

1/2/ 1890 From Charles Summers, 53 B Via Margetta Rome

Dear Mr Wilson. I have this afternoon forwarded to the P and O Agent, Brindisi, a wooden cage cont. 4 swans I promised to try and get from the Pincian hill for the Lake at your beautiful gardens. I hope they will reach you safely. They are 8 months old not yet completely changed to their adult plumage. If, when you have any black swans to spare you could send me four I would give them to the Gardens here. Yrs etc. ( *Pencilled note "Black ones sent on the "Carthage"* )

18/2/1890 Letter from J. Noble Wilson J.P. The Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Co.  
To Geo Perry Town Clerk

Dear Sir. Will you please to inform His Worship the Mayor and members of you Council that in a letter I have read from Mr C. Summers of Rome he says :-

"Four swans from the Pincian Hills, Rome, seven months old, will be shipped by the "Arcadia" leaving Brindisi on Feb 3rd for Ballarat. I have been asked by the Director of the Botanical Gardens if it would be possible to get four black swans in exchange for the white ones". Mr Chas summers address is 536 via Margetta, Rome, and i presume you will communicate with him direct when the swans arrive. I am etc.

15/4/1890 Letter from P & O re Black Swans

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your letter of 14th inst. and in reply beg to state that I shall be happy to allow four swans you are sending to Rome to be shipped to Brindisi free of charge for freight. Any charges that the company may have to pay in connection with the birds ( for transportation etc. ) will be duly advised to you. They will be attended to on the voyage by the butcher who will expect a suitable gratuity for his service

8/5/1890. To George Perry From P & O Melbourne

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. and note you are shipping the Black Swans by the "Carthage". Please consign them direct to the ship at Williamstown Railway Pier paying the Railway freight. There will not be any charge in connection with the shipment of the birds payable to the Company, but I would suggest that you make the amount of the gratuity to the Butcher who will have charge of them, one guinea which, if you will forward to me, I shall be happy to hand to him. Yr faithfully.

13/5/1890 From Superintendent ,P & O Melbourne. To Geo Perry, Town Clerk

Dear Sir. I have received your letter of 10th inst. enclosing postal notes, value one guinea, the value of which has been paid to the butcher of the "Carthage" as a gratuity for his attendance to the swans shipped by your City Council.