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PROCLAMATION

Australia to wit. By His Excellency the Right Honorable Hallam, Baron Tennyson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it was amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General might appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament: And whereas on the fifteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and two, the Parliament was further prorogued until the twenty-third day of January, One thousand nine hundred and three, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament: Now therefore I, the said Hallam, Baron Tennyson, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament until the twenty-fourth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and three.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, aforesaid, this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

EDMUND BARTON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Commonwealth of Australia.

Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902.—Section 3.

EXEMPTION.

ON the 21st January, 1903, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902, declared that the provisions of the said Act shall not apply to the class of officers hereinafter mentioned, such exemption to remain in force until 30th June, 1903.

EDMUND BARTON,
Prime Minister.

Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

CLASS EXEMPTION.

Class of Employés.

Casual Telegraph Messengers employed for periods not exceeding twenty-one days in each month in Post and Telegraph Offices, other than the head offices and their suburban branches in the capital cities of the States of the Commonwealth.

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs, Melbourne, 22nd December, 1902.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERKS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE INSPECTORS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

IIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned officers being transferred from the Postmaster-General's Department to the Department of Home Affairs, to the positions indicated against their names:—

CHARLES WILLIAM ROGERS, to be Clerk to the Public Service Inspector, South Australia; to take effect from 12th January, 1903.

George Ernest Willson, to be Clerk to the Public Service Inspector, Western Australia; to take effect from 22nd October, 1902.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, Minister of State for Home Affairs.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs. Melbourne, 17th January, 1903.

REVESTING OF PART OF CUSTOMS RESERVE, IPSWICH, QUEENSLAND, IN THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

IS Excellency the Governor-General, in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the land described hereunder—

County of Stanley, parish of Ipswich, town of Ipswich, commencing on the northern alignment of Bremer-street, at a point bearing 94 degrees 50 minutes one chain nine lake from its intersection with the western alignment of Nicholas-street, and bounded thence by lines bearing 302 degrees 37 minutes eighty-eight links, thence 345 degrees 35 minutes thirty-seven links, thence bearing 184 degrees 50 minutes seventy-six links, and thence by Bremer-street bearing 94 degrees 50 minutes ninety links to the point of commencement, forming portion of the Customs Reserve, town of Ipswich, parish of Ipswich, county of Stanley, State of Queensland,

being revested in the Government of that State in consideration of the remission of the compensation money.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, Minister for Home Affairs.

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Commonwealth of Australia. Department of Home Affairs, Melbourne, 17th January, 1903.

REVESTING OF MILITARY RESERVE, ULMARRA, NEW SOUTH WALES, IN THE STATE GOVERN-MENT.

IS Excellency the Governor-General, in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the land described hereunder-

Portion 31a, of 32 acres 3 roods, parish of Ulmarra, county of Clarence, State of New South Wales,

being revested in the Government of the State of New South Wales, in consideration of the remission of the purchase money.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, Minister for Home Affairs.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs. Melbourne, 20th January, 1903.

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the transfer of-

MRS. REBEKAH ELIZABETH TUCK,

housekeeper, Commonwealth Offices, Sydney, from the staff of the Department of External Affairs to that of the Department of Home Affairs, such transfer to take effect from the 1st July,

> WILLIAM JOHN LYNE. Minister of State for Home Affairs.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs, Melbourne, 15th January, 1903.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS.

T is hereby notified, for public information, that the following tenders were accepted by the Minister for Home Affairs:

Service.	Contractor.	Amount.		
Painting, &c., Custom House, Melbourne Removing Wash-house, &c., at Williamstown Rifle Range	Thomas Pearce Martin Sorensen	£ 495 127		

DAVID MILLER, Secretary, Department of Home Affairs.

Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902.—(Regulation No. 148.) POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

VACANCY having occurred in the position hereunder described, applications will be received up to Saturday, 7th February proximo, by the Commissioner from officers of the Commonwealth Public Service qualified and desirous of being appointed thereto. The officer selected for the position must have a knowledge of railway as well as post and telegraph work. The attention of applicants is invited to Regulation No. 38.

Position.	Locality.	Division.	Salary.
Post, Telegraph, and Railway Station-master	Oodnadatta, State of South Australia	Clerical	£180 per annum, with £50 per annum district allowance

By order,

FRANCIS REDDIN,

Secretary.

