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The instructions in July 1836 from the S.A. Colonization Commissioners to the Resident Commissioner, J. Hurtle Fisher, required the appointment of an officer appointed for the special welfare of the aborigines. (1) This office, known as that of the Protector of Aborigines, was held ad interim by George Stevenson, Capt. Walter Bromley and William Wyatt until the gazetted appointment on 20 June 1839 of Matthew Moorhouse. (2) Moorhouse held the position until his resignation on 31 March 1856, after which it was held ex officio by the Commissioner of Crown Lands until the appointment on 20 June 1861 of John Walker. (3) Following Walker's death on 26 September 1868 the office was not again filled until 1888, the work being done by Sub-protectors reporting direct to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, (4). Edward Lee Hamilton filled the role of 'head' sub-protector and protector throughout the period from 1873 to 1908.

Until 1891, the Aborigines Office came under the Minister for Crown Lands and Immigration. Between 1892 and 1901 the Minister of Agriculture and Education was the responsible minister; subsequently the office came under the Treasurer and Commissioner for Crown Lands and Immigration (1902-1903), the Attorney-General and Minister of Education (1904-1905), Commissioner of Public Works and Minister of Education (1906-1908), and Commissioner of Public Works thereafter. (5)

From 1912, the Aborigines' Office became the Aborigines' Department, although this appears to have been initially a change in name only, the only staff in addition to the Chief Protector of Aborigines and the Sub-Protector, Far North (a position filled, without salary, by the Sub-Inspector of Police at Port Augusta) being a junior clerk. (6) In February 1918, an Advisory Council of Aborigines was appointed under powers given by the Aborigines Act, 1911. (7) This development would appear to have been prompted by the reports of the Royal Commission on the Aborigines (1913-1916) which had pointed out that the existing staff of the Aborigines "department" (consisting of the Chief Protector of Aborigines and a junior clerk) was inadequate and had recommended the establishment of an advisory board of six honorary members rather than direct Government control of the existing mission stations (Point McLeay, Point Pearce, Killalpaninna and Koonibba). (8)

In 1940, legislation was passed abolishing the office of Chief Protector of Aborigines and the Advisory Council, replacing them with an Aborigines' Protection Board consisting of the Commissioner of Public Works, Prof. J.B. Cleland, Constance Mary Cooke, J.P., Alice Maude Johnston, Rev. Canon S.T.C. Best, Dr. Charles Duguid and Leonard John Cook, with W.R. Penhall as Secretary. (9)
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1a
8th December 1892
Corpl Dowdy
Kingston
The last supply of Aborigines Stores forwarded to Kingston on the 4th ulto., consisted of

1 Ton flour
250 lbs Sugar
40 lbs Tea
10 lbs Tobacco
56 lbs Rice
56 lbs Soap
28 lbs Sago

The attention of the Aboriginal Storekeeper has been called to the inferior quality of the last sugar sent to Aborigines at Kingston (sample of which you forwarded) with a view to prevent its occurrence again.

[Hamilton]

1b
9th December 1892
M.C. Watson
Morgan
The barrels of a double gun have been forwarded here for Aboriginal Bookmark Tommy, Morgan, with a request to have a new stock put thereon.

Can you recommend this request – Tommy does not bear a good character, is much addicted to drink &c – and as he is an able-bodied man, ought to be in a position to pay the cost or part of it, for getting his gun re-stocked. Can you ascertain how the former stock was broken, whether an accident, or the result of carelessness when intoxicated.

[Hamilton]

2a
12th December 1892
Mr D. Blackwell, Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 7th inst., reporting that certain Natives who applied for assistance in purchasing boats, have been concerned in gambling, I have the honor to inform you that the information has been noted.

You state that the a/c enclosed by you from Mr Peterson is for the boat R. Walker applied for, “(in case I feel justified in granting Walker’s request),” I do not understand from this: whether the sale of this boat has actually been ?concluded?, and Walker is in possession of it – you were authorised to obtain the boat on the terms mentioned – Walker’s old Canoe to be given up to you, - please inform me what has been done, and to what extent has the transaction been carried out.

[Hamilton]

2b
13th December 1892
F.G. Wright Esq M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith form of agreement for your signature as Medical Officer to Aborigines, during ensuing year, - the previous agreement will expire on the 31st inst.
Please sign and return to me at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]
13th December 1892
Wm Gibb M.D.
Murray Bridge
Same letter as 2b, for Murray Bridge &c

4a
13th December 1892
M. C. Bannigan
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., applying for some extra firewood for the use of the Aborigines who visit the Depot in larger numbers during Xmas, I have the honor to inform you that, you can be more liberal in supplying the wants of the old, infirm & sick Natives with fuel, but the able-bodied should cut a quantity of firewood on the Reserve near Currency Creek – which you can have carted to their Camp –
I have heard that gambling, drinking &c, has been very prevalent among some of the Natives recently – Reuben Walker is stated to have won £ 5: from another Aboriginal after the Shearing. Is he at Goolwa now, and conducting himself in a satisfactory manner?

5a
14th December 1892
M. C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., - with reference to Stores for the Aborigines, I have the honor to forward you herewith order on Messrs Walker & Son, for the bag of flour supplied last month and also for another bag for use at Xmas. Should any Natives require rations, you can purchase a small supply of Tea, sugar and tobacco for issue at same time - but as there are Depots at Blanchetown and Murray Bridge, it would be well to give no encouragement to the Aborigines to hang about Mannum for any time.

5b
15th December 1892
Messrs J. Dunn & Co.
Pt Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to the order forwarded to you from this Office on the 6th inst., for 1 Ton Household Flour, for Fowlers’ Bay, Messrs Malpas & Little, the Government Shipping Agents, report that you have informed them that you are unable to supply this flour as ordered. Please advise me whether this is correct, as you have not notified me herein, & the flour is required urgently for shipment by the Steamer on Saturday next, the 17th inst.
If you have no household flour available, please forward fine flour.

[Hamilton]
6a
17th December 1892
M.C. Phelan
Morgan
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 14th inst., respecting the guns forwarded here for repair by Aborigines, **Overseer Tommy** and **Bookmark Tommy**, I have the honor to forward you herewith - the letters I received herein – you will perceive that M.C. Watson’s name is mentioned herein, giving me the impression that he was aware of the guns being sent to me.
Perhaps you will be able to say who wrote the letters referred to – please return them to me – the two guns which were sent here are both beyond repair – they have no locks or stocks & the barrels appear much worn & dented &c.

[Hamilton]

6b
19th December 1892
Mr D. Blackwell
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for new Canoes for Aborigines **Long, Gollan & Campbell**, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request will have to stand over till the close of the Current financial year (viz., June next) when their application will be considered.

[Hamilton]

7a
19th December 1892
Mr D. Blackwell
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to the purchase of the Boat from Mr Peterson for Aboriginal **Reuben Walker**, perhaps under the circumstances which you report against **Walker** for misconduct, it would be well to postpone getting this Boat for him until you see him conducting himself more satisfactorily, but will the boat be still available ? Its purchase has been approved by the Honorable Minister as I informed you in my reply to your first letter on the subject.

[Hamilton]

7b
17th December 1892
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Referring to your requisition of the 13th inst. for Aborigines Stores, please note that Blankets, Clothing, Tomahawks &c are usually supplied for issue about April, at the beginning of the cold weather. The Aborigines who usually come to your Depot for the supplies should therefore have this explained to them to enable you to arrange to have the general issue of these articles made at the same time as at other Depots.

[Hamilton]
8
23rd December 1892
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to your forwarding rations from Stansbury to Aborigines at Yorketown, Warooka, and Port Vincent, I have the honor to inform you that it is considered undesirable to continue this practice – the Depots existing at Edithburgh and Stansbury furnish all needful supplies and also having boats give the natives facilities for fishing, and if the Aborigines occasionally desire to visit inland localities, they can, if so inclined, obtain employment from the settlers. Those who visit Port Vincent, can use their boat once or twice a month to procure a supply of rations.
I perceive that the names of several of the Natives referred to as being at Warooka – appear on the Edithburgh Depot’s monthly return.
The issue of Govt rations is mainly intended for the relief of the very old & infirm Natives and not to encourage the able-bodied in habits of idleness &c.
Should it be considered that Warooka or Yorketown is a more suitable locality for an Aborigines’ depot than Edithburgh or Stansbury, a representation to that effect should be made to this office.

[Hamilton]

9a
12th January 1893
M.C. Barrett
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., applying for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, and stating that the 10 lbs of Tobacco forwarded to you with the last supplies, had not reached you, I have the honor to inform you that this Tobacco was enclosed in one of the Blanket Bales, to ensure safety in transit. I presume you have not opened these Bales, otherwise the tobacco would have been found – I probably omitted to point out this to you in my previous advice of Stores forwarded.
As the funds at disposal of this office for the remainder of the Current financial year are limited, due economy will have to be exercised in the issue of these Stores, which should be restricted to the old, infirm & sick Natives.

[Hamilton]

9b
12th January 1893
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
Sir,
Referring to my previous I advising you of despatch of Aborigines Stores for Mr Gourlay, Mount Eba – to Coward Springs for his camel teams, expected to leave there on the 18th inst., - I find that a package of rice (56 lbs) has been delayed in transit and may not arrive at Coward in time – if this should be so, will you be good enough to supply and forward 56 lbs rice to go on with the other Stores, as another opportunity of transport may not arise for some months.

[Hamilton]
10a
19th January 1893
Mr A[mbrose]. Redman
Point Macleay
Referring to the letter of the late Mr Blackwell of the 30th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Laelinyeri for a lease of a piece of land in the Hundred of Malcolm, viz., a portion of Block L, situate close to the Wellington and Meningie Road, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether Laelinyeri has the means of utilising this land in the event of obtaining a lease of it, and can you recommend him as likely to cultivate it to advantage.

[Hamilton]

10b
23rd January 1893
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., enquiring whether this Department at any time undertakes to have guns repaired for Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that, in some exceptional cases, of an old & infirm Aboriginal who is unable himself to incur the expense of repairing his gun, it has been done for him, but all the circumstances should be fully stated in any application of this kind made to this Office.

[Hamilton]

11a
24th January 1893
Messrs W. & N. Dunk
Milang
Order herewith for rail pass you issued yesterday, to Aboriginal Henry Rankine – Milang to Strathalbyn. Three orders also enclosed for issue in any case of illness &c – when a native has to proceed to the Adelaide Hospital, or to see a Doctor.

[Hamilton]

11b
26th January 1893
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., respecting Aboriginal Charles Nettoon, I have the honor to inform you that the Hospital Surgeon said he could not operate on Nettoon’s eye till the sight was completely gone. If you think this condition is reached, you had better send Nettoon in by the Steamer next Wednesday, advising me by telegram from Milang if he starts. I enclose order for his rail pass, you can give him an order on Mr Dunk for the Steamer passage.
If Nettoon comes to town, who will paint his Boat? I will not send paint till I hear whether you can arrange for the painting of the Canoe. It is usually tar that is supplied for this purpose, - do you consider paint more suitable?
Nettoon’s wife and daughter Grace [Buffalo?] obtained passes to return home last Tuesday – have you a girl named Mabel Pantoni now at Point Macleay?
P.S. Please avoid, as far as possible, sending these Natives on Saturday, as I am frequently out of Town and unable to meet them at the Station in the evening.

[Hamilton]
12a  
1st February 1893  
John Symons Esq  
Morgan  
Referring to your letter of the 24th ulto., acknowledging receipt of Stores for Aborigines at Morgan – I enclose an order for some rations for Aboriginal Old Kangaroo Jimmy who is too old & infirm to obtain his supplies from the Depot at Blanchetown – please give this order to one of your local storekeepers who will supply the articles. If necessary, a fresh order will be issued for a further supply of rations. Before the cold weather sets in, some sort of tent or covering will, when required, be forwarded for Old Jimmy.  

[Hamilton]

12b  
2nd February 1893  
B. C. Besley Esq  
Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Pt Augusta  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., stating that a good supply of Aborigines Stores is required at Oodnadatta – I have the honor to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this office for the rest of the current financial year are very limited, very great care will be necessary in the dispensing of rations to the Depots in Far North, which are now making greater demands for stores than usual and much in excess of the requirements of the previous year [start of the 1890s drought?]  
Please furnish me with a special report at once as to any exceptional circumstances in the condition, needs &c of the Aborigines in your District.  

[Hamilton]

13a  
3rd February 1893  
M.C. Blake  
Port Germein  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., applying for a further supply of stores for the Aborigines at Port Germein, I have the honor to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this office for the remainder of the current financial year are very limited, it will be necessary that the Stores now forwarded, should be economised as much as possible. No encouragement should be given to able-bodied natives to depend on supplies from the Depot, they should be induced to return to their own Districts and obtain their natural food.  

[Hamilton]

13b  
6th February 1893  
Mr A. Redman  
Point Macleay  
With reference to your enquiry respecting new Canoes for Aborigines, the late Mr Blackwell applied for some last November, and was informed that owing to the limited funds at disposal of this Office during the current financial year, the request would have to stand over till after the 1st July next, when the matter would be considered.  

[Hamilton]
14a
9th February 1893
Mr A. Redman, Point Macleay
I regret to inform you that the native woman Kropinyeri died last night (Wednesday) at the Adelaide Hospital. On Tuesday appeared better, and intended to return to Point Macleay next Friday, - I saw her about 5 pm yesterday and as she then had a relapse & wished her husband to come up to see her, I intended sending him a message to that effect today but now of course it is too late and it would be useless for him to come as the burial will take place today.

[Hamilton]

14b
9th February 1893
Mr J. W. Manfield, Farina
Please note that the attached a/c was forwarded to you in error to Police Department vide endorsements thereon.
All a/cs for transport of Aborigines Stores should be sent direct to this Office.
Please return a/c &c with procuration order from J. Becknell in your favour – when Payment will be made in due course to your Adelaide agent, D. & G. Fowler.

[Hamilton]

15a
13th February 1893
M.C. Teate, Renmark
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., applying for a Boat for Aboriginal Paddy Richardson who will pay £4: towards ?total cost of £ 10:, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request has been approved and the Boat can be obtained on the terms mentioned.

[Hamilton]

15b
13th February 1893
W. E. Dalton Esq
[Hon. Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association]
Adelaide
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Point Macleay Mission
The annual financial returns A., B. & C., for the year ended 30th June 1892, have not yet been received in this office.
Please have them furnished at your earliest convenience (forms herewith).

[Hamilton]

16a
13th February 1893
M.C. Naulty
Penola
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., with enclosure from Mr John Riddock of ?Yalluna? recommending that two old & infirm Aborigines named Jacky and Kitty be supplied with meat rations – I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to obtain some meat for these natives, say 1½ lbs daily for both.

[Hamilton]
16b
14th February 1893
Dr W. Gibb
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 10th inst., enquiring what has been done about the appointment of Superintendent for the Point Macleay Mission Station – I have the honor to inform you that I believe no appointment has yet been made. The matter rests with the Committee of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, who will probably now in a few days announce in the public papers, the appointment.
I heard that there were 25 applicants for the position – but I have no idea who is likely to be appointed.

[Hamilton]

17a
15th February 1893
Mr H. D. Jones
Halbury
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th ulto., representing the case of Aboriginal Polly Goldsmith, who complained of the treatment she is receiving at the hands of Mr Phillip Lewis, with whom she entered into an agreement to crop on halves the section of land leased to her by the Government, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that enquiry has been made into the matter, and it does not seem that any injustice is being done.

[Hamilton]

17b
17th February 1893
Josiah Bonnin Esq
Nalpa [Wellington]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., applying for a Canoe for two old Aborigines named John & Louisa Carpeny, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that steps will be taken to have a canoe built at Goolwa for these natives.

[Hamilton]

18a
20th February 1893
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to the a/c you recently forwarded to this Office for burial charges of Aborigines at Point Macleay, I perceive herein a charge of 10/- for burial of an infant named Mary Ulingbord [Ulingbow] on the 17th November 1892.
In an a/c rendered now by Mr Dowland of Goolwa, the burial charges of Aborigines, there also appears a charge for the infant named Ulingbord on the 15th November 1892, but without any Christian name. Can you ascertain whether two infants of this name died at the same time, and if not why are two charges made, one at Point Macleay and one at Goolwa.

[Hamilton]
18b
21st February 1893
D. McKenzie Esq
Franklin Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., stating that a further supply of Aborigines Stores will be required by you at the end of the current month, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Department are very limited, and owing to the necessity for strict economy imposed upon the Government during the present financial year, I cannot hold out any hope to you that additional supplies for the Aborigines at your Depot will be available for some time – every effort will therefore have to be made to issue the Stock on hand to meet the most needful cases – and the Natives should be induced to return to their own districts as soon as possible.

[Hamilton]

19a
21st February 1893
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
With reference to attached a/c, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to note that the item on Jan 22/1893, £ 1. 15/- Rail carriage on stores for Barrett, Innamincka, was charged to this office by the Railway Department in their current a/c, - and the amount was paid to them on the 15th inst. I cannot understand therefore how it comes to be charged to you, and entered in the enclosed a/c. With respect to the item £ 11. 9. 6, you have sent no cart-note for this, and there is no date to it. Please in future render these Cartage a/cs separately in each Teamster’s name, with cart-note and procuration order attached – Your own agency a/cs should be rendered separately from the Cartage a/cs – The Commissioners of Audit will not pass a/cs unless these details are complied with.

[Hamilton]

19b
21st February 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., respecting the request of Old [George?] Carpeny & wife to have their Canoe repaired at a cost of £ 1. 2. 6, you are authorised to have the work done. Please inform me if these natives are John and Louisa Carpeny – I find that Mr Bonnin, manager, Nalpa Station, near Wellington, has applied to this Office for a new Canoe for Aborigines John & Louisa Carpeny and he appears to have done so under the impression they had no Canoe.

[Hamilton]
20a
21st February 1893
M.C. Teate
Renmark
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarded through your Inspector to me, enclosing a letter addressed to you from Mr J.W. Robertson of Chowilla, calling attention to some wild Aborigines with large numbers of dogs, who have recently been seen on one of his runs, I have the honor to inform you, that some further information about these natives, should you be able to procure such when patrolling your district, would be very interesting as they appear at present to have had very little communication with Europeans – and I would like to know something more about them, the tribe they belong to, their habits, customs &c –
If their dogs are troublesome, I presume you can deal with them under the provisions of the Dog Act.

[Hamilton]

20b
22nd February 1893
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
The Gun of Aboriginal Mason, which you forwarded last month to Adelaide per Hill & Co., has not yet been found – In the event of it being necessary to enable a claim on Hill & Co. for it, can you furnish me with a statement of the value of the gun, at the time you sent it to me.

[Hamilton]

21a
23rd February 1893
Mr J. R. Gourlay
Mt Eba
Your memo in your January Aborigines Stores only reached this Office today, 23rd inst., and as you say your camels were to leave Coward yesterday, the 22nd inst., it is now impossible to forward any Stores by them – please inform me in time, when there will be another opportunity of transport to Mt Eba.
Your monthly returns should be forwarded though Mr Besley at Port Augusta to this Office, and your application for any stores for the Aborigines should be made to allow of sufficient time to prepare and forward the goods – Can you send me a telegram when there is any urgency.

[Hamilton]

21b
28th February 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Referring to your letter of yesterday enclosing ?P. Card from Mr Bonnin of Nalpa, respecting Canoe for the natives Carpeny – Mr Bonnin was informed that a new Canoe would be provided before I heard from you that the Carpenys had a Canoe which at a Cost of £ 1. 2. 6 could be repaired & made serviceable for some time – I will communicate with Mr Bonnin who evidently was not aware these people had a boat when he applied for one for them – and you had better get their canoe repaired at once as per recommended, which will save present outlay for a new Canoe.

[Hamilton]
22a
28th February 1893
J. Bonnin Esq.
Nalpa
Sir,
With reference to previous correspondence with you, about a new Canoe for Aborigines John and Louisa Carpeny, I have just ascertained from Corporal Miller, of Murray Bridge, that these natives have a canoe, which at a cost of about 20/- can be repaired, and made serviceable for some time, as our funds are somewhat limited for the current year. I have requested the Police to get this canoe repaired accordingly and the new Canoe will not be proceeded with until required – I presume you were not aware at the time you applied for the new Canoe, that the Natives had a boat.

[Hamilton]

22b
2nd March 1893
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
The following amts due to you by this Office, have been collected this day, by Messrs D. & J. Fowler, your Adelaide agents:-

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[Hamilton]

23
28th February 1893
M.C. Bannigan
Goolwa
Sir,
With reference to the issue of rations to the Aborigines at Goolwa, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Department are very limited, and owing to the necessity for strict economy imposed upon the government during the present distribution of Aborigines...... in the case of able-bodied natives, thirty of whom appear to have been at Goolwa, as shown on your January return, these should be induced to return to the Murray & the Lakes &c, where fishing and shooting &c ought to enable them to relieve the Depot of their presence.

The supply of Stores now forwarded should be restricted mainly to the old, sick and infirm natives. You will perceive from Circular memorandum herewith that the issues of Tobacco will in future have to be curtailed as 5 lbs in lieu of 10 lbs will be supplied with the other stores.

[Hamilton]
24a  
7th March 1893  
Corpl Miller, Murray Bridge  
Sir,  
With reference to the case of Carpeny's Canoe, you had better inform these two natives that a new Canoe will be obtained for them, as soon as I can have one prepared at Goolwa – the old canoe may as well be repaired as ordered, cost not to exceed the sum named, viz., £ 1. 2. 6. If you can find out – advise me to whom it belongs, and? Keep a record of all canoes repaired.  

[Hamilton]  

24b  
6th March 1893  
Mr H. Oldenhoven, Yorketown  
Sir,  
With reference to the Aborigines at Marion Bay, please inform me whether, in the event of their boat being removed from Edithburgh to Marion Bay, you could exercise a general supervision over the boat and see it taken proper care of by the Natives – I will arrange for its removal on hearing from you that it can be looked after at Marion Bay – probably some of the natives could take it down in fine weather along the coast.  

[Hamilton]  

25a  
8th March 1893  
Mr A. Spender, Moonta  
Your application for Block 1233 in the Hundred of Wallaroo has been granted, and a lease of the land is being prepared & will be forwarded to you shortly.  
With regard to your request for putting the water on this land, you should state what distance will the water require to be laid in and give an estimate of the probable cost of same.  

[Hamilton]  

25b  
8th March 1893  
Messrs J. Hill & Co., Adelaide  
Please return M.C. Gibbons' report relating to the Aborigines Gun forwarded from Mannum to Adelaide in January last per Coach, and which has been missing. In the event of the gun being lost in transit from Mannum to Adelaide – please inform me what you propose to do. The value of the Gun was from 10/- to 716/-.  

[Hamilton]  

26a  
14th March 1893  
M.C. Thornton  
Border Town  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., reporting the death of Aboriginal Lazy Jimmy and the refusal of the Aborigines at the Camp to dig a Grave for him, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that if these Aborigines, who refuse to dig the Grave, are receiving rations, they ought to be stopped for, say, a week, with a notification to them that their rations will be withheld for a month, should they again on a future occasion, refuse to dig a grave for one of their number.  

[Hamilton]
26b
17th March 1893
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., relative to repair of Aborigines' Boat & anchor – you can have
the necessary work done to the anchor but the painting &c of the Boat will have to stand over for the
present, as the funds at disposal of this department are very limited for the current year.

[Hamilton]

27a
18th March 1893
M.C. Naulty
Penola
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., stating that a fresh supply of Aborigines rations is required at
Penola Depot, and enclosing lit of prices at which the articles can be locally purchased – I have the honor
to inform you that you are authorised to procure the following rations at the prices submitted:-

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[Hamilton]

27b
23rd March 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., respecting the case of Aboriginal Old Giles, I have the honor to
inform you that in the event of his death at Murray Bridge, no expense can be incurred for his burial at
Wellington, except the other natives are willing to remove him there in their Canoes in which case a
plain coffin, similar in material & cost to what is allowed for the Destitute Poor, may be provided.
You may obtain a dozen empty bags for Old Giles' wurley. I see the bags supplied at Murray bridge are
charged 7/- a dozen – the usual price paid in other localities is from 4/- & 5/- a dozen.

[Hamilton]

28a
23rd March 1893
Y. A. Hicks Esq
Beetaloo Waterworks
Crystal Brook
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of the
application of Aboriginal Alfred Spender to have water laid on to Block 1233, Hd of Wallaroo, leased to
him by the Government, provided the cost thereof does not exceed £ 2. 10. 0.
I enclose the necessary documents herein – please have the a/c rendered to this office for payment. I
presume a ½-inch service laid on to just inside boundary of Block 1233, will not exceed the cost named,
£ 2. 10. 0.

[Hamilton]
28b
24th March 1893
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., stating that you have obtained the offer of a boat, nearly new, for £8. 10/- with oars &c, I have the honor to inform you that you can accept the offer. The Boat is for Aborigines John & Louisa Carpeny who are now at Murray Bridge – they will be instructed to go to Mannum & you will be good enough to hand the boat over to them on arrival there. Could you have a broad arrow - ... - painted inside the stern of the Boat. [Hamilton]

29a
24th March 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have obtained a boat at Mannum for Aborigines John & Louisa Carpeny – will you be good enough to instruct them to proceed there for it as the department will not incur any expenses for its transport to Murray Bridge. M.C. Gibbons has been advised to hand the boat over to them. [Hamilton]

29b
4th April 1893
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
When passing through Stansbury last week, I saw the Aborigines’ boat partly sunk at her moorings near the Jetty – I was unable to see you about this before I left Stansbury – As the Boat will probably suffer injury in its present condition, will you be good enough to inform me whether it could be repaired at Stansbury and the cost of doing so. [Hamilton]

30a
7th April 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., with reference to the request of Aboriginal Joe Cook for the purchase of a gun, which has been offered to him for 30/- by Mr Williams, Storekeeper, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that one half of the cost of this Gun will be paid by this Department provided the other moiety is provided by the native himself. [Hamilton]
30b
12th April 1893
D. Robin Esq
Secy: S.A. Woollen Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith the form of contract to be entered into by your Company as Contractor for 2000 Aborigines Blankets, to be supplied to the Govt in Sept 1893, and January 1894, and to request that you will be good enough to have the same signed &c and returned to this office at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

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Blankets for Aborigines

The undersigned directors of and, sending of, and on behalf of, the S.A. Woollen Company, Limited, hereinafter styled the Contractors, in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds (£ 750) to be paid to the said contractors, by the Treasurer, on behalf of the Government of South Australia, do hereby agree with the Commissioners of Railways for the said Province, as supply and Tender to forward to the said government, Two thousand (2000) Grey all-wool Blankets of South Australian all packages included, it is agreed that the said Blankets shall weigh Five (5) pounds and that each blanket shall be seven (7) ft long, by five (5) feet six (6) inches wide, and equal in quality to the sample blanket submitted by the said Contractor, and the words "aborigines Department" in letters two (2) inches long, are to be legibly stamped in white paint in centre of each blanket, forming a circle of fifteen inches diameter, with the "broad arrow" in the centre. It is further agreed that the said blankets shall be delivered direct to the Aborigines Storekeeper, General Post Office Stores, Adelaide, as follows – one thousand blankets not later than the last day of September, 1893, and one thousand not later than the last day of January, 1894, and subject to a penalty of 2½ % per month, or part of a month, for non-delivery within the specified time, and that in the event of a question arising to the quality of the said blankets, furnished by the said Contractor, he head of the Aborigines Department, or the officer in charge thereof, shall have power to reject such blankets as are of obviously inferior quality, and the said Contractor in such cases, agrees forthwith to furnish better blankets in their stead, but should the said Contractor refuse or omit to do so, within seven days after being so required by notice in writing, served up to him, or left at his place of abode or business in Adelaide, the said blankets may be purchased there by the officer or person requiring them, and it is agreed that the said Contractor shall pay difference in price, or allow the same to be deducted from any sum which may be payable to the said Contractor by the said Government. Dated at Adelaide aforesaid this day of April, One thousand, eight hundred and ninety three (1893)

S.A. Railways Commissioner
S.A. Woollen Co. Ltd.

On supply & Tender Board
Witness to signatures of

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S.A. Railway Commissioner aforesaid
Witness to signatures aforesaid.
33a
12th April 1893
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., stating that you are willing to repair and paint (2 coats) the Aborigines Boat at Stansbury, finding all necessary materials, for the sum of £ 1. 12. 6, I have the honor to inform you that your offer has been accepted on these terms.

[Hamilton]

33b
13th April 1893
Mr G. L. Mason
East Wellington
I visited Ilkabidnie yesterday at the Adelaide Hospital, - he has been suffering from Hydatids and an operation was performed on him a week ago – from which he is now recovering.
It will be some little time yet before he can leave the Hospital.

[Hamilton]

34a
13th April 1893
Corpl Miller, Murray Bridge
With reference to attached a/c from Williams & Co. for 15/-, ½ cost of Gun for Aboriginal Joe Cook, please note that the a/c should show that Cook has paid his 15/- before the balance can be paid by this Department – and the receipt of Williams & Co’s a/c for Cook’s 15/- should be attached to the a/c.

[Hamilton]

34b
17th April 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to the request of Aboriginal Leonard Lovegrove for a pass to enable him to proceed to Poonindie to remove some children of his from there to Point Macleay, please inform me how many children of his are at Poonindie and do you recommend his request.
It is not usual for this Department to incur the expenses of removal of Aborigines from one Mission Station to another unless under exceptional circumstances, which, in this instance, have not been stated.

[Hamilton]

35a
20th April 1893
Sergt McKeevor, Clare
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., respecting Aboriginal boy Jimmy Dunn, who wishes for a pass to Adelaide to seek work – I have the honor to inform you that there is no prospect of this native obtaining work in Adelaide unless he is known to some person who will take him – the streets here are full of persons seeking work, and the boy would simply have to wander about exposed to the temptations of city life, or be placed in a Boarding House at the expense of this office.
It would be better if he could get some work in the neighbourhood of Clare, at Bungaree or Hill River. If he is not too old, I might be able to get him admitted to the Mission Stations at Point Macleay or Point Pierce. You do not state his age.

[Hamilton]
24th April 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Pt Macleay
Please note with reference to the native girl I spoke to you about when you were last at this office, that it is intended to send her down to Point Macleay on Friday next, via Milang. The constable there will see her off by the Steamer and can you have her met at the Jetty at the Steamer’s Landing place.
I have had another request to send a boy to Point Macleay named Paddy, a native of Port Darwin. He has been down here about 5 years – he is 15 years old, intelligent & useful, a good cook. Will you be able to admit him to the Mission – if so, I may be able to send him down on Friday also.

[Hamilton]

25th April 1893
M.C. Siggins
Streaky Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that a supply of Tobacco is required at your Depot, and enclosing Freight a/c due to Mr Betts – I have the honor to inform you that the Tobacco will be forwarded to you with your next general supply of rations – in the mean time, you can borrow a small quantity – say, 2 lbs – if you can’t borrow, it may be purchased at Streaky Bay.
With reference to the a/cs owing by this Office which you forwarded recently to me, I will remit you orders in payment thereof on the 1st of next month.

[Hamilton]

27th April 1893
Mrs Polly Goldsmith
Balaklava
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., submitting complaints respecting Mr Phillip Lewis, with whom you have made an agreement to cultivate part of the section of land leased to you by the Govt, I have written to Mr Lewis for an explanation therein.

[Hamilton]

27th April 1893
Mr Phillip Lewis
Balaklava
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mrs Goldsmith, who holds a section of land from the Govt at Balaklava, has written to me complaining that you prevent her running a horse on the land, and that you have not carried out your agreement with her to plough a part of the land.
Will you be good enough to furnish me with any remarks or explanation you may have to offer herein.

[Hamilton]
37b
28th April 1893
A B Murray Esq, J.P.
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., applying for rations, blankets, &c., for the relief of destitute Aborigines at Cootamurina, Far North, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a supply as per margin, will be forwarded to Cootamurina on hearing from you, the name of your Manager there and the route by which the stores are to be forwarded.

[In Margin: 1000 lbs Flour
112 lbs Sugar
24 lbs Tea
2 lbs Tobacco
20 Blankets
6 Blue Serge Shirts]

[Hamilton]

38a
29th April 1893
Mr. McDonald
Cootamurina
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a supply of rations, blankets &c will be forwarded to you, as per list herewith, for the relief of the old & infirm Aborigines at Cootamurina.

You will be good enough to keep an account of all issues to the natives and furnish the usual monthly return thereof to this office on the forms, a supply of which is sent to you in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]

38b
1st May 1893
M.C. Siggins
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you the attached orders in payment of accompanying a/cs as under – which please have receipted and returned to me without delay. The Cost of these Aboriginal burials, £ 4: each, is considered excessive, and in future the graves should be prepared by the natives themselves at some distance from the Township which will save the expenses of Cemetery fees.

F. Campbell  £ 6:
A. B. John  £ 2:
W. H. Betts  16/2

[Hamilton]
39a
2nd May 1893
E. G. Blackmore Esq
Acting Trustee
Poonindie Native Institution
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal named Leonard Lovegrove left Poonindie with his wife and child last year and went to Point Macleay where he is now residing. Two of his children aged about 7 & 8 years – are still at Poonindie, and he is desirous of having them removed to Point Macleay. Will you be good enough to instruct your superintendent at Poonindie to forward these children to Pt Adelaide by Steamer at the first opportunity presenting itself, when some person would undertake the charge of the children on the Steamer – the cost of their passages will be defrayed by this Office.

[Hamilton]

39b
3rd May 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., respecting the removal of Aboriginal Lovegrove’s two children from Poonindie to Point Macleay, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he considers it unnecessary to incur the expense of sending Lovegrove to Poonindie, - the Manager of that Mission Station has been communicated with, and will forward the children & I will have them met on arrival & taken care of, & sent on to Point Macleay by 1st opportunity - & will advise you thereof later on.

[Hamilton]

40a
9th May 1893
Mrs L. E. Beaton
Mount Gambier
Order herewith in payment of attached a/c which please receipt and return to this office without delay. With reference to the Native girl Jennie Westerndorf, I will communicate with the Point Macleay Mission station, and ascertain whether she can be admitted into that Institution, and will advise you herein later on.

[Hamilton]

40b
8th May 1893
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal ½ Caste girl is anxious to go to your Mission Station, - she comes from North of the Burra, was recently married to a white person who has deserted her and left her quite destitute. Her maiden name was Edith Edwards – she states that some of her relatives have been at Point Pierce.
She seems a tidy, respectable girl and has been badly treated.
Please say if you can have her met at Maitland, & I will have her sent there via Ardrossan and wire you when she will reach Maitland.

[Hamilton]
41
15th May 1893
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce Mission
Port Victoria
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., stating that an Aboriginal named Emma Williams & her son are desirous of proceeding to Poltallock Station on the River Murray, and enquiring whether their travelling expenses would be paid by this Department, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.  

[Hamilton]

42a
16th May 1893
The Secretary of
The Aboriginal Protection Board
Melbourne
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal named Joe Clark of Ararat in Victoria, has been a patient in the Adelaide Hospital for some weeks past, - he is now ready for discharge and wishes to return to Ararat.  We will forward him to our border (Serviceton) – can you oblige me with a rail pass for him from Serviceton to Ararat ?  

[Hamilton]

42b
17th May 1893
Mrs L. E. Beaton
Mount Gambier
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., respecting the removal of the native girl Westerndorf to a Mission Station, I have the honor to inform you that, she will be admitted to the Point Macleay Native Institution.  I enclose an order for her rail journey to Adelaide.  Please advise me by Telegram when she will arrive here, to enable arrangements to be made to meet her.  

As there is communication between Adelaide & Point Macleay on Tuesdays and Fridays only, it will be better for her to come from Mt Gambier on either Mondays or Thursdays.  

[Hamilton]

43a
25th May 1893
The General Traffic Manager
S.A. Railways
Adelaide
Sir,
On the 22nd inst., an Aboriginal named Joe Clarke obtained an order from this office for a rail pass to Ararat, Victoria, (2nd class).  I applied to the Melbourne Railway Department for a rail pass for Clarke from our border to Ararat, but as Clarke was discharged from the Adelaide Hospital sooner than I expected and before the enclosed reached me from Melbourne, I had to give him an order for the whole journey.  

Can you utilize the enclosed pass now, as a set-off against your charge on this Office for the journey to Ararat ?  

[Hamilton]
43b
29th May 1893
The Manager of the S. A. Woollen Co.
Lobethal
Sir,
I find that we are running short of Aborigines Blankets, owing to a larger demand than usual upon them – I suppose it is too early to expect you to have completed any of your next contract supply, - have you any of the line “Brown Blankets for Gaols” for which your contract to supply at 16/9 per pair – and if so, can you send me 75 pair, which should be 150 single blankets.

[Hamilton]

44
30th May 1893
The Honorable Minister of Agriculture & Education
Sir,
I have the honor to submit with reference to the case of several Aborigines, recently tried for Murder by Mr Justice Dashwood, at Port Darwin, and sentenced to death, that from a conversation yesterday with the Hon. The Attorney-General, there appears to be some reason to doubt the legality of the proceedings on the trial of these condemned men, and as the time is very limited for appeal to the Supreme Court, in a serious case of this nature, I respectfully recommend that a Counsel be retained/prepared to enquire into this question, with a view to such further action being taken, as may be considered necessary to test the validity of the sentence passed on these Aborigines.

[Hamilton]

45a
30th May 1893
Mr Redpath
Manager, S.A. Woollen Co.
Lobethal
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th inst., respecting the blankets required for Aborigines, I beg to inform you that the 200 Brown blankets will be taken – please have them stamped and delivered, with as little delay as possible, to the Aboriginal Storekeeper, General Post Office Stores.
If you can send a part of them down when ready, it will be desirable, as we have only a dozen blankets left and there are several applications for a supply – Please make out two a/cs – one for 155 blankets and one for the balance – we lent the Northern Territory Department 155 which will be paid for by that Vote.
P.S. Please advise me when you can send down, say, 60 Blankets.

[Hamilton]

45b
30th May 1893
Miss C. Smith
Mt Gambier
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., respecting Jennie Westerndorff – I have the honor to inform you that I met her at the Station here on Monday night, and took her to the Destitute Asylum, where Mr Lindsay, the Manager, arranged to keep her till Friday morning, when she will proceed to Point Macleay. I will send your letter to Mr Sutton, the Superintendent at the Mission Station, to enable him to see what your wishes are about Jennie, and I have no doubt that he & Mrs Sutton will look after her while she remains there.

[Hamilton]
2nd June 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for a Boat for Aboriginal George Jones, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Department for current financial year will not admit of any further expenditure for Canoes at Murray Bridge, and the request of Aboriginal Jones cannot be complied with at present. Please inform me what part of the Murray does Jones belong to, and has he a family depending upon him for support.

[Hamilton]

5th June 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that several old Aborigines have Canoes which require repairs, & enquiring whether some timber could be supplied by this Department for that purpose, I have the honor to inform you that a statement should be forwarded to this Office, showing number of canoes requiring repairs, names of their owners – and quantity and description of timber needed. I presume you intend to get the work performed by the more intelligent of the Aborigines, able to undertake it properly.

[Hamilton]

5th June 1893
The Secretary: Wallaroo Hospital
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., explaining the error that occurred in rendering an a/c from your Hospital for £ 1. 5/- instead of for £ 1. 12. 6 for burial of an Aboriginal child, I regret to say that the Imprest order was drawn for the £ 1. 5/- and with the Voucher, posted to you prior to receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. Perhaps under these circumstances the best course now will be to render another a/c for the balance due, as the cheque drawn for the £ 1. 5/- cannot be altered.

[Hamilton]

12th June 1893
M.C. Bannigan
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th ulto., recommending erection of two water closets at native camps, Goolwa, and reporting steps taken by the Goolwa Corporation and Local Board of Health for the removal of the Aborigines’ wurlies further from the townships – I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of one W.C. being provided, and I have to request that you will be good enough to obtain & forward to me two or three offers from Local Tradesmen to provide and fit the W.C. as per particulars on separate memo, the building to be put up on the cliff overhanging the shore of the river at the spot indicated by you to me, when at Goolwa last week.

[Hamilton]
6th June 1893
M.C. Bannigan
Goolwa

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., reporting the disorderly conduct of Aboriginal Andrew Hamilton, and recommending that idle and lazy, able-bodied, Natives be required to perform certain work before receiving rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that Aborigines misconducting themselves, especially when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, may be deprived of rations until they amend their conduct.
There will be no objection to the idle, lazy, able-bodied natives, being required to do a few hours work before receiving rations, provided this employment is for the benefit of the Govt, such as clearing & arranging the Depot Stores, and conveying the Stores to & from the Railway Station and Depot.

14th June 1893
Mr A. Waterman
Kingston

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., enquiring about the Aboriginal Jas Ilkabidnie, I have the honor to inform you that he was discharged from the Adelaide Hospital on Monday last and I believe returned to Kingston the same day.
I do not know whether he had any money in his possession when he left Adelaide, but I hope you will find him honest in paying the amount he is indebted to you.

16th June 1893
M.C. Gibbons, Mannum

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., concerning a Boat for Aboriginal Tom Walker, I have the honor to inform you that this native was provided with a new Canoe a few years ago at Wellington – which he very seldom used, as the principal part of his time was spent loafing about Adelaide & getting locked up for drunkenness &c.
If you consider Walker has improved in his conduct and that the possession of a Canoe would induce him to remain on the river and earn his living, I will recommend him for another boat.

7th June 1893
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec.: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the final instalment £ 400:, payable to you herein, will be due and available for collection before the 30th inst., on production by you of the usual financial statements showing that the necessary amounts of Private Subscriptions have been paid, or are available as assets, to entitle you to claim the Grant-in-Aid.
50b
17th June 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the request of Aboriginal Wm Campbell for palings to put up a hut at Point Macleay for his Sister – Emily Boord & her son, I have the honor to inform you that this request cannot be complied with – I have been informed by M.C. Bannigan of Goolwa that the native woman Boord prefers to remain at Goolwa – and he has been instructed to supply her with sufficient Bags to make her Wurley secure.

[Hamilton]

51a
21st June 1893
M. C. Phelan
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that the old natives at Morgan Jimmy & Overseer, have no boat of their own – I have the honor to inform you that if you hear of a suitable boat offering at a reasonable price, you can advise me thereof and its purchase will be considered.

[Hamilton]

51b
22nd June 1893
Corpl Radford
Kadina
Referring to the attached communication from two natives named Miller and Todbrook? applying for sections of land – can you give me any information about them – and whether the application is a bona fide one and do they bear a good character and would they be likely to make a proper use of land if granted to them – do you know what Mr W. Brown [J.P?] of Roachfield [between Wallaroo and Moonta] is doing in the matter.
If you cannot furnish this information yourself, perhaps you may be able to obtain some from the Police at Wallaroo.

[Hamilton]

52a
26th June 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., relative to the repair of Aborigines’ Guns, I have the honor to inform you that in special cases of deserving Aborigines, which you can recommend, their guns can be forwarded here for repair, provided they are not too far gone to be repaired.
As your Institution has already a Grant of £1000: a year from the Government, this Department should not be called upon to defray charges of this nature, that your own funds are capable of meeting.

[Hamilton]
28th June 1893
M.C. Keating
Woodside
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Archie for a rail pass from Balhannah to Milang, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that these passes are granted only in special cases – such as illness, when a Native has to go to the Hospital of nearest doctor – to issue them on every occasion they are asked for would simply induce to the Aborigines to be constantly travelling about at the expense of this Department.
If there are any special circumstances in this case, they will be considered on your reporting them.
P.S. Can you state what brought Archie to Woodside?

[Hamilton]

28th June 1893
Messrs D. & T. Fowler
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I perceive you have the contract for Tea for Govt Departments for ensuing year from 1st proxo. Will you be good enough to inform me what are the net weight of Tea in original packages as follows –
- Chest
- ½ Chest
- Boxes
of the 2nd quality Tea @ 9¾d

[Hamilton]

29th June 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to your requisition of the 20th inst., for a supply of drugs &c – Messrs Faulding & Co. have called my attention to the item ‘Oleum amygdala’ or essential oil of almond, 1 lb of which you applied for & which was sent with the other drugs by one of their Storemen before the firm called my attention to it. The drug in question is a deadly poison, - 6 drops being enough to cause death, and is also expensive, 30/- a lb.
You were probably not aware of this when you ordered it – please return it to Messrs Faulding & Co. first chance and they will send you 1 lb of the ordinary essence of almonds instead.

