

effect. Why, it will disgust all sensible people—next SLANDER is deprecated, and this too by the Col. Times. The Editor rejoices over the pecunia likely to circulate from the five French Whalers and a Corvette now lying there, and advocates the advantage of a direct trade with France. VERY GOOD, then long extracts from English journals, Pickwick papers, &c. A long article about the eternal Dr. Lang.

“New Norfolk road making, is next introduced, to have a hit at Capt. Cheyne. Then O’Brien’s Bridge for the same reason.

“Chief Justice Dowling has decided that Puffers are illegal.

“Some other trifling matters, and there is a long Police Report of two columns, the remainder are advertisements, and shipping intelligence.”

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The printed “Advertiser” was about 12 inches long, containing four pages of two columns each. The arrangement will be seen orthodox in character, and certainly, in spite of the printer boy and *honest* type merchant, creditable in detail. While amused at some oddities, the reader will regard the effort with complacency, and its author with gratitude.

The one year’s apprentice (seven years ago,) was not allowed time to complete his knowledge of the Black Art. That awful representative of Colonial Law, Capt. Lonsdale, discovered at length that this weekly issue was really a Newspaper, preying upon public advertisers, without a Licence! It was not to be endured. The Colonial Treasury was not to be wronged, *insertions* were not to be paid for, the boy must go home, and the torch of Melbourne Intelligence was quenched in the ink of officialdom.

Next arose the first legalized paper in the Colony,—the PORT PHILLIP GAZETTE. The proprietors were Messrs. George Arden and Thomas Strode. The first named gentleman officiated as Editor, the other as Printer and Publisher. Both were residents of Sydney, and, entertaining similar views, united in the project. Mr. Arden was a young man of 19 years of age, of distinguished family, and of considerable literary qualifications. Mr. Strode had been overseer of the “Sydney Morning Herald.” Without adequate funds, the two friends began their enterprize. A quantity of old type, that had been lying in pie in a shed for many years, was purchased at twopence a pound. A ricketty wooden press was picked up, the stone of which had a