

Presented by Sir (Dr.) James W. Agnew, a
former secretary of the Royal Society of Tasmania

J. W. AGNEW

Sir James Wilson Agnew (1815 - 1901) was an assistant surgeon in 1841 and later Colonial Surgeon. He was secretary of the Royal Society of Tasmania 1861 - 1881 and 1884 - 1894 and was chairman of the Board of Management of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, 1885 - 1901. He was a member of the Legislative Council 1877 - 1881, 1884 - 1887 and premier 1886-7.

1 Autograph album and scrapbook (late 19th cent.)

Collection of literary autographs, historical notes, facsimiles, and miscellaneous notes, including:-

- a) Literary autographs and letters including: Lord Chesterfield, Felicia Hemans (letter to W. Jordan), William Hooker, William Wordsworth (letter - printing of 'Yarrow etc. '), Robert Southey
- b) Facsimiles of historic autographs and documents, many relating to Scottish history, empty envelopes with addresses or signatures of Palmerston, Castlereagh, Stanley S. Wilberforce; miscellaneous notes, facsimile of letter of Voltaire, bill of exchange (1795).
- c) Autographs of celebrities visiting Tasmania, c 1895 - 1902 (names signed into album): J. Barnard, S.L.Clemens. [Mark Twain] 1895; members of the British Antarctic Expedition 1898 - 1900, led by Carsten E. Borchgrevink F.R.G.S; and his officers and crew of the Southern Cross; E. Margaret Arden (nee Rawnsley) great niece of Sir John Franklin, 1899; Talbot de Malahide and James B. Talbot of Malahide Castle, Dublin, 1899; Field Marshal Richard Baron von Eisenstein & others 1902; W.E.Norris, novelist, 1902 (1 folio vol.)

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2 Letters 1854

Copies of letters between Downing St., The Treasury, London and Sir William Denison concerning the pension of Dr. Agnew, the Junior Surgeon of the Convict medical department, placed on the retired list owing to the presence of a larger number of surgeons than was required.

(file of 3 letters)

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