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[Colonial Secretary's Office No.]

FROM THE *Warden, Milgarn*

No. *M 75* [Departmental No.]
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Dated *23 January* 189*3*

Subject: *Water supply, Coolgardie*
Suggestions re

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ACTION TAKEN:

Letter to _____ No. _____ date _____ 189

Govt. Order to _____ No. _____ date _____ 189

To *The Hon. C. Hand*

The enclosed extract from the annual report of the Warden Milgarn is submitted for your consideration as a separate paper.

I quite agree with the Warden as to importance of endeavoring to obtain a water supply on this field - and probably his suggestion to excavate tanks for the purpose of securing rain water will be the safest plan to

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The Hon Commissioners of Crown Lands

I do not know what regulations you have in regard to water rights. State it if a man gets paid for obtaining a supply of water, or gets very substantial assistance for so doing, he does not then obtain a right to sell water to the public at his own price. State it if a set of men start in the business of getting a water supply for gold fields or any where else. The Government does not plant down a lot of money to assist them in their business. If their exclusive pecuniary gain - I would therefore think in this case, if you propose to buy the shaft & further assist these men to sink further & they succeed in getting water, that the Government then takes control over the water & deal with it as he under your directions may think proper.

Asst Comm
4-2-93

Recd 10-4-93
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See further paper... M. III enclosed. 10 . 2 . 93
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U. S. Lands.

As a fresh departure is about to be made, and a Water Department will probably be created under the Mining Department, we had better await events.

W. C. Marrison

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Milgarn Rd. Bt.

Water conservation, Coolgardie,
Revolution in

Yilgarn

Roads Board.

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Southern

Cross,

31st January 1893.

Hon Sir

I have received instructions from the above Board to forward to you the following resolution passed at meeting held on the evening of the 30th January 1893.

I have the honor to be

Hon Sir

Your obedient servant.

M. Phoebe

Secretary

Hon Commissioner

Crown Lands

Perth —

That we the members of the ^{M 111} 1903 Yalgam Roads Board respectfully request that the Government will construct a Tank or Dam on the Coolgardie goldfields of a carrying capacity of 10-000 yards - at a point to be selected by Warden Finneety and Mr. Raeside Government Supervisor of Roads. By the natural formation of the country in that particular locality every facility is available for conserving water the characteristics being composed of pipeclay and gypsum.

It is the expressed desire of those on Coolgardie Goldfield - that either a Tank or a Dam, is far preferable - less expensive and constructed at a more moderate outlay than the present system of bringing water from the river of obtaining water, some 30 miles distant. At the present time water is canted about 30 miles - to the diggings and delivered at a cost of 2/- per gallon - whereas

Hon Commissioner
Crown Lands
Perth

J. M. Oak

Chairman

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If a Tank or Dam was constructed in the immediate vicinity of the Coolgardie Township water could be sold at one penny per gallon - It is therefore absolutely necessary that the Government should take immediate action in the matter for conservation of water - considering the anticipated influx of miners and others who will in all probability visit Coolgardie Goldfield and neighbourhood within the course of two or three months - In the opinion of this meeting it is urged that the government should take steps to conserve water by constructing a Tank or Dam for the benefit of the community at Coolgardie Goldfield and public generally -

I have the honor to be

Hon Sir

Your obedient Servant -

Hon Commissioner
Crown Lands
Perth

J. M. C. S.

Chairman

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Extract from letter Warden Dillgan
dated 23. 1. 93. addressed U. S. Sands

The price of water at Boodgardie averaged one shilling per gallon. I would beg most earnestly that the Government would issue instructions to the Superintendent of Works to immediately commence the excavation of large tanks, so that should there be rain next winter some provision might be made for the following summer. I would also recommend that when made such tanks should be offered by tender to persons willing to retail the water collected at a fixed price; this especially for the following reason: Some of the men who go to these new fields have large numbers of horses or camels, others have none at all. There is always a cry from these latter that the horses owned by the first drink more than the proportion which should be allowed to any one man, and as each man pays the same for a Miner's Right it is not fair that from scarcity of water caused by the large number of horses of the one party the other party should have to pay an increased price for necessary water. Also I would point out that the revenue obtained by letting the water tanks or well would help to further enlarge the water supply.

(sd) J. M. Dillgan
Warden

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FROM THE

Mr. Loughlin
Thomas McLaughlin

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[Departmental No.]

Dated January 2nd

1893

Subject: Water sinking for at Boolgardie. Asking for assistance.

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ACTION TAKEN:

Letter to *McLaughlin Thos.* No. M 192 date 2nd Feb: 1893

Govt. Order to

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To

The Under Secretary for Lands & Survey
Enclosed I forward letter ^{from Perth} from
Thomas McLaughlin requesting assistance
in further sinking of water shaft at
Boolgardie.

I cannot see that the applicant has
any right to assistance as had he
succeeded in obtaining fresh water he
would have obtained a water right
and sold the water.

I would suggest that he should be asked
at what price he would hand over to the
Government. Rescde might then put down

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a bore hole and ~~to~~ if water found then
continue the sinking and pay the original
holder the cost of the first sinking. The
Shaft is now down to rock.

I have not much hope of finding
fresh water in the locality, but the finding
even of salt water would be of benefit.

21/1/93
John M. J. J. J. J.
Warden.

Mr C. C. hands.

For consideration. Neither
Mr. Mc. Doughlin nor the Warden state
the diameter of this well or give any
idea of its cost. I think the suggestion
contained in the Warden's third paragraph
had better be followed, and the Warden asked
to value the work done. R. J. J. J. J.

31. 1. 93

Under Secretary for Lands

Letter sent to J. M. Doughlin 2. 7. 93

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Draft

Sir
In reply to your letter of
2nd ult. ~~with reference to~~ asking
for assistance from the Govt for
sinking for water at Coolgardie
I am directed by the Hon. Secy
to inform you that the question
has been up. W. the Hon. the D. P. W. M.

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Guaralbine
Jan'y 2nd 1873

Sir - I have the honor
to forward through you
the enclosed letter - as
you will read its contents
it is not necessary to further
comment on it, except
to say I have as briefly
as possible stated our
difficulties, and also
what we believe to be true
as regards finding
water.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedtly

J. P. McLaughlin

The Warden

Laurens Cross

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Gwarthine
January 2nd 1893

Honble Sir.

On behalf of self and partner I have the honor to inform you that we have sunk a shaft for water at the above place 100 feet, at considerable expense and difficulty through the dearness of food and the absence of the necessary conveniences to perform the work.

We are now compelled through the want of funds to ask for your aid to enable us to sink a further fifty feet. or we are willing to sell you the well at a reasonable price.

It is not necessary to state the infinite amount of good our finding water would be to the Field in which we have great hopes could we proceed with the work. particularly as the quality of the earth passed through is soft pipe clay with occasional sandstone boulders, and many apparently competent judges who have examined the well are confident that we would be successful.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Yours most obediently.
Thos. McLaughlin

The Honble

The Minister for Lands