[Hamilton]

7th July 1893
The Chief Storekeeper, Pt Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the Contractor for meat for Adelaide & Suburbs (J. G. Turner, Gouger Street) is bound to supply 1 lb of beef or mutton daily – when required by this department – I sent him an order about a week ago to supply this quantity to a destitute ½ Caste woman [Edith Edwards] & her family living at Brompton Park – who is deserted by her husband, a white man, and the contractor has not yet delivered any meat – nor taken any other notice of my order.
54b  
10th July 1893  
Mr T. M. Sutton  
Point Macleay  
Sir,  
I have received the two guns you sent up for Aboriginal Lampard, - are both guns belonging to him, or who is the owner of the second one – I have put them in the hands of the gunsmith, they will be expensive to repair being knocked about so much, & so many parts missing.  
Neither of the guns have any locks. Can you ascertain whether the locks or any parts of them can be obtained & if so, please forward them by parcel post, as all the parts of a gun may be utilised in the repair and lessen the cost.  
The natives should be cautioned to be more careful of their guns & when any part of them is broken, it should be kept till the gun is sent for repair.  

[Hamilton]

55a  
10th July 1893  
M.C. Baker  
Elliston  
Sir,  
Your Aborigines Monthly Returns show that there have been no issues of rations &c to the Natives at Elliston, for more than a year past. Will you be good enough to furnish me with a report as to the condition of the stores now on hand at the Depot – and whether they are likely to be required by the aborigines at Elliston.  
In the event of these Stores being damaged from lying so long in store, It might be desirable to send them to Streaky Bay or some other locality where they can be utilized.  

[Hamilton]

55b  [extremely faint]  
11th July 1893  
M.C. Bannigan, Goolwa  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., forwarding two tenders for building Water Closet at Aborigines’ camp, Goolwa, I am directed to inform you that Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has accepted the tender of Messrs T. Henley & Son for this work.  
Will you be good enough to have the tender enclosed, endorsed by them & stating the time within which the work will be completed & return same to me.  

[Hamilton]

56a  
13th July 1893  
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay  
Sir,  
I have the honor to inform you that a Bill to amend the Fishery Act is now before Parliament, and if you have any suggestions & recommendations to offer, I will be glad to receive them, & lay them before the Government – The natives, I believe, are interested in this matter and you may be able to obtain information from some of the more intelligent of them.  
It has been felt for some time past that the Coorong & Lakes fisheries should be more protected in the interests of the Aborigines & now, when this question is under consideration in Parliament, would be a good time to submit any suggestions from you, on behalf of the Aborigines.  

[Hamilton]
56b
13th July 1893
Messrs John Miller & Edward Todbrook
Roachfield
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for a Block of land near Wallaroo, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

57a
12th July 1893
J. Varley Esq.
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., addressed to the Hon. J. St. Gordon M.P., stating that some Aborigines are suffering from pulmonary disease and colds at Cowell, and require medical attendance, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that there is an Aborigines Depot near Franklin Harbor in charge of Mr D. McKenzie, J.P., for the issue of rations &c to destitute natives. Should medical attendance be required for any of them, an order ought to be obtained from Mr McKenzie.
In severe chronic cases of illness, the natives can be sent to the Wallaroo Hospital for treatment.

[Hamilton]

57b
14th July 1893
Messrs Malpas & Little [Government Shipping Agents]
Pt Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that a portion of the Aborigines Stores for Tumby Bay arrived at the Port too late for the Steamer last Tuesday – I find on enquiry that the Aboriginal Storekeeper reports owing to delay on part of a Contractor for the stores, they were not despatched to the Port till about 1 pm on Tuesday.
Can you manage to send them on by some other opportunity – by sailing vessel – before next Steamer sails for Tumby Bay – if not, perhaps the Steamer will call there again shortly.

[Hamilton]

58a
18th July 1893
The Chief Storekeeper
Public Stores
Port Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that owing to retrenchment on H.M.S. “Protector”, the stores on hand not required for her, have been sent to your Department & will be available for Aborigines, viz.-

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I have the honor to inform you that I will be glad to have these articles, and when the next supply is required for one of the Aborigines Depots, will forward you requisition for same.

[Hamilton]
58b
19th July 1893
N. E. Phillipson Esq
Beltana
Sir,
Mr Fitz of Kanowana Depot informs me that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required there - & that you will advise me when you can make transport arrangements for same – I have not heard from you yet herein – let me have early intimation when & where the stores are to go to on the Line.

[Hamilton]

59a
25th July 1893
Aboriginal William Chillybung
H. M. Gaol
Adelaide
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., asking that some arrangements may be made for your defence at your trial at Supreme Court on the 1st August next – I have to inform you that the Government does not provide Counsel for defence of Aborigines except in cases of Murder, but if you have any money of your own, or if your employer Mr Buckridge of Port Lincoln, is willing to assist you in providing the means for engaging a Lawyer for your defence, I will be glad to do anything I can for you in communicating with Mr Buckridge and a Lawyer.

[Hamilton]

59b
7th August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 4th inst., respecting repair of Aboriginal Ben Rigney's Gun, if this man is in constant work, he should pay for the repairs himself, but if he will pay one half of the cost, I will recommend that this Office pay the other moiety.
I think this course would be the best to adopt in these cases, as it will make the owner of the gun more careful when he has to pay part of cost of repairs himself.

[Hamilton]

60a
9th August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., requesting that passes for Aborigines Davidson and Cameron to go north for shearing – I have the honor to inform you that the request cannot be complied with. The two natives Hewett & Campbell who came here with similar requests last month, were taken by me to Mr Dalton who, I believe, advanced them the money for their fares north, and he gave Elder, Smith & Co. an order to deduct the amount advanced from their wages – to refund the Association.
You had better get a similar arrangement made in this any future case where Point Macleay natives go north for shearing.

[Hamilton]
9th August 1893
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., re Cartage of Stores from Railway to Depot, you can forward Lewis’ a/c, certified by you, for what you consider him entitled to for his Cartage – but in future, the able-bodied Aborigines should carry these Stores to the Depot, as it is only reasonable that they should do something for their free rations.

[Hamilton]

11th August 1893
The Hon. J. Warren, M.L.C.
Mt Crawford
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th ulto., addressed to Mr Besley, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, requesting Blankets and Rations for destitute Aborigines at Tingatingana, Far North[-East], I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that your request has been approved and a supply will be forwarded to your Manager at Tingatingana on your advising me of the route by which the Stores are to be dispatched.

[Hamilton]

16th August 1893
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
The attached Cart-note only reached this office yesterday altho it is dated 4th February last – you will see by the minute on its back it has been travelling about between the Police Commissioners in Adelaide & Police at Port Augusta & Innamincka. All this delay might have been avoided by marking the Cart-note “Aborigines Stores” “Cartage payable by Aborigines Department”. The trooper at Innamincka should have known this also, and sent the cart-note to you direct, which would have prevented you and the teamster being kept out of the money so long.
I return you Cart-note now as there is no date to receipt of goods to show whether Stores were delivered within specified time – or a penalty due therein.
Please give this information and return Cart-note & a/c.

[Hamilton]

16th August 1893
Mr W. H. Lindsay
Haddon Downs [Far North-East corner of S.A.]
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., asking for a supply of Blankets for Aborigines at Haddon – I find that Messrs Young & Gordon, Port Augusta, applied for these in May last and 30? Blankets were forwarded to them to send on to you, and they now advise me that these blankets have recently gone forward with other loading from Napier & Co to [from?] Farina.

[Hamilton]
21st August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., forwarding some Aborigines’ guns for repair, I have the honor to inform you that [Philip?] Sumner’s Breechloader is too far gone for repair. One barrel is burst in two places and the other is so weak that it may burst at any time – The Gunsmith has made the following offer in ref to this gun: to allow £ 1: for the fittings on it and to give Sumner a new gun, of equal quality to the old one when it was new, for £ 4:. If Sumner will agree to pay the half of this, viz., £ 2:, the department will pay the other half.

[Hamilton]

21st August 1893
B. Ragless Esq
Yalpara [30 km NE of Orroroo]
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal named Alfred Biggs of Minburra has written to me complaining that you broke an agreement he entered into with you for making a Dam and refused to settle with him for this work, and also that your overseer took away a gun from Biggs on which £ 4: is stated to have been paid.
I shall be glad to receive from you any remarks or explanation you may wish to give herein.

[Hamilton]

24th August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that two ladies named Flett, living in Brougham Place, North Adelaide, are desirous of obtaining a Native girl as domestic servant. Can you recommend one from the Mission station – would Jennie Westendorf be willing to go – and what wages would she expect. The Misses Flett take a great interest in the Aborigines, frequently visit and help those who are occasionally about Adelaide.
Please let me know what you can do in this matter by return post, and if necessary I can reply on Tuesday, sending you an order for the girl’s pass by Train.

[Hamilton]

24th August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to the repair of guns for Aborigines, I have the honor to request that you will forward no more of these guns to the office at present – they will have to stand over for a time. I find that the Govt have reduced the Vote for “Aborigines” and the funds at disposal of this Department will be limited for the current year.
Do you know whether all or any of those natives whose guns are now being repaired, could pay a portion of the cost of the repairs? Those who can earn money shearing &c ought to be in a position to pay something.

[Hamilton]
64b
28th August 1893
The Secretary of the Aborigines’ Protectorate
Sydney
Dear Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst., I regret to say we have no copies in print of the return respecting the Aborigines of S.A., which you saw noticed in your Press. The return in question was a small one and did not contain any more information than appeared in the paragraphs alluded to. I send you some published reports for last year, of the Point Macleay Mission Station, which is managed by the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association under control of this department – and also report from the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North. Please send me a copy of any report of the working of your department which is available.

Yours faithfully,

[Hamilton]

65a
28th August 1893
Miss Flett
North Adelaide
Referring to a conversation with you last week, when you expressed a wish to obtain an Aboriginal girl as servant, I am informed by Mr Sutton, the Manager at Point Macleay Mission Station, that there is no chance of getting a native girl as a domestic at present, - the only one which was available is engaged to go to a place in College Park next month – there are some other girls at Point Macleay but Mr Sutton is unable to persuade them to go into service.

[Hamilton]

65b
28th August 1893
B. C. Besley Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Far North
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to a previous correspondence with you, on the subject of an offer by Dr Kennedy of Hergott, to provide Medical attendance for Aborigines in that District for £30: per annum, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that the funds at disposal of this department will not permit of this appointment at present.

[Hamilton]

66a
28th August 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to attached letter from Aboriginal A. Karloan, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture & Education to state that this request for free rail passes to Adelaide in the occasion of the Eight Hours Procession on the 1st proxo, cannot be complied with.
(Please return Karloan’s letter.)

[Hamilton]
29th August 1893
Mr H. Oldenhoven
Marion Bay
Via Yorketown
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., stating that a further supply of rations is required for Aborigines at Marion Bay, I have the honor to inform you that, as a Depot has been opened at Yorketown, in charge of M.C. Dunne at the Police Station, it is not considered desirable to continue supplying rations at Marion Bay, especially as there are so few natives there, two only being mentioned in your letter.

[Hamilton]

30th August 1893
Messrs G. Wood, Son & Co, Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to the Stores ordered from you on the 24th inst., viz.,

| 500 lbs Sugar for Sutton, Point Macleay |
| 112 lbs Sugar for Warren, Tingatingana |

I have the honor to remind you that they have not yet been delivered to the Aboriginal Storekeeper at the General Post Office Stores, and to request that, in future, you will be good enough to have the supplies for this department furnished with more promptitude. Under Clause I of general conditions of contracts, you are liable, in the event of any failure on your part to supply the article, when required, to have them procured elsewhere, and the additional cost (if any), beyond contract price, charged to you.

[Hamilton]

7th September 1893
W. V. Shore Esq., M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., submitting detailed statement of your charges for Medical attendance &c on Aborigines at Milang, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that a/cs of this nature are not recognised by the Government unless the services rendered have been previously authorised by the Aborigines Department. In this case, however, your a/c will be passed for payment, but such is not to be considered a precedent. Dr Shand of Goolwa & Port Elliott is the Medical Officer to Aborigines on the Lakes, Lower Murray &c and the Point Macleay Aborigines usually attend at Goolwa for Medical attendance &c.

[Hamilton]

9th September 1893
Mr S. Lathern
Secretary: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Sir,
Some Aborigines having state that there is no School at Point Pierce Mission station since Mr Sutton left it, and that the native children are running about wild, &c – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether any arrangements have been made to continue the School at Point Pierce and the number of children at present receiving instruction therein.

[Hamilton]
69
8th September 1893
Memo/

Referring to the attached communication from Mr J. A. Breadon of Macumba, reporting the Aborigines monthly ration returns which have not been furnished by him to this office for some time past, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, that as these returns are regularly furnished from all the other Depots in the Far North, I cannot recommend any exception in favour of Mr Breadon, especially as he has sent in these returns from October 1891 to December 1892, a period of 15 months, and it appears singular, that he should now so strongly object to continue furnishing these returns, which are of a simple character, requiring very little trouble in their preparation.

It is not necessary to issue the rations in, and keep entries of, single pounds and ounces, as stated by Mr Breadon. – the supplies can be issued weekly or bi-weekly & the number of Aborigines supplied, can be stated, when their names are unknown.

[Hamilton]

70a
11th September 1893
M.C. Donegan
Fowlers’ Bay
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., enclosing a/c from Dr Somerville for medical attendance on Aborigines at Fowlers’ Bay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this Department, to inform you that in future cases of illness among the natives, you should wire for authority, previous to calling in the services of any medical man.

A supply of simple medicines will be forwarded to you for issue to the Aborigines, - if you will be good enough to advise me what kind will be mostly required for their ailments.

[Hamilton]

70b
12th September 1893
Mr Richard Sandford
Blood’s Creek
Far North
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th ulto., applying for rations for Aborigines at Bloods’ Creek, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, as there is a Depot at Charlotte Waters (about 30 miles from Bloods’ Creek) where Stores are kept and issued to the Aborigines when necessary.

[Hamilton]
21st September 1893
M.C. Riste?
Meningie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., requesting with reference to rations and medical assistance for Aborigines in your District, I have the honor to inform you that there are Aborigines Depots at Point Macleay, The Needles on the Coorong and at Goolwa.
Mr Sutton, the Manager at Point Macleay, is provided with Medicines also and has considerable skill in dispensing them.
Sick natives should either go to him, or to Goolwa when able to travel. Dr Shand is the Govt Medical Officer to Aborigines for Goolwa & Pt Elliott &c.
As most of the Aborigines have their own Canoes, they should obtain rations either from Needles, Goolwa, or Point Macleay, when they go away shooting & fishing &c. Another depot at Meningie is considered undesirable and unnecessary, as it induces natives away from the Mission station to where probably facilities exist for getting strong drink.
In cases where Aborigines are too ill to go themselves for medical assistance, you would be justified in giving them an order to travel on the Steamer to Pt McLeay.
If you have an opportunity, you might at some time, be able to visit Point Macleay & see Mr Sutton the Manager, when you would be in a position to gain some useful information as to dealing with the natives who sometimes visit Meningie.

[Hamilton]

22nd September 1893
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that a number of Aborigines at Warooka have asked you to send them rations, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of rations was forwarded to M.C. Dunne, Police Station, Yorketown, some weeks ago, as it would be a more central place for Aborigines to obtain supplies from – I have sent a telegram to M.C. Dunne calling his attention to these natives at Warooka – there being depots now at Edithburgh, Stansbury & Yorketown, ample provision for the wants of the Aborigines should exist.

[Hamilton]

23rd September 1893
Cpl. Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With reference to a native boy named Frank Blackmore aged about 10 years, who was placed at Point Macleay Mission School by his father, I find that he has been taken away by Aboriginal Dick Turpin & his wife – in defiance of the Manager at Point Macleay & without the consent of this boy’s father. If Turpin is at Murray Bridge, please let him know that he must take this boy back to Point Macleay and stop all rations &c to Turpin until he complies with this request – If Turpin is at Wellington, please endorse this letter on to M.C. Pyne, with a request that he will do what he can in the matter to recover the boy.

[Hamilton]
26th September 1893
The Editor of the S.A. “Register”
Adelaide
With reference to attached paragraph from the S.A. Register of the 25th inst., I find from records in this Office, that the Aboriginal population of S.A. proper in 1886, was computed at 12,000.
In 1844, the Adelaide Tribe numbered about 300, according to the estimate of Dr Moorhouse, the then Protector of Aborigines.
The Census of 1891 gives the Aboriginal population of South Australia, including the Northern Territory, as follows,-

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5th October 1893
Mr T.M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., reporting the circumstances under which Aboriginal boy Frank Blackmore was forcibly removed from the School at Point Macleay, without his consent, by Aboriginal Dick Turpin & his wife [Charlotte?] - I have the honor to inform you that I have communicated with the Police at Murray Bridge &c herein - & requested that rations &c should be withheld from Aboriginal Turpin till this boy was returned to Point Macleay. The Trooper at Wellington informs me that he has seen Turpin who promises to take the boy back to School.

11th October 1893
Corporal Dowdy, Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith order for rail pass for Aboriginal David Gall to the Narracoorte Hospital, also two additional orders for future use in any case requiring them.
It is not necessary for me to furnish you with an order for admission of the Native to the Hospital – as we have an agreement with the authorities of that Institution and pay them a fixed sum per diem for all Aborigines treated therein – You can give Gall a note to the Secretary of the Hospital stating that you have sent him there.

17th October 1893
M.C. Donegan, Fowlers’ Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your letter of 2nd inst. did not reach this office till yesterday the 16th inst. It is necessary when applying for a supply of Aborigines Stores to give a few days’ notice, as the Stores have to be collected from various Contractors & sent to the Aboriginal Storekeeper for examination &c, then to Govt Shipping Agent, - in this case your requisition arrived here about 24 hours before the Steamer sails for Fowlers’ Bay. The Stores will therefore not be ready to go till the Steamer’s next trip on the 24th inst.
In future please telegraph for Stores when they are urgently required.
75b
17th October 1893
M.C. Naulty, Penola
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., reporting the circumstances with reference to the death of Aboriginal Charlie Rogers, and requesting instructions as to the disposal of his effects, consisting of a gun and some clothing &, I have the honor to inform you that the gun and other articles can be given to Aboriginal Yallum Jacky, as you suggest.

[Hamilton]

76
18th October 1893
Mr W.J. Rawling
Pulteney Street
Sir,

With reference to the Tinware ordered from you on the 12th inst., viz.,

24 Quart Pannicans for Fitz, Kanowana,
24 Pint Pannicans Far North

I have the honor to remind you that these articles have not yet been delivered to the Aboriginal Storekeeper, General Post Office Stores, and other Stores have had to be sent on, to be in time for Camel Teams leaving Hergott Springs, & owing to your delay in supplying this tinware, there may be no opportunity to send it on for some time –

In future, you are requested to have the tinware ordered for this Department furnished within a reasonable time, say 24 hours from receipt of order. Under Clause I of General Conditions of Contract, you are liable in the event of any failure on your part to supply the article when required, to have them procured elsewhere, and the additional cost (if any) beyond contract price, charged to you.

[Hamilton]

77a
26th October 1893
Mr T.M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,

Can you receive a ½ Caste girl (Aggie) [Johnson?] about 17 years old – Mr Parkes, the Govt Inspector of Mines, has had her for 7 months as a domestic, and as Mrs Parkes finds her rather difficult to manage, owing to the girl going out too much in the evenings, it has been thought she would do better at the Mission Station, where she would probably make a wife for one of the young men – she has been a fairly good servant in most house duties – she comes from the Far North, Leigh’s Creek. If you will admit her please reply, and I will have her sent down next Tuesday.

[Hamilton]

77b
29th November [October?] 1893
Corpl Shiels
Moonta
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., with reference to the request of Deconcey or Cram for assistance in building a house on the Block of land recently allotted to him at North Moonta, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to forward you herewith the form for filling up for an advance under Blockholder’s Loan Act 1891, which please return to me with the necessary information and signed by Deconcey.

[Hamilton]
2nd November 1893
Mr A.J. McDonald
Lyndhurst
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., in which you apply for a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores as under:

- ½ Ton Flour
- 3 Cwt Sugar
- ½ Chest Tea

I have the honor to draw your attention to your last Aborigines ration return (September) which shows a balance on hand on 1st October of:

- 1274 lbs Flour
- 280 lbs Sugar
- 15 lbs Tea

This quantity should be sufficient for another month or so. Please state how long it takes for the Stores to reach you from Lyndhurst Siding.

Your September Return sows 315 lbs flour issued during that month and 20 lbs of Tea.

According to the Instructions to Issuers at Aborigines Depots (of which I presume you have a copy), the daily issue of Tea should be ½ oz [14 gm] to each adult and the proportion of Tea to 315 lbs Flour issued should be about 9 lbs instead of 20 lbs, shown on the September return.

As the funds at disposal of this office are very limited for current year, every care should be taken to issue the Aborigines Rations in accordance with the General Instructions.

[Hamilton]

13th November 1893
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a Paper on the smoke signals of the S.A. Aborigines will be read at the next meeting of the Geographical Society – on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and I have been requested to ask you whether Aboriginal Mark Wilson, who wrote a letter last week to the “Register”.

[Hamilton]

14th November 1893
Mr S. Lathern
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th September last &c, on the subject of the closing of the Native School at Point Pierce Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that, arrangements will be made after Xmas next, to open a trial School at Point Pierce.

[Hamilton]
80a
20th November 1893
Messrs Moyle & Crocker
Port Pirie
Gentlemen,
With reference to your enquiry of 7th inst., whether free rail passes can be granted for an Aboriginal from ... Port Pirie under the circumstances mentioned by you, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that Aborigines are entitled to free rail passes on the Railway only in cases of illness when travelling to Hospital or to consult a Doctor.

[Hamilton]

80b
1st December 1893
M.C. Naulty
Penola
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., stating that the Aborigines Stores on hand at the Depot at Penola are almost exhausted, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase a fresh supply similar to the last previous stores obtained by you.

[Hamilton]

81a
6th December 1893
The Secretary of the
Aborigines Protectorate
Sydney N.S.W.
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., requesting information respecting the Aborigines of S.A., I have the honor to inform you that, I regret I cannot furnish you with the number of Full Bloods and ½ Castes in this Colony, - there was no provision made in taking the Census of 1891 to obtain these separate returns.

The Total number of Aborigines of all classes in South Australia, as per Census of 1891, was
Males 1661  Females 1470, - Total, 3134.

The annual amount voted by Government for the Aborigines last year, was £ 5030:.
I shall endeavour when the next Census is taken here, to have a more perfect enumeration of the Aborigines made.

[Hamilton]

81b
7th December 1893
Mr T. C. Kildea
Cowarie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., stating that you recently paid £ 1: for medicine for a sick Blackfellow suffering from Venereal disease, and enquiring whether this department will refund same to you, I have the honor to inform you that it is not usual to pay amounts of this nature unless authorised has previously [been] obtained for the expenditure, but if you will furnish me with a statement giving full particulars of this case, whether the natives as employed on the Station – description of medicine &c &c – I will lay it before the Minister for his consideration.

[Hamilton]
2nd January 1894
Mr S. Lathern
Moonta
Sir,
Mr Edwards, the Manager of the Point Pierce Mission Station, has applied for rations &c for the relief of a number of Aborigines from different parts of Yorke’s Peninsula, who have now located themselves at the Mission Station, and states that the funds of the Mission cannot stand the additional strain owing to the pressure of these wandering Aborigines now gathered at the Station.
Will you be good enough to inform me what is the financial position of the Mission at the present time.

[Hamilton]

10th January 1894
Mr W. J. Nott
Blanchetown
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th ulto., recommending that certain lands at Blanchetown be reserved for the use of Aborigines frequenting that locality, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that this request cannot be complied with as it is not considered necessary to reserve this land for the purpose referred to.

[Hamilton]

11th January 1894
Mr H. J. McConville
Angipena
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., respecting the issue of Aborigines Stores at Angipena – in your previous letter you declined to continue acting as Issuer, and in consequence of this, instructions have been forwarded to Mr Denfold of Leigh’s Creek (who has offered to attend to their distribution) to take charge of these Stores, which were intended for Angipena Depot.

[Hamilton]

11th January 1894
Mr E. C. Kempe
Wood Duck Creek [Station]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating the case of the Aboriginal at Wood Duck Creek Depot, who is suffering from Cancer of the foot, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that this native should be sent down to the Hospital at Port Augusta. I enclose order for his rail journey from Warrina – please advise Mr Besley, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, by wire when the native leaves Warrina so that arrangements can be made to receive him & remove to Hospital.

[Hamilton]
16th January 1894
M.C. Blake
Pt Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., reporting an outbreak of Measles in the Aborigines’ Camp at Port Germein, and stating that you have obtained from the local chemist, some suitable medicines for their relief, I have the honor to inform you that should it be necessary to secure the services of a medical man, the approval of the Honorable Minister controlling this Department will be required, in which case you had better wire to me for the necessary authority.

[Hamilton]

16th January 1894
T. S. Browne Esq
Waymouth Street
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., addressed to Mr Besley, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, stating that, having learned of the closing of the Aborigines Depot at Angipena, you are willing to undertake the distribution of the rations at Mount Serle, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the name of your Manager at Mt Serle, the estimated number of Aborigines who usually locate themselves there, including the number of old & infirm, and the route by which Stores will have to be sent to Mt Serle.

[Hamilton]

18th January 1894
Mr H. E. Joy
Hindmarsh Island, Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., applying for remuneration for services rendered by you on behalf of Aboriginal Jenny Westerndorf, in providing her with Board & Lodging &c – while under Medical treatment for a bad hand, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that, your claim cannot be entertained, as the patient should have been forwarded to the Adelaide Hospital or to the Mission Station at Point Macleay. I may add that the proper course to adopt in case of illness among the Aborigines, is to report it to this office or to the nearest Police Constable, when the necessary action will be taken on the matter.

[Hamilton]

18th January 1894
M.C. Bannigan, Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your reports of 14th ulto., and the 8th inst., respecting the case of the Aboriginal woman Agnes Sumner, who was renting a cottage from Mr F. Wright of Goolwa, and on whose behalf you recommended payment by this Department of arrears of rent amounting to £1; I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that Mr Wright’s claim cannot be recognised.

[Hamilton]
86b
29th January 1894
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 24th inst., respecting the misconduct of Aborigines McCallum and Hamilton, unless you can bring a charge against them, I fear it will be difficult to remove them from your District – the only other course you could adopt to induce them to go away to Goolwa or Point Macleay, would be to refuse them rations &c, from the Depot. The Aborigines from Point Macleay are, I presume, only visiting Victor Harbor temporarily during their holidays, as the School closes at Point Macleay during the months of January. You had better give them no encouragement to remain at Victor Harbor by continuing to issue rations to them after end of this month.

[Hamilton]

87a
29th January 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., respecting the wife of Aboriginal Charles Nettoon, I have the honor to inform you that she obtained an order for her return rail pass to Murray Bridge more than a week ago – I have not seen her since – but a day or two since, I was told she was still about Adelaide – had been seen drunk and supposed to have lost her rail pass. I will endeavour to have her found and sent home.

[Hamilton]

87b
29th January 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 27th inst., stating that Aboriginal Charles Nettoon's Canoe is in want of repair, will you be good enough to obtain a statement of what it will cost to repair this boat from a local carpenter of boatbuilder and forward same to me.

[Hamilton]

88a
1st February 1894
Mr Alfred Walker
Innamincka
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th ulto., forwarded through Mr Besley, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, applying for rations and Blankets for old and infirm Aborigines at Cattaparrie and Innamincka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that the amount voted for this Department for current year will not permit of opening any fresh Depots for Aborigines, but the question will be considered in connection with next year's Estimates.

[Hamilton]
88b
31st January 1894
Mr F. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you a supply of Rations and Blankets for the old & infirm Aborigines at Mount Serle. The Depot hitherto existing at Angipena, has been closed, and Mr T. S. Bowne informs me that you will take charge of any stores sent to Mt Serle with the General Instructions, copy of which I now enclose for your future guidance, a supply of return forms will be sent to you in separate parcel by post.

[Hamilton]

89a
1st February 1894
Dr Wm Gibb
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this Department, to remind you that, your return of sick Aborigines under treatment, during the quarter ended 31st December last, has not yet reached this office, and to request that, you will be good enough to have the same forwarded without delay.
If there have been no cases treated during the period named – a return – Nil – should be furnished.

[Hamilton]

89b
7th February 1894
Mr T. C. Kildea
Cowarie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th ulto., stating that you had expended £ 1. in Medicines for a sick Aboriginal at Cowarie, and asking whether the Govt would refund you the amount, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that he is unable to recognise your claim herein.

[Hamilton]

90a
7th February 1894
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
The following a/cs have this day been collected by your Adelaide agent, D. & J. Fowler, to your credit:

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[Hamilton]
90b
8th February 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to passes required to enable Aborigines Stansbury & his wife to return to Point Pierce Mission, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that, rail passes from Milang to Adelaide only can be given in this case- if Stansbury has no funds of his own, he will have to arrange it with the Mission Authorities at Point Pierce to enable him to complete his journey from Adelaide to Point Pierce.

[Hamilton]

91a
9th February 1894
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with regard to Rations for the Aborigines when travelling through Mannum, you are authorised to purchase a bag of flour, and a small supply of sugar, Tea, Tobacco, to the extent of £ 1: when it becomes necessary.

[Hamilton]

91b
9th February 1894
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., stating that Aborigines Hunter and Raynor have applied to you with a request for new Canoes - & that Mr Westergaard of Mannum offers two boats for £ 18: - I have the honor to inform you that the canoes usually supplied by this department do not cost more than about £6: each – unless the native pays a portion of the cost, - in this case if Hunter and Raynor would contribute £ 3: each towards the price of the boats, they would have a better chance of getting them – as the funds now at disposal of this office for current year are very limited.

[Hamilton]

92a
10th February 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith a Plan of the Hundred of Baker showing all lands in the vicinity of Point Macleay, which are now unleased Crown Lands (colored pink) – should any of this land be of any use to the Mission, or if any of it is suitable for Homestead Blocks for any of your natives who would like to select a piece to form a home for themselves & families, in the event of your Aborigines’ Friends’ Association approving of it and assisting them to make a start on the land, you had better forward an application for same.
You can mark a pencil number on the site on the Plan, and refer to same number in letter of application. Please retain this Plan in your own possession, taking as much care of it as possible, & return it with your replies.

[Hamilton]
92b
12th February 1894
Mr S. Lather
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 12th & 20th September last, on the subject of the removal of Teacher and closing of the Native School at Point Pierce Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that the School has been re-opened.

[Hamilton]

93a
16th February 1894
Mr John Naylon [Neaylon]
Appatoonganie
Via Hergott
Far North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th January last, forwarded through Mr Besley, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, Port Augusta, requesting a supply of rations &c, for the Aborigines at Appatoonganie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that there no funds available at present, for opening new Depots in the Far North.

[Hamilton]

93b
17th February 1894
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th December last, applying for a supply of rations for distribution to the wandering Aborigines who are at times located at Point Pierce Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that your application will have to stand over pending re-arrangements consequent on the closing of Poonindie Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

94a
19th February 1894
Mr T.M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to your January last Aborigines’ return of rations issued, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish some explanation respecting certain Aborigines whose names appear on the return as in receipt of rations – viz., - John Wilson & family, John Sumner & family, H. Lampard & family - &c – as these native are usually understood to be in the employ and receipt of wages from the Mission Station at Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]
20th February 1894
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 7th and 10th inst., with reference to the purchase of canoe for Aboriginal H. Hunter, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that he has approved of the purchase of the Boat which you mention, as under offer at £ 6: 8: 0 – including oars &c – When handing this boat over to Hunter please caution him to take very care of it as he will be expected to keep it in repair himself.

[Hamilton]

Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., reporting the loss of Aboriginal Koolmatrie’s hut & blankets by fire, you can supply him with some blankets and one dozen empty bags for his Wurley. With respect to the Native Nettoon & his wife, you had better send them back to Poltalloch or Point Macleay when they give trouble by drinking intoxicating liquor - in those localities they will not have so much temptation near them.

[Hamilton]

M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., with reference to the repair of Aboriginal Perry’s Canoe and enclosing offer from Mr Westergaard to perform the repairs for £ 1: 18: 6, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain, if possible, another price for this work from some tradesman at Mannum, as Westergaard’s charge appears excessive.

[Hamilton]

Mr W. Woodrow
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that you have five canoes for sale suitable for Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that at present, there are no funds available for the purchase of boats for Aborigines. I would suggest that you communicate with Mr Sutton, the manager of Point Macleay Mission, where there might be some Aborigines requiring canoes.

[Hamilton]
96b  
26th February 1894  
Mr C. C. Belcher  
Murray Bridge  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., addressed to the Commissioner of Police, forwarding a memorial from some Aborigines of the Murray Bridge asking to have another Medical man appointed to attend to them instead of Dr Gibb, who is charged with continuous drunkenness, and neglect & incompetence in the discharge of his duties &c, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that enquiry has been made into this matter, and there are not sufficient grounds for any further action herein.  
[Hamilton]

97a  
2nd March 1894  
Corporal Shiels  
Moonta  
Sir,  
The enclosed water rate notice for 12/- due by Aboriginal A. Spender who has a block of land adjoining Moonta, has been sent to me – I shall feel obliged if you will obtain the amount from Spender and remit it to me - as he should of course be expected to pay this rate – having his land free from the Govt.  
[Hamilton]

97b  
3rd March 1894  
The Secretary to the  
Postmaster General Department &c  
Adelaide  
Sir,  
I have the honor to submit that, as the Eight (8) months’ leave of absence, granted to Mr W. Witherick, Office Keeper, General Post Office Buildings, will expire on the 31st inst., his pay from this department as Aborigines Storekeeper will cease from that date, and I would suggest that your department will in future render an ?account quarterly for the £ 20: per annum payable for the work performed in receiving, storing, and despatching Aborigines Stores, from the General Post Office Stores.  
[Hamilton]

98a  
6th March 1894  
Mr A. Beviss  
Kumbarla Downs [nr Gawler Ranges?]  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of (no date) applying for rations &c for Aborigines at Kumbarla Downs, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that it is not considered necessary to establish an Aborigines Depot in the locality referred to.  
[Hamilton]
6th March 1894

M.C. Jones
Mt Freeling

Sir,

Referring to your Aborigines Return for January last, in which you call attention to the damaged state of the 816 lbs Flour on hand for Aborigines, and which you consider unfit for use, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to endeavour to exchange this flour for, say, half the quantity of good seconds flour – this will be estimating the damaged flour at about equal to pollard, and it would doubtless be good enough for animals. Have you a suitable case for keeping the Aborigines’ flour in?

[Hamilton]

8th March 1894

Mrs Grace Johnson
Poltalloch

Referring to your letter to Dr Bulton, Adelaide Hospital, I am requested by him to say that, if you are not better since you left the Hospital, he thinks it best for you to come up for admission to the Hospital again.

I enclose an order for your rail journey to & from Adelaide, from Milang.

[Hamilton]

12th March 1894

M.C. Gibbons
Mannum

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., with reference to the repairs of Aborigines Perry and O.C. Johnny’s Canoes, and enclosing Hood Bros’ a/c £6. 8/- for the boat purchased for Aboriginal Hunter, I have the honor to enclose Imprest order for this amount, which please have paid and the voucher returned duly signed &c.

Please instruct Perry and O.C. Johnny to take their canoes down to Murray Bridge, where I will ask Corporal Miller to have them examined, with a view to ascertain cost of their repair.

[Hamilton]

16th March 1894

B. C. Besley Esq.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Far North, Port Augusta

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., requesting supply of 1200 1d OS stamps & 600 2d stamps – about £ 10: worth, for Aborigines Returns – please inform me why so large quantity will be required – do you propose supplying all the Issuers of Depots in the Far North with these stamps – if so, what check will we have upon them?

I have never supplied these stamps to Depots – the practice has been to instruct all issuers to post all their letters & returns to this Office not pre-paid – we pay for them on delivery here. Can you carry out the same practice in your office as Sub-Protector of Aborigines – it will save you trouble and bookkeeping, as Audit Commissioners now require monthly returns of all O.S. stamps used by departments.

[Hamilton]
100b
19th March 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a Mr C. Wilton, who keeps a Dining room & Board & lodging house in Hindley Street, called here today stating that the following Aborigines have owed him money for some time past for Board &c and money lent, viz.-

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<td>Do &amp; money lent</td>
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Total £4: 4/-

Will you be good enough to use your influence to induce these Natives to pay the amounts due either wholly or by instalments. The Aborigines referred to went to Wilton’s & incurred these liabilities themselves – they were not authorised by this Office to do so & of course we are not responsible.

[Hamilton]

101a
21st March 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., forwarding Aborigines Kelsy and Scott’s guns for repairs – I find that these repairs will cost £ 3: 0: 0 in total? and owing to the funds at disposal of this Office being limited for current year, I will have some difficulty in getting this expenditure approved unless these natives contribute something themselves towards the cost of the repairs.
Can you get anything from Kelsey or Scott towards this object? Scott ought to be able to pay something.

[Hamilton]

101b
22nd March 1894
M.C. Ewens
Robe
Sir,
I regret to say I have had no opportunity yet to forward the Aborigines Stores, - the Steamer you mention as calling at Robe yesterday was not announced to do so here & I knew nothing of it in time to ship these Stores. I see by this morning’s paper that the “Cygnet” is to sail today to Robe, but there is no time to collect the stores from the different Contractors & send them to the Port.
Under these circumstances if you are short of any rations till your next supply reaches you, you can purchase a small quantity sufficient for a week or two.

[Hamilton]
102a  
22nd March 1894  
Mr B.G. Edwards  
Point Pierce Mission  
Dear Sir,  

With reference to your letter of the 20th inst., I have enquired at the Adelaide Hospital and have been informed that the Native woman Yates or Rankine has been there for some time past. Please give me some further information & I will make fresh enquiry herein.  

You say Robert Yates is supposed to have died. Can you say when he was last heard of – and what is the Christian name of his widow and also of Rankine with whom she took up – are they likely to have gone to Point Macleay?

[Hamilton]

102b  
2nd April 1894  
Mr B. G. Edwards  
Point Pierce Mission  
Dr Sir,  

Since writing to your last query respecting the Aboriginal woman Yates or Rankine, I have when recently in Goolwa, ascertained further particulars herein –  
It appears that this woman's name is now Walker – she married Reuben Walker at Pt Lincoln about 9 years ago and they have been living about Goolwa for some time past,  
- she has two children by Yates living with her and has two other children by Walker who is a ½ Caste. She had three other children by Yates who are at Poonindie now, viz. – 2 girls, each 15 and 19 years old & a son about 17 years. She would like to have one of these girls with her. She told me to assist her, being laid up with an inflamed arm for which she was in the Hospital last month.

[Hamilton]

103a  
3rd April 1894  
Mr J. Denford  
Mount Serle  
Sir,  

Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., respecting your a/c for Cartage, Aborigines Stores, to Mt Serle, I was unable to do without the receipted cart-note as your a/c says “cash paid for Cartage &c” – if you cannot easily obtain the Teamster’s receipt, you had better make this a/c out as due to you as “Cartage for station team” giving quantity and rate per ton.  

If I pay your a/c in present form, it will not be accepted by the Commissioners of Audit, and I am liable to be called upon to refund the money to the Treasury out of my own pocket – so you see in all cases of Govt a/cs, certified cart-notes should be obtained.

[Hamilton]

103b  
5th April 1894  
M.C. Bannigan, Goolwa  
Sir,  

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., submitting the offer of Mr R. Craig, to repair Aboriginal McLean’s Boat for £ 1: 15/-, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to have this work performed.  

When handing boat over to McLean, please caution him to be more careful of it when not in use, as he will be expected to keep it in repair himself in future.

[Hamilton]
6th April 1894  
B. C. Besley Esq.  
Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Port Augusta  
Sir,  
Referring to previous correspondence with you of 4/3/94, & 2/4/94, I have the honor to forward you herewith the following O.S. Postage stamps for use on a/c of Aborigines, viz. –

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I also enclose Postage Stamp Return forms to be used in connection with your correspondence herein.

[Hamilton]  

11th April 1894  
M.C. Gibbons  
Mannum  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., submitting the request of Aboriginal Sam Disher for a new boat and the offer of Mr Westergaard to dispose of one nearly new for £ 7: 10/-, I have the honor to inform you that £ 6: is the usual sum given for Aborigines canoes unless the applicant is prepared to pay the balance himself when the cost exceeds £ 6:.

Will Disher in this case be willing to pay the £ ?; - if he does, I will recommend his request and he will stand a better chance of its being approved by the Minister.

[Hamilton]  

11th April 1894  
George Karpany  
Wellington  
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., respecting the land, an Aboriginal section now leased to Mr A. McFarlane near Mason’s Rock, I have seen Mr Dalton, the Secretary of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, and he informs me that it is leased for 5 years and is not now available.

You had better try and find another piece of unleased Crown Lands that would suit you, and send in to me your application for it, when it will be submitted for the consideration of the Government.

[Hamilton]  

18th April 1894  
Mr W. H. Thomas  
Cowarie, Far North-East  
Referring to your note stating that the last parcel of Medicines forwarded to you for Aborigines contained Sulphur instead of Epsom Salts, please forward me the label that was on the parcel of sulphur, or if you have not kept this label, can you inform me what the label was – as the Chemists Messrs Bickford & Sons, are anxious to ascertain how this mistake was made in sending Sulphur instead of Epsom Salts.

[Hamilton]
106a
19th April 1894
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., reporting the case of Aboriginal C. Power, whose wife has been seduced and abducted, with the children of [?] a Negro named Lindsay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that the Commissioner of Police has been requested to issue instructions to M.C. Panton, stationed at Maitland, to assist Power to recover his children.

106b
19th April 1894
Mr W. H. Gratwick
Strangway’s Springs
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., addressed to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, stating that you have only a small supply of Tea and Tobacco on hand at the Depot at Strangway’s Springs, I have the honor to inform you that these articles will be forwarded to you with your next general supply of Aborigines Stores, - pending arrival of these, you can borrow a small quantity of the Stores you are short of and your requisition should be made for a general supply of stores to enable them to reach you before the stock on hand is exhausted.
I am not supplied with stationery for Aborigines Depots – the monthly returns do not require envelopes – if folded & tied with string & addressed to me on the outside.
[In margin: you need not pre-pay by Stamps your returns &c to this office – they are paid for here on delivery]

107a
23rd April 1894
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay
The mother [Angie] of the two children Hirschausen is desirous of having them sent home again – will you be kind enough to have them sent back to Adelaide next Wednesday or Saturday, whichever day is convenient to you.
I enclose orders for their Steamer and rail journey to Town.
Please send me a telegram saying which day they will come up to Town.

107b
28th April 1894
Corporal Shiels
Moonta
Aboriginal Alfred Spender who holds a lease of 18 acres land adjoining Moonta, has applied to the Govt for four (4) bags of seed wheat for his land.
Please inform me whether you consider this a bona fide request for his own benefit, and how much land has he prepared for seeding.
The quantity asked for appears more than sufficient for the whole of his holding.

[Hamilton]
108a
2nd May 1894
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., submitting the request of Aborigines Perry and Mason for some empty bags for covering their wurlies – I enclose order on Messrs B. Walker & Son for a dozen bags each.

[Hamilton]

108b
1st May 1894
Mr F. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
With reference to attached a/c for transport, Aborigines Stores to Mt Serle, forwarded by you last month, you promised to furnish an amended a/c, which has not yet reached this office.
I explained to you that as this a/c states cash was paid by you for the cartage, the receipted cart-note was required from the person you paid – if you cannot procure this receipt, and the stores were carted by your station teams – the a/c should be made out, omitting the words “Cash paid” – I can then pay this amount – The gentleman to whom you gave procuration order has called here twice for the money.

[Hamilton]

109a
7th May 1894
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Ted Lindsay who desires to obtain a divorce from his wife who he charges with deserting him and committing adultery, I have the honor to inform you that a similar case from Point Macleay was brought before this department a few years ago when it was decided that a question of this kind could not be dealt with in any other than the ordinary legal process, as there is no special provision existing to meet such cases among the Aborigines.

