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REGULATIONS

FOR THE

ASSIGNMENT

OF

MALE

CONVICT SERVANTS.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF MALE CONVICT SERVANTS.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 9th May, 1835.*

THE GOVERNOR is pleased to direct that the following Regulations be strictly observed in the assignment of Prisoners of the Crown to private service, from the date at which they come into operation, from which time they will supersede all Regulations now in force.

HIS EXCELLENCY has endeavoured, by means of these Rules, to introduce a fixed standard of qualification according to which convict labor is to be obtained, and to render the Colonists the principal instruments in securing for themselves a just distribution of that labor, by the publicity which will be given to all the arrangements relating to Assignments. It will be open to the Settlers in their several Districts to attend the Special Sessions when application is made for assigned Servants, and to give to the Justices such information as they possess, with respect to the quantity of land held by an Applicant, his eligibility from character and habits to receive, and his means of maintaining, convict Servants. Such information given with an honest intention, upon sure knowledge, will at all times be thankfully received by the Magistrates, as enabling them to prepare their certificates with the greatest certainty of their being correct.

THE GOVERNOR has only to add, that as much pains have been bestowed in framing these Regulations to meet the circumstances of all descriptions of Colonists, and to operate for their general benefit, no departure from their plain meaning will, in any instance, be permitted.

Justices of the Peace will perceive that, after the introduction of these Regulations, assigned Servants will no longer be returned to Government, or sent to Road Parties by their order. The 29th Regulation points out in what manner Masters are to return their assigned Servants whom they do not wish to retain in their service, and the duty of the Justice in such cases. It is hardly necessary to observe that this Regulation in no way limits the power of Magistrates to punish assigned Servants by imprisonment or otherwise, for offences of which they shall be convicted, upon the complaint of their Masters. Nor, on the other hand, does it impede the admission of complaints of Servants against Masters, nor the representation of the Magistrate to Government on the subject, when it is thought right to recommend the removal of the Servant in consequence of the neglect or ill-treatment of the Master. But the actual removal, unless under legal sentence to gaol, is not to take place but by order of the Governor, communicated through the Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

No further applications for Convict Servants of any description will be received by the Board of Assignment from the present date, except in conformity to these Regulations.

Applications for Convict Laborers and Mechanics assignable in the Country are to be made at the Special Sessions, to be holden in September next, as directed in Rule 4. Newly arrived Emigrants, however, becoming qualified by the acquisition of land, may apply immediately to the Petty Sessions, or Magistrate acting singly for the District in which their land is situated, in manner prescribed in Rule 13; but all such applications must be renewed in September next, and at the Special Petty Sessions, to be holden in September in each year.

Applications for domestic Servants, and for Mechanics assignable to Masters exercising the same trades, may be made at any time from this date, as directed in Rule 18, to the Petty Sessions, or Magistrate acting singly for the District in which the Applicant shall reside.

Applications for Convict Laborers now registered by the Board will be complied with, as far as practicable, until the period at which the lists under these Regulations shall be prepared, when the Registries will be cancelled; but applications for Mechanics mentioned in Rule 3, and assignable in the Country, will, if renewed in September next, and annually at the Special Sessions, take precedence, as specified in Article 12, All other applications now registered by the Board will be cancelled from the present date.

The particular attention of Applicants is directed to that part of Article 4, which requires them to furnish a nominal Return of the convicts in their service, with their ships and trade or calling, to the Special Sessions to be held in September. The Board of Assignment will not be authorised to entertain any application which shall not contain all such particulars, or shall be otherwise incomplete or informal according to the terms of these Regulations. Any omission in this respect will subject the Applicant to the delay of a twelve-month, until the Special Sessions of the ensuing year shall enable him fully to comply with the Regulations.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY,

REGULATIONS.

1. ALL Convict Servants, with the exception of those professing the particular trades hereinafter mentioned, will be assigned to Masters in proportion to the land they occupy, under grant, or promise of grant, from the Crown, or through purchase, or lease of such land ; such lease being for a term of which not less than three years remain unexpired: Provided that no person receive convicts in respect of land upon which he shall not reside, or maintain a free or ticket-of-leave overseer.

General principle of assignment.

Proviso.

2. Convicts will be assigned to persons holding under any of the foregoing tenures, according to the following Scale, viz.—

Scale of qualification in land.

160 acres,	....	1 man.
320 ..	....	2 ..
480 ..	....	3 ..
640 ..	....	4 ..

And one man additional for every 40 acres, not exceeding 640 acres under plough or hoe culture.

For every additional 160 acres of any quantity not exceeding 1280 .. } 1 man.

For every additional 640 acres. .. 2 men.

Provided that no one person shall in the whole have more than 70 assigned convicts in his service at any one time.

Persons holding under any of the foregoing tenures less than 160 acres, will be allowed convict laborers but not mechanics, for land under plough or hoe culture, in the following proportions:—

20 acres	....	1 man.	80 acres	....	3 men
40 ..	....	2 ..	120 ..	....	4 ..

3. The foregoing Scale has reference to laborers only ; but the services of mechanics being of greater value, they will be estimated according to the following scale:—

Mechanics assignable in the country, and their value relatively to laborers.

