## (No. 12.)

The Principal Under-Secretary to the Sheriff:

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SYDNEY, 29th April, 1874.

SIR,—Referring to the further Petition in favour of the prisoner named in the margin, praying for the issue to him of an unconditional pardon, I am desired by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that the Governor has not seen fit to authorize a compliance therewith.

I have, &c., (for the Under-Secretary,)

(Signed, M. R. ALLAN.

Inclosure 2 in No. 3.

(B.)

## 11 VICTORIA, CAP. 34.

Punishments in lieu of Transportation.

Clause 4. AND be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor or officer administering the Government of the Colony to grant to any person under any sentence or order for transportation or of hard labour who shall have served on the roads or other public works of the Colony for not less than two years in any case a remission of the remainder of the term for which he shall have been so sentenced or ordered for transportation or hard labour, on condition that he shall not remain in or come within the Colony during the residue of his said term; and it shall be lawful for the said Governor to make such rules and regulations as he shall think fit for the mitigation or remission, conditional or otherwise, of any sentence or order for punishment under this Act as an incentive to, or reward for, good conduct whilst the offender shall be serving under such sentence or order, and to mitigate or remit the term of punishment accordingly.

(Inclosure 3 in No. 3.)

(C.)

1873-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Gardiner, alias Christie. (Correspondence relating to Mitigation of Sentence under former Convictions.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, May 12, 1874.

(No. 1.)

Petition of Francis Clarke.

To His Excellency Sir William Denison, Knight, Governor-General of all Her Majesty's.

Possessions, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

The humble petition of Francis Clarke, a prisoner of the Crown, at the Penal

Establishment, Cockatoo,