

1
"The Gib" or Gibraltar

A Mountain at Bowral.

~~Investigation re status of Newtown~~
~~(Camperdown) Cemetery~~

Hassan's Walls.

Mount Victoria

2[blank]

Gibraltar

M106
+

Referred to by name in letter Sir
Thomas Mitchell to Assistant Surgeon
Elliot 31st March 1829 No 104

4. [blank]

5

Inquiry by H.M. Oxley respecting the Mountain known as "The Gib" at Bowral
The origin of the name Gibraltar as applied to a
Mountain at Bowral cannot be positively stated, but the

Min. 11. 1939

evidence available is in favor of it having been so named by
Sir Thomas Mitchell, then Surveyor General, about 1829 at which
time he was conducting an extensive topographical survey in
that part of the country of Camden.

In support of this supposition it is pointed out that Sir
Thomas Mitchell served with distinction under Wellington in the
Peninsular, where he carried out important military surveys of
the various battlefields; it would therefore have been quite a
natural result that any fancied resemblance in the formation
or appearance of this mountain to the Rock of Gibraltar should
have suggested a name so closely associated with his earlier
Military Career.

The earliest reference which can be traced to the name
"Gibraltar" appears on plan (R 5,582) by Surveyor Elliott dated
1829, but as no reference to the Mountain appears in Mr. Elliott's
Field Book, and as his survey was merely a detail in connection
with the more Extensive work then being carried out by Sir
Thomas Mitchell, there is little doubt that he introduced the
name from Sir Thomas' survey, a plan of which (R 797) dated 1830
indicates the mountain as "Bowrell or Gibraltar".

There are various other plans of later date which show
this mountain under the name of Gibraltar, while upon a plan
by Surveyor Larmer (R.3 853) dated 1843 it is referred to as
"Gibraltar Rocks".

The present name of "The Gib" is evidently an abbreviation
of Gibraltar.

It is recommended that Mr. Oxley be informed of the facts

(Signed) C. Edwards

for Metropolitan District Surveyor
26th February 1911

The Under Secretary.

Extract from Report on the Great Road Southward

30/156

26^e March 1830

* * * * *
The Mittagong Range terminates abruptly in a rock named by
the natives "Bowrell" and by the Stockmen Gibraltar.

* * * * *
From report on Great Road
Southward.

(Signed)

J. L. Mitchell

Indicated by H.H. Oxley regarding the Mountain known as "The Alp" at Bowral
the origin of the name "Alp" is applied to a
Mountain at Bowral cannot be positively stated, but the

W.H. 1929

evidence available is in favor of it having been so named by
Sir Thomas Mitchell, then Surveyor General, about 1833 at which
time he was conducting an extensive topographical survey in
that part of the country of Canada.

In support of this suggestion it is pointed out that Sir
Thomas Mitchell served with distinction under Wellington in the
Peninsular, where he carried out important military surveys of
the various battalions; it would therefore have been quite a
natural result that any named mountains in the formation
or appearance of this mountain to the Peak of Gibraltar should
have suggested a name so closely associated with his earlier
military career.

The earliest reference which can be traced to the name
"Gibraltar" appears on plan (B. 2. 268) by Surveyor Elliott dated
1839, but as no reference to the Mountain appears in Mr. Elliott's
Field Book, and as his survey was merely a detail in connection
with the more extensive work then being carried out by Sir
Thomas Mitchell, there is little doubt that he introduced the
name from Sir Thomas' survey, a plan of which (B. 2. 267) dated 1839
indicates the mountain as "Bowral or Gibraltar".

There are various other plans of later date which show
this mountain under the name of Gibraltar, while upon a plan
by Surveyor James (B. 2. 855) dated 1845 it is referred to as
"Gibraltar Rocks".

The present name of "The Alp" is obviously an abbreviation
of Gibraltar.
It is recommended that Mr. Oxley be informed of the facts

(Signed) C. Edwards

for Metropolitan Water Board
28th February 1911

The Under Secretary.

Extract from report on the Great Rock Settlement

28 Feb 1911

20/12

The following large terrace deposit in a rock quarry by
the river "Borel" and in the stream "Borel".

