


Collection: - Francis Hare Papers **Accession** 79/78

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DESCRIPTION	Correspondence, including letters from F.C. Standish (Chief Commissioner of Police) and J. Sadleir (Police Superintendent, North-Eastern Victoria).
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1	1	Town Clerk, Maryborough (J.C. Hooper ?) - Chief Secretary, Victoria Requests more police protection for Maryborough since the removal of Inspector Hare to the Station at the Back Creek (near Talbot) rush ms (copy), 2pp	Jun 1859
1	2	Frederick C. Standish (Chief Commissioner, Police Dept., Melbourne) to Mr. Call Declines on seniority grounds a request that Hare be promoted ms, 4pp, inscribed, presumably by Hare, "letter from Capt Standish to Mr. Call when I was at Back Creek when ordered for removal."	29 Sep 1859
1	3	Standish to Officer in Charge, Hobson's Bay District Memo re suppression of illicit distillation and traffic in spirits ms., 1p	22 Jun 1860
1	4	E. Fosber, Sydney to Standish Telegram suggesting that Hare could be appointed superintendent at Maitland ms, 1p.	6 Feb 1863
1	5	Lesley A. Moody (Inspector of Distilleries) to Hare Seeks help in exposing the boat "Charlotte", suspected of bringing illicit spirits from Dromana to Sandridge ms, 2pp	20 Dec 1865
1	6	John Mullan (?), Revenue Detective, Melbourne to Chief Inspector of Distilleries Report on whereabouts of Thomas Currie ms, 1p.	30 Dec 1865
1	7	D.W. Gosset (?), P.I. (Police Inspector ?), Sandridge (Port Melbourne) Moody Telegram re arrangements concerning "Charlotte" ms, 1p.	31 Dec 1865
1	8	Standish to- Hare Covering memo. "Forwarded for Supt. Hare's information", to which are attached copies of correspondence and memos., 22 Jun 1870 - 13 Jun 1878, concerning Hare's applications for promotion as a result of his part in the capture of bushranger Harry Power; outer document inscribed "Applying for promotion from Mr. Berry for the promise made to me in Power Case." ms (copies), 21 pp	26 Jun 1878
1	9	Hare "Copy of Instructions I sent to Seymour, Avenel & Nagambie about banks about to be stuck up" nd Memo of instructions sent by Hare to Seymour, 30 Nov 1878, Avenel, 4 Dec 1878, and Nagambie, 7 Dec 1878 to	Undated

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1	10	counter contemplated stickups by the Kellys. ms, lp.; reverse inscribed as above heading. Detective M. Ward, Beechworth Police Station to Hare Seeks his support in getting promotion it would increase his standing in the district and his ability to gain information; Joe Byrne dined at Sherritts' on the evening of the 30th; "there is not the slightest doubt that they come back and forward to Mrs. Byrnes." Fourth page has notes from Hare -Standish, 8 Aug 1879, and Standish - Hare, 9 Aug 1879, concerning the promotion ms, 4pp	7 Aug 1879
1	11	Hare, East Melbourne - O'Connor (?) Concerns supposedly offensive letters written by O'Connor (?) to a Miss Kate Murphy; inscribed "Copy of letter I wrote to O'Connor (?) about Kate Murphy" ms, 4pp (copy)	20 Oct 1879
1	12	Hare "Extracts from Capt. Standish's private letters from Nicholson" Includes comments by Hare and passages from letters concerning Kelly Gang ms, 3pp	28 Jul, 13 Sep and 15 Oct 1879
1	13	C.H. Nicolson, Benalla to Hare Concerns Hare's impending replacement of Nicolson in "the Kelly business"; comments on his inability to capture the Kellys during 10 months at Benalla; refers to Hare as "the last (police) card that will be allowed to be played" ms, 6pp	10 May 1880
1	14	J. Sadleir (Supt.), Benalla - Hare Refers to Hare's posting to the Kelly hunt; tone similar to Nicolson's (above) ms, 3pp	27 May 1880
1	15	"Concerning sending a telegram to Mullane telling him to discharge all the agents", n.d. Hare's inscription on a series of notes concerning events immediately following Hare's taking charge at Benalla ms, 3pp	2 Jun 1880
1	16	Nicolson, Benalla - Hare, Benalla Note changing dinner arrangement ms, lp	2 Jun 1880
1	17	Standish - Hare ("Frank") Difficulty finding suitable trackers ms, 2pp	3 Jun 1880
1	18	Standish to Hare Describes strained relations with Nicolson; trouble getting trackers; gives his opinion of Wallace, Kirwan and Kennedy (Benalla district) ms, 4pp	5 Jun 1880