A blacksmith as	3 laborers
Bricklayer	3
Carpenter	3
Cooper	3
Gardener	3
Harness-maker	2
Millwright	3
Nailor	2

Plasterer

Plasterer	2 laborers.
Stonemason.....	3
Stonecutter	3
Sawyer	3
Shoemaker	2
Tailor	2
Tanner	2
Tobacconist	2
Wheelwright	3
Woolsorter	2

No mechanic of the above description will be assigned in the Towns of Sydney, Parramatta, Windsor, and Liverpool; nor will any of the class of laborers be assigned within the limits of the Town of Sydney. It is to be understood that all mechanics received under the late Regulations will be rated according to the Scale here laid down.

Mode of applica-
tion.

4. Persons residing in the Colony, or their Agents, when the Principals are non-resident, desirous of obtaining Convict Servants of the foregoing descriptions, shall apply in the form hereunto annexed, marked A, at the Special Sessions to be held as hereinafter mentioned for the District in which they reside, for the whole number of Convict Servants they require, giving in a return of the whole quantity of land in respect of which they are entitled, and a nominal list of all the Convicts in their service, with the names of their ships, and their respective trades or callings; and if possessed of land in other Districts, requiring their Overseers to appear at the Sessions of their respective Districts, and give in a return of such land, and a nominal list, prepared as aforesaid, of the assigned Convicts serving thereon, in the form marked B. Such Special Sessions shall be held annually, and shall consist of not less than two Magistrates in every District in which Petty Sessions are established; and in places in which there are no Petty Sessions, but wherein a Justice of the Peace acts singly, of that Justice, assisted by two Landholders, to be named for that purpose by the Governor.

Time of holding
Sessions.

5. Every such Sessions shall be held annually, on the first Monday in the month of September, and on so many subsequent days as may be necessary for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and reporting upon all applications for Convict Servants which shall be made to them. The report of the Sessions shall be annexed to the application, and forwarded in original to the Board for the Assignment of Convict Servants in Sydney, on or before the first day of October then next ensuing:

Duty of Special
Sessions.

6. It shall be the duty of the Sessions to enquire into the correctness of the facts stated in each application, requiring such evidence thereof as to them shall seem proper, and they shall in
no

case recommend the claim of any Applicant, unless perfectly satisfied of the truth of the statements upon which the application is founded.

7. All applications shall be presented to the Sessions by the Applicant, or by his Agent, or by an Overseer residing on the land in respect of which he applies between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning, and four in the afternoon, on the days for holding such Sessions, and all proceedings had, and every decision pronounced thereon, shall be had and pronounced in open Court.

Time and manner of presenting applications.

8. The application of Magistrates and others forming the Special Sessions shall be presented, investigated, and reported upon by them in the same manner as other applications : Provided only, that no Applicant shall vote in his own case, and that the report on such claim shall be sufficient, notwithstanding that the number of Members may be reduced by his withdrawal below that required in other cases.

Application of those forming the Special Sessions.

9. It will be the duty of the Board of Assignment upon receipt of the applications from the Sessions every year, to prepare an Abstract, in alphabetical order, of the applications from each District, according to the Form hereunto annexed, marked C, and to transmit the same to the Magistrates of the Districts from which the applications proceeded, for the purpose of being by them posted upon the Court House, in order to give due publicity to the statements of the parties, and the decisions thereon.

Duty of Board.

10. The Board will also prepare an alphabetical list of the Applicants for the ensuing year, containing the aggregate quantity of land (from whatever District returned) occupied by the Applicant, the number of Servants actually assigned to him, and the number to which he is entitled, which will be published annually for general information.

Alphabetical List of Applicants to be prepared annually.

11. The mode of Assignment of Convict Laborers by the Board shall be as follows :—A List of unemployed Laborers, numbered from the first on the list to the last, being furnished to the Board by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, a set of these Numbers shall be put into a Box, and the first Applicant on the List of Applicants shall obtain the Convict whose number is first drawn, and so on until the Applicants entitled to one or more Laborers are supplied with *one*; the same proceeding shall be then adopted for the assignment of a second Laborer to those Applicants who are entitled to two or more, and so on until the whole number of Applicants be fully supplied : Provided however, that whenever any such list of Laborers shall be exhausted by Assignment, the Board shall recommence assignment from any new list furnished by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, with the Individual standing upon the list of Applicants next to the person last supplied ;

Mode of assigning Laborers.

plied ; and shall recommence in every year upon the new annual alphabetical list at the name immediately following that at which they left off in the list of the preceding year.

Assignment of
Mechanics

12. Mechanics will be assigned according to the order in which the Applicants stand by priority of application upon the present lists, provided they be qualified, and apply at the Special Sessions under these regulations. The Board of Assignment will add annually, in alphabetical order, to the lists of Applicants for each particular trade, the names of those who apply at the Special Sessions, who will be supplied in the order in which they shall thus stand. It is, however, to be distinctly understood, that all applications for Mechanics as well as for other Convict Servants must be renewed annually, or otherwise the names of the Applicants will not be retained on the lists, as they will be considered to have no longer a desire to receive a Mechanic of the description previously applied for ; and any subsequent applications will only take priority in the order in which they shall be made. It must also be understood that not more than one Mechanic of the same trade or calling will be assigned to any Individual, nor will an application for such person be entered on the list, so long as such Mechanic shall remain in his service.

Persons acquiring
land for the first
time to receive
immediately cer-
tain Laborers and
a Mechanic.

