

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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### Location

Lonsdale Reef, Port Phillip Heads

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S492

### Date lost

13/10/1857

### Official number

31779

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

1 deck; square stern; no galleries; scroll head; carvel built

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

93.10 Feet / 25.30 Feet / 8.80 Feet

### Registration Number

18 of 1857

### Registration Port

Melbourne

**Date lost**

13/10/1857

**Departure**

Adelaide

**Destination**

Melbourne

**Cargo**

Flour, hay, wool, etc.

**Owner**

Thomas Ringrose Creswell, master mariner, of Melbourne

**Master**

Captain T.R. Creswell

**Weather conditions**

Details not known; flood tide

**Cause of loss**

Struck reef. Not discovered until following morning.

**Number of crew**

9

**Crew comments**

including captain

**Statement of significance**

<p>Significant as an early coastal trader</p>

**VHR history**

Struck reef about 9 pm. Not discovered until next morning by outside pilot vessel. Lifeboat and other boats despatched by outside pilot; rescued the passengers and 5 crew members. Captain and 3 crew left in ship's boat to try to get vessel off but not heard of again. Captain held an exempt certificate. In 1857 had been making regular voyages between Melbourne and Adelaide. Mortgaged to Thomas Anstey Chave, gentleman, of Melbourne, 30 March 1857. Register closed 31 October 1857. Breadth differs between earlier Sydney Reg. Cert. (23.6 ft), and Melbourne Reg. Time of wreck differs between Register of Wrecks (midnight) and newspaper accounts (9 pm).