be forwarded through the Chief Commissioner, in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of the 23rd January, 1852, who is not to recommend it unless he considers there is an absolute necessity for it. The Chief Commissioner is permitted to use his discretion in sanctioning an absence from duty for a period not exceeding one week to Assistant Commissioners, upon the condition that they report themselves to the Colonial Secretary should they proceed to Melbourne.

7. An advance of money has been sanctioned to the Chief Commissioner, to enable him to pay the salaries of the different persons employed under the Lieutenant Governor's sanction, as well as any contingent expenses which it may be found necessary to pay on the spot; all such disbursements are to be accounted for at the time and in the manner pointed out by the Auditor General.

8. All Stores required for the establishment are to be applied for by requisition, in the usual way, and as there may frequently be delay in obtaining the articles required, and in procuring transport for them, the requisition must always be sent in a considerable time prior to the articles being actually required for use. To enable this to be done, the Storekeeper should make a weekly return of anything which is likely, in a reasonable time, to be expended.

9. It may, notwithstanding the above precaution, be sometimes necessary to purchase some articles in common use on the spot, in this case a report of the circumstance must be sent in.

MEMO.—This may be desirable in cases involving the outlay of large sums, but in each and every case would involve endless correspondence.

10. The Chief Commissioner will ascertain that all stores, camp equipage, forage, &c., are at all times taken every care of by the respective persons in charge, both at the head and out stations, and that any equipage not in use is carefully put away.

11. The public horses are to be carefully attended to, means taken to prevent their straying, and used only on the Public Service.

12. The Gold Office will receive the particular attention of the Chief Commissioner, to ascertain that it is conducted with the utmost exactness, and according to the Regulations prescribed for it.

13. He will also ascertain that the Instructions contained in these Regulations, for particular Officers, are in all points attended to.

14. He will by all means in his power see that Sundays are properly observed, and that all persons in public employment attend Divine Service when the means of doing so are afforded them.

15. The constant attention of the Chief Commissioner must be given to the proper division of the ground occupied by the gold seekers, among the Assistant Commissioners, giving to each no greater extent of country than he can efficiently superintend, in settling disputes, keeping order among the people, and in obliging every one to have a License; to carry out this very important duty, new stations may have to be formed, or those already established removed to some other more convenient locality.

16. The Mounted Police, as already instructed, are under the direction of their own Officers as regards discipline, but they are to be called upon by the Chief Commissioner, or other Commissioners, for duty whenever necessary.

17. The Weekly Reports, to be furnished for the Lieutenant Governor's information, are to contain an account of anything of importance or interest which occurs within the district.

18. All Books necessary for efficiently conducting the business of the establishment are to be punctually kept, especially those which have been particularly directed.

19. No change in any authorized Regulation is to be made unless upon some urgent and pressing necessity, when it is to be forthwith reported. Should it however appear that any alteration is requisite in existing Regulations, or new ones required, it is to be reported for His Excellency's consideration, by or through the Chief Commissioner, who will in all cases express his opinion upon the subject as fully as possible.

20. Everything is to be done as closely as possible according to law, in interfering with the diggers persons, or their property; and all complaints preferred by them are to be patiently enquired into and adjusted as far as possible. The Chief Commissioner will impress this upon the consideration of all whose duties call upon them to act in such matters.

21. With a view to regularity and punctuality, every person should have special duties pointed out to him to perform, and not be allowed to deviate from them, except on some pressing emergency.

22. With the same view, hours of business are to be fixed for every branch of the establishment, which are to be strictly attended to.

23. All Regulations affecting the people seeking for gold should be made known to them by the best means, and for this purpose, some papers with a printed heading will be prepared, on which to write the Regulation; these are to be placed upon boards, and put up at the places where Licenses are issued, at the Post Office, and at any other place where they are likely to be most seen.

24. The trafficking in gold by Officers of every grade employed by Government at the Gold Fields is strictly prohibited, and the Chief Commissioner is to take all necessary steps to prevent it.

25. Besides the Returns which are to be forwarded for the Lieutenant Governor's information, the Chief Commissioner is to send in a Weekly Report of the principal occurrences in the district, including any apparent increase or decrease among the people on the workings,—whether there is any remarkable fluctuation in the yield of gold,—whether any new diggings have been discovered,—the cause of people leaving one place for another,—whether the people are orderly, or if any particular crimes have been committed or suspected,—if sickness prevails to any extent, and the nature of it,—with any other information which may give an insight into all matters connected with the District.