Office of the Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner, Melbourne, 23rd January, 1903.

Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902.

DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, TASMANIA.

VACANCY having occurred in the Postmaster-General's Department, Administrative Division, as Deputy Postmaster-General, Hobart, Tasmania, vice H. V. Bayly, deceased, applications will be received up to Saturday, 7th February proximo, by the Commissioner from persons qualified and desirous of being appointed to the position, in accordance with Regulation No. 148. The salary attached to the office is £500 as year. a year.

The attention of applicants is invited to Regulation No. 38.

By order,

FRANCIS REDDIN,

Office of the Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner, Melbourne, 13th January, 1903.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence, Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES. TASMANIA.

Powers and Functions of Commandant.

Military Forces of Tasmania, under the Defence Acts of 1885 and 1893 (Tasmania) and Regulations thereunder being temporarily vested in the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, from the 1st January, 1903 inclusive, pending the appointment of an officer to the position of Commandant.

> JOHN FORREST, Minister of State for Defence.

779.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence, Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES OF AUSTRALIA.

HONORARY RANK (SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICES).

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned confirmation of rank held in South Africa as Honorary rank in the Commonwealth Military Forces of Australia, in continuation of the list published in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 59, of 19th December, 1902.

OSWALD BRUCE RYRIE, to be Honorary 2nd Lieutenant from 22nd June, 1901, and Honorary Captain from 6th May, 1902.

> JOHN FORREST, Minister of State for Defence.

No. 777.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence. Melbourne, 23rd January, 1903.

COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DECORATION AND LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to award the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration" and the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal" respectively to the undermentioned officers, non-commissioned officers, and men under the provisions of the Regulations published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 5, of the 31st January, 1902:--

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Captains Alfred Andrews Pearce and Oscar Esselbach (South Australian Infantry).

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

CLEMENT WELLS (late Sergeant, South Australian Field Artillery), and SAMUEL WEBSTER (late Private, South Australian Infantry).

JOHN FORREST Minister of State for Defence.

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence, Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

Royal Australian Artillery.

Warrant Officer H. A. Home (Victoria Regiment Royal Australian Artillery), to be a Warrant Officer Instructor, School of Gunnery, Instructional Staff, from 23rd August, 1902 inclusive.

JOHN FORREST Minister of State for Defence.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence. Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to make the following appointments, &c.:-

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES. NEW SOUTH WALES.

781.

APPOINTMENT.

Captain the Rev. ADOLPHUS SUMMER CLOUD JAMES, Military Forces of Victoria, to be Chaplain, Military Forces of New South Wales, with seniority, from 28th February,

VICTORIA.

780,

APPOINTMENT.

EDWARD LESLIE HARCOURT NEWBIGIN, to be Lieutenant on probation (Field Artillery Brigade), from 6th December, 1901.

CONFIRMATION OF COMMISSIONS.

To be Lieutenants—

EDWARD LESLIE HARCOURT NEWBIGIN (Field Artillery Brigade), from 6th June, 1902; date of commission, 6th December, 1901.

BERNARD CHARLES GROVER (2nd Battalion Infantry Brigade), from 21st May, 1902; date of commission, 21st November, 1901.

ROBERT RANKINE (2nd Battalion Infantry Brigade), from 21st June, 1902; date of commission, 21st December, 1901. EDWARD KEITH CARLISLE (2nd Battalion Infantry Brigade), from 8th July, 1902; date of commission, 8th January,

HORACE CALDER (Victorian Scottish Regiment), from 12th July, 1901; date of commission, 12th January, 1901.

TRANSFERS TO RESERVE OF OFFICERS (MILITIA).

To be Lieutenants-

Captain ALEXANDER CAMPBELL MACDONALD, from 5th Battalion, Infantry Brigade; to date from 12th December,

Lieutenant and Honorary Major HERBERT MAJOR DOWNES, from Field Artillery Brigade; to date from 3rd January, 1903.

Lieutenant Andrew Hassall Cunningham, from Geelong Artillery; to date from 19th December, 1902. Lieutenant TREVOR RUSSELL CUNNINGHAM, from Geelong

Artillery; to date from 8th December, 1902.

787.

TRANSFER.

Consequent on appointment to New South Wales, Chaplain the Rev. Adolphus Summer Cloud James ceases to belong to the Commonwealth Military Forces of Victoria.

