

OTAGO

POLICE



GAZETTE.

CONTAINING—The substance of Informations received in cases of Felony and Misdemeanours, and against Receivers of stolen goods, reputed Thieves and Offenders escaped from custody, with the time, place, and circumstances of the offence; the Names of persons known, but not in custody, who are charged with Offences, and descriptions of those who are not known, their appearance, dress, and other marks of identity; the names of Accomplices and Accessories, with every particular which may lead to their apprehension; a description, as accurate as possible, of property that has been stolen, and a minute description of stolen horses, &c., for the purpose of tracing and recovering them.

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1. POLICE GAZETTE.—*Communications for this GAZETTE should be addressed to the "COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DUNEDIN," prepaid; they must be of Police interest, or no notice will be taken of them. Officers in charge of stations are requested to report to the Commissioner of Police every instance of the non-delivery of the GAZETTE, and to suggest from time to time such alterations in the addresses and in the mode of transmission as may be considered necessary.*

2.—WARRANTS.—*Whenever it is desired that any individual whose name is given, shall be apprehended, it should be stated in the advertisement for the GAZETTE whether or not a warrant has been issued for the apprehension of the offender. When a warrant has not been issued in the first instance, any subsequent report announcing the issue of a warrant should repeat the offender's description.*

3. NAMES.—*It is particularly requested that in all Informations the names of persons and places may be spelt correctly, and written legibly, the Christian name being given with the surname whenever possible, and written in full to prevent mistakes.*

4. STRAY CATTLE.—*No advertisements of lost horses or cattle will be published in this GAZETTE unless they be Government property, but notices of horses and cattle believed to be stolen will be inserted gratuitously.*

5. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—*In forwarding the brands of stolen horses and cattle, it should be stated of what kind of letters the brand consist, whether of Roman capitals, or in writing, &c., and the exact position of the brands should be given, and be imitated as nearly as possible. In giving descriptions of watches, it should be stated whether they are open-faced, hunting, double-cased, or half hunting,—the term "double-cased" being reserved for those watches whose outer case is removed in order to wind; "half-hunting" implying a very small glass in the metal cover of the dial.*

6. REWARDS.—*No notice of reward offered by any private party or parties will, for the*

future, be inserted in the POLICE GAZETTE, unless there be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police the guarantee of some responsible person that the reward shall be payable according to law, on the arrest or conviction of the offender, and not merely for the recovery of property.

7. PREVIOUS POLICE GAZETTE REFERENCES.—*It is requested that on the arrest of any offender Gazetted, or on information being obtained for which a reward has been publicly offered, or respecting notices published in this GAZETTE, officers in charge of Police, or others concerned, will be good enough to forward intimation thereof to this office, quoting the date and page of the GAZETTE in which such notice has appeared.*

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Police Department are requested to present them for payment without delay, and members of the force are required to use every means in their power to facilitate the settlement of the above accounts.

The Government does not hold itself responsible for private debts incurred by members of the Police Force.

Extracts from *Otago Provincial Government Gazette*, 30th December, 1863, page 559.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint—

WILLIAM LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Esq., of the Province of Otago, to be a Resident Magistrate and Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

CHARLES BROAD, Esq., of Taieri, in the Province of Otago, to be a Resident Magistrate and Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

LOWTHER BROAD, Esq., of Wakatipu, to be a Resident Magistrate at Wakatipu, and Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

JOHN DEWE, Esq., of Tokomairiro, to be a Resident Magistrate at Tokomairiro, *vice* E. Musgrave, Esq., resigned.

JAMES FULTON, Esq., of West Taieri, to be a Resident Magistrate.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY UNDER ARMS.

At 8.30 a.m. the 12th December, 1863, Mr. Skinner, Agent for the Bank of New Zealand, Dunstan Branch, was proceeding from the Dunstan to the Nevis, to purchase gold, he was stuck up by two armed men (masked) who assaulted and robbed him of the following property:—

£500 in £5-notes, of the Bank of N. Z. (new)
 £ 95 in £5 do., do. (old)
 £200 in £1 do., do. (do)
 £5 in silver, in crown, half-crown,
 and 2s. pieces,
 Some of the £5-notes identifiable.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MEN.

First, tall and stout, hair and complexion supposed dark, dressed in moleskin trousers and dark billycock hat, carried a gun.

Second, shorter, hair and complexion supposed fair, carried a revolver.

