NEW SOUTH WALES.

CURATOR OF AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING APPOINTMENT OF.)

Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command.

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CURATOR OF AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

No. 1.

The Under Secretary to Trustees of the Australian Museum.

Colonial Secretary’s Office,
Sydney, 31 October, 1861.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the report of the decease of Dr. Pittard, Curator of the Australian Museum, I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to request that you will have the goodness to state whether the manner in which the vacancy may be advantageously filled, has engaged your attention; and if so, to beg that you will communicate to him, for the consideration of the Government, what your views are upon the question.

I have, &c.,

W. Elyard.

No. 2.

Acting Curator to Colonial Secretary.

Australian Museum,
Sydney, 8 November, 1861.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the Australian Museum to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated October 31st, and to inform you that the Trustees have had under their consideration the adoption of immediate steps for the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Pittard, as Curator of the Museum.

I have, &c.,

Gerard Krefft,
Acting Curator.

No. 3.

The Under Secretary to Trustees of the Australian Museum.

Colonial Secretary’s Office,
Sydney, 19 November, 1861.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, dated 8th instant, in which, by your direction, the Acting Curator of the Australian Museum apprised the Colonial Secretary, that you had under your consideration the adoption of immediate steps for the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Pittard, as Curator of the Museum.

2. Mr. Cowper desires me to state, in reply, that he will be glad to be favoured with your views, as early as possible, in order that he may be prepared to give every information to Parliament, when the Estimates are under consideration.

3. I am also to observe that you will, the Colonial Secretary hopes, understand that any arrangement proposed will be subject to the approval of the Government.

I have, &c.,

W. Elyard.

No. 4.

Acting Curator to Colonial Secretary.

Australian Museum,
Sydney, 5 December, 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 19th November, in which you request to be favoured, as early as possible, with the views of the Trustees, with respect to the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Pittard, as Curator of the Museum, in order that you may be prepared to give every information to Parliament, when the Estimates are under consideration.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that the Trustees propose, in the first place, to invite by general advertisement, gentlemen who may be possessed of the necessary qualifications to apply for the vacant post, and then (should this course fail to obtain a competent person) to avail themselves of the kind offer of one of their number, Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., who intends to proceed to Europe in the early part of the ensuing year, and who will select, in conjunction with Professor Owen or Professor Huxley, some competent gentleman to fill the office, on the terms on which Mr. Pittard was first appointed.

These
CURATOR OF AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

These terms are—\(£100\) to defray the expense of a passage to Sydney, and a salary not exceeding \(£100\) per annum, to commence from the day of his arrival in Sydney.

With respect to the third paragraph of your letter, in which you express a hope that the Trustees will understand that any arrangement proposed will be subject to the approval of the Government, I am directed to inform you, that the Trustees presume that this remark has reference only to the salary of the Curator, as the 7th Clause of the 17th Victoria, No. 2, incorporating the Museum, throws the entire responsibility of the appointment of their officers on the Trustees.

I have, &c.,

GERARD KREFFT,
Acting Curator.

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No. 5.

THE UNDER SECRETARY to TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11 December, 1861.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated the 5th instant, from Mr. Krefft, stating by your desire, the steps proposed to be taken for providing a successor to the late Mr. Pittard, as Curator of the Museum, and observing, with reference to the remark made in my communication of the 19th ultimo, that any arrangement for the purpose would be subject to the approval of the Government, that the entire responsibility of the appointment of their officers is placed by the 7th clause of the 17th Victoria, No. 2, on the Trustees of the Institution.

2. In reply, I am instructed to point out, that the situations to which the Trustees of the Museum are authorized to appoint under the 7th clause of the Act of Incorporation, are those for which salaries are provided out of the endowment granted by the 3rd section of the same Act. But the office of Curator having been created subsequently to the passing of that law, and the stipend appropriated by a special vote of the Legislature, must be considered as coming under the 37th clause of the Constitution Act, which vests all appointments in the Governor and Executive Council.

3. The Government is not therefore prepared to concede to the Trustees the right which they now claim, to appoint a Curator to the Museum, or to make arrangements for the selection of an individual to fill that office.

