

old, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout built, dark hair and beard, which was found in the Molyneux River, on the 24th December, 1863. Verdict, found dead.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 21st December, 1863, page 132.

The books stolen from the Officers' Quarters, Military Barracks, Dunedin, the property of George Abrams, Esq., have been recovered, found planted in the bush.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 9th November, 1863, page 113, &c.

Referring to the highway robbery under arms, committed on Mr. William Acton, subsequent enquiries render it very doubtful whether the offence was ever committed, it is therefore withdrawn from further insertion.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 21st December, 1863, page 132.

The two men, *Thomas Murphy*, alias *Parker*, alias *Williams*, and *Thomas Cunningham*, alias *Clifford*, alias *Stewart*, arrested for the robbery under arms committed on Mr. Skinner, have been committed for trial. *Murphy* has previously been convicted of burglary in the Province, and served a sentence of twelve months. *Cunningham* received two sentences for burglary in Melbourne, one of 5 years, the other 2 years accumulative, on the 16th February, and 17th March, 1858, *vide Victorian Police Gazette*, August 29th, 1861, page 325, and is therefore now a ticket-of-leave holder illegally at large from the Colony of Victoria.

EXTRACTS FROM VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTE

Extract from Victoria Police Gazette, 14th October, 1863, page 312.

Colin McKenzie is charged, on warrant, with assault with intent to ravish Barbara McLeod, at Melbourne, on the 6th January, 1860. He is a Scotchman, aged 24, 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, medium build, 12 stone weight, fresh complexion, grey eyes, light brown hair, small fair whiskers and moustache, and smart active appearance; usually dresses as a stockrider. He is supposed to be in New Zealand.

Extract from Victoria Police Gazette, 3rd December, 1863.

WILFUL MURDERS.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.—FREE PARDON TO AN ACCOMPLICE.

WHEREAS *William Selby* and *John Bennett*, hawkers, having left Stawell on Friday, the 16th of October last, with a large amount of jewellery and other goods for sale, were discovered on Friday, the 6th of November inst., near Mr. Dennis's station on the Richardson River, tied up to a tree and murdered: Notice is hereby given that there will be paid by the Government for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the offender or offenders guilty of murdering the persons above mentioned, One hundred pounds, or Fifty pounds for each offender if it should be proved that there were more than two offenders.

His Excellency the Governor will also extend Her Majesty's Free Pardon to any person

implicated in the murders above mentioned [not being one of the actual murderers] who will give the required information.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. McCulloch.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1863.

PARTICULARS TO AID DETECTION.

The first of these men is supposed to be English, aged 35 or 40, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stoutish built, 12 or 13 stone weight, fair and fresh complexion, light hair, large and bushy sandy whiskers worn all round the face, moustache, unshaved, rather full features, large head, straight nose, somewhat prominent chin, long arms, large hands, clumsy and slovenly appearance, flash manner, and ordinary bush costume. He carried a revolver and sheath-knife, and wore two much-worn gold rings, one of them engraved with J. W. on shield. He seemed to be a very indifferent horseman.

The second man looked like a "native," but may be English-born, and had the appearance of a "loafer" and horsetealer, aged 30 or 35, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, about 11 stone weight, sallow or dark complexion, brown hair, darkish thin and straggling whiskers and beard, unshaved, straight nose, repulsive countenance, active gait, and ordinary bush costume. He also carried a revolver and sheath-knife.

One of the revolvers is an old six-barrelled one, the trigger-guard fastened on with a nail instead of a screw.

One of the men signed himself *James Martin*.

Stolen from the store of *William Armstrong*, Almer-a-Dee, Dunolly, about the 26th Nov., five £5 notes, viz.: London Chartered Bank, No. 79179; Bank of Australasia, Nos. 4847, 5216, 553 and 5287; also twenty-five £1 notes. Suspicion, but no warrant, against two men only known respectively as *Harry* and *Tom*. *Harry* is a Londoner, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slight build, about 10 stone weight, dark brown hair and whiskers, the latter worn all round, one or two front teeth wanting, and slovenly gait; wore grey jumper, moleskin trousers, and dirty felt hat. *Tom* is 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 11 stone weight, black hair, bushy whiskers, swarthy complexion, and one front tooth wanting; wore grey shirt, moleskin trousers, and wideawake. They are supposed to have gone either to Gipps Land or to Castlemaine, or to Melbourne for New Zealand.—1st December, 1863.

EXTRACTS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE GAZETTE.

From *Police Gazette*, 16th September, 1863.

ESCAPED PRISONER.—Escaped on the 11th instant, from the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island, *Frederick Brittain* and *Frederick Ward*—the former convicted of mail robbery the latter of cattle stealing. *Brittain* is a native of Hobart Town, a laborer, 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair ruddy complexion, light brown hair and hazel eyes. *Ward* is a native of Windsor, New South Wales, a