

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	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	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.

DESERTERS FROM MERCHANT VESSELS.

Deserted during the night of the 23rd Nov. 1863, from the schooner *Amycas*, at Port Chalmers:—

John Evans, able seaman, 23 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, dark complexion, black hair.

Henry Matthias, able seaman, 25 years old, 5 feet 5½ inches high, smart active build, good-looking.

David Jones, able seaman, 5 feet 8 inches high, regular features, good-looking.

Daniel Marks, ordinary seaman, 19 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout awkward gait.

James Matthews, ordinary seaman, 18 years old, 5 feet 6½ inches high, full round face, good-looking.

James Staton, 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, coarse-looking.

William Morgan, 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, thin built.

Deserted during the night of the 23rd Nov., 1863, from the British ship *Persian*, at Port Chalmers:—

Edward Morton, 35 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, light hair, no whiskers under the chin.

George Roberts, 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, very dark complexion, small dark whiskers, shaved under the chin.

Joseph Goodman, 20 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, light hair, no whiskers.

— *Jackson*, 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, a small piece gone from his nose.

Henry Prendergast, 25 years old, 5 feet 5½ inches high, dark sun-burnt complexion, dark hair and whiskers.

John Murphy, 5 feet 5 inches high, reddish full face, light hair, small auburn whiskers.

Deserted on the 27th November, 1863, from the British ship *Persian*, at Port Chalmers:—

Benjamin Taylor, Boatswain, 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, dark complexion, hair, whiskers and beard, very round-shouldered, a Scotchman, dressed in light moleskin trowsers, white jacket and Scotch bonnet.

William Baker, ordinary seaman, 19 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair, no beard or whiskers, a native of Devonshire.

£1 reward for each of these men.

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

APPOINTMENTS AS CONSTABLES.

Power, Maurice	(419)
M'Gann, Thomas	(420)
Moore, Benjamin Hugh Crofton	(421)
Smith, Thomas M.	(422)
Gibson, James	(423)

RESIGNED.

Sergeant 2nd Class, Golder, John (6)

DISCHARGED.

Constable, Emerson, John (307)