

LOGAN'S DIARY

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Every effort has been made to read the handwriting correctly, however there is the odd word that has been difficult to read and could have been interpreted incorrectly. Also some names could be incorrect, although they have been checked against the names of known people when this has been possible.

Letter 1 – USB pages 1 & 2

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1826

Sir, I have the honor to report that I arrived at the mouth of the River Brisbane on board his Majesties Brig *Amity* on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, and as there was not sufficient water to carry the vessel over the Bar I immediately proceeded to the Settlement to make arrangements with Captain Bishop for the embarkation of the Troops and Stores which was effected by means of the barge employed for the use of the Settlement.

2 Agreeable to your request I shall now offer a few remarks on the situation and capabilities of the Settlement; the only objection in point of the situation appears to be the difficulty of taking vessels of ordinary size over the Bar at the mouth of the river, to obviate which in some degree I take the liberty of forwarding for your consideration the plan of a vessel of 100 tons, once construction calculated to carry a considerable cargo, and when fully laden would not drag 7 feet water; which would be a great convenience as more time is now lost in discharging a cargo by small craft that would suffice for the whole voyage to and from Sydney - as two of the best shipbuilders in the colony are now at Moreton Bay. I think the vessel could be got ready for sea in six or eight months from the time that is firmly agreed upon to lay her down.

3 The capabilities of the settlement for forming plantations for the cultivation of tropical productions appear to be of the first order. The face of the country consists of gently rolling hills and vales, and of this the former is generally a poor light soil, the latter is almost invariably a strong rich black mould formed from the decomposition of the higher grounds and a considerable mixture of vegetable matter, this soil I conceive to be well adapted to the cultivation of sugar and tobacco, and the lighter ground would do well for the plantation of cotton. If such a mode of culture should meet with the approbation of His Excellency the Governor, I should recommend that the next vessel ordered to Moreton Bay be instructed to stop at Port Macquarie and bring a large supply of Tobacco and cotton seeds.

4 From the local situation of New South Wales it can never become a great agricultural country. I should not therefore recommend the cultivation of grain at this settlement to a greater extent than what may be necessary for the consumption of the establishment, and I understand it is now in contemplation to move the site of the buildings to a low swampy point of ground a little below the present situation. I do not think the proposed measure would be at all advantageous to the Settlement as it would place the buildings in an ....situation without having the advantage of fresh water; the present line of buildings from the Commandant's House to the Military Barrack, although not of a substantial nature are at least sufficient for some years, I should therefore recommend their remaining till the more necessary buildings are completed, these, viz Prisoners Barracks, Hospital Goal, Lumber Yard and Store could be advantageously placed a little to the right of the Military Barracks, and would have a plentiful supply of water in the rear.

5 Before any Government Buildings can be undertaken it will be absolutely necessary to send some mechanics as at present there are only one carpenter, one Bricklayer and one Mason who know anything of their trade.

6 I should likewise recommend that the government send a plentiful supply of livestock, such as cattle and sheep which would enable the settlement in a short time to subsist on its own resources.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

Letter 2 – USB pages 2 & 3

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 29<sup>th</sup> March 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose plans for the erection of a Gaol and Hospital at this Settlement both of which are much wanted, and are the first buildings which ought to be undertaken – the Hospital I should propose to be built with brick, but the Goal had better be erected with stone if it can be procured – in the event of plans being approved of one half of each building will be sufficient for the present state of the Settlement and they can be finished at a future period.

The Honourable  
Alexander McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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P. LOGAN. Commandant

**Letter 3 – USB 3 & 5**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 19<sup>th</sup> June 1826.

Sir, I beg leave to report that the Colonial Cutter *Mermaid* on her voyage to Melville Island put into Moreton Bay on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant in a very leaky state and unfortunately struck on the bar and shattered her hull near the stern post. It was found necessary to take out the cargo and heave her down in order to its being repaired. She required caulking throughout and several of the chain bolts were obliged to be taken out and new ones put in. I hope she will soon be in a state to resume her voyage in a few days.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 4 – USB 3**

Commandant's office  
Moreton Bay 19<sup>th</sup> June 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to make a return of male convicts sent as volunteers to this settlement on its first establishment who state that they volunteered their services on that occasion with the expectation of gaining their tickets-of-leave or other indulgences and that many prisoners who came at that time under colonial convictions have returned to Sydney the periods of their sentences having expired. I have thought it my duty to submit their case for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor and to report that the whole of the prisoners mentioned in the returns have conducted themselves well with the exception of Sellers who absconded to the bush on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and did not return until 5<sup>th</sup> August forfeiting thereby I hold and conceive all claims his former conduct might have given him.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 5 – USB page 4**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 19<sup>th</sup> June 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3 April with accompanying form of abstract and acquittance for the salaries and allowances of the officers and persons composing the establishment since my Command for the quarter ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March last. I am sorry it cannot be completed until the arrival of the next vessel from Sydney that I may be furnished with information on the following points.

The overseers and constables have hitherto drawn part of their salaries in articles of provision such as tea and sugar and flour from his Majesty's Magazine, it will therefore be necessary that I should be furnished with the prices of the articles supplied that the amount may be deducted from their respective salaries – I have leave to enclose a Return of the extra provisions issued to the overseers and constables of this establishment from the date of their respective appointments showing likewise the amount of their salaries and I have communicated with the Deputy Commissariat General to send me the prices of the articles aluded [sic] to and I think it would be advisable if the prices of such articles should be forwarded quarterly or at least when any [change of] direction receives which would enable me to close the amounts regularly at the end of each quarter.

In reference to the certificate stating that the officers and persons named in the abstract should not receive from Government and Bedding or clothing in lieu of, I have the honor to report that the overseers and constables have hitherto been supplied with Govt. Slops and Blankets and their [sic] is no document at this settlement to show me what officers and other persons are entitled to an allowance in lieu thereof.

5 I am likewise unacquainted with the amount of my own pay and allowances as Commandant but it appears by your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March last to Lieut. Ovens appointing him acting Engineer that he is entitled to a salary of five shillings per day.

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**Letter 6 – USB page 5**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 28<sup>th</sup> August 1826.

Sir, I have much pleasure in reporting for the information of His Excellency the Governor that one, 21<sup>st</sup> inst. I discovered a very considerable river which empties itself into Moreton Bay about twenty miles to the southern end of Peels Island and about double that distance from the mouth of the Brisbane running from the S.E. and varying in depth from 2 to 6 fathoms for about eighty miles.

Proceeding a few miles further it gradually diminished to 6 feet and some large gum trees falling across the stream put a stop to my further progress by water, but on tracing its course about six miles further I found a connection and I have no doubt if the fallen trees were removed it would be found navigable by boats for many miles further. As this river is navigable by the largest type of colonial vessels for eighty miles and running throughout the finest tract of land I have seen in this or any other country I conceive it a discovery of the utmost importance to these colonies and will be found well worth the attention of settlers. I have named it the River Darling which I hope will meet with the approbation of His Excellency.

2 I have likewise discovered an entrance from the sea into Moreton Bay about thirty miles to the north of Point Danger having a Bar with eleven feet of water. This I conceive will be useful for small vessels when a northerly wind prevents them making Amity Point.

Alex. McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 7**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> August with an accompanying plan for a Hospital at this Station, and beg to state, that in compliance with the information contained in your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> May last I have proceeded with the erection of a Hospital agreeable to the plan at that time approved by His Excellency the Governor, one half of the building containing quarters for the Surgeon and a Ward 40 ft x 20 is now roofed in and will be fit for occupation in five or six weeks. The building is of brick on a stone foundation.

2 I have the honor to enclose an estimate of the articles necessary to complete the building involving what has been expended and showing, what are in store; the articles required from Sydney are included in the General Regulations for the Settlement.

3 By your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> May you informed me that I should hereafter receive directions respecting the erection of a gaol, which is much wanted; the building at present appropriated for that purpose is only 10 ft x 12, and having no place for solitary confinement I am obliged to have recourse to Corporal Punishment oftener than I would wish, a treadmill would likewise be of great service.

4 I will likewise be necessary to erect a Prisoners Barrack before winter. The present Barrack is too small for the Prisoners now on the settlement and being a mere temporary building is not worth the expense of being enlarged or repaired; as I am not aware to what extent His Excellency may intend to increase the settlement I have not prepared plans for the above Buildings as they could be much better done by the Civil Engineers.

5 I beg likewise to enclose a return of the number of Artificers on the Settlement and what others will be required.

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**Letter 8 – USB page 6**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> October 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you in reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> June requesting me to forward to Sydney "George Mitchell by the ship *Princess Royal*" that he absconded from the Settlement on the 26<sup>th</sup> January last.

Alex. McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 9 – USB page 6**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 10<sup>th</sup> October 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor a Return showing the extent of land now clear at the Settlement of Moreton Bay, the quantity actually cultivated, the quantity sown with wheat,  
7 the quantity sown with Maize and the quantity prepared for Maize; but as there is no maize for seed now on the settlement the latter must remain unknown until the arrival of the next vessel – there were twelve acres of land prepared in May for wheat, but in consequence of no seed being forwarded (agreeable to the regulations) it was planted with Maize, the wheat received by the *Amity* is too late for this year's crop.

I regret to report that in consequence of their [sic] not being a sufficient quantity of forage not being sent on board the *Amity* with the cattle and sheep forwarded by that vessel twelve died on the passage and the others were too much reduced that three more died immediately after they were landed.

Alex. McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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Commandant.

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**Letter 10** – USB page 8

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 10 October 1826.

Sir, I have the honor to forward for the information of his Excellency The Governor a Return of Prisoners at this Settlement who have been sentenced by Magistrates to a Penal Settlement for the remainder of their original sentences and for a longer term than three years.

Alex. McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 11** – USB pages 9 and 9a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 10<sup>th</sup> October 1826

I have the honor to enclose Abstract and acquittances for the salaries and allowances of officers and persons employed in the Government establishment at Moreton Bay for the three quarters from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 30<sup>th</sup> September last and as some of the persons therein mentioned have received the greater part of their salaries in Articles of provision from His Majesty's Stores I have enclosed copies of the amount so that warranties may be prepared for the sums that are actually due.

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**Letter 12** – USB page 8

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 7<sup>th</sup> November 1826.

Sir, I have filled up the enclosed return of the Officers and persons forming the Government Establishment at Moreton Bay as far as circumstances will admit but I have been under the necessity of leaving some blanks from want of information on the following points, viz. Date of appointment of Captain Bishop and the net amount of salary received by him not knowing the date of his arrival in Sydney – the date of the appointment of Mr. Dalhunny as Superintendent of Convicts and his arrival in Sydney and likewise the salary of Mr. Spicer  
*There is nothing more of this letter on the tape.*

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**Letter 13** – USB pages 10, 10a, 11a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 2nd January 1827

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> December relative to the salaries of the Overseers and Constables of this establishment, asking me to report the several dates from whence the present rates will commence.

John McIntosh, principal overseer, entered on his present duties on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1826.

Robert Harvey Overseer and William Gooden Clerk have been placed at the old rates up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive.

The Constables Thomas Lanus, George Barnfather were appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month, and the same month John McGuires was removed from Dep No 3 to Dep No 4 for neglect of duty and Thomas Anderson from Dep No 4 was promoted in his place agreeable to the above dates. I have prepared the enclosed abstracts which I have the honor to submit for approval.