13. Any person acquiring property in land for the first time, and being otherwise qualified, shall be immediately supplied by the Board from the next list of Convicts for assignment, furnished by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, with the Convict Laborers (not exceeding six in number), to which such land shall entitle him, and with one Mechanic of any trade assignable in the Country, when such Mechanic shall be at the disposal of the Board, on his making application, according to the form marked D, to the Petty Sessions, or if there be no Petty Sessions, to the Magistrate acting singly for the District in which his land is situated, who shall immediately forward the same to the Board of Assignment with the report thereon ; his name shall then be placed on the alphabetical list, to take his turn for the residue (if any) of the Servants to which he may be entitled, as other Applicants.

Persons disposing
of landed qualifi-
cation to give
notice to Petty
Sessions.

14. Any person disposing by sale, lease, or surrender of the occupation of any land, in respect of which he has obtained Convict Servants, shall give notice to the Petty Sessions, or Magistrate acting singly for the District in which such land is situated, of such change of occupation, giving in at the same time a nominal list of all the assigned Servants then in his employ ; and if he shall have become disqualified to retain that number by reason of the diminution of his land, but is still entitled to retain a part, he will distinguish, by their names and descriptions, those whom he is most desirous of retaining ; the Bench, after recording such notice, shall forward it to the Board of Assignment in Sydney, who will thereupon proceed to ascertain what number of assigned
Servant

Servants such person is qualified to hold, and will decide upon his application accordingly.

15. If the person to whom such land shall be disposed of as aforesaid, shall be desirous of obtaining any Servants rendered disposable by such alienation, he shall apply to the Petty Sessions, or if there be no Petty Sessions, to the Magistrate acting singly for the District in which the land is situated, according to the Form annexed, marked D, who shall take his application into consideration, and forward it, with a report thereon, to the Board of Assignment; and upon receipt thereof, the Board shall proceed to assign so many of the Convicts so becoming disposable, as the applicant shall be qualified to receive, and shall report such assignment to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts. Until such assignment be completed, and intimated to the Master to whom the Servants were first assigned, he will be held responsible to the Government for their due maintenance and control.

Persons desirous of receiving Servants, rendered disposable by such alienation.

16. The following descriptions of Mechanics will be assigned to persons exercising the trades which those Mechanics have acquired, residing in any part of the Colony, and without reference to any qualification of land :—

Mechanics assignable to Masters of the same trade, without landed qualification.

Bakers
 Boat-builders
 Bookbinders
 Braziers
 Brewers
 Candlemakers
 Clothworkers
 Combmakers
 Compositors
 Engravers
 Farriers
 Gunsmiths
 Hatters
 Maltsters
 Painters
 Plumbers and Glaziers
 Printers
 Pressmen
 Pumpmakers
 Shipwrights
 Soapboilers
 Tinmen
 Weavers
 Whitesmiths ;

and such other Mechanics, not being included in the list of those assignable in the Country, as may be applied for by persons exercising their trades.

Assignment of
Domestic Servants.

17. Householders, residing in any part of the Colony, without reference to landed qualification, will also be entitled to receive domestic Servants of the following descriptions, viz.—

Cooks
Coachmen
Footmen
Grooms.

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts is charged to take particular care in returning Convicts of this description, to ascertain that they actually held such employment previously to their transportation. If there be any doubt whatever of the fact, the Convicts are to be returned as common laborers.

Mode of applying
for and assigning
Mechanics and
Domestic Ser-
vants.

18. Applications for Mechanics assignable to Masters of the same Trade, and for Domestic Servants, are to be made according to the annexed Form, marked E, to the Petty Sessions; or if there be no Petty Sessions, to the Magistrate acting singly for the District in which the Applicant resides, who shall immediately forward the same to the Board of Assignment, with a report thereon. The Board of Assignment will, from time to time, on receipt of such applications, add the names of the parties to the list of Applicants for Mechanics and domestic Servants of the description applied for, and will assign them according to the order in which the Applicant may stand by priority of application on such lists, giving the same preference to those on the present lists who apply and are qualified under these Regulations, as in the case of Mechanics assignable in the Country.

Mechanics assign-
able as labourers.

19. Mechanics not applied for under the foregoing Rules will be assigned in the Country as Laborers, as well as any of the Tradesmen or Mechanics contained in those lists for whom there shall be no application.

Moral qualification
of Assignee.

20. The Sessions, or Magistrate as the case may be, shall not recommend as assignee for Convict Servants of any description, any person who is not free, of good character, capable of maintaining the Servants applied for, and to whose care and management they may not, in their or his opinion, be safely entrusted. The strictest attention is particularly enjoined to this Rule, as the moral improvement of the convict population so much depends on its careful observance.

Assignees cannot
defer their turn.

21. The Board shall assign the Laborers, Mechanics, and domestic Servants, due to every Applicant, in the order in which he stands on the list, such Applicant not being at liberty to defer his turn, without losing it altogether.

Convicts receiving

22. Any person losing the services of a Convict Servant, by his obtaining



obtaining a ticket-of-leave, or his becoming free, shall, on its being notified in the *Government Gazette*, be immediately supplied, on application to the Board, with a convict servant in lieu; and if such Convict receiving a ticket-of-leave, or becoming free, be a Mechanic, he shall receive the number of Laborers to which such Mechanic is estimated as equivalent; provided that he be not already fully supplied by assignments made previously to the publication of these Regulations.

Tickets-of-leave or becoming free to be immediately re-placed.