4. I am further desired to state, that on the first occasion of the selection of a gentleman for this appointment, the arrangements were made by the Governor General, through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

W. ELYARD.

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No. 6.

ACTING CURATOR to COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Australian Museum,
Sydney, 3 January, 1862.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the Australian Museum to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated December 11, 1861, from Mr. Elyard, stating that the situations to which the Trustees of the Museum are authorized to appoint under the 7th clause of the Act of Incorporation are those for which salaries are provided out of the endowment granted by the 3rd section of the same Act. But the office of Curator having been created subsequently to the passing of that law, and the stipend appropriated by a special vote of the Legislature, might be considered as coming under the 37th clause of the Constitution Act, which vests all appointments in the Governor and Executive Council, and that the Government is not therefore prepared to concede to the Trustees the right which they now claim, to appoint a Curator to the Museum, or to make arrangements for the selection of an individual to fill that office. Mr. Elyard further states, by your desire, that on the first occasion of the selection of a gentleman for this appointment, the arrangements were made by the Governor General, through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. In reply, I am directed by the Trustees to inform you, that they adhere to the opinion expressed in their letter of December 5th, 1861, namely, that by the Act of Incorporation, the entire responsibility of the management of the Museum, and the appointment of all its officers, rests with the Trustees.

3. That the fact of an additional amount having been granted by the Legislature for the salary of the Curator does not in any way absolve the Trustees from the performance of any of the duties cast upon them by the Act.

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4. That the appointment of the late Curator was made by Professor Owen and George Macleay, Esq., under the authority of the Trustees, and receiving their instructions from the Board, through His Excellency Sir William Denison (himself an elective Trustee), who, in this as in all other matters connected with the appointment of the late Curator, acted on behalf and at the request of the Trustees.

5. The Trustees beg to call the attention of the Government to the absolute necessity that exists of filling up the vacancy with as little delay as possible, as the increasing amount of their collections require the careful supervision of, and arrangement by a competent Curator, not only for exhibition to the public, but for their preservation from damage and destruction. Finally, the Trustees again desire to submit the arrangement proposed in their letter of December 6th, 1861, to the Government, for their approval.

I have, &c.,

GERARD KREFFT,
Acting Curator.

No. 7.

THE UNDER SECRETARY TO TRUSTEES OF AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

Colonial Secretary’s Office,
Sydney, 27 March, 1862.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated 3rd of January last, from the Acting Curator of the Australian Museum, respecting the appointment of a Curator in succession to the late Dr. Pittard, and to state that the delay which has occurred in replying to Mr. Krefft’s letter, has arisen from Mr. Cowper’s desire to look fully into the subject before coming to a final decision in the matter.

2. With reference to what is urged by the Trustees in this letter, and by the deputation from that body in the interview which he had with them in support of the principle contended for, the Colonial Secretary feels obliged to state that the further he has searched the more he has become confirmed in the opinions expressed in the former communications made to you.

3. Mr. Cowper must, in the first place, point out that the Trustees are in error in assuming that the appointment of the late Curator was made by Professor Owen and George Macleay, Esquire, under the authority of the Trustees, whose instructions were conveyed through His Excellency Sir William Denison, acting as one of the Trustees on behalf of, and at the request of the whole body. The real state of the facts is this:—Sir William Denison as Governor General, on behalf of the Government of New South Wales, addressed a despatch to the Secretary of State upon the subject of the appointment of a Curator in the following words, viz.:

"Government House,
"Sydney, 6 May, 1859.

Sir,

"The Legislature of the Colony having placed at the disposal of the Government a sum of $700 per annum, as the salary of the Curator of the Museum at Sydney, I have requested Mr. George Macleay, who has lately gone to England, to put himself in communication with Mr. Owen, for the purpose of selecting a person thoroughly competent to take charge of an establishment which is likely to prove a most valuable assistance in the development of the resources of the Colony.