[Hamilton]

109b
11th May 1894
G. A. Jervois Esq.
Wellington Station
Sir,
The ½ Caste native Gollan about whose land at East Wellington you wrote a few days ago, recently sent me his gun with a request to get it repaired for him, - I find it will cost 35/- to do so – as the gun will require a new stock, repairs to locks &c &c – which will make it equal almost to a new gun.
This department will pay half the cost, provided Gollan will defray the remainder (17/6) – if you have an opportunity of communicating with him, will you be kind enough to explain this to him so that his moiety of the cost may be forwarded to me without delay.

[Hamilton]
110a
17th May 1894
Mr A Spender
Moonta
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto, applying for seed wheat for sowing your land leased from
Government at Moonta, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture & Education &c to inform
you that your request will be considered next year, provided you have the land properly prepared in
time for seeding.

[Hamilton]

110b
18th May 1894
Mr H. J. Ellis
Middleton
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., stating that the Union Bank have charged you exchange on
collecting your Imprest order from this office – and asking that the amount of exchange may be added
to the orders in future – I have the honor to inform you that your request cannot be complied with, as
the Imprest orders are payable to you in Adelaide, & if you cannot collect them here, you are supposed
to make your own arrangements for their collection by Bank or Adelaide agent – The simplest way to
arrange this matter would be to add exchange to the rice of the flour when rendering your a/c.

[Hamilton]

111a
21st May 1894
M.C. Phelan
Morgan
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the ½ Caste native S. Fox & his wife have recently written to me
twice, complaining about not getting sufficient rations & also stating that they received 9 yds of Serge
instead of 12 yds, which was forwarded for them, & that 2 of the 4 blankets issued to them were very
old, stained ones – these old blankets Fox sent back to me, - I examined them – they appear to have
been in use for some time, probably by prisoners in the Police Cells -
I now return them again to you. Does your Department not supply you with blankets or rugs for the
Police Cells ? Please explain to Fox that his children are entitled to 2 lbs Flour, 4 oz Sugar, & ½ oz Tea
daily and you might issue them a month’s supply at a time.

[Hamilton]

111b
23rd May 1894
Mr J. McTaggart
Kolinda [between Booleroo Centre & Peterborough]
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14t inst., stating that there are destitute Aborigines at Kolinda who
require rations & blankets, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c,
controlling this department, to forward you a supply of Aborigines Stores as per advice herewith to be
issued in accordance with the enclosed copy of Instructions for your guidance herein – You will be good
enough to furnish monthly to this office the usual return of issues &c on the form herewith enclosed.

[Hamilton]
112a
26th May 1894
The Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c
Adelaide
I have the honor respectfully to submit that I have been informed that it is intended to promote Sergeant Field, (now in temporary charge of the Far Northern Police District) to the office of Sub-Inspector of Police, to succeed the late Inspector Besley at Port Augusta. Should this arrangement be carried out, I respectfully recommend Mr Field’s appointment as Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, on the same terms as that office was held by the late Mr Besley, viz. - £52: per annum. As there are upwards of 21 Aborigines Depots in the Far North, it is most desirable that this appointment should be continued, to ensure that the Stores supplied by the Government are properly distributed, and the Inspector in charge of Port Augusta, has exceptional opportunities of carrying out his duty by means of communications with the various constables stationed throughout the Far North. [Hamilton]

112b
25th May 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., containing numerous requests from Aborigines for sundry supplies – you do not mention having received the Blankets, 4 shirts, & 25 yds Serge, forwarded to you last week – please state how much more serge is required by you to supply the natives – With regard to their requests for bags – The bags are only issued as a special favour in cases of illness. [Hamilton]

113a
[Forwarded through Insp Saunders, Mt Gambier]
25th May 1894
M.C. Marschal
Millicent
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., stating that there are four (4) destitute Aborigines at Millicent who require rations & clothing, I have the honor to inform you that, a supply of rations as per attached order can be purchased by you at Millicent and issued, say, weekly as needed, on the following scale – 1 lb Flour, 2 oz Sugar, ½ oz Tea daily with Tobacco occasionally – You can apply for a fresh order when such is necessary. The other articles, blankets &c, can be forwarded to you as per advice enclosed. Tarpaulins are expensive items to supply. Can you obtain locally 2 or 3 dozen stout wheat bags, which would make very good covering for the Aborigines wruries, when opened out and sewn together. [Hamilton]

113b
4th June 1894
G. A. Jervois Esq, East Wellington Station
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th ulto., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal Donald Gollan whether his present lease of Section 149, Hundred of Seymour, will be renewed after its expiration in about three years, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that if Gollan continues to reside upon and make good use of the land, his lease will be renewed at the expiration of the term of the present lease, on the 31st December 1897. [Hamilton]
114a
4th June 1894
W. E. Dalton Esq.
Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide

Grant-in-Aid Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
The Balance of Grant-in-Aid for current year £ 400: will be payable before the 30th inst. Please arrange to furnish the usual financial statements showing that the conditions have been fulfilled under which this Grant-in-Aid is paid.

[Hamilton]

114b
6th June 1894
Mr John Sinclair
Rocky River

Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of 4th inst., calling attention to the destitute conditions of eleven (11) Aborigines who are hunting in your district, as we have several Depots, viz., Port Germein, Wilmington, Clare & Kadina, where rations, Blankets &c., can be obtained by the aborigines. Our funds will not permit of opening any fresh Depots but if you will be good enough to furnish me with a list of the names of these Aborigines &c where they came from, I shall be in a better position to judge to what extent it will be practicable to furnish them with rations.

[Hamilton]

115a
7th June 1894
Mr Thos Adams
Point Pierce Mission

Referring to your letter of the 15th ulto., applying for a lease of a Block of land at Poonindie, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that if you wish to obtain a piece of the land now being dealt with at Poonindie, it will be best for you to make an application in the usual manner, on the enclosed form and have it dealt with by the Land Board.

[Hamilton]

115b
8th June 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that the cost of repairing Aboriginal Overland Johnny’s Canoe will be £ 1.; I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to have the work performed at the cost named. Aboriginal Gollan still owes 2/6 towards the amount expended for the repair of his gun – 35/-, viz., 17/6 – 15/0 of which you sent me.

[Hamilton]
116
12th June 1894
E. G. Blackmore Esq
Parliament House
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., requesting information concerning the Finke Aboriginal Mission Station in the Northern Territory of SA, I have the honor to inform you that the mission reserve contains 900 square miles, held free of rent by the present lessees, who are now giving up possession & closing the Mission.
The last returns furnished to this office, show –

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2nd, No. of stock on Station

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Any further information as to the future disposal of the Aboriginal reserve, can be obtained from Mr Benda, in the office of the Minister, controlling the Northern Territory Department.

[Hamilton]
118
14th June 1894
Mr S. Lathern
Sec: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that, owing to the surrender of the Poonindie Native Mission Lease, several of the Aborigines who have been resident there, will be deprived of their homes, and are unable to provide for themselves, - these natives, as per list at foot, are desirous of removal to the Mission Station at Point Pierce, and I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether you are prepared to receive them there.

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[Hamilton]

119a
16th June 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., respecting the two Native women [very faint and blurred] Beck and Nettoon sent by you to the Adelaide Hospital last Saturday, I did not get your telegram till Monday as I was out of Town on Saturday. I found that these women came there on Saturday night, received some medicine and were told to come again on Monday, with an order from me. They did not do so – and I saw neither of them till this morning when Mrs Nettoon came to this office. The other woman I have not seen yet, and I do not know where she is.

I fear in some cases these natives make an attempt to get to Adelaide on the plea of illness, and then they go about the City, begging with others of the Tommy Walker and Spender type – Mrs Nettoon refused yesterday to return home, saying she would stay here till her daughter came out of Gaol next week.

[Hamilton]
119b
15th June 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., with reference to the sending to Hospital the native women Beck and Nettoon, I can quite concur with you that it is difficult to treat some of these cases in their camps – but if the Natives neglect your prescriptions & advice, & refuse to take your medicines, it is their own fault, if they suffer the consequences of such neglect, & we have done all we can reasonably do in the matter.

It will be quite useless to try to get the Government to put up one or two women at the Murray Bridge for hospital treatment of the Aborigines, in the present state of the Public finances, - As far as it can possibly be done, it is better to avoid sending the Aborigines to Adelaide, as they remain about the city, loafing & begging &c, which injures their morality & physically more than remaining even sick in their Camps at the Murray Bridge.

[Hamilton]

120a
18th June 1894
J. Field Esq.
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that you have been appointed Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, to date from the 1st June 1894.

Please inform me to what Bank your Salary is to be paid, as it falls due each month and ?return ?to me the enclosed Procuration order, in duplicate, duly filled up & signed &c – authorising the Bank to collect for you.

[Hamilton]

120b
18th June 1894
Mr J. Sinclair
Rocky River
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence with you respecting some Aborigines at Rocky River, who are stated to be in need of Blankets &c – I have the honor to inform you that a supply of Clothing as per margin – has been forwarded to M.C. Burton, in charge of the Police Station, Crystal Brook, who will distribute them to these natives – he has been also authorised to supply them with some Flour, sugar, and tea.

[In margin: 12 Blankets, 6 Blue Shirts, 25 yds Serge]

[Hamilton]
121a
21st June 1894
J. Symons Esq, J.P.
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., calling attention to the condition of Aboriginal Old Kangaroo Jimmy, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of Blankets and netting twine has been forwarded to M.C. Phelan, Morgan, who will issue them.
With regard to a tarpaulin, these articles are expensive and the natives are found to frequently burn them with their fires. Stout wheat or flour bags when sewn together make a good covering for their wurlies.
Will you be good enough to obtain one dozen bags for Old Jimmy and certify & send me the a/c for ??payment?

[Hamilton]

121b
22nd June 1894
Messrs W. R. Cave & Co, Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., stating that you have 1 ½ Tons Household flour at Kalamurina – which you can supply for the use of the Aborigines at that Depot for £ 12: per Ton, I have the honor to inform you that this Office is prepared to take one ton of this flour which you can supply accordingly.
With regard to your offer to quote flour for supply of other Aborigines Depots in the Far North, I have to inform you that arrangements have already been made for these supplies of flour.

[Hamilton]

122a
27th June 1894
Leger Erson Esq, M.D., Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to offer you the appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Border Town District, vacated by Dr Wright, who is removing from the neighbourhood & whose practice you have taken – The Stipend has been fixed for the present at £ 20: per annum – as the number of Aborigines has diminished since the first appointment of Dr Wright.
Should you accept this appointment, please sign and return to me the enclosed form of agreement, which terminates at the end of each year.

[Hamilton]

122b
26th June 1894
Dr F. G. Wright, Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., stating that you are removing from Border Town, & have transferred your practice to Dr Leger Erson, who you recommend as your successor for the appointment of Medical Officer to the Aborigines.
I have also to state that, this appointment has been offered to Dr L. Erson from the 1st July next at £ 20: per annum.
I will have your stipend for current quarter, £ 6: 5/-, paid into Bank of Adelaide in due course, as you wish.

[Hamilton]
123
28th June 1894
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that, owing to the surrender of the Poonindie Native Mission Lease, several of the Aborigines who have been resident there, will be deprived of their homes, and are unable to provide for themselves, - these natives, as per list at foot, are desirous of removal to the Mission Station at Point Macleay, and I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether you are prepared to receive them there.

List of natives referred to herein
Lydia Wanganeen     aged 20,    Female
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[Hamilton]

124a
29th June 1894
Messrs W. R. Cave & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to your letter of the 26th inst., asking whether the additional five bags of Household Flour, you offer for Aborigines at Kalamurina Depot, cannot be taken as well as the ton we have already offered to purchase, I have the honor to inform you that it is not considered desirable to keep a large supply (as 1½ tons) on hand as it is found to deteriorate & become unfit for human use. In this the ton already taken will be a nine months’ supply – as the Depot had nearly four (4) bags flour on hand on the 1st of this month.

[Hamilton]

124b
2nd July 1894
M.C. Dowing [Dowling?]
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th ulto., forwarded through the Commissioner of Police, Adelaide, in which you apply for remuneration from this Department for clerical work performed in the office of the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, at Port Augusta, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that a sum of £ 12: per annum will be allowed you from this Department to commence from the 1st July inst., for the services referred to.

[Hamilton]
125a
4th July 1894
M.C. Thornton
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., stating that Dr Wright has transferred his practice to Dr Erson at Border Town and reporting that the number of Aborigines has decreased since Dr Wright was first appointed as Medical Officer to them, I have the honor to inform you that Dr Erson has been appointed to this office from the 1st inst., at a reduced Stipend of £ 20: per annum.

[Hamilton]

125b
5th July 1894
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., with reference to the question of who shall defray the cost of burial of the child of Aboriginal Ephraim Tripp, in the event of its probable death – If the parents are really without the means of paying for this funeral, the cost will fall on either this Department or the Destitute Board. The latter will doubtless object to pay in a case where the child has Aboriginal blood, so under these circumstances if the expense cannot be borne by Tripp himself, you can get the funeral carried out at the lowest possible charges, & forward a/c to this office.

[Hamilton]

126a
9th July 1894
Mr Bruce
Poonindie, Port Lincoln
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have this day arranged with Mr Blackmore for the removal of the Natives from Poonindie who are going to Point Pierce and Point Macleay, and enclose you the orders for their passage to Port Adelaide next Saturday 14th inst., and Point Pierce via Moonta next Wednesday 8th inst. – please instruct those for Pt Adelaide to remain on the Steamer on Sunday morning, till I meet them, as the train from Adelaide to the Port is late on Sundays – Those for Moonta will be looked after by the Police, who will send them to Maitland, where the Mission trap will meet them.

[Hamilton]

126b
2th July 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Aboriginal Mansell Wilson returns to Point Macleay tomorrow morning, - he is improved in health but the Hospital Doctors say they cannot do anything more in his case – which is one that requires careful nursing, nourishing food &c – more than? hospital medical treatment.
It has been almost quite unnecessary that both his Parents should have had to remain here so long causing considerable expense – but they were unwilling to return without their son – Mr Dalton has agreed to pay a portion of their expenses – and Wilson himself says he will pay for his wife, whose share comes to £ 1: 2/- . He promises to forward this to me through you – will you get it from him as soon as you can.

[Hamilton]
127a
11th July 1894
M. C. Jones
Mt Freeling
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., requesting some Stores for the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that it is not usual to forward small lots to these distant Depots, as opportunities for Cartage are seldom found.
You have 6 Blankets on hand, as per your June return, which will probably be enough for the present – when your next general supply of all stores is required – the articles now mentioned will be sent up – and you had better advise me when there will be an opportunity for their Cartage to Mount Freeling.

[Hamilton]

127b
12th July 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the following Aborigines from Poonindie will arrive next Sunday & will proceed to Point Macleay on Tuesday next the 17th inst., - will you be good enough to have them met at the Jetty on arrival of the Steamer there:

- Matthew Mortlock
- J. Stanley
- S?. Welch
- Maria Welch
- & two grandchildren
- Edith & Florrie Yates

[Hamilton]

128a
13th July 1894
Corpl Shiels, Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that two Aborigines named Lydia Wanggal in and Geo. Rivers will arrive at Moonta from Poonindie next Wednesday or Thursday morning by the Steamer from Port Lincoln, en route to the Point Pierce Mission station. Will you be good enough to forward them on Friday by the Mail Conveyance (order enclosed for their passage) to Maitland where the Manager of Point Pierce will have them met – any expenses you incur for their Board & Lodging while at Moonta will be paid by this Office.

[Hamilton]

128b
13th July 1894
Mr B. G. Edwards, Point Pierce
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that two Aborigines named Lydia Wanggal in and George Rivers from Poonindie will be coming to Point Pierce by the next Steamer from Pt Lincoln, arriving at Moonta next Thursday morning & proceeding to Maitland in Friday next by Coach. Will you be good enough to have them met at Maitland in their arrival there in the afternoon.
The other Aborigines from Poonindie are coming to Point Macleay, so that you will not have so many at Point Pierce as originally intended.

[Hamilton]
129

13th July 1894
Mr S. Lathern, Moonta
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., representing the unsatisfactory financial position of the Point Pierce Aboriginal Mission, and enquiring whether there would be a prospect of assistance from the government either in rations or a Grant of money, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that he has approved of a supply of rations &c, as per list attached, being forwarded to the Mission Station at Point Pierce.

I will communicate with Mr Edwards, your Manager there, advising him herein, - the first supply will be forwarded as soon as an opportunity presents itself for shipping them to Port Victoria.

[Hamilton]

130a

13th July 1894
Mr B. G. Edwards
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of a supply of Rations, Clothing &c being forwarded to the Point Pierce Mission Station – as per advice herein.

With reference to Flour, can you inform me whether it will be procurable at Port Victoria and at what price per ton for good household quality.

I enclose copy of the Instructions for your guidance in issuing the rations and supply of monthly return forms in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]
130b
17th July 1894
M.C. Jones
Wilmington
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that the Aborigines located at Wilmington have gone away, some to Port Augusta &c – and that the flour ordered on the 11th inst., will not be required. You had better hold the order for the flour over, as you recommend – until you require to issue some to the Natives – and then it will be desirable to obtain a bag at a time.
The order for ½ ton was forwarded as you had a large number of Natives about the Depot at the time your requisition came in.

[Hamilton]

131a
19th July 1894
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to Mr Geo. Denford’s letter of the 9th inst., and your minute thereon respecting the two ½ caste children’s removal to Point Macleay, I have the honor to inform you that they will be received into that Institution.
You can therefore have them sent to Adelaide advising me when they will arrive here.

[Hamilton]

131b
21st July 1894
Mr M. Sweeney
Warooka
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., referring to Aboriginal Ned White & his ?father who are stated to be living in a destitute condition at Hardwicke Bay, I have the honor to inform you, that Depots exist at Edithburgh & Yorketown for the relief of the natives – and there is also a boat for their use at Edithburgh and Salt Creek – where White generally stays.
If he goes away where he cannot procure assistance or earn a living, it is his own fault if he suffers – I believe he is also given to strong drink, & spends his earnings frequently in that way.
I have written to M.C. Gunne of Yorketown, requesting him to give White some assistance when out of employment & unable to provide for himself.

[Hamilton]

132a
2nd August 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have tried to get the Native boy Hodgkins at Glenelg to return to Point Macleay – the woman Emily Pritchard with whom he lives, promised to send him up to my office – but he has not come yet. I expect I shall have to get the Police to interfere and frighten them into compliance. The woman Pritchard says she is so old & infirm that the boy is of great assistance to her –
I would like to see all the Aborigines who hang about the City made to return to their own Districts – they are a great nuisance here, continually begging and obtaining liquor when they have money.

[Hamilton]
132b
2nd August 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Copy of Fisheries Act No. 574 of 1893 & I forward herewith. You will perceive that under Clause 8, Special Aborigines grounds may be reserved for fishing purposes. It might be desirable for you to confer with some of the more intelligent natives on the matter and then communicate with me recommending what reserves for fishing would be suitable for the requirements of the Aborigines, when it will be laid before the Minister of [for] his consideration.

[Hamilton]

133a
7th August 1894
M J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
With reference to attached a/cs please note that Cartage charges should be rendered separately .... [illegible] Cartage a/cs. The latter should be made out in Teamster's name – the attached Cart-note should show the date on which the Stores were delivered at Innamincka, otherwise there is nothing to show whether goods were delivered within the specified time; if this time was exceeded, a reason should be given for waiving the forfeit.
The omission of this information is always queried by the Commissioners of Audit, causing them much delay in passing these a/cs.

[Hamilton]

133b
13th August 1894
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., offering to supply Household Flour to the Depots at Innamincka and Mt Freeling at £ 16: per ton at the former place & £ 9. 10/- at the latter, carriage paid, I have the honor to inform you that 1½ Tons Flour have only just reached Innamincka which will be sufficient for some months to come, & it is not desirable to have a larger quantity on hand as it deteriorates before being used. A small quantity, about 3/10 Ton, will probably be soon needed at Mt Freeling – and when I receive a requisition from the Depot there, I will communicate with you again.

[Hamilton]

134a
16th August 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of six (6) new Canoes being obtained for Aborigines. Will you be good enough to inform me whether you will undertake to have them built at Point Macleay, at a cost of £ 6. 10/- each, according to the Specifications, Copy of which was recently sent to you – the sample Canoe built at Pt Macleay contained more expensive material than is necessary – and the timber might be lighter in places such as the gunwales &c.

[Hamilton]
29th August 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge

Your last advices for Stores were for –

- 400 lbs flour
- 112 lbs Sugar
- 18 lbs Tea
- 5 lbs Tobacco

With reference to the Canoe of Aboriginal Jimmy Ducks which is too old & worn for repair, there will probably be some new Canoes built shortly at Point Macleay, when Ducks’ request will be considered. If in the meantime you should know of a suitable second-hand boat in good condition about the Murray Bridge – please advise me therein.

[Hamilton]

24th August 1894
Mr B. Lathern
Manager
Point Pierce Mission

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Aboriginal John Sansbury wrote to me on the 15th inst., stating that, his son recently ordered a suit of clothes from Mr Venning, Storekeeper, Maitland, £ 2: to be paid on deposit & the balance on time payment – Stansbury complained that this agreement was broken by Mr Venning.

I have had enquiry made herein and Mr Venning states positively that the balance of the Cost of the suit (£ 4: ?total, viz., £ 2: ) was to be paid by Sansbury before delivery of the clothes, and that he is prepared to hand them over to Sansbury on receipt of the balance (£ 2: ) and not otherwise.

It seems to me that the son of Sansbury was unwise in ordering so expensive a Suit, till he was in a position to pay for it – and it would have been better for him to have arranged the transaction through you who would have looked after his interests.

[Hamilton]

30th August 1894
Mr F. T. Denford, Mount Serle

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., complaining of the non-Payment of your a/c £ 1. 8. 6, for Cartage of Aborigines Stores from Leigh Creek to Mount Serle Depot, I have the honor to inform you that these a/cs have to be rendered and paid according to the instructions given to me by the Government and there is no intention on my part to put you or any other person to any inconvenience or delay in obtaining your money.

The a/c you sent here does not show who paid the Cartage £ 1. 8. 6. I presume you did so, but your name does not appear on the a/c – if the money is now due to you, will you be good enough to return me the enclosed procuration order to authorise Mr Black to collect the money for you.

If you will be good enough to render these a/cs in this way in future and send a procuration order (a supply of which I enclose) you will find there will be no trouble or delay in obtaining your money. Government a/cs can only be paid according to the instructions given to me & I cannot pay them otherwise.

[Hamilton]
137a
6th September 1894
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., stating that you are able to procure a boat for Aboriginal Old Jimmy Ducks at a cost of £ 4. 10/- & recommending its purchase, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that you are authorised to obtain this boat accordingly – and supply it to Ducks.

[Hamilton]

137b
7th September 1894
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., stating that Aboriginal Power wishes to obtain a pass to Bundaleer, to bring his wife home, I have the honor to inform you that Power had better communicate with some person at Bundaleer to ascertain whether his wife is really willing to return to Point Pierce. If she is desirous of doing so, I presume if a pass were sent for her, there would be no necessity for Power to proceed to Bundaleer.

[Hamilton]

138a
10th September 1894
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that one of the Native woman named Angie, at Point Pierce Mission, recently enquired concerning her sister in the Lunatic Asylum. I have obtained a report from the Colonial Surgeon about her, stating
“That Christina Angie is in good bodily health, but is still subject to attacks periodically of excitement, which render her unfit to be at large, - it is probable that in time, these will disappear & that she will be able to be discharged.”
Please inform her relatives accordingly.

[Hamilton]

138b
11th September 1894
The Chairman of the
Destitute Board
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter, D.B. 280/94, stating that Mary Seymour, a ½ caste Tasmanian Aboriginal of Kangaroo Island, is willing to transfer property to Govt if rations be allowed her during life – I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, has approved of the proposed arrangements, and steps are being taken to carry it out accordingly.
Will you be good enough to inform me whether your department has a contract with any person on Kangaroo Island for the supply of rations to the Destitute Poor there, & if so, at what price are they furnished.

[Hamilton]
139a
12th September 1894
Secretary: S.A. Woollen Co.
Lobethal
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., advising me that 300 of the 1st Instalment (1340) Aboriginal contract blankets, are ready for inspection at your warehouse, I have the honor to inform you that having organised a sample of these blankets this morning, and found them in accordance with contract sample – you can have the three bales delivered to the Aborigines Storekeeper at the GPO Stores, King Wm Street, and the balance of the Contract supply can be forwarded to the same place.

[Hamilton]

139b
26 September 1894
Secretary of the
Burra Hospital
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with some information respecting the Aboriginal Jimmy Yates who was recently taken to the Burra Hospital by the Police. I am inclined to believe that this native used to reside at the Point Pierce Mission Society, from where he ran away & has been travelling about the country in a destitute condition.
Please state his apparent a/c – what he is suffering from, and the district he belongs to, &c – as far as can be ascertained.

[Hamilton]

140
19th September 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th July last, addressed to you by Mr C. Hunter of Meningie, & which you recently handed to me, asking that the Aborigines may not be deprived of a Camping Ground near Meningie, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that a small block of 3 acres of land at Meningie was recently surveyed, but there is still available as camping ground for the Aborigines, about 1¾ miles North of this Block, and over 2 miles west of Meningie, which it is presumed is sufficient to meet their requirements. [Warringie?]

[Hamilton]

141a
26th September 1894
M.C. Phelan, Morgan
Sir,
Mrs Fox, for whose Aboriginal children you have been issuing rations from this office, has written to me saying that she has received the last supply you have on hand – she also asks to be provided with a boat for sending her children to school at Morgan – but as Fox has a boat already, it is very unlikely the Govt will approve of another boat being supplied to these people, especially as Fox who is an able-bodied ½ caste, & his wife, a European, have no ?claim themselves on this Department for assistance, so you will oblige this office by informing her to this effect – [two lines illegible] - to be only required for the children ...... I will send you an order on a local storekeeper to supply flour, tea & sugar monthly which will save you the trouble in future – please advise me ...... a suitable person to supply these articles.

[Hamilton]
141b
26 September 1894
John Symons Esq
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., respecting the case of Aboriginal Overseer Tommy whose eyesight is started to be failing, I have the honor to inform you that before sending him to Adelaide, it would be well to get the opinion of your local Doctor as to whether he is a fit subject for Hospital treatment in Adelaide. If you have no medical man at Morgan, or visiting there periodically, it would be desirable to send this Native to the Kapunda Hospital in the first instance, & then if found necessary, he could be forwarded to the Hospital here.
I send you an order for his pass per Rail to Kapunda.

[Hamilton]

142a
26th September 1894
Corporal Rumball
Blinman
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., reporting the difficulty you experience with regard the delivery of the Aborigines Stores at the Blinman Depot owing to the bags being left by the Teamster at your front gate, from where you have to carry them about 50 yards – I have the honor to inform you that arrangements should be made with the Teamster to deliver at the Police Station. Could you arrange to make the able-bodied Aborigines carry your Stores whenever necessary.

[Hamilton]

142b
27th September 1894
Corpl Shiels
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Tim Adams for a Block of land at Poonindie, or failing that, Homestead Block 1237, Hundred of Wallaroo – I have the honor to inform you that Adams’ application for the Poonindie Land will have to be dealt with by the Western Land Board & will require to be made on one of the forms of application, 3 kinds of which I send you in separate parcel.
Referring to our conversations last Sunday at Moonta, I have ascertained that Block 1235 (Keightley’s) has been forfeited & lease cancelled, so Adams, if he wishes, can apply for it, & I will do what I can to get it for him – a letter of application for lease of 1235, will be sufficient & need not be on one of the forms sent, as it does not come before Land Board.

[Hamilton]
26th September 1894
Thos Wilson Esq., J.P.
Chairman: Dudley D.C.
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th ulto., addressed to the Chairman of the Destitute Board, Adelaide, calling attention to the destitute condition of a ½ caste Tasmanian Aboriginal woman, named Mary Seymour, who was born on Kangaroo Island, where she has lived for nearly sixty years, and stating that she is willing to transfer to the Government, some property she owns, consisting of Cottage and land, (value about £ 50: ), if rations be allowed her during life,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this Department, to inform you that this request will be complied with, and I enclose you an order on Mr J. H. Trehewey to supply rations to Mary Seymour, from the 1st prox., - he has been supplying the daughter of this woman with rations, and I presume will also be willing to supply the mother on same terms. His a/c for the rations should be sent to this office every three months, certified by you.
I forward you in separate parcel by this post, a form of memorandum of transfer, which you will be good enough to return to me when duly signed by Mary Seymour & witnessed &c.

1st October 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal named Joe Walker, who is, I believe, at the Needles Depot, holds a block of land from the Government at Salt Creek in the Hundred of Santo, the lease of which expires in 1894.
I shall be glad if you have an opportunity to communicate with Walker advising him herein and asking him to state whether he intends giving this land up, or does he wish to have the lease renewed – in which case, he should send in an application without delay.

5th October 1894
M.C. Phelan
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., re rations for the 3 children of Aboriginal Fox, when I proposed obtaining these supplies from a local storekeeper, I was under the impression that you had no other natives requiring rations at Morgan. But as there are the other old & infirm Aborigines who need relief occasionally, I now send you supplies to supply all, including the 3 children of Fox. You can therefore continue to issue their rations once a month as heretofore & the other natives once a week.
Have you proper means of storing these rations, to keep them from insects, vermin &c – if not, can you obtain one or two zinc-lined cases at a local store? which would be an inexpensive way of protecting them.
145a
10th October 1894
M.C. Phelan
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal Old Jimmy at Morgan – I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether this boat is absolutely necessary to enable Jimmy to earn his living and to visit the Township.

[Hamilton]

145b
15th October 1894
M.C. Teate, Renmark
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., applying for a Canoe for Aboriginal Merly Scott who is willing to contribute £ 4: towards the cost of £ 10. 10/-, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, controlling this department, to enquire why should the Govt be called upon to give assistance to an Aboriginal who is already in receipt of wages.
Can you inform me what amount of wages is Scott in receipt of, and how much is he likely to earn at his present job.
P.S. You have just ..... the death of Aboriginal Tommy Dodd who got a Canoe in January ?1892 built at Renmark at a cost of £ 10: - can it be handed over now to Merly Scott ?

[Hamilton]

146
12th October 1894
Messrs W. R. Cave & Co., Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In acknowledgement of the receipt of your a/c for £ 18: rendered on the 10th inst., for 1 ½ Tons household flour, delivered at the Depot at Kalamurina, on the 3rd September last, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to call your attention to previous correspondence with you on the subject of the supply of flour to this Depot – the dates of which are quoted in the margin. You will perceive from these letters that the quantity of flour agreed to be delivered at the Depot at Kalamurina, was one ton only.
[In margin: 82/94 2/6/94; 86/94 29/6/94.]

[Hamilton]

147a
16th October 1894
M.C. Hillier, Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., respecting the case of Aboriginal John Martin, who has recovered from his illness & returned to Point Macleay – I have the honor to inform you that you can retain the order furnished to you for Martin’s rail journey to Adelaide, as you may require it on some other occasion.
When there are any Aborigines at Milang requiring medical aid, but not ill enough for admission to Hospital, you can send them over to Point Macleay where Mr Sutton, the Manager, will attend to them, he being supplied with medicines & having had a good deal of experience in dealing with sickness among the Natives.

[Hamilton]
147b
17th October 1894
Messrs John Martin & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that, the Blue Serge, 200 yds, ordered on the 11th inst., and which you
have supplied to the Aboriginal Storekeeper, is not equal in quality to the standard Contract Sample.
I enclose you a piece of the contract sample – and two pieces from what you supplied & you will
perceive that some mistake must have been made, as the quality of the serge you sent up is very inferior
– Will you be good enough to have this matter enquired into, with a view of better serge being supplied
in lieu of that complained of.

[Hamilton]

148a
17th October 1894
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
With reference to the line in C.P.L. for 1893-95, No. 3007, Blue serge, imported, wide width, @ ½d per
yard, I beg to submit that the term ‘wide width’ is very indefinite. I have obtained, a few days ago, Serge
from the Contractor (J. Martin & Co) only 29 & 30 & 32 inches wide – which can hardly be called wide
width as it is under a yard wide – and the quality was also so inferior to contract standard sample, that I
have had to call upon them to change it for better.
Could you manage, in next Contract Price List, to specify the width of this Serge & say to be not less than
one yard wide.

[Hamilton]

148b
18th October 1894
M.C. Marshall
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., stating that owing to non-arrival of last supply of Aborigines
Stores at Innamincka Depot, you had to purchase 100 lbs flour for £ 1. 2. 6, which you request may be
refunded to you, I have the honor to inform you that you have omitted to furnish an a/c for this flour – if
you paid for the flour yourself, you should send the receipted a/c as a Voucher with your own a/c – I will
then forward you an order for the amount.
Please note that all your Aborigines Returns should be sent here, through the Sub-Protector of
Aborigines, at Port Augusta (Mr John Field).

[Hamilton]

149a
18th October 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to the building of the six (6) Aborigines Canoes at Point Macleay, which was recently
approved of, I have the honor to inform you that I have not yet heard from you as to when the work is
likely to be begun and completed, and you will oblige by giving me this information as soon as possible,-
I will then forward you the form of contract for signature &c.

[Hamilton]
149b
18th October 1894
Dr Erson
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to remind you that your return of Aborigines under medical treatment for the quarter ended 30th September last, has not yet reached this office, & to request that you will be good enough to have it forwarded at your earliest convenience.
I send you some forms in separate parcel by this post, in case you have none on hand.

[Hamilton]

150a
18th October 1894
Dr Gibb
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture & Education, to remind you that your return of Aborigines under medical treatment for the quarter ended 30th September last, has not yet reached this office, & to request that you will be good enough to have it forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

150b
18th October 1894
Mr F. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
In reply to your letter of (no date) requesting a supply of 3 tons of flour & proportionate quantity of other Stores for the Aborigines at Mount Serle, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that the funds at disposal of this office for current year will not permit of so much stores being sent to Mount Serle Depot at present. You will receive as per enclosed advice, twice the quantity sent up previously – and you are requested to have it carefully distributed to last as long as possible. You do not mention what kind of medicines are chiefly required for the ailment of the Blacks.

[Hamilton]

151
19th October 1894
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
The following a/c has this day been collected by your Adelaide agents, D. & G. Fowler –
J. Gibson, Cartage to Mt Freeling 10/9
The item, 1/- for Agency, has been struck out of Gibson’s a/c – it should be rendered separately & charged to yourself, and not included in the Teamster’s charge for Cartage.
F. Besson’s a/c, 18/9, for Cartage, Hergott to Mulloorina, I am unable to pay as you have not yet furnished procuration order for Besson in your favour.

[Hamilton]
22nd October 1894
A. Meston Esq
Brisbane, Queensland
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., addressed to Mr Dalton, the Secretary of Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, requesting therein information respecting the aborigines of S.A. and the money voted by Parliament for their relief &c &c – I have the honor to inform you that the number of Aborigines in this colony is as follows -

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The annual vote last year was £4782: £1000 of this sum is paid to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for their Station at Point Macleay, where there are about 250 to 300 Aborigines located (copy of last report from Point Macleay enclosed herewith).

The remainder of the Aborigines annual vote is expended in maintaining about 50 Depots distributed over the Province where rations & Blankets &c are kept for issue to the old, infirm & sick.

If you will refer to the Australian Hand Book, under head, South Australia (for 1894), you will find a detailed statement giving a good deal of information about our Aborigines.

[Hamilton]

23rd October 1894
Mr A. Hamilton
Victor Harbor
?? 29th ulto., stating that owing to floods, you have been unable to cultivate your land leased from the Govt (Section 235, Hundred of Encounter Bay) & asking that you may be allowed to use this land for paddocking and in reply, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the conditions of your lease require you to reside upon the land, & cultivate a portion of it – otherwise you will be liable to have the lease forfeited.

[Hamilton]

29th October 1894
Mr J. H. Trethewey
Clerk, District Council: Dudley
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Mary Seymour, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to inform you that she will be allowed to occupy during her (Mary Seymour’s) lifetime the Cottage she is now looking to transfer to the Government in consideration of her receiving rations during the rest of her life.

[Hamilton]
29th October 1894
Mr T.M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Joe Walker for a Block of land on the Coorong, near McCallum’s or Needles (Axe Point or Snake’s or Goat’s Island) I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that the land asked for is leased to Mr Thos McCallum, and is therefore not available. Probably a Block might be found suitable ??west of the Coorong on land formerly included in Pastoral Lease No. 5023.

[Hamilton]

31st October 1894
Corporal Shiels
Moonta
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 1st October inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Tim Adams for a lease of Block 1237, Hundred of Wallaroo, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this department, to forward you herewith copy of a memorial sent to the Govt by certain residents of Moonta and its vicinity complaining of the conduct of the Aborigines who have obtained land in that locality, and protesting against any other grants of land being made to the Natives. – Will you be good enough to furnish me with a report as to whether the statements made in the memorial are correct &c.

[Hamilton]

1st November 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., enquiring about Aboriginal Beck, I have the honor to inform you that this man & his wife have been about Adelaide for some time past. Their boy was a very short time in the Hospital and now they are all camping about Pt Adelaide & Glenelg, as far as I can ascertain. Last Monday, Mrs Beck came to my office, she was then under the influence of liquor, her husband also came to me on Tuesday last, he also had been drinking that day. I tried to persuade them to return home, but I fear they are still about the City. I have sent on your letter re natives about Adelaide to the Minister, with a strong minute of my own recommending that those found loitering about Adelaide & suburbs be dealt with as “Vagrants” &c, which I trust will have some effect.

[Hamilton]
156a
1st November 1894
Corporal Dowdy, Kingston
With reference to the whole meal flour (½ ton) which was forwarded to you for the Aborigines last week, as this is a new departure from the flour which has hitherto been supplied for the use of the natives, I shall be glad to have a report from you as to whether this flour is made a proper use of and the Aborigines take to it.  
[Note: Order and postal note &c herewith in payment of a/cs as under:
   Waterman  3 1/4
   Abbott     12/6]  [Hamilton]

156b
3rd November 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Mr David Lindsay, the Explorer, is about to leave Adelaide en route overland to West Australia, and he wishes to get a black boy or two to accompany him with his Camels. Would any of your people have a suitable boy, say about 12 years old, willing to go with Mr Lindsay.
If you will kindly give me the names, ages &c of two or three boys that you can recommend, I will see Mr Lindsay, and then let you know what he decides to do in the matter. You might give the names of one or two young men about 20 to 25 years old, in case he wanted any more.  
[Hamilton]

157a
9th November 1894
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that Dr W. J. Walker has been appointed Medical Officer for the Destitute Poor at Port Germein – exclusive of Aborigines – and that no expense is to be incurred on account of Aborigines who may require medical attendance, until the authority of the Hon. Minister is first obtained.
You will therefore be careful to wire to this effect for instructions prior to engaging the services of a Doctor.  
[Hamilton]

157b
9th November 1894
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st July last – requesting to be allowed some remuneration for services rendered by you as Issuer of the Aborigines Stores at Murray Bridge Depot, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that no payment herein can be made at present.  
[Hamilton]
158a
13th November 1894
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that the supply of Rations, viz., Sugar, Tea, Rice, Soap & Tobacco is low, I have the honor to remind you that these Stores were forwarded to you on the 30th July last & you were advised that they were for six (6) months, until January 30 1895, when a similar quantity will be sent to Point Pierce Depot.

With regard to your statement that the Serge received from this Office is still on hand, and asking whether you can issue it to the widows and orphans on the Station, there is no objection to this course being adopted, but should any of the wandering Natives require any serge before your next supply is due, you would be expected to supply them.

[Hamilton]

158b
14th November 1894
Mr. W. Telfer, Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarding your a/c for £ 1. 10. 6 for services rendered & medicines supplied to Aboriginal child of S. D. Fox who was suffering from poison – I have the honor to inform you that your a/c cannot be received in its present form – there is nothing to show by whose authority or instructions this expense was incurred.

You should render the a/c with full details, showing number of visits paid to patient, & value of medicines supplied – and forward the a/c through the Police at Morgan, who may be able to certify it – I will then submit it to the Colonial Surgeon and the Minister of Agriculture & if they pass it, the amount will then be payable to you.

[Hamilton]

159
20th November 1894
Memo/ [to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c ?]
With reference to Circular No. 29, C.S.O. 1217, requesting information concerning Aborigines Department, to enable compliance with a Resolution of the House of Assembly, the following replies thereto, are respectfully submitted, viz.,-

1, The ordinary working hours per week, exclusive of lunch time are _______ 38 ½ hours, but this does not correctly represent the time occupied in the multifarious duties of the Protector of Aborigines, who has frequently to meet Trains to convey sick Aborigines to or from the Hospital. For years past he has also been in the habit of visiting Aborigines Depots on Saturdays & Sundays, to examine Stores, enquire into complaints and requirements of the natives &c &c.

2, Amount of overtime worked.
The protector has occasionally to remain in his office after 5 p.m., to finish up work, and has sometimes to take work home with him.

3, Absence for holidays (average per officer).
The protector has been absent for three (3) days during year ended June 30, 1894. He has not had his usual fortnight’s annual leave for about eight (8) years, - this is owing to his having no assistant in his office and the difficulty experienced in making satisfactory arrangements [160a] for performance of his duties during absence.

4, Estimated savings if all officers worked forty eight (48) hours per week - Nil.

5, Estimated expenditure which would be incurred if overtime were paid for at the rate of time-and-a-quarter and time-and-a-half - Nil.

[Hamilton]
160b
22nd November 1894
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Joseph Koolmatire for assistance to procure a Canoe, one half the cost of which he is willing to pay himself, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that your request has been approved to the extent of £ 3. 5/-, calculating the cost of a canoe at £ 6. 10/-, which is the usual amount. Before the money is paid the canoe will have to be examined and passed as worth the money – but I presume you will endeavour to have it built on the Station so that the labor and money will be for the benefit of the Institution.

[Hamilton]

161a
24th November 1894
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that the following Aborigines from Poonindie, viz.-

   J. Milera, wife & 3 children,
   F. Woowinda & 1 child,
   & Minnie, a native girl [?] (8 in all)

Will be forwarded to Point Pierce by next Steamer, arriving at Moonta next Thursday morning & thence by mail conveyance next Friday to Maitland. Will you be good enough to arrange that they be met at Maitland on that day.

Your Secretary, Mr S. Lathern, was communicated with some months ago and it was arranged with him that these natives would be admitted to Point Pierce in the event of their being unable to obtain land at ?Poonindie from the Land Board.

[Hamilton]

161b
26th November 1894
Corporal Shiels
Moonta
The following Aborigines from Poonindie, Port Lincoln, will arrive at Moonta by next Steamer en route to Point Pierce Mission Station. Please have them sent on to Maitland by Mail Conveyance (order for their passages enclosed) and any expenses you are put to for their meals &c., will be refunded on receipt of your a/c.

   J. Milera, wife & 3 children,
   F. Woowinda & 1 child,
   & Minnie, a native girl (8 in all)

[Hamilton]
26th November 1894
Mr J. D. Bruce, Poonindie
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that at the request of Mr Blackmore, arrangements have been made for the reception at Point Pierce Mission of the undermentioned Aborigines from Poonindie. I now enclose you an order for their passage from port Lincoln to Moonta, by Steamer on the 28th inst. The Police at Moonta have been advised to receive & forward them to Maitland where they will be met by conveynance from Point Pierce.

J. Milera, wife & 3 children,
F. Woowinda & 1 child,
& Minnie, a native girl (8 in all)

26th November 1894
Mr S. Lathern, Secretary: Y.P.A. Mission Moonta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., stating that exhaustive enquiries have been made at the Point Pierce Mission with reference to the statements contained in the letter signed "Mary McKay" which I forwarded to you on the 9th inst. I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that further investigation therein appears unnecessary. Your Committee and officials appear to be doing their utmost to minimize any improper conduct at the Station. The Govt cannot at present go to the expense of making the appointment of medical officer you suggest.

