

become eligible, from some years probation of penal servitude at "Cockatoo Prison Establishment," for a "ticket-of-leave."

It is within my knowledge that the parties who prosecuted this man have transmitted or appended their certificates in his behalf, the gist of their recommendation being that Gardiner might be granted his indulgence of a "ticket" for the Lachlan district.

Persons of undoubted character and respectability are willing to engage him; they have subscribed to the petition in these terms.

And in addition to their zeal in this young man's behalf, I beg leave to become an advocate in the same cause. Trusting that the Executive Government will enable the friends of this unfortunate young man to establish him in credit to earn for himself a good name.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), EDWARD LEDSAM.

Answered, I believe, on another paper?—10th. Herewith.—11th. Inform that a ticket-of-leave has been authorized in terms of the report of the Inspector-General of Police.—12th,

(No. 11.)

*The Under-Secretary to Government to Mr. Edward Ledsam.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

SYDNEY, January 13, 1860.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that the prisoner named in the margin has been allowed a ticket-of-leave for the Police District of Carcoar.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), W ELYARD.

(No. 12.)

*Petition of Frederick Gardiner.*

To His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, Knight Commander of the Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General in and over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

The humble petition of Frederick Gardiner, of the Fish River, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer and grazier,

Sheweth:—

That on or about the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, one Francis Clarke was tried at the Circuit Court, Goulburn, and convicted of horse-stealing on two several indictments.

That the said Francis Clarke was sentenced in each case to seven years' imprisonment.

That he served nearly six years at Cockatoo Island, and then obtained a ticket-of-leave for the district of Carcoar.

That he has been residing in the district of Carcoar for some months past, and his character and behaviour has been such as authorizes your petitioner in seeking on his behalf some mitigation of punishment.