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For Freight or Charter.

THE fast sailing and powerful British-built barque **Marmion**, A. 1, 373 tons, N. M., register, now lying at Moore's Wharf, and will be ready for Sea in Ten days.

Also for Sale, A ship of 2000 tons, measuring twenty three feet seven inches deep, and seven feet nine inches beam, and a very handsome nine inch steam cable machine. For further particulars apply to **WILLIAM EWING, Esq.**, Owner, on board, or to **HARPER, BLUNDELL, AND CO.**, No. 1, Macquarie place.

For the Bay of Islands and Port Nicholson. THE fine Schooner **LAP**, of 100 tons, under the command of **Wm. B. King**, 121 tons O. M. Captain Barker, master, will go to the Bay of Islands this Day, and touch at the West coast of Ireland, for the purpose of the Passage, immediately after the departure of the **W. B. King**, to the Bay of Islands, and will be ready to receive passengers on the 10th inst.

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CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

W. JONES, Bookseller, Bookbinder, and Stationer.

DEGS leave to return his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public in general for the liberal patronage with which he has been honoured since his commencement in business, and trusts that the Works he is constantly receiving from his Agents in London, will enable him to merit that support which has so freely been conferred on him.

In returning thanks to his readers, W. Jones respectfully intimates, that he has made another large addition to his Library, comprising the Works of Balzer, Marryatt, Cooper, and other standard authors, begs to state, that his Subscribers will find his Circulating Library as large, if not the largest in the Colony.

N. B.—Country Libraries supplied. Fancy Stationery of all kinds.

A large assortment of Account Books constantly on hand.

A QUANTITY OF RED AND BLACK BOTTLING WAX. Brickfield Hill, January 6.

HATS.

JUST received by the Undersigned, thirty-three boxes of the water-proof low crown broad brim felt and settlers hats; as also a very great quantity of black and drab beavers of all qualities and shapes, at the lowest possible prices.

JOHN COYLE, 101 and 102 George street north, London and Lancashire House.

Landing ex "Perfect," and on sale by the undersigned.

SIXTY-THREE puncheons } Rum 7 a 160 r
Seventeen hogheads }
Thirty-two quarter casks }
Five pipes and twenty-five hogheads Brandy
Sixty-three boxes }
One hundred and twenty-five barrels prime
meat Pork
Four hundred and thirty-one planks Deals
One hundred and seventy-seven Mast
Eight hundred and forty-two Spars
Thirty Oars
Three cases Hunting Saddles, Gig Harness,
Gig Whips, and Riding Switches
Six cases Gent's Soft Hats
Two ditto Red Thread
Seventeen ditto Jany Shaws, Handkerchiefs,
Mousseline de Laines, Ayrshire Needle-
work, and Rosin Drives.

BOWMAN, MACNAB & CO. Sydney, January 6.

ON SALE.

EIGHT Cases Sheathing Copper, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26 ounces
Copper Nails
Ninety half ditto
Twenty-eight barrels Pitch.

ALSO, INVOICE OF
Table Cutlery
Carpenter's Tools
Locks and Hinges
Sails and Needles
Spirits
Swedish Blister Steel
Cast Steel
Two Cases Millinery, &c.

CAMPBELL, BELL, AND CO., Jamison-street. January 6, 1841.

To Housekeepers and the Public in general—Selling Off.

THE Undersigned has determined to sell off his large and well-selected stock of Groceries and Provision at cost price for cash only, and begs to call the attention of his friends and the public to the same.

As S. E. disdains puffing, he therefore enumerates the retail prices of some of his goods:—Loaf Sugar 6d. per pound by the loaf; large size quart pickles, 2s. each; half gallon ditto, 3s. 6d.; one pound mustards, 1s. 9d.; bottles fruit, 2s. each; cranberries, 6d. per pound; salad oil, 1s. 9d.; French olives, 1s. 9d.; capers, 1s. 9d. per bottle; treacle, 4d.; Lescher's starch, 9d.; blue, 1s. 6d.; soda, 4d.; pearl ash, 9d. per pound; Currie in bottles, 1s. 8d.; real India ditto in quarts, 3s. 6d.; Macaroni, 1s.; Vermicelli, 1s.; Windsor soap, 1s. 6d.; pearl barley, 4s.; currants, 8d.; raisins, 6d.; soft shell almonds, 1s.; Jordan almonds, 2s. 3d.; fine flour 34s.; rice, 14d. per pound; America crackers, 20s. per cask; pork, 6d.; bacon, 9d.; hams, 10d. per pound; best vinegar, 3s. 6d. per gallon; white herrings, 3s. per barrel; second flour, 18s. per 100lbs.; and all other articles in the same proportion.

S. ELLIOTT, Lower George street, next the Herald Office.

Notice to the Public.

ROYAL MAILS.

ON and after the 1st of January, 1841, the Royal Mail will start from the Bull's Head, opposite the Police Office, George-street, where all Passengers and Parcels require to be booked.

THOMAS DOUGLASS, JOHN PERRY, Contractors.

January 6.

Oil and Colourman's Store, 28, a CROSS-STREET.

LINSEED and Boiled Oil, Turpentine, Litharge

Black, Red, Green, Blue, and Yellow Paints

Whiting, Blue, Venetian Red

Spanish Brown, Light and dark Brunswick Green

Yellow and Orange Ochre

Red and Orange Lead

Dry White Lead

English Umber, raw and burnt

Turner Umber

Terra de Sienna

Blue Black, Ivory Black, Lamp Black

Window Glass from 9 x 7 to 24 x 18

Putty Powder

Pumice Stone

Fallet Knives

Paint Brushes

Whitewash Brushes

Oil, Tar, and Rosin

On Sale at reasonable rates and of the best quality by

JOHN WILSON, JUN., AND CO. 28 George-street, January 6, 1841.

J. CLARKE.

PROFESSOR OF DANCING, King-street East, avails himself of the present opportunity of expressing his thanks for the very great Patronage and support he has received from the Inhabitants of Sydney, and places adjacent since his commencement, and begs to acquaint them that the duties of his Academy will be resumed after the Christmas vacation, on Tuesday, January 12, when no exertion shall be wanting on his part to facilitate the advancement of his Pupils, in which he will be assisted for a time by his brother Mr. C. Clark, who has recently arrived from England, bringing with him a variety of new Quadrille and other new Music; it being his intention to establish himself as a Professor of Dancing in one of the rising towns of Australia, which will be announced in a future advertisement. January 6, 1841.

MOSSMAN'S BAY.

TO LET, for a term of years, an elegant Verandah Cottage, at Mossman's Bay, containing six airy Rooms, flagged Yard, and double detached Kitchen, capital Stable and Coach House, Pigeon and Pigeon House, with about eight Acres of Garden Ground, in high cultivation, and abounding in Fruit Trees and Vegetables. The property commands a delightful prospect, and communicates by an excellent Road to the Ferry Point.

HUGHES AND HOSKING, Albion Mills. January 6.

Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

THE Directors of this Association hereby give notice, that they insure first-class property at 1s. 6d. per cent, second class, 2s. 6d. per cent, third class, 4s. 6d. per cent. The insurances already effected are upwards of 600,000, and daily increasing.

ACTING SECRETARY, Munging Director. January 6.

JOHN FRODSHAM.

CHRONOMETER, Watch, and Clock-maker, No. 4, Regent Terrace, Hunter street, Sydney, has determined to relinquish the Masters of Vessels, and the Public in general, that he has commenced business in the above line, and from the experience he has acquired from his Father and Uncle, Watch and Chronometer Makers, in the City of London, he flatters himself competent to the scientific and practical parts of the business to give every satisfaction to those parties who may favour him with their Orders.

He also begs to state, he has received a splendid Astronomical Clock, which has been tested at the Royal Observatory of Greenwich, and its mean variation being only five tenths of a second in six months. He intends by this instrument to regulate and adjust Chronometers and Watches. He has also the same description of Oil which was applied to those Chronometers made by Parkinson and Frohman, which stood so severe a trial in the Polar expeditions under Captains Parry, Ross, Saigey, King, Lyon, Foster, and other distinguished Navigators, he in ends applying the same to those Chronometers, Watches, &c., placed under his care, where every attention will be paid.

JOHN FRODSHAM, Sydney Flour Company.

THE undersigned beg to announce to the public, that in connection with several of his friends, they have purchased the flour mill and adjacent property at Darling Harbour, lately belonging to Mr. Girard, where they propose carrying on the business of this Association, under the style of the Sydney Flour Company.

THOS. C. BREILLAT, THOMAS GORE, Trustees.

Sydney Flour Company, (late Girard's) Wharf, Darling Harbour, January 6.

Sheriff's Office, Sydney, Decem-ber 30, 1840.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.—Chapman v. Sparkle the Younger; M'Dermott v. same; another v. same; and another; Sparkle v. same.—At 12 o'clock, unless the Executions be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold all the property of the above named defendant, Edward Sparkle the younger, consisting of—

Four thousand Sheep, with Station, Huts, and Hurdles at Caligul on the Namoi River

Four thousand Sheep, with Station, Huts, and Hurdles at Gunnindigdy on the Namoi River

Four thousand Sheep, with Station, Huts, &c., at Macdonald's Station on the Namoi River

Four thousand Sheep, at Aberdeen

Twenty Town Allotments in the best part of West Maitland

Two Allotments of Land, in Singleton

Five hundred head of Milking Cattle, which will be sold in small lots to suit purchasers

Terms—Cash for the Sheep and Wool; for the Cattle and Landed Property ten per cent deposit, the residue by approved bills at three, six, nine, and twelve months.

