

TELEGRAM from Messrs. BURNS, PHILP, and Co., Sydney, to Her Majesty's SPECIAL COMMISSIONER, Brisbane.

28th April, 1886.

AGREE alteration *re* tenure trading-stations; also commencing 1st July unless you think dates should assimilate with Australian Company fortnightly service. Make alterations and return corrected copy signed.

BURNS, PHILP, AND Co.

APPENDIX B.

CHARTER "GOVERNOR CAIRNS."

THE following are the conditions of charter of the schooner "Governor Cairns," now lying at the Port Office Wharf, Brisbane, between the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland on the one part and Her Majesty's Special Commissioner for New Guinea on the other hand.

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland undertakes to put the said schooner in good and seaworthy condition, to fit her out with sufficient sails and standing and running gear, anchors, chains, awnings, and two boats, to deliver her at Brisbane to whomsoever the said Special Commissioner may appoint for that purpose.

Her Majesty's Special Commissioner for New Guinea undertakes on his part to take every reasonable care of the said vessel and equipments, to keep the vessel insured against total loss for the sum of £2,000 in the name of the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland, in any respectable marine insurance office in Brisbane, and to do nothing that will vitiate that insurance.

He further undertakes at the expiration of this charter-party to give the vessel up, with all her equipments, in Brisbane, to the Queensland Government, or such officer as the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer may appoint, in as good condition as when received, fair wear and tear excepted; that, in order to ascertain if any injury has been received, he undertakes to dock her for survey, and any injury she may be found to have received to make good, before being taken over by the Queensland Government. The said Special Commissioner undertakes to pay to the said Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, at the expiration of each calendar month, the sum of £25 as rent for the said schooner.

The said Special Commissioner further undertakes to pay all wages and expenses of crew, stores, and supplies of all kinds, and to make good and replace everything that may be lost or injured, and to keep the vessel clean, thoroughly painted, and protected as far as possible from the weather; to have the spars and blocks regularly attended to, the former kept greased or varnished, and the pins of the latter taken out and their position shifted, and the sheaves blacklead at proper intervals. The chains are also to be got on deck and overhauled at least every two months.

This charter-party is to continue in force from the 1st May, 1886, to the 1st January, 1887, from which first-mentioned date the rent as aforesaid is to accrue.

It is also agreed that the said Special Commissioner has the option of purchasing the said schooner "Governor Cairns" at any time during the currency of this charter for the sum of £2,000, to be paid by the said Commissioner to the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland, and, upon such purchase being made and completed, the conditions of this charter-party to cease and determine.

Signed on the 1st day of May, 1886, by Her Majesty's Special Commissioner for New Guinea, and by the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland, in the presence of	JOHN DOUGLAS, Special Commissioner for New Guinea. JAMES R. DICKSON, Colonial Treasurer. E. B. CULLEN.
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APPENDIX C.

No. 1.

SIR,—

Survey Camp, Port Moresby, 21st September, 1886.

I have the honour to make the following report in connection with the surveys that I have completed—namely, the Townships of Granville East and West, public reserves, native and mission reserves, cemetery, &c. Firstly, I would state that I have carried out the whole work as nearly as I can according to the instructions in the Queensland Survey Regulations, which differ considerably from those I have always been used to—namely, South Australia; Queensland work being all carried on from magnetic north, that of South Australia from true meridian.

The first work in connection with a survey such as I have just completed in a new country under Queensland Regulations is to lay down a true meridian line, and then ascertain the variation of the compass and carry on the work on whole degrees of magnetic bearings, no odd minutes. However, the nights were so very cloudy for some four to five weeks after my arrival that I was unable to obtain sufficiently good observations to start my survey from; so, in order to lose no more time than possible, I commenced the work as I should have done under similar circumstances in South Australia, and ran my beach traverse and other work on contained and subtended angles. From one of these lines I eventually fixed my true meridian and variation, and have calculated the magnetic bearings as shown on my plans throughout the work. In my field-book, besides the bearings, will be found the contained and subtended angles, for reference if necessary. The grass and rough nature of the hills, and the swarms of green ants and hornets which infest the scrubs, I