23. The Principal Superintendent of Convicts shall, from time to time, furnish in duplicate to the Board of Assignment, a list of all Convicts assignable, classified in the manner in which they are hereinbefore distinguished. The Board will insert in such lists, opposite to the names of the Convicts, the names of the parties to whom they are to be assigned; and after signing, shall forward them with as little delay as possible to the Colonial Secretary, to be laid before the Governor for approval. When approved, the original will be returned to the Board, to be kept as a record in their Office; and the duplicate will be transmitted to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, in order that he may give immediate notice to the several Assignees, and distribute the Convicts therein-named accordingly.

Principal superintendent to transmit to the Board lists of convicts for Assignment.

24. Any person who shall neglect, for the space of seven days, to take away his assigned servant, after notice directed to him, or his agent, at the place in Sydney set forth in his application, and transmitted through the General Post Office, shall forfeit his turn, and the name of the Servant assigned shall be returned, by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, in the next list sent to the Board for Assignment.

As to persons who shall neglect to take away servants assigned.

25. Convicts being assigned as Mechanics, may be lent by one master to another in the same district, for any period not exceeding three months, upon permission granted by the Petty Sessions; or if there be no Petty Sessions, by the Magistrate acting singly for such district, on a written application by both parties, which shall be recorded by such Sessions or Magistrate, and immediately reported to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts. As such loan is intended for the general benefit of the district, without, at the same time, depriving the original Assignee of the services of the Mechanic when required, any Assignee who shall be discovered to have granted such Mechanic on loan for a pecuniary or other valuable consideration, will be immediately deprived of the services of that Convict, and declared incapable of receiving any in future. Convict Laborers will also be permitted to be lent by one Master to another duly qualified under these Regulations, with the written sanction of the nearest Bench, or Magistrate acting singly, during the months of harvest only.

Convict Mechanics may be lent, and Laborers during Harvest.

26. Any person who shall employ a Convict belonging to a road party,

As to Persons em-

employing Convicts
in Road Parties.

party, or otherwise in the service of Government, shall be immediately deprived of all his assigned Servants, and considered ineligible as an Assignee in future.

Convicts who may
not remain in
Sydney.

27. No Convict assigned under these Regulations (those specially assignable in towns excepted) shall be permitted to remain within the limits of the Town of Sydney, for more than one week at any one time, or for more than three weeks in any year, upon pain of such Servants being withdrawn, and the Assignee considered incapable of receiving Convict Servants in future.

Form of applica-
tion to be strictly
adhered to.

28. No application specially made for any Convict by name, or in any other than the present printed forms, shall be received either by the Special or Petty Sessions, or Magistrate, or by the Board of Assignment.

As to Persons desirous of returning their Servants.

29. Any person desirous of returning his Servant to Government shall give notice in the Form hereunto annexed, marked F, to the Petty Sessions, or if there be no Petty Sessions, to the Magistrate acting singly for the district in which such person resides, who shall enquire the cause of such intention on the part of the Assignee, and report to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, if, in their or his opinion, the Convict so returned is a proper person to be re-assigned within the district; or whether it be expedient that he be removed to any other district for assignment, or whether he be totally unfit for private service, and for what cause. The Principal Superintendent of Convicts, upon receiving such report, shall, if it be recommended that the Convict be re-assigned, include his name in the next list for assignment, specifying the district in which he is to be assigned, and the Board will assign such Convict to the person next on the alphabetical list for an assigned Servant within such district. The original Assignee shall retain the Convict in his service until he shall have notice from the Principal Superintendent of Convicts in what manner he is to be disposed of. Any master failing so to keep, and to maintain his Convict Servant, will be deprived of all those in his service, and deemed ineligible to receive any in future. A similar arrangement will take place when Convicts become disposable for assignment from the Public Works, or other Government employ.

Sessions to report
alienation of
Land, &c.

30. The Magistrates of Petty Sessions, and Magistrates acting singly, are requested to report to the Assignment Board when any alienation of land within their district comes to their knowledge, as well as any breach of these Regulations in respect of which they may adjudicate.

Persons receiving
Servants under
false statements.

31. If it shall at any time be made to appear to the Governor, that any application made to the Sessions, or to a Magistrate acting singly, contains a false statement, with a view to obtain
Convict

Convict Servants, any Servant so obtained as well as all others assigned to the Applicant's service, shall be withdrawn, and the Applicant considered incapable of receiving Convict Servants in future.

32. In cases where parties have received Convict Servants under former Regulations, although not qualified to hold any under the present, they will be allowed to retain those Servants until removed by casualty or regulation; those Masters also who have received a greater number of Assigned Servants, than they will be hereby entitled to, may in like manner retain them, and when the number shall hereafter fall below that to which their land entitles them under these Regulations, they will be supplied in their turn as other Applicants.

Persons having obtained Servants under former Regulations.

33. If it shall at any time appear to the Governor, from an inspection of the Books of Assignment, that a larger supply of Convict labour can be appropriated to private service, a Supplementary Scale, or an Amendment of the present, will be promulgated.

Scale may be amended.

34. Convict Boys, under sixteen years of age, will continue to be assigned under the Regulations contained in the Government Notice dated 18th March, 1833; but will not be considered in satisfaction of the Applicants under these Regulations.

Convict Boys.

I now request that
me, viz.