3rd December 1894
J. R. Kelly Esq., M.P., Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., with reference to Section 235, Hundred of Encounter Bay, occupied by Aboriginal Andrew Hamilton, and pointing out that this land has not been properly utilized by him - & recommending its resumption by the Govt, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that the Aboriginal in question has been informed that unless he resides on the land during a part of the year, and makes better use it, his lease will be cancelled.

3rd December 1894
Mr A. Hamilton
Victor Harbor
Sir,
With reference to Section 235, Hundred of Encounter Bay, for which you hold a lease from Govt, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that you will render yourself liable to have the lease cancelled, unless you build a hut and reside upon this land, during a portion of the year, and also keep the fences thereon in a proper state of repair, and endeavour to cultivate such portion of the land as is exempt from floods.
164a
3rd December 1894
W. H. Brooks Esq, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of an Aborigines Depot being opened at Parakylia in the Far North.
Will you be good enough to inform me when there will be an opportunity to get a supply of Stores sent on from Coward Springs to Parakylia, by your Station teams.

[Hamilton]

164b
3rd December 1894
H. M. Shand Esq., M.D.
Middleton
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that, the annual stipend of the Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Port Elliott & Goolwa Districts, has been fixed at £ 25: per annum for the ensuing year.
I enclose herewith form of agreement which you will be good enough to return to me when executed by you.

[Hamilton]

165a
5th December 1894
M.C. Pyne, Wellington
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., reporting that a boat recently belonging to Aboriginal Jimmy Ducks has been found abandoned & tied up to the willows about 2 miles from Wellington and enquiring as to its future disposal. Will you be good enough to inform me whether there is an Aboriginal about Wellington requiring a Canoe, to whom you can recommend its being given. Failing this arrangement, I will ask Mr Sutton, at Point Macleay, to allot this boat to one of the Aborigines there, and advise you accordingly.

[Hamilton]

165b
8th December 1894
Mrs Jessie Power, Clare
Referring to your letter of the 16th ulto., asking that your children at Point Pierce Mission may be sent back to you at Clare, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with, as these children are placed at Point Pierce at the request of their father, and from enquiries made, they appear contented, and well cared for at the Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

166a
10th December 1894
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., respecting the children of Charley Power, and the request of their mother Jessie Power that she might have them returned to her at Clare, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that her request will not be complied with – these children appear to be contented and well cared for at the Mission Station where they were placed with the consent of their father and by order of the Hon the Chief Secretary.
166b
11th December 1894
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a Canoe recently given to Aboriginal Jimmy Ducks (now in the Lunatic Asylum) has been found near Wellington by the Police, apparently abandoned.
You will probably have a native in our district who requires a boat, - if so, please advise me accordingly, and the first opportunity that offers, you can send an order to M.C. Pyne at Wellington, who will be instructed to hand the Canoe over to you.

[Hamilton]

167a
10th December 1894
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd ulto., enquiring whether the Aborigines Boat at Edithburgh could be sent to Point Pierce, for the use of some old natives there for fishing – I find on enquiry that there are a few Natives now at Edithburgh using this Boat.
If we could induce the Aborigines now in the south of the Peninsula to make the Mission Station more permanent abode, I have no doubt the boat could be removed there. I find I cannot at present pay you a visit, but I trust before long to be able to do so.

[Hamilton]

167b
11th December 1894
Mr H. W. Hurslett
Parakylia
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that on the application of Mr W. H. Brooks, a supply of Aborigines Stores (as per advice enclosed) will be forwarded to you for distribution to the old & infirm Aborigines at Parakylia.
I enclose copy of Instructions for your future guidance in issuing the rations &c and also some return forms in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]

168
13th December 1894
Mr H. B. Fitz
Kanowana
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that the Aborigines Stores forwarded to you last July, were not yet arrived at Kanowana, I find your returns have not come to hand for some months past. Have you had any Natives about the depot during the six months you were without stores – and were any steps taken to supply their wants from your Station stores, to be refunded to you from our supplies on arrival at Kanowana.
I there were no issues during this period, please furnish one return explaining same.

[Hamilton]
169
17th December 1894
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With reference to the case of the Native woman Scott, who was forwarded from the Murray Bridge to the Adelaide Hospital last Saturday, I have the honor to inform you that her husband, who came with her to Town, states that Dr Gibb was under the influence of drink, and incapable of giving the proper medical attendance.
I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be good enough to say whether there is any foundation for this statement of Aboriginal Scott, and also that you will report whether during the past twelve months, there have been any instances coming under your notice, showing negligence or incapacity on the part of Dr Gibb, when required to act as Medical Officer to the Aborigines at Murray Bridge.

[Hamilton]

170a
15th January 1895
M.C. Hillier
Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal George Low, for some assistance from the Department to enable him to complete the purchase of a Boat from Mr Bowman of Poltalloch, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that, Low’s request will be complied with to the extent of £ 6. 10/-, the value of a Canoe, to which he would be entitled.
This sum will be paid by this office to complete the purchase of the boat referred to, on its being shown that the balance of the purchase money (except the £ 6. 10/-) has been paid.

[Hamilton]

170b
24th January 1895
Messrs Giles and Henderson
Wondillina
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., applying for Government rations for Aborigines at Wondillina, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that it is not considered necessary to open another Aborigines Depot at Wondillina, there being a Depot at Oodnadatta, a distance of only 25 miles, where the Aborigines can obtain what they requires.

[Hamilton]
171
24th January 1895
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 11th & 20th inst., with reference to the purchase and repair of Canoes for Aborigines at the Murray Bridge, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that he has approved of the purchase of boats for Aborigines Dishier and Beck, at £ 6: and £ 5: each.
The Canoes of Turpin, Cook & Scott can be repaired as recommended by you. Aboriginal Cook is evidently mistaken in what he says about my having informed him that he was to get a new boat at Mannum – If his boat is repaired, it will do him for some time yet. You report that the Boat you found for Beck can be repaired for 25/- as he now obtains the new boat for £ 5:; the other when repaired, will be available for one of the other natives who require a Canoe. I believe Aboriginal Rayner would be the most entitled to it, as he has never had one yet.
With regard to the repair of the guns, I think Scrubber should pay a portion of the cost of repairing his gun – when the natives do this it induces them to be more careful of their guns, and they cannot expect this Department to do everything for them.

[Hamilton]

172a
28th January 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., submitting an application from Aboriginal Crofton Giles for assistance from this department to enable him to purchase a gun, which has been offered to him for £8:, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that his request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

172b
28th January 1895
The Secretary to the
S.A. Woollen Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you with reference to your a/c for 380 Aborigines Contract Blankets that on counting the contents of the 14 Bales delivered by you last month, they were found to be 20 short, viz.,

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making 360.
Please note & return the enclosed memo, from the Storekeeper, General Post Office.

[Hamilton]
28th January 1895
Sergt Raymond
Port Pirie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that a young Aboriginal woman named Julia Miller had applied to you for a pass to Adelaide, I have the honor to inform you that this woman under the name Julia Biggs with two other natives named George & Jimmy Radford were given passes at their own request to Port Pirie on the 18th inst. They came to Adelaide about Xmas from the North (Orroroo way) & having no money, were assisted home.

There is a Black Tracker at the Mounted Police Barracks here named Miller & I find on conferring with Sub-Inspector Shaw, that this woman Julia became acquainted with Miller & came about the Barracks interfering with him and rendering him so unsettled that he was fit to attend to his duties as Tracker. Under these circumstances this woman’s return to Adelaide in very undesirable, and it will be better to send her to the North to her friends who were travelling with her and who should not have left her behind them.

She will probably be able to tell you where she wishes to go to, - perhaps if sent to Orroroo, she would be able to find the other Blacks in that District.

I enclose an order for her rail pass which please fill in accordingly.

[Hamilton]

28th January 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith the form of Contract to be entered into by you for the supply of six canoes for this office, for distribution to the Aborigines and to request that you will be good enough to have same duly signed, witnessed & returned to me at your earliest convenience.

Please insert the time which you will require for the completion of these canoes.

[Hamilton]

29th January 1895
Corpl Bushell
Riverton
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 28th inst., reporting the case of Aboriginal Alfred Biggs who desires a pass to Adelaide and Point Macleay, I have the honor to inform you that there are upwards of 300 Aborigines at Point Macleay and the manager there is unwilling to take in others who do not belong to that district. We have no place in Adelaide to admit Aborigines, and it would be better for Biggs to proceed to one of the nearest Depots, ether Clare or Kadina, where he could obtain rations.

Please advise me which of these arrangements would meet the case & I can send you pass for him.

[Hamilton]
175a
29th January 1895
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., stating that several other Aborigines are applying to you for Canoes – I have the honor to inform you that their requests will have to stand over for the present, the funds at disposal of this office are quite unable to meet so many demands.
With regard to supplying aborigines with bags for their camps – care will have to be taken to issue them only to those who are old & infirm or sick .... the able-bodied men who are so well supplied with canoes & guns cannot expect to get everything they ask for.

[Hamilton]

175b
31st January 1895
Corpl Dowdy
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., recommending the repair of the Aborigines Boat & Moorings &c – including painting, at a cost of £ 2. 10/-, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to have the work carried out accordingly.

[Hamilton]

176a
4th February 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., with reference to the request of Aboriginal Karloan, that the Strathalbyn doctor may be brought to Point Macleay to attend his (Karloan’s) child, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to inform you that, the request cannot be complied with.
Will you be good enough to ascertain details later on, as to the condition of the child, its age, &c., and the nature of the illness it suffers from.

[Hamilton]

176b
6th February 1895
Mr T. H. Gourlay
Mt Eba
Sir,
With reference to your Aborigines Return for December last, in which you report that you do not advise sending any more rations to the Mt Eba Depot, until the end of summer – I have the honor to inform you that owing to a large number of Aborigines located at Parakylia, a supply of rations & blankets was forwarded there only in December last.
In the event of the natives coming again to Mt Eba, you may be able to arrange to obtain some Stores from Parakylia, should such be required.

[Hamilton]
177a
12th February 1895
Mr W.J. Rawling
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Tinware ordered on the 7th inst., for McKeever, Clare, & Blake, Port Germein, has not yet been delivered by you at the Aboriginal Storekeeper's, General Post Office Stores, and in consequence of this delay, other Stores have been kept waiting until the Tinware arrives. I have to remind you that you are liable to have the tinware purchased elsewhere by this department and the difference (if any) ?may be charged against you. Can you not manage to keep a stock on hand of the articles required from time to time by this office. [Hamilton]

177b
13th February 1895
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarding two offers from Westergaard of Mannum for repairs of Aboriginal Lindsay's and Bookmark's Canoes, please note that some further information therein is desired – The tender for Lindsay's Canoe states (no paint or tar) while that for Bookmark specifies painting also, but does not say to what extent & how many coats. If the one canoe needs painting why is it omitted for the other, which I imagine requires either painting or tarring. Do you consider the prices named reasonable for the work required? [Hamilton]

178a
19th February 1895
Mr J. D. Bruce
Poonindie
Sir,
An Aboriginal named Phillip Welch who recently went from Poonindie to Point Macleay, when the former Station was closed, has applied to me stating that he left some valuable things at Poonindie with his son-in-law, Solomon, which he is anxious to get. Will you be kind enough to enquire into the matter and have the articles sent to Point Macleay, via Adelaide, in my care - & any expenses incurred for their transit will be paid by this office. [Hamilton]

178b
20th February 1895
Corpl Dowdy
Kingston
Referring to Aborigines returns from Kingston Depot for November & January last, please note that the return for December last has not yet been received here. You will perceive that the balance on hand at the end of November, 1894, has been carried forwarded to 1st January 1895, from which it appears that no rations were issued in December last. Dr Englehart alludes to several deaths having occurred among the natives at Kingston during last quarter of 1894. These have been omitted from your November return, - please have them entered herein. [Note in margin: Nov 1894 & Jan 1895 Returns herewith.] [Hamilton]
179a  
19th February 1895  
M.C. Hillier  
Milang  
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal George Lowe, if the money promised him for payment of his Boat has been paid yet to Mr Bowman – I have the honor to inform you that the amount £ 6. 10/- will be paid on production of a statement from Mr Bowman and forward it to this office.  
Lowe should obtain this document from Mr Bowman and forward it to this office.  

179b  
19th February 1895  
M. C. Hillier  
Milang  
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., respecting the gun brought to you for repair by Aboriginal Geo. Phillips, I have the honor to inform you that this department does not supply Aborigines with new guns – In this case, if Phillips’ gun is worth repairing, and he will pay half the cost of the repairs, which will be from 20/- to 35/-, I will recommend that this be done.  

180a  
1st March 1895  
M.C. Gibbons  
Mannum  
Sir,  
Referring to your letters of the 11th & 25th ulto., respecting the repair of Canoes for Aborigines Lindsay and Bookmark, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that the offers of Westergaard & Son, to do the work as proposed by them in their tenders, has been accepted.  
Will you be good enough to see that the repairs are carried out accordingly, & certify a/c to that effect upon forwarding it to this office.  

180b  
1st March 1895  
Dr J. Murray Gibbs  
Border Town  
Sir,  
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of your appointment as Medical Officer to the Aborigines at Border Town for the six months ending June 30/95, after which a fresh arrangement will be made with you.  
Your stipend for the six months will be at same rate as paid to your predecessor, Dr Wright, viz., £ 20: per annum.  
I enclose form of agreement for your signature, which you will please return to me duly signed.  

[Hamilton]
181a
4th March 1895
M.C. Ewens
Robe
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., reporting on the application of Aboriginal Taylor for assistance from this office to enable him to remove from Robe to Adelaide or Moonta, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, to request that you will be good enough to inform Taylor that his request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

181b
5th March 1895
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your memo 4th inst., in which you report favourably of the Boat offered to Aboriginal Smith for £ 1., I have the honor to inform you that its purchase for the sum named, has been approved - & you will be good enough to obtain it for Smith.

[Hamilton]

182a
4th March 1895
A. E. Bowman Esq
Poltalloch
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., addressed to M.C. Hillier of Milang, stating that Aboriginal George Lowe has paid for the Boat he purchased from you, with the exception of £ 6. 10/-, the amount due from this Department to complete the purchase of the Boat, I have the honor to inform you that this sum (£ 6. 10/-) is now payable to you, and I enclose procuration order to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect the money.

[Hamilton]

182b
6th March 1895
Mr F. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., requesting a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture & Education, controlling this Department, to inform you that you have not yet furnished your returns, showing the distribution of the last supply of rations forwarded to you in October last, 1894.
I have also to state that Aborigines Stores can be supplied only to those Depots from which the usual monthly returns are regularly furnished. I return the January sheet & you will be good enough to enter therein the total quantity Stores received in October last, and the issues to end of January 1895.

[Hamilton]
183a
12th March 1895
Mr F. W. Allen, Edithburgh
Sir,
Two Aborigines at Salt Creek, named Ned White and A. Spender, have written to me asking whether they can have the use of the Aborigines Boat from Stansbury & Port Vincent. As there is a Boat at Edithburgh for the natives in that locality – I shall be glad to learn whether it can be occasionally used at Salt Creek. You could have it inspected occasionally when away from Edithburgh to see that it was properly cared for.

[Hamilton]

183b
12th March 1895
Mr S. Lathern
Secretary: YPAM, Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., requesting a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores for the ensuing year, I have the honor to inform you that the same will be forwarded to Point Pierce in due course. In your requisition, you mention the following articles only, as required, viz.,
- Flour, sugar, tea, rice, tobacco & soap.
You do not refer to the clothing, fishing tackle, tinware, &c – am I to understand that there are still sufficient of these articles on hand at the Depot?

[Hamilton]

184a
12th March 1895
Mr S. Lathern
Secretary: YPAM
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me, if you can have an Aboriginal admitted to the Mission Station at Point Pierce, - his name is Tommy Cyclops, from Barrow’s Creek, about 18 years old, - he has been on Mr Johnson’s station at Warooka for some time, but the climate here being cold and damp does not appear to agree with him - & before sending him back to the Far North, I would be glad to place him at Point Pierce for a time. He is reputed to be intelligent and well-conducted.

[Hamilton]

184b
13th March 1895
Corpl Richards, Mt Barker
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., with reference to the Aboriginal Jack Finke, I have the honor to inform you that a native of that name has been at the Point Macleay Mission Station, for the last 7 or 8 years – please ascertain & let me know if this is the same - & why he left Point Macleay, where he has a comfortable home.
The department cannot go to the expense of sending him up North, but on getting your reply, if he is the Point Macleay native – I will send you an order for his rail to Milang & passage by Steamer to the Mission station.
Send me a/c for any meals supplied to him.

[Hamilton]
185a
14th March 1895
A. Walker Esq, Innamincka
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th ulto., applying for rations &c., for destitute Aborigines at Cuttapharie and Innamincka Stations, I have the honor to inform you that, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of your request, and a supply of rations &c – as per enclosed advice – will be forwarded to you to Farina – Mr Manfield has been advised that you will arrange for their transport to the Depot.
I enclose copy of Instructions for guidance of your manager who will issue the rations, and also forms or returns in separate parcel by post.

[Hamilton]

185b
18th March 1895
E. G. Blackmore Esq, Adelaide
Dear Sir,
In reply to your letter of this date, asking for information re the Proclamation of Aboriginal Reserves at Poonindie, I regret to say that I can find no records of copies of these Proclamations in this office, - I presume the Government Gazettes would give this information, but I have no file of them here to enable me to ascertain this, -But you have probably a complete file, viz., the Parliamentary Library, and a search therein would doubtless find these Proclamations.

[Hamilton]

186a
18th March 1895
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce
Sir,
I communicated with your Secretary, Mr S. Lathern, last week, with reference to the admission of a native lad from the Far North, to your Mission Station, and I now learn that he can be admitted there. He will leave Yorketown next Thursday by the Mail conveyance for Port Victoria, via Stansbury, & will reach the former place about 8 p.m., same day. Will you be good enough to send someone for him. His name is Tommy Cyclops.

[Hamilton]

186b
21st March 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that Two of the new canoes now being built at Point Macleay, are ready for Inspection, I have the honor to inform you that when you have 3 of these boats ready, I will come down and inspect & pass them.
To examine every 2 Canoes would necessitate 3 visits which I cannot find time for – I presume you have the completed canoes under cover, so that keeping them for a short time will not harm them in any way.
I could come down just after Easter – I shall be away for a week early in April before Easter, on leave.
[Side-note: Your suggested distribution of the boats will I believe meet requirements of the Natives you ? & those who live away from the Mission earning their own living are more entitled to Canoes than others who are nearly always receiving rations & assistance &c at the Mission.]

[Hamilton]
187a
21st March 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Pierce
Sir,
With reference to your letter about the repair of gun for Aboriginal McLean – I find the Gunsmith reports that this gun is practically worn out & not worth repairing, except at a prohibitory cost (from £ 2: to £ 3: ) the locks are useless & the barrels much rusted, Stock broken &c. The natives are very careless with their guns to knock them about in such a manner.
It would be well to caution them that in future they need expect no assistance from this office in putting their guns in order, unless they take more care of them. They should have a canvass cover for them when not in use, and after much use should be cleaned & oiled. Their guns are one of their most valuable possessions, and deserve better care.
[Side-note: If your Mission would assist McLean pay for a new gun, at, say, 17/6, (Order No. 76, in enclosed Price List) I will recommend payment of 20/- if your friends pay the 17/6.]

[Hamilton]

187b
25th March 1895
Dr J. M. Gibbes
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., returning your agreement signed, as Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Border Town District, to June 1895, and stating that you have attended a case of Confinement of Aboriginal Mrs Pinkie, for which you submit a claim for your charge – I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that your stipend from this office, includes all cases of medical attendance on Aborigines – confinements are not considered as extra.
Your stipend for current quarter will be due & payable to you on or after the 1st prox. I enclose procuration form to enable you to authorise your Bank to collect the money.

[Hamilton]

188a
29th March 1895
The Officer in Charge
Police Station
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your attached letter, please inform the writer that the Crown Lands Office wrote to him on the 18th inst., & posted him that document to be signed by him returned to that office, when the money £ 80: would be paid to him for completing his house on the Block he holds from the Govt near Moonta. This letter &c he appears not to have received, and it is probably still lying in the Post Office at Moonta.

[Hamilton]
188b
2nd April 1895
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the native boy Tommy who came down to the Adelaide Hospital last Saturday, will return to Port Augusta by Train tomorrow, as the Hospital doctors do not consider it necessary to keep him longer.
It is not Cataract he has in his eyes, but another infection which has been operated on – he will have a supply of ointment with him for further use, perhaps it would be well to keep him at Port Augusta for a few days so that your govt Doctor could occasionally see how he was getting on before he returns to the Far North.
If any fresh developments of his eyesight occurs during the next few months, it might be desirable to have him examined by your Hospital Doctor at Port Augusta.

[Hamilton]

189a
17th April 1895
W. E. Dalton Esq.
Sec: Aborigines' Friends' Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th ult., enquiring as to the terms on which School furniture, consisting of Desks &c & Blackboard, could be supplied by the Education Department for the new School House at Point Macleay Mission Station, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that the only thing that can be done is to supply Desks & furniture at Cost prices. - there is no Vote from which to defray expenses in setting up a School for the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, neither is there any second-hand furniture available.

[Hamilton]

189b
22nd April 1895
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., with reference to repair of Aboriginal Perry’s canoe, and ?? on offer from Westergaard & Son to perform the work for £ 2. 19. 6, I am authorised to inform that the repairs can be carried out, cost not to exceed the sum named.
[Note: I enclose Westergaard & Son’s tender, which please retain till you have seen the work properly completed, & then return same to me with the a/c certified by you.]
22nd April 1895
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., pointing out that the Aboriginal Returns from Mt Serle Depot have not been forwarded through you to this office, I was under the impression that the Issuer there had been instructed to post these returns to you first, & I will see that all the returns are dealt with in the same way –
When Stores are required at these Depots in Far North & West, if the requisitions are sent through you, it is the cause of great delay before they reach me, owing to postage arrangements, and in consequence, if teams or vessels are leaving with short notice, and the stores are not ready for them, there may be weeks and often months before another opportunity offers to convey the Stores to their destination. Under these circumstances, it is very desirable that the requisitions should reach me with as little delay as possible, especially when the Stores are urgently required.
I have therefore, in some cases, to obviate the difficulty, instructed the issuers to wire direct to this office for fresh supplies – as our Stores have to be obtained from several Contractors and sent to Aboriginal Storekeeper for examination prior to their despatch, early intimation of their being required is indispensable.
In some instances Camel teams after waiting for stores, have had to start without them.

22nd April 1895
Mr Tim Adams
Moonta
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., enquiring whether you can obtain some assistance from the Aboriginal Depot at Kadina – I have communicated with Corporal Radford the Issuer there, and any assistance you are entitled to will be given to you on your application to him, provided you are leading a steady, sober life, and unable to find employment.

24th April 1895
Mr L. Crowe
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., applying for Compensation for use of your Boat by Aborigines at Goolwa – I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Education, to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.
192a
30th April 1895
Mrs Stuart, Kingston
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., I have the honor to inform you that, I have communicated with
Corporal Dowdy, and requested him to render you any necessary assistance you require from the Depot
– with rations for the Aborigines on the occasion of your visit to Kingston. I have also forwarded serge,
blue shirts and 5 suits of clothes for the old men, also 5 dozen empty bags for making their camps for
the winter.
With regard to your request that I should initiate a subscription list on behalf of the Natives – I do not
feel justified in doing this, as it would create an undesirable precedent.
[Note in margin: The stores are sent to Mr Dowdy who will supply you.]

192b
4th May 1895
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th ulto., forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North,
requesting that a part of Sect. 118, part of Miscell. Lease 206, Baroota, may be set apart as a reserve for
the use of the Aborigines, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Education, to inform
you that the land asked for is not available, but that probably the land colored brown on enclosed plan
would be suitable for the purpose referred to; if so, steps will be taken to set it apart as an Aboriginal
Reserve.

193a
6th May 1895
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce
Sir,
Some time ago you mentioned that a small fishing boat was required for the use of the Aborigines at
Point Pierce. I find that the Boat stationed at Stansbury is now seldom or never used by the Natives, and
you can have it for the Mission Station Aborigines.
Please inform me whether you can send a dray or wagon to Stansbury for it – its length is 13 feet and
when I saw it recently, appeared to be in good order.

193b
7th May 1895
Mr F. W. Allen, Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to your Aboriginal Return for April 1895, containing report respecting the Aborigines’ Boat at
Edithburgh & stating that the Aboriginal Alfred Spender who monopolises the use of it, has injured it on
the rocks when fishing – I have the honor to inform you that the boat is intended for the benefit of all
the Aborigines who require it for fishing purposes, and Spender who is an able-bodied man, is not
justified in depriving others of the use of the boat.
I will communicate with M.C. Dunne, Yorketown, in reference to this matter, as you suggest. If Spender
broke the oars of the boat, and you obtain from him the cost, or at least half the cost, of a new pair,
which will be about 15/-.
194a
7th May 1895
M.C. Dunne
Yorketown
Sir,
Mr F. W. Allen of Edithburgh informs me that a ½ caste Native named Alfred Spender is in the habit of monopolising the use of the Aborigines’ Boat at Edithburgh – and depriving other natives there of it – and that he has damaged it on the rocks while fishing – I shall be glad if you will warn Spender, when you have an opportunity, when visiting Edithburgh, that if he continued to act in this way, he will not be allowed to have the boat at any time, as it was placed at Edithburgh for the general use & benefit of all the Natives.

[Hamilton]

194b
10th May 1895
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
I have received through your Adelaide agent (D. & G. Fowler) six small a/cs for items for Agency Charges on Aborigines Stores at Hergott & Farina, amounting to £ 1. 17. 6. Some of these go so far back as April 1894 – please furnish some explanation why these were not rendered to this office sooner, as a/cs should be furnished at least every three months, otherwise the Audit Commissioners refuse to pass them unless satisfactory reasons are given for the delay.

[Hamilton]

195a
10th May 1895
M.C. Naulty
Penola
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., reporting that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required at your Depot – I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase 1 bag (200 lbs) flour and 1 lb Tobacco accordingly.

[Hamilton]

195b
10th May 1895
M.C. Blake
Pt Germein
Mr Sutton, the Manager of the Mission Station at Point Macleay, informs me that an Aboriginal named Peter Martin at Port Germein, has written to him asking for assistance to enable him (Martin & his wife) to go to Point Macleay, where they have relatives – Martin used to be at Poonindie, Pt Lincoln, but belongs to the S. East [Milang].
I enclose you an order for their Rail journey from Port Pirie to Adelaide. They will have to make their own way to the former place.
Please fill in their names in the order when you issue it, and they should call for their journey to Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]
196a
14th May 1895
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., with report respecting Aboriginal Andrew Hamilton – I have the honor to inform you that he can be supplied with rations to extent of 12 lbs Flour, 2 lbs sugar, ½ lb Tea, during the time he continues to work on the section of land leased to him by the Govt. I send him a letter herewith (which please hand to him) stating that he must carry out the conditions of the lease, otherwise he will lose the land after the 1st July next.

Forwarded through M.C. Bluntish

196b
13th May 1895
Mr A. Hamilton
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that you had begun working on the section of land leased to you by the Government, and requesting that you may be supplied with rations from the Depot at Victor Harbor, I am directed to inform you that unless you continue to reside on and work this land in accordance with the conditions of your lease, you will have it taken away and resumed by the Govt after the 1st July next –
In the mean time you will be allowed rations, while you remain working on the land, at the rate of 12 lbs Flour, 2 lbs Sugar, & ½ lb Tea, per week.

[Hamilton]

197
14th May 1895
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Pt Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., respecting the removal of the Aborigines Stores from South Gap to Andamooka, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this Department for reminder of current financial year are very limited, the greatest care will have to be taken in extending the number of Depots in the Far North. The Stores referred to at South Gap Depot were forwarded there in June 1893, so that they have been lying there nearly three years useless. This shows the necessity of supplying rations &c to those localities only, where the Aborigines are in need of them. A supply of rations was recently (Sept 1894) forwarded to Parakylia in the North-west, and not far from Andamooka, and under these circumstances, it will be better, before opening a permanent Depot at Andamooka, to send the Aborigines Stores there from South Gap, and if found necessary when that supply is exhausted, a further supply of Stores may be sent up.
Will you be good enough therefore to request the Issuer at South Gap to have the balance of Aborigines Stores there sent on to Andamooka, cartage to be charged to this office.

[Hamilton]
198
16th May 1895
Mr A Redman
Acting Manager
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Chief Inspector of Fisheries is now preparing his report for the Government, and he wishes to obtain some information on the following points, which you may be able to procure from some of the more intelligent and experienced Aborigines.
1st, The spawning seasons of the principal fish of the Coorong and the Lakes, and where they generally go to spawn.
2nd, What time and to what extent should close seasons be fixed for the protection of the fish when spawning.
- And any other information bearing on this subject that you can obtain.
I would suggest that you question 6 Natives – 3 of the Coorong District and 3 of Point Macleay &c – and it would be well to examine them and take their replies down, each separate from the others, so that the information procured can be compared afterwards so as to test its correctness &c.
I write to you, as I understand from Mr Dalton that Mr Sutton is going away for a holiday – please furnish me with your report as soon as you can.

[Hamilton]

199a
17th May 1895
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., stating that you will be unable to send your team to Stansbury, for the Boat now offered to the Point Pierce Mission Station, and suggesting that it be taken by some Aborigines to Ardrossan and thence by carrier to Mission, I have the honor to inform you that as the distance along the coast from Stansbury to Ardrossan is considerable, do you think a couple of Natives could be safely instructed to take the boat there especially at this time of the year when the weather may not be depended on –
I will ascertain what the cost of the Cartage would be to take the boat from Ardrossan to Maitland, and should you have any other, better plans for the removal of the boat, I will wait till I hear from you of same.

[Hamilton]

199b
18th May 1895
M.C. Kerin
Maitland
Sir,
Will you be good enough to ascertain the following information for me, viz., to obtain from one or two of the Carriers between Maitland and Ardrossan, what they would charge for conveying a Boat, 12 feet long, from the latter to the former place, en route to Point Pierce Mission Station, the Manager of which will have it taken from Maitland to its destination.

[Hamilton]
200a
24th May 1895
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that it has been decided to remove the Aborigines Boat from Stansbury
to the Mission Station at Point Pierce, as it is now seldom or never used by the Natives at the former
place – and you will be good enough to deliver it to the person coming with a wagon from the Mission in
about 10 days, who will produce an order from the Manager.
Please inform me what condition is the boat now in.

[Hamilton]

200b
28th May 1895
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Since writing to you last time on the subject of the removal of the Aborigines Boat from Stansbury to
Point Pierce, a request has reached this office on behalf of some Aborigines now fishing at Stansbury,
that the boat might be left there for a short time for their use – will you therefore delay sending for it –
until you hear from me again.

[Hamilton]

201a
29th May 1895
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., respecting the proposed removal of the Aborigines Boat from
Stansbury - & stating that there are some natives now there and ?coming who are desirous of using the
boat for fishing, I have the honor to inform you that if this boat is still required at Stansbury for these
Aborigines, it can remain there for the present –
With respect to the native Alfred Spender, you will have to see that he takes care of the boat as he was
recently at Edithburgh, and Mr Allen the Issuer there in charge of the native boat, informs me that
Spender tried to monopolise it, and deprived other natives of its use, and damaged it on the rocks &c.

[Hamilton]

201b
5th June 1895
Mr H. Dunk
Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., recommending the removal of the Aborigines Shed at Milang to a
more suitable site at a cost not exceeding £ 1: - I have the honor to inform you that this work can be
carried out as you suggest. In fixing the new site, it would be well to consult the wishes of the
Aborigines themselves and also the District Council or other local authority controlling the reserves – so
that no mistake be made – which would necessitate the further removal of the Shed at a future time.

[Hamilton]
6th June 1895
J. Doyle Esq
Inspector of Police
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I shall feel obliged by your obtaining some information for me respecting a ½ caste woman named Hirchhausen, who lives in College Place, Portland Estate, Port Adelaide – she is married to a European, a German, and has five children. She has been in receipt of rations & Blankets from this office for some time past. She informed me that her husband deserted her, drinks, & when he comes home, beats her and the children, and tries to pawn their clothes &c -
I saw the husband recently and he accuses his wife of being addicted to drink - & leading an immoral life &c – and that he can't live with her –
I would like to ascertain to what extent these statements are true, and perhaps your constable who patrols that district, would keep a special eye on the house & its inmates – for a week and when he reports to you, you may be able to give me some information, which will guide me as to what extent I am justified in supplying these people with rations, and whether the woman has been deceiving me with false representations &c &c.

[Hamilton]

10th June 1895
The Secretary to the
S.A. Woollen Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
With reference to the Bale containing 100 Aborigines blankets delivered at the G.P.O. Stores by you last week, I have the honor to inform you that the Storekeeper reports that on the examination of these blankets, two lots of five each were weighed with the following results –

First five Blankets were 2 lbs short weight
Second “ “ “ ½ lb “ “

[Hamilton]

10th June 1895
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide

Grant-in-Aid – Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
The Balance £ 400: will be payable before the last day of June inst.
Please arrange to have the usual financial statement rendered to enable the £ 400: to be paid about the 20th inst.

[Hamilton]
12th June 1895
Mrs Stuart, Robe
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., with respect to Aborigines at Kingston & Robe, I am sending you some clothing as per advice herewith – and also an order for the rail pass of the ½ caste family from Kingston to Adelaide – please enter their names on this order before you issue it – It must be understood that this Department will be put to no further expense after these people reach Adelaide, and it would be well for you not to give them the order till you are assured that they have the means of continuing their journey to Port Lincoln.
As the Steamer leaves every Tuesday for Pt Lincoln, they should come up on a Monday from Kingston.

Corporal Dowdy, Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., requesting a supply of firewood for Aboriginal John Dunn & Family, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase a wagon load at a cost of 15/-, as recommended by you.

Mr Herman Daenke, Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., pointing out the necessity for the removal of the Aborigines Shed at Milang to a more suitable site, and requesting that rations may be supplied for the Natives, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that, the removal of the shed has already been approved of in a previous letter – and with respect to the supply of rations at Milang, it is not considered desirable to reopen a Depot there, as it induces the Natives to come from Point Macleay and loaf about the Township where they are supplied with intoxicating liquor by unprincipled persons.
The Mission Station is the best home for the Aborigines & its vicinity gives them scope for procuring game & fish – and if any of the Aborigines desire to visit Milang temporarily for shooting or fishing, they can obtain from the Manager at Point Macleay a week or two supply of rations to take with them.
In the event of any illness &c among the Aborigines who visit Milang, it should be reported to this office by M.C. Hillier who will be given instructions what to do in such cases.

Mr T. M. Sutton, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your requisition of 11th inst., for a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores for the Point Macleay Depot – I have the honor to inform you that this is the 3rd requisition for Stores since the 3rd May last, - one supply every month has hitherto been the usual quantity sent to Point Macleay. At the present rate of consumption it is more than doubled the funds at disposal at this office ?will ? of... Please forward full explanation why so unusually large supplies are required, and every effort should be made to lessen the issues by the Natives going out for game and fish & any employment that offers.
206b
14th June 1895
Mr C. T. Carrick
Stansbury
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., with reference to the Block of land at Moonta leased to Aboriginal Spender & which he states he intends still to occupy, I have the honor to inform you that as applications have been made to the Govt to resume it, Spender should lose no time in occupying it again if he wishes to retain it.
With regard to the Aborigines boat at Stansbury, is it still likely to be of real service to natives there, as there are several old Aborigines at Point Pierce to whom it would be a great boon for fishing. I presume you are aware that during the last few months, it has been hardly ever required by natives at Stansbury.

[Hamilton]

207a
14th June 1895
Aboriginal John Hodgkiss
c/- ? Milang
[illegible]

207b
14th June 1895
?Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
[illegible]

208a
7th June 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Replying to your letters of the 11th & 14th inst., respecting the Canoes built at Point Macleay, I find your explanation as to the ?number ?? quite correct, and the a/c will be passed & paid this month. Referring to their distribution, they had better be given as you recommend to the names you mention, and when you have decided as to whom the last boat should be given, please advise me of the name of the native receiving it.

[Hamilton]

208b
20th June 1895
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., enquiring whether this office has paid a teamster named Farrigg for Cartage of Aborigines Stores to Andravilla – I cannot find that we have any Depot at that place – perhaps you mean Diamantina, and if so, I find that the cartage a/c for the Stores to that Depot has not yet reached this office – neither has any payment been made yet to the person you name.

[Hamilton]
209a
20th June 1895
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to attached paragraph from the ‘SA Register’ of 18th inst., - I shall be glad to have a report from you as to the statements therein, which imply that the Aborigines on the Lakes are too well supplied with rations to exert themselves in earning a living at shooting & fishing.
I know you are anxious to obtain employment for the natives?but perhaps if you were to communicate with Mr A. Dowland of Goolwa, you could ascertain to what extent he would be able to offer employment to some of the Aborigines, and if you find them too lazy and indolent to accept this, I think you would be justified in curtailing or stopping their rations.

[Hamilton]

209b
20th June 1895
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., about the Aborigines Shed at Milang, I have the honor to inform you that, some time before the receipt of your letter suggesting its removal to Point Macleay, Instructions were given to place it on higher ground where it would prove more useful as a shelter for any Aborigines visiting Milang temporarily.
There is no intention to encourage Aborigines to hang about Milang, but as the Shed was there for some time past, it may be of use occasionally to travelling natives, perhaps at some future time. If it is found quite unnecessary at Milang, it can be removed to Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

210a
28th June 1895
The Chairman of the
Destitute Board
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to our conversation yesterday, on the subject of the remuneration to be paid to the Medical officer to Destitute Poor and Aborigines at Border Town, from 1st July 1895, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of the payment of £ 10: per annum by this office, from 1st Proxo, for Medical attendance on the Aborigines in the District referred to (Tatiara) & I will advise Dr Gibbes accordingly.

[Hamilton]

210b
28th July 1895
Dr J. Murray Gibbes , Border Town
Sir,
With reference to your appointment as Medical Officer to Aborigines of the Border Town District, which will terminate on the 30th inst., I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Stipend hitherto paid for this service has been reduced to £ 10: per annum, I enclose form of agreement for your signature for the remainder of the current year, which please return to me when duly signed.

[Hamilton]
211a
2nd July 1895
The Chief Storekeeper
Public Supply Stores
Port Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., advising me that you have forwarded to this office, 82 Suits and 6 old Overcoats of Railway Inspectors (the receipt of which I now acknowledge) and enquiring whether I also require the remainder of the stock of these uniforms which you have still on hand, I have the honor to inform you that I shall be glad to take two similar lots, to the one you sent me, and will feel obliged by your having them forwarded, as per attached order.

[Hamilton]

211b
2nd July 1895
The Chief Storekeeper
Public Supply stores
Port Adelaide
Please supply and forward, addressed as under:

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[Hamilton]

212a
4th July 1895
Mr T.M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Wilson for the purchase of a fishing boat, offered to him for £14: and one half of which he offers to pay himself after shearing – I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that, the funds at disposal of this department will not at present admit of Wilson's request being complied with.

[Hamilton]
212b
5th July 1895
W. E. Dalton, Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 21st ulto., stating that the Superintendent of the Point Macleay Mission Station, has been fined at the Wellington Court for neglecting to destroy rabbits on the Needles Aboriginal Reserve, Coorong, & pointing out the injustice of this proceeding, owing to there being 30,000 acres of Crown Lands adjoining this Reserve, where rabbits are constantly breeding with impunity, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that the best course for you to adopt is to apply through the District Council, for a supply of wire netting.

[Hamilton]

213a
13th July 1895
Mr J. Solomon
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for a small boat, I am instructed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to enquire why the boat which you at present possess, does not give you sufficient means of earning a living.

[Hamilton]

213b
15th July 1895
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
With reference to the request of Aboriginal Geo Beck for bags for his ?hut, I do not remember making such a promise of such – he is an able-bodied man, able to make a good living with game & fish on the Mission where he usually lives.
I find he & his wife have been several times fined at the Murray Bridge, this year, for drunkenness – so that he does not deserve much favour, till he shows a better record of character.

[Hamilton]

214a
17th July 1895
Corporal Deane
Orroroo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., recommending a further supply of rations for the Natives at Yalpara – you are authorised to procure 400 lbs Flour, 65 lbs Sugar, 12 lbs Tea & 2 lbs Tobacco & have them forwarded to Yalpara.
Tents are not usually supplied to the Aborigines. You can order 1 dozen empty Wheat or flour bags for each of the old infirm natives – these when sewn together make a better covering than a Calico tent – Six dozen bags in all should be enough for the most deserving cases.

[Hamilton]
214b
20th July 1895
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 8th inst., acknowledging receipt of the Aborigines Boat from Stansbury, and stating that it requires repairs, I have the honor to inform you that you can procure, as suggested by you, the necessary ?timber, nails &c & paint from your local carpenter, and forward a/c for same to this Office for payment.
With regard to Grapnel and chain & rope for mooring boat, please inform me what size &c, will be most suitable, to enable me to have them forwarded from Adelaide.

215a
22nd July 1895
Corpl Richards
Mount Barker
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., re Aboriginal Tommy Walker, please send him on to Milang tomorrow morning, Tuesday, if possible, so that he can go down to Point Macleay by the Steamer – he will be much better there than at Milang & out of the way of drink – he has just come out of gaol after being there for disturbances &c. I enclose order for his pass by Steamer – he has a ticket from Adelaide to Milang.
Send the a/cs, for any expenses incurred for him, to me, certified by you.

215b
25th July 1895
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., enquiring about Aboriginal Mary McGrath in the Adelaide Hospital, I have the honor to inform you that she has been here for a week, but returned to Point Macleay last Tuesday morning [23rd], accompanied by Fred McGrath who came for her – she seems to have recovered from the throat affection she suffered from.
This girl is quite white, appears to have no Aboriginal blood at all, & from enquiries I have made, she is supposed to be the child of a white girl born on a station in the North, and given away to the Native woman Eliza Yates or McGrath to bring up – and this woman now claims Mary as her daughter. Can you give any fuller information about this?

216a
31st July 1895
W.E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd inst., stating that, a party of from 40 to 50 Aborigines from Point Macleay, will be proceeding next month to shear the sheep on the Hill River Station, and asking whether any concession can be made by the Commissioner of Railways for their rail journey to and from Milang and Farrell Flat, I have the honor by directions of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
**216b**
31st July 1895
The Secretary:
Adelaide Hospital
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of this day advising me that the native girl **Cissy Carter** is ?ready? to return to Point Macleay, - if she goes on Monday next, there will be no-one to meet her at the Jetty, nearly 4 miles from the Mission Station, having got your letter this morning, there was no opportunity to advise the Manager of Point Macleay of the native returning – the Mail having closed yesterday, Tuesday – Can you manage to have the girl kept in the Hospital till next Tuesday morning. I will then write the Manager of Point Macleay on Friday, to have her met at the Jetty on Tuesday.

**[Hamilton]**

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**217a**
1st August 1895
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., enquiring about 2nd-hand school fittings, whether the Education Department has any available for the new School room at Point Macleay, I have conferred today with the Inspector-General of Schools, and ascertained that though there are some available at present, there is a prospect of two state schools having their old fittings exchanged for new ones, and when this arrangement is carried on, I understand there will be some school furniture suitable for the new schoolroom at Point Macleay.

**[Hamilton]**

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**217b**
3rd August 1895
Mr G. L. Mason, Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal **John Gibson** for a lease of a Block of land at Handy’s Station? Hundred of Duffield, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Education, to forward you enclosed a permit authorising **John Gibson** to occupy that piece of land described therein.
You will be good enough when handing the permit to **Gibson** and explaining it to him, to advise him to leave it with you or Corporal Dowdy for safe keeping.
Please acknowledge its receipt.

**[Hamilton]**

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**218a**
5th August 1895
Mr J. D. Bruce
Poonindie
Dear Sir,
Will you be good enough to furnish me with a list of the names of the Aborigines who are still at Poonindie (men, women & children) and also state which of them have obtained any of the land that has been allotted – I am getting a return also of the No. of Poonindie natives at Point Macleay and Point Pierce, and I am anxious to make a full return of all the Poonindie natives & where they are now located.