QUEENSLAND.

TRANSFER TO UNATTACHED LIST (DEFENCE FORCE 782. Division).

Captain Francis Lionel Jones (Brisbane Garrison Battery); to date from 14th January, 1903.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TRANSFER TO SUPERNUMERARY LIST.

778. Captain Francis Malcolm Blair (Infantry); to date from 14th January, 1903.

Lieutenant ROLAND HERBERT CUDMORE (Mounted Rifles); to date from 14th January, 1903.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

788. Corrigendum.

For "Captain Brayley Collett," read "Captain Herbert Brayley Collett," in notification under heading, Western Australia, in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 57, of 5th December,

TASMANIA.

785.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT.

JAMES MILNER BLADON, to be a Provisional Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion, Tasmanian Infantry Regiment; to date from 14th January, 1903.

Transfer to Unattached List.

Lieutenant LLOYD ELD CHAMBERS (3rd Battalion, Tasmanian Infantry Regiment); to date from 14th January, 1903.

776. APPOINTMENT.

DAVID BARGLAY, to be an Honorary Lieutenant in the Southern Tasmanian Cadet Battalion; to date from 14th January, 1903.

JOHN FORREST. Minister of State for Defence.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence, Melbourne, 22nd January, 1903.

ADDENDUM.

N the notification published on page 510 of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette dated 3rd October, 1902, relative to contracts accepted for the supply of gun horses to the Victorian Field Artillery Brigade, after the words "per whole day," add "not exceeding ten hours"; and after per half-day add "not exceeding five hours"; also add as a note referring to Contracts, No. 40/2, "Overtime will be paid at schedule rates."

ROBERT COLLINS. Secretary, Department of Defence.

NOTICE.

TARGET Practice will be carried on by the Royal Australian Artillery, Victoria, from the undermentioned Forts, from the 1st to the 28th of February, 1903, between the hours of Nine a.m. and Five p.m. :-

Fort. Direction of Target. Queenscliff ... S.S.W. and S.E. by E. Črow's Nest ... S. by E. Swan Island ... N.E. and S.E. Nepean ... N. and N.E. Eagle's Nest N.E. Franklin N. ••• South Channel ... W.

All Forts from which practice is carried on will fly a red flag from the mast-head of flagstaff.

All ships and boats should be kept at a distance of at least 800 yards to the left and 1 mile to the right of the line of fire from a distance of 6,000 yards from the Battery, in accordance with Orders in Council dated 10th March, 1887.

(Signed)

R. WALLACE, Lt.-Col., O.C., R.A.A., Victoria.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 21st January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

TENDER FOR TIMBER FOR CROSS-ARMS.

RESH Tenders will be received at the Office of the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past Two p.m. on Wednesday, 4th proximo, from persons desirous of contracting for the supply of 50,000 running feet of Tallow-wood for cross-arms.

Specification, general conditions, and tender forms and any

further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Chief Electrician, General Post Office, Sydney.

The tenders, which must state a price at per 100 feet run., must be addressed to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, and indorsed "Tender for Timber for Cross-Arms."

The Postmaster-General does not kind himself to accept the

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The accepted tender will be notified in the Commonwealth Gazette, and such notice will be considered as an intimation to unsuccessful tenderers that their tenders have been de. clined.

> JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 21st January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CANCELLING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF TALLOW-WOOD.

IT is hereby notified that the contract of Mr. Alfred Settree, of 173 Sussex-street, Sydney, for the supply of 50,000 running feet of Tallow-wood for cross-arms, has been cancelled.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 22nd January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past Two p.m. on Wednesday, the 4th proximo, from persons desirous of contracting for the erection of four additional hard-drawn Copper Wires on one cross-arm on existing trunk telephone line of poles

between Sydney and Newcastle.

Specification and general conditions may be seen and tender forms obtained at the Office of the Chief Electrician, General Post Office, Sydney.

The tenders, which must state a price per mile for the erection of each wire, including the cross-arms, must be addressed to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, and indorsed, "Tender for Erection of Additional Wires, Sydney to Newcastle."

The tender must, as a guarantee of good faith, be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per centum on the amount of the tender, such deposit to be in the form of a cheque indorsed by the manager of the bank upon which it is drawn, or a bank draft made payable to the Cashier, General Post Office, Sydney.

