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ANNOUNCEMENT

Read at the Fifteenth Annual General Court of
Proprietors, held at the Office of the
Company, No. 125 King's Arms Yard,

AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

JOHN B. B. B. B.

General Secretary

Proprietors of the

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The Office of the Company was much gratified to receive from the Proprietors and
other persons connected with the Company on the
subject of the Company's affairs, from the
communications received from their Colonial
Agents during the past year, so much valuable
information.

It is, however, with feelings of the deepest
regret that the Committee to the Proprietors

REPORT.

Read at the Fifteenth Annual General Court of
Proprietors, held at the Office of the
Company, No. 12, King's Arms Yard,
London, the 29th of January, 1839.

JOHN SMITH, Esq.

GOVERNOR,

IN THE CHAIR.

GENTLEMEN,

The Court of Directors have much gratification in again meeting the Proprietors, and laying before them their Annual Report on the affairs of the Company, which appear, from the communications received from their Colonial Agents during the past year, to have made a highly satisfactory progress. ~~X~~

It is, however, with feelings of the deepest regret, that the Court announce to the Proprietors

the demise, in March last, of their Commissioner Lieutenant Col. Dumaresq, and they feel it to be due to the merits of that distinguished and lamented officer to record the high sense they entertain of the eminent and important services rendered by him to the Company in the conduct of their Colonial affairs during the whole period in which he acted as their Commissioner.

As the successor of Colonel Dumaresq, in the important office of Commissioner, the Court of Directors have appointed Captain Phillip Parker King, R.N., at a salary of £1000 per annum. His local experience, acquired during a residence of many years in the Colony, combined with habits of controul over large bodies of men, so essential for the effective management of the Company's affairs, render him eminently qualified to superintend their Colonial Establishments, and from the high character and station in life of this officer, the Directors feel assured, that the interests of the Company may be safely confided to his administration.

A despatch from the Court of Directors, addressed to Captain King, announcing his appointment as Commissioner to the Company, left

England in October last, and may be expected to reach that gentleman in March next; but it will be satisfactory to the Proprietors to learn, that, in the mean time, the affairs of the Company have been under the management and direction of Mr. J. Edward Ebsworth, a gentleman possessing the entire confidence of the Directors, and of whom both Colonel Dumaresq and his predecessor, Sir E. Parry, have invariably spoken in the highest terms.

In a despatch, dated the 21st November, 1837, Colonel Dumaresq observes, “ I returned on the
“ 1st instant from a tour, in which I visited
“ Warrah and Tamworth: I saw the cattle col-
“ lected at the former place, and made some
“ further arrangements for their superinten-
“ dance.

“ The herds are in excellent condition, and
“ were readily collected. I found matters at
“ Tamworth, as hitherto, conducted in a satis-
“ factory manner. Lambing had been very suc-
“ cessful. The pastures in that neighbourhood
“ are abundant, and there is every reason to
“ expect a good crop of Wheat.”

In a subsequent despatch Colonel Dumaresq observes,

“ I have recently passed a week at Booral
 “ and Stroud. Harvest has commenced, and a
 “ tolerable crop of Wheat will be reaped from
 “ the Lands not exhausted by former Crops,
 “ notwithstanding that the season of late has
 “ been unusually dry, and the heat has been
 “ excessive.”

In December 1836, the total quantity of Land
 under Cultivation for Arable purposes, as stated
 in the Report of last year, was 694 A.
 at the same period in 1837 771
 Being an Increase of Lands under Cul- ———
 tivation of..... 77 A.

In December 1837 of Lands partially im-
 proved, the timber fallen and cleared, but not
 stumped, nor under Cultivation, the total was
 172 Acres; of Lands partially improved, timber
 fallen, not cleared nor stumped, 1143 Acres,
 shewing a total of Lands under Cultivation and
 partially improved of 2086 Acres; further mea-
 sures were in progress for preparing additional
 Land for Arable and other purposes.

By later advices from Mr. J. Edward Ebsworth,
 the present Acting Commissioner, the Live Stock
 of every description are reported to have been in
 excellent condition.