"I have, &c.,

W. DENISON."

4. A copy of the despatch of the Secretary of State, dated 30th August, 1859, received in reply, was forwarded to the Trustees, and the Government was entirely ignorant of any proceedings having been undertaken by that body, such as those stated in the Acting Curator’s letter. Sir William Denison’s communication to Mr. George Macleay was, in his capacity as Governor, with the concurrence of the Executive Council.

5. The Colonial Secretary has referred to the Act of the Imperial Parliament 26 Geo. 2, c. 22, and the evidence given before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to inquire into the condition and management of the British Museum in the year 1835. From these it appears that the Trustees of that Museum, as a body, have nothing to do with appointments to offices. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and the Speaker of the House of Commons are appointed as Official Trustees to deal with the patronage. The Principal Librarian is, upon their nomination, appointed by the Crown, under the Royal Sign Manual; and all other appointments are made by the three Trustees named.

6. The principle for which the Trustees of the Sydney Museum contend, does not therefore appear to be recognized in the Mother Country, and Mr. Cowper is persuaded that the view taken by him of the Act, and of the course which it is proper should be adopted in regard to such appointments as that of the Curator of the Museum, as previously explained, is correct.

I have, &c.,

W. FLYARD.

No. 8.
CURATOR OF AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

No. 8.

ACTING CURATOR TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Australian Museum,
Sydney, 8 May, 1862.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the Australian Museum to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated March 27, in reply to which the Trustees have desired me to enclose a copy of a series of resolutions passed at a special meeting of the Board held this day.

I have, &c.,
GERARD KREFFT,
Acting Curator.

[Enclosure in No. 8.]

COPY of Resolutions passed at a Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, held May 6th, 1862.

The Colonial Secretary's letter of the 27th March, 1862, having been read, the Trustees resolve as follows:

1st. That by the Act of Incorporation the appointment of all the officers of the Institution is by law vested in them only.

2nd. That the Trustees are of opinion that the Legislature having voted an amount for the salary of Curator whilst this law existed, must be taken to have granted it with the knowledge that the appointment would rest with the Trustees, and therefore that they are entitled to the disposition for that purpose of the amount so voted.

3rd. That independently of the question as to the right of appointment of the Curator, which, of course, confers also the right of dismissal, the Trustees are of opinion that they would not have that control over an officer not appointed by them which would be essential to the due management of the Museum.

4th. That the Curator is not an officer of the Government, but an officer of an Institution endowed by the Parliament in the same manner as the University, the Benevolent Asylum, the Sydney Infirmary, and similar Institutions.

5th. That the Government has already recognized the right of the Trustees to appoint the Curator.

In the case of Mr. Pittard, this appointment was made by them through the instrumentality of His Excellency Sir W. T. Denison, acting as one of the elected Members of the Board, and not as Governor General, as communicated by their Secretary's letter to you, from which the following is an extract:—

"I am directed by the Trustees to inform you, that having entrusted the selection of a competent "gentleman to fill the office of Curator, to Professor Owen and Mr. George Mackay, they have, after "much trouble and inquiry, chosen Mr. S. R. Pittard, a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of "London, and Demonstrator of Anatomy at the Grosvenor-place School, as the most eligible of the "candidates who presented themselves for the appointment, &c."

The Colonial Secretary's reply of the 24th February, 1860, acknowledges the receipt of the above letter, and in his second paragraph states as follows:

"To reply I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to state that no payment can be allowed, "except of sums actually agreed to or paid by the gentleman who undertook to make the engagement, "&c."

The Trustees consider that it is clear from this correspondence that the right of the Trustees was not disputed by the Government.

6th. That with respect to the dispatch addressed by His Excellency Sir W. T. Denison to the Secretary of State, and the reply to that dispatch, it is sufficient to state, that neither the Board nor any of its members were aware of either of them, and that no copy of that reply, stated to have been forwarded to them, has ever been received by the Trustees.

7th. That the Trustees regret the determinations which the Colonial Secretary has arrived at, as the non-appointment of a Curator: at a time when his services are particularly required, must materially injure, not only the Institution but the public, by depriving them of the Lectures which the Curator would give.