Any tender which may be received without the required deposit will be liable to be deemed informal, and rejected accord-

In submitting a tender, the full Christian name, surname, and address of the tenderer must be given, or, when the offer is in the name of a firm, the names in full of each member thereof. The omission of this information will render the tender liable to

be declared informal. The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The accepted tender will be notified in the Commonwealth Gazette, and such notice will be considered as an intimation to unsuccessful tenderers that their tenders have been declined.

> JAMES G. DRAKE. Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 22nd January, 1903.

VICTORIA.

ACCEPTING TENDER FOR REPAIRS TO TELEGRAPH LINE.

T is hereby notified for public information that the tender of Mr. H. J. Jackson, of Rheola, has been accepted for repairing the Telegraph line between Eaglehawk and Inglewood, for the sum of £152 10s. 5d.

> JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 16th January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conveyance of Mails.

TENDERS for the following Mail Service, for the period commencing on the 1st March, 1903, and terminating on the 31st December, 1903, 1904, or 1905, will be received at the Office of the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past Two p.m. on Wednesday, the 4th prox.:-

To and from Tooma and Khancoban, via Warbrook, Opossum Point, and Greg Greg, once a week (tenderers to state a price for twice a week, if required).

Every tender must state the names in full and the residences or business addresses and the occupations of the tenderer, and of two respectable and responsible persons willing to join with the tenderer in a bond in a form approved by the Postmaster-General, guaranteeing the safety of the mails and the due performance of the contract, the penal sum in which bond will be double the annual amount payable under the contract. Ten-derers are requested, if possible, to state the name and address of some person or firm in Sydney to whom notices in connexion with the tender or contract may be sent.

Tenderers must in each case state how they propose to carry mails, and must furnish a description of the kind of vehicle (where such mode of conveyance is intended) which they propose to use; preference will, however, be given to tenders to convey mails by

wheeled vehicle licensed to carry passengers.

Every tender must be signed by the tenderer and sureties, and

attested by a magistrate or postmaster. Tenders must be addressed to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, and indorsed "Tender for Conveyance of

On every tender there must be indorsed a certificate by a magistrate that the tenderer and his sureties are respectable and responsible persons.

All tenders which do not comply with the foregoing conditions, or are not received before the time specified, will be

liable to be rejected as informal.

Unless Contractors and their sureties sign the bonds within twenty-one days after a notice signed by the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, requesting them so to do shall have been posted to the Contractor, the Postmaster-General may cancel the acceptance of tenders.

The present hours of starting from each post-office or stage, and other particulars, may be ascertained at the General Post Office, Sydney, where parties proposing to tender are invited to

seek information.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 13th January, 1903.

TASMANIA.

MENDERS will be received at the Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Hobart, up till Noon on the 16th day of February, 1903, for the supply of the undermentioned Telegraph and Telephone Material:—

100 Telephones, Branching System, Wall Set, Western Electric Company's pattern, to specification No. 1.

30 Telephones, Branching System, Table Sets, Western Electric Company's pattern, to specification No. 2.

75 Electric Bells—50 of 3-in. gong, 25 of 2½-in. gong.

50 Extension Bells, either Ericsson's, Western Electric Company's or General Electric Company's type

Company's, or General Electric Company's type, wound to 100 ohms.

25 Switchboard Series for two lines, either Ericsson's, Western Electric Company's, or General Electric Company's type.

25 Switchboard Series for three lines, either Ericsson's, Western Electric Company's, or General Electric

Company's type.

1 Switchboard Series for 50 lines, as per specification. 250 Receiver Cords.

400 yards Switchcord—200 yards red, 200 yards white.
1,000 Meidinger Zincs for local battery.
1,000 Meidinger Zincs for main battery.
2 gross Leclanche Cells, complete, No. 2 Silvertown pattern.

2 gross Porous Pots do. 1,000 Zincs for Leclanche Cells do.

2 gross Obach Dry Cells (size "O").

1 ton Sulphate of Magnesia.

5 cwt. Sal Ammoniac.

6 cwt. Insulated Wire, No. 16 and No. 18 Annunciator. 8 tons Copper Wire, hard drawn, No. 14 and No. 16, as per

specification for copper wire.
3 tons Iron Wire, galvanized, No. 8, as per specification for galvanized iron wire.