On the 31st of December, 1836, the total number of Sheep was.....	65,589
In the year 1837, the number of Lambs yeaned was.....	21,699
Imported of the Leicester breed	14
	87,302

From December, 1836, to December, 1837, the number of Sheep sold was	4,845
Slaughtered for the maintenance of the Establishment.....	2,807
Casualties from age, disease, accident, &c.	3,647
	11,299
Total of Sheep on the 31st of December, 1837	
	76,003

On the 31st of December, 1836, the total number of Horses and Ponies was	453
Births from that date to 31st Dec. 1837.	
Horses	92
Ponies	24
	116

Sold, Horses	46
Ponies	9
	55
Casualties, Horses	12
Pony.....	1
	13
	68
	48

Total of Horses and Ponies on 31st of Dec. 1837 501

On the 31st of December, 1836, the total number of Horned Cattle was	3,169
Branded from that date to the 31st of December, 1837.....	1,241
Purchased	22
	1,263
Sold.....	16
Slaughtered for the maintenance of the Establishment.....	365
Casualties.....	55
	436
	827

Total of Horned Cattle on the 31st of Dec. 1837 3,996

By returns recently received from the Colony, the Directors are advised that the total amount realised from the Sale of Live Stock during the year 1837 was £9,479 : 2 : 9.

The Sale of Produce from the Estate, Rents received, and other sources of revenue during the same period, produced an additional sum of £1,263 : 1 : 11.

The great depreciation in the value of Wool in the English Market, which existed in the year 1837, having lessened the demand for sheep in the Colony; the Company's Annual Sale in February 1838 was limited to the following animals:—

		£	s.	d.
3800 Ewes	average	1	4	5 each
300 Rams	do.	1	0	3
16 Mares (old).....	do.	36	0	0
17 Young Stallions and old Geldings	do.	28	0	0
19 Young Bulls	do.	13	7	0
2 Ponies	together	69	0	0

These were sold without reserve, and produced the net sum of £6,184 : 11 : 4.

Sales of Live Stock by Private Contract to the

extent of £513:10 have been reported to the Directors, and further Sales were expected to be effected previous to the close of the year 1838.

On the 31st December, 1837, the total number of persons on the Company's Estates, exclusive of women and children, was

	Free.	Ticket of Leave.	Convicts.
Agricultural Establishment	44	52	464
Colliery Ditto.....	9	—	122
	—	—	—
	53	52	586
	—	—	—

In compliance with the request of Colonel Dumaresq the Directors have lately engaged the services of six shepherds, required for the superintendence of the increasing flocks of the Company.

The following Report has been made to the Court in reference to the operations at the Colliery.

" The new Shaft at the Colliery is now sufficiently advanced to obviate all cause for apprehending any serious interruption to the Coal Trade. The boilers are set; the engine is in progress of erection, and a reservoir is being sunk at the bottom of the shaft, intended to collect the water, which will flow

“ from the Workings of the Old Pit; so soon as
 “ these can be connected with the New Shaft
 “ by means of a ‘ Drift’ now in progress, the
 “ water will be thence pumped out. This
 “ operation when effected, will free a consi-
 “ derable portion of the Coal Field from water,
 “ and render it available from the ‘ Workings’
 “ of the Old Pit. A new Steamer is afloat in
 ‘ Sidney. The Gas-Light Company will shortly
 “ commence operations, and there can be little
 “ doubt that the Sale of Coals will be consi-
 “ derably increased. The late supply of Col-
 “ liers will enable us to be prepared for such
 “ increased demand, and a large stock of Coals
 “ is already accumulated in Bank.”

On a comparison of the Sale of Coals during
 the year 1837 with that of the previous year,
 there appears a considerable increase.

	Tons.
The quantity sold in 1837 was	16,083
“ “ in 1836 was	12,646
Increased Sale in 1837	<u>3,437</u>

The Directors are gratified in being enabled
 to inform the Proprietors, that a corresponding
 increase has taken place in the Sale of Coals

544 have been sold, and realized the net amount of £10,689 : 15 : 6.

