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PREFACE

The Year Book is the principal reference work produced by the Central Office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). It provides a comprehensive and detailed statistical review of all aspects of the economy and social conditions of Australia. In addition, it contains descriptive matter dealing with Australia's history, geography, physiography, climate and meteorology, government, defence and repatriation services and international relations.

The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. This is the sixty-ninth Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government and follows a similar pattern to previous editions. However chapters have been revised and new material has been added. Readers are referred to *Features of this Issue* listed on the facing page for new material included in this edition. In the various chapters of the Year Book, and in the list on page 679 preceding the general index, there are references to special articles, background material and items of historic interest which have appeared in previous issues.

Most of the statistics contained in this volume relate to the years ended June or December 1983 or 1984. More detailed, and in many cases more recent, statistics are available in other ABS publications. The more significant of these publications are listed at the end of the relevant chapters of the Year Book; the ABS Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) lists all current publications of the ABS.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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- n.y.a. not yet available
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- .. not applicable
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- r figures or series revised since previous issue
- n.e.i. not elsewhere included
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
- break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.
- m.—males; f.—females; p.—persons.

Other forms of usage

The following *abbreviations* are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), W.A. (Western Australia), S.A. (South Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), Aust. (Australia).

In general, the *statistics in this volume relate to the States and Territories of Australia*, i.e. they exclude particulars of the External Territories of Australia, which, however, are specifically dealt with in Chapter 27, The Territories of Australia.

Yearly periods shown as e.g. 1984 refer to the year ended 31 December 1984; those shown as e.g. 1983–84 refer to the year ended 30 June 1984. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated. The range of years shown in table heading, e.g. 1901 to 1983–84, indicates the period covered, but does not necessarily imply that each intervening year is included.

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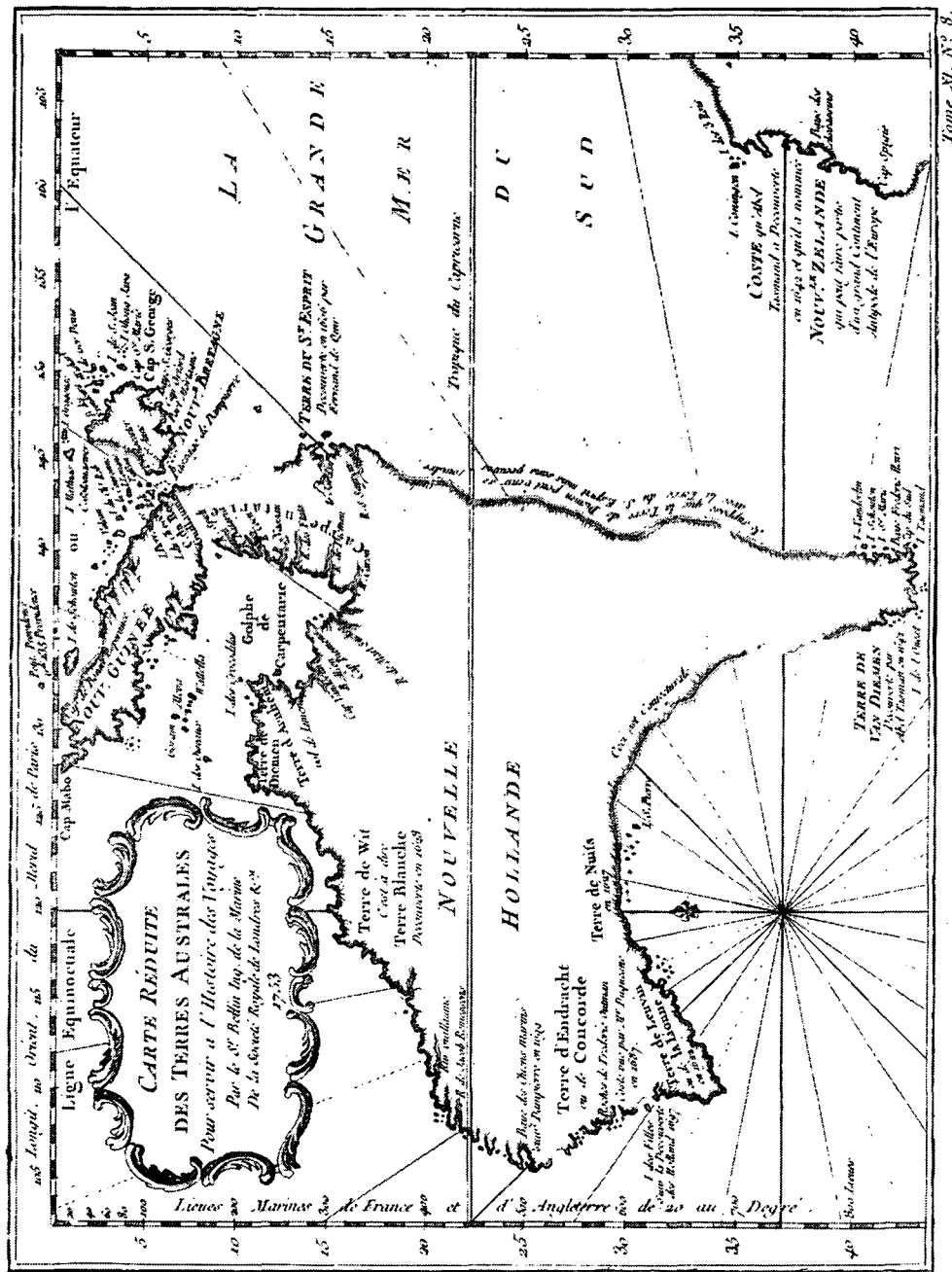
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CARTE RÉDUITE DES TERRES AUSTRALES

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