Title to the Land unquestionable.

JOHN STAPLE, Under Sheriff.

Lithographic and Zincographic Establishment No. 3, Bridge-street.

PLANS OF ESTATES, Maps, Circulars, &c., executed on the best style at the shortest notice.

Copperplate Printing of every description undertaken to any extent; Banks, and Public Institutions will find this the most punctual and cheapest establishment in the town.

Cutting and Gilding, and Frame making, Pictures and Prints cleaned and sold upon commission; a new invoice of Sporting and other Prints on sale; Miniatures and Portraits painted on Ivory and in water colours, Stationery, &c., &c.

ROBERT CHAPMAN, Clarendon, near Richmond. January 6, 1840.

DINNER

JOHN HUBERT PLUNKETT, ESQ.

THE friends of the Attorney-General, being anxious to manifest their respect and esteem for the public and private character of that gentleman, have resolved on inviting him to a dinner on the eve of his departure on Tuesday, January 12, when no exertion shall be wanting on his part to facilitate the advancement of his Pupils, in which he will be assisted for a time by his brother Mr. C. Clark, who has recently arrived from England, bringing with him a variety of new Quadrille and other new Music; it being his intention to establish himself as a Professor of Dancing in one of the rising towns of Australia, which will be announced in a future advertisement. January 6, 1841.

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FOUND.

A GOAT, half grown, branded T on near side, colour black, and four white Legs. Whoever may have lost the same, can have it by paying Advertising Expenses. Apply to ROBERT CRAIGIE, Painter, Sussex-street. Sydney, January 6, 1841.

TO LET.

A COTTAGE situated at the Surry Hills, (within two miles of Sydney) containing six rooms, kitchen, &c., excellent sandy out-houses attached; a beautiful well of water with pump, &c., a large garden in full cultivation, well stocked with fruit trees, &c., and a never failing spring of water running through it. Rent moderate, and immediate possession can be had. Apply to H. EISHER & CO., Sussex Distillery.

NOTICE.

MRS. SCRUTTON'S Pupils will reassemble at the Maitland Hotel, Erskineville, Newtown, January 6.

Newfoundland Dogs.

MR. LEE, of the R. V. Theatre has for Sale, a few Newfoundland PUPPIES of the best breed, and of various colours. Any person wishing to procure a Good Dog will find this an eligible opportunity. Apply to Mr. LEE, at the Theatre from 11 till 2 o'clock; or at Mr. JENNINGS, the "Eliza of London," Elizabeth-street, near the Cattle Market. January 6.

J. BROWN, Land Surveyor.

BEGS leave to inform the Public generally, that he has just returned from New Zealand, from a Survey Department. In returning thanks to his numerous employers in this Colony, as a Surveyor for many years past. Also, hereby informs them, that he has opened an Office in Castlereagh-street south, nearly opposite to the Police Office, where all orders for and Liverpool-street, where all orders will be thankfully received and punctually attended to.

J. Brown offers his services to the Public with the greatest confidence of affording satisfaction. He has the knowledge of the original boundaries of Grants of Land in this Colony, having himself been Surveyor and Draftsman under the late Surveyor General, John Oxley, Esq., for several years, and for some time with Sir T. Mitchell, Surveyor General, that he is also in possession of such official information as will enable him to give the most correct and valuable information of any Grant in this Colony, with the most undeniable correctness.

N.B.—Maps and Plans of property finished equal to any in the Colony. Plans and Elevations of Country Cottages, &c., supplied, if required, on moderate terms. Buildings surveyed and superintended. Castle-reagh-street south, January 6.