8th. The Trustees cannot, for the reasons herein before given, consent to intrust the responsibility of managing an Institution with an officer who would, in fact, be independent of their control, and they therefore cannot admit the right of the Government to the appointment, nor indeed the policy of vesting it in any other body but the Trustees.

9th. Under these circumstances the Trustees must endeavour, to the best of their ability, to carry on the Institution with the present acting Curator, who also fills the office of Secretary, and whose joint occupations will necessarily prevent him from devoting all that care, as Curator, which the Museum imperatively demands. The blame, should the Institution not prosper as the Trustees would desire, will not rest with them.

10th. The Trustees are under the impression that the Government only refuse to them the right of appointment of the Curator, from a belief that the Constitution Act of the Colony renders it imperative on the Government to nominate such an officer,—an interpretation of the law in which this Board cannot concur. They would suggest, however, to the Colonial Secretary, that, in order to solve the difficulty, whilst not placing the amount of the salary of the Curator on the ensuing Estimates, as an addition to the Endowment Fund, indispensable to the proper management of the Institution.

11th. The Trustees are extremely anxious to preserve the services of a thoroughly qualified Curator, and, if the salary be granted, propose to request two or more of the most distinguished naturalists in England to select such a person for the appointment. At present they have heard of no person qualified for the office.

12th. That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, in reply to the letter from his office of the 27th March, 1862.

I certify this to be a correct copy.
GERARD KREFFT,
Acting Curator.

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DESPATCH from the Secretary of State, of the 30th August, 1859, referred to in the Under Secretary's letter (No. 7), and of which it is recorded that a copy was sent to the Secretary to the Trustees (Mr. Angas) on the 9th December, 1859.

(No. 17.)

Downing-street, 30 August, 1859.

Sir,

I have received your Despatch, No. 41, of the 6th of May last, informing me, with reference to your previous Despatch of the 31st of January, No. 9, on the importance of developing the mineral resources of New South Wales, that the Legislature of the Colony have placed the sum of seven hundred pounds per annum at the disposal of the local Government, as the salary of the Curator of the Museum at Sydney, and that Mr. George Macleay, who is now in this country, has been requested to consult with Professor Owen, with a view to securing the services of a person well qualified to fill the situation in question.

You also express a wish that the Curator, when selected, may be authorized to place himself in communication with the Head of the Museum of Economic Geology, for the purpose of obtaining such duplicate specimens of minerals and fossils as can be spared by that department, and on this subject I have to refer you to my predecessor's Despatch, No. 42, of the 16th of May last (in reply to yours above referred to), enclosing a copy of a letter from Sir R. Murchison, in which he states the difficulty of affording the desired assistance, but points out the mode in which he considers that such collections might best be formed. If Mr. Macleay, or the new Curator, should apply to this department, he will be placed in communication with Sir R. Murchison, who will no doubt afford any advice or assistance in his power.

I have, &c.,

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES.)

Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1862.

To His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief,
&c., &c., &c.

1. The Trustees of the Australian Museum have the honor to submit to your Excellency this their Ninth Annual Report.

2. The Museum has been open to the public daily (Sundays excepted), during the past year, and has been visited by 23,589 persons.

3. The system of exchanging specimens of Natural History with the principal Foreign Museums, is still fostered by the Trustees, who have received the following valuable collections during the past year:

   From the National Museum of the Netherlands, at Leyden:—318 specimens of reptiles, comprising many rare and interesting species from Western Java, Amboyna, Timor, New Guinea, Samoan, and Japan.

   From Mr. M. Schultz, at Brunswick:—14 specimens of mammals, 43 specimens of birds, 50 specimens of birds' eggs, and 200 European insects.

   From the Government Central Museum, at Madras:—10 mammals, 110 birds, 19 crustacea, and 94 mollusca.

   From the Honorable William Cooper, of Hoboken, (New Jersey):—1 mammal, and 24 specimens of American reptiles.

4. Numerous donations have been received during the year, a list of which, with the names of the donors, is appended. (Appendix No. 2.)