**[Hamilton]**
218b
6th August 1895
M.C. Thornton
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., respecting Medical attendance for Aborigines at Border Town, I have the honor to inform you that Dr J. Murray Gibbes has now accepted the position of Medical Officer to these natives, on the terms offered to him by the Govt, and will continue to attend to them when required.

[Hamilton]

219a
7th August 1895
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., requesting to have a dozen bags supplied to Aboriginal Waggoner, I enclose you an order on Messrs D. Bell & Co. for them.
With respect to the issue of rations to Aboriginal A. Hamilton, they were only permitted while he continued to work on the Block of land he holds from the Govt – you do not mention in your letter in what manner he is carrying out this condition. If he leaves the land, and obtains other employment, or is misconducting himself by drinking &c – his rations should be stopped.

[Hamilton]

219b
9th August 1895
Mr A. Spender
Moonta
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., requesting assistance to build a house on Block 1233, Hundred of wallaroo, leased to you by the Govt, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with, as you do not hold a Homestead Lease, and are therefore not entitled to obtain a loan.

[Hamilton]

220a
14th August 1895
Dr W. Gibb
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Education, to remind you that your Aborigines Return of cases of Aborigines treated during quarter ended 30/6/1895 has not yet reached this office and to request that you will be good enough to have same furnished without delay.
Should there have been no cases during the quarter, a return – Nil – should be sent in.

[Hamilton]
14th August 1895
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With reference to some recent a/cs, rendered at this office for Whisky and Brandy supplied to sick Aborigines by order of the Medical Officer, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that in future these a/cs will not be passed for payment, except in extreme cases, where stimulant may be required when life is actually in danger. As the Blacks are unfortunately much addicted to drunkenness, temptation should be kept out of their way – and the use of intoxicating liquors in sickness should be avoided.

[Hamilton]

21st August 1895
Wm Gibb Esq, M.D.
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your last Aborigines quarterly return, (to 30/6/95) which contains no entries of cases of illness, and to your remarks thereon, that only ordinary cases of coughs, pains &c were attended to by you, and which you did not consider of sufficient importance to include detailing in the return, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to remind you that your agreement with the Govt requires you to keep a record of all cases coming under your notice & treatment, and to request that you will be good enough in future returns, to carry out this instruction.

[Hamilton]

23rd August 1895
J. Field Esq., Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your report on letter from M.C. Blake, Port Germein, dated 7th June last, recommending that a reserve be set apart for the Aborigines in the Hundred of Baroota, near Pt Germein, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that an Aboriginal reserve has been proclaimed &c in last week’s G. Gazette, consisting of the Block Nos 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 & 160, on the Baroota Creek, about 6 miles from Pt Germein – containing about 138 acres – please advise M.C. Blake herein.

[Hamilton]

26th August 1895
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to inform you that the Government having reduced to the extent of £ 500: the amount at disposal of this office for current financial year, the supplies of Aborigines Stores hitherto forwarded to Point Macleay Depot every month, can in future be supplied only every six weeks. Your next supply will therefore not be due till the end of September next.

[Hamilton]
222b
26th August 1895
M.C. Baker
Elliston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required at your Depot – I have your telegram of today, advising me that there are no natives there at present, I see from your Aborigines Rations that the stores formerly sent there generally remain a long time on hand and become liable to deteriorate. Under these circumstances I will not send supplies, till I hear again from you, whether Aborigines are likely to locate themselves at Elliston for any length of time – any casual callers who are greatly in need of food, you could purchase a small quantity of flour, Sugar and Tea for.
{Margin note: when your issues are – Nil – a return every three months will be sufficient.  [Hamilton]

223a
5th September 1895
M.C. Schumann
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th ulto., requesting fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that some Stores were sent last month to Mr Fraser, Tinga Tingana, which will now be forwarded to you, as I am advised that Mr Fraser died last week – and there is now no person at Tinga Tingana – These Stores consist of

- 1000 lbs Flour
- 112 lbs Sugar
- 18 lbs Tea
- 6 lbs Tobacco

Mr Manfield wires me that he will instruct the Teamster to deliver these goods to you.
As soon as transport arrangements are made, I will forward you an additional supply of Stores and you will be duly advised of their despatch.

[Hamilton]

223b
10th September 1895
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
With reference to Mr Williams’ a/c annexed, please note that 6/- has been struck out therein, and should be charged to Dr Gibb – whose agreement with the Govt to supply Aborigines with Medicines – as well as medical attendance – the items struck out - ?Pt Jacobs Oil and Cod Liver Oil, both came under this category.
In future it will be desirable for you to examine Dr Gibb’s order carefully, before acting upon them – to avoid rendering yourself personally liable for expenses incurred, which will not be passed by this department – and when you feel a doubt in the matter, it would be better for you to send the doctor’s order to this office for approval, before acting on it.

[Hamilton]
224a
11th September 1895
M.C. Schumann
Innamincka
Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that owing to the reduction of £ 500: on the Aborigines’ Vote in the Estimates for current year, the greatest care will have to be exercised in distributing the Aborigines rations which will have to be restricted to the most deserving cases— the supplies now provided to you, including those sent from Tinga Tingana, will have to last for the remainder of the financial year, viz., to 30th June 1896. Should exceptional circumstances arise to require additional supplies before this date, you should furnish a special report, through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta.
[Hamilton]

224b
11th September 1895
M.C. Williams
Oodnadatta
Sir,
Similar letter as 224a.
[Hamilton]

225a
12th September 1895
M.C. Naulty
Penola
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that the Aborigines camped at Yallum are in want of meat owing to flooded state of country & scarcity of game – I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to procure them a sheep per week, for one month, when you can report whether a continuance of this supply will be necessary.
[Hamilton]

225b
13th September 1895
M.C. Bannigan
Goolwa
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., recommending that a meat ration be issued to Aboriginal Old Louie, who is living with Old King, please note that as the Govt have taken £ 500: off the Aborigines’ Vote for current financial year, it will be absolutely necessary to keep all expenditure on a/c of this office, within the least possible limits –
Is not Old King able to provide himself & family with fish – as he has a boat & fishing tackle.
I will enclose you a fresh order for Old King, Old Lizzie & Old Louie, to receive meat ration to the extent of 5 lbs per week each, until further instructions are given – and in the event of any of these natives leaving Goolwa for a time, care should be taken that the a/c is not charged during their absence.
[Hamilton]
226a
19th September 1895
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., respecting the deduction of six shillings (6/-) in the a/c of Mr Williams, for Medical comforts ordered by Dr Gibb for Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that as Messrs A. M. Bickford & Sons, Chemists of Adelaide, hold a standing procuration order from Dr Gibb to collect his quarterly stipends from this office, I shall be unable to do as you suggest, viz., to deduct the 6/- from the next quarterly payment to the doctor, but I have seen Messrs Bickford and if their a/c against Dr Gibb is less than the quarter’s stipend due to him, they will hand me the 6/- if possible – which I will then remit to you.

[Hamilton]

226b
21st September 1895
Henry Scott Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to the letter from Mr Robert Bruce, dated the 12th inst., representing that a number of old and infirm Aborigines are in a destitute condition at Coondambo and Wirraminna & require assistance from this department, I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. The Minister of Education, to inform you that a supply of rations &c – will be forwarded to the above named places on your advising me to whom the Stores are to be addressed & the route by which they are to be forwarded.
Mr Bruce relates that you will probably be able to get the Cartage of these goods done at a low rate, which will be a matter of importance, as the funds at disposal of this office for current year, are very limited.

[Hamilton]

227a
23rd September 1895
Mr Redman
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the manager of the Point Pierce Mission Station wrote to me stating that Eliza Yates wishes to have her daughter Mary McGrath sent back to Point Pierce – she has sent me some money for this girl’s travelling expenses. Please inform me whether she is prepared to return to Point Pierce – I will then remit you her train fare to Adelaide by next post and she would come up on Monday by the train as the Steamer leaves for Ardrossan on Tuesday morning, by which she can go via Maitland where she would be met. Please reply by next post.

[Hamilton]

227b
25th September 1895
Mr E. Cumbo
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 16th ulto., enquiring whether you can obtain a separation from your wife and what it would cost, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c &c to inform you that this Department cannot interfere in a matter of this nature.

[Hamilton]
228a
26th September 1895
Mr J. Palmer
Wirraminna
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to inform you that a supply of Stores for the Aborigines at Wirraminna will be forwarded to you, as per advice enclosed, also Copy of Instructions for your guidance in issuing the rations – and in separate parcel by this post, forms for returns which you will be good enough to furnish regularly to this office.
As the funds at disposal of this Department are very limited, the supplies sent to you will have to be carefully distributed to the most needful cases.

[Hamilton]

228b
26th September 1895
Mr R. Bruce
Coondambo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., stating that a number of aged & infirm Aborigines at Coondambo & Wirraminna require assistance from this Department – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to forward you a supply of rations & blankets as per enclosed advice, also copy of General Instructions for your guidance in issuing these Stores and a parcel of return forms by this post, which you will be good enough to have regularly furnished to this office.
As the funds at disposal of this office are very limited, the supplies being sent to you will have to be carefully distributed to the most needful cases.

[Hamilton]

229a
2nd October 1895
Mr John Neaylon
Appatoonganie [50 km S. of Mulka, E. of Killalpaninna]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th ulto., requesting a supply of rations for Aborigines at Appatoonganie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & inform you that this request cannot be complied with, provision being made at the Mission Station, Killalpaninna, for the relief of the old & infirm Aborigines of this District.

[Hamilton]

229b
11th October 1895
Corporal Dowdy
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th ulto., with reference to the block of land proposed to be leased to Aboriginal Gibson, and requesting that the boundaries of same be altered, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to inform you that the whole of the reserve cannot be granted but there will be no objection to Gibson’s permit being amended, giving him the portion marked, B, in the attached tracing in lieu of the west part of block, A.
Please inform me whether this arrangement will do, & return tracing with you reply.

[Hamilton]
230a
15th October 1895
M.C. Shanks
Blanchetown
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., applying for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, you do not mention what quantity will be likely to be required, neither do you give the number of natives now at Blanchetown.
Please inform me how many are now or likely to be there and whether they remain for any time – the funds at disposal of this office are very limited for the current year and it is undesirable to have a large quantity of Stores remaining on hand for any length of time.
If I send you the amount of Captain Oliver’s a/c, can you get it receipted at Blanchetown?

[Hamilton]

230b
18th October 1895
Sergt Campbell Morgan
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., submitting a request from S. Fox, Aboriginal ½ caste living near Morgan, for a boat, which can be purchased at Morgan for £ 7. 10. 0, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to inform you that this application cannot be granted.

[Hamilton]

231a
22nd October 1895
Mr F. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., requesting a further supply of Aborigines Stores for the Depot at Mount Serle, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & to inform you that this supply will be the second one sent to you within a little over two months. As the funds at disposal of this office, have been considerably reduced for the current year, they will not permit of any further Aborigines Stores being forwarded to you for five or six months, and those now supplied will have to be carefully economised and issued only in the most needful cases.

[Hamilton]

231b
1st November 1895
Mr Goode
Mission Station
Framlingham
Victoria
Dear Sir,
An Aboriginal living here, has asked me to communicate with you, respecting his son, who he states to be at the Mission Station. I shall feel obliged by our giving me any information in your power as to what he is doing, how he is &c – as his father is anxious to learn something about him.

[Hamilton]
232
12th November 1895
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., stating that, in view of the suggested reduction of the Aborigines “Vote”, you desire to learn how the present number of natives compares with the number in previous years, and their requirements also, as compared with previous years.
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & inform you that, the Aboriginal population of S.A. (exclusive of N.T.) according to Census returns of 1891, was 3134 – The Aborigines “Vote” for that year was, for contingencies, £ 3870.
The Births and Death among the Aborigines, recorded to end of 1894, show a decrease of 159 in their number.
The “Vote” for Contingencies for current financial year is £ 3000 – showing a reduction of £ 870 on the Vote for 1891. [i.e. reduction of 20 % pp.]

[Hamilton]

233a
14th November 1895
Mr J.G. Reuther, Killalpaninna
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., requesting a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & inform you that, the funds at disposal of this Office having been considerably reduced for the current year, the supplies of flour, sugar and tea now being forwarded to you are one third less than the previous quantity forwarded to your Mission, and it will be now necessary to exercise every care in their distribution.

[Hamilton]

233b
19th November 1895
Mrs Jessie Power, Clare
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., enquiring about your children at Point Pierce, I have been informed by the Manager there that they are very well – your second boy Robie had been delicate – but he has been taken every care of and is now stronger & better. Their father will not be allowed to take them away to Port Lincoln. They were placed at Point Pierce by the Chief Secretary’s orders and cannot be taken away from there without the permission of the government.

[Hamilton]

234a
21st November 1895
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 16th inst., respecting the removal of the Aboriginal children Power from Point Pierce, I have the honor to inform you that as these children were placed there by special authority from the Hon. the Chief Secretary, I do not think they can be taken away by either of their parents without the express permission of the Government. If therefore, either the father or mother applies to you for them, they should be informed that they must make a special application through this Office for permission to remove them from the Mission Station, giving good reasons for such a course.

[Hamilton]
234b
22nd November 1895
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Aboriginal Reserve, recently Gazetted for the use of the Natives on the Baroota Creek – is proposed to be placed under the control of the District Council of Port Germein, as it appears the District Council at present has no power to impound cattle trespassing therein.
Please inform me to what extent this reserve is used by the Natives – do they cultivate any of it – and do you know of any objection to its being placed under the control of the District Council as proposed – let me have your report as soon as possible.

[Hamilton]

235a
25th November 1895
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., I am directed by the Honorable Minister to inform you that he authorises the repair of Aboriginal Scrubber’s Canoe for the amount named, viz., £ 1. 14/6.
I have had some difficulty in getting this expenditure approved – the Minister considers that the Aborigines, who have been supplied by the Govt with canoes, should endeavour themselves to keep them in repair, and you will caution Scrubber that he will in future, have to do so.

[Hamilton]

235b
25th November 1895
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the School furniture promised by the Education Department for the Point Macleay Mission School, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture inform you that 9 Desks and Forms now at Tea Tree Gully Schoolhouse, will be given to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, on condition that they are taken charge of at that School – Mr Hartly adds a note – that he thinks you ought to inspect them before accepting, in case they should not suit – I presume however that though some of them may be worn more or less, that you can have repairs at Point Macleay & made serviceable.

[Hamilton]

236a
26th November 1895
Corporal Dowdy
Kingston
With regard to the request of George Gollan for rail pass from Kingston to Adelaide – this native obtained the pass at Kingston by representing himself to be a Kingston Aboriginal who had been away from there for some years – and wanted to return there to settle down with his people.
Another return pass cannot be given to him – he will have to make his way along the Coorong if he wants to leave Kingston.

[Hamilton]
236b
26th November 1895
Mr J. W. Manfield, Farina
Referring to the a/c for Cartage, Aborigines Stores to Innamincka, the Cart note which is dated 26/9/95 states that Stores have to delivered within 3 weeks under forfeit of 10/- per ton per week.
The stores are signed as received at Innamincka on 24/10/95 showing that 4 weeks have been occupied in the transit – you do not explain whether circumstances waive the forfeit – or otherwise this explanation should be given in Cartnote to pass a/c for payment – please supply this information – and note for future guidance when rendering these a/cs.

[Hamilton]

237a
27th November 1895
Mr P. Dryman
Olary Well, Outalpa
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., requesting a pass on the S.A. Railway to enable you to visit your friends at the Mission Station at Warrangesda in Victoria (? at Darlington Point, NSW?), I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

237b
6th November 1895
Aboriginal Matthew Mortlock, Moonta
In reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., asking for a pass per Steamer to Port Lincoln, I am directed to inform you that you were provided with free passage last year to Point Macleay Mission Station, and, afterwards, at your request, you were sent to Point Pierce Mission.
There is no Mission Station now at Pt Lincoln, and your request to be sent there cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

238a
9th December 1895
Mr E. C. Kempe, Wood Duck
Sir,
With reference to your request, made in your Aborigines Return for November last, whether you will be allowed 20/- Cost of Cartage of Aborigines Stores from Warrina to Peake Station, I have the honor to inform you that you can render an a/c to this office for the sum in question, accompanied with the necessary sub-voucher, i.e. – the receipted Cart note.

[Hamilton]

238b
9th December 1895
The General Traffic Manager
S.A. Railways, Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., with reference to the issue of orders by this Office for railway tickets for Aborigines, which you state are not in accordance with the form of order at foot of Circular of 3/12/94 – I have the honor to inform you that I shall have the next supply of orders printed in accordance with your instructions.
I would point out that the form you refer to says “on public duty”. This hardly applies to orders to Aborigines as they are not travelling on “Public Duty”. I suppose I can strike these words out.

[Hamilton]
239a  
11th December 1895 
Sergt Phelan 
Moonta 
Sir, 
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., respecting the application of Aboriginal Taylor brothers, for a fishing boat at Moonta, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Aborigines are now supplied with a boat at Wallaroo, and recently another was forwarded to the Mission Station at Point Pierce, for the use of all those Natives who occasionally visit the coast in those localities, and the request for an additional boat at Moonta cannot be complied with.  
[Hamilton]

239b  
16th December 1895 
J. Murray Gibbes Esq, M.D. 
Border Town 
Sir, 
I have the honor to forward you herewith the usual form of agreement for renewal of you appointment as Medical Officer to Aborigines for the ensuing year, and to request that you will be good enough to return same to me duly signed.  
[Hamilton]

240a  
16th December 1895 
Similar letter to Dr Englehart, 
Kingston 

240b  
Similar letter to Dr Shand, 
Middleton 

241a  
16th December 1895 
Mr S. Limbery 
Framlingham, Victoria 
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., requesting a free rail pass from the S.A. Border to Adelaide, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.  
[Hamilton]

241b  
16th December 1895 
M.C. Naulty, Penola 
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., you are authorised to purchase 1 lb. Tobacco and 5 lbs. Tea for the Aborigines at Penola.  
[Hamilton]

242a  
17th December 1895 
M.C. Blake, Port Germein 
Sir, 
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., reporting the circumstances under which you called in Medical aid for Aboriginal Jimmy Salter, who was seriously taken ill, I have the honor to inform you that your action has been approved, but not more than one or two visits should be obtained from the Doctor herein, except fresh authority is previously applied for.  
[Hamilton]
242b
26th December 1895
Corpl Dowdy
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th October last, requesting on behalf of Aboriginal John Gibson an alteration in the boundaries of the Block of land offered to him under occupation permit at Sandy’s Hub, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward you herewith an amended Permit, which you will be good enough to hand over to Gibson, and in which the boundaries of the Block applied for, have been fixed as desired by Gibson.

[Hamilton]

243a
26th December 1895
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., submitting request or a boat from Aboriginal Tommy Walker & stating that one nearly new can be purchased at the Murray Bridge for £ 3: - I have the honor to inform you that, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c declines to approve of a boat being obtained for Aboriginal Walker.

[Hamilton]

243b
2nd January 1896
Dr. J. T. Rennie
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you are willing to undertake the duties of Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Mannum District, and on what terms. I enclose for your guidance, copy of the form of agreement used in this case, which please return to me with your reply.

[Hamilton]

244a
3rd January 1896
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Aborigines Depot at Murray Bridge will be closed and the Depot at Mannum retained. I will forward you a supply of rations as per advice herewith, as you will now have probably a larger demand upon them from the Aborigines in need of such.

[Hamilton]
244b
3rd January 1896
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & c to inform you that the Aborigines Depot at the Murray Bridge will be closed, so soon as the Stores now on hand there have been issued.
The Depot at Mannum will be retained, and you are requested to notify this to the Aborigines as you have opportunity.

[Hamilton]

245a
9th January 1896
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
The Aborigines Boat which has for some years past been located at Wallaroo – has been recently sunk and damaged, owing to the aborigines there having neglected to properly care for it. It is now proposed to remove it from Wallaroo.
Can you inform me whether it would be of any real benefit to the Natives if taken to Moonta Bay, and could you arrange to have it placed at some safe custody and properly looked after.

[Hamilton]

245b
13th January 1896
M.C. Farmer [Falmer], Wallaroo
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 7th inst., reporting that the Aborigines Boat at Wallaroo has been damaged & sunk and recommending its removal from there & enclosing a/c for £ 2: expenses incurred for its recovery – I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to expend – not exceeding 30/- - to have it repaired & painted. It will then be removed to Moonta Bay.
I am informed by Sergt Phelan of Moonta that there are some Aborigines formerlly of the Poonindie Mission Station, to whom it will be useful – When the boat is ready for removal, I will advise Sergt Phelan to arrange to have it taken round to Moonta Bay – I will forward you a pair of oars to replace those lost.

[Hamilton]

246a
14th January 1896
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., recommending that the Aborigines Boat, about to be removed from Wallaroo, be transferred for the use of the natives at Moonta Bay – I have the honor to inform you that M.C. Falmer, Wallaroo, has been instructed to have the boat repaired and painted, after which, it will be ready for removal to Moonta Bay.
Can you arrange for a couple of steady natives to bring it round the coast, or will it be necessary to have it taken by rail – the former course will avoid expense as the Railway department will charge this Office with its transit – please advise me therein.

[Hamilton]
246b
16th January 1896
Mr W. J. Edgecombe
Moonta
Sir,
In reply to your Telegram of this day — enquiring whether you can use & take care of Block 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo, formerly leased to Aboriginal Spender, I have the honor to inform you that Spender having given up possession of this land, it is now resumed by the government — and your application for it should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

[Hamilton]

247
16th January 1896
J. T. Rennie Esq. M.D.
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., in which you offer to act as Medical Officer to the Aborigines in the Mannum District for £ 25: per annum — and also stating that the agreement form is rather too strict in the matter of providing a Substitute, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the sum of £ 20: per annum has been the amount hitherto paid by the Govt to previous Medical Officers to Aborigines at Murray Bridge — and the appointment is now offered to you on the same terms — altho, there may be more natives at times about Mannum, the No. of cases of illness reported in the returns has been small, colds &c. during the winter season, are what Blacks are most liable to suffer from. Of course, very serious cases requiring nursing and lengthened attention, are usually sent down to the Adelaide Hospital.

With regard to your objection to the agreement form, I would point out that these agreements have been entered into by a number of Medical men, during the past 10 years, and none of them have raised the objections you do. I have not heard of any instance when the 20-mile radius clause has operated as a hardship to any officer holding his appointment, except in a very serious case, where life was actually in danger, the doctor would not be required or expected to incur a journey of 40 miles.

[Hamilton]

248a
15th January 1896
M.C. Ewens
Robe
The Government Shipping Agent informs me that a vessel is not likely to sail from Pt Adelaide to Robe for about a fortnight.

In the meantime you will of course make your present supply last as long as possible & if any stores should be required for the Natives, before arrival of supplies from Pt Adelaide, a small quantity can be purchased by you.

[Hamilton]
248b
20th January 1896
Corporal Allchurch
Glenelg
Sir,
Two Aboriginal named Pritchard have been up here several times lately, complaining of the conduct of another native named Archie Harding, who they state, is in the habit of annoying and assaulting them – Harding appears to be a troublesome character, especially when under the influence of liquor.
Mr John Mann, the Public Works’ secretary, who lives at Glenelg, asked me the other day, could anything be done to get Harding away from Glenelg – Perhaps you will be good enough to bring a charge against him the first opportunity you have, and if he is convicted, the justice might give him the option of leaving the district or going again to Gaol.

[Hamilton]

249a
20th January 1896
Mr Cram De Concey
Moonta
With reference to your letter of the 17th inst., your application for further Loan on your Block of land at Moonta should be sent to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for his consideration.
I enclose you the form on which your application will have to be made.

[Hamilton]

249b
23rd January 1896
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
With reference to your Aborigines Returns for December last from Kingston – I notice the names of the following Natives on Rations, viz.,

Alfred Watson & Wife Needles and Kingston
Joe Walker "
Charlotte Walker "
Jeffrey Carter Pt Macleay and Kingston
Rosey Carter

These names also appear for the whole month of December on the Needles and Point Macleay returns. Can you explain how this happens, have any false representations been made to you by friends of these people in order to get their rations?

[Hamilton]

250a
23rd January 1896
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Aborigines Stores forwarded to Mr Cameron, Cattaparrie, nr Innamincka, on the 29th July last, did not arrive there till the 11th inst., being about five months on the road from Farina.
Please inform me what is the present prospect of getting another supply up there, and at what rate – and how long a time would probably be occupied in transit.

[Hamilton]
250b
25th January 1896
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 17th inst., forwarding two a/cs for 10/- & 5/-, Medical attendance by Dr Smith, on two Aborigines at Clare, and stating that you did not authorise or send these Natives to the doctor, and that they informed you he did not charge but attended Aborigines free, I have the honor to inform you that under these circumstances, neither you nor this Department appear to be liable for the payments of the a/cs in question.

[Hamilton]

251a
27th January 1896
Mr J. Wood, Son & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to your statement last week that the Contract Tea will in future be in packages of 62 lbs, I find that we shall be unable in every case to order this quantity – it will be out of proportion to the other supplies. I find that during the many years past you have had the contract for our supplies of Tea &c – that this difficulty has never arisen before – you were always able to supply Tea in ½ chests of from 35 to 40 lbs – can [you] please inform me now whether you can make similar arrangements, so that we can have the Tea in, say, packages of about 30 & 40 lbs each.

[Hamilton]

251b
29th January 1896
Messrs B. Walker & Son
Mannum
Gentlemen,
With reference to your a/c against this Office for Flour for Aborigines, will you be good enough in future to have them rendered every three months, and the rate per ton should be given. I find that your last a/c furnished here, has been queried by the Audit Office, for these reasons, viz. – that it was not rendered frequently enough, and the rate per ton was not stated.

[Hamilton]

252a
29th January 1896
Dr Murray Gibbes
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under medical treatment for quarter ending 31st ulto., has not yet reached this office, and to request that you will be good enough to have the same forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]
252b
31st January 1896
Dr. J. T. Rennie
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith Procuration Order form, in duplicate, to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect your Stipend from this Office when it falls due at end of each quarter – please return these forms to me, when duly filled in & signed by you.
I also forward you in separate parcel by this post, a supply of forms for you quarterly return to this office.

[Hamilton]

253a
4th February 1896
Mrs M. A. Stuart
Robe
Madam,
In reply to your latter of the 27th ulto., stating that Aboriginal Old Tommy has had his camp & contents (including his gun) destroyed by a fire – and requesting that he be provided with a gun, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c controlling this department, has approved of our request, and I have this day forwarded a Gun by rail to Kingston & thence per Coach, addressed to you, which you will be good enough to acknowledge receipt of. Please pay the carriage and send me receipt of it, and I will remit you the amount.

[Hamilton]

253b
4th February 1896
Mr T. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th ulto., stating that you wish to resign as Issuer of Aborigines Stores at Mount Serle Depot & recommending the transfer of the Depot to Angipena – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that it is not considered desirable to remove the depot to Angipena & place it in charge of Mr Davis [Davies]. In the event of your still wishing to give up its charge, the depot will have to be transferred to Beltana. I will not order any further supplies for Mount Serle till I hear again from you.
As our funds for the current year have been reduced, supplies cannot be granted so liberally as in previous years.

[Hamilton]

254a
6th February 1896
N. E. Phillipson Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr Hack states that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required at the Cordillo Downs Depot, & that you will arrange for their transport from Lyndhurst Siding – Will you be good enough to advise me when these goods are likely to be required for the teams leaving Lyndhurst Siding – and give me sufficient notice thereof to admit of their being sent up in time.

[Hamilton]
11th February 1896
Mr Thomas Cowarie
Referring to your requisition 23rd inst., for a fresh supply of Stores for the Aborigines Depot at Cowarie, you are requested to note that, the funds at disposal of this office have been reduced by £ 500: for the current year, and supplies of Aborigines Stores cannot be forwarded to you to the same extent as in previous years – and the issues to the Natives will have to be restricted to the most needful cases among them.

10th February 1896
Mr N. Johnstone Poltalloch
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., I am advised by the Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital that your wife is not a suitable case for admission to that Institution, you had better arrange to send her to Point Macleay, where she could be looked after.

14th February 1896
Corpl Dowdy Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., requesting on behalf of Aboriginal John Gibson a statement of the Boundaries and measurements &c of the Block of land leased to him at Sandy’s Hub – I have the honor to forward you herewith a tracing from the Survey department, giving Gibson the information he requires.

14th February 1896
Mrs Hirschhausen Port Adelaide
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., requesting a rail pass to Broken Hill to visit you husband who has met with an accident there, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be granted.

18th February 1896
Mr F. W. Allen Edithburgh
Referring to your remarks in remark Column of your Aborigines Return for January last, that the Aborigines Boat at Edithburgh requires repair – caulking & painting – please send me a separately-written application for this work to submit for approval of Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c controlling this department. Could you postpone this work till after close of financial year (30/6/96) as our funds are very limited this year.
257a
20th February 1896
Mr R. Wanganeen
Point Pierce Mission
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., requesting assistance from this department to enable you to
purchase a Boat for sale at Moonta for £20: - I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c
to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

257b
25th February 1896
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you will have available
any discarded Railway or other clothing, during the current year and if so, at what time. I had some
from you last year, and it proved of much service to some of the old, destitute Aborigines at the Mission
Stations.

[Hamilton]

258a
28th February 1896
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
The attached letter and a/cs came to me today from Yorketown.
I now enclose them to you as you may be able to induce these natives to pay this money or part of it at a
time.
I think Mrs Steele in this case gave the Aborigines too much encouragement to incur so large an amount
for board &c. We have a Depot at Yorketown where they could have obtained rations from the Police if
they were hard up.

[Hamilton]

258b
28th February 1896
Mrs H. A. Steele
Yorketown
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., forwarding a/cs for Board &c, of three Aborigines from Point
Pierce Mission – I have sent your letter and the a/cs to Mr Lathern, the manager of Point Pierce,
requesting him to do all he can to recover the money due to you from these natives.
I would point out for your future guidance, that the Aborigines should not be encouraged to incur these
expenses, which in this case you appear to have at your own risk – without an order from some
responsible person.

[Hamilton]
259a  
2nd March 1896  
Mr T. M. Sutton  
Point Macleay  
With reference to your letter of the 28th ulto., reporting the case of the Native girl Lovegrove who was seduced by Aboriginal Sansbury – I have made enquiries herein in the Crown Law Office - & find that Sansbury committed a Criminal assault, - if this charge can be found against him, the girl being under 16, is protected by Law whether she consented or not.  
The Police Commissioner will be asked to have a complete investigation made into the matter, and the girl & Lovegrove should not leave Point Macleay till you hear again from me. If Sansbury is arrested, he will probably be brought to Adelaide & the case heard here.  
If you knew of this affair at the time, the simplest course would have been, to get Sansbury arrested at Point Macleay by the Milang police trooper and charged with the offence.  

[Hamilton]

259b  
4th March 1896  
The Town Clerk  
Glenelg  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that the Aborigines who now camp in St Leonard’s Ward, Glenelg, are complained of as a nuisance, and requesting that they be moved to another Camping Ground, I have the honor to inform you that I have no power to compel these natives to remove, I have frequently tried to persuade them to return to their own country – on the Murray.  
The attention of Corpl Allchurch has been called to the desirability of keeping them in order & he reports that he has brought some of them before the Local Justice for infractions of the Law. I presume your Corporation has the power to fix a camping place for these natives, to which the Police could remove them.  

[Hamilton]

260a  
5th March 1896  
Robt Bruce Esq.  
Coondambo  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 20th ulto., respecting the distribution of Aborigines Stores at Coondambo – and stating that during November & December last, the Blacks received £ 104: from the station for destroying rabbits and wild dogs – you do not mention whether this was paid in actual cash, or by food, clothes, &c to that amount, if in Cash. I would be glad to learn what the Aborigines can do with such a large sum, which seems enough to provide all their wants for many months, without any other assistance from this office.  
Should you require any further supplies, you can probably get them from Wirraminna as the supply we sent there has not, so far, been issued to any great extent.  
P.S. You do not say how many lbs the Tobacco was short, or whether the package seemed to have been opened en route.  

[Hamilton]
260b
9th March 1896
Corp Dowdy
Kingston
Referring to your Aborigines Return for last month (February) please note that the 43 names of natives who appear to have received full rations during the month, includes 6 infants and 14 children over 5 years – the infants are not entitled to receive any rations, and the children under 10 years can claim half rations – If this is acted on it will reduce your monthly issues.
As per advice herewith you will perceive tobacco has been reduced from 10 lbs to 6 lbs, & in future, it will have to be sparingly issued, - Vide copy of regulations enclosed.

[Hamilton]

261a
11th March 1896
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., reporting re the conduct of the Aborigines at Mannum – you are quite justified in temporarily stopping rations of natives addicted to drunkenness and I am glad to find you succeeded in getting a conviction against the man who supplied the liquor.
Aboriginal Fox is a Victorian ½ caste married to a white woman. Neither of them are entitled to any rations from this office. This woman had 3 children by a former marriage with a Black named Runga (who died some time ago) – these children may receive rations when necessary.
Fox has a hut & some furniture &c at Morgan where he got a piece of land from the Land Board, I believe, to camp on.

[Hamilton]

261b
18th March 1896
Sergt Richards
Mt Barker
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., requesting that passes to Point Macleay Mission may be provided for three Aborigines & two children – I forward you herewith order for their rail journey to Milang – the steamer does not cross the Lake till Friday morning – but they may have an opportunity of getting over in the Mission Boat if she is at Milang – if not, I will advise Mr Dunk to give them passage in the Steamer on Friday.

[Hamilton]

262a
31st March 1896
John Symons Esq
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Tim Adams for a Block of land No. 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo – I have the honor by direction of the Honoroble the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a Permit has been issued in favour of Adams authorising him to occupy the section referred to, and forwarded to Sergt Phelan, Moonta, who will hand it over.

[Hamilton]
31st March 1896
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th ulto., recommending the request of Aboriginal **Timothy Adams** for a lease of Section 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the application of **Adams** has been granted, and I enclose herewith permit authorising him to occupy the section referred to, which you will be good enough to hand over to him.

[Hamilton]

31st March 1896
Mr W. H. Gratwick
Strangway's Springs
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that the Strangway's Telegraph Station is to be closed in a few weeks, and enquiring as to the disposal of the Aborigines Stores remaining on hand at the Depot there, I have the honor to inform you that there are Depots at Stuart's Creek and Anna Creek, where in future the Aborigines can obtain any supplies they have. Any Stores you have remaining on hand when you close? Strangway's – can be sent to William Creek as you suggest.

With reference to the future arrangement of these Depots, I will get a report from the Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta.

I enclose an order for the rail pass of the Native girl you wish to bring down to Adelaide – please fill it up before issuing it, with name &c.

[Hamilton]

31st March 1896
Mr W. Oliffe
Stuart's Creek
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., stating that the Flour (½ Ton) for Aborigines at your Depot had not yet arrived at the railway siding, & that you has sent twice for it – I regret exceedingly that you should have been put to so much inconvenience.

I find the order for the flour which was supposed to have been forwarded, got in some way, mislaid & overlooked – I sent a telegram to Port Augusta (on receipt of your letter) instructing to have the flour sent on by next Train, which I trust has been done.

[Hamilton]
Referring to your request on behalf of Aboriginal Wowinda for passes to enable him to remove his daughter from Point Pierce Mission to Point Macleay, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Sutton, the Manager of the latter Station, states that he is so over-crowded, especially with children, that he is unwilling to take more – except in cases where they have no home. Should there be any exceptional circumstances in Wowinda’s case, you can send me an application again stating what they are – to submit for the Honorable Minister of Agriculture’s consideration.

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., reporting death of Aboriginal Guichen Bay Jacky and enquiring as to disposal of his gun, - If he has no relative living in the District to whom the gun can be given, you had better dispose of it and hand the proceeds to his daughter, Black Bess.

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., requesting that a supply of rations &c be forwarded for the relief of destitute Aborigines at Chowilla, and stating that Mr J. H. Robertson will undertake their distribution, I have the honor to inform you that a supply will be sent up to Chowilla in due course, consigned to Mr Robertson.

With regard to your request for a tent for Aboriginal Besley, this cannot be provided, as the funds at disposal of this department for current financial year are very limited.

In reply to your letter of the 25th March last, applying for Rations & Blankets for Aborigines at Appatoongannie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that it is not considered necessary to open another depot in this District, provision being made for the relief of Aborigines at Kopperamanna [Killalpaninna?] Mission Station.
266a
8th May 1896
M.C. McEwen
Cowell
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., requesting to be supplied with 5 lbs Tobacco for the Aborigines Depot at Cowell, please note that you can purchase, say, 1 lb Tobacco for temporary use, till you require your next supply of Aborigines Stores, as the despatch of small lots of good at irregular periods, should be avoided as far as possible.

[Hamilton]

266b
11th May 1896
Messrs J. Dunn & co.
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
Referring to the ½ Ton Household flour ordered from you on the 20th March last, for the Aborigines Depot at Mulloorina – I am advised that the flour received there was very bad, nearly half pollard and not very clean – I shall be glad to receive your explanation herein. This is the first time such a complaint about the flour you supply for aborigines, has reached this Office. Could the article you sent [have] been changed in transit for other of an inferior quality?

[Hamilton]

267a
11th May 1896
Mr J. D. Bruce
Poonindie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th ulto., enclosing application from Aboriginal Solomon of Poonindie for a Boat, which has been offered to him for £ 6. 10/-, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that his request has been approved, and you will be good enough to obtain this boat and send the a/c, duly certified by you – to this Office.

[Hamilton]

267b
14th May 1896
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D.
Hergott
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be good enough to inform me, on what terms you would be prepared to supply Medical attendance and Medicines to Aborigines requiring such, at Oodnadatta inclusive of Hergott and any intermediate locality on the railway line, which you occasionally visit.

[Hamilton]
268a
15th May 1896
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to the letter of M.C. Schumann of Innamincka of the 1st inst., forwarded through you stating
that he had previously sent in a requisition for Aborigines stores to which he had received no reply, I
have the honor to inform you that M.C. Schumann's letter of 1st March last did not reach the office till
23rd March, - when I communicated with our forwarding agent Mr Manfield at Farina, who stated that
the route to Innamincka was closed, without any immediate prospect of any opportunity of sending on
goods – and I am only now advised that he will be able to forward them to Innamincka.

[Hamilton]

268b
8th June 1896
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Whereas an Aboriginal boy named Nettoon, about 10 years old, is an orphan without father or mother,
and therefore under the Control of this department, the Superintendent at Point Macleay is hereby
authorised to retain the said boy in the Mission at Point Macleay – and any person removing him
therefrom and neglecting or refusing to deliver him up to the said Superintendent, when required to do
so, will render themselves liable to be prosecuted according to Law.

[Hamilton]

269a
11th June 1896
Mr Sutton
Point Macleay
Mrs Lawton who keeps a Boarding House in Adelaide called here today with reference to one of your
native girls – Bertha Wilson, who owed her about £ 6: - it appears that when this girl was out of a place
in Adelaide, she stayed at Mrs Lawton’s for about 3 months in all, & she still owes this money.
Will you try & induce her to set apart a portion of her wages to pay this debt by instalments which she
ought to be doing before it gets your people, and the Mission, a bad name about the City – when they
are so remiss in their keeping persons out of their money so long.

[Hamilton]

269b
12th June 1896
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Please note that the balance £400: of the Grant-in-Aid to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for the
current financial year, will be due and payable before the 30th inst., and should be collected accordingly,
to enable its payment to be made, the usual financial statements showing compliance with the
conditions on which it is paid – should reach this Office by the 20th inst.

[Hamilton]
270a
12th June 1896
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you will have available for disposal at end of current month, any retained Railways uniform Clothing, and if so, will you oblige me with a statement of what it consists, and the cost at which it could be supplied to this department, for suits and overcoats.

[Hamilton]

270b
18th June 1896
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., stating the circumstances under which the wife of Aboriginal John Wilson [Eliza] was expelled from the Mission Station at Point Macleay, and pointing out how undesirable it would be to allow her to be brought back there, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that ?? to take any action ?herein [very indistinct] by the Government, as the existing Law, .... ?? ..... to interfere in this case.

[Hamilton]

271a
18th June 1896
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to the letter of the 4th inst., addressed by Aboriginal John Wilson of Point Macleay to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, stating that his wife had eloped with another native named Sumner [Benjamin?] to Clare, and seeking the assistance of this department to recover her – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to intimate that the Government have no power under existing Law, to interfere in this case.
Please inform Wilson accordingly.

[Hamilton]

271b
17th June 1896
Mr C. Bosworth
Mulloorina
Sir,
Referring to the report in your Aborigines Return for April last, that the ½ Ton flour recently supplied, was of inferior quality, I have the honor to inform you that Messrs J. Dunn & Co., of Port Augusta, from whom this flour was obtained, have been communicated with, and they state that the flour in question which was sent from their Hawker Branch – was older than usual when delivered. They regret the circumstances & will in future forward flour from their Port Augusta Mill, to make certain of its quality.

[Hamilton]
272a
17th June 1896
Mr T. Lindsay
Clare
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., applying for a Block of land in the Hundred of Stanley – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

272b
26th June 1896
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec: Aborigines' Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2st inst., enquiring whether anything can be done to ensure favourable consideration for the application of two Poonindie Aborigines to the Land Board for land there, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that the Western Land Board has allotted Sections 217/8, Hundred of Louth, to ½ caste Geo. Taylor, and any applications for land open after the closing of the Western Board’s meeting, can be dealt with by the Central Land Board, which can meet daily if necessary.

[Hamilton]

273a
26th June 1896
The Chief Storekeeper
Pt Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd inst., advising me of the number of old railway uniforms in stock, and the price at which they are obtainable, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward the quantity ?? in attached order to the addresses stated – and charge all transport expenses to this office.

[Hamilton]

273b
26th June as above
Please supply and forward as under –

12 Suits – old uniforms  Mr T. M. Sutton
12 Guards’ Coats  Point Macleay Mission
     (the largest size  per rail via Milang
     Will oblige)  c/- Dunk

12 Suits do  Mr B. Lathern
12 Guards’ Coats  Point Pierce Mission
     - All sizes  via Ardrossan
     c/- E. L. Little
     Port Adelaide

[Hamilton]
274a
2nd July 1896
M.C. Pyne
Wellington
Sir,
A Native boy named Nettoon, about 10 years old, was recently forcibly taken away from Point Macleay Station by his sister, a woman named Blanche Johnstone, who is usually about Poltalloch (Bowman’s station). Mr Sutton, the Manager at Point Macleay, has frequently tried to recover Nettoon but hitherto without success, as the boy is hidden away when Mr Sutton is seen coming.
I shall be glad if you can give him every assistance to recover Nettoon, who is an orphan and under the control of this Department (Vide Act No. 12 of 1844). You are quite justified in compelling the boy to return to Point Macleay by taking charge of him & forwarding him on.

[Hamilton]

274b
9th July 1896
Sergt McKeevor
Clare
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., requesting a pass for Aboriginal Eliza Wilson, to return to Point Macleay, I have the honor to inform you that this woman was expelled from the Mission Station in February last for twelve months, owing to her immoral conduct. I will communicate with Mr Sutton, the Manager at Point Macleay, and advise you further when I receive his reply.

[Hamilton]

275
7th July 1896
Corpl Deane
Orroroo
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., forwarding an a/c from Mr A. Threadgold for £2.1.9 – for rations supplied to Aborigines at Cavenagh West [30-40 km N. of Peterborough], I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that claims of this nature cannot be entertained, unless the expenditure has been previously authorised either by this Office, or by the Sub-Protector of Aborigines (Mr J. Field) at Port Augusta.
If the natives were as stated, camped two months in the locality mentioned, Mr Threadgold had ample time to report their condition to this Department, when steps would have been taken to supply their necessities.
In your previous letter of June 15/96, you state that you asked Mr Threadgold to supply these Aborigines with some flour, sugar, tea &c to the extent of five or six shillings (5/- or 6/-) only – the a/c should therefore be amended and rendered for the latter sum.
P.S. Postal note 1/- herewith in payment of Mr Gray’s a/c for Cartage.

[Hamilton]
276a
9th July 1896
Mr T.M. Sutton
Point Macleay
The Police Officer at Clare, has written to me, asking for a pass to enable Aboriginal Eliza Wilson to return to Point Macleay – please advise me herein – as to whether you are willing to admit her again – if not, what will be the best course to adopt with regard to bringing her from Clare to leaving her there.