Convicts, of the following description, may be assigned to

My Agent, Mr. _____ residing in* _____ Sydney,
is fully empowered to receive such Servants as may be assigned to me, and to defray all Expenses
incurred on their account.

(Signature of Applicant.) _____

We, being _____ Members of the Special Sessions appointed for this District
do hereby certify, that upon examination, we believe the statements contained in, and annexed to
this Application to be correct. †

We also certify, that the Applicant is free, of good character, and capable of maintaining
the Servants applied for, and that he is a person to whose care and management they may be
safely entrusted.

(Signatures.) _____

* Street or Place as the case may be.

† If incorrect, state here in what particular.

N. B. Applications must be renewed annually, at the Special Sessions held in September.

List of all the Convicts now in Applicant's Assigned Service, distinguishing the Boys (if any) assigned under the Regulations of the 18th March, 1833.

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Return to be made by Overseers of Lands in respect of which Convict Servants are claimed, and upon which the Proprietor or Lessee does not himself reside, as prescribed by Section 4 of the Regulations.

No. Return of the Lands in the District of belonging to, or occupied
by of presented to the Special Sessions, holden for the said
District, this day of September, 183 .

Name.	Total number of Acres.	Number of Acres under plough or hoe culture.	Where situated.	Nature of Tenure, whether by Grant, Purchase, or Lease, and if the latter, from whom, and the number of years remaining unexpired.

Annexed is a nominal list of all the Convicts in the Assigned Service of the said
Superintendence. employed upon the said land, or under my

(Signature of)

Overseer.

We, being Members of the Special Sessions holden for the said District
do hereby certify, that upon examination, we believe the statements contained in, and annexed to
this Return to be correct. *

We also certify, that the above-named Overseer is of sober and honest character, and
a person to whose care and management any Convicts assigned to his employer, may be safely
entrusted.

(Signatures.)

* If incorrect, state here in what particular.

List of all the Convicts now employed upon the said Property, or under the Superintendence of

Overseer.

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*Abstract of all Applications for Male Convict Servants from the District of
Special Sessions and Board of Assignment thereof for the year 183 .*

shewing the decisions of the

APPLICANT'S NAME AND RESI- DENCE.	PROPERTY IN DISTRICT IN RESPECT OF WHICH ENTITLED.				CONVICTS IN APPLI- CANT'S SERVICE.			CONVICTS APPLIED FOR.		DECISION OF THE BOARD.		
	Name.	No. of Acres.	Where situated.	Nature of Tenure.	How occupied.	No.	Trade or Calling.	No. of Laborers to which equiva- lent.	No.	Trade or Calling.	Total qualification of Applicant in land.	Number of Laborers remaining to be sup- plied in turn.

(Signature of Assignment Board.)

Annexed is a nominal list of all the Convicts now in my Assigned Service.

I now request that _____ Convicts of the following description, may be assigned to me, viz.—

My Agent, Mr. _____ residing in*
Sydney, is fully empowered to receive such Servants as may be assigned to me, and to defray all Expenses incurred on their account.

(Signature of)

Applicant.

We hereby certify, that upon examination, we find the foregoing statement to be correct †

We also certify, that the Applicant is free, of good character, and capable of maintaining the Servants applied for, and that he is a person to whose care and management they may be safely entrusted.

(Signatures of the Magistrates.)

* Street or Place as the case may be

† If incorrect, state here in what particular.

N. B.—Applications must be renewed annually, at the Special Sessions held in September.

List of all the Convicts now in Applicant's Assigned Service, distinguishing the Boys (if any) assigned under the Regulations of the 18th March, 1833.

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Form of Application for Convict Mechanics, assignable to Masters of the same Trade, and for Domestic Servants, prescribed by Section 18 of the Regulations.

Application of _____ of _____ in the
 Parish of _____ County of _____ presented to the
 Petty Sessions of the District of _____ this _____ day of
 183 _____

I am a* _____
 and request that _____ Convict Servants of the following description may
 be assigned to me, viz. :—

Annexed is a list of all the Convicts now in my Assigned Service.

My Agent, Mr. _____ residing in†
 Sydney, is fully empowered to receive such Servants as may be assigned to me, and to defray all
 Expenses incurred on their account.

(Signature of Applicant.) _____

* Here insert Applicant's Trade, or if for a Domestic Servant, "Householder."

† Street or Place as the case may be

We hereby certify, that upon examination, we find the foregoing statement to be correct.*

We also certify, that the Applicant is free, of good character, and capable of maintaining the Servants applied for, and that he is a person to whose care and management they may be safely entrusted.

(Signatures of the Magistrates.)

List of all the Convicts now in Applicant's Assigned Service, distinguishing the Boys (if any) assigned under the Regulations of the 18th March, 1833.

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* If incorrect, state here in what particular.

Form of Application for the Return of Male Convicts.

TO THE MAGISTRATE FOR THE DISTRICT OF _____

I have to request that the Convict named in the margin,
now in my Assigned Service, may be returned to Govern-
ment, because *

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signature of Assignee, }
or his Overseer.) } _____

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* Here insert the reason for his return.

† The Bench will here state whether they recommend the Convict to be re-assigned in the same District, or whether it is expedient to remove him to another District for assignment, or if he be totally unfit for private service, and the cause; and will forward this application, after having registered it, to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

N. B.—The Convict is to remain in the service of the Applicant until he shall have notice from the Principal Superintendent of Convicts how he is to be disposed of.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 12th August, 1835.*

ASSIGNED SERVANTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Special Petty Sessions will be held on Monday, the 7th day of September next, at the several places undermentioned, for the purpose of receiving applications for Assigned Servants, in the forms prescribed by the Regulations of 9th May, 1835.