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Sir, I have the honour to enclose a requisition for Engineers' Stores wanted at this Settlement in accordance with the articles contained in my regulations of the 27<sup>th</sup> September of which the following only have been received

- viz. (3) three carpenters rules  
(1) 1 set file cutters tools  
(1) One Blacksmiths Bellows  
(36) Thirty-six pounds of white oakum  
(1) one Glaziers Diamond

2 I beg leave to report that the flour in the Commissariat Store is not calculated to last longer than six weeks and Mr. Cowper, our Surgeon, reports that there is a scarcity of medicine, his last requisition not having been complied with. I have therefore the honor respectfully to recommend that a vessel may be despatched with as little delay as possible.

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Commandant.

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Letter 15 - 12 and 13

Commandant's Office  
9<sup>th</sup> February 1827

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> January last I have the honor to report that on reference to the settlement order books it appears that Mr. Dalhunny was appointed to take charge of the Engineer's Department on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1825 and was relieved from that duty by Lt. Ovens on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1826.

I have also the honor to report that Mr. Spicer embarked on the *Amity* to take charge as Superintendent of Convicts on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August last.

In compliance with the request of His Excellency the Governor I will take every opportunity of perusing the discoveries reported in my letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August last and endeavour to obtain as accurately as possible every particular connected with Moreton Bay and the adjacent country.

I have much pleasure in reporting the very friendly terms we continue to preserve with the natives who begin to make themselves useful in apprehending and bringing in runaways. I beg leave to request that a supply of blankets and iron hooks may be sent for them, they value these articles very highly.

A temporary shed for the purpose of public worship will be immediately constructed and I have the honor to state the Mr. Cowper has invariably read the funeral service at the Internments that have taken place Since my arrival at the Settlement.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Manifest of the Cargo arrived by the *Alligator* accompanied with a letter from Mr. Spicer by which it appears that the goods consigned to him were not his property and have not been received, also the two bags of sugar consigned to Dr. Cowper have not been received by him.

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Letter 16 – USB pages 13-15

Commandant's Office  
6<sup>th</sup> April 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult. and to transmit copies of the proceedings of a Board of Survey of the Engineers stores at this settlement and as I do not wish to delay the return of the *Mary Elizabeth* I shall forward the Surveys on the Commissariat and Medical Departments by the next opportunity together with a Copy of the Journal of Proceedings and remarkable occurrences [sic] Since my arrival which is too voluminous [sic] to be completed in time for the vessels departure.

I regret exceedingly [sic] that the frequent Corporal punishments at Moreton Bay should have been such as to occasion the Severe remarks of the Attorney General, however he has suggested the true cause viz "the want of a treadmill and means of solitary confinement", on my arrival here amongst the other difficulties I had to contend with the prisoners were not at all disposed to Labour, a little severity was absolutely necessary to convert the Settlement into anything like a place of Punishment, and as Corporal punishment was found necessary to make the Prisoners perform the moderate tasks assigned [sic] them, the imposing a harder Labour would have increased rather than diminished the evil complained of.

The prisoners generally [sic] are worked in Irons but there are some employments on the Settlement in which the use of Irons would be very inconvenient and sometimes dangerous such as procuring Timber roofing houses &c. Persons of the best character are consistently selected for these employments and the indulgence has acted as a stimulus to good conduct, it has been my consistent endeavour to prevent every species of trade and improper indulgences and I shall strictly enforce the Government orders on that head while I remain here.

With reference to the representation of the Master Attendant and respecting the inconvenience of the two sailors named in the margin (John Tosh, Mr. Innes) who were left at Moreton Bay for the purpose of Superintending the Buoys being Constructed on the strength of the vessels to which they formerly belonged – I have the honor to report for the information of his Excellency the Governor that I do not think it would be prudent to entrust that Situation entirely to the Prisoners of the Crown, as many Plans have been formed by prisoners here to SIEZE the Boats Belonging to the Settlement and make their escape and besides John Tosh one the sailors in question is the only person here at present capable of Piloting a vessel from Amity Point to the settlement. His conduct since I have known him has been extremely good and in the event of his being transferred to the Settlement I should recommend an increase in his pay.

I have likewise the honor to report that I have used every exertion to bring the settlement to a State to provide grain for its own consumption; there is now a Sufficient quantity of Maize for 12 months and I have been prevented raising wheat from a want of seed, one hundred and fifty acres of land will be prepared for that crop before June. I hope therefore that the Seed Wheat mentioned in my requisition of the 8<sup>th</sup> February will be forwarded before that period, otherwise it will be too late for the ensuing crop, thirty bushels only were received by the *Mary Elizabeth*.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 17 – USB pages 16 & 16a**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 6<sup>th</sup> April 1827.

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> January with the accompanying account of Daniel Lynch against the Government together with the copy of a Certificate (given by me) of the quantity of work performed by him after the expiration of his sentence.

I have the honour to report that I made no agreement with the individual in question on the expiration of his sentence. He told me he would do no more work unless I paid him for it as he was become free, this I positively refuted and desired him to proceed with his work till an opportunity offered to send him to Sydney – he said he would do so if I would give him a certificate of the quantity of work he should perform.

As I was anxious to get part of the Hospital finished for the reception of the sick and as there was no other plasterer on the settlement I agreed to do so but at the same time I distinctly told him that I did not think that the Government would pay him and I did not agree he was entitled to it. It was my intention to have reported the case for the information of His Excellency and request instructions how to act in similar cases but this I inadvertently omitted.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 18 – USB page 16**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay May 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose the manifest of the cargo on Board the *Mary Elizabeth* and to report that the Government Orders have been strictly obeyed by the Master of that vessel during her passage from Sydney and while she remained here.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
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Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 19 – USB pages 17 and 17a**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 24<sup>th</sup> May 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a manifest of cargo on H.M. Colonial Brig the *Governor Phillip* and likewise a requisition of some articles necessary for the settlement. I have included an additional quantity of seed wheat which I think may safely be sown. Should a vessel be sent here during the month of June the wheat already received is all put in the Ground in good condition and I think there is every prospect of a good crop. By the accompanying

statement of provisions in store you will perceive that there is now sufficient quantity of flour on hand for the consumption of the settlement until the crop in the ground is reaped and should my agricultural plans be pursued by my Surveyor I do not apprehend that there will be any occasion for a further supply of that article from Sydney unless the population of the settlement should be increased much more rapidly than hitherto.

I have much pleasure in stating for the information of his Excellency the Governor that I have discovered another considerable river which empties itself into Moreton Bay at the southern extremity and I have taken the liberty to name it the McLeay. Neither this river nor the Darling have any connection with the Tweed as is supposed by some persons to be the case.

The Honourable  
Alexander McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 20** – USB pages 18 and 19

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 24<sup>th</sup> July 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant with the accompanying petition from **Irene Brennan** and I regret that I feel it my imparative [sic] duty to report that in the actual state of the Settlement there are no means whatever by which the wives and children of the prisoners can support themselves without being rationed by Government – at the same time I think it would be highly desirable if some arrangement could be made for us to enable these unfortunate people to provide a livelihood for themselves without depending for aid from Government or charity from individuals – their being permitted to accompany their husbands without something being done is only exposing them to want or Infamy, or, it imposes a heavy tax on the few officers here whose humanity may prompt them to render every assistance to those who have not the means of providing for themselves, and this in the end must have a demoralizing effect by encouraging them to habits of idleness and inattention to their own wants.

The only thing that occurs to me to obviate the objections that present themselves to their being permitted to come here would be to establish a house of industry which under proper regulations would I have no doubt produce the most desirable results in providing for them a comfortable maintenance and accustom them to an industrious and regular mode of life – a suitable building could easily be erected by their husbands in the hours not set apart for government labour and a woman of good character selected to instruct the others in needlework.

Bonnet making as the produce of their labour could be disposed of in Sydney and the necessaries of life distributed in exchange.

Cotton wool can be produced here with very little labour. If a few hours were set aside for that purpose a coarse cloth could be manufactured to clothe the women and children.

In the event of the plan being sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor it will be necessary to raise a small fund to commence with. I therefore take the liberty to enclose a Subscription List to which I have no doubt the charitably disposed ladies in Sydney will with much pleasure contribute.

I have the honor to be  
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Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 21** - 20 and 21a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 27<sup>th</sup> July 1827.

Sir, In compliance [sic] with the commands of His Excellency the Governor I have the honor to enclose three petitions which were presented to His Excellency at the settlement and left here for my report.

<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Overseer McIntosh complains that I do not support him in the discharge of his duty and likewise that I took no notice of two letters which he wrote to me – it was for writing the first of the letters in question which I considered a very impertinent one and his not supporting me in the execution of my duty that he was dismissed from his situation of Principal Overseer. He likewise sent me a very improper message by Mr. Spicer, to the purport, that if I allow Cunninghame to go into the house on the wharf he would do no more duty and return to Sydney, this is I suppose what he calls his resignation – the inveterate dislike he has taken to Cunninghame was in consequence of a quarrel between their wives. Mrs McIntosh is a woman of bad character and is in the habit of quarrelling with the Prisoners and when the husband can find no other means of punishing them he uses violent and provoking language and if they make a hasty reply he prefers a charge of insolence. He had for some time past been very careless in the discharge of his duty, his object is evidently to get removed to Sydney and as he is not under Colonial Sentence it would perhaps be advisable to send him by the first vessel as he will not be of much use here.

The circumstance of the spirits found in the possession of Cunninghame is the only thing I have had occasion to find fault with him since I have been on the settlement.

He was employed in doing some repairs to the *Mary Elizabeth* and in order not to detain this vessel he worked to a late hour, and on his leaving he contrived to get some spirits on shore which was observed by the Constable on duty at the Huts and very properly seized and on my enquiring into the offence I found the spirits were in all about half a gallon which the Master of the *Mary Elizabeth* admitted had been given to Cunninghame in consequence of his hard days work. I considered the Master of the vessel much more to blame than Cunninghame as it is scarcely to be expected that a person of his description would refuse spirits when offered to him. I was certainly wrong in not reporting Mr. Hopton but I really [sic] believed that the spirits were given from the motive stated and I have taken effectual steps to prevent any occurrence of this kind in future.

Mr. McIntosh did his duty in reporting the circumstance to me but it is certainly not for him to dictate to me what punishment a prisoner is to receive.

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**Letter 22** – USB pages 22, 23, 23a, 24a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 25<sup>th</sup> July 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to report in your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> July No. 16 that the Prisoners and Stores by the *Wellington* have been safely landed and I will see the vessel leaves the Bay as soon as possible, part of the cargo of pine logs which I had in readiness in the Bay for the first vessel which might arrive has unfortunately got adrift. I therefore think it more advisable to despatch her although not fully laden rather than delay her for another raft. In future I shall always have a sufficient quantity of logs and spars at Green Point. [Dunwich]

The Schooner directed to be built by his Excellency the Governor at Moreton Bay is so far outlined, and the timbers being all prepared I don't think it would be prudent to stop as she will be completely framed in four or five weeks. I therefore take the liberty to proceed until further orders and have included the materials that will be required to complete her in my General Requisition.

I regret exceedingly that I should have been absent from the settlement during the recent visit of His Excellency and likewise that I am not yet enabled to make a satisfactory report respecting the Lake or Body of water mentioned in my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> May as I expected to be relieved by the first vessel that should arrive here, instead of going to the spot where I first discovered the Lake in question. It would have been the most direct way of coming to the point. I proceeded up the Brisbane with the view of seeing as much of the country as possible before I left it, intending after I left Mount Warning to cross the Tweed and get to the east coast between Point Danger and Cape Biron [sic].

