

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 Keightly, Dunn's Plains, near Rockley, was attacked by *Gilbert*, *O'Meally*, *Hall*, *Vane*, and *Burke*. Five or six shots were fired at Mr. Keightly, 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. Keightly'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	60854	57429	64824
60859	60829	60856	57138	51876
60876	61785	60858	55788	59203
60878	61425	60860	27331	64887
60825	58738	60877	61659	57112
60875	42206	60824	57685	56205
60823	60521	60832	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	61436	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.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

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

APPOINTMENTS AS CONSTABLES.

Chapman, Isaac	424	Detective
Lennon, Frederick	425	
Acton, William	426	Detective
Moloney, William	427	
Doonan, William	428	
Donnelly, James	429	
Bevan, John	430	
Pery, Henry Hartstonge	431	
Steele, Hugh Massey	432	
Cane, George John	433	

DISCHARGED.

Detective 3rd class—Acton, William	426
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DISMISSALS.

Constable—Morandi, Charles	412
„ Coney, Nicholas	46
„ Power, Maurice	419

INCURRING EXPENDITURE TO END OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

Offices of the Police Department,
Dunedin, 4th January, 1864.

Officers in charge of Districts and Escorts are reminded that the present "Financial" year terminate on the 31st March next, and that it behoves them to use the utmost caution in incurring (consistently with the efficiency of the Department) any expenditure, in order not to exceed the sums voted by the Provincial Council "for the contingent expenses" of the force.

Care must also be taken that there be no outstanding accounts whatsoever, after the 31st March, as none will be recognized after that date, unless it can be most satisfactorily proved that the delay for submitting them for payment was unavoidable.

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN,
Commissioner.