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ESCAPE OF NATIVES FROM ROTTNEST.—The island of Rottneſt has been long pointed out as a proper and ſecure retreat for the reception of her Maſteſty's refractory blacks (the natives) An eſtabliſhment was formed there ſome months back, under the ſuperintendance of Mr. Welch, and a ſmall military force.

Since the formation of this eſtabliſhment, the natives have twice made their eſcape; ſome alteration in the ſyſtem has conſequentially been found to be required, and Mr. Welch, we hear, is likely to be ſuſpended by Mr. Vincent, the preſent Jailor at Fremantle. A few days back, the whalers at Fremantle, in the employ of Captain Scott and Mr. Curtis, when out in the roadſtead on their daily cruise, perceived, at a conſiderable diſtance, an object which attracted their attention; they made for it, and on a nearer approach to it, diſcovered that it was a boat, which was ſlowly impelled by a number of natives with ſhort paddles.

It was ſoon diſcovered that the boat contained fugitives from the iſland; they were conſequentially captured, without, much difficulty, and were conveyed to the Gaol at Fremantle, much to their mortification. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon. G. F. Moore, Eſq., Advocate-General, viſited Fremantle on Thursday morning, when a full investigation of the manner of their eſcape was entered into in the preſence of Mr. Welch, but without any ſatisfactory reſult. It appeared from Mr. Welch's ſtatement, that on the night preſviously to their effecting their eſcape, he had ordered a priſoner named Gee to ſecure them; that he viſited them before going to bed, and found them as uſual. He was perfectly unable to account for their having obtained the means of liberating themſelves, and the whole ſtill remains a myſtery, as inexplicable as the method by which two natives ſome ſhort time back removed their irons during their confinement in the Gaol at Perth.

His excellency receiving this ſecond occurrence of the eſcape of natives from Rottneſt, whiſt under the charge of Mr. Welch, as a matter of ſerious moment, and calculated to bring the efficacy of this eſtabliſhment into contempt, has thought proper to diſmiſs him from the appointment of Superintendent at Rottneſt; but we feel aſſured it has not ariſen from any wanton dereliction of his duty, as we have known Mr. Welch for many years as an active and zealous officer. If theſe natives had ſucceeded in making the main land, and had returned to their old haunts, a moſt ſerious evil would have been inflicted upon the colony, and one which muſt have terminated in bloodſhed; the ſtricteſt watchfulneſs is therefore required at this eſtabliſhment to avert from us any calamity which may reſult from a return of the condemned natives amongſt their old aſſociates in crime.