Two men, Thomas Murphy, *alias* Parker, *alias* Williams, and Thomas Cunningham, *alias* Clifford, *alias* Stewart, have been apprehended, and a portion of the money found on them.

HORSE AND CATTLE STEALING.

Stolen on the 27th December, 1863, from Sylvan Bank, Invercargill, a bay mare of the light draught breed, rising 4 years old, 15 hands high, in good condition, branded B near shoulder, small star, black points, collar marked on near side, the property of Mr. Thomas Price, of Invercargill.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

James Malone stands charged with having on the 5th December, 1863, at Waikouaiti, absconded from the service of Messrs. Fallen and Cox, Storekeepers, Harris Town, Hogburn, embezzling the sum of £15, entrusted to him to pay certain accounts due by the firm. About 30 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout built, dark complexion, black curly hair, whiskers, and moustache, dressed in sleeve vest, Bedford cord trousers, long boots and brown felt hat. Warrant expected.

FELONIES AND OFFENCES NOT OTHERWISE DESCRIBED.

A warrant has been issued by the Dunedin Bench, for the apprehension of George Lane, *alias* Cox, charged with having on the 24th and 26th December, 1863, obtained from Horace Bastings, landlord of the Robin Hood Hotel, Dunedin, the sum of £16 upon two valueless cheques, the one for £10, the other £6, on the Bank of New South Wales, Dunedin Branch, which, upon presentation were marked no account, and the said George Cox never having had any account in the said Bank.

On the 28th, he obtained from Mr. W. H. Ingram, watchmaker, Port Chalmers, a silver lever Hunting Watch, maker, R. Stamford, London, No. 1610, gold Albert chain and key, and a small colonial gold ring, with

two hearts engraved thereon, giving in payment a similar valueless cheque for £16, and received £2 5s. change.

Description: From 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, square built, walks upright, dark complexion, dark hair, black moustache and goatee, Roman nose, dressed in grey Bedford cord coat, brown check mixture trousers, and light drab hat with brown veil round it. There are other similar charges against him.

Stolen, about 3 p.m. the 28th December, 1863, from a bed-room in the dwelling house of Mrs. Alpenny, Princess-street, Dunedin, a new green silk parasol, lined with white satin, long cane stick handle cracked, the property of Jesse Murray: suspicion attaches to a girl named Mary Ready, supposed to be in the service of Mrs. Hornby, hotel keeper, Port Chalmers.

Stolen on the evening of the 25th December, 1863, from the person of Daniel Robinson, while lying asleep on the road-side between the Waivera and Molyneux Ferry, a chamois leather bag, containing 9 oz. 15 dwt. of fine gold, among-t which were a few small nuggets. Suspicion attaches to a man about 43 years old, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, stout made, round red face, dark hair, whiskers, beard and moustache, dressed as a digger.

Stolen, sometime during the month of November, 1863, from the room of Henry Thomas Cuten, at Campbell's Creek, a silver English lever hunting watch, makers C. Price & Co., London, No. 59014, the glass out, a gold wire curb chain affixed to the watch with a piece of twine, the swivel having been broken, it had also been broken in two places and mended in one place with a piece of bottle wire, the other with twine.

Stolen between the hours of 7.30 p.m. the 30th, and 7.33 a.m. the 31st December, 1863, from on board the steamer Peainular, lying alongside the Pelichet Bay Jetty, Dunedin, 1 tenon saw, a small notch cut on handle, 1 rip saw, 1 iron brace and bit, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch beading plane, the property of Hugh Cunningham, of George-street, North Dunedin. Suspicion attaches to a man of the following description who was loitering about the vessel looking for work: about 35 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, fair complexion and hair, light sandy whiskers, wore a light grey tweed coat, and black cap.

Stolen between the hours of 6 p.m. the 31st December, 1863, and 8 a.m. the 2nd January 1864, from the warehouse of Messrs Kohn and Co., High-street, Dunedin, about 15 or 16 doz. billiard Meerscham pipes, No. 3, private marks on covers, 12/08. T. 3 over p/x. Effected by breaking a square of glass, and taking the above from a shelf close to the window.

Stolen between 11 p.m. and 12 midnight, the 2nd January, 1864, from the person of William Kobb, while asleep in the Golden Age public house, Dunedin, a small round paper-maché purse, containing two £1 notes and a half-sovereign; purse only identifiable.