I proceeded up the Brisbane on the 7<sup>th</sup> June as will appear on my Journal which I beg leave to enclose with the view of heading the river lately discovered, reaching Mount Warning and thence taking the most direct route to the Tweed. However I found it impossible notwithstanding every exertion to get through the thick scrub which covers the mountains in that direction. I was in consequence obliged to return to the Settlement without accomplishing the object of my journey. However I have much satisfaction in reporting that the country through which I travelled exceeded my most sanguine expectations and is everywhere extremely well watered and I have no doubt, whenever it may suit the needs of Government to open it for settlers it will be found the most desirable for that purpose hitherto found in the colony – after the sailing of the *Wellington* I will take an opportunity of proceeding to the spot from whence I saw what I suppose to be the Tweed and from thence endeavour to make a direct route. The distance did not appear to me to be more than 50 miles.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

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**Letter 23** – USB pages 24, 24a, 25, 26a, 27

Moreton Bay 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1827.

Sir, In obedience to the Comments of your Excellency I do myself the honor to reply to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, and to extend my regret that I was absent from the settlement at that period.

I have for some time had it in contemplation to report for your Excellencies information the strong inconveniences that result from the site of the settlement having been selected so far up the river Brisbane, and



since the discovery of the river which you have done me the honor to call by my name the disadvantages of the present settlement become more apparent.

I have therefore explored every part of the Bay to enable me to point out the most proper site in the event of a change being found necessary and it appears to me that Green Point is not only the most eligible situation but likewise possesses every requisite for a Penal Settlement. The channels from the two rivers unite at this point and there is good anchorage for ships in six fathoms of water, with a Jetty when thrown out about 150 yards, vessels drawing 18 feet could lay alongside at low water and besides there is a small island about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the shore having four fathoms close to the beach – I think this would be an excellent site for a store and stockyard, vessels could here be discharged without having any communication with the Settlement which would completely prevent smuggling. The boats belonging to the settlement could be hauled up here at sunset which would prevent any surprise if the prisoners were disposed to seize them, there is a supply of fresh water sufficient for the carpentry items.

The Island of Stradbroke is of peculiar formation. There are five or six large lakes or reservoirs of water on the top without any visible outlet – the water filters through the sand and forms considerable rivulets towards Moreton Bay and the east coast. There are several streams between Amity Point and the proposed Settlement sufficiently large to work flour mills.

I have commenced a plan of Green Point including the anchorage and small island which I will forward by the next vessel by which your Excellency will be able to form a more correct idea than from my imperfect description.

In the event of your Excellencies determined to remove the Headquarters of the Settlement to Stradbroke Island. I think it would be advisable to continue a small establishment at Brisbane Town to supply the settlement with grain. I envisage from two to three hundred prisoners of the Best character could always be selected for the purpose and the others could be worked on Stradbroke and Peel Island. I do not apprehend that a scarcity of water will be felt at the recent settlement in compliance with your Excellency's instructions. I have ascertained that one of the wells which has been recently made runs daily 1200 gallons and the other about half that quantity and even should these fail in summer which I do not think will be the case, there is a chain of ponds about three quarters of a mile from the settlement to which I am making a good road by which a water cart and one bullock could supply the whole establishment.

I regret that the site and plan of the Hospital does not meet with your Excellencies approbation, the plan was drawn by Captain Bishop previous to my arrival and forwarded for approval by the vessel which took him to Sydney. It was returned by the Colonial Secretary with instructions to commence the building, and when the other plan arrived it was too late to change, this I had the honor to report for your Excellencies information.

It was my intention to propose that it should be converted into a Military Barracks for which it is more adapted than for the present purpose, and build a Hospital on the hill above the Prisoners' Barracks.

I did not commence the Prisoners Barracks until after the arrival of the *Governor Phillip* when I was at a loss to provide accommodation for so many and besides they were constantly making attempts to break through the slab buildings which I find were more expensive than stone and required as much time in erecting. I shall not in future commence any building however urgent without the plan being submitted for your Excellencies approval.

I feel much gratified that the general state of the settlement has merited your approval, but while I remain here I shall continue to exert myself to carry out your Excellencies instructions into effect without any deviation.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 24 – USB page 27**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 31<sup>st</sup> July 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency in reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant that there are only two prisoners at this Settlement (who are not under Colonial Sentences) to fill the situation of Overseer and other confidential employments and as both of these persons, viz Overseers, McIntosh and Harvey have been recommended to be sent to Sydney I have the honor to propose that the number of prisoners mentioned in the margin (Principal Overseer, 1 Overseer of Public works, 4 Overseers to take charge of Gangs, 8 Constables, 1 Clerk) should be selected at headquarters.

In selecting an overseer of Public Works a practical mechanic such as a Carpenter or Mason would I think be the most useful.

Alex McLeay Esq.  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN. Commandant.

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**Letter 25 – USB pages 28a and 28**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> November 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> October relative to the want of Store Room at Moreton Bay and beg to report in reply that I have accommodation to deposit at least eighteen months supplies, the only instance in which provisions have been landed in the Bay previous to their being forwarded to the Settlement was on the arrival of the *Wellington*, when I had a communication from the Colonial Secretary requesting me to detain that vessel as short time as possible.

It is the intention of Government to build a warehouse near Peel Island to expedite the despatch of vessels from this station and as soon as the site and Island are approved by His Excellency the Governor the buildings will be completed with as little delay as possible and in the mean time from the increased means of transport I shall be able to discharge the cargo of vessels at Brisbane Town without them being previously landed in the Bay.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 26 – USB page 28**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> November 1827.

Sir, I have the honor to report in reply to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> September that the Bolting Cloths sent here by the Governor Phillip are unfit for use being much damaged by moths or other insects, it has therefore been found necessary to prepare a wire cylinder which will not be completed before the 10<sup>th</sup> instant at which period the established ration to the troops will take place.

James Landhay Esq.  
DCG.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 27 – USB page 29b,30, 30a**

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> November 1827

Sir, I have the honor to report in reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> October No. 25 that the Engineers stores at this settlement were duly surveyed and transferred from Ensign Innes to Lt. Bainbrigg on 25<sup>th</sup> ult.

2 The volunteers sent here as Overseers commenced duty on 25<sup>th</sup> ult. They will therefore be entitled to the granting of 6d per diem from that date.

As none of them are recommended except Booth, who is appointed to Overseer of Public Works I have detained Principal Overseer Harvey till a proper person is sent in his place or till one of those here may prove himself capable of the selection.

3 I have the honor to report in reply to paragraph 5 of your letter that the articles mentioned below were landed from the *Alligator* in consequence of their being entered in the manifest for Moreton Bay.

Viz. 1900 Nineteen hundred pounds of rod iron  
150 One hundred and fifty pounds of steel  
2 Two Barrels Rum [?]

30a 208 two hundred and eight pounds resin  
50 fifty spades  
200 two hundred tin pots  
100 one hundred pounds chalk  
50 fifty blankets

For which I have transmitted receipts in triplicate to the Commissariat Store.

4 I have communicated with the Master of the *Governor Phillip* respecting making search for the wreck of the vessel stated by Stewart to have been seen near the Solitary Islands and he is of the opinion that from the prevailing winds it would be very dangerous for a vessel of so heavy draught of water to move in near a lea shore under these circumstances. I have not thought it prudent to direct him to renew the search. Stewart's story seems to be very doubtful as none of the runaways who preceded or who followed him in the same track saw anything of the kind.

5 I had some time ago the honor to report my opinion respecting the eligibility of erecting a warehouse at Dunwich or Bird Island in compliance with the command of His Excellency the Governor and I now beg leave to enclose a rough likely plan of the situation in question and as soon as it is determined that the measure is to be carried into effect I am prepared to commence the building – a plan of a hut I beg may be sent from the office of the Chief Engineer. I will see it carried into effect without any deviation.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant

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**Letter 28** – USB page 31a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 20th December 1827

Sir, I have the honor to forward for your consideration Information against the Prisoners of the Crown named in the margin (William Johnson *Earl St. Vincent*, James Barlow *Speke 3*), the former charged with the wilful murder of Morris Morgan and the latter with striking William Perfoot with a hoe with intent to kill him – the whole of the witnesses in these cases are sent to Sydney by this conveyance except Dr. Cowper. Should his evidence be required it will be necessary to have him replaced by another Medical Officer.

The Attorney General  
N.J. Wiles

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant

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**Letter 29** - 31

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 20th December 1827

Sir, I have the honour to return the pay lists for the 30<sup>th</sup> September for the settlement of Moreton Bay, it having been duly signed by the respective individuals with the exception of Ensign Innes and overseer McIntosh who have been removed to Sydney. I have forwarded to them the amount of their pay with instructions to call at the Commissariat Office Sydney to effect their signatures.

I have drawn on you for the amount of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds 18/5 in favour of A.R. McKenzie Esq. Cashier to the Bank of New South Wales.  
Charles Howard Esq.  
B.A.G.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant

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**Letter 30** – USB pages 32 and 32a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 20th December 1827

Sir, I beg leave to enclose an order on the Cashier of the Military Chest for the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds 18/5 being the amount of the pay of the Officers and persons employed on the Government establishment at Moreton Bay for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September last which I beg you will have the goodness to place to my credit and honor the checks I have given to the individuals to whom it is due.

Will you have the goodness to send me a check book by the first opportunity as it is my wish to draw the cash for this establishment in favour of your Bank.

A.K. McKenyon Esq  
Cashier Bank of NS Wales

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant

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**Letter 31** – USB pages 32, 33 and 33a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 20th December 1827

Sir, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> November on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant by H.M. Colonial Schooner *Isabella*. The several instructions therein contained will be carried into effect with as little delay as possible.

2 I regret that owing to the unprecedented drought we have experienced here the wheat harvest is far short of expectation. I do not think the crop will average more than seven bushels per acre, the last sown wheat entirely failed, the whole crop will not exceed (700) seven hundred bushels [two lbs in bushels] – the maize crop however promises much better and will far exceed our wants, I shall forward a detailed report by the next vessel together with the Annual Boards of survey and the measurement of the land in Tilage. [sic]

3 In reference to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> November I have the honor to state that I do not think it advisable under present circumstances to erect a Mill on the Island of Stradbroke as I consider that a tread Mill at Brisbane Town will be of more service in the present state of the settlement.

4 I have to report that slop clothing and blankets are much wanted. I forwarded a requisition of the principal Superintendent of Convicts by the *Governor Phillip* but I have not been favoured with a reply.

5 I have forwarded two prisoners by the *Elizabeth* for trial before the Criminal Court the first charged with the (in column – William Johnson per ship *Earl St. Vincent*, James Barlow *Speke 3*) wilful murder of Moris Morgan likewise a Prisoner of the Crown and the latter with striking William Perfoot with a hoe with intent to kill him.

I have forwarded the information to the Attorney General, and should he require the evidence of Dr. Cowper it will be necessary to send a Medical gentleman to do the duty in his absence.

6 Owing to the ill health of Mr. Bremer, Master of the *Regent Bird* and the recommendation of Dr. Cowper I have given him permission to return to Sydney by this conveyance.

The Honourable Alex McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 32** – USB pages 34 and 34a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 31st December 1827

Sir, With reference to your circular letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> November No. 44 I have the honor to State for His Excellencies Information that during the last half Year I have not collected information on the Several points (mentioned in the circular letter of the late Secretary of state) of Sufficient importance to be detailed in a report, during the ensuing half year I shall take every opportunity of obtaining such information on the Several Subjects as circumstances will permit.