5. Several valuable works, purchased out of the Endowment Fund, have been added to the Museum Library, a list of which is appended. (Appendix No. 3.)

6. Two experienced taxidermists have been occupied during the year, in preparing and mounting specimens, and in cleaning and preserving from decay the collections already displayed for public inspection.

7. The Trustees have to record the resignation of W. S. Macleay, Esq., who has been a member of the Board during the long period of twenty years, and has at all times contributed largely to the advancement of the Institution.

   The Honorable John Hay, and Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., have also retired from the Board, and the former has been re-elected.

   W. J. Stephens, Esq., M.A., Head Master of the Sydney Grammar School, Edward Hill, Esq., and Sprot Boyd, Esq., M.D., have been elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Sir William Macarthur, Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., and W. S. Macleay, Esq.
8. Arrangements have been made for the exhibition of the geological and mineralogical specimens purchased last year, and the larger part of this beautiful and instructive collection is now on view. The Trustees have given directions for the construction of additional cabinets, so that the remaining portion of the mineralogical collection will be exhibited shortly.

9. The Trustees have with much regret to report, that the Museum is suffering from the want of the services of an efficient Curator, though the Legislature has voted a liberal sum for the salary of such an officer. By correspondence which was laid before Parliament in the Session of 1862, it will be seen that the Trustees have been withheld from proceeding to obtain a Curator, by the refusal of the Government to recognize the right of the Trustees to appoint such an officer, or even to make arrangements for the selection of an individual to fill that office. The Trustees consider such a refusal to be altogether opposed to the letter and spirit of the Act of Council 17 Vict., No. 2, which confides the entire management and superintendence of the affairs, concerns, and property of the Museum, as well as the appointment of all its officers and servants, to the Trustees incorporated under the Act. Whilst on this ground the Trustees have declined to admit the claim of the Government to appoint the officer required, they are deprived of the means by which alone his services could be secured, and the success of the Institution is materially prejudiced. As a solution of the legal difficulties which the Government consider to be opposed to the claims of the Trustees, it is suggested that vote of Parliament for the necessary sum may be in future taken as for an addition to the Endowment Fund of the Museum, and not as for the salary of an officer.

10. Appendix No. 1 contains an abstract of the receipts and payments of the Trustees on behalf of the Museum, for the year ending 31 December, 1862.

11. Appendix No. 2 contains a list of the various donations during the same year, with the names of the donors.

12. Appendix No. 3 contains a list of books purchased for the Museum Library.

13. Appendix No. 4 shows that the 4th By-law of the Museum has been repealed, and contains a copy of the By-law substituted in its stead.

14. The Trustees have the honor to submit this their Report for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two; and in testimony thereof, have caused their Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed, this fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

By order of the Trustees,

GERARD KREFFT, M.D.,
Acting Curator and Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 1.

Current Expenditure of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, during the year 1862.

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- Purchase of specimens 124 0 0
- Contingent expenses, carriage, freight, &c. 83 16 1
- Ironmongery and ironwork 26 13 6
- Stationery and printing 29 10 10
- Books and periodicals 61 0 3
- Timber for carpenter, &c. 15 4 9
- Keeping grounds in order 25 0 0
- Wood and coal 12 6 0
- Binding books 70 17 0
- Construction of cabinets 63 13 1
- Balance 203 4 2

GERARD KREFFT,
Acting Curator and Secretary.
DONATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, DURING THE YEAR 1862.

MAMMALIA.