Stolen on the night of the 31st December, 1863, from the trousers pocket of Joseph Shalkin, while asleep in the Victoria Stables, Dunstan, about £100 in cash, consisting of two £20 notes, Bank of New South Wales, one £10 do., the remainder in £5 notes, across the corner of one of the £5 notes is written the name of a firm in MacLaggan-street, Dunedin, and is the only one identifiable.

APPREHENSIONS.

William Nicholas Scheibe, Christian Lucas, and Hermon Bermour, charged with cattle stealing, have been arrested by the Wakatipu Police and committed for trial.

Joaquin Lopez, charged with issuing a valueless cheque with intent to defraud, has been arrested by the Wakatipu Detective Police, and committed for trial.

John Reid, charged with stealing a £5 note, the property of John Bracklen, has been arrested by the Dunedin Police, and committed for trial.

David Mitchell and John Pyke, for stealing a purse containing two £1 notes, one sovereign, one half do., and some silver, from one Emily Armstrong, have been arrested by the Dunedin Police, and committed for trial.

Charles Newman, charged with stealing £25 from the tent of Patrick Shea, has been arrested by the Dunedin Police, and committed for trial.

Robert Young, charged with horse stealing, vide *Otago Police Gazette*, 1863, page 55, has been apprehended by the Christchurch Police, and committed for trial. Horse recovered.

John Stead for being found in the dwelling house of James Styles, Port Chalmers without lawful excuse, arrested by the Port Chalmers Police, has been sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.

Martin Wallace, charged with stealing 3s. from the till of the Provincial Hotel, has been arrested by the Port Chalmers Water Police, and sentenced to three months imprisonment.

James Cochrane charged with larceny, has been arrested by the Wakatipu Detective Police, and sentenced to two months imprisonment.

George Smith, charged with larceny, has been arrested by the Dunedin Police, and sentenced to two months imprisonment.

Robert McKennon, charged with larceny, has been arrested by the Dunedin Police, and sentenced to six weeks imprisonment.

James Gibson, charged with larceny, has been arrested by the Wakatipu Police, and sentenced to six weeks imprisonment.

James Rodgers, alias *John Coleman*, a prisoner of the Crown of the Colony of Victoria, illegally at large in the Province of Otago, has been arrested by the Dunedin Police, vide *Victoria Police Gazette*, 1861, pages 371 and 457.

George Robert Smith, alias *Curly Smith*, charged with absconding from his bail, and highway robbery in Victoria, vide *Victoria Police Gazette*, 1861, page 426, and *Victoria Police Gazette*, 1862, pages 303, 308, and 311, has been arrested by the Dunedin Detective

Police, and remanded for warrant from Melbourne.

George Bezon, alias *Craig*, alias *Jenkins*, a prisoner of the Crown of the Colony of Victoria illegally at large in the Province of Otago, has been arrested by the Dunedin Detective Police, vide *Victoria Police Gazette*, 1863, page 351.

PROPERTY LOST AND FOUND.

Found in the possession of John, James, and Thomas Frost, now under committal for trial for horse stealing, and supposed to be stolen, a bay horse, draught breed, 15 hands, black points, saddle marked, white spots on both sides, branded JJ near neck, J OB conjoined off neck.

Lost on the night of the 1st January, 1864, from the person of James Griffin, while drunk in Dunedin, a black leather pocket-book, containing three £1 notes, a miner's right, and a deposit receipt for £30 on the Bank of New Zealand.

INQUESTS.

A magisterial enquiry was held on the 14th December, 1863, at the Dunstan Hospital, by H. W. Robinson, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of Charles Norman, aged 30 years, a miner, who died in the above hospital on the 10th December, 1863, from injuries received by a large piece of rock falling upon him while at work at the Kawarau, on the 3rd December, 1863. Verdict, accidental death. Deceased was a native of Sweden, a single man, and had no friends in any of the Australian Colonies.