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1	19	Standish – Hare Arrangements to trackers etc.; further comments on Nicolson ms, 2pp	8 Jun 1880
1	20	Standish – Hare Has acted on Hare's suggestion that Purtress (?) not be transferred from Mansfield to Benalla; Nicolson referred to as the "cranky Scottie" ms, 2pp	10 Jun 1880
1	21	Standish – Hare Has visited Mrs. Hare; more about trackers; dined at Government House last night, etc	15 Jun 1880
1	22	Standish-Hare "The howling larrikins deafened us all yesterday evening with the usual shouts of 'Kelly Gang'" (a reference to a Herald article); intends coming to Benalla next week; dissolution of Parliament likely ms, 3pp	18 Jun 1880
1	23	Standish – Hare Cannot come to Benalla this week; Mrs. Hare will probably go there this weekend; refers to an <u>Australasian</u> comment on Hare's replacement of Nicolson, and gives more opinions on Nicolson ms, 4pp	22 Jun 1880
1	24	Standish to Hare Arrangements re loose bag at the Woolshed; Wallace moved to Yea ("outside the boundaries of the Kelly country"); discussion of O'connor & Nicolson, and whether latter showed former Standish's letters, etc ms, 3pp	24 th Jun 1880
1	25	Standish – Hare Reform Bill rejected previous night; P.S. mentions Wallace's ("this treacherous pedagogue") move from Bobinawarra to Yea (this letter may predate the one above) ms, 5pp (badly deteriorated)	Jun 1880
1	26	Standish to Hare, Sunbury, (recovering from wound received in Kelly capture) Will see Berry re publishing Hare's report; is critical of Hare's doctor; sorry to have lost Ramsay as Minister; expects more attacks by Nicolson; refers to Service's attack on him (Standish); is transferring a second officer to Benalla; "(fear very much that, under the present regime, we shall not have a very fair and impartial tribunal but we must expect the inevitable"; discussion of Curnow's role in Kelly episode ms, 6pp	15 Jul 1880

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1	27	Standish to Hare, Sunbury Refers to Argus and Daily <u>Telegraph's</u> "nasty" comments on Hare's report of the Glenrowan affair; expects Nicolson and "the numerous scions of the Smith family" to make things disagreeable for Standish & Hare; thinks Age will "not be our foe"; political rumours; reference to McAuliffe, "one of the most dangerous of the sympathisers"; mentions Sadleir's suggestions for "the preservation of peace in the NE" ms, 5pp	21 Jul 1880
1	28	"Copies of telegrams received by me (Hare) after being wounded by the Kellys 1880" These comprise: 1. Governor of Victoria - Standish, 28 Jun 1880 2. Governor of Sydney (sic) - Standish, 28 Jun 1880 3. Governor's Private Secretary (F. le Patoural) - Standish, n.d 4. Hon James Service - Hare, 28 Jun 1880 5. Hon Robert Ramsay - Hare, 28 Jun 1880 6. J. G. Francis - Hare, 28 Jun 1880 ms (copies), 2pp	
1	29	John Sherritt (Sr), Sheepstation Creek to Hare Refers to murder of his son Aaron, and subsequent suspicious signals heard near his house; it has been said that his son John shot Burns (sic) at Glenrowan; John is stopping with the police in Beechworth, afraid to come home; another son - William - is also afraid, and both wish to leave the Ovens; they would like to join the Police Force, & Sherritt asks Hare to have a word with Standish about it ms, 7pp	1 Jul 1880
1	30	John James (Jack) Sherritt, Beechworth to Hare Is suspected of having shot Byrne at Glenrowan, and asks Hare for "Via situation", otherwise the "Kelly Sympathisers ... would shoot me on the quiet and no one would know who done it" ms, 2pp	1 Jul 1880
1	31	Mr Hill, Ballarat to Hare Congratulations on extinguishing the Kelly Gang; is not sure though that quiet and good order will return to that district, and suggests special legislation to remove sympathisers from the district, ban firearms, increase police stations, etc ms, 3pp	1 Jul 1880
1	32	A B .M (Malleison, 'Stonehenge', Richmond) - Hare, Sunbury Has written to Evans (of the Argus) about the unjust manner in which Hare had been treated; refers to the effect	nd [Jul 1880?]