26. Every attempt must be made to oblige the people, occupying Crown Land in the District, to erect their huts or tents in a regular manner, and upon the places to be pointed out by the Commissioner, for until this is done no efficient system of police, or supervision of the diggers, with a view to order, can be maintained.

27. The people occupying the ground must also be induced to observe cleanliness about their locations.

28. It will be desirable to have a night patrol occasionally through the diggings, particularly in those places where the most troublesome people are congregated.

29. No one is to be allowed to disturb the ground by digging, or to locate himself within half a mile of the homestead of a person holding a license for pastoral purposes.

30. Means must also be taken to prevent large flocks of sheep or herds of cattle being taken to the Gold Fields, with a view of supplying the people there; no more than is absolutely necessary should be allowed at a time, and a convenient place should be allotted for keeping them, so as to interfere as little as possible with the Licensee of the run.

31. Although the Chief Commissioner's duties will be principally confined to the Mount Alexander Gold Fields, yet he may occasionally be called upon to visit those in other localities, should His Excellency require any particular report respecting them.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE whole of the country where people are working for gold is to be divided into convenient sized Districts, of no greater extent than can be thoroughly superintended by an Assistant Commissioner.

2. Each District will be designated by a number, and be under the superintendence of an Assistant Commissioner, who will be assisted in his duties by a Clerk, a Sergeant of Foot Police, and a sufficient number of horse and foot police.

3. The Assistant Commissioners will receive the Instructions, issued from time to time for their guidance, through the Chief Commissioner; and all Reports or Returns which they are required to furnish, for the information of the Lieutenant Governor, are to be made through that Officer.

4. No Officer at the Gold Fields is allowed to absent himself from his duty without due sanction, and if for a period exceeding one week, upon an application for leave in the usual form, sent through the Chief Commissioner, who is not to recommend it unless there is an urgent necessity for it. The Chief Commissioner is permitted to use his discretion in sanctioning an absence from duty for a period not exceeding one week to Assistant Commissioners, upon the condition that they report themselves to the Colonial Secretary should they proceed to Melbourne.

5. Any Stores or Supplies, of an authorized description, for the use of the Assistant Commissioners' stations, are to be applied for some time before they are actually required for use, through the Chief Commissioner.

6. The Assistant Commissioners are to take every care of the horses, stores, camp equipage, &c., placed in their charge, and will see that the men having the use of them are in all respects careful.

7. No change is to be made in any authorized Regulations unless upon some very urgent necessity, in which case the circumstance is to be reported to the Chief Commissioner; should any apparent improvement in the working of any part of their duties suggest themselves to the Assistant Commissioners, they will state them to the Chief Commissioner, in order to their being brought under the notice of the Lieutenant Governor.

8. Everything is to be done as closely as possible according to law in interfering with the diggers' persons, or their property; and all complaints made by them, either one against the other or against different persons, are to be patiently enquired into and adjusted as far as possible.

9. Every exertion must be made to preserve good order and the preservation of the peace among the people in the several Districts, and, in the event of such a necessity, to call upon the well disposed for aid in keeping the peace. The Assistant Commissioner should possess a reasonable confidence, in resorting to such a measure, that he could do so with success, from the first attentive and conciliatory intercourse he has exercised among them.

10. The following method is to be observed in issuing Licenses:—The Assistant Commissioner will receive from the Gold Office such License Books as he may from time to time require, which will be numbered throughout prior to their issue, and an account kept against the Assistant Commissioner of the number issued to him. The Assistant Commissioner will sign as many Licenses as he may consider sufficient for each day's issue, and give them to his Clerk, who will issue them and receive the authorized fee; in the evening, the Assistant Commissioner will take over from the Clerk the gold and money he will have received, and check the amount with the number of Licenses issued from the Book; he will also carefully go over the Book and see that each number is duly accounted for; after checking the Book, he will sign the last counterpart of each day's issue, as a certificate that up to that leaf he had received the License money correctly, and also as a guide to him to know from what number he was to reckon next day. It must be particularly understood by the Assistant Commissioner and the Clerk, that on no account is any License Form to be destroyed; and should it happen that an accident had occurred which would render it unfit for issue, it must nevertheless be kept attached to its counterpart in the butt. The Assistant Commissioner will pay over to the Officer in charge of the Gold Office, the gold and money which he receives, at least once a week, and which must never be later than Monday morning, and if possible he should, at the same time, take with him the Books from which the Licenses were issued, in order to have the amount checked; *should it be found in any instance that it is impracticable, the License Books must be checked at some other more convenient period*, against the amount paid over to the Gold Office; and if this is found to be correct, the Officer of the Gold Office will write upon the last counterpart that he has checked the amount with the Licenses up to that date and number, and found it to be correct.

