

REFERENCES

- 1 I am greatly indebted to Mrs Constance Leask of Murwillumbah, N.S.W., for arousing my interest in the letters of her great-grandfather, and to her son Mr A.G. Leask, with Mr & Mrs Peter Docker of Sydney, for most generously making copies available to me. Copies are also held in the McLeay Museum, Sydney, with plates of Australian scenes. More recently Mr Docker has kindly given me a copy of Margaret Piddington's *Joseph Docker*, a booklet privately printed for the family's sesquicentennial reunion in Sydney in 1984.
- 2 Alexander Turnbull Library (qMS 1864, N.Z. Seat of Government Commission), accessioned in 1933 and comprising some eleven documents, the first four of which supplement the official record in National Archives (I.A. 64/2174). The following five are minutes of meetings with copies of some of the evidence submitted. An amended draft report and Docker's expenses-claim voucher complete the file. Alexander Turnbull acquired the papers in 1907 from the family of R.C. Gunn, the Commissioner from Launceston. A lengthy article on the papers in the *New Zealand Times* (4 September 1907, p.5) referred discreetly to their acquisition by 'a well-known private collector of New Zealand literature'.
- 3 *The Journal of Henry Sewell, 1853-7*, edited by W. David McIntyre, 2 vols (Christchurch, 1980), I, 104; II, 245.
- 4 Alfred Saunders, *History of New Zealand*, 2 vols (Christchurch, 1896-99), II, 23.
- 5 AJHR (N.Z. Parliament. Appendix to the Journal of the House of Representatives) 1862, D.—11, 'Return of the Public Records, &c., lost in the Wreck of the Steamer "White Swan"'.
6 Saunders, I, 325.
- 7 Charles Rooking Carter, *Life and Recollections of a New Zealand Colonist*, 3 vols (London, 1866-75), II, 202. Carter's book, although printed in 1866 and 1875, was not released until 1909. See *New Zealand National Bibliography to the Year 1960*, I, 179 (Bagnall 1002). Carter's report of the debate and analysis was, however, published in the *Wellington Independent*, in part, 24 November etc.
- 8 Carter, II, pp. 203-207.
- 9 Extract from Journals, House of Representatives, on I.A. 63/3337 (National Archives).
- 10 Carter, II, 207.
- 11 On I.A. 63/3337.
- 12 Auckland Provincial Council, *Votes & Proceedings*, 1863/64, 67-70.
- 13 AJHR, 1864, D.—2, 'Papers Relative to the Removal of the Seat of Government to Cook's Straits'.
- 14 *Ibid.*, p.9. The delay by Gore Browne advising the nomination may have been due to his own doubts about the propriety of the state's involvement. The curious story allegedly told by a Commissioner to an Auckland journalist about an unidentified Governor being 'most unwilling to interfere' could have emanated from Gunn. (*New Zealand Herald*, 15 October 1864).
The *Australian Dictionary of Biography* entry (V.2) for Sir Edward Thomson states that in '1866' he was asked by Young to act as a Commissioner for the New Zealand Government 'in reorganising its civil service' but declined. This is probably a confusion with the 1864 invitation. Thomson, in a letter to Gunn (11 June 1864), states that he declined the mission as his health would not permit such a commitment during the winter (Mitchell Library, Gunn Papers MS A247).
- 15 The difficulties of using the wet plate process with the bulky equipment necessary are explained in Hardwicke Knight, *Photography in New Zealand* (Dunedin, 1971), p. 21 and elsewhere. Docker, who also used dry plate, does