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1	33	of the Catholic vote in the elections ms, 4pp Evans, <u>Argus</u> office – Malleeson Did not read the account complained of; has shown Malleeson's letter to Haddon, who would be glad to speak to Hare; reference to Nicholson (sic) ms, 4pp (inscribed by Hare: "letter from Evans to Malleeson about article in Argus"); letter torn in half.	14 Jul [1880?]
1	34	Frank Bell (guard of the 10 p.m. special, 28 Jun 1880), Melbourne – Hare Asks that he be recommended to the Kelly Reward Board, & outlines the responsibilities he undertook on the night in question ms, 2pp	21 Jul 1880
1	35	Sadleir, Benalla – Hare Reports that a number of railway and telegraph employees are dissatisfied at not being mentioned in "our" official reports ms, 4pp	23 Jul 1880
1	36	S.T. Staughton, Eynesbury Hare Apologizes for having expressed an ill-informed opinion, which was overheard and reported to Hare ms, 2pp	30 Jul 1880
1	37	Hare, East Melbourne to Staughton Accepts apology ms (copy), 2pp	3 Aug 1880
1	38	Jacob Wilson, Lurge to Hare Asks Hare to honour his promise about protection for himself, and for his son at Glenrowan - suggests latter could be got a job as a mounted constable ms, 4pp	31 Jul 1880
1	39	Sadleir, Benalla to Hare Re disposal of Kelly armour; is reluctant to let it leave the district, although it could be lent temporarily to Hare to show his friends ms, 2pp	5 Aug 1880
1	40	George Collins Levey (later a member of Kelly Royal Commission) Hare Believes Berry will promote Hall (?) ms, 1p. (inscribed by Hare: "letter from George Collins Levey about having seen Berry concerning Hall")	19 Sep 1880
1	41	Willie Sherritt, Brisbane to T. Lullus (?) Working on railway; no chance of getting into the Queensland (Police) Force; seems to refer to Nicolson, and others; the recipient is asked to answer the letter as soon as possible, and also "When you read this letter Burned it" ms, 4pp (unsigned, but inscribed by Hare "letter from	20 Feb 1881

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1	42	Willie Sherritt in Queensland"). Sgt. Deasey (?), Kilmore to Hare (?) Account of inspection at Kilmore by Nicolson; also mentions information given during a trip to the N.E. - e.g. that Nicolson knew about the Kelly armour but may not have told Hare; comments on the reputation of the Sherritts ms, 4pp	22 Feb [1881?]
1	43	T.N. Fitzgerald ?, Melbourne Doctor's opinion that the Police Department should not send Hare to the country, as he still needs to be "at no inconvenient distance from his medical advisers" ms, lp.; signed by Fitzgerald, but written by a different hand.	24 Feb 1881
1	44	Henry (?) Baber, Kilmore – Hare Reports on state of affairs there, and thanks Hare for kindnesses ms, 4pp	8 March 1881
1	45	Robert Scott (Bank manager, Euroa), Melbourne to Hare Recounting events one evening at Euroa, & asking Hare to confirm the details ms, 2pp	28 Apr 1881.
1	46	Robert Scott, Melbourne to Hare Thanks him for confirming details of night when shots were fired near bank at Euroa; but questions him re rumours that Hare had ridiculed Scott's part, saying that he had lost his head, etc ms, lp. (letter badly torn).	12 May 1881
1	47	P. Allen, Storekeeper, Beechworth – Hare Responding to Hare's enquiries re visit of Mrs. Nicholson (sic); Dodd & John Sherritt have forwarded their affidavits; surprised that Hare did not question Allen before the Commission; asks him to use his influence to help Mrs. Sherritt Sr ms, 2pp	14 Sep 1881
1	48	Hare - Acting Chief Commissioner of Police Copy of memo in which Hare comments (from memory) on details of payments to police spies, and the circumstances in which spies were employed & dismissed, viz. Morton, McPherson, Farmer, Allingham, Frewin, Fry, Sherrington, Carrington, Ah Man, Cox, Bennett, Stamp, Sherritt, Graham, Bruce, Denny, Watts, Hudson, Jones, Foote, McNamara, Renwick, Bellis, Moses, Smith, Rule ms (copy), 5 pp (marked "FII" - presumably Exhibit No.).	14 Sep 1881
1	49	Hare "Evidence supporting Hare's report on the Glenrowan affair", Nine points, making reference to transcript pages and paragraph numbers	nd

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1	50	ms, lp. (inscribed by Hare "Memos. I made when giving evidence before Police Commission"). Editor, <u>Argus</u> Argues for compensation for Hare.	[Mar 1882?]
1	51	ms (press copy), 4 pp fragile Hare (?) "Pat Quinn seeing outlaws" Notes describing Quinn's sighting the Gang & informing Sadleir, who then went to Benalla & informed Nicolson; arrangements made to go out next morning, but in the morning Nicolson called it off; Sadleir allegedly arrived & begged to be allowed to go out, but was refused, etc	nd
1	52	ms, 7pp Secretary, Education Dept. - F.A. Hare, P.M. Jolimont Acknowledges his acceptance of chairmanship of a Board of Enquiry into charges preferred against master of Woolamai school	31 Aug 1882
1	53	ms, lp. Constable John Burton, Heidelberg - Hare, Coroner Report on a death at Greensborough.	13 Jul 1887
1	54	ms, lp. Constable Burton to Hare Further report on matter.	15 Jul 1887
1	55	Photocopy set of letters 1-27	
1	55	Photocopy set of letters 28-54 Letter 50 only first page	

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