To the Proprietors of the Sydney Banking Company.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—Induced by the solicitations of my Friends to offer myself as a candidate for the office of a Director of the Sydney Banking Company, I feel emboldened in applying for your suffrages at the ensuing election, by a consideration of the following circumstances, which as they have procured for me the flattering regard of my Friends, may, I trust, be decisive of weight in influencing your favourable opinion. An Australian by birth, I have an important stake in the welfare of this Colony, and engaged as I have been from the earliest dawn of manhood in an extensive business, I hope it will be considered I possess that local experience, intimate knowledge with its mercantile ramifications, and acquaintance with its agricultural, graziers, and tradesmen, which according to general opinion are essential qualifications for a Bank Director; to a proper discharge of those duties; and to endeavour to carry out the principles which the Bank has established in the accommodation of the small capitalist and tradesman, I pledge myself (if by your kind offices in my favour I have the honour to be elected), cheerfully to devote my time and best abilities.—I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant, J. R. WILSHIRE. January 6.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS my wife, Mary Chapman, of Clarendon, left her home about a month ago, without any reasonable cause, I hereby caution all persons from harboring her or giving credit on my account, as I will not be answerable for any debts she may contract after this notice. ROBERT CHAPMAN, Clarendon, near Richmond. January 6, 1840.

ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of New South Wales.

GENTLEMEN,

AS I believe my position is not well understood, and that I am, perhaps, suffering in the opinion of some persons, from my absence from England; and the 20th of January having been agreed on for that purpose, those gentlemen who wish to become subscribers to the dinner, are requested to hand in their names to Mr. G. C. Turner on or before the 10th of January next.

His Honor the Chief Justice, Sir James Dowling has consented to take the chair, and the following gentlemen to act as Stewards:—Hon. E. D. Thomson, Esq. J. E. Manning, Esq. Colonel Breton R. Tierney, Esq. Captain O'Connell W. Blard, Esq. A. B. Sparke, Esq. Captain Hunter W. a'Becker, Esq. J. Moore Dillon, Esq. Captain Fitzmaurice John Lord, Esq. F. Moore, Esq. G. C. Turner, Esq. Supreme Court Sydney, Dec. 26, 1840.

ment being inimical to me, I can only say that, all I asked, was instantly granted and approved, although no defence had reached them, and I had not written to a single friend to speak in my favour. I beg to say, therefore, that I hope to find the Secretary of State very favourably disposed towards me, when I get to England. I have been fortunate enough to give satisfaction to Sir Richard Bourke, during the whole of his administration, and have reason to think his reports were at all times highly in my favour.—I have several times given evidence before the honourable the Legislative Council of the Colony, and drawn up reports for its information, and I have reason to think that, on each of these occasions, that honourable body was perfectly satisfied with my conduct, and exertions as first Police Magistrate. I have studiously abstained, in this explanation of my present position, from any allusion to the nature of the charges laid before the Executive Council against me, or the sort of proof adduced in support of them, as I consider them still undetermined, and that I should do wrong in making them public, until I shall have made my defence, and got the permission of the Secretary of State to do so; and with respect to them, therefore, I must beg to suspend your opinion for a time. Having thus explained some things respecting my present position, that I presume you are not acquainted with, I have now to express the deep regret with which I have experienced coldness where I least expected it, under which, however, I am not without consolation, in the expressed opinion of His Excellency and the Executive Council, above quoted, and the adoption of those arrangements I have ventured to recommend; in the favourable acknowledgment of my service, by the late Governor, in the appeal, I believe, of all my acts, and suggestions by the Legislative Council, in the adoption of all my regulations, for the discipline of the Police Force, in its very able Superintendent, and above all, by the blessings, and cordial greeting, I receive every time I go into the streets of Sydney, from the poor and the rich, who, humbled as they are, are not incompetent to form just ideas of the conduct of their first Magistrate.

In taking my leave of you, perhaps for ever, I should consider myself guilty of a culpable omission, if I did not gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance, afforded me, on many occasions, by my brother Magistrates, and their efficient co-operation when required. I have now to acknowledge, most gratefully, much kindness on the part of the inhabitants, generally, and to assure them, if they feel kindly towards me, that feeling it reciprocal on my part. Wherever I go, I shall be as anxious about the welfare of the Colony, and as willing to do any thing in my power to advance its interests, as if I had made a fortune in it, or had left large estates behind me. I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, With affectionate regard, Your most faithful servant, H. C. WILSON.

Pure Bred Saxon and Saxon Merino Rams.

MR. JAMES WALKER has for Sale, pure bred Saxon and Saxon Merino Rams, which will be disposed of, at the following low prices:—5s. 6d. for the Saxon Merino, and 6s. 6d. for the Saxon Merino, with liberal credit. Warranted clean and without disease. January 6, 1841.

Horses, Mares, &c. ex "Hope" from South America.

To be sold by Auction, Mr. Samuel Lyons

Has been instructed to bring to the hammer, and dispose of at Public Auction, on FRIDAY, January 8, at Eleven o'clock precisely, at the New Cattle Market, bottom of Brickfield Hill,

THE whole of the horses and mares, just landed, ex Hope, from South America, among which is one splendid entire, said to be the finest ever imported from Valparaiso. They are now running on the estate of