11. The arrangement, as above stated, for the issue of Licenses, will leave the Assistant Commissioner free to perform other duties in his District, which should, unless prevented by some unusual circumstance, be as follows: Previous to 10 o'clock he should make any arrangements which may be necessary respecting his own party, or matters connected with his camp; from 10 to 12 he should be ready to hear any complaints which the diggers may wish to bring before him, either under the 2nd clause of the Act of Council, 15 Vic., No. 15, or otherwise; the remainder of the day he will devote to riding over certain portions of his District, with a part

of the police, having left a sufficient number at the Camp as a guard for it and the treasure chest. He will each day take a different portion of his District, going over the whole in this way as frequently as he can each month; and to take all possible means to insure every person having a License, and to detect and frustrate imposition among the people working without a License. This most important and primary duty is strongly urged upon the Assistant Commissioners; they will also take proper measures for the maintenance of good order in the course of these inspections, and see that the several Government Regulations are attended to.

12. The hours of business are to be made known to the diggers.

13. The Assistant Commissioners are not to receive gold for escort or deposit, unless specially directed to do so. This general rule need not prevent their taking charge of gold upon any special representation being made by a digger of apprehended danger of robbery, but whenever this occurs it must be mentioned in his Weekly Report.

14. The Assistant Commissioners are not to exchange money which may be received for Licenses, for gold.

15. Every endeavour must be made to prevent the transfer of Licenses from one person to another; any one found working upon authority of a License, not originally issued to him, should be deemed to be unlicensed, and dealt with accordingly. As one means of preventing improper use being made of Licenses, the old ones should be given up when a new one is issued.

16. It is to be distinctly understood, that the whole of the gold received for Licenses, including the surplus which accumulates by the turn of the scale, is to be accounted for, and the Assistant Commissioners will ascertain the general average of such surplus, and be careful that he receives the License money, with that addition, in taking over the gold every evening from his Clerk. A Monthly Return will be sent to the Chief Commissioner, for transmission to the Colonial Secretary, shewing the amount of gold received for License Fees, and the surplus that has also been received thereon, with the following Certificate attached to it, signed by the Clerk.

“I hereby solemnly declare and certify, that the above Return contains the whole of the gold received by me from _____ to _____ with the full amount that has accrued by surplus thereon.”

To which the Assistant Commissioner is to add the further Certificate,—

“That upon due enquiry and examination he believes the above statement to be correct.”

No. 3.

POLICE MAGISTRATES.

THESE Officers are to attend at the Police Office daily at 10 o'clock, to hear all charges of felony and misdemeanor, as well as any complaints which may be brought before them.

2. They will each be assisted by a Clerk to the Bench, a Chief Constable, a Watchhouse-keeper, and two Constables.

3. All Instructions which the Lieutenant Governor may wish to issue for their guidance, will be conveyed to them through the Chief Commissioner, to whom they will forward all Reports and Returns which they may be required to furnish; they are also to consult with the Chief Commissioner in all cases of emergency, and give him all the assistance in their power for the preservation of the peace of the District.

4. They are to prepare the Pay Abstracts for their Departments, and take measures for the prompt payment thereof through the Chief Commissioner.

5. The Police Magistrates are not to exercise any immediate control over any other members of the Police Station at the Gold Fields, than those placed in their discretion as above stated.

6. Some applications may possibly be made to the Benches established within the Gold Fields, upon matters not immediately connected with the Gold Districts; such applications must be dealt with cautiously, so that while on the one hand every possible facility is given to meet the public requirements, it must be seen on the other, that none of the stated business of the Benches in the neighbourhood, which were fixed for certain Districts prior to the discovery of gold, is interfered with.

No. 4.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FOOT POLICE.

THE duties of this Officer will be limited to the Gold Fields, at and around Mount Alexander, and will receive his general Instructions through the Chief Commissioner of that District, to whom he is also to make all Reports and Returns which may be required.

2. He is to have general charge of all the Foot Police, prepare their Pay Abstracts, and make arrangements, through the Chief Commissioner, for their punctual payment, keep an account of all arms, accoutrements and stores, given over for their use, and by frequent inspection ascertain that everything is applied to its proper use and taken care of.

3. This Police will, for the most part, be distributed through the District, and attached to the Assistant Commissioners, to aid them in preserving peace and good order among the people employed in searching for gold, to protect the Camp, and to assist in detecting persons who are working or occupying ground without a License.

The Superintendent himself will do all he can to further these objects, and without interfering with the Assistant Commissioners, ascertain by frequent visits to all the stations that the Police perform their duties in a proper manner, and instruct them in whatever they may be deficient.

4. The Superintendent of Police will also take general supervision of the Gold Fields, as regards the preservation of the peace, maintenance of good order, and observance of the law; in this he will also be assisted by the Mounted Police, making an application to the Officer in charge, whenever he requires any of that body to attend himself, or patrol any particular places under a non-commissioned Officer.

5. The Police must be instructed that they must act as strictly as possible according to law in performing their duty.

No. 5.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE MILITARY PENSIONERS.

THE principal duties of this Officer will be to take general charge of the Pensioners in all things connected with the discipline, and a proper discharge of the duty they may be called upon to perform; he is also to take every precaution that the arms, ammunition, clothing, and all other public property placed in their charge, and for their use, is taken proper care of, and will report, through the Chief Commissioner, any man who wilfully or negligently destroys or injures any article belonging to the Public Service, with a view to his being surcharged with the cost of it.

2. The Officer in command is to be provided with the necessary books, and will be responsible that the Accounts of the men are fully and regularly kept, in the manner in which men's accounts are usually kept in the army. He is also to see that the pay is regularly issued to the men, at such periods as may be deemed advisable that they should receive it.

3. The Chief Commissioner will inform the Officer in command what duties he may require to be performed by the Pensioners, from time to time, which he is requested to comply with as far as his means will allow. These duties will be chiefly confined to furnishing the sentries required at the head or out-stations, in protecting the stations at which they may be located, and in aiding the Civil Power whenever called upon by a Magistrate or Peace Officer.

4. The Chief Commissioner being the medium of communication between the Colonial Government and the several Officers employed in the Mount Alexander District; the Officer in command of the Pensioners is likewise required to make all Reports and Returns, for the Lieutenant Governor's information, through that Officer.

No. 6.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE GOLD OFFICE.

THE Officer in charge of this Department will be under the immediate direction of the Chief Commissioner, and will receive his instructions through him, and will also make his Reports and Returns through the same channel.

2. He is to receive all Gold deposited by the Licensed gold workers for immediate escort, or for deposit, as also the gold and cash received by the several Assistant Commissioners in payment for Licenses.

3. The Gold deposited for immediate escort is to be weighed in the presence of the depositor; a label, on which the depositor's name, the weight, and the name of the consignee, together with the town to which it is to be sent, is at the same time to be tied to the bag, and sealed with a seal to be set apart for that purpose; a receipt is to be given to the depositor which is afterwards to be produced at the Treasury, or to the proper Officer at Geelong, when

the Gold is claimed by the owner or his consignee. The bags are then to be placed in the escort box, in the same consecutive order as they are received, the return which is sent to the Treasury with the escort, shewing the particulars of the Gold transmitted, will be prepared in the same order. This is done to save time at the Treasury, which would be much taken up were the bags placed into the box without order. The bags should be placed as tightly as possible in the box to prevent their shifting. In order to carry this out, there must always be two sets of escort boxes, so that while one is in transit to and from the Treasury, the other will be at hand for filling. As soon as each box is filled, it should be locked, and is then ready for escort. The Return for the Treasury being made up every day, and checked with the bags in the box. The boxes should be lettered and numbered as A 1 and B 1, &c., and the Return should shew the number of the box in which the different bags are. The escort boxes will be double locked, and the keys kept as hereafter directed.

4. The Officer in charge of the Gold Office should receive from the Treasury, by each return escort, an acknowledgment that the several bags of Gold had been received, according to the Return or otherwise.

5. It should be the invariable practice, unless something occurs which cannot be surmounted, that the whole of the Gold collected for escort should be sent away every week. Whenever this is not done, the circumstance should be reported to the Chief Commissioner.

6. It has been customary to allow persons to deposit Gold until they have made up a sufficient amount for Escort; when this is done, the bags should be weighed and have a label attached, containing the weight and depositor's name, giving him a receipt which he should be told to bring back when he makes a further deposit, the bag is then to be placed into the compartment of the safe according to the initial letter of the name, the box having a compartment for each letter in the alphabet. The depositor should only be allowed to make two deposits; upon his coming with the second he should produce his first receipt, which is taken from him, and the two amounts being put together, the Gold is then treated as already directed for Escort. As the Gold deposited sometimes remains a considerable time before it is ready for escort, a ledger is kept for entering the same therein. A monthly Return, shewing the weekly balances of the deposits, is also to be sent through the Chief Commissioner for the Lieutenant Governor's information.

7. The gold and cash received by the several Assistant Commissioners for Licenses issued by them, is to be deposited with the Officer in charge of the Gold Office as often as convenient, but must never extend beyond Monday morning in each week. At the time of depositing the amount of License Fees, the Assistant Commissioner should produce to the Officer of the Gold Office the whole of the License books or butts from which the Licenses for the amount deposited were issued; the counterparts of these Licenses should be checked, and if found to agree with the amount received, the last counterpart should be signed by the Officer of the Gold Office, as an acknowledgment that he has checked the receipts to that point, and as a guide to him to ascertain from whence the next check should commence.

8. The supply of License Books will be sent from the Colonial Secretary's Office to the Gold Office. Previously to their being sent they will be numbered throughout, and an account kept of the number of Licenses sent; an account should also be kept at the Gold Office of the number received, and the number given to each Assistant Commissioner, against whom a debtor and creditor account will be kept of the blank Licenses issued and accounted for as before directed; and they are held responsible that they account for every License—none on any account whatever being allowed to be destroyed. The butts should be retained at the Gold Office for one month after the month in which the Licenses were issued, in case of reference being required to them, but as soon as possible after that they are to be sent to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

9. All the safes or boxes in which gold or money is kept are to have two locks, one key of each of which is to be kept by the Officer in charge, and the other by the Clerk. During office hours both Officers are to be constantly in the Office, unless taken away by some personal necessity, when he is to lock his part of the box and take his key with him. When the Office closes, every thing of course will be locked up, and the Clerk will hand over his key to the Chief Commissioner. At night the Clerk will sleep in the gold room. For greater security the different boxes for gold should be attached together by an iron chain.

10. The Gold and Money received from the Assistant Commissioners should be kept in a separate safe, and a ledger should be kept to account for all such receipts. The Officer in charge of the Gold Office should be careful to obtain from the Colonial Treasury receipts for all Gold and Money which he transmits to him, either for Government or for private persons, and deposit them safely in his office as public documents.

11. The compilation of all Returns connected with the receipt of Gold, Cash, or License Books required for the Colonial Secretary's Office, is to be performed in the Gold Office.

12. All books or documents of daily entry must be made up daily before the Office closes, and the Officer in charge must be prepared at any moment to let the Chief Commissioner, or any other specially authorized Officer, check the Gold in charge by the Books and Returns. No erasure must on any account be allowed in the books.

13. A sufficient guard for the security of the Gold Office should be kept constantly over it by day and night.

14. The boxes in which the Gold is sent under escort will of course be locked by the Officer of the Gold Office, and will be opened in Melbourne by the Colonial Treasurer, who will have a duplicate set of keys.

No. 7.

ESCORT FOR THE GOLD.

THE hours and days appointed for the Arrival and Departure of the Escort at the different stages must be strictly attended to, unless prevented by some unavoidable accident. The hour of leaving the several places in the morning must always be as early as possible, so as to have as much time as can be for the performance of the day's journey, in the event of any unforeseen delay occurring on the road.

2. The men comprising the Escort may be occasionally changed, if they wish it; but the appointment of men to this duty must always be with the Officer in charge of the Mounted Police, in order to avoid men being placed upon it whose characters are not sufficiently known.

3. Most particular instructions must be given to the Officer in charge of the Escort, that he never loses sight of the treasure; that the men are not allowed, under any pretext, to leave the immediate proximity of the horses or cart bearing it; and that at night it is deposited in the room where the Officer himself is; and that a sufficient guard is kept constantly over it. At night, also, the whole of the Escort should rest in the immediate vicinity of the room where the gold is; and on reaching Melbourne, it is to be immediately handed over to the Colonial Treasurer; for which purpose the Escort should not reach Melbourne later than 2 P.M. on the day fixed for arrival.

4. Whenever Branch Escorts for the conveyance of Gold from Out Stations to Head Quarters are established, they are to be conducted on the same principle; and the time of their reaching the Head Quarter Station must be so regulated that they arrive there early enough for the Gold being transmitted to its destination by the first general Escort.

No. 8.

ASSISTANT COLONIAL SURGEONS.

THE Assistant Surgeons stationed at Mount Alexander are to give their Medical attendance to the whole of the Officers and Men in the Government service, within the particular part of the district indicated to them by the Chief Commissioner.

2. They will receive all instructions for their guidance through the Chief Commissioner, through whom also they are to forward all Reports and Returns which may be required for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.