The Honourable Alex McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 33** – USB page 34

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 1<sup>st</sup> September 1827

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo by the *Alligator* and beg leave to report with reference to the statements of the 4 runaways named in the margin (John Stewart *Recovery*, William Dutton *Lady Eldon*, Edward Mullen *Neptune*, Thomas King *Baring*) that they have never been required to do more work than is generally performed by persons assigned to Settlers and what they call half rations is the Ration No. 7 in the printed regulations ordered for Prisoners in gaol gangs to which by their bad conduct they had Subjected themselves, Stewart's statement that he had received fifty lashes is entirely false, he never received any Corporal Punishment on the Settlement except 50 lashes for breaking into the Hold of the *Amity* and stealing a quantity of flour - I am quite satisfied that the Prisoners here have no cause of complaint respecting their rations, I frequently visit their messes and the Superintendent does so daily and the Slightest Complaint is immediately enquired into – and for some time I have allowed the gaol gang the same rations as the others as they are expected to do the same work.

The Honourable Alex McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 34** – USB pages 35, 36, 36a, 37a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to report in reply to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> December No. 32 that a magazine 60 feet by 30 with a granary of the same dimensions will be required for the Supplies necessary for the Establishment - the building at present occupied as a store will in a Short time be required as a Barn, the purpose for which it was erected.

2 I am likewise to report that Samuel Myres, an Overseer accompanied by Michael Malone, a Prisoner of the Crown were directed on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> instant to watch a field of Corn Situated on the South Bank of the River; it appears that they imprudently went some distance from the Settlement and lost themselves; they were for some time missing untill [sic] Frances Reynolds who had some before absconded, returned to the settlement and reported that he had Seen the two men Murdered by the natives, and that he had narrowly escaped after having been wounded in the shoulder by a spear. I immediately accompanied him to the place which he described about 15 miles from the settlement and found the two Bodies – Reynolds recognised one of the natives who had committed the Murder a few days afterwards at the settlement – I have therefore detained him in custody until I receive the commands of His Excellency the Governor, and have forwarded the Accompanying Statement of Reynolds taken on this day.

3 I have likewise to report that the natives have become exceedingly troublesome Since the Maize crop began to ripen, they attack the fields in large bodies and on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant a Tribe of about 50 threw Several Spears at the guard Stationed on the South Side of the river to protect the Maize; the guard fired in return and one of the Natives was unfortunately killed, they have not since made their appearance.

4 I have sent to Sydney by this conveyance the two men discussed in the margin, the two men who lately arrived here to fill the situation of Overseers, they are not at all qualified for that purpose and are only an

encumbrance. (Hard to read: Thos. Toole *Ann & Amelia*, Rob Cox *Hoogley*). The Settlement is now increasing so rapidly, a few active overseers are very much wanted.

5 I have permitted William Innis and Thomas Cribb, free Seamen attached to the Establishment to proceed to Sydney by the *Governor Phillip*, they having requested permission to leave their present employment.

Alexander McLeay  
Colonial Secretary.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 35** – USB pages 37 and 37a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 28<sup>th</sup> January 1828.

Sir, I have been directed by the Honourable, the Colonial Secretary to prepare and forward to you an estimate of the whole of the articles that will be required for the Public Service under my direction for the present year – I have the honor to transmit the accompanying estimates which I am afraid are rather defective in point of form but I trust they will afford you the information required.

James Laidley Esq.  
DCG

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 36** – USB page 37

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 6<sup>th</sup> March 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> ultimo by the *Lucy Anne*, and in reply to the third paragraph by the report that thirty ewes and one ram arrived here by the *Isabella* in December last and I am sorry to state that 10 of the sheep forwarded by the *Lucy Anne* died on the voyage.

38a 2 George Best, a Prisoner of the Crown at this Settlement and formerly a Sergeant in the N S Wales Royal Veterans has applied to me for permission that his wife may be permitted to join him. As this man has conducted himself to my satisfaction and appears superior to the general class of prisoners I shall be much obliged if the indulgence shall be granted to him.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN Commandant

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**Letter 37** – USB pages 38 and 38a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 20<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

Sir, I regret having to report that on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant Captain Leary and the passengers and crew of the Brig *Woodlark* arrived here in a most melancholy condition, having been wrecked in Latitude 22S on their through Torres Straights. I felt myself called on to direct Mr. Craig in charge of the Commissariat Department to issue them rations during their stay here and as they were stripped of nearly all of their clothing by the natives I likewise authorised him to save for their use articles of slop clothing. Captain Leary has signed the receipt for the several supplies – the receipts have been forwarded to the Deputy Commissariat General and Captain Leary agrees to pay for them if required by Government.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN Commandant

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**Letter 38** – USB pages 39, 39a and 40a,41, 41a No. 8

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 20<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

Sir, I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> April, No. 28/10 by the *Alligator* which vessel arrived here on 6<sup>th</sup> instant but in consequence of her being in a very leaky state it was found necessary to put her under repair which has detained her till this time.

2 With reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of your letter I have the honor to report that Thomas Boardman has conducted himself with great propriety Since his arrival on this Settlement and from his knowledge of all matters relative to Shipping I beg to recommend he may be appointed an overseer of the Second Class to be employed in taking care of the boats rigging oars etc. at Brisbane Town and to Superintend their loading and discharge at the Wharf, he is now employed in rigging the New Schooner which will be ready for Sea about the end of June.

3 I have the honour to report in compliance with the directions of His Excellency relative to the intention of materially increasing the numbers of Prisoners at this Settlement that in Consequence of the inferior nature of the Land in the immediate neighbourhood of Brisbane Town, superior [sic] soil being found only in Small detached

portions it appears to me that the most advisable plan for at once raising Sufficient grain for the Consumption of the Settlement, would be to form an Agricultural Establishment higher up the river, there is an extensive plain of about five thousand acres Situated on Oxleys Creek which falls into the Brisbane nine miles above the Settlement, there are Some hundred acres that could be immediately ploughed up without any preperation [sic] and should his Excellency sanction this plan there would be no difficulty in preparing one thousand acres for a wheat crop for the year 1829 which at the moderate calculation of 15 Bushels per Acre would produce 15,000 bushels, a quantity more than Sufficient for three years Supply for the present number – in estimating the produce at so low a rate as 15 bushels per acre I have taken into consideration the possibility of a partial failure in Consequence of its being the first Crop. It would be advisable to break up the ground as soon as possible as the longer it is exposed to the influence of the weather before the Seed is put into the ground, the better chance there will be of a Crop.

Should this plan meet with the approbation of His Excellency 150 of the best disposed prisoners could be immediately Selected and it would be further advisable to Send about 30 working Bullocks for the Plough – and I have no hesitation in stating my belief that from the harvesting of the crop for the year 1829 more grain would be produced than the Settlement could consume, notwithstanding any increase that may take place, when this object is attained it will be necessary to form plans for the employment of Prisoners not employed in agriculture – there are great quantities of Lime Stone and Coal on Bremer Creek about 45 miles from Brisbane Town. I think a number of hands could be usefully employed in preparing and transporting these Articles to Dunwich which place still appears to me the most desirable station for the headquarters of the district. Although the Soil is of an inferior description it is the only place in Moreton Bay calculated for a Depot to receive Supplies from Sydney and likewise timber and other articles that may be prepared here as a return Cargo.

Having stated the principal innovations that occur to me on the Subject referred to but as there may be many points on which the Govt. may require information before completing the plans, permit me to Suggest that a Personal reference would be more satisfactory and as the Schooner now in progress will be ready for Sea sometime in June, if His Excellency will permit me to run up to Sydney and return immediately I don't think my short absence which would not exceed two or three weeks would be attended with any inconvenience to the Settlement.

[Logan wants working bullocks for the plough]

[Logan to go to Sydney]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant.

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Letter 39 - 42, 42a, 43a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 20<sup>th</sup> July 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June No. 28/12 and No. 28/13 by the *Lucy Anne*, which vessel arrived here on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and she has been detained until this period it having been necessary to fit her with a new Main Mast.

2 Mr. Fraser has marked out a garden which is now being enclosed and prepared, as there is no person here capable taking charge of it, I trust His Excellency will permit a Prisoner from the Botanic Gardens to be sent here by the first opportunity.

3 By this conveyance I have returned to Sydney the Prisoner named in the margin (John James Price *Albion*) who was sent here a few months ago as Principal Overseer. His conduct has been very improper since his arrival, he is in every respect unfit for the situation, as this establishment is likely to be so much increased it will be necessary to select some well conducted men as overseers.

4 The Prisoner, James Davidson, a native of the Colony mentioned in the 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph of your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, No. 28/13 has Conducted himself with propriety and I therefore beg leave to recommend the indulgence of his wife being permitted to join him, the Prisoner named in the margin has likewise requested the same (Edward Lee per ship) indulgence and as his conduct has been good I have further to recommend that the indulgence may be extended to him.

5 I have much pleasure in reporting that the wheat crops are in a forward and thriving state and after deducting a Sufficient quantity for Seed for the ensuing year there will be Sufficient to supply the Settlement for Six or Seven months – the livestock are thriving extremely well and I beg to recommend that breeding Cows and Ewes may be sent whenever opportunities offer.

[Wheat doing well in July]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN, Commandant.

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**Letter 40** – USB page 43

Sydney 18<sup>th</sup> September 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to forward a list of Prisoners of the Crown recommended to be employed as Overseers at Moreton Bay viz.

John McIntosh for General Services to be Chief Constable with a Ticket-of-Leave and a Salary of 2/- [?] per diem. Charles William Punch as Overseer 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

James Kirwin, Boyne 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

James McNally, Medina 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Thomas McKenna Albion [?] 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

William Hayman, Cawdry 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.

I have likewise the honor to request that the eight Prisoners who arrived by the *Isabella* as evidence to two Trials before the Criminal Court may be sent back to Moreton Bay by the present opportunity, the principals having been convicted yesterday.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant

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**Letter 41** – USB pages 44, 45, 45a, 46a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 10<sup>th</sup> October 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to report that the *Isabella* Schooner arrived here on 13<sup>th</sup> instant having experienced a tedious passage from the presence of northerly winds.

2 It is with much regret I have to report for his Excellency's information that from the unfavourable state of the weather when the wheat crops were in flower they have been blighted to a considerable extent, the produce of the harvest will therefore be far short of expectation both as to quantity and quality but as rain[?] has at length set in there is every prospect of an abundant crop of Maize.

3 Immediately on my return from Sydney I despatched a military party to Point Danger and they have already sent in two runaways who had left the settlement ten days before – I have reason to believe that this measure will have the effect of checking absconding to a considerable extent – and I beg leave to recommend that the runaways from Moreton Bay now in the Phoenix Hull should be returned here by the first conveyance and worked in double irons during the remainder of their respective sentences, this I am convinced would have a much better effect than sending them to Norfolk Island.

4 I regret to report that a barbarous murder was committed here on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September last. A Prisoner of the Crown named in the margin (John Brunger) who killed a fellow prisoner with a pick axe. I have forwarded a deposition to the Attorney General and as the evidence of Dr. Cowper will be required a Medical Gentleman will be required to do his duties during his absence.

5 With a view of guarding as far as possible against detention of vessels at Dunwich and preventing any kind of improper conduct at that station I have the honor to suggest the propriety of delegating one of the Subaltern Officers for doing duty here with an allowance of 5 shillings per day to be responsible that no interaction or traffic takes place between the vessels and the people at that station which would completely prevent smuggling.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

P. LOGAN

Commandant.

[Wheat failed]

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**Letter 42** – USB page 46a

Commandant's Office

Moreton Bay 9<sup>th</sup> December 1828.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> November No. 28/26 per the *Mary Elizabeth* which vessel arrived at Dunwich on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. and she is now ready to proceed to Port Macquarie.

