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NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Police Department are requested to present them for payment without delay, and all members of the force are required to use all 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.

MURDER.

Police Department,
Commissioner's Office,
Dunedin, 11th May, 1863.

IMPORTANT.—Information is requested concerning the name and address of a man who, on or about Monday, the 23rd of March last, wanted to purchase some flour at the tent of Joseph Smith, otherwise "Yorky," (since murdered,) at Miller's Flat. The person sought for enquired the price of flour, and was told that it was sold at tenpence a pound. He expressed himself ready to take ten or twelve pounds of it.

The storeman went inside as if to procure it, but turned round and said, "Will you not take a fifty pound bag?" which the other declined to do. The storeman then said, "He did not care about selling."

Should this meet the eye of the man who wanted to buy the flour on the day above mentioned, at Miller's Flat, he is earnestly requested to forward his name and address to the Commissioner of Police, Dunedin, without delay.

See *Otago Police Gazette*, No. 9, April 27, 1863, page 38.

Job Johnson has been committed for trial. It has been ascertained that the right name of the murdered man Yorky was Joseph Smith, and that he formerly resided at Spring Hill and Creswick, in Victoria.

A mare of the following description, the property of the murdered man, was stolen and has not since been recovered. A reward of £20 will be paid to any person who will give such information as may lead to the recovery of the said mare.

DESCRIPTION.

A dark bay mare, branded M or RM on one shoulder, near eye bone fractured in such a manner as to nearly conceal the eye.

Information to any Police station in the Province.

HORSE AND CATTLE STEALING.

Stolen during the month of March, 1863, from Cox's Station, Mount Somers, Timaru District, about 36 head of cattle, branded with broad arrow on near shoulder, the property of J. W. Hamilton, Esq., of Port Lyttleton. Supposed to have been driven South and disposed of at Dunedin or at some of the intermediate gold fields.

Stolen on the 28th March, 1863, from the Arrow Flat, where it was turned out to graze, a bay cob horse, 15 hands high, aged, branded ¹AS on near shoulder, two hind fetlocks white, the property of William John Grey of the Arrow. Suspicion attaches to a man of the following description, who was seen riding the horse towards the Dunstan, on the 24th April last:—35 years old, 5ft. 7in. high, very dark complexion, large dark whiskers, blind of one eye, thin built, dressed in dark coloured clothes.

Stolen on the 19th March, 1863, from the Dunstan Ranges, a horse, the property of Mr. Thomas Vale of the Dunstan. The horse has since been recovered, and a warrant issued for the apprehension of the person named and described below, charged with the felony:—

John O'Neil, 38 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches high; sallow complexion; brown hair, cut short; clean shaved; medium built; dressed in a light grey frock coat and vest, moleskin trousers, and knee boots.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 30th March.

Thomas Langham and James Robson have been arrested, and the stolen horses, saddles, and bridles traced to their possession.

FELONIES AND OFFENCES NOT OTHERWISE DESCRIBED.

A warrant has been issued for the apprehension of the person named and described below, charged with obtaining goods and money from Messrs. Spiers & Levien, boot-makers, of Dunedin, on the 27th ultimo, by means of false cheques:—

John Dermott *alias* Ginger, 30 to 35 years old, 5ft. 3 or 4in. high, pale complexion, sandy hair cropped close behind, red whiskers, pock-marked, stout clumsy built, dressed in light coat and trousers, and Scotch cap white diamond pattern. There are other charges against this man.

Stolen from the Provincial Hotel, Arrow River, on the 7th instant, a double-cased silver watch, number not known; a man on horseback engraved on one side of the case, and a landscape on the other.