

(No. 5041.)

“GOVERNOR WELD.”

Western } FINDING of a Court of Inquiry, held at
Australia } the Custom House, Port Broome, on
to wit. } Wednesday the 14th day of February
1894, before MICHAEL SCALES WARTON, Landing
Waiter, and ERNEST BLACK, Esquire, a Justice of
the Peace, under the provisions of the Local Ordi-
nances, 28 Victoria, No. 2, and 51 Victoria, No. 6,
to inquire into the circumstances attending the
wreck, on the night of the 7th February 1894, of
the cutter “GOVERNOR WELD,” of Freemantle,
W.A., official number 61,097, of about 19 tons
burthen, on the Casurina Reef, near Lagrange Bay,
while on a voyage (pearling) from London to
Lagrange Bay, and having on board a cargo of
pearl-shells and stores, and commanded by Osborne
Ritchie.

We are of opinion that the cutter “Governor Weld”
was wrecked on the Casurina Reef on the night of the
7th of February 1894; that there is no case for an
investigation; and that the master, mate, and crew did
all that was possible to save the vessel, and therefore
we exonerate them from all blame with regard to this
casualty.

Therefore, by the powers vested in us under the
provisions of the 51st Victoria, No. 6, sec. 2, we agree
that the case shall cease and determine.

(Signed) M. S. WARTON,
Landing Waiter.

ERNEST BLACK,
Justice of the Peace.