2 There is a Prisoner of the Crown (name to be inserted here) who was some time ago an overseer at Norfolk Island and now holds a Ticket-of-Leave at Parramatta, he has been recommended to me by Mr. Parker, Superintendent of Agriculture as a fit person to be employed here in a similar situation. He has been directed to attend at your office to learn whether his services will be accepted of. It will be necessary from the great increase of this establishment to procure Overseers by every possible means.

3 With reference to the 2nd paragraph of my letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> October respecting the failure of the wheat crops I have now the honor to report that there is not more than six weeks supply of flour on the settlement including the cargo of the *Mary Elizabeth*, it will therefore be necessary to despatch another vessel as soon as possible as from the prevalence of northerly winds at this season a period short of three weeks cannot safely be

depended upon. By the next opportunity a Return of the Produce of the Harvest and its disposal will be forwarded for His Excellencies information.

**[Only 6 weeks supply of Flour]**

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 43** – USB page 48 and 48a

No 2

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 6<sup>th</sup> February 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to report that the *City of Edinburgh* arrived at Amity Point on 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. and proceeded next day to Dunwich and Commenced to discharge her cargo on 24<sup>th</sup>, her lading will be all taken in this Evening and she will be discharged tomorrow to return to Sydney.

2 I regret having to report an unfortunate accident occurred in discharging the *City of Edinburgh* by the upsetting of a boat when thirty casks of Salt Provisions and two Casks of Rice were lost.

The pilot in his anxiety to forward the Discharge of the Ship imprudently overloaded the Boats deck and a sudden squall overset her in making sail. I have the honour to enclose the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry on the Subject for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

3 It is with much pain I have to report that a most barbarous murder has been perpetrated by two of the Runaways sent down by the *City of Edinburgh*, before I left the settlement at Brisbane Town to despatch the *City of Edinburgh* I formed the Runaways into a gang by themselves for the purpose of having them more narrowly watched, I received a report yesterday from Lt. Bainbrigge that when at work about nine o'clock in the morning two of them suddenly attacked a third without any apparent provocation and Killed him on the spot. I shall have the honor to forward a deposition and a full report by the *Mary Elizabeth*.

The Honourable  
Alexander McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 44** – USB pages 48, 50a, 50m 51a No. 3

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to report that the Brigs *Mary Elizabeth* and *Governor Phillip* arrived here on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. The *Mary Elizabeth* is now ready to proceed on her return to Port Macquarie and the *Governor Phillip* will be despatched in a few days.

By the *Mary Elizabeth* I have forwarded the (4) four prisoners named in the margin charged with Murder, (John Brunger, Thomas Allen, Thomas Mathews and Peter Sullivan) Asst. Surgeon Cowper and the other witnesses to proceed by the *Governor Phillip*. I have already had the honor to report on the case of John Brunger. Allen and Mathews are the Runaways referred to in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of my letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> February No. 2, they were making a road and Mathews was filling a cart, he suddenly raised his Spade and struck a man named John Carroll and brought him to the ground.

Allen then struck the unfortunate man two Severe blows with a Mattock when he immediately expired. There was no quarrel between the parties – On their examination they admitted the fact but would assign no reason for having done so – On the 11<sup>th</sup> instant Sullivan and a man named Michael Condron who were both weak men and on that account exempted from hard labour, they were sent a little distance from the Gang to cut down some brush – in half an hour afterwards the Prisoner Sullivan returned to his gang and acknowledged having Killed his Companion, his trowsers and shirt were covered with Blood, Condron was immediately carried to the Hospital where he died in a few hours – his head was cut in a dreadful manner, apparently with the Brush hook with which Sullivan had been at work. I have forwarded the deposition to the Attorney General and I fervently hope it may not again become my painful duty to report such abandoned crimes.

3 With reference to the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of your despatch of the 15<sup>th</sup> January No. 29/36 relative to searching the Prisoners who arrived by the Ship *City of Edinburgh* I have to report that they were carefully searched on their landing, it having always been the practice at this Settlement to deposit any money they may have with them in the hands of the Superintendent of Convicts, all other property is lodged in store and articles that may be of use to them on the settlement are issued when required; since receiving your communication by the *Mary Elizabeth* I have used every means to discover notes of the Bank of Australia that might have escaped the former search but without success, the female Prisoners by the *Mary Elizabeth* have likewise been strictly searched but without discovering any of the notes in question.



4 I shall not omit in future to report Specially whenever any extraordinary increase of Sickness takes place of the Sick in Hospital, the great increase was principally owing to Ophthalmia which has been very prevalent since September last, it is now on the decline.

Dysentery had likewise been prevalent for some time and I regret to say a number of men have died as this will appear by the returns, the number of patients in hospital is now about 100 and is daily decreasing – a supply of medicine is much wanted and I hope it may be sent by the first opportunity.

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P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 45** – USB pages (52a same as 51a) 53a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 24<sup>th</sup> July 1829.

Sir, I have the honor in reply to your letter of this days date to communicate for your information the contents of an extract from a letter submitted to me by the Colonial Secretary, which is the only instructions I have received relative to your taking charge of the Civil Medical Department at this station, wherein you will perceive no mention of making allowance for the additional duties you thereby incur.

Assistant Surgeon Lester  
57<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Moreton Bay

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 46** – USB page 53 and 53a

“Extract”

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Sydney 7<sup>th</sup> February 1829

By the same conveyance from an Assistant Surgeon, Letter of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment for the purpose of relieving Mr. H. Cowper while that gentleman attends to give evidence in the case of John Brunger as well as the murder of William Perfoot and aluded [sic] to in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ultimo, No. 29/1, you will be pleased therefore to cause Mr. Cowper and the other witnesses to return to Headquarters by the *Governor Phillip*.

Captain Logan  
Commandant  
Moreton Bay

for the Colonial Secretary  
(Signed) J.B. Harrington

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**Letter 47** – USB pages 55 and 55a,56a No. 5

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 3 April 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to report that the *Isabella* arrived here on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. and in compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> March No. 29/9 I have caused to take in Cedar as a return Cargo and have made arrangements to collect a quantity of timber at Dunwich.

2 In reply to your circular letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> March No. 29/24 I have the honor to inform you that the separate returns of Summary Trials held before me during the months mentioned in the margin (July, August, September, October, November, December) were forwarded to the Attorney General by the ship *City of Edinburgh*.

3 With reference to the application of the Master of the *City of Edinburgh* respecting the damage stated to have been sustained by that ship when giving assistance to the small vessel which upset at Dunwich I have the honor to report for his Excellencies information that the cause of my not having instituted an enquiry was the impossibility of inspecting the injury in her copper [?] and that, that appears to be the principal damage Mr. Chendon apprehended she had sustained – it appears from the evidence taken by the Board of Survey that the most prompt assistance was given by the *City of Edinburgh* and I shall report extensively if any oversight on my part should be the means of withholding from Mr. Chendon any return to which he may be entitled.

4 In reply to your letter of the 18 March No. 29/11 I have the honor to report that the state of the settlement is much improved, hence my last letter. Hospitalisation begins to decrease and fewer deaths to occur. I trust that in a short time the health of the settlement will be restored to its usual state – a chest of medicine has been received by the *Isabella* and a requisition has been forwarded to the Inspector of Hospitals for an additional supply.

5 George Baxter late of the Veterans proceeds to Sydney by the *Isabella*, but in consequence of the indisposition of his wife, she and her child remain here until the arrival of the next vessel.

6 From the increase about to take place of female convicts at this Settlement it appears to me that a well conducted woman as a Matron would be of much use to the Establishment and I beg leave to suggest that a Married person with her husband would be the most eligible.

7 I have instructed the Superintendent of Public Works and the Assistant Surgeon to keep registers and transmit reports to Headquarters agreeable to the prescribed forms.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 48** – USB page 54, 54a No. 4

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 28<sup>th</sup> July 1829.

Sir, It is with much regret I have to report that a great loss of livestock was sustained on board the Governor Phillip, nine bullocks and five sheep died on the passage from Sydney to this Settlement and which I omitted to report in my letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. No. 3. I have made a strict enquiry and it does not appear that there was any neglect on the part of the Master, he attributes it to the rolling of the vessel as they experienced very severe weather, it is particularly unfortunate at the present moment as a little fresh meat if it can only be distributed to the Prisoners would be of great service to them.

2 In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant I have forwarded by this opportunity the money taken from the Prisoners at this station, and in future this regulation will be strictly attended to.

3 I have the honor to enclose for the consideration of His Excellency a letter addressed to me by Asst. Surgeon Sexton of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment now in charge of the Hospital at this station in the absence of Mr. Cowper who now proceeds to Sydney by the *Governor Phillip* requesting me to recommend his claim to an allowance while he continues in charge and at the same time expressing a wish to be relieved from that duty at the earliest convenience.

The Honourable **[Meat shortage, Logan requests  
fresh meat for prisoners]**  
Alexander McLeay  
Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant.

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**Letter 49** USB pages 57 and 57a

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 5<sup>th</sup> May 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to report that the Brig *Mary Elizabeth* arrived here on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant and now proceeds to Port Macquarie to take in a cargo of Hay – I have not received any Letters or Manifest by the *Mary Elizabeth*.

2 I gives me much pleasure to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the state of the Sick continues to improve and the Prisoners in general are conducting themselves in as orderly a manner as can be expected – The Superintendent of Agriculture is now preparing land for Wheat one hundred acres are already planted under favourable circumstances and I have written to the Deputy Commissary Genl. for a further supply of Seed.

3 The Rev. Mr. Vincent has applied to me for three prisoners to fill the Situations of Clerk Sextant and Bell Ringer, until I have the honor of receiving His Excellencies instructions on the subject, prisoners will be appointed to do the duties when required but I do not think myself authorised to assign them exclusively for those situations.

Alexander McLeay  
Colonial Secretary  
**[100 acres wheat to be planted]  
[Vincent at Moreton Bay]  
[prisoners behaving well]**

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letterk 50** – USB page 58a No.7

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant Nos 29/15, 29/16, 29/17 and 29/18 by the *Isabella* as that vessel soon proceeds to Port Macquarie agreeable to instructions.

2 I have not been enabled to prepare a Correct Return of the Agricultural produce up to this date in consequence of a considerable quantity of Maize having been reaped during the present week and the Amount has not yet been estimated by a Board of Survey. I shall have the honor to forward a Return by the *Governor Phillip* and in future have them made up to the date of the sailing of each vessel.

3 The female prisoner named in the margin, servant to the Rev. Mr. Vincent (refer to Indents for name) has not arrived at the Settlement. On reference to Mr. Vincent it appears that she absconded from his service previous to his sailing from Sydney.

4 Mr. Bowman, Inspector of Hospitals, having inspected the expediency of Converting the Assistant Surgeons quarters into a ward and afterwise erecting a separate hospital for the Military patients, I will lose no time in putting up the additional buildings when the sanction of His Excellency is obtained. I have the honor to be

Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 51** – USB page 59No. 7

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 22nd May 1829.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date and in reply I beg leave to state that I have no objection to your officiating at the Prisoners Barrack at 3 Block PM on Sunday next.

As soon as the building intended for Divine Service is completed a reading desk will be put up.

The Rev. I. Vincent  
Chaplain

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**Letter 52** – USB page 60No. 8

Commandant's Office  
Moreton Bay 15<sup>th</sup> June 1829.

Rev. Sir, I have the honor in reply to your letter of this day relative to the appointment of Church Officer and appointment of eligible Land to state that I shall be happy to have an interview with you tomorrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

The Rev. I. Vincent  
Chaplain  
Moreton Bay

I have the honor to be  
Rev. Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant  
P. LOGAN  
Commandant

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**No more letters from 15 June 1829 – Death of Logan letter November 1830 (52 – 60 missing).....**

**Death of Logan 61**

**Government Order**

Colonial Secretary's Office  
17<sup>th</sup> November, 1830.