Hassan's Walls near Bowenfels

The oldest reference that can be traced to Hassan's Walls is upon a plan Catalogued R687 showing Sir Thomas Mitchell's road from N. of P. road to Battinist dated 1830, and Mitchell's Field Book Mitchell Library⁷⁹ dated

Mitchell died Pelgrim Jan 31st May 30th

Devised Road W. Victoria 4 June 30th

Reported to be as being ~~referred~~

named Cliff at Bowenfels as Ruins

of Babylon now Hassan's Walls

It may also be from W. A. Wilson

a Ling. Station at Hassan's Walls, can be traced respecting it.

The following reference to Hassan's Walls has been taken from the New South Wales Calendar for 1834 page 90

Great Western Road

(At 78 miles from Sydney) "Cross Major Lockyer's Road and pass under the rocks which for their resemblance to stupendous ruins in the midst of perfect solitude may have suggested the name of 'Hassan's Walls' in the Arabian Nights or to those lines of Byron's in his description of the ruined palace of Hassan in the Giaour": x x x

H. Selkirk
22 July 1913

The Metropolitan
Archaeological Survey

Hassan's Walls near Bowenfels

The oldest reference that can be traced to Hassan's Walls is upon a plan Catalogued R687 showing Sir Thomas Mitchell's Road from Vale of Clywed to Battinist dated 1830, and purporting to be a copy of an older sketch dated 1827. The original of this ~~sketch~~ was no doubt a sketch prepared to illustrate Sir Thomas Mitchell's first report on the proposed road dated 29^{November} ~~July~~ 1827 (for this report vide Vols & Proceedings 1855 Vol 3. pl 13).

Various plans of later date bear the name "Hassan's Walls"; but no reference can be traced in either Surveyor's Field Books or Correspondence.

It may also be mentioned that Assistant Surveyor Dixon on his plan R657 dated 1830 indicates a Trig. Station at Hassan's Walls, but nothing can be traced respecting it.

The following reference to Hassan's Walls has been taken from the New South Wales Calendar for 1834 page 90.

Great Western Road

(At 78 miles from Sydney) "Cross Major Lockyer's Road and pass under the rocks which from their resemblance to stupendous ruins in the midst of perfect solitude may have suggested the name of 'Hassan's Walls' in the Arabian Nights or to those lines of Byron's in his description of the ruined palace of Hassan in the Giaour": x x x

H. Selkirk

23 July 1913

The Metropolitan
Archaeological Survey

Miss Forest

Incipit Henry

H. Sedwick

23.7-13

Mtob

3

9

Mount Victoria.

Extract from Notes and Proceedings 1855 Vol 3 Folio 13.
Return to order of Parliament on Progress of Roads and
Public Works in New South Wales.

The Journal of the Surveyor General has the following entry.

4th July 1830- The morning fine, set out with men and axes and soon found the best descent from the mountains to the be along the tongue on the southward of Mount York by which a gently inclined road could be made by towering a narrow crest of loose rock which joins the two parts of the ridge together, this when the work was completed was named after the youthful Princess following the order of Royal names in that locality.

Extract from Mitchell's "Australia" Vol.1 folio.153.

The pass to Mount Victoria named by me after the Youthfull Princess and opened by Governor Bourke in 1832.

Mount Victoria.

Extract from Notes and Proceedings 1882 Vol. 2 Folio 12.
 Report to Order of Parliament on Progress of Roads and
 Public Works in New South Wales.

The Journal of the Surveyor General has the follow-

ing entry.

4th July 1830—The morning fine, set out with men and
 axes and soon found the best descent from the mountains
 to the sea along the tongue on the southward of Mount
 York by which a gently inclined road could be made by
 following a narrow crest of loose rock which joins the
 two parts of the ridge together, this when the work was
 completed was named after the youthful Princess follow-
 ing the order of Royal names in that locality.

Extract from Mitchell's "Australia" Vol. 1 Folio 128.

The pass to Mount Victoria named by me after the
 youthful Princess and opened by Governor Bourke in 1832.

11 [blank]

177416
Selkirk, H

Memo. on The fit, Hassan's Walls, &
Mount Victoria