

52/10 (1)

P. 10

W.

Providence at Sea

12 May 1829

From His Excellency Lt Gov
Stirling

To Lieut J. S. Roe
Surveyor

Sir,

By a communication
 which I have received from
 the office of the Secretary
 of State for the Colonies,
 I am apprised of your ap-
 pointment to the situati-
 on of Surveyor to the new
 Settlements in Western
 Australia, I accordingly
 transmit herewith for your
 guidance the General
 Standing Instructions for
 conducting the Business
 in your particular depart-
 ment - You will not omit
 of us departure from the
 course pointed out in
 these Instructions without
 my sanction, but you
 may communicate to me
 favourably any arrange-
 ment which your obser-
 vations may enable you
 to suggest for the better
 of the Public Service.

I am Sir
 your Obedt Serv^t
 (Signed) Jas Stirling
 Lt Gov^t

Two branches relative
to the Department of the
Surveyor General

1. It is to cause the whole Ter-
ritory to be surveyed and
mapped with all the ac-
curacy which the resources
of this Department will
enable him to accom-
plish commencing upon
such districts as may from
time to time be pointed
out to him by the Lt. Govern-
or.

2. The Territory is to be di-
vided into Counties, Hun-
dreds, Townships, and
square mile sections, and
all the boundary lines of
these divisions are to have
a true North & South, East
& West horizontal direc-
tion, except in the case of
Counties which may be
bounded by natural limits,
such as the sea shore or
Rivers, in which case the
sections bordering thereon
will necessarily be incom-
plete, and must be men-
tioned and described as
"Broken Sections" such sections
are still however to be bound-
ed as above mentioned on
all sides except that on
which

21
which the natural or irregular
limits affect them.

3. Whenever the Surveyor of
any County shall be com-
pleted, the report of such sur-
vey is to be accompanied by
a description specifying the
quality of the soil, and
the natural products of
each section, and the pur-
poses to which it may be
adapted with respect to the
following arrangements.

Woods

Pasturage natural or cultivated

Woodlands

Space here for dry or garden

Land fit for Plantation

of Vines, Olives, Cotton, Sugar

Tobacco, Indigo &c.

Waste

Swamp

Forest

Water

Each of these qualities are
moreover to be stated in refer-
ence to the three degrees of
good, such different and bad
and if different parts of
a section shall be consider-
ed applicable to different
purposes such difference is
to be mentioned. He is
also to report in his General
description of each County
the most favourable situ-
ations for Towns, Forts, Roads,
Bridges and other works of
Public utility, and to report
of any minerals of value

value be discovered, as also
whether any particular
spots of Land are desirable
to be reserved for Rose Combe
Promenade, the vicinity
of Town Public Gardens,
Burial Grounds, Landing
places, Docks, Chalybeate
Springs or for other similar
purposes.

4 He is to superintend
the conduct and to command
the service of any persons
who may fill his situation
in his Department, report-
ing to the Lieut. Gov^r if there
should appear any negli-
gence or inefficiency on
the part of the Persons so
employed.

5 He is at all times to
afford ever reasonable
facility to persons ap-
plying for information
relative to Lands & he is to
cause to be exhibited open
ly in his office all such
orders and regulations
the same relating as may
from time to time be issued
and in force.

6 The Documents at
present in force are

- I The Circular of the Co-
lonial Office dated in
January
- II The Lt. Gov^r's regulations re-
lative to Crown Lands
and the Instructions to
Applicants

52/10
W

W1

applicants for land are accompanied by the forms therein attached to.

Lastly such notification on off the districts open for locations as he may find proper to put forth.

All of these regulations he is as far as they relate to his department to cause to be duly fulfilled.

7 He is to have the following Books kept in his office

- 1 A Diary of the proceedings of every person employed in his department and a notation therein of every Document issued or received.
- 2 A General Survey Book as described in article 3 of these instructions and a general map of the Territory on which is to be represented each survey as it may take place.
- 3 An Account of the receipts and expenditure of all stores in his charge.
- 4 He is to preserve carefully all Documents whatsoever relating to the Business of his Office whether

may be copies of letters
or other documents if
sent or received, noting
them with the number
they may bear on the
Register of his Diary
above mentioned.

9th He is to submit the three
Books above mentioned to the
Inspection of the Lt. Gov.
on the morning of the first
day of each month.

Signed Jas. Sterling
Lt. Gov.

152/10 (2)

1310
T. J. Roe
12th May 1829