Copies of the said forms (A, B, D, and E,) have been forwarded to the respective Magistrates, from whom they may be obtained on application, gratis, viz. :—

Bateman's Bay	Illawarra	Patrick's Plains
Bathurst	Invermein	Penrith
Bong Bong	Liverpool	Port Macquarie
Brisbane Water	Lerootley	Port Stephens
Campbelltown	Maitland	Stonequarry
Capita	Merton	Strathallan
Cassilis	Mount Elrington	Sydney
Cawdor	Newcastle	William's River
Dungog	Parramatta	Windsor
Goulburn	Paterson	Yass.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 25th August, 1835.*

ASSIGNMENT REGULATIONS.

1. WITH reference to the return of Assigned Servants to Government, by their masters, under the 29th article of the Regulations for the Assignment of Male Convict Servants, dated the 9th May, 1835, and to the disposal of assigned servants convicted of offences, whose sentences shall have been inflicted or have expired, the Governor has been pleased to direct as follows :—

- (1.) Whenever any convict servant shall have been re-assigned by the Board, under the 29th article of the said Regulations, within the district in which he was originally assigned, a printed authority will be transmitted by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, through the Petty Sessions or Magistrate by whom the re-assignment of the servant was recommended, directing the new assignee to receive the servant from the former master, to whom application for this purpose shall be made by the new assignee within seven days after obtaining such authority, or the assignment will be cancelled, and the convict servant assigned by the Board to the claimant next in order.

- (2.) If the servant to be returned shall be re-assigned out of the district, the Principal Superintendent of Convicts will transmit to the Petty Sessions or Magistrate, a warrant for such convict's removal, in custody of a constable furnished from each district through which he shall pass to such place, to be specified in the warrant, as the circumstances shall require.
- (3.) If the servant be declared unfit for private service from any mental or bodily incapacity, the Principal Superintendent of Convicts will, by warrant, direct his removal, under charge of a constable, to an invalid gang; if declared unfit from misconduct, to the nearest ironed gang.

II.—The 29th article of the Assignment Regulations having reference to those convict servants only who are returned to Government without being tried according to law for any specific offence, the following Rules are applicable to those who, being tried and convicted, and having suffered their sentence, are to be subsequently disposed of:—

- (1.) When any convict, assigned to private service, shall be sentenced to punishment, it shall be at the choice of the master (to be declared at the time, and entered on the conviction and warrant), either to receive him back, after the infliction or expiration of the sentence, or to return him to Government. In the former case, the name of the convict shall be continued on the list of assigned servants returned by the master at the Annual Special Sessions for assignments.
- (2.) If the master be authorised to receive back the servant, under the foregoing Regulation, the former shall be bound to send for the latter within seven days after the expiration of the sentence. On failure of this, the superintendent, gaoler, or constable in charge, shall be required to report to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, in a prescribed form, the name, ship, assignee, and sentence under which he obtained custody of such convict servant; who, after the transmission of such report, shall not be returned to his former master, but the Principal Superintendent of Convicts will provide for his future assignment according to Regulation. If, however, the punishment be corporal, and inflicted at the place where, and on the day when, the sentence be passed, the master is required to take the servant away immediately after its infliction. If he fail to do so, the Magistrate ordering or inspecting the punishment, is required to commit the convict to the nearest lock-up or gaol, reporting the case to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, in order to the convict's future assignment according to Regulation.
- (3.) The foregoing Regulations will take effect from and after the 7th day of September next, and the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, Police Magistrates, and Justices of the Peace throughout the Colony, are charged with their strict execution, and are referred for further explanation to the 4th paragraph of the Notice prefixed to the Regulations of the 9th of May, 1835, hereinbefore mentioned.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 5th September, 1835.

ASSIGNED SERVANTS.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, with reference to the Regulation for the Assignment of Convict Servants, dated the 9th of May last, that transfers of men from the service of one master to another, are no longer allowed, and that applications of this nature, made to the Board of Assignment, will not in future be entertained.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 15th December, 1835.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT REGULATIONS.

1. THE Board of Assignment having reported to the Governor, with reference to the 33rd paragraph of the Regulations for the Assignment of Male Convicts, dated the 9th May, 1835, that a larger supply of convict labor may hereafter be appropriated to private service, than was contemplated when the scale contained in the 2nd paragraph of those Regulations was framed; His Excellency has been pleased to direct that the following scale of qualification, according to which agricultural laborers and mechanics will in future be assigned, be adopted in lieu of that promulgated by the Regulations referred to, namely—

160 Acres.....	2 men
240.....	3 men
320.....	4 men
400.....	5 men
480.....	6 men
560.....	7 men
640.....	8 men

For every additional 160 acres, not exceeding in the whole 1,920 acres..... 1 man

For every additional half section or 320 acres, above 1,920 acres..... 1 man

And in addition, for 20 acres under hoe or plough culture.... 1 man

40 ditto ditto ditto... 2 men

60 ditto ditto ditto... 3 men

80 ditto ditto ditto... 4 men

And one man additional for every 40 acres above 80, and not exceeding 640 acres, under hoe or plough culture.

