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Captain Tickell

To the Editor of the Age

Sir, - I have been very much interested in Ships of the Past, particularly one which appeared on Saturday, 14th July as to the Alfred, by J.M. Parkin. I must congratulate Mr Parkin on attaining a fine ripe age and upon his clearness of facts, but wish to point out that he did not get the name of the master quite correctly. It should have been Captain Tickell, who was the father of the late Admiral F. Tickell, C.M.G. of the Australian navy.

My mother has a water-color painting of the Alfred entering Sydney Heads under sail, and a very fine sight she is.

Captain Tickell, who was the writer's grandfather, was master of several other ships which came to Melbourne, including the Holmsdale, Agincourt, Madagascar and Windsor Castle. I have not seen any of them mentioned, but heard Mr Leggett, when he spoke from 3AR, a couple of years ago, say there were two Windsor Castles. This was a surprise to me, for my father had never mentioned it, although he used to tell me a good deal about the other ships, all of which he had travelled in.

He informed me that on the next trip home of the Madagascar, after my grandfather had relinquished command, she disappeared, leaving no trace. She carried a large consignment of gold.

The Holmsdale was a China tea clipper and the favorite ship of my grandfather. One season she won the China tea race.

We still have the log book of the Agincourt on one of her trips, and prize it very much. It contains the names of the passengers and the fact that three hands were lost rounding the Norn, one of them being a midshipman who fell out of the top in a heavy sea.

Perhaps some of your readers may know something of the ships I have mentioned; if so, I would be pleased to hear of them through your columns. - Yours etc. Windsor H. Tickell, Merebin.

THE AGE, SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 1934

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To the Editor of the Age

Sir, - I would like to answer many of the questions submitted this week, but I have not the necessary time. However, I will tell Mr Windsor H Tickell what I know regarding his grandfather, who must have possesses two qualities which Green's considered essential in their commanders. He must have been a gentleman and a prime seaman tried out in their service.

There were two Windsors, Captain George Tickell commanded the ship Windsor, 800 tons, which sailed from Plymouth on 24th July 1852, and arrived at Melbourne on 22nd October, 1852, 89 days. She had a full complement of saloon passengers and seventy-six in the 'tween decks. She left Melbourne on 27th October 1852 for Sydney. The other Windsor, ship, 1099 tons, made three voyages to Melbourne in the years 1853, 1855 and 1856. In the 1855 voyage she brought the 40th Regiment to Melbourne.

In 1858 Captain George Tickell was in command of the ship Agincourt, 958 tons, which he commander for four voyages from London to Melbourne and return to Longon (excellent voyages, too). In 1962 he transferred to the ship Alfred, 1291 tons which left Plymouth on

15th August, 1862, and arrived in Melbourne on 15th November, 1862 – 91 days. On 10th December, 1862, she left Melbourne to Sydney, from whence she went to London. He probably had a year or so in the China trade after that voyage. From 1866 to 1868 he was in command of the ship *Holmsdale*, 1257 tons, in the London-Melbourne trade, making three voyages in her. In the course of those voyages he carried many very interesting colonial people – Yours, etc. T.E.B., St. Kilda.