A magisterial enquiry was held on the 16th December, 1863, at the Royal Mail Hotel, Alexandra, by H. W. Robinson, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of John Love, aged 27 years, a miner, who died from exposure to cold on the Old Man Range, on the night of the 9th December, 1863. Verdict accordingly. Deceased was a Scotchman, married, his wife resides at Fintry, Scotland.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 23rd December, 1863, at the Bridge Hotel, Lower Waitahuna, by W. R. G. Samuels, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Frederick Finch, aged 50 years, a miner, who died near the Half-way House, between Waitahuna and Weatherstones, on the 22nd December, 1863. Verdict, pulmonary apoplexy. Deceased was supposed to be known to a Mr. Robinson, a Ginger Beer Manufacturer, Victoria.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 24th December, 1863, at Mitchell's Accommodation House, Waipori, by W. R. G. Samuels, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Patrick Hagle, aged 35 years, a miner, who was accidentally killed while employed sinking a shaft at Tankey Point, Waipori, by the sides of the said shaft falling in upon him. Verdict accordingly.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 29th December, 1863, at the Molyneux River, by W. R. G. Samuels, Esq., Coroner, on the body of a man, name unknown, from 30 to 40 years

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

laborer, 27 years of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, pale sallow complexion, light brown curly hair, hazel grey eyes, mole on wrist, and two warts on back of middle finger on left hand.

From *Police Gazette*, 23th Sept., 1863.

See *Government Gazette*, 27th Oct., 1863, page 2325.

£4000 REWARD FOR THE APPREHENSION OF JOHN GILBERT, JOHN O'MEALLY, BENJAMIN HALL AND JOHN VANE, AND £100 REWARD FOR ACCOMPLICES.

Whereas the above-named persons are charged with the commission of numerous and serious offences, and have hitherto eluded the efforts to apprehend them: It is hereby notified that the Government will pay a reward of One thousand pounds for such information as will lead to the apprehension of each of the offenders named.

The Government will also pay a reward of one hundred pounds for such information as will lead to the conviction of any person or persons for harboring, assisting, or maintaining any of the above-named offenders.

All such information communicated by any person charged with the commission of an offence, will entitle his case to favorable consideration by the Crown, and will in all cases be regarded by the police authorities as strictly confidential; and in the event of payment of any of the rewards above offered, the name of the recipient will not be disclosed.

The above rewards are offered in lieu of all others previously payable by Government for the apprehension or conviction of the offenders above-named. WILLIAM FORSTER.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 27th October, 1863.

See *Government Gazette*, 13th October, 1863, page 2175.

SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Whereas on the night of the 15th September last, three convicts named *John Jobson*, alias *Weeks*, *Joseph Marshall*, and *John Reilly*, effected their escape from Her Majesty's Gaol, Berrima: Notice is hereby given that a reward of Twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as shall lead to the re-apprehension of each of the offenders named.

CHARLES COWPER.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Sydney, 12th October, 1863.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS.

Jobson, alias *Weeks*, native of Bangonia, farmer, 29 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, stout build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, burn on left arm.

Marshall is a native of Albury, shoemaker, 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, slight build, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion.

Reilly is a shoemaker, 35 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, lame in right leg, halts in his walk.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

Whereas on the 11th September last, two convicts, named *Frederick Brittain* and *Frederick Ward*, effected their escape from the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island: Notice is

hereby given that a reward of twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as shall lead to the re-apprehension of each of the offenders.

CHARLES COWPER.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 12th October, 1863.

DESCRIPTION OF ESCAPED PRISONERS.

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 laborer, 27 years of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, pale sallow complexion, light brown curly hair, hazel grey eyes, mole on right wrist, and two warts back of middle finger of left hand.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Whereas on the 3rd instant, a prisoner named *William Mackie* escaped from the custody of the Police, whilst under escort, by jumping from a railway train in motion, between Fairfield and Parramatta Junction: Notice is hereby given, that a reward of Twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as will lead to the re-apprehension of the offender.

CHARLES COWPER.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 12th October, 1863.

DESCRIPTION.

Mackie is about 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, sallow complexion, light brown hair, grey eyes, nose inclining to left side, arms slightly freckled, small dark hole outside lower part of right arm, scar on ball of left thumb, another on back of top joint of little finger of same hand, breast hairy; native of Sydney.

From *Police Gazette*, 4th November, 1863.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

On the evening of the 24th ultimo, the house of Mr. Commissioner Keightley, Dunn's Plains, near Rockley, was attacked by *Gilbert*, *O'Meally*, *Hall*, *Vane*, and *Burke*. Five or six shots were fired at Mr. Keightley, who armed himself with a double-barrelled gun, only one barrel of which was loaded, and aiming at *Burke*, wounded him in the abdomen, from the effects of which he has since died. The offenders extorted £500 for Mr. Keightley's release, the amount being paid in Bank notes hereunder described:—

COMMERCIAL BANK £5 NOTES.

