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The Melbourne International Exhibition, 1880.

In accordance with a Commission issued under the great seal
 of the Colony of Victoria, and with the co-operation of the Im-
 perial Government of our Gracious Sovereign the Queen, an
 International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Agricultural
 and Industrial Products of all Nations will be opened at Mel-
 bourne on the 1st day of October, 1880, and will close on the
 31st day of March, 1881.

The Exhibition will be held in buildings specially erected for
 the purpose in Carlton Gardens, centrally situated in the City of
 Melbourne, and the cost of erecting such buildings, and all ex-
 penses incidental to the Exhibition, will be defrayed out of funds
 voted by the Parliament of Victoria.

The Commissioners are empowered to invite the British, For-
 eign, and Colonial Governments to take part in this Exhibition,
 and they will be glad to learn that steps have been taken to pro-
 vide for the representation of every country and colony thereat.

The fact that Australasia has been represented at all the great
 Exhibitions of the world since their inception in the year 1851,
 and the advance she has made in productive industry, the extent
 of her commercial relations, and the high position to which her
 imports and exports have attained, indicate that she has now
 reached the period when she may profitably invite the great
 manufacturing countries to send the most complete products of
 their skilled industry to a people who are in a position to become
 not only good customers but generous competitors.

1. Applications for space, with full particulars, are invited as
 early as possible. Copies of the official form of entry can be
 obtained upon application to the Secretary to the Commissioners.

2. Excepting under the circumstances specified under Article
 4, applications for space must be made through the representa-
 tives of the country or colony to which the applicants belong.

3. Governments intending to take part in this Exhibition are
 requested to forward an intimation to that effect not later than
 the 1st of June, 1879.

4. In the event of no representatives being appointed by the
 country or colony to which an intending exhibitor belongs, he
 can communicate direct with the Secretary.

5. Applications for space should be made not later than the
 30th day of June, 1879.

6. British, Foreign, and Colonial Governments, or Commis-
 sioners appointed by them, are requested to inform the Mel-
 bourne Commission not later than the 1st day of January, 1880,
 whether they require any increase or diminution of the space
 offered them, and the amount. They are also requested to state
 whether there will be any exhibits for which special space should
 be provided, together with a description showing their nature
 and quantity.

7. Before the 1st day of June, 1880, the representatives of
 countries or colonies should furnish approximate plans, showing

the manner of allotting the space assigned to them, and lists of
 their exhibitors, and other information necessary for the pro-
 duction of the Official Catalogue.

8. Commissioners representing countries or colonies, and pri-
 vate exhibitors, may adopt one of three courses, viz:—

(a) They can ship their exhibits direct to Melbourne, and
 make their own arrangement for their shipment, reception, and
 exhibition.

(b) Or consign their exhibits to

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 Melbourne, Australia,*

with specific instructions as to what is desired.

(c) Or, having previously forwarded an entry to the Melbourne
 Commission, they can forward the goods, together with invoices
 and descriptions, to any of the following firms or companies:—

London—Messrs. James M'Ewan & Co., 27 Lombard-street;
 or to Messrs. M'Ilwraith, M'Eachran, & Co., Leadenhall-
 street.

Liverpool—Messrs. John Swire & Sons.

Glasgow—Messrs. Aitken, Lilburne & Co.

Antwerp—Messrs. Jules, Renard & Co.

New York—Messrs. R. W. Cameron & Co.

San Francisco—Pacific Mail Company.

All Ports where the Company has Agencies—The Peninsular
 and Oriental Company.

9. Packages forwarded from countries and colonies repre-
 sented at the Exhibition should be addressed—

To the Commissioner for
at the International Exhibition of 1880,
Melbourne,
Victoria,
Australia,

and have two labels bearing the flag of the country to which
 the exhibitor belongs; or, where no representative has been
 appointed:—

To the Secretary
International Exhibition of 1880,
Melbourne,
Victoria,
Australia,

and two labels, affixed to different but not opposite sides of the
 package, giving the following information:—(1) The country
 from which it comes. (2) Name of firm of exhibitor. (3) Resi-
 dence of the exhibitor. (4) Group and class to which exhibits
 belong. (5) Total number of packages sent by same exhibitor.
 (6) Serial number of that particular package. Each package
 must contain a list of the exhibits it contains.

Packages from foreign countries containing goods intended
 for the Exhibition must likewise have painted on them, as dis-
 tinctive marks, the letters M.I.E. surrounded by a circle.

Packages from foreign countries must all be marked in such
 a way as to show distinctly whence they come, viz., with the
 colours and devices of their national flag. Foreign Commission-
 ers are particularly requested to forward to the Melbourne
 Commission, as soon as possible, copies of the form of address
 and the distinguishing marks which they have severally adopted.

10. In cases where exhibits are forwarded to Melbourne
 through any of the above named agents of the Commission, all
 expenses of freight, marine insurance, &c., should be prepaid by
 the exhibitor, but if that be inconvenient, the exhibits will be for-
 forwarded, and the charges and freight paid by the agents. The
 sum advanced by the agents will be regarded as a first charge
 upon the exhibits, to be deducted from the net proceeds, in the
 event of their being sold. Should such exhibits, however, not
 be sold, but be claimed by the exhibitor or his authorized agent
 at the close of the Exhibition, then such sums as may have been
 disbursed by the Commission or any of its agents must be paid
 before such goods are delivered.

11. Customs entries, transportation, receiving, unpacking, and
 arranging the products for exhibition will, if required by the
 exhibitor, be undertaken by the Commission, at the expense of
 the exhibitor.

12. Arrangements will be made for transporting goods from
 the port of Melbourne, or the several railway stations, to the
 Exhibition grounds at a fixed rate of charges.

13. Exhibits will be admitted free of duty. The removal of
 goods, except under special circumstances, will not be permitted
 prior to the close of the Exhibition. Facilities will be given for
 the sale of exhibits, delivery to be made after the close of the
 Exhibition.

14. The protection of inventions capable of being patented
 and of designs is secured by the patent laws of Victoria.

15. The placing or fixing of heavy articles, requiring special
 foundations or adjustment, should begin by special arrangement
 as soon as the progress of the work upon the Exhibition Build-
 ings will permit. The general reception of articles in the Ex-
 hibition Buildings will commence on 1st of June, 1880, and no
 articles will be admitted after 31st August, 1880. The plans for
 the display and accommodation of such objects as may require
 either special arrangements or exceptional works for their erec-