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NSW COLONIAL SECRETARY'S IN LETTERS

INDEX 1826~1896



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 Records, The Rocks

I am delighted to announce that the publication of the 2nd edition of this index in a field-searchable format on USB and CD-ROM is now available. The index now contains 205,863 entries including additions to some of the early periods as well as 7,965 entries added for the 1896 year. Those additional entries include some Norfolk Island convict records in the 1838-1842 period; and addition of 264 entries in the 1848-1853 period related to the earlier immigration deposits under the Remittance Regulations which began late in 1848. As well as deposits in NSW, many of those deposits were made in the Port Phillip district. The majority of these records contain much more detail than found in the NSW Immigration Deposit Journals which began in 1853. For ease of searching for these particular records, R.R. for Remittance Regulations is noted in the Other Information field.

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In Letter Period	Subject	Name	TOTAL	Comment
1826-1831	69	16,009	16,078	+1 entry
1832-1837	212	15,088	15,300	+30 entries
1838-1842	468	14,091	14,559	+72 entries
1843-1847	313	15,485	15,798	+3 entries
1848-1853	480	16,540	17,020	+264 entries
1854-1860	580	14,628	15,208	+2 entries
1861-1867	451	16,267	16,718	+1 entry
1868-1872	615	19,377	19,992	+324 entries
1873-1877	580	18,207	18,787	+7 entries
1878-1888	1,201	18,865	20,066	-25 duplicate entries
1889-1894	968	18,081	19,049	+160 entries
1894 extra	153	1,924	2,077	Incl 1 st Edition CD/USB
1895	724	6,522	7,246	Inc.1 st Ed. addl 2022
1896	587	7,378	7,965	Added 2nd Ed. 2021
Total 1826-1896:	7,401	198,462	205,863	

- There are records relating to aborigines; military; free immigrants; asylum admissions; deaths; children being placed in both Protestant and Roman Catholic orphan schools; naturalization applications; settlers' applications for migration of relatives including the wives and families of convicts or ex-convicts. There are also many local government references; exhibitions both within Australia and overseas, i.e. Chicago Exhibition and even references relating to other Australian colonies. 1887 and 1888 were times of high unemployment and many people applied for free rail passes to country areas where they hoped to find work. There are also lists of those recipients of bravery awards.
- Where the contents of the shelf boxes have been microfilmed, the reel numbers have been added in a separate field.
- The index is fully searchable by most fields or a combination of fields OR by **★Full Search** which searches most fields in one search.
- Compatible up to and including Microsoft Windows 11.
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