60849	60819	60687	62002	55859
60851	60880	54939	65532	61855
60853	60801	50850	57218	63012
60855	60896	60852	64549	64859
60857	60873	60554	57429	64824
60859	60829	60856	57138	51876
60876	61785	60858	55788	59203
60878	61425	60860	27331	64887
60825	58738	60877	61659	57112
60835	42206	60824	57685	56205
60823	60521	60882	58564	62473
60862	61444	61711	63176	60781

60863	56876	53267	64443	52215
60864	59068	52510	64707	59698
60865	61548	59137	59557	64899
60897	49941	27731	56129	52871
60898	55647	61050	60920	52856
60899	58232	56648	50211	61762
60861	61136	55696	63363	53548
60838	63102			

and three notes £5 each, numbers not taken.

Extract from *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 9th December, 1863, page 372.

About 10 a.m. the 2nd instant, James Coffe, Farmer, near Burrowa, was stopped at Coffe's Creek, near Burrowa, by two armed men, *John Gilbert*, and *Ben Hall*, and robbed of £37. These offenders are said to have stopped and searched several other persons about the same time and place.

About 3 p.m. on the 5th instant, the mail from Burrowa to Binalong, was stopped about 2 miles from Smelly's Creek, and about 6 miles from Burrowa, by two armed men, *John Gilbert*, and *Ben Hall*, and robbed of the mail bags, which the offenders cut open and rifled of their contents; there was one man on the mail whom the offenders did not attempt to rob. They gave the mailman a large-sized gold watch to give to Mr. Scott, Burrowa.

DESCRIPTION.

John Gilbert, about 21 years' of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, slight active figure, brown hair not very long, no hair nor any particular marks on face, light grey laughing eyes, round nostrils, thick lips, care-worn in appearance.

Ben Hall, about 28 years' of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout build, (would weigh about 13 stone 7 lbs.), figure erect, respectable appearance, light brown wavy hair, short light beard, thick, but darker near his throat, and very pleasing expression of countenance, soft grey eyes, handsome nose inclined to be hooked, and thin compressed lips.

RETURN OF PRISONERS DISCHARGED FROM THE DUNEDIN GAOL, DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDING JANUARY 2ND, 1864.

NAME.	SENTENCE.	OFFENCE.	WHEN TRIED.	WHERE TRIED.
Edward Gaskin	12 months' hard labour	Stealing	Jan. 23, 1863	Dunedin
Jane Evans	1 month's do.	Stealing money	Nov. 24, "	Do.
John M'Konkey	12 months' do.	Stealing from a dwell- ing	Jan. 16, "	Do.
Jos. Moodie Fletcher	11 months' do.	Stealing tools	Jan. 26, "	Do.
Charles Doyle	4 months' do.	Stealing money	Aug 27, "	Do.
Mary Allen	3 months' do.	Vagrancy	Sept. 28, "	Do.

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN, *Commissioner of Police.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
DUNEDIN, 4TH JANUARY, 1864.

DESERTERS FROM MERCHANT VESSELS.

From the *General Wyndham*, at Port Chalmers, since the 24th December, 1863:—

William Skinner, ship's carpenter, about 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, bandy-legged, sharp features, brown hair, hazel eyes, large nose, rolling gait.

From the ship *Bombay*, at Port Chalmers, on the 31st December, 1863:—

— *Gibson*, the steward, 35 or 36 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, red hair, bushy whiskers, a Scotchman.

— *Smith*, the cook, 26 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, black hair, whiskers bushy round the chin, and moustache Yankey style, a Scotchman.

— *M'Nabb*, able seaman, 20 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, fair hair, no whiskers.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

RETURN OF APPOINTMENTS, &c., SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE LAST LIST:—

PROMOTIONS.

Detectives — First-class on Probation —
Weale, Francis J. (339), and
Tremble, Joseph (7)
to be Detectives First-class from 1st inst.

DISMISSALS.

Constable—Webb, Thomas William (332)

REWARDS.

To Constable Martin Kelly, (281), the sum of £5 has been awarded from the Police Reward Fund, in acknowledgment of the zeal and tact displayed by him in effecting the arrest of *Thomas Murphy*, alias *Parker*, alias *Williams*, and *Thomas Cunningham*, alias *Clifford*, alias *Stewart*, for highway robbery under arms.

To Detective Second-class Barrett, Richard, (222), the sum of £2 has been awarded from the Police Reward Fund, in acknowledgment of his zeal in arresting and prosecuting to conviction *John James Thomas Frost*, and *Robert Latte*, for horse stealing.