Provided that no person shall, in the whole, have more than seventy convicts assigned to his service at any one time, exclusive of domestic servants and boys, under the Regulations of 18th March, 1833.

Persons holding less than 160 acres will be allowed convict laborers, but not mechanics, for Land under hoe or plough culture, in the following proportions :—

20 Acres.....	1 man
40	2 men
60	3 men
80	4 men
100	5 men
120	6 men

2. It is to be understood that the land forming the qualification for assigned servants, is to be held under the terms and conditions required by the first paragraph of the Regulations of the 9th May, 1835.

3. Any persons who, having made the regular applications and returns through the Special Sessions in September last, are desirous of availing themselves of the enlarged scale now published, will address themselves direct to the Board of Assignment, stating the number of laborers or mechanics they require. Such persons as failed to apply at the Special Sessions in consequence of their being fully supplied, according to the former scale, will send in applications and returns in the form and manner specified in the fourth paragraph of the Regulations of the 9th of May, to the nearest Petty Sessions or Magistrate acting singly, who will forward the same with the report required by paragraph 5 of those Regulations, to the Board of Assignment.

4. Persons desirous of availing themselves of any additional qualification in land, obtained at any time after their applications have been made to the Special Sessions, in September, in any year, are permitted to send in to the Board of Assignment amended applications and returns of such newly acquired land, through the nearest Petty Sessions or Magistrate acting singly, in form and manner required by the fourth paragraph of the Regulations of the 9th May last.

5. It is to be distinctly understood that nothing herein contained is intended to annul the fifth paragraph of the Regulations of the 9th May last, which directs that all applications for convict laborers and mechanics assignable in the country, shall be renewed at the Annual Special Sessions, to be held in September of each year.

6. Not more than one domestic servant of each description will be assigned to any one individual, and the Petty Sessions and Magistrates are specially requested and enjoined to sign no application for domestic servants, unless the parties applying are in a condition of life to require them.

7. Any person not possessing the qualification required by the existing Regulation, who, by assignments made previously to the operation of the Regulations of the 9th May, 1835, is found to have convicts in his service, will not receive any domestic servants, whatever may be his condition of life, until the number of such convicts be reduced below four; and any person having by former assignment more than the full number of assigned servants allowed by the scale now promulgated will not receive any convict as a domestic servant until the excess be reduced below four.

8. It having been represented to the Governor that much inconvenience and loss have been experienced by assignees who have been deprived of one or more of their assigned servants by reason of the capital conviction or transportation of those servants, and the impossibility in some of the more remote parts of the colony of obtaining free laborers to supply their places, His Excellency is pleased to direct, that in all places in which it shall appear that the Regulations of Government have been fully carried into effect for the maintenance and control of the assigned servants so convicted or transported, and that the commission of the offence was not in any way attributable to the misconduct or neglect of the assignee, he shall be immediately supplied with the number of laborers, including the equivalent for any mechanic, of which he may have been thus deprived by sentence of the law. Applications for servants, under the circumstances stated, are to be made to the Governor, through the Colonial Secretary, accompanied by a certificate of the conviction of the servant, and of the committing Magistrate, as to the circumstances attending the commission of the offence.

9. Vacancies in the number of assigned servants occasioned by death, will be filled as soon as circumstances permit, upon the casualty being reported by the assignee to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, and by the latter to the Board of Assignment.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 9th March, 1836.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT REGULATIONS.

IT having been represented to the Governor, that it would be of general convenience to authorise the Petty Sessions, and Magistrates acting singly, in the several Districts of the Colony, to re-assign all those convicts whose release by their actual master, and assignment to another *within the same District*, is approved of by the Bench, under the provisions of the 29th paragraph of the Assignment Regulations of the 9th May, 1835, without waiting a reference to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts and Board of Assignment, as is therein directed; His Excellency desires it to be notified, that, in order to carry this arrangement into effect, the Board of Assignment will furnish to each of the Petty Sessions, and Magistrates acting singly where there are no Petty Sessions, from time to time, as occasion may require, a list of the applicants, in their respective Districts, next for supply of laborers; and the Sessions, or Magistrate, are directed, when any convict laborer shall become disposable for re-assignment within the District, under the terms of the 29th paragraph of the Regulations before mentioned, immediately to assign him to the first on such list; reporting on the last day of every month to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, the name and ship of every convict so assigned, the name and place of abode of the master from whom he is taken, and of the new assignee, transmitting at the same time the Forms of Application marked F, duly filled up as required by the Regulation before referred to.

2. The Petty Sessions, or Magistrate acting singly, will in like manner re-assign any convict laborer whose master may decline or neglect to receive him back, after corporal punishment, solitary confinement, or labor on the treadmill, within the time limited by the Regulations of 25th August, 1835.

3. The Petty Sessions, or Magistrate, will, immediately upon such assignment, cause the convict to be forwarded in charge of a constable to the new assignee, with a written notice of his assignment subscribed by the Magistrate. If he shall refuse to receive him, the convict shall then be assigned and forwarded in like manner, to the next applicant on the list ; but the Petty Sessions, or Magistrate, will take care to include such first assignment (as well as that actually completed) in his monthly report to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, as it will be considered towards the satisfaction of the claims of the assignee refusing to receive the convict.

4. The Principal Superintendent of Convicts will make up at the commencement of each month a list in duplicate of all convicts so assigned during the previous month, and transmit the same to the Board of Assignment for record and approval of the Governor.