His Excellency published with feelings of deep concern the following copy of a letter from Captain Clunie 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment conveying intelligence of the melancholy fate of Captain Logan 57<sup>th</sup> late Commander at Moreton Bay who was murdered by the natives when completing a survey which he had commenced last year.

It will be painful to dwell on the particulars of this distressing event.

Everyone who is capable of estimating Captain Logan's character, his zeal, his chivalrous and undaunted spirit will deplore it.

He had held for a period of 4 years and 8 months the command at Moreton Bay a situation from the character of the Settlement, of the most troublesome and arduous description. He did not however, confine himself to the immediate duties of his command, but had on several occasions of great personal risk explored the country to a considerable extent and on one of these discovered a River which in complement to his services was named the "Logan" as will be seen by the Government Order of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1827, No. 27. The circumstances of Captain Logan's death prove that the ardour of his character was not to be restrained by personal considerations. His life was devoted to the Public Service. Professionally he possessed those qualities which distinguished the best Officers; and in the conduct of an extensive Public Establishment his Services were highly important to the Colony.

The Governor, though he deeply regrets the occasion, is gratified in expressing his sentiments of Captain Logan's character and services. He is assured that every feeling mind will sympathise with the afflicted widow, who with her infant family has by an act of savage barbarity sustained a loss which cannot be repaired.

As a tribute to the memory of this meritorious Officer his Excellency requests that the Gentlemen of the Civil Service will join the military in attending the funeral of which due notice will be given By His Excellency.

(signed) Alex McLeay

A true copy  
(signed) J. Allan Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

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Sir, I have the honor to communicate to you the painful and distressing intelligence of the death of Captain Logan who was surprised and killed by the blacks while on a journey of discovery about three weeks since.

As the only remaining 57<sup>th</sup> Officer now at Moreton Bay I thought it my duty to communicate to you at length the melancholy particulars of the last days of a much lamented friend and Officer of the Regiment.

Captain Logan's object on the late journey was to lay down correctly on his chart the windings of the river between Pine Ridge, Lockyer's Creek and the Brisbane Mountain and to ascertain more correctly the course and termination of a creek striking out of the main river at the foot of the Brisbane Mountain in a north easterly direction, and afterwards (if he met with no obstacles) to proceed to the Pumicestone River, and the Glasshouses, and from thence back to the Settlement.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October he left this place and searched the Limestone Station the same night, distant overland twenty-five miles.

The next day (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>) they all set out upon this journey. The party consisted of Captain Logan, Private Collison, of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, his servant, five prisoners (all good bushmen) with two pack bullocks. They travelled fourteen miles this day in a north westerly direction, and encamped on the Limestone side of the river. Two or three blacks have been seen near the camp site at night. On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at seven in the morning the party left their encampment which was near the river but they had to proceed four miles further up before they could ford it. On approaching the river bank at the fording place the blacks assembled in great numbers, upwards of 200 and remained on the hill close to where they had to pass which was on the Limestone side of the river and at this place they began to show a hostile feeling by throwing and rolling down large stones on the party on passing, but no spears were thrown.

At this time Captain Logan was in advance, and finding he could not proceed on account of the natives, he was obliged to fall back and wait the coming up of the party. Collison, his servant, seeing what was going forward, fired a shot over their heads to frighten them; this for a time had an effect and they kept more aloof, but while the party were in the act of fording the river the Blacks closed on them again; he fired another shot while in the river which again had the effect of keeping them off. The natives appeared to know Captain Logan, for as soon as he had crossed they repeatedly called out "Commidy Water" intimating thereby it is supposed he should go back over the water. They followed at a distance all this day, hiding themselves occasionally behind trees, and in the long grass. The party then proceeded on to the place where his own horse was lost on the former journey and camped about ten miles to the northward of Lockyers Creek, about half way between that and Mount Irwin; here the tent was pitched for three days and two nights. On the Tuesday and Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> no blacks seen and nothing of any consequence occurred during this time. The men were distributed in twos in search of the lost horse and Captain Logan was alone exploring in a north easterly direction from the Brisbane Mountain. On the morning of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> the tent was struck, and all went on towards the junction and encamped about half a mile from it. No blacks seen and nothing particular occurred this day. The next day (Friday) was employed in traversing a newly-discovered creek.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Captain Logan left the party early in the morning on horseback to explore the new creek; he was alone on this duty all the day and in traversing the first he discovered a second creek. This perplexed and retarded him for a time and it was late when he returned from the examination of both.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Captain Logan said that he had accomplished all that he could accomplish at this time, and by his directions, about 7 o'clock this morning they all commenced their return journey back to the Lime Stone Station. At eight he left the party and went away alone after having previously told Collison to make the shortest way from the junction of the river and that he should find the party somewhere about that spot. He fell in with them between twelve and one o'clock sooner than was expected and remained with them about two hours travelling in company. No blacks had been seen and on crossing the river a track was perceived which resembled that of a bullock or horse. He then told Collison to go and pitch the tent on the side of a creek at a spot where they had encamped twelve months before. Captain Logan then for the last time parted with them to trace the horse or bullock track which led him away in the direction of Mount Irwin at which place he had been desirous of getting some basaltic formations.

Collison and the party reached the tent spot and encamped about 4 o'clock this afternoon (Sunday) on the ground previously pointed out by Captain Logan; soon afterwards the men thought they heard him "cooey"; they answered him and then waited about half an hour when they thought they heard him "cooey" again: he was again answered and four or five shots were fired at intervals during the evening and the men fancied they heard him "cooey" in reply two or three times between the shots but he did not return. The next morning early, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> two men were sent down the creek to search because it was known he must cross the creek on returning home; the

men saw the track of his horse in the direction of the Lime Stone. It was then taken for granted he had gone on ahead, towards the above place after missing the party. The tent was then struck, and all pursued their journey back.

On this day, Monday, about 12 o'clock fifty or sixty blacks made their appearance with spears, shields and waddies. They pressed about the party shouting, getting behind trees, and endeavouring to close upon the party undiscovered. No shots were fired: they continued their course, and, in an hour or two after the Blacks went off towards Mount Irwin which was the direction Captain Logan had taken the preceding evening. Nothing more occurred this day and the party reached safely the same fording place they had crossed on the Monday before. The encampment this night was chosen on the Pine Ridge side of the river thinking some signs of Captain Logan's track might be found on that side; but nothing was seen. The men then marked the trees and made marks in the sand at the crossing place, to attract his notice if he had not already passed, in the hope that he might find and know the party had gone ahead. The men walked one by one after the bullocks to make their track more distinct; this encampment was left on Tuesday morning and nothing occurred between this place and the Lime-Stone Station which the party reached on the Wednesday afternoon.

Not finding Captain Logan at the above station as was expected Collison, four prisoners and Private Hardacre, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment started the next morning on a second journey to search for him. The party had light baggage and travelled between thirty and forty miles this day, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, and about five o'clock in the evening they arrived at the camp where Captain Logan's horse was lost on the former journey. The first thing seen on searching the ground was the saddle lying beside a tree with the stirrup-leather cut asunder [sic] evidently by a stone Tomahawk and the stirrup irons gone. The saddle was about thirty yards from the remains of a fire; and it appeared to have been taken there by the Blacks for the purpose of cutting it on a fallen tree. A space had been eaten around where the horse had been tethered – and there were marks where Captain Logan had taken the horse to water. It also appeared that he had roasted some chestnuts at this fire: the remains of the roasted chestnuts lay about the stump of a tree that had been burning and it was at this place the Blacks must have surprised him, for his footmarks were seen distinctly with long strides, where he had rushed from the fire to his horse. A further search was then made to see if any signs of struggling or violence could be found; but nothing of the sort appearing it was then evident he must have jumped on his horse bare backed and made his escape; the party then returned to the Limestone Station without having seen a Black on the whole journey. Being disappointed a second time in not finding him there another party went out consisting of five soldiers of the 57<sup>th</sup> and twelve prisoners to traverse the country all about the junction. The second day, Tuesday, after leaving the Limestone Station they fell in with another traversing party under the direction of Dr. Cowper. Both parties united and searched together. On Wednesday they reached the place where the saddle was found. Collison, two prisoners and one soldier then separated from the rest and on searching about this part they found a place where the Blacks had resorted to, but there had been no camp. It was on this place that the black part of Captain Logan's waistcoat was found covered with blood; part of his compass was also found, as well as some leaves of his notebook.

Nothing else being discovered at this spot they returned back to the remainder of the party. On the following morning, Thursday, Dr. Cowper, Collison and five or six men left the camp on another search and after travelling about a mile the Doctor smelled something very unpleasant; he made towards it and on approaching a small creek with shallow water he discovered the horse dead in the bottom covered over with boughs, it appeared a leap had been attempted over the creek, and from the way the horse lay he could not have reached the other side. The Blacks must have pursued him to this place and the marks were those of a horse in full gallop. One broken spear only was found in the opposite bank and at this spot the Blacks must have certainly closed upon him. The party then went over the creek and about seven or eight yards from the opposite bank the body of poor Captain Logan was found. The back of his head appeared to have been much beaten about by waddies. The Blacks made him a grave about two feet deep and buried him with his face downwards. The body had been carefully covered over by them, but the native dogs had scratched away the earth from his feet, which were found quite exposed.

No clothes or any of his covering was found except his shoes, which were left near him: the grave appeared to have been made with some care and long sticks were laid on each side of it.

The body was then taken up, put into blankets, and by stages brought to the Lime-Stone Station, and afterwards by water to the settlement

His afflicted family returned to Sydney by the "Governor Phillip".

To Lieut. Colonel Allan  
Commanding 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Sydney

I have the honour to be  
Signed George Edwards  
Lieut. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

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His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the Island forming the Southern Boundary of the Eastern Channel in Moreton Bay shall be designated the **Isle of Stradbroke** in complement to the Hon. Captain J.H. Rous commanding His Majesty's Ship "Rainbow", the first ship of War which entered Moreton Bay.

The point of land on the Isle of Stradbroke (which is intended as a Public Establishment) opposite Peels Island is named Dunwich and the Anchorage where the "Rainbow" lay [is named] Rainbow Beach.

The Channel between the Isle of Stradbroke and Moreton Island is named Rous Channel.

2 The Governor has further been pleased to name the River recently discovered at Moreton Bay (immediately to the Southward of Brisbane) the "Logan" as an accord of His Excellencies approbation of the zeal which Captain Logan the Commandant at Moreton Bay has evinced in adding to the important discovery made by Mr. Oxley the Surveyor General of the Town of Brisbane in the year 1823.

By His Excellency's  
Command  
Signed Alex McLeay.

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**The Diary from here appears to have been written up by Patrick Logan's son Robert who following his father into the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment when he grew up.**

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**FINANCES**

**Question**

**Answers**

1 What is the date of the last Royal Command and Regulations regarding Army Services? War Office 1<sup>st</sup> July 1848.

2 By whom are they to be administered and interpreted? The Secretary of War.

3 **Regimental Pay and Allowances**

What is the daily rate of any of the following ranks, viz.