14 Bales lately arrived remain unsold.

400 Hides have also been imported from the Company's Estates, and have realized at public auction, a net amount of £218 : 9 : 8.

At a Special General Court of Proprietors held on the 6th November last, a Dividend of 15s. per Share for the year 1837, was declared on the Joint-Stock of the Company, and made payable on the 16th of that month.

The Directors beg leave to draw the attention of the Proprietors to the Balance Sheet of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1838, and to the Abstract of Receipts and Payments in England during the year 1838, now laid upon the table for their inspection.

It is gratifying to the Directors to state, that notwithstanding the large Sale of the Company's Stock, during the year 1837, the valuations of the Live Stock, and other property in the Colony (exclusive of the Land and Coal Mines) amount to £209,238 : 5 : 11, being an increase of £22,399 : 4 : 7 during the year 1837.

The Directors have the pleasure of congratulating the Proprietors on the healthy state of the Company's affairs, which have not been, at any time, in so flourishing a condition as at this present moment.

Signed, by order of the Court of Directors,

H. T. EBSWORTH,

Secretary.

12, KING'S ARMS YARD,

London, 29th January, 1839.

Books, as it stands on the 31st December, 1838.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>By Outlay of Capital—</i>						
Expended since the formation of the Company to 31st December, 1837, in the purchase of Live Stock, Erection of Buildings, and other Disbursements on account of the Agricultural Establishments of the Company	279,063	1	10			
Ditto for Steam-Engines, Implements, Tram - Plates, Wheels, Ropes, and other Stores, Salaries, Wages, Rations, &c. on account of the Coal-Mine Establishment.....	22,463	0	2			
				301,526	2	0
<i>By Commissioner for managing the Company's Affairs in New South Wales—</i>						
Amount of Cash in the Hands of the Commissioner on the 31st December, 1837				8,215	6	4
<i>By Port Stephens' Account—</i>						
Stores purchased in England and shipped to the Colony, and other Disbursements on account of the Colonial Establishments of the Company, from June 30th, 1837, to December 31st, 1838, to be accounted for and appropriated hereafter				7,735	1	0
<i>By sundry Debtors and Creditors—</i>						
Balance of outstanding personal Accounts in New South Wales, not due on the 31st Dec. 1837	£3,534	5	2			
England, ditto 31st Dec. 1838.....	21	19	2			
				3,512	6	0
<i>By Store Account—</i>						
Value of Stores on hand in the Colony on the 31st Dec. 1837				2,445	19	1
<i>By Powers of Attorney—</i>						
At the Office for issue				45	7	6
<i>By Consolidated Three per Cents.—</i>						
Amount invested as a Reserve Fund, £2,408 : 14 : 3 Consols				2,185	12	5
				£325,665	14	4
<i>By Cash Balance—</i>						
At the Bankers	£1,034	13	7			
Office	87	11	0			
				1,122	4	7
				£326,787	18	11

*The following brief Abstract is prepared in order to show
Disbursements of the Year*

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash Balance on the 31st December, 1837—			
At the Bankers	£2,380	18	7
At the Office	88	2	11
		2,469	1 6
<i>Wool Account—</i>			
Proceeds of Sale of 12 Bales, part clip of 1835..	£237	11	2
493 „ „ 1836, (freight and insurance not included)	11,302	8	8
544 Bales, part clip of 1837..	10,689	15	6
		22,229	15 4
<i>Hide Account—</i>			
Proceeds of Sale of 400 Hides	243	15	6
<i>Office Fees—</i>			
On Shares transferred	44	12	0
<i>Reserve Fund—</i>			
Dividends on Stock received this Year, and reinvested on this Account	70	11	2
<i>Sundry Debtors and Creditors—</i>			
Received from Sir F. Forbes, Instalments and Interest due on 25 Shares, standing in the Names of his Sons.....	624	14	4
<i>Powers of Attorney—</i>			
Issued this Year.....	9	10	6
		£25,692	0 4

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