5. Convict mechanics and domestic servants returned by their masters, as well as those convicts who are recommended to be sent to a different district, will continue to be re-assigned by the Board according to the 29th paragraph of the Regulations before referred to, the original assignee being required to keep the convict in his service until he shall have notice from the Principal Superintendent of Convicts in what manner he is to be disposed of.

6. His Excellency also directs it to be notified, that no claim for the supply of convict servants in lieu of such as become free, receive tickets-of-leave, die, or are convicted capitally, or transported, will be entertained by the Board, unless the applicant shall have made a return of his land and convict servants in form and manner required by the fourth paragraph of the above-mentioned Regulations of 9th May, 1835, from which the Board may determine whether his claim can be satisfied consistently with the Regulation which limits the number of servants to which he is entitled.

7. In order to obviate the inconvenience to which newly arrived Emigrants are subject in being unable to obtain domestic servants speedily after arrival, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct, that householders of this class be immediately supplied, on making application through the nearest Petty Sessions, or Magistrate acting singly, in form and manner prescribed by the 18th paragraph of the Regulations of 9th May, 1835, with one domestic servant of any description they may desire, taking their turn for any others as in the case of ordinary applicants. If more than one description of domestic servants be applied for, the applicant will take care to point out to the Board of Assignment that which he is desirous of immediately receiving under this Regulation.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 14th June, 1836.*

GOVERNMENT CONVICTS.

THE Twenty-sixth Section of the Assignment Regulations of 9th May, 1835, appearing to have been misunderstood, His Excellency the Governor directs it to be re-published, for general information, viz. :—

26. "Any person who shall employ a convict belonging to a road-party, or otherwise in the service of Government, shall be immediately deprived of all his assigned servants, and considered ineligible as an assignee in future."

His Excellency also directs it to be notified that no person whatever, having charge of prisoners of the Crown, in Government employment, is authorised to permit such prisoner to work in private service, even during the time of cessation from his labor for Government ; and that, after this notice, such alleged permission will not be regarded as any plea for remission of the penalty imposed by the 26th section of the Assignment Regulations above re-published.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 14th June, 1836.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint George Milner Slade, Esquire, to be Commissioner for the Assignment of Convict Servants in this Colony, and all applications for Male Convicts are in future to be addressed to him.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 15th August, 1836.*

ASSIGNMENT SESSIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Special Petty Sessions will be held on Monday, the 5th day of September next, at the several places undermentioned, for the purpose of receiving applications for agricultural convict laborers and mechanics.

Copies of the necessary forms will be forwarded to the respective Magistrates, from whom they may be obtained on application, viz.—

Bathurst	Invermein	Patrick's Plains
Berrima	Liverpool	Fenrith
Brisbane Water	Lake George	Port Macquarie
Bungonia	Maitland	Port Stephens
Campbelltown	Merton	Raymond Terrace
Capita	Mount Elrington	Stonequarry
Cassilis	Moogendoura, near Bate-	Strathallan
Cawdor	man's Bay	Sydney
Dungog	Newcastle	Vale of Clwyd
Goulburn	Parramatta	Windsor
Illawarra	Paterson	Yass.

Parties are reminded that all applications for agricultural laborers and mechanics must be renewed at these Sessions, as after the first day of October ensuing, all former applications for convicts of that description will be cancelled in conformity with existing Regulations.

The Magistrates will take particular care to point out to applicants any informality in their forms of application, in order that the same may be corrected before transmission to the Commissioner, and to remind them, where necessary, to require their overseers to send in the returns in form B, to the Sessions of the district in which they reside. The Magistrates are also requested to see that all the particulars required in terms of the Regulations are duly filled up in the several forms, to avoid the inconvenience and delay of returning them for correction.

Several inaccuracies in the mode of filling up the returns, and omissions in the necessary particulars were overlooked last year, in consideration of the recent introduction of the system, but as it should now be fully understood, the greatest accuracy will be required on the part of the applicants, as the best means of avoiding confusion and inconvenience in the public service.

Applications for domestic servants and convicts of the same trade as the parties applying, do not require to be renewed at these Sessions.

Those Magistrates who were authorised to employ Assessors last year for taking into consideration applications for servants, will be allowed, if still necessary, to retain the same parties on the present occasion; but where the employment of other parties in lieu should be requisite, the Magistrates will immediately report the names to this office.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,

ALEXANDER M'LEAY.



Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 26th July, 1837.

ASSIGNMENT SESSIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Special Petty Sessions will be held on Friday, the 1st day of September next, at the several places undermentioned, for the purpose of receiving applications for agricultural convict laborers and mechanics.

Copies of the necessary forms will be forwarded to the respective Magistrates, from whom they may be obtained on application, viz.—

Bathurst	Illawarra	Patrick's Plains
Berrima	Invermein	Penrith
Braidwood	Lake George	Port Macquarie
Brisbane Water	Liverpool	Port Stephens
Bungonia	Maitland	Raymond Terrace
Campbelltown	Merton	Stonequarry
Capita	Moogendoura, near Bate-	Sydney
Cassilis	man's Bay	Vale of Clwyd
Cawdor	Newcastle	Windsor
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The greatest accuracy will be required on the part of the applicants in filling up the returns as the best means of avoiding confusion and inconvenience in the public service.

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By His Excellency's Command

E. DEAS THOMSON.





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