1 ton Steel Stranded Hawse Wire, as per sample. 8,000 Insulators, porcelain, "Acme." 4,000 Insulators, button.

3,000 Iron Brackets, half round.

150 gross Coach Screws, Nettlefold's, 2-in. x 5-in, patent pointed.

2 tons Instrument Tape, in 7-lb. packets.

12 Instrument Keys for closed circuit working. 100 Bottles Instrument Oil, in 1-oz. bottles.

Tenderers must state the time required for delivery of the several items. This time will be counted from the date of the notification of the acceptance of the tender.

Tenders may be sent in for the whole or any portion of the material required.

Specifications and samples can be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the General Post Offices, Sydney, Melbourne,

Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, and Hobart. Tenders must be on the proper forms, and in accordance

with Clause 18 of the General Conditions. Neither the lowest nor any tender will necessarily be accepted.

> JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 16th January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Acting Deputy
Postmaster-General Sydney Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past Two p.m., on Wednesday, the 4th prox., from persons desirous of contracting for repairs to the telegraph line between Bathurst and Hill End.

Schedule, specification, and general conditions may be seen and tender forms obtained at the Office of the Chief Electrician,

General Post Office, Sydney; Telegraph Office, Bathurst; and Post Offices, Wattle Flat, Sofala, Hill End, Hargraves, Sunny Corner, and Upper Pyramul.

The tenders, which must state a price per pole, per strut, &c., for each item, must be addressed to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, and indorsed "Tender for Repairs to the Telegraph Line between Bathurst and Hill End." the Telegraph Line between Bathurst and Hill End."

The tender must, as a guarantee of good faith, be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per centum on the amount of the tender, such deposit to be in the form of a cheque indorsed by the manager of the bank upon which it is drawn, or a bank draft made payable to the Cashier, General Post Office, Sydney.

Any tender which may be received without the required deposit will be liable to be deemed informal, and rejected

accordingly.

In submitting a tender, the full Christian name, surname, and address of the tenderer must be given, or, when the offer is in the name of a firm, the names in full of each member thereof. The omission of this information will render the tender liable to be declared informal.

The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the

lowest or any tender.

The accepted tender will be notified in the Commonwealth Gazette, and such notice will be considered as an imtimation to unsuccessful tenderers that their tenders have been declined.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 16th January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ACCEPTING TENDER FOR REMOVAL OF ASHES.

T is hereby notified that the tender of Mr. James McGrath, of Telford-street, Waterloo, has been accepted for the removal of ashes from the Electric Light Station, General Post Office, Sydney, as required (not less than twice a week), for a period of three years, as from the 1st instant, at 1s. per load.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 15th January, 1903.

VICTORIA.

ACCEPTING TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF TELEPHONE MATERIAL. T is hereby notified for public information that the tender of Messrs. J. A. Newton and Co. has been accepted for the supply of 12 Accumulators, Tudor type of discharge, rate 15 amperes, capacity 120 ampere hours, fully equipped with all essentials for telephone exchange working, in glass cells, at £1 18s. 6d. each; and 1,000 Insulators (button) at ‡d. each.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Ex. Min. 560. Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 31st December, 1902.

IS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has approved that the rates of postage on parcels exchanged between the Commonwealth of Australia and Ceylon be as follow:—

One shilling for the first pound, Sixpence each additional pound;

to take effect from the first day of January, 1903.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department, 21st January, 1903.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE following particulars of a Contract entered into for the Conveyance of Post-office Mails, from the 18th ultimo, are published for general information.

JAMES G. DRAKE, Postmaster-General.

No.	Contractor's		Postal Line.	Dis-	Frequency of Communica-	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount pay- able to	Date of Termination of Contract.	
2101	Name.	Address.	r ostai iliie.	in Miles.	tion. Conveyance		Contractor.		
			WESTERN ROAD.		No. of times.		£ s. d.		
178*	John Hut- chison	Hillston	From Eauabalong to Hillston (south side of the Lachlan River), vid Lake Cudgellico, and from Hillston to Willanthry and Eauabalong, vid the north side of the river	70	One	One-horse vehicle	200 0 0	31st December, 1903	

^{*} In lieu of No. 178, Western Roads, in printed list of contracts, dated the 3rd March, 1902.

A REAL PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF