

a Court of Quarter Sessions to be held at Queanbeyan, on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1897; of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
J. H. WANT.

[8329] GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

[8627] Chief Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 18th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that, with the advice of the Executive Council, he has been pleased to appoint, in accordance with the second section of the "Claims against the Colonial Government Act,"

The Honourable JOHN HENRY WANT, Q.C., M.L.C., Attorney General,

to be Nominal Defendant in the matter of the Petition presented on the part of the Trustees of the estate of the late Edward Flood, as to a certain claim or demand which they deem themselves to have against the Government.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

[8628] The Treasury, New South Wales,  
19th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

Senior-constable THOMAS FOSS, stationed at Balranald,

to be an Inspector of Magazines for the Colony, under the 34th section of the "Gunpowder and Explosive Consolidation Act of 1876," with power to lay all complaints and take legal proceedings as provided under the 58th section of such Act.

G. H. REID.

[8581] Department of Justice,  
Sydney, 18th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE CHAPMAN, Esquire, J.P.,

to be Coroner at Wollombi, and for the Colony generally, vice H. S. Hawkins, Esquire, Police Magistrate, transferred.

ALBERT J. GOULD.

[8584] Department of Justice,  
Sydney, 16th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

The Reverend DIXON HUDSON

to act as Church of England Chaplain to the Gaol at Biloela, vice The Reverend W. A. Charlton, absent on leave,—to take effect from the 1st instant.

ALBERT J. GOULD.

[8622] Department of Mines and Agriculture,  
Sydney, 19th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

Messrs. H. P. COWPER,  
J. E. LESTER, and  
F. P. SOLLING, Licensed Surveyors,

to be Mining Surveyors, in terms of section 12 of the Mining Act, 1874, and Mining Appraisers, in terms of section 16 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894,—such appointments to take effect from the 9th ultimo.

SYDNEY SMITH.

[8623] Department of Mines and Agriculture,  
Stock and Brands,  
Sydney, 19th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

Messrs. C. D. ADAMS,  
G. B. CARTER,  
W. H. FOSTER,  
J. GARLAND,  
W. H. HOWARD,  
C. W. B. KING,  
W. A. LIPSCOMBE,  
J. MANNERS,  
C. PENNEFATHER, and  
I. SMITH, Licensed Surveyors,

to be Mining Appraisers, in terms of section 16 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894,—such appointments to take effect from the 9th ultimo.

SYDNEY SMITH.

[8629] The Treasury, New South Wales,  
19th March, 1897.

**IT** is hereby notified, for general information, that the Gold Escort from Tumbarumba to Gundagai, via Adelong, once every four weeks, has been re-established, as from the 11th ultimo.

G. H. REID.

This notice is in lieu of that published on 16th instant.

[8594] Chief Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 19th March, 1897.

ARSON.—£50 REWARD.

**WHEREAS** on the night of the 9th ultimo, a stable, and a shed containing hay and chaff, situate at Yarrabundie, near Trundle, the property of Messrs. O'Brien Brothers, were destroyed by fire: And whereas at an inquest held on the 13th ultimo before the District Coroner, the following verdict was returned:—"That the hay-shed, at Yarrabundie, was, on the 9th February, 1897, totally destroyed by fire; and we further find that the said shed was on the said night feloniously and wilfully set on fire by some person or persons to us, the jurors, unknown." Notice is hereby given that a reward of Twenty-five Pounds will be paid by Government (in addition to a reward of Twenty-five Pounds offered by Messrs. O'Brien Brothers) for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the offender or offenders. In addition to the above reward, His Excellency the Governor will be advised to extend a free pardon to any accomplice, not being the person who actually set fire to the said property, who shall first give such required information. This reward to remain in force for three months only.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

[8625] Chief Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 18th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to direct that the Leases for Oyster Culture, particularised in the appended Schedule, be forfeited, the Lessees having failed to pay the prescribed rent thereon, in terms of the Regulations under the "Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884."

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

#### SCHEDULE.

Lease No.	Lessee.	Locality.	Length of Foreshore.
			Yards.
2245	J. H. Southwell	Manning River	100
690	W. Wignmore	Richmond River	300
888	A. H. Pegus...	Clarence River	200
1611	J. Wells	Brisbane Water	100
1664	S. Hibbs	Hawkesbury River...	300

[8626] Chief Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 18th March, 1897.

**IN** pursuance of the provisions of the "Birds Protection Act of 1893," it is hereby notified, for general information, that the season for Quail, for the Electorates of Manaro, Argyle, and Queanbeyan, shall open as hereunder, viz.:

Electorate of Manaro, open 6th April, close 15th September.  
Electorate of Argyle, open 16th April, close 15th September.  
Electorate of Queanbeyan, open 16th April, close 15th September.

In all other parts of the Colony, the open season for Quail shall be from the 24th May to the 15th September, both days inclusive, as per Gazette Notice of 28th July, 1896.

JAMES N. BRUNKER,  
Chief Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 19th March, 1897.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the subjoined despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting copy of an Order of Her Majesty-in-Council, regarding the transfer of the Administration of Norfolk Island.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

(Copy) Downing-street,  
27th January, 1897.

My Lord,

I duly received your despatch No. 21, of the 16th October, enclosing a memorandum by the Premier of New South Wales, relative to the proposed transfer of the Administration of Norfolk Island; and I have now the honor to transmit to you an Order of Her Majesty-in-Council, dated the 15th instant, which was passed for the purpose at the last meeting of the Council, and which will, I trust, meet the wishes of your Government, and prove sufficient for all present purposes.