A Spiny Echidna (Echidna hystrix) ........................................................................................................ Charles Moore, Esq., Director of the Botanical Gardens.
A Duck-billed Platypus (Ornithorhynchus anatinus) ................................................................. Mr. John Hodgson.
A Rock Wallaby (Petrogale penicillata) .................................................................................. William Sharp Macleay, Esq., M.A.
A Pademelon Wallaby (Holotis nitida) ..................................................................................... Mr. Frank Hume.
A Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) ................................................................................................. Edward Hill, Esq.
A Duck-billed Platypus (Ornithorhynchus anatinus) ................................................................. Mrs. John Hay.
A Native Dog (Canis Dingo) ......................................................................................................... Mr. T. N. Turner, Esq.
A Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) ................................................................................................. Mrs. A. Butt.
A Rock Wallaby (Petrogale penicillata) ...................................................................................... Mr. J. Hall.
A Bush Rat (Muso soridus) ........................................................................................................... Mr. W. Nott.
A Black Wallaby (Holotis nitida) ................................................................................................. Mr. Archibald Boyd.
A Long-nosed Wallaby (Perameles nasuta) ................................................................................ Mr. John Miller.
A Rock Wallaby (Petrogale penicillata) ...................................................................................... Mr. John Cooney.
A Border-nosed Wallaby (Petrogale penicillata) ........................................................................ Mrs. Hay.
A Refus Jerboa Kangaroo (Bototria refusa) ................................................................................ Mr. A. Butt.
A Yellow-footed Antechinus (Antechinus flavipes) .................................................................. Master J. Holmes.
A Duck-billed Platypus (Ornithorhynchus anatinus) ................................................................. Captain Hickson, B.N.
A Beaver Rat (Hydromys eucosus) .............................................................................................. Mr. H. J. Billing.
A Black Wallaby (Holotis nitida) ................................................................................................. Mr. John Godling.
A Pigmy Flying Squirrel (Acrorutes pigmaeus) ........................................................................ Dr. Brenton.
A Guinea Pig (Cavia cobaya) ....................................................................................................... Mr. J. D. Holdsworth.
A Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) ................................................................................................. George Bennett, Esq., M.D.
A Rook Wallaby (Petrogale penicillata) ...................................................................................... Mr. Cockburn.
A Skunk (Putorius putoideos) ...................................................................................................... Mr. Archibald Boyd.

AVES.

A collection of Birds from Egypt (Acrotriorra gigantica) ........................................................... J. D. Cox, Esq.
A Little Rat (Rutilus leucurus) ...................................................................................................... John Crook, Esq.
A Golden Plover (Charadrius auricollis) .................................................................................... Mr. J. Langley.
A Short-nosed Bandicoot (Perameles obesula) ....................................................................... Mr. A. Butt.
A young Lioness (Felis Leo) ......................................................................................................... Francis O'Brien, Esq.
A Native Cat (Dasyurus viverrinus) ............................................................................................ James F. Wilex, Esq.
A Spiny Echidna (Echidna hystrix) ......................................................................................... Mr. James Seymour.
A Pigeon (Cockatua moluccanum) .............................................................................................. Charles Moore, Esq., Director of the Botanical Gardens.
A Yellow-footed Antechinus (Antechinus flavipes) .................................................................. Mr. William Leslie.
A Rainbow Pigeon (Cockatua moluccanum) ................................................................................ George Bennett, Esq., M.D.
A Blackbird (Turdus merula) ....................................................................................................... Horatio T. N. Turner, Esq.
A Wren (Cockatua moluccanum) ............................................................................................... Mr. T. N. Turner, Esq.
A Small Bittern (Ixobrychus minutus) ....................................................................................... Master George Mitchell.
A Little Rat (Rutilus leucurus) ...................................................................................................... Mr. John Corbet.
A Large Bittern (Ixobrychus minutus) ....................................................................................... Mr. George Owen.
A King Parrot (Aprosmictus gregarius).................
A Crimson-winged Parrot (Aprosmictus cyanocephalus)........
A Sparrow Hawk (Asio otus).................
A Night Heron (Nycticorax Nycticorax)........
A Grace Crane (Ardea cinerea)........
A Water Hen (Porzana palustris)........
A White-bellied Cormorant (Phalacrocorax lucinotus)........
A Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus funereus)....
Eggs of Aepyornis Australis........

Nests of Columbiella harteri and Eupodista Australis.