1	Sergeant Major	3/- a day.	1d a day in lieu of Mess [Signs?]
2	School Master	2/6 a day	is added to the pay of each Rank.
3	Quarter-Master Sergeant	2/6 a day	
4	Colour Sergeant	2/4 a day	
5	Paymaster Sergeant	1/10 a day	
	Ditto after 7 years as such	2/4 a day	
6	Orderly Room Clerk	1/10 a day	
	Ditto after 7 years as such	2/4 a day	
7	Drummer Sergeant	1/10 a day	
8	Hospital Sergeant	1/10 a day	
	Ditto after 10 years as such	2/4 a day	
9	Drum Major	1/10 a day	
10	Sergeant	1/10 a day	
11	Corporal	1/4d a day	
12	Private	1/- a day	
13	Boys	-/10d a day	
14	After 15 years of age	1/- a day	
	Drummer	1/1 $\frac{3}{4}$ a day	

72, 72a, 73 **Additional Pay.**

4 What ranks are entitled to additional pay after 14 years service in the infantry? Being Corporal or Private before 1<sup>st</sup> September 1836.

5 What is the amount? 2d a day to be the pay of this land.

6 Under what instances is it subject to forfeiture? By the sentence of a Court Martial or of a conviction of desertion or of a felony.

**Rewards for Good Conduct**

7 What is the sum granted in aid of an outfit to a non-commissioned officer obtaining a commission in the Infantry? £100.

8 What is the sum granted yearly as reward to be distributed to Sergeants recommended by the commanding officer for distinguished or meritorious service? £2000 a year is distributed in granting annuities.

9 Are they granted while service or after discharge? In either cases such discharge not being anterior to the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1845 with or without pension.

- 10 What is the limit of the grant? In forms not exceeding £20 which may be held during service, and together with pension.
- 11 What Honorary Distinction is the Regiment entitled to wear to whom the Annuity is granted? A silver medal Identifying it with the date of the Grant.
- 12 Under what circumstances are the liable to forfeit The Annuity and Medal? The Sentence of a Court Martial, on the conviction of Felony, by a Court of Civil Judication.
- 13 To what ranks is a reward of Additional Pay and Distinguished Marks for good Conduct granted? To every Corporal, Drummer, Bugler and Private Soldier entitled on re-enlisted into the Army on, or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 1836.
- 14 State the periods that entitled them to these awards and the Accounting. 5 years and 2 years without entry into the Defaulters Book immediately preceding his claim. 1 penny a day.
- 10 years service and uninterruptedly in receipt of a penny a day for two years – 2d. a day.  
 15 years service and in receipt of twopence a day – 3 pence a day.  
 20 years service and in receipt of threepence a day – 4 pence a day.  
 25 years service and in receipt of fourpence a day – 5 pence a day.  
 30 years service and in receipt of five pence a day – 6 pence a day.  
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- 15 Should they have been uninterrupted receipt of the rates from the penny to six pence? Yes, for it was granted immediately pending each claim for increases.
- 16 Is there any further rewards for continuous good conduct? Yes, soldiers who have completed 18 years actual service, and whose names have not been entered in the Regimental Defaults book for the last 18 years preceding their claims, may receive the rates granted after 20 – 25 – 30 years service respectively.
- 17 State the service requisite to entitle men to the distinction and rewards granted above. Service may include former service in all ranks after the age of 18 years.
- 18 What period of service are soldiers who were present at the Battle of Waterloo are allowed to reckon in addition to their actual service? Ten years.
- 19 Soldiers who have served in the East or in India, and who were enlisted before the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1829, what receipt do they receive? They may reckon 3 years for 2 of actual service after the age of 18.
- 20 What punishment for misconduct entails an entry in the Regimental Defaulters book? Marching order Drill 48 hours black hole, confinement in cells with or without hard labor and confinement to Barracks beyond 7 days. Stoppage of pay.
- 21 What is the advance of pay to soldiers on Furlough? Sergeants 1s/1d per diem. Other ranks -/8d.
- 22 What the stoppages daily for soldiers when in hospital? Abroad – men 9d, ½ days 8d. At home 10d.
- 23 What is the stoppage from the pay of soldiers confined in Civil Goals? 6d a day.
- 24 If imprisoned by the Civil Power? The little proportion.  
 If acquitted? He shall be accounted with for the residue on rejoining.  
 If convicted? Forfeit all right to such residue.
- 25 If a soldier is imprisoned by the Civil Power under conviction of a criminal offence, what pay does he forfeit? The whole of his pay during his confinement.
- 26 What is he allowed on rejoining his Regiment to complete him in necessaries? To be completed in necessaries at the Public expense provided the charge does not exceed 3d. a day for the period of his confinement.
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- 27 What is the deduction for rations from the pay of the soldier at home in Barracks or in Stationary quarters? The actual cost not exceeding 6d. a ration.  
 In Billets or on a march? Nil.  
 On board ship? 6d a ration.
- 28 Are soldiers serving on board ships as Marines liable to any deductions for Rations? None.  
 When wine, spirits or beer be issued.

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74 **Robert Logan** Ballyshannon this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August '49.  
 At a meeting of the Town Board this day it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Board are due to Captain Stanley, Mr. Logan and the soldiers of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment for the able assistance rendered by them in that alarming fire by which several houses were burnt in Back Street on yesterday – and which but for their Services and Fire Engine must have extended to the destruction of valuable property beyond which cannot possibly be calculated.  
 Signed on behalf of the Board  
 of [Shed ?]. M Day

(True copy of a copy)

Chairman.

(Signed) E. Stanley, Capt. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

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75 No. 1 **Detachment Letterbook Fethard**

14<sup>th</sup> April 1852.

Sir I have to acknowledge this day receipt of your Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> April respecting the Lithographed Maps of Ireland at this Station.

I beg to state that it is soiled and stained but not torn or defaced and am of opinion that it is the effect of time and usage.

I beg also to observe that it may have in the opinion of other officers been considered "good".

[The Acting Quarter Master?]

I have to (signed) R. A. Logan, Capt. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Commanding Detachment

Generals etc.

Kilkenny.

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75

Fethard Barracks 23rd April 1852.

Sir I have the honor to request you will inform me if Pte. Hardgrave of No. 8 Company was ordered by the Commanding Officer to pay 6/- for half stocking a Firelock – it was reported to me this morning that such was the case and on making enquiries Pte. Hardgrave acknowledges to have broken the Firelock and that he was to be charged for a quarter, Stock be so good as to let me know how the Commanding Officer wishes the man to be charged.

I have to (signed) R. A. Logan, Capt. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Commanding Detachment

The Adjut. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Kilkenny.

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76a

Fethard Barracks 27 April 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to forward this letter to the Authorities, in Order that the Tenant holding the Drill Field at this Station may be properly dealt with.

I have to report that the Conditions of his lease have not been acted up to, he the tenant having most improperly allowed and still continues in allowing numerous Pigs therein – such lending to the inconvenience of the troops and detriment of the Government property.

I beg further to State that I have examined the lease and find that the ground is held for the purpose only of grazing thereon horses and sheep and also that I have given him due notice by warning him three times successively that I would report him for pursuing in such conduct.

The Bk Master Fethard

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain Com. Detachment 57<sup>th</sup> Reg.

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76

Fethard Barracks 1<sup>st</sup> May 1852.

Sir, It has just been reported to me that No. 3 Officers Quarters at present occupied by Lieutenant Brown of the detachment under my command is at times scarcely habitable owing to the drain from the Officers' privy seeping under that Room or near it. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to cause an enquiry to be made at once respecting it and report the same to the Engineer Officer at Clonmells in order that it may be remedied without delay.

I beg also to state that this nuisance has been complained of by other inmates of the Barracks.

The Bk Master Fethard

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain Com. Detachment 57<sup>th</sup> Reg.

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76

Fethard Barracks 6th May 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to return enclosed extract of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Forces dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 1849 relative to Mrs. Cyard – and to report that it has been entered in the Book of District Memoranda at this Station.

The A.A. General

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detachment

Kilkenny.

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76

Fethard Company Tipperary 20<sup>th</sup> June 1852

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Circular from Adjutant General's Office dated Dublin 22nd October 1847 – extract of a letter from Deputy Adjutant General dated Dublin 17<sup>th</sup> June 1852 and Memorandum dated Kilkenny 18<sup>th</sup> June 1852 and to report that these letters and Memos are entered in the Book of District Memoranda and the original placed with the other documents.

The A.A. General

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detachment

Kilkenny.

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77 and 77a

Fethard Coy Det. 21<sup>st</sup> June 1852

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> June respecting the transfer of Pte Charles Edward Stuart to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders.

I beg to state that during his short period of service of nine months there are two entries of drunkenness against him – I have also to enclose a Medical Certificate showing that the man is of unsound mind, and would have reported the case sooner but was waiting to enable the doctor to form an opinion.



The Detachment has been at this station 78 days out of which Pte Stuart has been 47 in hospital and is likely to continue – being one over our Strength.

I would suggest that the man in question may accompany the first escort to Headquarters to be under treatment of the Medical Officers of the Regiment.

Colonel Goldie

.....57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

77 Fethard Barrack 24<sup>th</sup> June 1852.

Sir I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Surgeon in Medical charge of the Detachment under my command and to request that application may be at once made for the Window Blinds in question.

The Barrack Master

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detachment

Felthard

77 Fethard Coy Tipperary 24<sup>th</sup> June 1852.

Sir, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> June and beg to forward the names of the Sergeant and men of my Detachment and Company as per margin whom I consider most likely to suit for the service specified. (Sub W. Edwards, Pte. H. Luck, M. Lynch, I. Walsh),

I have also to forward Crime against No. 2522 Lance Corporal Robt. Williamson and to request he may be punished by the Commanding Officer – there is no entry against him since he volunteered, and I have not sent Defaulter Sheet as his previous entries are in the O. Room.

I have also to recommend that Ptes. Joshua Wing and John Richardson may be made into Corporals. They are both very steady Good Men.

The Adjutant

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detachment

57<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kilkenny

78 and 78a Fethard Barrack 26<sup>th</sup> June 1852.

Sir, In compliance with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> paragraphs of the Horse Guards Circular Memorandum dated 18<sup>th</sup> October '49.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General commanding the District that all the Repairs noted at the Barrack Inspection for the month of March and charged as Bk. Damage against the 40<sup>th</sup> relieved by the detachment under my command have been made good.

The Barrack damages for April have been reported in May.

To the Ast. Adjutant General etc, etc, etc,

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

78a Fethard Com. Tipp. 27<sup>th</sup> June 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of memo this morning and to report for the information of the Major General Commanding that such Guards are not required at this station, there being no Assizes or Quarter Sessions and that there is neither goal or Bridewells in Fethard.

To the Ast. Adjutant General, etc, etc, etc,

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

78a Fethard Com. Tipp. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the District that the Magistrates of this part of the country called on me this morning to apply for a temporary reinforcement of 1 Subaltern and 30 men as owing to private information received they apprehended very serious disturbance in this neighbourhood at the approaching elections.

I have also to state that [Carts ?] have been provided for the conveyance of voters and Escort and the Magistrates are of the opinion that from the nature of the country through which they will have to pass Infantry will be of more service than Cavalry for the duty above specified.

To the Ast. Adjutant General, etc, etc, etc,

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

78 Fethard Com. Tipp. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Apt. Adjutant General at Kilkenny requesting a temporary reinforcement of 1 Subaltern and 30 men to the Detachment under my command.

I have also the honor to suggest that an additional Bugler would be of great service for this duty.

To T.L. Goldie, Commanding 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

78 and 79a Fethard Com. Tipp. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1852.

Sir, I have again to report the conduct of the Tenant holding the Drill Field at this Station in having on several occasions lately persisted in keeping from one to twenty head of cattle and a Bull therein.

As I consider this meant for the purpose of annoyance I have to request you will be good enough to report him a Second time to the Authorities as it is impossible for me to Drill my Detachment agreeably to order while such a nuisance is permitted to exist.

