

## George Fletcher, 2965, Ramillies

Adelaide, May 1859.

SWAN RIVER CONVICTS.-George Fletcher, Thomas Kay, and Alfred Prior, were each severally charged with being felons, undergoing sentences of transportation in the colony of Western Australia, and not being at liberty to reside in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that they were found being unlawfully in Adelaide, South Australia..... Fletcher was employed as a wood splitter, Kay as a shoemaker, and Prior as a chimney sweep. ....

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*C W Bradley* arriving in South Australia, followed by ship departing WA. Names vary between the lists.

**ARRIVED.**

Tuesday, March 24—The barque *C. W. Bradley*, 198 tons, W. H. Hayes, from Singapore, via Fremantle the 10th March. Collinson, agent. Passengers—Mr and Mrs Scott, and Messrs Baker, Willet, Dennis, and Wood, in the cabin; and Lawrence Denuis, John Johus, Cheeve, John Dunn, John Hoe, Mr and Mrs Muir and infant, Adam Prontice, John Young, Elizabeth Dunn, Catherine Dunn and infant, Walter Scrivener, James Crooks, William Giles, John McCowry, Charles and Sarah Can, P. Shea, James and Bridget O'Loughlin and child, James McGarl, William Webb, James Betts, Jane Betts and 2 children, Sarah Ellis, George Fletcher, Albert Prior, Patrick Hill, Edwd. Cochran, Bridget Jennings and infant, Mary, Margaret, James, and Bridget Jennings, William Clan, William Kitchen, George Brunner, Adolphus Basset, Richard Smith, Thomas, Sarah, and Bridget Elligot, Henry Holloway, Margaret Clacey, Thomas Phillips, Thomas Ray, Daniel Reardon, Timothy Sullivan, William Jones, Ellen Jones, William and Joseph Sanger, William Smith, John Murphy, Jane Doscoll, Henry Doscoll, William Shepherd, Thomas Seyer, Arthur Pengilly, John, Mary, and James Gallagher, Elizabeth Monaghan, J. Ferguson, David Druit, Mary Druit and infant, M. Buxton, R. and S. Buxton, Bridget Gallagher, Richard Pannell, Isabella Pannell, R. Parmee, James Harris, Susannah Groban, Jane Fliter, Bridget Rutt, John Benhenebann, Richard Hormun, M. Nerlu, Mary, Celia, and Mary Callaghan, and Edward Jeffries, in the steerage.

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**SAILED.**

On the 10th instant, the barque *C. W. Bradley*, Hayes, master, for Adelaide. Cabin passengers—Messrs Baker, Willett, Desnie, and D. Scott, and Mrs Scott. Steerage—Joseph Sawyer, W. Smith, John Murphy, James Dotsoll, Wm. Muir, Mary Muir and infant, Adam Prentice J. Young, Catharine Dunn and infant, Eliza Dunn, Walter Scrivener, James Crook, Wm. Gills, John McConnay, Charles Carr, Sarah Carr, P. Shea, James O'Lochlin, Bridget O'Lochlin and infant, James McGorlach, Wm. Webb, James Beth, Jane Beth and infant, Edward Beth, Sarah Ellis, G. Fletcher, Albert Prior, Patrick Hill, E. Corluan, Bridget Jennings and infant, Mary Jeenings, Magaret Jennings, James Jennings, Bridget Jennings, James Wilson, Wm. Clare, Wm. Kither, G. Brummer, A. Bassit, R. Smith, T. Elligatt, Sarah Elligat, H. Holloway, Margaret Cleary, T. Phillips, T. Kay, David Reardon, Timothy Sullivan, Wm. Jones, Ellen Jones, William Sawyer, H. Dotsoll, W. Shepherd, T. Lloyd, Arthur Pengilly, J. Gallagher, Mary Gallagher, Winnifred Gallagher, James Gallagher, Bridget Gallagher, Eliza Monaghan, J. Ferguson, Ann Derritt, Mary Derritt and infant, George Harrington, Susannah Britton, Sarah Britton, R. Britton, R. Pannell, Isabella Pannell, J. Hines, Susannah Graham, James Fletcher, Bridget Kieff, John Burkenshaw, R. Hounsein.

## POLICE COURTS.

ADLAIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 23.

[Before Mr. S. Beddome, P.M.]

**ESCAPED CONVICTS.**—*George Fletcher, Thomas Kay,* and *Alfred Prior*, were charged with being escaped convicts from Swan River, Western Australia, and found illegally at large in Adelaide, May 26. Mr. Ingleby appeared for the last-named prisoner. Police-constable Ford deposed that he knew the prisoners in Western Australia. They were pointed out to him there as being prisoners of the Crown. They were commonly reputed and deemed to be transported felons. They were either ticket-of-leave or conditional-pardon men. By Mr. Ingleby—If they were the latter they would have been allowed to leave Western Australia, not otherwise. Police-constable Rumble corroborated the evidence of this witness. Sergeant Badman and Detective Wright deposed to apprehending the prisoners in a house in Hindley-street, west. Mr. Ingleby addressed the Bench for the prisoners. He submitted that there was no case whatever. The Act under which the charge was laid came in force in August, 1859. The prisoners were here before that period, and he did not think the Act was retrospective. His Worship thought differently, and said that there was plenty of time for them to have left, but they had not taken the opportunity, they had defied the law, and they must be punished for it. He sentenced them to one year's penal servitude each. It was understood that Mr. Ingleby will apply for a habeas corpus to try the validity of the Act.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

**THE CASE OF PRIOR AND KAY.**—We have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from a neighbour of the men, stating that Prior and Kay were pursuing an honest and respectable life when seized and imprisoned for being convicts illegally at large; and that they were in the colony before the Act was passed under which they were convicted; also complaining that they should be singled out, while others in the same category are left at large.