A Crocodile Bird (Platysternon Megacephalum)........
A South Sea Island Parrot (Ptilocephalus)........
A Australian Pelican (Pelecanus conspicillatus)........
A Musk Duck (Bucephala petrophila)........
A White-headed Sea-Eagle (Haliaeetus leucorhynchos)........
A Musk Duck (Bucephala petrophila)........
A Black-fronted Dottrel (Histrionicus nigrirostris)........
An Australian Pelican (Pelecanus conspicillatus)........

A White-eyed Crow ..................................

A White Swan (Cygnus olor).................
A Bronze Cuckoo (Chrysococcyx lucidus)........
A Black-backed Puffinus (Phaethon lepturus)........
A Black Duck (anas superciliosa)........
A Brolga Night Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax)........
A Crested Pigeon (Ocyphaps lophotes)........
A Brown-capped Pterodroma (Pterodroma pygmaea)........
An Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis Adeliae)........
A Black-tailed Plover (Pluvialis melanura)........
An Emu (Dromaius Nova Hollandiae)........

A Hawk, and Emu

A Banded Thrush (Calliope frons)........
Two Gulls (Larus dominicus)........
Two Parrakeets (Psittacus formosus)........
A White-bellied Curlew (Phalaropus boreas)........
A collection of Eggs of Australian Birds........
An Albatross (Diomedea exulans)........
A pair of Moorhen's (Gallinula chloropus) Eggs........
An Emu (Dromaius Nova Hollandiae)........

A Swallow-tailed Gull (Hydrocoloeus novaehollandiae)........
A Harmonious Colluricini (Colluricinidae harmonia)........
A Slender-billed Spinifex-bird (Eucorax imitorius)........

A Little Bird (Pipile galatea)........
Egg of an Apostle (Aplornis Mantellii)........
A Reiten (Boturinus australis)........
A Harrie (Auchenchis novaehollandiae)........
A Harmonious Colluricini (Colluricinidae harmonia)........

A Ground Parrakeet (Psittacus formosus)........
A White-fronted Puffinus (Phaethon lepturus)........
A South Sea Island Parrot (Ptilocephalus)........
An Albatross (Diomedea exulans)........
An Australian Goshawk (Asio nana)........
A Flinder's Cockatoo (Euplectes Flindersii)........
A collection of Eggs of Australian Birds, and a Notornis frontalis........
A Black-fronted Dottrel (Histrionicus nigrirostris)........
A pair of Black Cockatoos (Calyptorhynchus funereus)........
Two White Swans (Cygnus olor)........

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**REPTILIA.**

A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)........
A Diamond Snake (Morelia spilotes)........

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REPTILIA—continued.

A Lizard (Sigmodon apicalis)
A Lizard (Propodocephalus Kingii)
A collection of Reptiles from the Fiji Islands, comprising the following species: Gekko oceanicus, Koenina amaramida, Koenina (nos. spec.), Pseudophryne lineatiformis, Pseudophryne lineatiformis, Eryx spinosus, Pustularis laticeps, Pustularis laticeps.
A collection of Reptiles from the N.E. coast of Australia, comprising the following species: Odaxia punctata, Hydrobomas spilochilus, Cyclopus gigas, Leaia klausii, Chlamydosaurus Kingii, Diplocephalus ornatus, Thyphlops Protophylops, Eulophus sp., Grammatophora, Anguis fragilis, Dendrochirus punctatissimus, Acanthophis antarcticus, Fedorosaurus carinatus, Lamanoiastes dorsalis.

Three Frogs (Lommodactylus Krelli)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
A Whip Snake (Diamantina reticulata)
Two Frogs (Gekko Lizardus)
A Whip Snake (Diamantina reticulata)
A Diamond Snake (Morelia spilota)
A Black Snake (Pseudochis porphyriacus)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
A Whip Snake (Diamantina reticulata)
Three Frogs (Lommodactylus Krelli)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
A Lizard (Lialis punctulata)
A Black Snake (Pseudochis porphyriacus)
A Pygopus (Pygopus lepidopoda)
A Cyclolhus gigas.
A Diamond Snake (Morelia variegata)
A Black Snake (Pseudochis porphyriacus)
A Tortoise (Enhydra longicolix)
Two Whip Snakes (Diamantina reticulata)
Three Lizards (Nautalina punctata)
A Black-checked Polaurs (Platypus bicolor)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
Two Diamond Snakes (Morelia spilota)
A Black Snake (Pseudochis porphyriacus)
A Green Tree-Snake (Dendrochirus punctatissimus)
A Giant Cyclolhus (Cyclopus gigas)
A Cloaked Lizard (Grammatophora cristata)
Five species of Frogs: Pelodorus carulerus, Elyia Pervani, Lommodactylus Krelli, Ophryophorus Sydneyensis, and Elyia Krelli.

