

(No. 3754.)

“AIRLIE.”

FINDING of a Court of Inquiry held at the Customs House, Carnarvon, this thirty-first day of January 1889, before C. D. V. Foss, Esquire, Sub-Collector of Customs, and LEWIS F. RIDLEY, J.P., to inquire into the circumstances attending the burning of the British schooner “AIRLIE,” of Freemantle, Western Australia, 237 tons, official number 75,189, at Sea, on the morning of the 14th day of January instant, and the grounding of the same at the Ashburton on the 15th day of January instant, held under the 28th Vic. No. 2, and 51 Vic. No. 6.

After careful consideration, we are of the opinion that there is no evidence before us showing how this casualty originated, and as no blame can be attached to the certificated master or mate by virtue of the powers vested in us under 2nd section 51 Vic. No. 6, sub-section (c), all proceedings in this matter shall cease and determine; at the same time we are of the opinion that J. G. Knight, master of the schooner “Airlie,” did everything in his power to save the vessel and cargo.

(Signed) C. D. V. Foss,  
Sub-Collector of Customs.  
L. F. RIDLEY, J.P.