[Hamilton]

276b
13th July 1896
M.C. Hillier
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for firewood for the use of the old, infirm and sick Aborigines at Milang, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that you are authorised to purchase three loads of firewood for £ 1: as suggested in your letter, and some supervision should be exercised over the issue of this fuel to prevent it being unduly wasted by the natives.

[Hamilton]

277a
17th July 1896
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to the application of Aboriginal Timothy Adams for materials for completing his house &c at Moonta, and your report thereon of the 21st May last – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Adams will be allowed a sum of Five pounds (£ 5: ) for the above purpose, the a/c for the articles obtained to be certified by you and sent to this Office for payment.

[Hamilton]

277b
20th July 1896
M.C. Uppington
Strathalbyn
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., reporting that several natives from Point Macleay Mission have been about Strathalbyn for some days past and are now asking for rail passes to enable them to return to Milang, I have the honor to inform you that these passes are mainly intended for old, infirm & sick Aborigines requiring Medical or Hospital treatment, as it is undesirable to have the natives leaving the Mission to travel about the Townships – their request cannot be complied with; the distance from Strathalbyn to Milang is not great and to have to walk there not much of a hardship. I may add that, they have little reason to leave the Mission, as it is liberally supplied with rations & clothing.

[Hamilton]
278
21st July 1896
Josiah Bonnin Esq
Nalpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of (no date) reporting that there are four Aboriginal women & some children in your locality who require rations &c – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that it is not considered desirable to re-open a permanent Depot at Wellington for the issue of rations to the Aborigines as it will probably ? to induce the natives to leave the Mission Station at Point Macleay, where they have a comfortable Home, and frequent the Townships on the Murray to obtain intoxicating liquors.
The Depot at Murray Bridge was closed at the end of last year, owing to this cause, there being upwards of 60 cases of drunkenness among the natives during two years. Since the closing of the depot, only one case has been reported. The able-bodied Aborigines, if so disposed, can earn a good living on the River & Lakes, shooting & fishing and working at the sheep-farms &c in the vicinity, and the old & infirm & sick will find their wants attended to at Point Macleay Mission Station. Nearly all have boats to enable them to move about.
To meet the temporary requirements of the natives you refer to, I have requested M.C. Pyne at Wellington to purchase and supply them with 56 lbs flour, 12 lbs sugar, 4 lbs Tea, 1 lb Tobacco, and Two dozen bags for their wurlies – and should further rations be required – M.C. Pyne will be instructed accordingly.
I understand that the woman Carpeny [Louisa] lives with a son, who ought to be able to support her.

[Hamilton]

279
21st July 1896
M.C. Pyne
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., reporting on the number and requirements &c of the Aborigines at Nalpa, I have the honor to inform you that your ?representations? as to the desirability of establishing a permanent Depot at Wellington for issue of Aborigines rations, are approved. I can quite understand that the evils you point out, would follow, in the event of inducements being given to the Aborigines ?frequently to frequent the Townships.
Before the Depot was closed at Murray Bridge, there were upwards of 60 cases of drunkenness among natives in two years, - since the closing of the Depot in December last, only one case has been reported. To meet the immediate needs of the natives referred to by Mr Bonnin, will you be good enough to purchase at Wellington –

| 56 lbs flour |
| 12 lbs sugar |
| 4 lbs Tea |
| 1 lb Tobacco |

and 2 dozen empty flour or wheat bags,
and should any further supplies be required at a future time, you can wire for authority to procure same.

[Hamilton]
280a
6th August 1896
Mr F. W. Allen
Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to the Aborigines boat forwarded from Edithburgh to Port Adelaide for repairs, I have the honor to inform you that on examination, it is found very doubtful whether this boat will be worth repairing as the cost thereof will prove to be considerable – will you be good enough to send me a separate letter stating that this boat requires repairing – you merely mentioned this request in your monthly Aborigines return – the question of repairing the old boat or supplying a new one, will then be submitted to the Honorable Minister controlling this department.

[Hamilton]

280b
11th August 1896
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., forwarding a Medical certificate from Dr Watson stating that Aboriginal Jemmy Salter is seriously ill, and that the Doctor has paid him two visits, I have the honor to inform you that I have no power to authorise the expenditure to the extent of 5/- without previous Ministerial approval, so that in future, you had better wire for instructions before calling in the services of a Doctor for Aborigines.
I presume in this case the two visits will be sufficient, as you are supplied by this Office with medicines for the natives.

[Hamilton]

281a
12th August 1896
J. R. Palmer Esq. M.D.
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., applying for the appointment of Medical Officer to the Aborigines at Murray Bridge, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Dr Rennie of Mannum, is at present Medical Officer to the Aborigines on the River Murray, including the District of Murray Bridge & Mannum.

[Hamilton]

281b
12th August 1896
J. Bonnin Esq
Nalpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., with reference to the requirements of the old aborigines who frequent Nalpa & Wellington, I have the honor to inform that instructions have been given to M.C. Pyne of Wellington, to report to his office whenever they are in need of assistance, so that the necessary relief can be afforded.

[Hamilton]
282a
15th August 1896
Captain Inglis
Harbor Master &c
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you can have a boat examined with a view to ascertain whether it is worth repairing. It has been in use for the Aborigines at Edithburgh for some years past, and is now at Chant’s Boat Yard, Birkenhead, where it can be seen.
In the event of your deciding that it is not worth repairing, please inform me what would be the best to do with it.

[Hamilton]

282b
4th September 1896
Mr F. W. Allen
Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th ulto., stating that you had forwarded the Aborigines Boat from Edithburgh to Port Adelaide, for repairs, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, this boat has been condemned as not worth the cost of repairing, and as there are very few Aborigines now in your district who require a boat, it is not intended to supply a new one, until a greater necessity is shown than appears to exist at present.

[Hamilton]

283a
8th September 1896
Mr F. Garnett
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st with reference to the case of Mrs Adams’ daughter Ethela, I have communicated with Canon Andrews, the Secretary of the Female Refuge at Norwood, and I now enclose you his reply, which will give you full particulars as to the conditions on which this girl can be admitted there – If you think this will meet the case, & that Mrs Adams will be able to comply with the requirements, please advise me, and return Canon Andrews’ letter with your reply.

[Hamilton]

283b
15th September 1896
Mr A. Dowland
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., stating that you are now in a position to be able to supply flour at current prices, as required for the Aborigines Depot at Goolwa – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, when it is necessary to alter the existing arrangements under which flour is obtained at present for the Depot at Goolwa, your offer will be taken into consideration.

[Hamilton]
284
15th September 1896
Mr A. Dowland, Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., applying on behalf of Pantoni and some other Aborigines for a supply of netting twine for making a large net, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, a large quantity of Netting twine (about 200 lbs) was recently supplied to the Aborigines at Point Macleay and Goolwa, - - and if a few of them chose to combine, they could have provided themselves with a couple or more large nets, but hitherto the natives were disinclined to work together for their own interests.
Pantoni is an able-bodied man who possesses a boat, given to him by the Government, and he should be in a position to earn a fair living.
When the next annual supply of Netting twine is given, about April next, your present representations will be duly considered, with a view to inducing the Aborigines to make a better use of their Netting twine than they appear hitherto to have done.

[Hamilton]

285a
19th September 1896
Mr A. Dowland, Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., again submitting the application of Aboriginal Pantoni for a supply of Netting twine, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

285b
22nd September 1896
M.C. Pyne, Wellington
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that it has been represented to this office that the family of Aboriginal Cooke (now in the Adelaide Hospital) are in a destitute state at Wellington – and unable to obtain rations from Point Macleay – will you be good enough to purchase, say, -

| 56 lbs flour |
| 12 lbs sugar |
| 4 lbs Tea |

& issue same to them; and advise me if any further supplies will be needed for them. Aboriginal Cooke in Hospital remains in same condition. He has been unable or unwilling to speak for some time past.

[Hamilton]

286a
22nd September 1896
Mr R. Sabey, Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., calling attention to the destitute condition of the family of Aboriginal Willie Cook, who is now in the Adelaide Hospital, I have the honor to inform you that M.C. Pyne has been requested to obtain a supply of rations for these people. I saw Cooke a few days ago in the Hospital & I fear he is not much better – he seems to have something mentally wrong with him, as he has not spoken a word for some time – his wife has been in town to see him & she returned to Tailem Bend yesterday.

[Hamilton]
286b
23rd September 1896
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that the Aborigines boat at Kingston requires repairs and painting & that Mr H. Barkler offers to do this work for 35/- - I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that you are authorised to incur this expenditure and get the work done under your supervision – when the boat is ready again for use, your suggestions as to its future management will be very desirable to carry out.

[Hamilton]

287a
26th September 1896
Mrs Jessie Lindsay
Clare
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., about your children at Point Pierce Mission, I have made enquiries respecting them,
- Your daughter Grace is a strong, healthy girl with the appearance of a young woman & has been for a few weeks with Mrs Wангaneen, one of the kindest and most respected women on the station, who takes every care of her
– with regard to removing your children from the Mission to Clare, I have no power to permit this to be done, as they were placed by the Government, at the request of their father, at the Mission, when you deserted your husband. – if you wish to see them, your best course would be to visit them at the Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

287b
30th September 1896
N. E. Phillipson Esq
Beltana
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me when an opportunity will present itself to forward Aborigines Stores to the Depot at Kanowana.
Mr Fitz the issuer there writes to me stating that a fresh supply of these Stores is now required.
Please advise me to allow of sufficient time to have the goods at Lyndhurst Siding, ready for the Teams.

[Hamilton]

288a
16th October 1896
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr Manfield, forwarding agent at Farina, has advised me today, that the road to Innamincka is closed for Teams and not a Camel is available at present; as Aborigines Stores are required there very soon, I shall be glad to learn from you whether you will be forwarding any Police supplies to Innamincka – as in that case, the goods for the Depot there, might be sent up at same time, if a full load can go – it might induce Teamsters to undertake the journey at a more reasonable rate for Cartage.

[Hamilton]
288b
22nd October 1896
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay
An Aboriginal named Policeman Dick has a Canoe at Milang which is much in need of repairs. Can you manage to get this work done at the Mission Station by the men who built the Canoes 2 or 3 years ago? & if so can you have the canoe brought over by the Mission Cutter?

[Hamilton]

289a
21st October 1896
M.C. Schumann
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd July last, in which you state that fresh supplies for your Depot would be required in about three (3) months time, I have the honor to inform you that, I am advised by Mr Manfield, forwarding agent at Farina, that the Innamincka road is closed to Teams, owing to the drought, and that not even camels are available at present, - under these circumstances the supplies of Aborigines Stores you have on hand should be made to last as long as possible.
Probably rain may fall next month, sufficient to induce teamsters to start when your Stores will be sent up.

[Hamilton]

289b
27th October 1896
M.C. Hillier
Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., reporting Mr Blackwell’s offer to repair Aboriginal Policeman Dick’s Canoe for £ 3. 5/-, I have the honor to inform you that the Manager of Point Macleay will send for this Canoe with a view to have it repaired there, as it is not considered desirable to incur so large an expenditure as £ 3. 5/- on an old canoe.
I will make enquiry about the sale of leeches in Adelaide, for the Aborigines who are catching them at Milang – and advise you.

[Hamilton]

290a
18th November 1896
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., respecting the repair of canoe of widow of late Aboriginal Merly Scott &c, I have the honor to inform you that you can get it repaired for the amount named, viz., 10/-. Aboriginal Joe Cooke’s canoe should be taken from Wellington to Point Macleay where it can be repaired.
You can give Cooke a dozen bags for his wurley as he is an old man – but these bags cannot be expected by every native – they should be able to provide such themselves, except in case of the old & infirm people.
I enclose order for the flour – if no 2nds procurable, ordinary flour can be had. I will correct the returns you send in, as to the quantity of flour on hand.

[Hamilton]
290b  
Forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta

19th November 1896
Mr J. C. Turner
Moralana  [50 km W. of Wilpena]

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North – requesting supply of rations for destitute Aborigines at Moralana – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of a supply of Aborigines Stores (as per advice herein) being forwarded to you – I forward copy of ‘Instructions to Issuers’ for your guidance in distributing these rations and some return forms in separate parcel by this mail which you will be good enough to forward to this office.

[Hamilton]

291a

19th November 1896
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta

Sir,
Referring to the correspondence you forwarded here, relative to the case of a native girl Louie who you have sent to the Kopperamanna Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your action herein has been approved, as the best course that could have been taken in this matter.

You do not recommend that this department should pay anything to Mrs Dobson, who appears to expect 10/- a week for 2 months, for her assistance to Louie & child, so I presume you consider she has no claim on this Office, but it appears that Mr Gabor admits owing Louie money for wages – if this could be recovered, there would be something to give Mrs Dobson.

[Hamilton]

291b

19th November 1896
Mr J. G. Reuther
Killalpaninna

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required at Killalpaninna Depot, and that you are unable at present to send your Teams for them owing to the dry state of the road, I have the honor to inform you that these stores will not be sent up till I hear again from you, but in the meantime, I should like to learn, how you propose meeting the wants of the Aborigines.

Have you stores of your own on hand to borrow from, till our supplies are sent up?

[Hamilton]
292a
26th November 1896
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., with report respecting the paragraph from the S.A. Register of 1/11/96, calling attention to, and complaining of alterations in, issuing rations to Aborigines at Kingston, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your action herein is approved, but of course care should be taken when restricting the issues of rations, that no injury results to women or children of those able-bodied men who may at times be unable to earn a living, from no fault of their own.

[Hamilton]

292b
1st December 1896
M.C. Donegan
Fowlers’ Bay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 11th inst., reporting the case of ½ caste Aboriginal Mickey Free, I have conferred with Messrs W. R. Cave & Co herein and now enclose you copy of the letter I have received from Cave and Co – which will, I hope, lead to a satisfactory settlement of this matter.

[Hamilton]

293a
1st December 1896
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th Oct last, with regard to obtaining the use of the davits on the jetty at Kingston for the Aborigines Boat, I have the honor to inform you that the Marine Board now report that they will not object to these davits being used for the present, provided the Harbor Master at Kingston has the use of this boat when required & she is there, and also that the davits are kept in order by this department.

[Hamilton]

293b
2nd December 1896
Messrs J. Wood, Son & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr W. E. Dalton, Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, has called my attention to the inferior quality of the sugar supplied by you to this department for the Point Macleay Mission on the 6th ulto., a sample of which I enclose to you.
Mr Sutton, the Manager of the Mission, states that the Aborigines complain that this sugar makes them ill, causing griping pains.

[Hamilton]
294a
3rd December 1896
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., enquiring about the boat left by Aboriginal Jack Kelsey who died in the Adelaide Hospital, I have made enquiry at Murray Bridge & Mannum, and ascertained that Kelsey obtained a second-hand, flat-bottomed boat about 3 years ago – which is now lying on the Murray near Old Wall Head Station, about halfway between Mannum and Murray Bridge. It was abandoned at this place about six months ago in a leaky condition and is now quite useless and not worth removing for repair.

[Hamilton]

294b
4th December 1896
W. E. Dalton
Sec: Aborigines' Friends' Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., calling attention to the inferior quality of the last supply of sugar to the Point Macleay Depot, and enclosing sample thereof, I have the honor to inform you that, I have communicated with the Aboriginal Storekeeper, and the contractors (Messrs G. Wood, Son & Co.) who supplied the sugar in question, and sent them samples of same, with a request that more care will be exercised in future herein.

As Mr Peter Wood, the head of the firm of Wood, Son & Co., is a member of your association, I feel sure he will give the question every attention with a view to prevent it occurring again, while his firm has the contract for supplying sugar to this Department.

[Hamilton]

295a
12th December 1896
A. Englehart Esq. M.D.
Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to forward you herewith, form of agreement, to be entered into by you as Medical Officer to Aborigines during the year 1897, and to request that you will be good enough to sign and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

295b
11th January 1897
Mr John Solomon
Poonindie
I have seen your application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands (sent in by Mr Mortlock M.P.) as you apply therein for an ordinary lease of the Aboriginal Reserve at Poonindie (No. 121) your application came before the Land Board & you will have to take your chance with other applicants for the land.

You can send through me another application for an Aboriginal occupation licence for 160 acres of the Reserve, and if it reaches me at once, before the land is Gazetted for the Land Board, I will do what I can on your behalf, to obtain favourable consideration for your request.

[Hamilton]
296a
12th January 1897
Messrs W. & H. Taylor
Moonta
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., applying for assistance to enable you to purchase a Boat, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform that this request cannot be complied with. [Hamilton]

296b
12th January 1897
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., about the removal of the native boy to Adelaide, who requires medical treatment for his eyes – If you will forward him via Moonta, I enclose order for his rail pass to Adelaide – please advise me by telegram when he leaves Moonta & I will meet him on arrival here & take him to the Hospital where he will obtain the best treatment from the leading eye doctors of Adelaide. [Hamilton]

297a
14th January 1897
M.C. Dittmer
Diamantina
Referring to your letter stating that Aborigines Stores previously applied for by you have not yet reached you – I have the honor to inform you that your former requisition was endorsed by the Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta, recommending that Stores be not sent to Diamantina, as it was probable that the Police Station would be removed from there to the Queensland border – I have therefore been waiting for further information before sending the rations &c. They will be forwarded to you now, as soon as transport arrangements are made at Hergott to send them on – You have not yet acknowledged receipt of the artificial arm sent by Parcel Post, some months ago, for the Native Nipper. [Hamilton]

297b
20th January 1897
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., the request of Aboriginal Lindsay for a pass to Point Pierce cannot be complied with; there are more natives at that Station than can be provided for, and Lindsay has a much better chance to earn a living on the Murray. With regard to the pair of crutches for Aboriginal Mason, please instruct him to get an order from the doctor that they are necessary, when they could be procured for him from a local carpenter. [Hamilton]
298a
20th January 1897
Mr T. Denford
Mount Serle
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this Office for the current financial year are very limited, the Aborigines Stores for the Mount Serle Depot, will have to be issued with the greatest care and economy. The supplies now sent to you will therefore have to be sufficient till next June.
The Aborigines should be encouraged to go about the Country seeking their natural food, with the exception of the very old & infirm natives.

[Hamilton]

298b
27th January 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I met an Aboriginal named Donald Gollan recently at the Murray Bridge – he holds some land at Wellington from the Govt, the lease of which he is anxious to have renewed. I find on enquiry that this lease does not expire till the 31st of next December – he wished me to communicate with you on the subject – will you please inform him accordingly, and tell him he should send in, through me, an application about October next, asking for a renewal of his lease.

[Hamilton]

299a
27th January 1897
R. Saunders Esq
Inspector of Police
Mount Gambier
Sir,
Referring to your suggestion, that the issuers at Aborigines Depots, when that office is held by members of the Police force in your District, should in future send all their returns, correspondence &c with this Department, through your office at Mt Gambier – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c controlling to inform you that the Issuers at Aborigines Depots are instructed to correspond direct with this Office (Vide copy of Instructions herewith) and it is not considered necessary to depart from this arrangements.

[Hamilton]

299b
27th January 1897
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I shall be glad if you can enquire & inform me whether a second-hand Boat in good condition &c is procurable at Murray Bridge for Aboriginal Joe Cook – and what its cost would be – I have heard that a Mr Lambert has one for sale – and that the Fisherman Swaffer who died from snake bite last Sunday – has left a boat which will probably be disposed of.

[Hamilton]
300a
27th January 1897
Corporal Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I send you an order enclosed to obtain some rations for the natives named therein – with a view to
induce them to keep away from the Township where so many facilities appear to exist for their getting
drink –
Please explain to them that unless they leave the Bridge & keep away for some weeks – this supply of
rations will be discontinued. – if they behave themselves a fresh order will be sent up for another supply
in a month.
Please obtain rations from one of your local storekeepers who will supply at reasonable price, and fill his
name in order.

[Hamilton]

300b
18th February 1897
Mr A. Cole
Post Office
Yardea
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the
opening of a Depot at Yardea, to be under your charge, for the distribution of Stores to the Aborigines,
who may be in need of relief in that locality – A supply of rations & blankets is now being forwarded to
you, per advice herewith.
I also enclose copy of Instructions for your future guidance in issuing the rations, and a supply of return
forms in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]

301a
18th February 1897
Mr J. Varley
Pondonna, Gawler Ranges
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the letter of the 2nd ulto., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines
in the Gawler Ranges – and stating that they require relief, I have the honor by direction of the
Honorable The Minister of Education &c to inform you that a Depot will be opened at Yardea, in charge
of the Postmaster there, and a supply of Aborigines Stores is now being forwarded to him for
distribution to the Natives.

[Hamilton]

301b
18th February 1897
Mr A. Barber
Moonarie, Gawler Ranges
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., ...... similar to 301a.

[Hamilton]
302a
25th February 1897
Corpl Miller
Murray Bridge
Sir,
With regard to the a/c £2. 10/- you sent me for the Aborigines boat purchased? In the estate of the late Swaffer, I am unable to draw cheque for amount till the 1st proxo, as the a/c is made out to the “estate &c” – had you not better refer the payment to the department in Adelaide as I cannot pay you unless you have authority to receipt the voucher.
With regard to rations for the old natives you mention, why can they not go to Mannum, - if we begin giving rations regularly at the Bridge, it will be practically running a Depot there again, and inducing the natives to hang about the township, getting liquor.

302b
25th February 1897
Mrs C. T. Bond
Kensington Park
Referring to your recent interview with me re obtaining a native girl as domestic – from the Point Macleay Mission Station – the Manager there, Mr Sutton, informs me that the only girl he can recommend at present is one about 17 years old – but she is quite a young woman in appearance – is fond of children, pleasant & willing to learn – her parents wish her to go to a Christian family where she will be looked after & not allowed to wander about in the evenings.

303a
24th February 1897
Mr A. J. Strother
Mount Serle
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that you have been appointed Caretaker of the Mount Serle Station, and enquiring as to the continuance of the Aborigines Depot there, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this Depot will be placed under your charge for the issue of rations &c – to the Aborigines.
I enclose copy of Instructions for your guidance herein, and Mr Denford informs me that the last supply of stores have recently reached the depot.

303b
25th February 1897
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your memo, on Aboriginal letter 50/97, recommending the appointment of Mr A. J. Strother (the Govt Caretaker at Mount Serle) as issuer of Aborigines Stores at the Depot there, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of same and I have advise Mr Strother accordingly.
304a
25th February 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., requesting information as to the land leased to Aboriginal Lampard on the Coorong, whether he can prevent travelling stock from crossing it and if he can have an additional strip of land which he thinks is on his boundary – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Permit granted to Lampard is subject to right of stock travelling through and there is no land between the permit and the sections mentioned (421 & 422).

[Hamilton]

304b
25th February 1897
T. L. Browne Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., advising me that you are abandoning the Mount Serle Run, and requesting that someone may be appointed to take charge of the government rations &c, for the Aborigines there, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Govt Caretaker (Mr Strother) has been authorised to take charge of the Aborigines Depot at Mount Serle.

[Hamilton]

305a
10th March 1897
M.C. Blake
Port Germein
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., stating that a large number of Aborigines have arrived at Pt Germein, and require supplies, I have increased your number of blankets to 70, and also added the following articles to those previously advised to you – viz., 10 lbs Netting twine, 50 yds Serge, 12-13 Shirts, 100 Needles, ½ lb thread, 100 Fish hooks, 24 Lines, assorted.
One blanket to each native adult is the allowance at all Depots, & this cannot be exceeded. During the last two years, £ 500: has been taken from the Aborigines’ Vote, & we are compelled to regulate the supplies to the depots according to the means at our disposal.
I suppose most of the natives now at Pt Germein come from Port Augusta & Wilmington, where there are Depots – please note all names of blanket recipients, carefully in your return, as I shall have to advise the issuers at Port Augusta & Wilmington.

[Hamilton]
11th March 1897
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to Mr Strother’s request for a further supply of Aborigines Stores at Mt Serle Depot, I have the honor to inform you that, the usual supply was sent out to Mr Denford on the 29th January last, and he was informed at same time, that owing to limited funds at disposal of this office, the rations would have to be issued more carefully, notwithstanding this he appears to have dispensed them quicker than usual, as they have nearly all gone within two months.
I am now sending Mr Strother another supply, which he must make meet all requirements till the end of next June. The natives should be encouraged to go about hunting & seeking their natural food, instead of remaining constantly at the Depot, living on the rations &c.
P.S. [in margin] The Jany and Feby last returns from Mount Serle have not yet reached this office.

15th March 1897
Mr R. Newchurch
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for lease of remaining portion of the Aboriginal reserve, Sect. 121, Hundred of Louth, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request has arrived too late as the section in question has already been allotted to John Solomon and Phillip Welsh.

19th March 1897
Corporal Dowdy
Narracoorte
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., submitting the request of two of the Kingston Aborigines to be provided with tents and rations at Narracoorte, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has declined to approve of this application.

20th March 1897
M.C. McEwen
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., recommending purchase of a new iron tank for water for use of the Aborigines at Cowell, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether it will be possible, as the summer is almost over now, to postpone any expenditure for this tank till next summer as the funds now at disposal of this office for current financial year are very limited.
20th March 1897
Mr J. C. Warren
Monte Collina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., (forwarded through the Hon Chief Secretary), stating that there are some destitute old & infirm Aborigines at Monte Collina, who are in need of rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a supply of Aborigines Stores, as per advice herewith, has been forwarded to you.
I enclose copy of Instructions for your guidance in distributing same, and a parcel of Return forms by this post.

[Hamilton]

Mr A. Frew
Haddon Downs
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., requesting a supply of blankets for the Aborigines at Haddon Downs, I have the honor to inform you that the following stores were forwarded in January last to Haddon Downs at the request of Mr Lindsay and he was advised of same.
I presume these supplies are still *en route* to Haddon Downs.

[Hamilton]

M.C. Barlow
Diamantina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., reporting that the Tobacco had not arrived at your Depot with the other supplies, and that there were 80 lbs Rice instead of 56 lbs – I have the honor to inform you that you will find the tobacco inside the bale of blankets – where it is generally put for security in transit – the extra supply of rice I do not understand – was it in one or more than one packages ?
The fishing tackle was sent by post on the 11th inst. With regard to the Medicines, - No. 1 is a Lotion for *external use*. No 2 is for *internal use* – a dessert spoonful twice daily.

[Hamilton]

Messrs John Martin & Co
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to remind you that the Blue serge shirts (100) ordered on the 11th inst., for this Office, have not yet been delivered by you.
Under Clause Three (3) of the conditions of Contract for general supplies, you are liable to have these articles procured elsewhere by this Department, and the difference in price, if additional charged against you.
As about from 300 to 400 of these Shirts are required annually, I presume you can always keep sufficient stock of them on hand to be able to supply promptly when ordered.
310a
1st April 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ult., submitting a request of Aborigines ??, Allington & Gollan that this department will defray half cost of a fishing net which has been offered to them for £ 5; I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture has approved of this request and the sum of £ 2. 10/- will be paid by this office, to complete the purchase of this net.

[Hamilton]

310b
7th April 1897
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., enclosing an a/c with sub-vouchers, for £ 1. 13. 9, agency charges on Aborigines Stores at Farina, from 5/2/96 to 27/3/97, part of which you state rendered here before, I find on enquiry that no part of this a/c was previously rendered to this office.
Your Hergott Branch agency a/cs have been properly sent in during same period – but none of your office, and I beg to remind you that when these a/cs are permitted to remain in arrears over three months, the Audit Commissioners object to passing them without full explanation as to cause of delay – in future please have them rendered every three months - the amount now will be paid (when passed) to your Adelaide agents, D & S. Fowler, as usual.

[Hamilton]

311a
12th April 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Referring to the application of Aboriginal William Rankine for a ‘flat-bottomed dingy, sharp at both ends’ – please inform me whether you can have one made at the Mission Station and the cost of such.
What does Rankine require a canoe of this kind for – it seems to me an ordinary canoe, like those you had built last time – would be more useful to him – as the kind of dingy he mentions would be useless for carrying himself and family with safety.

[Hamilton]

311b
26th April 1897
Mr John Solomon
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., enquiring about the result of your application for portion of the Aboriginal Reserve at Poonindie, I have the honor to inform you that I find on making enquiry at Crown Lands Office, that the request has been complied with and permits of lease to you and Phillip Welsh will be issued in a few days – and forwarded to you – In the meantime, you can take possession of the land in question.

[Hamilton]
312
4th May 1897
M.C. McEwen
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 7th March and the 3rd April last, recommending purchase of an 800-gallon
iron tank for water for use of the aborigines at Cowell, I have the honor to inform you that the
Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has declined to sanction any expenditure for this purpose.

[Hamilton]

313
4th May 1897
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th March last, requesting permission on behalf of some aborigines to
remove guano (for sale by them) from an island near Moonta, I have the honor by direction of the
Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that such natives will be required to obtain a
three months’ licence, their boat also to be licensed, the fees to remain until the cargo is sold, and then
to be collected by the ranger.
With respect to the statement of these natives, that the Manager at Point Pierce Mission Station, is
taking guano without a licence, I am to add, that he is permitted to do so for use on the Mission Station
only.

[Hamilton]

314a
6th May 1897
M.C. Russell
Diamantina
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., calling attention to the prevalence of venereal diseases among
the aborigines on your District, and recommending that a supply of Homeopathic medicines be
forwarded to you for their treatment, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of
Agriculture &c to inform you that he considers Homeopathic remedies useless in Venereal diseases.

[Hamilton]

314b
5th May 1897
Mr T. R. Davies
Nonning
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th ulto., applying for rations &c for Aborigines at Nonning, I have the
honor by direction of the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that an Aborigines
Depot exists at Yardea, in the Gawler Ranges, and it is not intended to increase the number of Depots by
opening another at Nonning.

[Hamilton]
315a
15th May 1897
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., with report as to the conduct of Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I have the honor to inform you that you are fully justified in stopping the rations to those natives who persist in misconduct, and if they break the ?? in any way, they should be proceeded against as European offenders would be,

-with regard to the large numbers of native children at Victor Harbor, the School at Point Macleay is the proper placed for them, and their parents should not receive any rations for them at Victor Harbor except, say, a week’s supply to carry them home again.

[Hamilton]

315b
25th May 1897
M.C. Schmitt
Auburn
Referring to your report forwarded here through Corpl Blunkett? Bushell?, Riverton, calling attention to the destitute state of some Aborigines at Auburn, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to purchase for them from a local storekeeper the following articles, the a/c for which, please certify and forward to this office for payment –

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[Hamilton]

316a
28th May 1897
Mr F. W. Allen
Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to your application in your Aborigines Return for April last on behalf of Natives at Edithburgh for a Boat, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this requisition cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

316b
3rd June 1897
Mr A. J. McDonald
Lyndhurst
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., calling attention to the state of the Country in your District and the destitute condition of the Aborigines and the necessity that exists for larger supplies of rations &c – I have the honor to inform you that Stores were forwarded to your last week – and additional blankets &c – will be sent up to you as soon as arrangements can be made but the demand on our funds has been so great this season, that they have not been able to meet the numerous claims made upon them and some delay is unavoidable in forwarding further supplies.

[Hamilton]
317a
3rd June 1897
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., enclosing a/c for £ 4. 19. 4 – for building materials obtained by Aboriginal Adams and stating that some additional articles are requested by Adams to complete his house. Will you be good enough to inform Adams that he should forward a statement of the cost of these extra materials mentioned by you – viz. –

4 sheets 6-ft Galvanized Iron
2 deal doors
2 windows
8 Battens 8-ft long

[Hamilton]

317b
14th June 1897
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., enclosing a/c for £ 4. 19. 8 [?] for materials supplied for the house of Aboriginal Tim Adams at Moonta, and stating that a further sum of about £ 3; would be required to complete the house, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that any iron &c to complete the roof will be allowed, but the doors and windows must be obtained by Adams himself, as the Minister considers after the assistance he, Adams, has been given by the Govt he should be able to do something himself.

[Hamilton]

318a
12th June 1897
Mr R. Johnson
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be good enough to inform me the price at which you can supply flour (best household) at per ton, delivered on board vessel at Milang.

[Hamilton]

318b

319a
16th June 1897
Messrs W. & H. Dunk
Gentlemen,
An offer having been made to supply this department with the best roller flour at £ 12: per ton delivered at the Milang Railway Station, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c controlling this Department, to request that you will be good enough to inform me the price at which you can now deliver the best household Flour at Milang – the rate per ton for the flour and your ?? of agency charges to be stated separately.

[Hamilton]
319b
17th June 1897 [extremely faint]
Mr R. Newchurch
Poonindie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th April last, applying for a block of land near Poonindie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a permit has been issued (which I now enclose to you) authorising you to occupy 58 acres situated east of Sect 121? - as shown on plan at foot of Permit.

[Hamilton]

320a
29th June 1897
M.C. Pyne, Wellington
Sir,
In separate parcel by this post, three copies of Lease forwarded to you for signature of Aboriginal Karpany; please have each copy signed by him, and witnessed by you, where the pencil marks are, and return the three copies to the Surveyor-General’s Office (stamped envelope enclosed) and ?? return to me when you ??

[Hamilton]

320b
29th June 1897
Mr Geo. Muckray
Wellington
Memo/
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., in which you ask that you may not be deprived of the use of Section 140, Hundred of Seymour, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that you can continue to hold the portion for grazing purposes, until it is required for other purposes, and Aboriginal Lampard has no authority to interfere with you in any way.

[Hamilton]

321a
1st July 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Wilson for one half cost £3. 10/- of a Boat which has been offered to him for £ 7.; I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to ?? “could not Wilson have in part payment, one of the canoes ordered for construction at Point Macleay workshop ?”

[Hamilton]

321b
2nd July 1897
Mr Taylor, Moonta
Referring to your letter of the 19th June last, requesting a supply of building materials – viz., Galvanised iron & timber, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to state that your application cannot be complied with.
If you could obtain a piece of land under the Blockers’ Act, your request for assistance from the Crown Lands Office might be more successful.

[Hamilton]
322a
3rd July 1897
Messrs Young & Gordon
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
In May last, a Bale of Blankets &c was forwarded to you for Mr Cocks, Wilgena, which you had no
opportunity of sending on to him – will you be good enough to forward these Blankets addressed as
under –
Mr E. C. Kempe
Wood Duck Creek
Per Rail to Warrina
Far North
The ½ ton flour for Wilgena still in your hands, I will have sent to some other depot when an opportunity
occurs.

[Hamilton]

322b
8th July 1897
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to the application of Aboriginal Geo. Lindsay, for a piece of land on part of reserve near
Sections 13 & 14, in the Hundred of Pyap, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to
state that the land asked for cannot be granted to Lindsay as it is not available. He can however choose
another block, up to 160 acres, on either of the two plans enclosed where the land is coloured Pink and
he should return the Plans to me with the block he chooses marked thereon.

[Hamilton]

323a
15th July 1897
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
In ?? 19th ulto., you promised to wire ?when the Cartage of Aborigines Stores to Cowarie where they
have been urgently required for some time past; I have not heard from you yet ??but? Mr Thomas,
Cowarie, informs me you have forwarded teams there recently – please oblige by some explanation
herein.

[Hamilton]

323b  324a  324b
15th July 1897
Mr B. Lathern  Mr J. G. Reuther  Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Pierce  Killalpaninna  Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be
good enough to furnish me with any information in your power, in reply to the following questions,
1. Was smoking of tobacco or other herbs practiced by the natives of Australia before the coming of
Europeans?
2. If so, what herb was used by them in smoking?
3. Was the herb so used *Nicotiana*?
Probably some of the old Aborigines will be able to give you some information herein.

[Hamilton]
Messrs Jas Marshall & Co.
Rundle Street
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c, controlling this
Department, to inform you that, the Blue serge which has now been supplied by you for the use of this
Department, has been found not to be good in quality to the standard sample, and I have to request
that you will be good enough to have the same exchanged, and serge of approved quality immediately
supplied in accordance with the Clause 4 of the conditions of contract for general supplies for the two
years ending June 30th 1899.

[Hamilton]

Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Police requires an Aboriginal as Tracker – he
would have to reside at the Police Barracks, Adelaide, & his pay would be 3/6 a day, out of which 1/6 is
deducted for his meals, leaving him 14/- a week & if you have a steady native with a fair knowledge or
ability for tracking, please send him up next Saturday – he will be taken on trial at first, & should be an
unmarried man, and please send a telegram addressed to Inspector Shaw, Mounted Police Barracks, so
that the man may be met at Train on arrival in Town – as the telegram would not reach me before 12 on
Saturday when office closes.

[Hamilton]

M.C. Pyne
Wellington
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you in separate parcel by this post copy of lease of land for Aboriginal
Karpany.
I would suggest that Karpany deposit it in your hands for safe keeping.
Please have it shown to him and acknowledge receipt thereof.

[Hamilton]
327
21st July 1897
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Dr Englehart, Medical Officer to Aborigines at Kingston, in his last quarterly Report, made the following remarks –
“A number of the Blacks must have earned a lot of money by sending great quantities of Duck & Teals to Adelaide, but I see no sign that their comfort & homes have been thereby improved, however the Blacks are wiser in another way – now they ?spurn the middleman ?here & deal directly with Adelaide.
“These natives could better their condition & mode of life very much by seeking employment but their inborn laziness is against them.”
With reference to this statement I shall be glad to learn from you whether there is any drunkenness carried on in their Camps which would account for their earnings – Your court returns very seldom contain any offences by the Aborigines at Kingston – and it is usual on other localities where the Blacks can earn money that much of it goes for intoxicating liquors.
Do you find that those who are able to work and earn money by shooting &c., are in a position to do without ?rations from the depot ?

[Hamilton]

328a
3rd August 1897
Mrs M. A. Rawling
Adelaide
Madam,
I have the honor to inform you that the Aboriginal Storekeeper reports that the tinware ordered on the 7th last by this Office, for M.C. Clarke, Streaky Bay, has not yet been forwarded by you to the General Post Office Stores, and owing to the delay – the vessel with other stores for this locality has sailed, and there may be no other opportunity for some weeks to send the tinware.
Under Clause 3 of the Conditions of your Contract – any delay in furnishing articles promptly, renders you liable to having them purchased elsewhere and the additional charge, if any, charged against you.

[Hamilton]

328b
Fdd through M.C. Pyne, Wellington
3rd August 1897
Mr D. Gollan
Wellington
Referring to your letter of the 15th ulto., asking that the conditions of your lease at Sect. 149, Hundred of Seymour, may be relaxed, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
Your lease, which will expire on the 31st December next ensuing, will not be renewed, unless your conduct for sobriety and industry is more favourably reported on.

[Hamilton]
329a
3rd August 1897
The Clerk of Council of Encounter Bay Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 24th ulto., calling attention to the desirability of the removal of the Aborigines at Port Victor to some other camping ground, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the Council of Encounter Bay has the control of the Public Reserves at Victor Harbor, and can fix a suitable place for the Aborigines’ camps.
With regard to Aborigines from other parts locating themselves at Port Victor, M.C. Bluntish, the issuer at the Depot, has been instructed to discourage this, by restricting the issue of rations to those natives only who usually belong to Encounter Bay.

[Hamilton]

329b
16th August 1897
Mr T.M. Sutton Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th June last, applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Wilson for the purchase of a boat, one half part of which amounting to £ 3. 10/- Wilson offers to pay himself, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request has been approved. An a/c should be furnished, certified by you, that Wilson’s moiety of his boat has been paid when the balance will be remitted to you.

[Hamilton]

330a
13th August 1897
M.C. Gibbons Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your report of the 6th inst., respecting the alleged ill-treatment of the children of Aboriginal Fox by their father, or step-father, it is difficult to deal with the matter. The children appear to have had other fathers. Mrs Fox is a white woman. She had two illegitimate white children some years ago, before her marriage to an aboriginal named Runga of Kingston by whom she had three ½ caste children, and now I presume she has other children by Fox. Of course the white children have no claim on this department, we can only deal with Runga’s three, and if you can persuade the mother, when you have an opportunity to send them to Point Macleay, they would be properly brought up there without cost to her.

[Hamilton]
330b
14th August 1897
M.C. Pyne, Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your report of the 20th ulto., respecting the children of Aboriginal Runga and their alleged ill-treatment by their stepfather, I have communicated with M.C. Gibbons of Mannum as to their removal to Point Macleay Mission School.
Mrs Fox, a white woman, had 2 illegitimate children (European) some time ago, before her marriage to a black named Runga of Kingston, by whom she had 3 ½ caste children, 2 of whom are now living, and since she married Fox, has other children.
Of course, the 2 white children have no claim on this department, they could be dealt with under the Destitute & Neglected Children’s Act, if necessary, & sent to the Reformatory or Industrial School.

[Hamilton]

331a
7th September 1897
J. Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your memo on Corpl Rumball’s report re the mode in which aborigines are remunerated by Station owners for wild dog scalps – that the natives are paid off with rations, and old clothes, instead of money – I have the honor to inform you that the Police Officers in charge of Depots could obtain the money through this Office, by instructing the natives to bring the scalps to the Police Stations.

[Hamilton]

331b
7th September 1897
Corporal Rumball, Blinman
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th ulto., in which you call attention to the way in which Aborigines are remunerated by Station owners for destruction of wild dogs – as they merely receive rations instead of cash, and recommending that the natives obtain their fees through this office, I have the honor to inform you that this course can be followed by your instructing the Aborigines, as you have opportunity, to bring their dog scalps to the Police Stations, and the money will be obtained and sent to them through you.

[Hamilton]

332a
8th September 1897
M.C. Bluntish
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., respecting some of the old aborigines at Victor Harbor who require special rations, I have the honor to inform you that an order is enclosed for a ration of 1 lb meat daily for a month for the natives you mentioned, viz., Drummy, Felix, and ?Cramby/Crosby – if necessary, the order will be renewed for a longer period.
It would be well to ascertain occasionally that these old people duly receive the meat, & that others do not deprive them of it.
I have received no official communication yet from the District Council of Encounter Bay, as to the removal of the ?Native Camps and building of Huts on the ??Inman River mouth reserve.

[Hamilton]
332b
15th September 1897
M.C. Gibbons
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that information has reached this Office, that a number of Aborigines have recently been hanging about Murray Bridge – where possibilities appear to exist for their obtaining intoxicating liquors, and that they send one or two of their number to Mannum to obtain rations for others.
Should this statement be correct, I shall be glad if you will do what you can to check the practice by supplying rations to those only who come personally for them, except in cases of illness when you have reason to believe that the request for rations is a genuine one.

[Hamilton]

333a
17th September 1897
The Clerk of the District Council
of Encounter Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., stating the steps taken by your council with a view to the removal of the Aborigines Camps from their present position, to the reserve at the mouth of the Inman River, and suggesting the desirability of my visiting Victor Harbor, I have the honor to inform you that I shall be glad to co-operate with the Council in carrying out the arrangements referred to, and propose to visit the locality next Saturday week the 25th inst., by the morning train, if I hear from you that this day will suit.

[Hamilton]

333b
21st September 1897
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to draw your attention to the very dilatory manner in which the Contractor for Tinware, (M. A. Rawling) executes the orders sent from this Office - on some occasions the great delay in delivering the articles ordered, has led to them reaching the Aborigines Store too late to catch Steamer or Train, when the opportunity for transit may not occur again for weeks or months. The Contractor has been written to several times calling attention to the Conditions of Contract – but the delay in delivering the articles ordered still continues.
I shall be glad to learn from you the proper course to pursue under the circumstances stated by me.

[Hamilton]

334a
22nd September 1897
Messrs W. R. Cave & Co.
Adelaide
Your manager at Kalamurina, Far North, writing on the 14th inst., advises me that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores will be required at that Depot, please inform me when there will be an opportunity to forward same – viz., the time and place for the starting of Teams &c.

