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WENTWORTH POLICE STATION

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Many of the records concerning the Wentworth Police Station are contained in the section "The Law in Early Wentworth." Below is the Correspondence concerning the Wentworth Police Station that was available at the State Records at Kungswood.

21 November 1862.

From W. Elyard, Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney.

The Colonial Secretary requests that you invite the Secretary of Public Works to erect at Wentworth the following buildings:

- **Quarters** for an officer of the Police
- With **Barracks** for Sergeant and three men.
- **Stabling** for four horses.
- And **Lockup** containing two cells.

Since no wood available locally the buildings should be made of **brick**.

Notation: **Recommended erection of Police Barracks at Wentworth.**

Notation: 11 November 1862. **Call for tenders.**

Notation: 12 November 1862. Acting Colonial Architect to submit notice inviting tenders.

6 January 1863.

Since submitting Plan for Court House and Watch House to be erected, further Plans have been received for Police Buildings including a Lockup.

Knowing objections to Court House and Watch House being in the one building it is **submitted that the Watch House be with the Police Buildings instead of Court House.**

Estimated cost of brick buildings:

Court house - £800.

Police Buildings consisting of Inspector's Quarters, Barracks for Sergeant and men, and stabling for six horses - **£1,600.**

Watch House of three cells, and lobby (used as an office occasionally) - **£300.**

Notations: **Call for tenders.** Form of advertisement herewith.

23 April 1863.

Minute Paper.

Tenders for Court House and Police Station at Wentworth.

[It appears to say that 'as no tenders were received by 21st' but this does not make sense in the context. So it must say 'as ... tenders were received']

These tenders will be referred to the Colonial Architect.

Further item on same Paper: 29 April 1863.

Estimates

Court House is £800.
Police Station is £1,900.

Tenders were in excess of these amounts so will not be accepted. Suggest fresh offers be invited.

28 July 1863.

Five tenders have been submitted for the erection of Court House and Police Buildings at Wentworth.

A Everett (Sydney) - £3115-0-0.

[Can't read] (Victoria) - £3251-12-6.

C A Perry (Adelaide) - £3290-9-0.

Everett's bid is the lowest, and although it exceeds estimates, it is recommended that it be **accepted**.

Notation: What amount is required for the Court House and Police Buildings respectively and what money is available?

Notation: Estimate was Court House £800, Police Buildings £1900. Everett's tender was Court House £920, Police Buildings £2195.

Notation: 5 August 1863. In the Vote of 1861 £25,000 was provided for Gaols, Court Houses and Lockups. **Of this £800 was provided for a Court House at Wentworth. I am not aware of any fund available for the Police Station.**

Notation: 6 August 1863. Is the balance of the £25,000 for 1861 sufficient and still available for Court and Watch House?

Notation: 10 August 1863. The £800 for Court and Watch House for 1861 is still **available**, as well as an unappropriated balance sufficient to cover the amount of Everett's tender (**£920**) if accepted.

Notation: 9 September 1863. Recommend that **the Court House and Lockup be constructed as there is sufficient funds** to pay for them. However since Everett's tender does not include the Lockup it would be better to **advertise again for tenders for Court House and Lockup only**.

24 August 1863.

To Colonial Architect to apply respecting the erection of Court House and Police Station at Wentworth. [I can't understand most of it. The words 'some confusion' and several dates are clear; also £800.]

11 September 1863.

Submitted and approved that the Colonial Architect should submit fresh notice.

13 November 1863.

From Henry Burne P.M., Police Court, Wentworth.

As requested **returning plans and specifications for the Police Station at Wentworth** to Colonial Architect.

4 March 1864.

To Acting Colonial Architect from Henry Burne P.M., Wentworth.

The cheque from you for £80 has been handed to the contractor for the erection of the Court House and Lockup.

However he has performed work to the value of £150. Work done satisfactorily, though a little delay had taken place because the bricks were not ready. There is everything required now on the ground and the contractor expects that the Court House will be finished in about two months.

Enclose the voucher sent by you, duly signed by White and certified.