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(No. 991.)

“DAWN.”

FINDING of a Court of Inquiry held at Cossack, Western Australia, this 17th day of January 1881, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances under which the schooner “DAWN” received damage on or about the 8th day of January 1881.

Present:

R. J. SHOLL, Sub-Collector of Customs.
F. PEARSE, Justice of Peace.

We find that the “Dawn” was caught in a hurricane at 11 a.m. on the 7th January, in lat. 20.27 S. and long. 115.05 east, when she lost her foremast, maintopmast, and bowsprit, and had her deck swept, companion skylight, after-scuttle, and bulwarks carried away.

We consider that no blame can be attached to the master, Robert Owen, who used every exertion to save the vessel.

(Signed) R. J. SHOLL, Sub-Collector.
FRED. PEARSE, Justice of Peace.

Cossack, 11th January 1881.