SOUTH AUSTRALIA. No 5.

Adelaide, 6th January 1846.

We are on the look out for more freights, by which to ship at least 400 tons more ore from the Kapunda. The Mining Association have given 41. 10s. per ton to an old brig, the "Amelia."

No. 6.

Adelaide, 28th January 1846.

I have not yet succeeded in procuring freight for the remainder of our ore, of which we

have more than 300 tons at the port, and the rest in progress to it.

The time is arrived when we must expect to pay full freights upon ore, and I think it may be advisable to make terms in England with vessels coming out either with emigrants or goods. The "Amelia" has 41. 10s. for 200 tons to Swansea, and the "Malcolm," that came here with sugar from Bahia, and gone on to Sydney, is engaged to return and take ore to Swansea. I have been planning an excursion to the other colonies, with the view, among other things, to try and establish the sending of ores to them for shipment home; but I have hitherto been prevented by other matters, and I doubt now whether I can accomplish it before the Council meets, as I could not leave this before the 1st March.

I have just made an arrangement with Montesiore, to send 50 tons of ore in bags to Sydney, to be reshipped, by his brother, to London.

No. 7.

Adelaide, 9th February 1846.

I have found too much difficulty thrown in my way hitherto, for sending ore to the other colonies for reshipment. I mean to visit them myself, as soon as I can spare time, and try to establish some arrangement of that kind.