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In the 1830s the New South Wales Principal Superintendent of Convicts Office published notices in the New South Wales Government Gazette (NSWGG) giving descriptions of convicts who were at large after absconding from their employer's custody. The text in 1832 declared that:

'The undermentioned Prisoners having absconded from the Individuals and Employments set against their Names respectively, and some of them being at large with stolen Certificates, and Tickets of Leave, all Constables and others are hereby, required and commanded to use their utmost exertions in apprehending and lodging them in safe custody: Any Person harbouring or employing any of the said Absentees, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.'

This was followed by a list of the convicts giving name, number, ship of arrival, occupation, employer, employer's location, and a description including height, colour of hair and eyes, complexion and sometimes marks and tattoos.

This dataset has been extracted by Malcolm Sainty and Janette Partridge from digitized newspaper images on the National Library of Australia website www.trove.nla.gov.au. Owing to a technical error, absconded convicts from the year 1832 are displaying an incorrect ship name in their index entry and Biographical Report heading. The correct ship name is displaying in the body of the search result. This error will be fixed in the near future.

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