[Hamilton]
334b
28th September 1897
M.C. Blake, Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your last requisition for fresh supplies Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you
that in future the general supplies of blankets, clothing, Tinware &c will be sent to your Depot once a
year for issue in April at the beginning of winter, and it will be well to let the natives know accordingly,
so that they can apply for such on & after the 1st April –
I now forward you some blankets, a few to be kept on hand for any case of illness &c, and also 2 axes, as
I find you have had none during the past year, but with regard to the other items, more than double the
usual quantity has been supplied to Pt Germein Depot, during current year.
Early in March, you should apply for the winter Stores and state your probable requirements.
[Hamilton]

335a
30th September 1897
Mr. J. C. Turner, Moralana [50km N of Hawker, W of Wilpena]
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the
funds at disposal of this Office will not permit of Aborigines Stores being so frequently supplied to the
Depot at Moralana, - the rations now being forwarded to you for the Aborigines will have to suffice till
the end of the current year.
Your last return for August of this year show 131 lbs of sugar to have been issued during that month
which is considerably in excess of the quantity allowed by the General Instructions, copy of which I
presume you have, as this return shows that the issue of 527 lbs Flour, the sugar issued should be about
66 lbs in proportion.
[Hamilton]

335b
4th October 1897
W. Norman Esq, M.D., Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be
good enough to inform me on what terms you would be willing to supply Medical attendance and
Medicines to the Aborigines requiring such within the limits of the District of Goolwa and Port Elliott –
the number of natives at Goolwa is much lower than it used to be & there are none located at Port
Elliott. Some occasionally visit Goolwa from Point Macleay and the Coorong &c.
[Hamilton]

336a
14th October 1897
The General Traffic Manager: S.A. Railways
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., re orders issued by this Office for Aborigines’ railway tickets,
which you state are not in accordance with the sample from your Department, I have the honor to
inform you that I replied to your note of 5/12/95 on the 9/12/95, pointing out that the sample referred
to did not apply so well to Aborigines’ orders – and you advised me that I could alter same which I did in
getting my next book of orders printed.
Please inform me now what further alteration you wish [to] make in these orders and I can do so in
writing until I have the next Book of orders printed.
[Hamilton]
18th October 1897
Mr Reuben Walker
Campbell Park
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., requesting assistance from this Department to the extent of £10: - towards purchase of a Boat offered to you for £25: - I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform that he approves of your being allowed a sum of £6. 10/- (the cost of an ordinary Canoe) in and of the proposed purchase, provided you can raise the remainder of the cost of this Boat yourself.

28th October 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., with reference to the request of Aboriginal Reuben Walker for assistance to enable him to purchase a boat offered to him for £25: - I have the honor to inform you that he made an application herein himself some weeks ago, to which I was instructed, by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, to reply, offering Walker £6. 10/-.
I wrote to him accordingly on the 18th inst. You do not say if he received my letter.
If the dingey he refers to as worth £7: is his own property, could he not sell it to someone and the proceeds thereof, with the £6. 10/- from this Office would defray about half the cost of the new boat.

30th October 1897
M. C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., re the proposed removal of Aboriginal girl Scott to the Mission Station at Point Macleay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of her removal to Point Macleay, & will you be good enough to advise me as to the best mode of getting her there.
Would she go herself by rail to Milang if put on the train at Murray Bridge, in which case I will send you an order for her tickets – or can you send her by a passing Steamer to Milang?

9th November 1897
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
M. C. Burt informed me yesterday that he had brought two native women down to Town, who have been committed at Murray Bridge to a month in gaol, and that one of them named Fletcher has left a little girl at the Bridge, about 5 years old.
It would be desirable to send this child to the Mission Station at Point Macleay.
I have advised Mr Sutton, the manager there, that she will be forwarded via Milang next Friday, the 12th inst. – will you will be good enough to have her sent on.
338b  
10th November 1897  
S. J. Jones Esq, J.P., Hawker  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 11th ulto., calling attention to the destitute condition of some old and infirm Aborigines at Wilpena, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that enquiry has been made herein and these natives will be assisted to remove to the Depot at Blinman, where they can obtain the necessary relief.  

339a  
10th November 1897  
Mrs C. F. Ryan  
Wilpena  
Madam,  
In reply to your letter of the 12th ulto., requesting rations for Aborigines at Wilpena, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c inform you that the old & infirm natives can be assisted to remove to Blinman where rations can be obtained.  

339b  
10th November 1897  
Dr. W. Norman, Goolwa  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 12th ulto., submitting your offer to undertake the duties of Medical Officer to the Aborigines within the limits of the District of Goolwa & Port Elliott, for the sum of £ 40: per annum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that these duties are at present performed for £ 25: per annum.  

340a  
11th November 1897  
John Gall Esq, J.P.  
Cantara  
Sir,  
I have heard that an Aboriginal named Matthews is living about Salt Creek or vicinity who is supposed to be out of his mind and wandering about, causing alarm among the other Aborigines & Europeans in the neighbourhood, I shall be glad to learn from you whether there is any truth in this report – as if so, the Police at Wellington should take action with a view to the native in question being committed to the Lunatic Asylum.  

340b  
12th November 1897  
M.C. Shanks  
Blanchetown  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Jenny Mason for purchase of a boat for her son Robert, 10/- of the cost (30/-) having been handed to you by her – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request has been approved if the young fellow is steady and likely to work if possessed of this boat.
341a
17th November 1897
M.C. Gibbons, Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., concerning Aboriginal Geo. Lindsay & family, It is desirable that he should remove his wife & family to his block of land at Pyap, - you could give them a few weeks’ supply of rations to induce them to go up there, and if it is nearer Blanchetown than Mannum – Lindsay could obtain assistance from that Depot should he require it.

[Hamilton]

341b
18th November 1897
Mr T. M. Sutton
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a report has reached this Office – that a ½ caste named Alfred Watson has been obtaining rations from the Needles Depot. – this man is employed as shepherd to Mr Goldfinch at near Salt Creek – and is in receipt of 15/- a week and double rations, so that if this report is true, he is imposing on the Issuer at the Needles, - please advise me whether there is any truth in this statement, - I am also given to understand that able-bodied natives get full rations at the Needles, altho’ there is now an abundant supply of fish, native game &c on the Coorong.

[Hamilton]

342a
30th November 1897
M.C. McEwen, Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., respecting the large number of Aborigines now at Cowell in receipt of rations, and stating the efforts made by you to get employment for them, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Two tons of flour and other provisions have already been forwarded to you for these natives, and the funds at disposal of this Office will not permit of such large supplies being continued.
It will therefore be desirable to induce these Aborigines to return to their own Country. There are Depots at Yardea and Wilgena, and altho’ the country in the Gawler Ranges has been to some extent abandoned by Pastoralists, still the native game &c is not so scare as to deprive them of some of their natural food.

[Hamilton]

342b
8th December 1897
John Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Carbine [from Hergott], and his proposed removal to Point Macleay Mission Station, I have the honor to inform you that, I have conferred with the Point Macleay manager, and find they are reluctant to receive any more Aborigines there, especially from the North – There are nearly 300 natives at Point Macleay and no employment for more than half that number, - the mission is in fact over-crowded, - under these circumstances, it will be desirable to send Carbine to Kopperamanna Mission.
I will write to the Manager there, by this week’s mail, and advise him that Carbine will be forwarded there.

[Hamilton]
343a  
9th December 1897  
Mr A. J. Strother  
Mount Serle  
Sir,  
Referring to your Aborigines Return for November last, in which you recommend the desirability of the natives being required to bring so many rabbit scalps, say 3 each, per week, before receiving their rations, I have the honor to inform you that the proposed arrangement has been approved, - you will of course in carrying it out be careful that no injury arises to the old & infirm Aborigines, - it is only proper & right that the able-bodied should be encouraged to destroy vermin on the Crown Lands before receiving rations.  

[Hamilton]

343b  
14th December 1897  
Messrs H. & W. Taylor  
Port Lincoln  
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying for a fishing net – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.  

[Hamilton]

344a  
15th December 1897  
Mr J. G. Reuther  
Kopperamanna  
Sir,  
I have the honor to inform you that, an Aboriginal named Carbine, 19 years old, from the Hergott district, recently met with an accident, being thrown from a horse, and injured so much that his leg had to be amputated. He is now recovered and I have to request that you will be good enough to take him into the Mission Station – he is well-conducted, and was quite a favourite at the Hospital, at Port Augusta. The Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Mr Field, will arrange to send Carbine to the Mission Station at Killalpaninna.  

[Hamilton]

344b  
15th December 1897  
M.C. Bluntish  
Victor Harbor  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., enclosing letter to you from the Encounter Bay District Council, requesting you to take the necessary steps for removal of the Aborigines to the Reserve at the mouth of the Inman River – I have the honor to inform you that I have conferred with the Commissioner of Police herein and he upholds the view you take of your duties – via., that you can only interfere in the event of a breach of the Peace arising.  
The Council having the control of the Beach Reserves, it is for them to arrange for the removal of the natives. I understood from the previous letters from the Council that they were prepared to put up huts at the Inman Reserve, before taking steps to remove the old huts at the present Camp on the Beach.  

[Hamilton]
23rd December 1897
The Clerk of the District Council of Encounter Bay
Port Victor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., stating that the D.C. of Encounter Bay have so far, been unable to remove the Aborigines from Port Victor and asking assistance from this department herein, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, it seems to him that the Council have ample power to deal with this matter themselves.

[Hamilton]

12th January 1898
M.C. Bluntish, Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., relative to supply of special rations to Aborigines at Victor Harbor by Messrs Bell & Co., I have the honor to inform you that the last order & payment from this Office to Messrs Bell & Co. was in June 1896 about 18 months ago – since which time no fresh order has been issued to them, neither have they furnished any a/c to this office during such period.
There has therefore been no authorised supply of special rations granted by this department, except the usual extra Medical comforts ordered by doctor for the sick, under treatment.
In future no special rations will be given except under Doctor’s order to the sick. The natives are supplied liberally with fishing tackle and should be able to procure fish instead of getting meat at the expense of this Office.

[Hamilton]

18th January 1898
Dr A. A. Dickenson, Maitland
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., forwarding your a/c for £ 3. 10/- for Medical attendance on a native woman named Biggs, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this expenditure was not authorised by this Department and the government are not therefore liable for its payment – If this woman was at the time of the accident referred to – in the employ of Mr Moody, and you were called upon by him to render medical aid, I imagine he is liable for payment of amount in question.

[Hamilton]

18th January 1898
Mr A. Waterman, Kingston
Sir,
Replying to your letter of the 5th inst., stating that the Aborigines located at Kingston are constantly complaining to you that the Govt has ceased to supply them with the usual rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the Aborigines Stores are mainly intended for the old, infirm and sick natives, and indiscriminate issues to the able-bodied are discouraged as much as possible, as it tends to induce them to habits of idleness and laziness.
If you can mention any specific case of hardship experienced by any native not receiving assistance from the Depot, it will be enquired into.
With regard to the Boat at Kingston for the use of the natives, I have ascertained that only one request was made for it during the past year, when it was granted at once.

[Hamilton]
347a
19th January 1898
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., with regard to complaints made by Aborigines to Mr Waterman at Kingston, as to their receiving insufficiency of rations &c, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your report herein is considered satisfactory, and your efforts to dispense the Aborigines Stores, in accordance with the general Instructions in that behalf, are approved.

[Hamilton]

347b
20th January 1898
Mr Bertie Tripp
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., asking for assistance from this department to enable you to complete the purchase of a boat, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

348a
21st January 1898
Thos Wilson Esq, J.P.
Hog Bay
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that the Aboriginal woman Mary Seymour is badly off for supply of water, I have the honor to inform you that your request for authority for the District Council to supply her with a cask of water weekly till rain falls – has been approved.
With regard to the order for her quarterly rations – this has been already given, and I receive her a/c for same every quarter from Mr Tretheway, certified by you as chairman of the District Council, and the money is paid to Mr Tretheway’s agent here, Messrs Wilkinson & Co., who hold a Standing Procuration Order to collect it.

[Hamilton]

348b
25th January 1898
Sergt Clode
Port Lincoln
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., reporting arrival of a large number of Aborigines at Port Lincoln, and requesting supply of rations &c for them – I have the honor to inform you that on receipt of your telegram of that date, Stores were ordered for dispatch by Steamer today – the other articles mentioned in your letter of that date, which has not reached me in time to have any further supplies sent today, will be forwarded next opportunity – but you had better send me another requisition for such articles as are absolutely necessary only, as our funds are very limited for current year.
With regard to any sickness among these natives, you could obtain the aid of the Govt Medical man who attends Destitute Poor at Port Lincoln for any serious cases of illness.

[Hamilton]
349a
24th January 1898
Mr E. Rankine
Needles, via Meningie
Referring to your letter of the 24th October last, applying for lease of a Block of land on the Coorong, near the Needles, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the land you wish for has been leased to the Aborigines' Friends' Association, and forms part of the Point Macleay Reserves.
You will therefore have to apply for it to the committee of that Association & your application should be made to M W. E. Dalton, Secretary, Aborigines' Friends' Association, Cavendish Chambers, Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

349b
24th January 1898
Mr Henry Lampard, Meningie
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., applying for lease of some additional land on the Coorong at Dodd's Landing Point, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your present holding, 160 acres, is the full quantity that an Aboriginal native of S.A. can hold under the Crown Lands Acts.

350a
25th January 1898
Mr S. Lathern
Secretary: Point Pierce Mission, Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the sum voted (£150:) on the estimates of Current year, in aid of the Point Pierce Mission, will be payable to you on or after the 1st proxo.
I enclose procuration order to enable you to authorise your Bank to collect the amount herein.

350b
28th January 1898
John Riddock Esq.
Yallum, Penola
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., respecting rations &c for the two old natives Yallum Jacky and Charley Cameron, I have the honor to inform you that, the following supplies were sent to the Police at Penola, during 1897 for these natives –

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- The last supply was sent on 15th September 1897 – since which date, the Police have not made any further requisition for stores, leading me to infer that they had sufficient on hand.
I will communicate with M.C. Naulty, with a view to all necessary supplies for these old men being regularly issued to them.
28th January 1898
W. J. Mortlock Esq
Mintaro
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., calling attention to the destitute condition of some aborigines at Tumby Bay, and requesting a supply of rations for them, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Sergt Clode, of Port Lincoln, has advised that these natives at Tumby Bay, are en route to Port Lincoln.
By last Tuesday’s Steamer, a Ton of flour, and proportionate quantities of other stores, Blankets &c., were forwarded to Sergt Clode, who has now been instructed to send a portion of these articles to Tumby Bay, should they be required there.

[Hamilton]

3rd February 1898
Mr A. Hemish
Post Office
Oodnadatta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th December last, notifying the departure from the district of Mr C. Williams, the Issuer of Aborigines stores at Oodnadatta, and offering to undertake the duties attached to that appointment, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of your taking charge of the Aborigines Depot at Oodnadatta.

[Hamilton]

3rd February 1898
Mr F. Leake
Point Macleay
Referring to your note of 1st inst., please send separate letter containing application of Aboriginal Crofton Giles for the lease of a block of land at Wellington – to enable me to forward it on to the Crown Lands Office for consideration.
With regard to Hospital orders of admission, when you advise me that any native is coming up here, I meet them at Train on arrival in Adelaide, & give them an order for admission to the Hospital. Your orders would not be accepted at Hospital, unless you are an annual subscriber to that Institution.

[Hamilton]

10th February 1898
Mr F. Leake
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward herewith permits and Plans, of two blocks of land, on the Coorong for Aborigines Peter & Leonard Campbell of Point Macleay.
I would suggest that when you have shown and explained these documents to the Campbells, that they be left for safety in your hands to take care of.

[Hamilton]
353a
7th February 1898
Mr Enoch Gale
Bookabie
Sir,
Referring to your letter 22nd ulto., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines upon Bookabie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that there are Aboriginal Depots at Fowlers’ and Streaky Bays, and Yardea in the Gawler Ranges, where Stores are supplied for the relief of destitute natives – A large supply is now being sent to Fowlers’ Bay, by Boat this week.

[Hamilton]

354a
21st February 1898
Mr F. Leake
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., I have made enquiry about the land at Warringer Point, Lake Albert, and I find there is none available in that locality – it being all freehold property. Aboriginal Dodd had better try for some elsewhere.
With reference to sending natives up to Adelaide for Hospital, please issue a return Ticket order – as this Department is charged by the railway for such Tickets, it makes a considerable saving to this office in the year. Return tickets are good for 6 months and natives very rarely are so long in the Hospital.

[Hamilton]

354b
21st February 1898
Mr. S. Lathern
Moonta Mines
Sir,
With reference to your financial returns from the Point Pierce Mission for 1897, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your Balance Sheet shows a balance on hand on 31 – 12 – 97 of £ 58. 16. 9 and your return of assets &c shows Liabilities Nil, notwithstanding which, an item of £ 23. 17. 6 appears for Bank Interest on Balance Sheet.
Your letter of June 23 – 1897 mentions your Liability as being over £ 600, and some explanation herein is requested.

[Hamilton]

355a
21st February 1898
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
I shall be glad if you would inform Aboriginal Tim Adams that Water Rates, amounting to 19/6, are due on his Block of land at Moonta & that he is expected to remit that amount without delay – through you to this office.

[Hamilton]
2nd March 1898
Mr J. G. Reuther
Killalpaninna Mission
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that owing to the limited funds at disposal of this Office for the current financial year, it will be necessary that your Aborigines Stores remaining on hand at the Depot should be dispensed as carefully as possible, as any fresh supplies cannot be forwarded till June next. As you may require your supply of blankets sooner, I will have a bale of 100 sent to Hergott during this month with instructions to Mr Manfield to send them on first chance, to Killalpaninna.

[Hamilton]

2nd March 1898
Messrs J. Napier & Co.
Farina
Please note that the a/c of H. Grantham for £ 5. 0. 1 Cartage, Aborigines Stores to Monte Collina, which you sent to this office — was not accompanied with the usual Procuration orders — viz., an order from Grantham in your favour, and one from you to your Bank or Adelaide agent authorising them to collect.

[Hamilton]

3rd March 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Crofton Giles for a lease of a piece of land at Wellington near Campbell Point [Mason’s Rock, Wellington?], I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that there is a very small piece of land only available at Campbell Point on the Coorong adjoining the east side of the land recently given by permit 38 to Aboriginal Campbell, - if this piece is of any use to Giles, a permit will be issued to him for it. I presume you mentioned Wellington in error as this land is on the Coorong.

[Hamilton]

17th March 898
Mr W. H. Thomas
Cowarie
Sir,
Referring to your remarks in February Aborigines Return from Cowarie, with reference to the non-arrival of your stores, I have the honor to inform you that I conferred with the forwarding agent at Hergott who wired me on the 18th January last, “no Teams or Camels available at present”. Again on the 17th February, he wired me, “Have been unable to arrange for despatch of Aborigines Stores, but hope to do so next week. Camels scarce & Teams unable to travel.” Manfield was instructed to send these Stores by your station Teams, so I don’t understand why he did not do so — I will call on him for explanation — and tell him what you now state, and advise you later on. Have notified you last month that the Stores were now en route to Cowarie.

[Hamilton]
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., re the Black Police Trackers, I have conferred with Inspector Shaw, and showed him your letter, - he was very much surprised that you should think Aboriginal Jack Finke obtained intoxicating liquors from any of the Police at the Barracks, as the discipline there is strict and he feels sure there is no truth in such a statement – he mentioned that Finke got into the habit of staying out late at night & sometimes came back under the influence of liquor.
With regard to [Jack] Stanley, the present tracker, it would be well if he could be induced to spend his spare evenings at some mission meetings in Adelaide, - do you know of anyone connected with such who would help Stanley to keep himself straight – the Temptations of City life are very strong & difficult for a native to resist.

[Hamilton]

Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., submitting Aboriginal Laelinyeri’s application for a block of land, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
The object in giving land to Aborigines is to induce them to form industrious habits by making a profitable use of the land in trying to support themselves, and lessen the cost of providing for them to the Government and the Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., submitting the request of Aboriginal Cameron for assistance to purchase a boat to the extent of £ 2. 10/- and an application from the natives Campbell for fencing wire, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that these requests cannot be complied with.
With regard to the removal of the fence on the Campbell land which is stated to belong to Mr Bowman, they had better confer with Mr Bowman’s agent or manager, before touching this fence, so that they may be sure they are not committing a wrongful act.

[Hamilton]

Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
Sir,
With reference to the Aborigines Stores for Cowarie, Mr Thomas of that Depot informs me that had these Stores been forwarded with the Station loading last January they would now have been only a few miles from Cowarie – you may remember when I communicated with you early in January last, requesting you to send the Aborigines Stores on, you wired me that there were no Camels or Teams available, and you made the same report in February last – please advise me herein.

[Hamilton]
359b
22nd March 1898
M. C. McEwen
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., stating that Aboriginal Kelly has handed you one dingo scalp for which he seeks payment, I have the honor to forward you herewith form of declaration which Kelly will have to make before you, as you are an authorised person to act in these cases. On receipt of this form of declaration, properly filled in, I will obtain and remit to you the amount due to Kelly herein.

[Hamilton]

360a
23rd March 1898
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., forwarding me forms and tin boxes to be used by me when sending you samples of Tea supplied to this office under Contract for 1898-99, I have the honor to forward you in separate parcel by this post a sample of Tea now supplied by the Contractor to this Department. I have also filled in the form as required and you will find it in the tin box with the tea.

[Hamilton]

360b
25 – 3 – 1898
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Referring to your letter of the 22nd inst., re misconduct of Aborigines at Murray Bridge, I shall communicate with M.C. Pyne at Mannum and request him to confine the issues from that Depot to the natives in that locality only. – the man you refer to as a bad character (Williams) I have known as Geo. Donnelly – he appears to have changed his name to Williams.
I will advise you in future when sending natives to the South-East, in order that you will make them continue their journey instead of leaving Train at Murray Bridge.

[Hamilton]

361a
25 – 3 – 98
Dr J. M. Gibbes
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., stating that you are leaving Border Town District, & wish to give up your appointment as Medical Officer to Aborigines at the end of current quarter, I have the honor to inform you that Dr McDougall should send in to this office an application for the appointment as your successor. I enclose procuration order form – which you will have to give to Mr Lambert to draw your stipend for this quarter. At present, the Bank holds your order to collect this amount, & which order should be cancelled.

[Hamilton]
361b
28th March 1898
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., reporting your having taken charge of the Aborigines Depot at Victor Harbor, and requesting instructions as to the issue &c of rations, I have the honor to forward you herewith copy of “General Instructions” to Issuers.
I also enclose orders for supply of Bread and Meat to the old woman Lizzie who is very infirm. The other natives get their supplies from you at the Depot except in cases of illness when the Doctor orders them any extra rations &c.
I wrote to M.C. Bluntish a few days ago about the future supply of firewood – you will doubtless find this letter among the office correspondence.

[Hamilton]

362a
31st March 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., applying for the lease of a block of land on the Coorong for Aboriginal Peter Gollan, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward you herewith Plan of the Hundred of Baker showing land available colored Pink – on which the block selected by Gollan should be marked in pencil and Plan returned to this Office, when his application will be further considered.

[Hamilton]

362b
1st April 1898
Dr R. McDougall
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., applying for the appointment of Medical Officer to the Aborigines in the Border Town District Vice Dr Gibbes who has removed from that neighbourhood, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward herewith form of agreement for your signature herein – which you will be get return to me when duly executed, retaining a copy yourself.

[Hamilton]

363a
W. B. Sells Esq
Cowra Chambers
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., with reference to the Aborigines Stores for Monte Collina Depot, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of these goods was sent to Farina, c/- Manfield, on the 14th ulto., and I had a wire from the forwarding agent yesterday, stating that these supplies were sent on the 26th ulto., per Camels en route to their destination.
I regret not to have heard earlier from you of the Station teams being available to take the Aborigines stores.

[Hamilton]
363b
2nd April 1898
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
Your Telegram of 14th ulto. advised me that the rate of Cartage of Aborigines Stores to Monte Collina would be £ 7. 10/- per ton – please state whether this is correct, as I have been informed that the route to this place has improved so much that Stores for private use are now being carried to Monte Collina for £ 5: per ton – being 50 % less than the rate mentioned by you.

[Hamilton]

364a
2nd April 1898
M.C. Jackes
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be good enough to inform Aboriginal Geo Pantoni that his application of the 5th ulto., for a lease of block of land on section 2102, Hundred of Goolwa, cannot be complied with – as this Section is leased and is not available, neither is there any other land in this locality open for leasing. Pantoni had better therefore seek a piece of land elsewhere that may be available.

[Hamilton]

364b
4th April 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., submitting request from Aboriginal Lampard, for assistance from this department to enable him to complete a stone end to his house at the Coorong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

365a
5th April 1898
Mr J. H. Smith
Denial Bay [Ceduna]
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines in your District and asking that a supply of rations be forwarded to Mr W. McKenzie for their relief, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform that some Aborigines Stores will be forwarded by vessel leaving on the 7th inst. to Mr McKenzie.

[Hamilton]
365b
7th April 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr J. Gall of Cantara near Salt Creek on the Coorong, informs me
that there are two old & nearly blind lubras at Salt Creek in a very destitute state. These women used to
get rations from the Needles until very recently when the supply stopped. A white man named Mc??
used to get the supplies & bring them to Salt Creek.
I shall be glad if you will kindly enquire into the matter. It would be much better of these old people
came up to and remained at the Needles depot, but I suppose they don’t like to leave this particular
locality.

[Hamilton]

366a
7th April 1898
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., submitting request from Aborigines at Point Pierce for Boat
repairs and materials for mooring same, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of
Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

366b
6th April 1898
Mr J. Gall
Salt Creek
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., reporting the destitute condition of some old infirm Aborigines at
Salt Creek – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you
that I have written to Mr Leak, the Manager at the Mission Station requesting him to have these old
people provided with the usual rations from the Needles Depot.
If these natives could be persuaded to settle down at or near Kingston or the Needles, their wants would
be better attended to.

[Hamilton]

367a
6th April 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter submitting an application from Aboriginal Newland for a Boat, I am directed by
the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be granted at present,
but will be considered with others of a similar nature after the close of the Current financial year.

[Hamilton]
367b
14th April 1898
M.C. Schmitt
Morgan
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., you are authorised to purchase 300 lbs flour at Morgan for the Aborigines.
With regard to the case of Scrubber – I have written to the Hospital at Kapunda requesting that some more medicine may be sent to you for him.
The funds at disposal of this Office during the current year will not permit of any new Canoes being given to Aborigines, and they should be more careful in keeping their boats in repair – a couple of gallons of Tar can be procured for Scrubber’s Canoe if he makes a proper use of it.

[Hamilton]

368a
14th April 1898
The Horse Surgeon
Kapunda Hospital
Sir,
A native named Scrubber from Morgan was recently in the Kapunda Hospital and since his return home is complaining again and I would be glad if some similar medicine to what he previously received could be sent addressed to M.C. Schmitt, Morgan – if this cannot be done, perhaps you could supply me with copy of the prescription & I can obtain and forward the Medicine from Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

368b
15th April 1898
Dr A. Engelhart
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., calling attention to the wholesale destruction of wild-fowl about Kingston, by persons using unusually large guns, I have the honor to inform you that the Game Act of 1886 prohibits the use of guns by either Europeans or Aborigines, when they are larger than the guns in ordinary use, which are fired from the shoulder.
I imagine the best course to take in future, if such an occurrence comes under your notice, would be to report it to the Police at Kingston.

[Hamilton]
18th April 1898
M.C. Teate, Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., re rations on hand at the Mannum Depot on 1st April inst., I find
from the last return here, viz., February 1898, that the balance of Stores on hand on 28/2/98, was as
follows –

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The March return was sent to me by M.C. Benham who was acting at Mannum, after the departure of
M.C. Gibbons. I had to send this return back to him for correction & I have not received it yet. You will
probably find it among your office papers.

Several Mannum Aborigines were about Adelaide since Xmas last – and the following received blankets
&c from me at this office, viz. –

- Jennie Scott: 1 Blanket
- Overland Nelly: 1 Blanket
- Bookmark Tom: 2 " , 1 Tomahawk
- Beatrice Hunter & family: 3 "
- Sam Disher &c: 3 "

Some of these natives gave trouble while about Adelaide and the police ordered them out. Please
cautions them against repeating their visits to the City, as Inspector Sullivan intends being very strict in
future in keeping them out of Adelaide & suburbs.

The native Fox is a Victorian ½ caste, is wife is a European woman, - neither of them are entitled to
rations &c, only her 3 children by a former Aboriginal named Runga should get assistance from the
depot.

There must have been some mistake in the entry of 249 lbs sugar on hand 1st March last if you have
none now at the Depot ……??

[Note in margin: I will forward 25 Blankets with the other articles when I get your reply.]

18th April 1898
Dr Rennie, Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to remind you that your
return of aborigines under medical treatment for quarter ended 31st March last has not yet reached this
office, and to request that you will be good enough to have the same furnished at your earliest
convenience.

18th April 1898
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 22nd February, and 6th April inst., with reference to the request of
Aborigines Unaipon and Giles for blocks of land at Wellington, I am directed by the Honorable Minister
of Agriculture &c to inform you that the only land available for Unaipon would be a piece of 20 acres
about a mile from Wellington.

And with regard to Giles’ application for a portion of Sect. 1079, that section is in the hands of your
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, and the request had better be made through Mr Dalton.
371a
20th April 1898
J. Field Esq, S.P.A.
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your memo 23rd ulto., forwarding letter addressed to you by Mr Bruce of Coondambo – stating that he had sent an Aboriginal girl named Rosie to the Pt Augusta Hospital, per Mail conveyance, accompanied with an attendant native woman and enclosing a/c of £ 8. 10/- for their fares – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of the payment of one of these fares, viz., £ 4. 5/-.
Please send me an amended a/c for same and inform Mr Bruce that he should in future obtain authority and instructions from this Office, before incurring expenses on a/c of Aborigines in similar cases.

[Hamilton]

371b
21st April 1898
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., enquiring if it would be possible to appoint a medical man for Strathalbyn & Milang to attend the aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that Dr Shore of Strathalbyn attends occasionally at Milang – but he only takes the Destitute Poor for the Govt. Aborigines are not included, Dr Shand, the medical officer at Goolwa, is paid by the Govt for Aborigines in that District, and any others who come from Pt Macleay to him.
If the people at Meningie and about Pt Macleay could induce a Doctor to settle in their district, you could get your committee to apply to the Govt for a stipend, to enable him to attend periodically at Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

372a
26th April 1898
Mr P.M. Byrne, Charlotte Waters
Referring to your letter of the report that the 10 lb Tobacco forwarded with your last supply of Aborigines Stores reached you 3 lbs short – I find on enquiry that this parcel was full weight when despatched from the Storekeeper’s office and was placed inside bale of Blankets for security in transit. Please advise me whether you noticed this short weight at once & made a claim on the Carrier for it – and also let me know whether the bale and parcel showed any sign of having been opened en route. A minute examination would I imagine enable you to detect any attempt to tamper with the packages.

[Hamilton]

372b
28th April 1898
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
I took the two native boys to the Children’s Hospital last night but had some trouble in getting them admitted there as the Hospital people had no previous notice of their coming – the eye ward was quite full of patients, and they were only taken in because the Doctor & head matron did not like to send them away.
In future, before sending children up to Adelaide, please advise me a few days before, giving particulars as to their age, nature of disease, how long suffering &c, &c – so that I can communicate with the Secretary to the Hospital, and arrange for their admission, and when sending adults up to the general Hospital, please give their names & nature of disease in the telegram advising me of their coming up – so that I can write out the orders for their admission ready, when I meet them at the Train.

[Hamilton]
5th May 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., re rations &c for natives at Milang and Wellington, it has been
the usual practice for them to get their supplies from Pt Macleay. There are very few now who really
belong to either of those places – and when they visit them temporarily for shooting & fishing, they
could obtain a few weeks supply from you.
The natives about Wellington & Poltallock can obtain employment frequently from Messrs McFarlane
and Bowman when they ought to be able to earn their own living. There used to be Depots at both
places named some years ago but the late Mr Taplin urged their being closed, as the Aborigines were
enticed away from the Mission to these townships, where they loafed about and obtained intoxicating
liquors.
I should mention there are two women at Wellington named Karpany, a widow and daughter, who
generally reside there, and I have had them supplied at times with rations by a local storekeeper. There
are Depots at Mannum and Morgan for the Upper River Aborigines, who, I imagine, don’t often visit
Point Macleay, and they should not get Blankets from you, as they are supplied from these Depots.
There is also a Depot at Goolwa, and Victor Harbor, to both of which I have sent the usual supply of
blankets.
I would like to have the names of the natives you gave blankets to from Wellington and Milang, when I
will advise the Mannum Issuer of same.
A number of natives from your district were about Adelaide since Xmas, and the following received
Blankets from me, viz., -

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It would be well if these natives could be kept from visiting Adelaide as they beg, loaf about and
frequently get intoxicating liquors. Several of them were locked up by the Police in March last and were
put in the train and sent out of Town.

[Hamilton]
7th May 1898
Mr C. Bosworth, Mulloorina
Sir,
Referring to your last monthly return from the Aborigines Depot at Mulloorina in which you call
attention to the last supply of Flour as being of inferior quality, I have the honor to inform you that
Messrs Dunn & Co, Port Augusta, who supplied this flour, state that it was newly ground which would
make it darker in color than older flour, but otherwise it was sound and good when it left their hands. ½
ton exactly similar flour was sent at same time to the Beltana Depot and no complaint has reached me
from the Issuer there.

[Hamilton]

?? [illegible] Shaw ?
?Inspector of Police, Adelaide
I have noticed that several of the Aborigines who [line illegible] about [line illegible] a public nuisance in
future, unless more stringent steps are taken to keep them in their own Districts, where provision is
made for their wants at the Depots.
In dealing with these people, two courses appear desirable, either - to have them treated as habitual
vagrants, addicted to drink & begging, and sent to Gaol, or - have them again brought up to the Police
Station, and then put on the Train & sent back to their homes, with a caution that next time they are
found in the city, they will get a much longer period in gaol.

[Hamilton]

12th May 1898
M.C. Teate, Mannum
The Aborigines returns for March and April last are herewith enclosed at your request. I do not
understand how 700 lbs flour could have been issued to the natives and only £600 lbs shown in the
return without great carelessness & irregularity on the part of either M.C. Gibbons or Benham.
I do not wish to have to report this and get them into trouble if it can possibly be avoided. I shall await
your further explanation herein and will be glad if you clear the matter up satisfactorily.
The issues of flour seem to me very heavy for the past month or two at Mannum Depot, - as the able-
bodied Blacks on the river have opportunities of selling fish or game, they might be able to support
themselves with little or no help from the Depot.
I enclose order for the flour (½ ton) but I cannot send you the other articles till the end of the month as
our funds are expended & fresh authority has to be obtained.

[Hamilton]

13th May 1898
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
Referring to the attached a/c of A. Higginbotham, for Cartage, Aborigines Stores, to Diamantina Depot, I
find this a/c was rendered some months ago, and the amount £ 14. 1. 0 was paid to D. & J. Fowler, your
Adelaide agents, on the 5th January last. You will perceive that the amount differs from that now
mentioned by you, viz., £ 13. 8. 9 – this is owing to the cart-note stating that the weight was 1 ton – 2
cwt – 2 qrs instead of 1 ton – 1 cwt – 2 qrs as shown in attached statements.
I cannot understand how you have been so long under impression that this a/c is still unpaid. I
generally advise you from this Office when I pay your a/c to D. & J. Fowler.

[Hamilton]
376b
17th May 1898
Mr J. Solomon, Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 24th ulto., applying for wire netting to protect the land held on lease by you and Aboriginal Welsh and Newchurch at Poonindie, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your application for this wire should be made in the usual way, through the District Council of Lincoln.

[Hamilton]

377a
17th May 1898
M.C. Teate, Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., reporting the case of the native woman Paukey Raynor, suffering from consumption, with a view to her admission to the Adelaide Hospital, I have the honor to inform you that I have communicated with the Hospital authorities and the Secretary states that this case, appearing to be of a chronic, incurable nature, is not admissible to the Hospital.
Under these circumstances the best course to adopt will be to supply this woman with full rations from the Depot, and some meat, an order for which is enclosed, which please give to Raynor – after filling in name of the person who will supply it – This order can be renewed if necessary when expired.

[Hamilton]

377b
17th May 1898
Mr J. ? Murray
Parallana
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that the last supply of Flour for aborigines was of inferior quality, I have the honor to inform you that Messrs J. Dunn & Co., Port Augusta, who supplied the flour, have advised me, that the flour is newly ground & on that a/c would be darker in color, but otherwise, it was sound and good when despatched from Port Augusta.
I am usually supplied with a small sample of flour, when complained of, which can be sent by parcel post, but I have not received this from you.
I will forward you a fresh supply at end of the month. There is a depot at Mt Serle for the Blacks of that District.

[Hamilton]

378a
18th May 1898
Messrs A. & E. le Mesurier
Port Adelaide
Referring to your note of 17th inst., enclosing a/c for £1.5.5 for freight, Aborigines Stores, I find that this a/c has not been paid to you – it is still outstanding.
The subsequent amount £2.5/- paid to you on 4th inst., was for

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?? ?? have all outstanding items against this office rendered at same time.

[Hamilton]
378b
25<sup>th</sup> May 1898
R. McDougall Esq, M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to me, the enclosed Procuration form (in duplicate) duly signed and witnessed, with the name of your Bank or Adelaide agent filled therein, authorising them to collect your stipend from this office, each quarter, as it falls due.

379a
26<sup>th</sup> May 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal Joseph Koolmaterie, whether he could obtain a canoe on the following terms – he to provide all the materials and the cost of labor to be paid by the department – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with at present.

379b
26<sup>th</sup> May 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., with questions re Aboriginal Newland, and Native Marriages, I have the honor to inform you that the general instructions with regard to the issue of rations leaves some discretion to the Issuer, in this case, if Newland is really unable to do much to support himself – he could be occasionally assisted from the depot.
As to the marriage question, I think when natives live together under their own marriage laws, we may leave the settlement of their Matrimonial troubles to themselves, but in cases where they have been married with the usual European formalities, by a duly authorised person, I think this marriage is binding, and any illegal departure from it, would render them liable to the usual penalties of our Law.

380a
26<sup>th</sup> May 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your questions of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., re land for Aborigines Peter Gollan and Peter Martin, I have the honor to inform you that I enquired today in the Crown Lands Office & find that Gollan’s application is still under consideration in that Office. I will advise you herein when I get a reply from that office.
With regard to the request of Peter Martin, I send you Plan, in separate parcel, showing land available about Loveday Bay and Pelican Point – it is marked with a red line, and Martin should choose a piece, & return Plan to me marked accordingly.
The Natives will have to undertake to destroy rabbits on this land, or they will have it resumed from them.
7th June 1898
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that you have sent Aboriginal Annie Mack to the Adelaide Hospital in charge of Aboriginal Amy Hamilton, I have the honor to inform you that on enquiring at the Hospital, I find this woman has not arrived there. Please advise me in these cases by telegram the train they will arrive in Adelaide by — to enable arrangements to be made to meet & convey them to Hospital.
I enclose you some orders (3) for rail passes — several names can be put in one order when going to same place. Do not send any native to Hospital unless the doctor considers it a fit case for admission there. Any Medical comforts considered necessary by Doctor, you can have supplied to sick natives.

7th June 1898
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
With reference to the attached letter, I have been under the impression that this question of the removal of the Aborigines at Victor Harbor Beach reserve was settled some time ago — by the D. Council of Encounter Bay, who undertook to remove the present huts and put them up for the Natives at the Reserve at mouth of the Inman River — Will you be good enough to ascertain from the Chairman of the D. Council what action they are now taking in the matter and advise me.

7th June 1898
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., with reference to the present system of supplying firewood for the use of the old & infirm Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I have the honor to inform you that no special tenders for this wood have been in force. The amount paid has been £ 1: per 3 tons — The Contractor should produce weighbridge notes for it before you certify a/c — would it be practicable for this firewood to be delivered on the Police premises, from where the able-bodied natives could carry their supply as required? You would then have a complete check on its delivery and consumption.

8th June 1898
W. E. Dalton Esq
Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Grant-in-Aid, Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Please note that the usual financial statement will be required before the 30th inst., showing that the conditions on which the Grant is paid have been duly complied with, to enable payment thereof to be made before close of the current financial year.
382b
9th June 1898
M.C. McKenzie
Penola
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that some of your Aborigines Stores at the Penola Depot are almost expended, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase a small supply of the articles required, viz., ½ bag flour, 5 lbs Tea, and 1 lb Tobacco.
A supply of monthly return forms are sent to you by this post in separate parcel.
As your number of natives and issues are so small, a return every quarter will be sufficient.

[Hamilton]

383a
9th June 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that Aboriginal Lampard and his sons who have land on the Coorong, have been obtaining rations from the Needles depot for some time past and enquiring if he is entitled to such, I have the honor to inform you that Lampard should not receive rations except in case of illness, when incapacitated for work.
I am surprised to hear he has been getting rations from the Depot – as his name does not appear on the returns for some months past.

[Hamilton]

383b
10th June 1898
Messrs T. Napier & Co.
Farina
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that a Team is now loading for Haddon Downs, & could take any Aborigines Stores to that Depot, I have just been advised by Mr Lindsay that the last supplies from this office, have not yet reached Haddon (24th ulto.) and as the natives in that locality are well supplied with native food on the Coopers Creek, there is no intention at present to send up any further supplies.

[Hamilton]

384a
10th June 1898
Corpl Rumball
Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that Aboriginal Emily Lawson, who recently lost her ?partner? at Point Macleay, has applied for rations to be issued to her in future at Wellington – I have the honor to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, as Point Macleay is considered the most suitable place for the Lake natives, and it is not desirable to offer inducements to them to leave that Station.

[Hamilton]

384b
14th June 1898
Sergt Phelan, Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to notify to Aboriginal Tim Adams, who occupies a Block of land, No. 1233, near Moonta, that there are water rates due herein, amounting to 19/6 for 1897, & 30/- from January to April 30th 1898, part of which is much in excess of his regular allowance. The Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has directed me to say that unless Adams pays these rates at once, the water supply will be cut off from his land.

385a
13th June 1898
Mr J. Lindsay, Wallaroo
In reply to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying for some iron to roof your house at Wallaroo, and for rations and blankets for your three children, I am directed to inform you that your request for iron and the rations cannot be complied with.
The issuer at Kadina Depot will be instructed to forward you four blankets.

385b
14th June 1898
M.C. Jackes
Goolwa
Please note with reference to firewood for Aborigines at Goolwa that the quantity allowed is 1 load @ 20/- per month – this appears to have been exceeded, as I have two a/cs from W. Burgar, one on May 24th last and the other on 7th inst.

386a
15th June 1898
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that you will have the Aborigines Stores for Coondambo forwarded by the 1st opportunity, and recommending that two bags of flour, now in store at Young & Gordon’s (belonging to this department) be sent to Coondambo with the other goods, I shall be glad if you will carry out your suggestion with respect to the flour.

386b
22nd June 1898
Mr John Kelly, Riverton
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., with reference to the case of the Native boy in the Kapunda Hospital, does the doctor there recommend that a false leg or foot be necessary & useful to this boy, and can you ascertain what the cost of supplying such will be. What do you intend to do with him? Will you continue to keep him or would it be desirable to get him admitted to one of the Mission Stations? It would hardly do to send him up North again to live with his tribe, as he would be unable to get his living.

387a
22nd June 1898
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Corporal Rumball of Wellington has informed me that a native girl named Ethel Beck appears to be suffering from some affection of the back and requires medical treatment. Her father was advised to take her to Murray Bridge. Should she apply to you, I will be glad if you obtain one visit from the doctor, and then she can, if necessary, be sent down to the Adelaide Hospital & you could wire me what train she would arrive by. I perceive you still have a Medical man at the Bridge.

[Hamilton]

387b
2nd July 1898
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th June last enquiring on behalf of Aborigines Peter & Leonard Campbell, whether it is imperative for them to fence in their land and can they take in stock, other than their own, to inform you that they are not compelled to fence their land, but should they do so, they are required to leave gates for the public to pass through the land in terms of their Permits. No stock can be taken in to graze except those which are the property of the holders of the Permit.
With regard to your enquiry about Peter Gollan’s application for land, I find in the Crown Lands Office that the Permit will be issued in a few days.

[Hamilton]

388a
6th July 1898
M.C. Burton
Pt Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., requesting fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I notice that you state that the natives are asking for shirts, serge & tomahawks, but you abstain from saying whether you recommend their request. I shall be glad always to have your recommendation in every case as you are in a position to exercise your judgment as to what requests of the natives are reasonable and deserving of being complied with.
Of course they are given to begging & asking too frequently, but when any of the old people are in want, efforts will be made to supply them, so far as the funds at disposal of this Office will admit of.