To the Barrack Master

Fethard I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

79a Fethard Com. Tipp. 3rd July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of the Lieutenant General Commanding in Ireland that the Magistrates in this part of the county of Tipperary have requested me to apply for a temporary reinforcement to the Detachment under my command of one Subaltern and 30 men as they apprehend a serious disturbance during the ensuing election.

In compliance with their desire I have accordingly made the necessary application to the Major General Commanding the District.

The Secretary

The Royal Hospital, Dublin. I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

79 Fethard 4<sup>th</sup> July 1852.

Sir, I beg to enclose extract from the Assistant Adjutant General's letter in answer to my Application of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant and to request you will be good enough if you still think the additional force necessary to send me the requisition which I can forward to the Major General by this days Post.

Mr. Pennefather, Esq.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

79 Fethard Tipperary 4<sup>th</sup> July 1852

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant and in reply beg to state for the information of the Major General commanding the District, that I have acquainted Mr. Pennefather (one of the Magistrates who applied to me) with its contents.

He is not prepared to give a decided answer until he meets a Committee of Magistrates who assemble at Cashell on Tuesday next the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

To the Ast. Adjutant General, etc, etc, etc,

Kilkenny. I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

80 and 80a Fethard Tipp. 7th July 1852.

Sir, I beg to forward copy of the letter from Mr. Pennefather being his answer to the instructions I received from you dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1852.

I beg to state for the information of the Major General that in the first instance I requested to be furnished with the necessary requisition agreeably to Regulations – I was informed that this would not be given until the Troops were actually required to be called out in Aid of the Civil Powers and I trust the Major General will not attribute my having forwarded an Application for a Reinforcement unaccompanied by a Requisition in writing to my ignorance of the Rules of the Service, it having been done to oblige the Magistrates who proposed it.

To the A.A. General

Kilkenny. I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

80 and 80a Fethard Tipp. 7th July 1852.

Sir, I am instructed by the Major General commanding the District to inform you that Fethard is not a Polling place, that no more Troops can be spared, and the opinion at Headquarters as well as of the Major General that the present force is ample.

To Mr. Pennefather Esq.

Chefield I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

80 Fethard Tipp. 16th July 1852.

Sir, I have to acknowledge receipt of extract from Regimental Orders dated 13<sup>th</sup> July '52 and to request you will be good enough to acquaint the Commanding Officer that the Officers of the Detachment are in possession of the Punishment Books of Orders – Also that there is one for the Regiment.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht

80 and 81a Fethard Tipp. 18th July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to suggest you will be pleased to lay before the Major General the enclosed letter from Lieut. Brown of the Detachment under my Command reporting part of a discourse delivered by the A. Clergyman in the Chapel at this Station this morning which obliged that officer to perform the unpleasant duty of Marching the Roman Catholic soldiers back to their quarters.

The prompt execution of his duty on the part of Mr. Brown will I trust meet with the approbation of the Major General.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

81a

Fethard Tipp. 18th July 1852.

Sir, I consider it my duty to report to you that Lieut. Brown was under the unpleasant necessity of marching the Roman Catholic portion of the Detachment under my command out of the Chapel this morning owing to a political discussion from the officiating Roman Catholic clergyman - I have the honor to state that the particulars have been reported to the Major General Commanding the District.

Col. T.L. Goldie, Commander 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

81 and 81a

Fethard Tipp. 21st July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor agreeably to Page 26, Para 9 of G. Orders for Guidance of Troops in aid of the Civil Powers to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the District that an escort as per margin (Subaltern, Sergeant, Corporal, ? Privates) – and on the written requisition of a Magistrate, marched from this Station at 2½ P.M. for Clonmel, in charge of 8 Prisoners to be lodged in the goal at that place – the Police Force being insufficient for that duty – I beg further to state that owing to the very sudden order I had no time to communicate with the Officer commanding at Clonmel to meet half way with an escort, and that previous to the party marching I inspected them, they were in good order and properly supplied with ammunition.

On the return of the Escort tomorrow I shall forward requisition.

To the A.A. General

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

81 and 82a

Fethard Tipp. 21st July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of the Lieutenant General that a mob of about 300 persons paraded the streets of this Town about 9 o'clock p.m. yesterday breaking windows and attacking some respectable females who ran to the Military Barracks for protection. I took them to the Police Station where they remained until the people were dispersed by their priests who then conducted them to their homes.

At about 10 p.m. the mob reassembled carrying through the streets a burning effigy of the Conservative Candidate and in passing several stones were thrown and glass broken in the Bks.

As there is no Magistrate living in the Town and the Police Force at present being totally insufficient to keep the peace (2 only being available for duty) I considered it necessary to send out the Piquet incumbent to 1 Serg., 1 Corporal, 16 men under the command of an Officer accompanied by the two Constables to patrol the streets – they remained absent one hour and on their return reported everything quiet.

I beg further to state that the Magistrates, Messrs Morton and Cooke, have made arrangements with me, having to act prior to their arrival should any disturbance take place and that information has been lodged against several parties who are known to the Police.

To the Military Secretary Dublin and

To the A.A. General

Kilkenny.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

82 and 82a

Fethard Tipp. 20th July 1852.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a requisition in aid of the Civil Power for the purpose of escorting 19 Prisoners from various parts of this town to the Police Station – these persons were arrested by the Police for riotous conduct on the night of 21<sup>st</sup> and as that force in point of number was insufficient and resistance apprehended I considered it necessary to furnish a strong Escort as per margin [cannot read the writing in the margin]. The duty was performed between the hours of 11 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> and 2 A.M. 26<sup>th</sup> accompanied by J. Cook Esq. J.P.

I am happy to state that no resistance was offered owing to the appearance of the Military and this Town and neighbourhood is now perfectly tranquil.

To .... Secretary,

General Hospital, Dublin

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

83 and 83a

Newcastle, 1 March 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a Note dated Limerick 18<sup>th</sup> February 1854 for Corporal Smith of a Detachment under my command to proceed from Newcastle to Cork for the purpose of giving evidence before a District Court Martial.

To the A.A. General

Limerick

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detacht.

83a

Newcastle, 1 March 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to report that there is no way of drying clothes at this station here, as my detachment numbering 70 men and difficulty arises from the deficiency – former Regiments have been in the habit of knocking nails into the Barrack walls for the purpose. And I would suggest your kindly applying to the Commissariat Department for posts or whatever they may think best adapted for this most important addition for the comfort of the Troops.

I have also to remark that a foot scraper for the door of the Officers' Quarters is required and would add to their cleaning of the passages etc.

To the Bk. Master

Limerick I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach.

83 Newcastle, 1 March 1854.

Sir, In accordance with your 48 Book of District Orders dated General Order Dublin 18<sup>th</sup> January 1848 – I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General the arrival of an Escort at this Station yesterday consisting of the strength as per margin [writing in margin cannot be read] in charge of 12 Stand of Arms Old Pattern for the use of this Detachment replacing the same number of Minie Rifles ordered to be returned to Headquarters of the Depot at Tralee with ammunition. The Escort marched this morning to Abbeyfail en route to Tralee at 9 A.M. Prior to their marching I carefully inspected them and found everything to be serviceable and in good order.

[Margin cannot be read]

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach.

83, 85a Newcastle, 4th March 1854.

Sir, In reply to my letter respecting the man enlisted at Abbeyfeale by Private Ryan of my Detachment I have to inform you that a recruit must receive the money from a person actually employed on the recruiting service or particularly authority by Beating Orders to Enlist – and as I have not received those orders Pte. Ryan could not legally enlist any recruit. Consequently such enlistment is null and void, and the recruit if he can be called so is entitled to have the smart money returned.

I am also directed to refer you to article 55 to the Articles of War on that head.

N. Galloway Esq

Galleyfeal I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach.

85a Newcastle, 9th March 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the memo dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 1854 and in reply beg to state that I forwarded a report as per Appendix No. 2 on the 28<sup>th</sup> February being under the impression that it should arrive at the Head Cmdr on the 1<sup>st</sup> ult. as my .....in that report which was returned as not received is not informed to me. I am under the impression that the letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> February is the same.

I have to observe that there is no Memorandum at this Station dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 1851 and the report I now forward is the copy of the only memo inserted in the book of District Orders.

I have also to acknowledge receipt of a memo to be handed over to relieving Corps date being on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1854 and which appears to me to be .....

The A.A. General

Limerick I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach.

85 Newcastle, 9th March 1854.

Sir, I find it a matter of impossibility to keep the walls connected with the Barrack clean and regular owing to continued committing of nuisances by persons, particularly on Market days, and to prevent which it would require my whole Detachment to be constantly on duty.

May I request if I put up notices you will be good enough to instruct the Police to prosecute the offending parties.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach.

85 Newcastle, 9th March 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me by return of Post if Mary Freeland (the wife of Private Freeland of 57<sup>th</sup> Depot) and her three children have received relief from the Poor House at Tralee during the past year.

Clerk of the Union

Tralee and Dingle I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. Detach

86, 86a, 87, 87a Newcastle, 13<sup>th</sup>, 11 March 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> and beg to forward a statement of Age, Service Rate of Pay and Copy of Defaulter sheet again Pte. Patrick Druland of my Detachment for the information of the Major General.

This soldier (who is married without leave) is not entitled to much indecision as the accompanying record testifies, but this has been overlooked and his wife who is a most worthless good-for-nothing of a character has been for the last few years almost subsisting on the charity of the Regiment in consequence of the long service of her husband.

Her children were taken aboard as an indulgence to attend the Depot School and she herself was often assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brooks one of the Clergymen there, in fact nothing has been left undone for her.

Last December she produced a letter pretending to have come from her friends and advising her to return to them, consequently an attempt was made to raise a subscription in the Company who are and always have been most willing to assist any Comrade in distress – but not a man would subscribe this, I think it speaks volumes.

To get rid of her the Officers made up nearly the sum of Three Pounds which was given to her with the express understanding that she was to proceed to her friends – she stayed away a few days and then returned to her lodgings having gone to Dingle instead of her friends where it is to be supposed she squandered the money returning penniless – I am of opinion that her husband was fully aware of her doings, he having continued to pay for her lodgings during her absence. Her conduct has so disgusted every person in the Depot that they have declined rendering her any future assistance.

In conclusion I beg leave to remark that had the Board of Guardians at Newcastle the courtesy to apply to me for information in the first instance much correspondence and trouble would have been avoided and I was totally unaware of what had taken place until the receipt of your communication and by this omission on their part the latter was written by the clients of the union – the contents of which might convey to the Major General the impression that I had neglected my duty towards this soldier. There are other men in the Detachment who are married without leave and yet can continue with their wives to support their families and bring them up respectably without the assistance that was accorded to Private Druland.

The A.A. General

Limerick

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. District.

87, 87a

Newcastle, 18th March 1854.

Sir, I have to report for your information the supposed desertion from Detachment 57 Depot under my Command 2611 Lance Corporal David Sullivan, his sister Mrs. Slattery lives in the Square, Tralee, and deals in the Grocery lines, his age apparently 20 years, his height about 5/5¾ inches, complexion black, hair black, eyes grey; if such a man should be met with you will have the goodness to arrest him.

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. District.

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Newcastle, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1854.

Sir, I have the honor to report for your information the Desertion since the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo of Lance Corporal David Sullivan of the Detachment under my Command.

I am informed that he proceeded to Tralee and I have written to the Sub Inspector of Constabulary at that Station but have had no information from him.

Lance Corporal Sullivan has taken with him a Great Coat marked letter 6 No. 57, also his Cap [Rack?].

I have etc. (signed) R.A. Logan Captain 57<sup>th</sup> Reg. Com. District.

**End of Diary**