

Mr Reeves

and eventually a deputation from the Board - consisting of Mr J. M. Bennett and E. J. Croket - waited upon the Hon. the Commissioner of Public Works at his Office Melbourne, and obtained a promise that the building should be leased to Trustees to be appointed on behalf of the School. The deputation also preferred a request to have the half acre of land on which the building was erected included in the lease. The Commissioner upon this latter request took time to consider the matter but eventually conceded the request.

The Trustees viz: - Mrs Howson Sir Redmond Barry & Somerville Longstone Learmouth and Rivett Henry Bland Esquires - were nominated by the Mining Board and accepted by the Government - The Trustees having previously consented to do so.

The Lease of the premises was issued by the Board of Lands and Works - Signed by the Common Seal of which was attached in the presence of the Honorable G^o M Lellan and Clement Hodgkinson - on the 7th April 1870.

Term of Lease Seven Years
Rent one Shilling per annum
Trustees to put and keep the building in repair.

The Government retaining power to resume the possession of the building by paying

Compensation Not Exceeding £2000

Robert Davidson C.E. acted as Architect to the School - and from plans and specifications prepared by him the building was put in repair under his supervision at a cost of £239-

Mr Magee Governor of New South Wales kindly allowed some of the prisoners to trench a portion of the land and plant trees thereon under the supervision of Mr James Baker, the prisoners also repaired the fences and otherwise improved the property.

The Mining Board appointed Mr James Baker, Collector pro-tem - to the Trustees with their consent on the 25th January 1870, subject to the approval of the Trustees. This consent having been obtained the Collector commenced his duties early in April in that year, and immediately issued the prospectus which is appears on the following pages.