A Diamond Snake (Morelia spilota)
A Hawk's bill Turtle
A Whip Snake (Diamantina reticulata)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
A Pygopus (Pygopus lepidopoda)
A Brown-humped Snake (Hylophosphus curtus)
Two Tortoises (Enyas longicolix)
A Diamond Snake (Morelia spilota)
A Death Adder (Acanthophis antarcticus)
A Diamond Snake (Morelia spilota)
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A Black Hoplocephalus (Hylophosphus nigrebancus).

FISHES.

A Fistularia and an Ostracian
A Fish (Ostracron)
A Fish (Eugene)
A Shovel-nosed Shark (Rhinobatus)
A Fish (Platyrhina)
A Scooter (Hepophyllus curtus)
Two Fishes (Chromis)
A Fish (Chelidactylus)
A Tasselled Fish (Pleurodactylus)
A Fish (Ostracron)
A Port Jackson Shark (Ostreaea pelagica)
A Shark (Carcharias leucops)
A Tiger Shark (Scyllium maaiafanum)
A Fish (Ostracron)
A Fish (Ostracron)
A Fish (Hippocampus)
A Shovel-nosed Shark (Rhinoabatis dolfienni)
Six species of Australian Fish

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MOLLUSCA.
Holothuria from the South Sea Islands, and several rare species of Helix
from Lord Howe Island.
Two Shells (Parapura).
A collection of Shells from New Zealand and the South Sea Islands.
A Large Shell (Voluta imbricata).
Shells from the South Sea Islands.
Shells from New Caldonia.
Shells from Grafton and Ash Island.
A Mollusk (Aphegeta).
A Mollusk (Octopus).
A Mollusk (Doris).
A Mollusk (Arctopyge).

INSECTA.
A Phasma (Phasma Titan).
A Phaenon (Phasma Titan).
Two Phasmas (Eustenopteron titanum).
A collection of twelve new species of Coleoptera.—Timarcha hirsuta,
Dactylopelma cayennense, Dactylopelma curvulenta, Dactylopelma
schultzei, Dactylopelma ocellatum, Dactylopelma variabilis, Dactylopelma
decorticata, Stigmadora vulpes, Stigmadora carinata, Stigmadora
tragulata, Stigmadora anglesia.

CRUSTACEA.
A Crab (Nephastus pollicus).
Crayfish from the South Sea Islands.

ACALEPHA.
A species of Endora.

POLYPT.
A Ponnata.

BOTANICAL SPECIMENS.
A collection of specimens of Colonial Timber.
A sample of Cotton grown at Yelta, Lower Murray.
Samples of Grass-tree Gum.

MINERALOGICAL SPECIMENS.
Stalactite.
A fossil shell.
Fossil bones from the Macleay River.

ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS.
Weapons and implements from the South Sea Islands.
 Implements from the Hervey Group.
Stone axe from the Treasury Islands.

MISCELLANEOUS.
A piece of bone grown out of a human head.
Portion of hull and cargo of the "Dunbar."
APPENDIX No. 3.

LIST of Books purchased for the Museum Library.

Report of Explorations and Surveys for a Railroad Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, 1853 to 1866. 13 vols. 4to.

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APPENDIX No. 4.

The 4th By-law of the Australian Museum has been repealed, and the following By-law substituted, viz.:

"No. 4.—The office of Elective Trustee shall be vacated by resignation, by absence from the Meetings of the Board without leave, for six consecutive months, at any time after the month of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, or by ejection, as hereinafter provided."

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