

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Use & Abuse of the Post, 1831 to 1912

Colonial Office promotion of emigration, 8 November 1831

A General Agency Office is established for the purpose of communicating information to those who wish to emigrate to the Settlements in NEW SOUTH WALES, VAN DIEMAN'S LAND, SWAN RIVER, and the CANADA'S, and facilities offered for obtaining Passage and Freightage, which hitherto did not exist. To counteract the misrepresentations made by Brokers, relative to the sailing of their respective Ships, which often entail on the Emigrant a protracted and expensive residence in London, every information will be given, as to their state of forwardness, price of Freightage, Passage, and the precise time the Ship will leave the Docks.

Personal application, or letters addressed, post paid, to Messrs. GOOCH & Co. No. 7, *St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill*, will meet with immediate attention.

E. Couchman, Printer, 10, Throgmorton Street, London.

The number of emigrants resulting from such promotions was not great and relatively little early mail from Swan River Colony was generated, and even less has survived.

The items are arranged chronologically

Frame One: 1831 to 1882

Frame Two: 1882 to 1900

Frame Three: 1901 to 1912

All postal rates are correct unless otherwise indicated

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