[Hamilton]

388b
7th July 1898
J. Malcolm Esq
Mayor of Wallaroo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the native boy Charlie Blades, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, as the parents of this boy bear an indifferent character, both having been recently in Gaol, it is intended to deal with him as a “Neglected Child”. He is now at Cowell, with M.C. Willshire, who is willing to keep him. It is not decided yet, whether to leave him with M.C. Willshire, or send him to the Point Pierce Mission School. I will advise you later on this matter.

[Hamilton]

389a
July 7th 1898
John Gall Esq
Cantara
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., calling attention to the case of Aboriginal Matthews, who is stated to be insane and dangerous, I have communicated with the Commissioner of Police herein, with a view to steps being taken at once to deal with this man.

[Hamilton]

389b
12th July 1898
M.C. Willshire
Cowell
Sir,
With reference to the native boy Charlie Blades who was left in your charge by M. C. McEwen, I have the honor to inform you that the proper course to be taken with regard to the disposal of this boy, will be to have him charged as a “Neglected Child” before your local Justice who can commit him to the Industrial School & if you wish to keep him, he can be placed in your care as a “State Child”, or sent to the Point Pierce Mission School. When committed it will not be necessary for him to be brought to Adelaide.
You will be good enough to advise me of the result of the action taken herein.

[Hamilton]

390a
12th July 1898
M.C. Dunne, Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that some flour bins belonging to this Department are in one of the Cells of the Police Station at Kingston, and recommending their removal to the Aboriginal Depot, i.e., the old building, formerly used as a Native School house, I have the honor to inform you that, the Aborigines Stores should be kept in this building, which was placed under control of this Department in September 1880.
With regard to your request to be allowed to use a portion of the surplus space in the Aboriginal Depot, for private purposes, I have to state that there will be no objection to your using such for your own private requirements, but you will not be justified in permitting any unauthorised person to use it for non-official purposes.

[Hamilton]

390b
13th July 1898
Corpl Rumball
Wellington
The Native woman McCallum who was sent down to the Hospital refused to remain in that Institution & was sent back to Wellington last week – If she is there still & requires rations or Medical comforts, I will send an order for a supply.
Aboriginal George Karpany has applied for rations for his family while he is away shearing – can you recommend this request? Being an able-bodied man who has a block of land and who was assisted with fencing for it, he should be in a position to do without Govt rations unless he or his wife were actually disabled by sickness.

[Hamilton]
23rd July 1898
John Gall Esq                  Mr T. McCallum
Cantara                      McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Matthews, reported to be insane, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Police states that Matthews was recently arrested and examined on two occasions by Dr Shore of Strathalbyn, who could not find any sign of insanity about him, and refused to certify for his committal to the Lunatic Asylum. The Police Constable who had Matthews for some days in his charge, also states that this man appeared perfectly rational and quiet all the time.

[Hamilton]

392a
25th July 1898
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report 14th inst., on Aboriginal 232/98 – recommending that M.C. ??Fisher? be appointed Issuer of Aborigines Stores at the Oodnadatta Aborigines Depot, I have the honor to inform you that this recommendation has been approved by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c.

[Hamilton]

392b
27th July 1898
M.C. Burton
Port Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., with reference to medical attendance & Medicines for Aborigines at Pt Germein, I have the honor to inform you that the practice usually followed at Aborigines Depots is to supply a few simple remedies for relief of ordinary cases of illness among the natives, and when anything serious endangering life occurs, authority should be obtained by wire, if possible, before calling on a Medical man for his assistance.
I believe the Doctor who attends the “Destitute Poor” at Pt Germein, has not included Aborigines in his agreement with the Destitute Board. During the past few years, I find it has been very seldom necessary to obtain a Doctor for the Aborigines there.

[Hamilton]
23rd July 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., submitting offer from Dr Shore of Strathalbyn, to attend cases of illness among Point Macleay Aborigines, at Milang, on certain terms, viz., £ 15. 15/- annually, a further charge of £ 2. 2/- for special visits to Milang, and £ 5. 5/- for each special visit to Point Macleay, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to inform you that he does not approve of the proposed arrangement.

It would cost more than the existing mode of dealing with sick cases from Point Macleay, as those who are sent to the Hospital in Adelaide, now receive all necessary nursing, food, and medical treatment free of charge, and their rail journey to Adelaide does not involve any expense to the government.

The proposed arrangement with Dr Shore would also not work satisfactorily as there is no accommodation at Milang where serious cases of illness from the Mission Station would be under proper control and treatment, if the patients were too ill to be brought to ?? across the Lake frequently.

If it would be any assistance to you, I would be glad to obtain prescriptions and Medical advice from the Colonial Surgeon and advise you thereof.

[Hamilton]

1st August 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., enquiring about Garnishee orders, whether they apply to Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that I have ascertained in the Crown Solicitor’s Office that, the Natives are not exempt from the operation of these orders.

I fear therefore you will have some trouble in dealing with this question, unless you caution the Mission natives to be very careful in doing business with the Hawkers, and report to you any case in which they think any fraud has been practiced against them.

If you could prove a case of fraud against a Hawker, it would be well to prosecute, and make an example of one, to deter others from taking any undue advantage of the natives.

[Hamilton]

1st August 1898
Mr John Kelly
Riverton
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., respecting the disposal of the ½ caste boy, (you did not mention his name), I have ascertained that he can be admitted to Point Macleay Mission.

Can you arrange to send him to Adelaide by some person coming to the city, and I will have him forwarded to the Mission.

You had better advise me when he is coming down. I can send him to Point Macleay on either a Tuesday of Friday morning by the 7.30 am Train, as the Steamer crosses the Lake only on those days.

[Hamilton]
9th August 1898
Mr A. M. Helling
Cowarie
Sir,
Referring to your Aborigines Returns from Cowarie Depot for June & July last, in which you call attention
to the desirability of opening a Depot at Munguranie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the
Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, as the Depot in
Cowarie is considered sufficient to meet the requirements of the Aborigines.
As far as the funds at disposal of this Office will permit, supplies of Aborigines Stores will be forwarded
to Cowarie.  

[Hamilton]

11th August 1898
Mr J. G. Reuther  Mr B. Latham  Mr F. Leak
Killalpaninna  Point Pierce  Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be
good enough to furnish me with the information required, as per enclosed form of return, at your
earliest convenience.  

[Hamilton]

11th August 1898
Mr F. A. Turner
Monte Collina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the 200 lbs Flour, which you state the Aborigines
Department still owe to you, I have the honor to inform you that the usual course when flour has to be
borrowed & advanced to the Depot, pending arrival of Aborigines Stores – is to recoup yourself from the
supply when it reaches the Depot & make an entry of same in the monthly return.
I shall be glad if you will in future give me timely notice when your own station stores are going up, as I
shall endeavour to send you larger supply for the depot at same time – the rates for carriage will be less
when full loads are secured.  

[Hamilton]

12th August 1898
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
With reference to the matter of the two children of Aboriginal Grace Johnston, please report the
circumstances of the case to me, through your Commissioner, to enable me to bring the matter before
the State Children’s Department. I have seen the Secretary and on getting your report, he will instruct
you to bring these children before the local Justices to have them committed in the usual way.  

[Hamilton]
398a
15th August 1898
M.C. McKenzie
Penola
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., reporting that the Aborigines Stores on hand at the Depot are almost exhausted, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase another supply, viz., one bag flour, 20 lbs sugar, 5 lbs Tea, & 1 lb Tobacco, for the use of the natives.

[Hamilton]

398b
15th August 1898
Sergt Raymond
Port Pirie
Sir,
I shall be glad if you could give me some information about a man named Hirschhausen, who with his son is now, I believe, at Port Pirie. He is married to a ½ caste Aboriginal woman, who with four children lives at Alberton and has been getting rations from this office. Hirschhausen does not bear a very good character as he seldom lives with his family & has been addicted to drink.
I would like to know whether he is working at Port Pirie, also the son, & what wages they get, as I think, if he is in a position to do something for his family, he should be compelled to support them.

[Hamilton]

399a
18th August 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., applying on behalf of aboriginal James Unaipon for a lease of a Block of land on the Coorong, west of Long Point, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with, as there appears to be no reasonable prospect of this native being able to make a practical use of the land in earning his own living.

[Hamilton]

399b
17th August 1898
Mr H. McConville
Parallana
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., respecting the a/c forwarded recently by Mr Murray for £ 7. 2/- for rations supplied to the Aborigines at Parallana, I have the honor to inform you that this department is not liable for claims of this nature unless authority has been previously obtained for the expenditure. The items in your a/c are 2 bags flour, 48 lbs Sugar, 47 lbs Tea – the quantity of tea appears out of all proportion to the other articles, and should be about 12 lbs. If you will send in an amended a/c for £ 5; I will endeavour to have it passed for payment.

[Hamilton]
400
18th August 1898
Mr W. J. Pyman
Hawker
Sir,
I am in receipt of your a/c, 16/8, for rail and agency charges on Aborigines Stores for Parallana Depot. You have omitted to send me the receipted Rail voucher for the 15/2, without which the Audit Commissioners will not pass the a/c – please forward this voucher at once.
I enclose procuration form to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect amount.
There is another supply of Stores going up in a few days for Parallana depot – can you arrange to have it sent on without delay?
[Hamilton]

401
23rd August 1898
M.C. Clarke
Streaky Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., forwarding declarations re destruction of wild dogs by Aborigines – I have the honor to enclose herewith Imprest orders in payment of same as under –

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Will you be good enough to see that each native obtains his money and get the enclosed form of receipt properly filled in, signed & returned to me as soon as possible.
I sent you amount some time ago for two Aborigines for 10/- for dog scalps – the receipts for which have not yet been furnished, - the Imprest orders only came back, showing aborigines marks on back thereof witnessed – and there was some difficulty met with in Audit Office in getting the a/cs passed in the absence of the proper form of receipt.
[Hamilton]

402
24th August 1898
The Hon the Minister of Agriculture &c
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to submit with reference to the case of the ½ caste children named Johnson, who were recently committed by the Justices at the Murray Bridge, to the Industrial School, that their mother came to my office today, and remonstrated very strongly at losing her children. She showed strong feeling, declaring she would kill herself if deprived of her children, and I could only pacify her and get rid of her importunity by promising to get her children removed to Point Macleay Mission School, to which she was willing to go with them.
As these children are mere infants, 3 & 4 years old, I think under the circumstances, it would be better to have them removed to Point Macleay, and I respectfully ask that His Excellency the Governor may be moved in the usual way to authorise their release.
[Hamilton]
25th August 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay

I have the honor to inform you that a native woman named **Grace Johnson**, who was married at Point Macleay a few years ago, to a white man, was recently sent to Gaol from the Murray Bridge for drunkenness – she has two ½ caste children aged 3 & 4 years, who were committed as neglected children to the Industrial School – their mother came to this office yesterday, and remonstrated very strongly at losing her children – she showed a great deal of feeling, declaring she would kill herself if deprived of her children. I could only pacify & get rid of her by promising to try and get the children released.

The Chief Secretary has consented to do so, on condition that they go to Point Macleay with their mother. A Constable will take them to Milang next Tuesday the 30th inst., and see them on board the Steamer for Point Macleay – will you be good enough to send for them to the Landing place, and have them taken charge of & kept at the Mission Station. If their mother attempts to remove them from the Station she will render herself liable to be punished.

I have impressed this upon her – if she remains herself at Point Macleay, I hope she will reform her character, and become a well-behaved member of the community there.

[Hamilton]

31st August 1898
M.C. Jackes
Goolwa

Sir,

I have ascertained from Mr Leak, the manager of the Point Macleay Mission, that parents sometimes remove their children & proceed to Goolwa from Point Macleay, where they loaf about. I shall be glad if you will use your best efforts to induce them to return to the Mission. You will be justified in refusing to supply rations in these cases.

Of course, you can give sufficient for their journey back again, but every care should be exercised in restricting the issues to the old, infirm and sick Aborigines, especially during seasons when work obtainable ?and shooting & fishing by able-bodied natives.

[Hamilton]

5th September 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ulto., enquiring whether the provisions of the Game Act would permit the officers of the Point Macleay Mission Station to shoot a little game for their own use during the Close Season, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this question has been submitted to the Crown Law officers who report that there is no power in the Act to grant the permission sought for.

Aboriginals killing game for the consumption of **themselves** or their **families** are exempt from the law regulating the Close Season.

[Hamilton]
Mr F. Leak  
Point Macleay  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., about Aboriginal Giles’ child coming again to the Children’s Hospital, I have conferred with the Secretary of that Institution, and he informs me that they do not wish to admit fresh patients for a few weeks, as the Hospital is undergoing a general cleaning and overhaul owing to measles being very prevalent there among the children. 
Mr Howchin will consult the Medical Officer & arrange to send you some medicines & instructions for treatment of the child Giles.  

[Hamilton]  

405b  
13th September 1898  
M.C. Matthews  
Victor Harbor  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarding two tenders for the supply of firewood for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the offer of Mr R. T. Sweetman to deliver firewood at 6/10½ per ton, as required, has been accepted, and you will be good enough to arrange accordingly for future supplies. 
There is no time specified in this tender, so it had better be understood that it will be for a year, - the quantity required will depend on the number of natives at the Camp, two tons per month would probably be enough at present.  

[Hamilton]  

406a  
14th September 1898  
M.C. Willshire  
Cowell  
Sir,  
I have the honor to forward herewith an Imprest order for £ 1. 15/- for Aboriginal Billy, for dog scalps destroyed by him, - will you be good enough to have paid over to him and obtain and remit to me the attached form of receipt duly signed or marked as witnessed.  

[Hamilton]  

406b  
15th September 1898  
Mr A. J. Strother  
Mount Serle  
Sir,  
I notice that you state in your Aborigines Return for August last, that three of the natives refused to accept work offered them at 10/- to 2/- per week & food. I presume in these cases you stop the issue of rations from the depot to any who refuse such offers. Your return shows a large number of able-bodied natives, and it is only reasonable that they should have to work when [it is] obtainable.  

[Hamilton]  

407a  
22nd September 1898  
Mr F. Leak
Referring to your letter of the 30\textsuperscript{th} ulto., reporting that Aboriginal Grace Johnson, whose two children were recently released by the State Children's Department, and sent to Point Macleay, has refused to leave them there & has taken them with her to Poltaloch, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that compulsory removal of these children cannot be carried out at present, -

But the Police at Wellington, will be instructed to keep this woman under surveillance & when she is again committed for drunkenness or some other misconduct she can legally be charged with, her two children will then be sent to Point Macleay & placed in your Custody, - when these circumstances arise, Corpl Rumball will be asked to assist you in obtaining these children.

\[\text{[Hamilton]}\]

\textbf{407b}

22\textsuperscript{nd} September 1898

Mr R. Walker

Campbell Park

Referring to your letter of the 19\textsuperscript{th} inst., respecting your previous application for a Block of land in the Hundred of Brinkley marked N, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this Block is at present let under a Miscellaneous Lease, which will not expire until the 31\textsuperscript{st} December 1903.

If you select another available Block of land your application will be considered.

\[\text{[Hamilton]}\]

\textbf{408a}

27\textsuperscript{th} September 1898

The Secretary of the Children's Hospital

Adelaide

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20\textsuperscript{th} June last, requesting that a yearly grant might be made by the Aborigines Department towards the maintenance of native children in the Children’s Hospital, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, as the present Govt Grant of £1000 to that institution should cover this.

\[\text{[Hamilton]}\]

\textbf{408b}

27\textsuperscript{th} September 1898

W. E. Dalton Esq

Sec: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Adelaide

Sir,

Referring to the letter forwarded by you, from Mr C. W. Tilmouth, applying for rations for Aborigines at Callabonna, in the Far North, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that it is not considered necessary to open an Aborigines Depot at Callabonna, as this place is only 15 miles from Monte Collina & about 30 miles from Blanchewater, where depots now exist for the relief of destitute Aborigines.

\[\text{[Hamilton]}\]

\textbf{409}

27\textsuperscript{th} September 1898

Mr A. Hamilton
Victor Harbor
Sir,

In reply to your letter of (no date) enquiring about the resumption of section 235, Hundred of Encounter Bay, recently held by you under Permit from the Hon. Commr of Crown Lands, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that you have already been notified that your Permit to occupy the land, terminated on the 16th ulto.

- the Section in question will shortly be divided, and offered in the usual way as Homestead Blocks, and should you wish to apply for one of these Blocks, your application will be duly considered.

[Hamilton] 410a

27th September 1898
M.C. Burton
Port Germein

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., requesting authority to obtain Medical attendance for Aboriginal Louisa James at Port Germein, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Dr Bain can pay this woman two or three visits – if the case is one requiring continuous treatment, the patient should be forwarded to the Hospital at Port Augusta, where she would obtain the necessary nursing, medical attendance, free of expense to this office.

With regard to the a/c for 5/- for Medicines in the other case, you can certify it in this instance, but it would be well to advise the doctor & Chemist that previous authority is necessary before a/cs for attendance & medicines will be recognised by this Department.

[Hamilton] 410b

28th September 1898
The Secretary to the
Board for the Protection of Aborigines
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the copies of your last annual Report, which you were good enough to send me – I regret to see that the Native population in Victoria has decreased so much in number, notwithstanding the care & attention bestowed upon them by your department.

I enclose you some returns giving the latest information respecting our Aborigines, and the efforts made in their behalf.

[Hamilton] 411a

29th September 1898
Mr F. Leak, Point Macleay

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal Disher, who is willing to pay £ 3: towards its cost, if this department will pay a similar sum – I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture has approved of this request.

You do not mention how Disher proposes to obtain this boat, - will it be built for him at the Mission station? or has a boat been offered to him & is it new or second-hand?

[Hamilton] 411b

30th September 1898
The Clerk of the
District Council of Dudley
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., applying for renewal of rations to Mary Seymour, one of the descendants of the Aborigines of Kangaroo Island, I have the honor to inform you that there is a standing authority for the supply of these rations so long as this woman requires them.
Your Chairman, Mr Wilson, will remember the nature of the arrangement made for the supply of the rations referred to.

[Hamilton]

412a
6th October 1898
Sergt Phelan, Moonta
With reference to the attached letter from the wife of Aboriginal Tim Adams, I shall be glad if you can arrange to obtain the Water Rates due for last year on his block of land at Moonta – amounting to £2.9.6 & which he has been promising to pay for some time.
The Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has instructed me to have the water supply cut off for non-payment of these rates by Adams and I am now giving him a further time on my own responsibility, which cannot be extended.

[Hamilton]

412b
10th October 1898
The Revd. A. Strempel
Hahndorf
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., applying for a supply of Aborigines Stores for the Lutheran Mission Station at Denial Bay, West Coast, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of your request, and a supply of the usual rations, blankets, &c., will be forwarded to your Manager, Mr J. Pannach, by the first opportunity, via Denial Bay. I shall be glad to learn whether you have the necessary buildings available for storing these supplies, and the number of Aborigines at the Mission. Will the stores be consigned to Mr McKenzie at the Bay, till your Manager can send for them?

[Hamilton]

413a
11th October 1898
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report on the Aborigines Return from Mt Serle Depot for September last, recommending acceptance of Mr Strother’s resignation as Issuer of Stores, and closing of Depot, please inform me whether this will inflict any hardship on the aborigines at Mt Serle.
The return mentioned, shows 50 Natives in that locality of whom 7 are old, infirm & sick & also 19 children. When this depot is closed, can these people obtain necessary relief from the nearest depots to Mt Serle?

[Hamilton]

413b
17th October 1898
Mr J. Pannach
Lutheran Mission
Denial Bay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of an Aborigines Depot being opened at the Lutheran Mission, Denial Bay, and a supply of Stores will be forwarded to you, as per advice enclosed, for distribution to the aborigines entitled to relief.
I also enclose for your guidance Copy of Instructions for Issuers, and I send you in separate parcel by this post a supply of monthly return forms which you will be good enough to have furnished regularly to this office.

414a
18th October 1898
H. M. Shand Esq, M.D.
Middleton
Sir,
In reply to your note of (not dated) with reference to medical attendance on Aboriginal woman **Agnes Sumner**, I do not think under the circumstances stated to you, that you are required under your agreement with this office, to supply medical attendance to this woman, who now appears to be living with the European Godfrey as if she was his wife, and who, I presume, is in a position to pay for any medical expense incurred herein.

414b
27th October 1898
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to the letter forwarded by you from Mr Maslin at Wilpena, dated 11th inst., applying for rations for Aborigines in that locality, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, this request cannot be complied with, as the funds at the disposal of this Office will not permit of any increase in the number of Aborigines Depots in the Far North.
Please advise Mr Maslin accordingly.

415a
27th October 1898
Mr H. A. Cornwell?
Parallana
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., forwarding the amended a/c for £5: for rations supplied to aborigines at Parallana, I have the honor to inform you that as you have made this a/c out to Hawker Brothers, I cannot pay amount to you – I enclose procuration order, which you had better get signed by Hawker Bros in favour of their bank or Adelaide agent, who can then call at this office and obtain payment thereof.

415b
29th October 1898
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of £ 2.9.6 in payment of Water Rates due by Aboriginal Tim Adams for the land he holds at Moonta. When you see Adams it would be well to caution him to be more particular in future in paying this water. Over 30/- of this amount was for excess water. He had therefore be careful that no strangers help themselves to his water, as his place is unprotected during his temporary absence from the premises.

[Hamilton]

416a
2nd November 1898
M.C. McKenzie
Penola

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., requesting fresh supply of Stores for the aborigines at Penola, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase the following articles –

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[Hamilton]

416b
11th November 1898
Mr David Unaipon
Point Pierce Mission

I have received your letter of the 5th inst., asking me to try and procure you some clerical employment in Adelaide, - from some enquiries I have made, I see very little prospect of your getting this, - there are numbers of well-educated young men seeking such employment here & very few able to obtain it, -you will be foolish to come to Adelaide without means of living here. You have a home at the Mission station, & had better remain there, till you can return to Point Macleay. I will bear your request in mind and if I can hear of anything that will suit you, I will let you know if it.

[Hamilton]
417
9th November 1898
?  Mr F. H. Daniel
Mount Gambier  [see 420a]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., with reference to the case of the ½ caste woman Janet Burr, and her two illegitimate children, I have the honor to inform you that, I will communicate with the Manager of the Point Macleay Mission Station, to ascertain if they can be admitted to that Institution. As the Mother is a ½ caste, I presume the children are almost European in appearance – and their is great objection to receiving such at Point Macleay, especially as there are more natives there at present, than can be provided for. Is the father of these children known? and in a position to contribute to their support? I see from records in this office that this woman was seduced by a man named Rule, in 1883, & she was sent up to the Lying-In Department of the Adelaide Hospital.

I was under the impression that this woman was a good domestic servant and held respectable situations. If she is now destitute, would your local Destitute Board be able to do anything for her children, or perhaps it would be better if they could be taken charge of by the State Children’s Department with a view to their being boarded out which I think would be the best plan, as it would be more likely to assist them to earn their own living afterwards.

I will advise you further, later on, when I have received reply from the Point Macleay authorities. Your letter only reached me today, having gone to my former private address, which I left some time ago. Letters should be directed to Govt Offices, Victoria Square.

[Hamilton]

418
18th November 1898
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you attached, copy of Query raised by the Commissioners of Audit, on the Balance Sheet submitted by you, and attached to the a/c for the payment of £ 400:, the balance of Grant-in-Aid to the AFA for the year ended June 30/1898, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with an explanation on the points raised by the Commissioners of Audit, at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]419
Copy of minute by Comms of Audit on Voucher 18 for payment of Balance of Grant-in-Aid £ 400: to AFA for year ended 30/6/1898

“The Grant of £ 400: to the AFA is conditional on the Salaries and Cost of Superintendence being raised by private Subscriptions”, according to attached statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended June 30/98, the private subscriptions were only £ 230. 7. 1; against this the salaries of Superintendent and School Teacher amounted to £ 210. 6. 5; but if the Station and school expenses (£254. 14. 2) be added, the Condition of the vote has not been complied with, and it is quite probable that some portion of the other expenditure would properly come under the definition “Cost of Superintendence.”

Signed:  E. Cooke
Commr of Audit

420a
22nd November 1898  
Mr F. H. Daniel  
Mount Gambier  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., respecting the children of the ½ caste woman Janet Burr, I find on enquiry, that the Point Macleay Institution has a larger number of natives than can be provided for, and in this case it would be better to have the children referred to, dealt with as destitute and neglected, and committed to the State Children’s Department in the usual way.  

420b  
1st December 1898  
Mr T. C. Kildea  
Hergott  
Sir,  
Referring to your letters of the 5th & 7th ulto., with reference to the black boy Pompey, complaining of his detention by Mr Campbell, and subsequent removal to Port Augusta, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that it has been decided to keep this boy at Port Augusta, and Mr N. Richardson J.P. has offered to take charge of him.  
In future, before removing a native boy from his country or Tribe, it will be desirable for you to obtain authority from this Office to take charge of him. You will then have something to show, in the event of any person interfering with you, with a view to take such boy from your custody.  

421  
Cancelled  

422a  
6th December 1898  
M.C. Willshire, Cowell  
Sir,  
Referring to your remarks in Aborigines returns for November last, from Cowell Depot, respecting the scarcity of water for the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to procure water for the natives to the extent absolutely necessary, - - any dogs belonging to them in excess of the number required by them for obtaining food by hunting should be destroyed, if they persist in keeping them.  
Can you manage to make the natives camp where they can obtain water by digging near the sea shore? Water is got this way about Port Lincoln. Natives who can earn a living killing vermin should not be encouraged to stay long about Cowell.  

422b  
7th December 1898  
Mr Jas Hiern  
Murat Bay  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 12th ulto., applying for rations for Aborigines at Murat Bay, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with – there are Depots at Fowlers’ and Streaky Bays, and at the Lutheran Mission recently opened at Denial Bay, and the funds at disposal of this Office will not permit of any further expenditure in this direction.  

423a
12th December 1898
Mr P. K. White
Hodgson Downs
N. Territory of S.A.
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st Oct last, respecting a supply of blankets &c for the Aborigines in your District, I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded your letter to the Honorable Treasurer who is the Minister of the Northern Territory Department. I have nothing to do with the Aborigines outside of S. Australia Proper – viz., beyond the 26th parallel of latitude. It would be better for you in future to write to the Govt Resident, Port Darwin – who is the proper officer to communicate with in matters concerning the Aborigines of S.A. in the N.T.

[Hamilton]

423b
15th December 1898
M. C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
With reference to the Iron Shed at Milang, which was erected some years ago for the use of the aborigines, I have heard that it is seldom used by them now & that Afghans & others have been seen occupying it - & that drunkenness & immorality are probably carried on there.
I shall be glad, if you will, when patrolling the locality, to have a look around occasionally, and in a week or so, send me a report as to whether you consider this shed is really required for the Aborigines about Milang, as if not needed there, it could be removed to Point Macleay Mission Station where it might be made into a Cottage for one of the families there.

[Hamilton]

424a
22nd December 1898
M. C. Baker
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores (flour, sugar & Tea) is required for the Robe Depot – I have the honor to inform you that I fear there will not be an opportunity of sending these from Adelaide till after the Xmas holidays – you had better therefore purchase at Robe a small quantity, when required, say, 1 Bag flour [200 lbs], 28 lbs sugar, 6 lbs Tea & as soon as possible after the new year, supplies will be forwarded to you.

[Hamilton]

424b
22nd December 1898
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., recommending that five Aborigines at Point Macleay by provided with new Canoes, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, as this request does not appear of an urgent character, it will have to stand over for the present.

[Hamilton]

425a
6th January 1899
Thos Wilson Esq
Chairman: D. Council of Dudley
Hog Bay
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., requesting that the Aboriginal woman Mary Seymour might be supplied with water, and that a cask of cement be forwarded to the District Council of Dudley, who will undertake to have the Tank repaired on the cement will be forwarded for the repair of the Tank.
Application for the renewal of Mrs Seymour’s rations is unnecessary, as you will remember she is to receive them during her life, in consideration of her having conveyed her cottage property to the Government.  

[Hamilton]

425b
10th January 1899
Messrs R. K. Boothby & Co.
Govt Shipping Agents
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to the a/cs (7) which you furnished to this office for charges on Aborigines Stores shipped by you, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, controlling this Department, to inform you that the charge made by you therein of 1/9 for Entry & B.L. [Bill of Lading] is erroneous & will have to be struck out, as it does not apply to stores shipped for places within the limits of this Province. I return these a/cs (7) for correction.
I am not in a position to pay a/cs at present as the Treasury have stopped making payments until Parliament meets, and passes the Appropriation Act, which will probably be about the 18th or 19th inst.  

[Hamilton]

426a
12th January 1899
Thos Wilson Esq J.P.
Chairman: Dudley DC
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., respecting the repair of Stone Tank on the premises occupied by Mrs Mary Seymour, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, controlling this Department, to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a statement as to the probable cost of this work and whether your Council will obtain a Guarantee from the person undertaking the repairs, that they will be effectively carried out.  

[Hamilton]
426b
19th January 1899
Mr H. Lampard
Coorong
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., applying for permission to remove wattle bark from leased scrub land in the Hundred of Brinkley, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that on payment of the usual Licence fee, 30/- per month, you can remove wattle bark from the land colored Pink in the enclosed Plan.

[Hamilton]

427a
19th January 1899
Messrs R. K. Boothby & Co.
Government Shipping Agents
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
On the 10th inst., I called your attention to an error in the a/cs furnished by you to this office, for shipping charges on Aborigines Stores, and I returned them (7) for correction.
I have received other similar a/cs from you since, containing the same error, which I now return to you for correction (3 a/cs).

[Hamilton]

427b
19th January 1899
Mr Chas Botten
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Cameron for Two Blocks of land, Nos 142 & 144, on the Coorong, I have the honor to inform you that Cameron should forward an application for land, through Mr Leak, the Manager of Point Macleay Mission Station, when it will be duly considered by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c.

[Hamilton]

428a
24th January 1899
M.C. Williams, Port Augusta West
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., forwarding Certificate of seven wild dog scalps, which you destroyed for Aboriginal Milly Grapes, I have the honor to inform you that I handed the Certificate to the Crown Lands Department today and find that there are no funds in hand to pay the fees due herein, until the end of February next. I will remit the amount to you for the native on receipt thereof.

[Hamilton]

428b
24th January 1899
M.C. McKenzie, Penola
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores is required at Penola Depot, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to purchase 200 lbs flour, 28 lbs sugar, 6 lbs Tea & 1 lb Tobacco, of ordinary ration quality.

[Hamilton]
429a
27th January 1899
The Clerk of the Dudley District Council
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., with reference to the repair of the stone tank &c, on the premises occupied by Mrs Mary Seymour, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he has approved of this work being carried out, as proposed by the District Council of Dudley, at a cost of £ 1: for the repairs to the Tank, and 10/- for those for the walls &c of the House.
A cask of cement has been ordered, and it will probably arrive at Hog Bay by next Steamer.

[Hamilton]

429b
30th January 1899
Mr Joseph Walker
Coorong
Via Meningie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th ulto., referring to the boundaries of your land held under permit 129, applying for Section 145 for your son, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that you now hold all the available land between Sections 144 and 45 and the Coorong, after allowing for the three chain road. The Section 145 is freehold land and is not available for application.

[Hamilton]

430a
30th January 1899
Mr F. Leak
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to our conversation recently at Point Macleay, respecting the Aborigines’ shed at Milang, which it was thought would be of more use at the Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he approves of the removal of this shed to Point Macleay, provided that it is carried out without any cost to this Department.

[Hamilton]

430b
31st January 1899
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter dated 10th inst. from Mr William Campbell of Hergott, enclosing an a/c for 16/9 rail fare paid by him for Aboriginal boy Pompie? From Hergott to Port Augusta, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he has declined to approve of the payment of this claim.

[Hamilton]
431a
1st February 1899
Messrs R. K. Boothby & Co.
Govt Shipping Agents
Port Adelaide Gentlemen,
With reference to attached a/c for shipping charges 1/7, on Aborigines Stores forwarded by you to Kangaroo Island, I have the honor to point out that the charge of 6d therein for Bill of Lading, is in error, as the conditions of your Contract with the Govt do not provide for charges of that nature.
If you have any doubt as to the proper construction to be placed on the conditions of your contract with the Govt as Shipping Agents, I would suggest your communicating with the Supply and Tender Board, with a view to the question being definitely settled, as to the charges you are entitled to make herein.

[Hamilton]

431b
6th February 1899
Mr Bob McKendry
Lake Victoria
N.S. Wales
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th ulto., enquiring as to what border duties are payable on wagon & horses belonging to Aborigines, crossing the South Australian Border, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the duty of horses is £ 2: per head, and on wagons without springs, 25 % ad valorem. The Tariff Act does not exempt Aborigines from payment of duty, and your letter does not furnish sufficient information as to your object & intention in importing these articles, to warrant any special consideration of the question.

[Hamilton]

432a
6th February 1899
Messrs R. K. Boothby & Co.
Govt Shipping Agents, Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
With reference to the attached a/cs (4) rendered by you for shipping and charges on Aborigines Stores at Port Adelaide, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the charge for Bill of Lading therein should be struck out, as no charge of this nature can be made under the terms of your contract with the Govt. I have also to point out that the charge for postages should show in detail how they are made up.

[Hamilton]

432b
20th February 1899
M.C. Clarke
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Mr R. W. ?Newland, the Caretaker at Hiltruby [present-day Hiltaba] in the Western District, states in a recent report to the Crown Lands Office, that the Aborigines have been very troublesome lately, 30 of them having been camped at Hiltruby, & that they said they could not obtain any rations at Streaky Bay Depot.
I shall be glad to have a report from you herein.

[Hamilton]
433a
23rd February 1899
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., submitting various requests from Aborigines at Milang, I have the honor to inform you that the blankets &c were sent to you on the 20th inst., and will have reached you ere this.
I enclose order for the corn sacks for Aboriginal Yates.
The applications for Canoe and netting Twine will have to stand over for the present, as the funds at disposal of this Office are very limited. These two requests had better be made again through the Manager of the Point Macleay Mission later on in the season.

[Hamilton]

433b
27th February 1899
Mr C. H. F. Kruse
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting the removal from Milang of the Iron Shed, put up there some years ago for the use of the aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Mr Leak, the Manager of the Mission Station, has been authorised to remove this shed to Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

434a
20th March 1899
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Referring to the application of Aborigines John Stansbury & others for the Aborigines Boat at Moonta Bay and your report thereon, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of this boat being transferred from Moonta Bay to Point Pierce, for the use of the Aborigines referred to.
I presume Stansbury and one or two more can bring the boat round the Coast in fine weather, and I will instruct the Sergeant of Police at Moonta to deliver up the boat, on these natives showing an order from you to receive it.

[Hamilton]

434b
21st March 1899
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Aborigines Boat at Moonta Bay is to be transferred to Point Pierce Mission Station, and I have to request that you will be good enough to have it delivered to the natives who come for it, on their showing an order from Mr B. Lathern, the Manager of Point Pierce – it is proposed that they bring it round the coast in fine weather.

[Hamilton]
435a
11th April 1899
Messrs John Dunn & Co.
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c, controlling this Department, to inform you that the Issuer of stores at the Aborigines Depot at Oodnadatta, has reported that the last supply of Flour (1 Ton) forwarded by you to him was not fit for human consumption as all the bags had been wet and the flour therein full of weavel.
I shall be glad if you will make enquiry herein and forward any explanation herein to me for the information of the Honorable Minister.

[Hamilton]

435b
13th April 1899
M.C. Pyne
Renmark
With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that you had given an order for supply of some rations to Aboriginal Geo. Lindsay, who has a lease of a block of land at Loxton’s Point, and that he was in need of some blankets. I forwarded six (6) Blankets to him some weeks ago, through M.C. Schmitt of Morgan.
With regard to the rations – there will be no objection to the action you have taken herein but he should be able very shortly to do without such help, if he is industrious & steady – please inform me what distance his land is from Renmark.

[Hamilton]

436a
13th April 1899
M.C. Ireland
Oodnadatta
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., reporting that the last supply of tobacco was only 8½ lbs instead of 10 lbs on arrival at Depot, and that the last supply of flour was of very inferior quality, I have called the attention of the Aboriginal Storekeeper to the shortage in the tobacco – which is usually packed inside the bales of blankets for safety in transit.
I have also written to Messrs Dunn & Co., who supplied the flour complained of, with a request that they will see that it is up to the usual good quality in future –
It is desirable when reporting any inferiority in quality of stores to send a small sample to this Office, of the article complained of, by parcel post.

[Hamilton]
436b
17th April 1899
Mr. F. Garnett
Point Macleay
With reference to your requisition for Medicines, it is more extensive than usual, and the limited funds now at disposal of this Office renders the utmost economy necessary in our expenditure. I have therefore had to lessen the quantity in some instances now forwarded to you.
We have only Cockles’ Pills in our Contract list but a good supply of Liquorice powder and Cascara was sent recently to Mr Leak, who found them the most suitable articles for aperients. Both Mr Leak and Mr Sutton pursued the Homoeopathic system of treatment, & confined themselves almost entirely to that.
You would find it saved you a good deal of time & trouble in mixing & dispensing Medicines, to follow on their lines – I understand there is a good supply of Medicines labels in hand in the Dispensary at Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

437a
20th April 1899
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
A Native boy named Wilfred Varcoe, whose parents reside at Point Macleay, has been living with Mrs Chambers at Glenelg for some time – she is allowing him to visit his people at the Mission next Friday and wishes him to return to her next Wednesday – will you be kind enough to have him sent on that day – I have issued a return ticket order for his rail journey.
I hope his parents will not try to keep him – he is well looked after & kindly treated by Mrs Chambers, who takes an interest in him. The girls at service at Glenelg are also in good hands, and our influence should be exerted to prevent their parents from capriciously removing them back to the Mission.

[Hamilton]

437b
20th April 1899
M.C. Ireland
Oodnadatta
Referring to your report, concerning the inferior quality of last supply flour to the Depot at Oodnadatta, Messrs J. Dunn & Co. of Port Augusta, from whom this flour was obtained – inform me that the flour was of same quality they have supplied for years past, that it was perfectly dry when it left their hands, and that there were no signs of weevil in the bags.
Have you any reason to suppose that the flour was owing to some mistake of otherwise changed in transit, if so wet on arrival at Depot it must have been carelessly carried on the Train or left exposed to rain.

[Hamilton]

438a
20th April 1899
Mr H. Lampard
Coorong
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., requesting permission to take in cattle for grazing on the Aboriginal reserve you occupy on the Coorong, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that there is no objection to your taking in Stock, not exceeding 15 head, to graze on the land referred to.

[Hamilton]
438b
21st April 1899
M.C. McKenzie, Penola
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., you are authorised to purchase the following rations for Aborigines at Penola –

200 lbs Flour
28 lbs Sugar
6 lbs Tea
1 lb Tobacco

of ordinary ration quality.

[Hamilton]

439a
2nd May 1899
The Revd A. Strempel
Hahndorf
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th March last, applying on behalf of the Lutheran Mission Committee for an invoice of the rations granted by the Government for the relief of the aborigines in the Denial Bay District, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, so far as the funds at disposal of this Office will permit, an increase will be given in the supply of rations when found necessary, but efforts should be made as much as possible to provide the natives at the Mission Station with employment of a remunerative nature.

[Hamilton]

439b
2nd May 1899
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Order & P. Note herewith in payment of attached a/cs (£ 3: & 7/6) which please have receipted & returned to this office at your earliest convenience.

With reference to your remark re Aborigines at Renmark burying their own dead, it has been the practice at Mannum, and other large centres of population, to have their funerals performed for them in order to insure compliance with the regulations of the Board of Health. If you can induce the Aborigines about Mannum to act in these cases as was done at Renmark, without infringing the Public Health regulations, it would certainly be desirable as being more economical.

[Hamilton]

440a
5th May 1899
J. T. Sangster Esq, M.D., Robe
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., enquiring about the usual mode of rendering medical aid to Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that in cases where there is no regularly appointed Medical Officer for the Destitute Poor and Aborigines, the usual course is for the Police Officer in charge of the Aborigines (who is M.C. Baker at Robe) to call in Medical aid, after he has obtained authority, by wire or letter, from this Department.

In the two cases you refer to, no such authority appears to have been obtained, but if you will render your a/c, certified by M.C. Baker as necessary, I will submit it for consideration with a view to its being approved for payment.

[Hamilton]
440b
5th May 1899
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., relative to Rations for Aboriginals Drummy & Amey – and Mr Field’s a/c for meat – I cannot forward you his last receipted a/c as it forms part of the Schedule filed in Audit Office, but I find he was last paid £ 1. 6. 3, which was up to 31st December 1898 – and I have had no a/cs from him for any rations supplied after that date.
These a/cs should be rendered not later than three months – or they are queried by the Audit Commissioner.
I enclose orders for continued supply of Bread & meat for Aboriginal Drummy.

[Hamilton]

441a
15th May 1899
Mr J. Pannack
Denial Bay Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., requesting further supply of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that these were forwarded to you by the last Vessel about the 20th ulto., & which I expect have reached you ere this.
I will have some more blankets & serge sent to you by the next opportunity.
With regard to the case of the sick native you mention, our funds will not permit of medical men being brought to attend such cases. I will have some simple medicines forwarded to you - & these, with the rations at your disposal, will probably meet the requirements of the aborigines.

[Hamilton]

441b
16th May 1899
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
With reference to attached letter from the Aborigines at Moonta about the Boat which was to be removed from Moonta Bay to Point Pierce Mission Station, will you be good enough to inform me whether you consider this Boat is really of any use to the natives at Moonta Bay.
It was reported to this Office some months ago, that a European fisherman was in possession of the Boat & that the Aborigines hardly ever used it.
With regard to their request for rations, you are probably able to say whether any of these people are in need of such, - if they are all able-bodied, they ought to be in a position to support themselves, except in case of illness when they would of course be entitled to assistance.

[Hamilton]
Mr Jacob Harris
Point Macleay Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., in which you complain of the stoppage of your rations & that you have to give up your cottage at the Mission Station, because you refused to let your wife go down to help the Matron to sew clothes, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, certain rules and regulations have been made by the Mission Station Committee for the guidance of the Officers, and the general welfare of the inmates of that Institution, one of which rules is –

- That any able-bodied man or woman may be required to work for two days in any one week, without other remuneration than that week's rations.

In this instance, your wife, in common with other women, has been required to come and handsew one day only every fortnight, but when any woman is within two months of her confinement, this rule is relaxed, until she is again able to undertake the work.

The Mission Station provides board, lodging, clothing, & education, for all native children, between the ages of 5 and 4 years, entirely free of cost to their parents, and all that is asked for in return from the women, is one day's sewing in a fortnight.

Under these circumstances, you and your wife have made a great mistake, in refusing to comply with a very reasonable requirement, and which would not inflict upon her any personal injury or hardship – especially as if she would only show herself willing in this matter. If it was seen that the work was in any way too much for her health, she would be exempted.

[Hamilton]

Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay

With reference to your letter of 12th inst., reporting on the complaints made by Aboriginal Jacob Harris, as to the stoppage of his rations, &c, - Your explanation are considered quite satisfactory, and show that he had no just cause for the refusal of himself and his wife, to comply with the reasonable requirements of your rules and regulations at Point Macleay.

I have written to him to that effect, which will, I hope, induce him to avoid giving trouble in future.

[Hamilton]

J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta

Referring to the report addressed to you on the 2nd inst. by M.C. James of Wilmington, reporting Medical attendance on Aborigines in that locality, & your recommendation thereon for the appointment of Dr Pickering to attend the Destitute Poor and Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, as the expense incurred for medical attendance on Aborigines at Wilmington, during the last three years has amounted to £ 1. 16/-, it is not considered necessary to have a permanent Medical Officer appointed there. Simple medicines are usually supplied for issue at the Depots and serious cases of illness could be forwarded to the Port Augusta Hospital.

[Hamilton]
444b
1st June 1899
M.C. Shiels
Wallaroo
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to give me some information about a ½ caste woman (a Mrs D. Newchurch) who lives at Wallaroo – with a Mrs Bews or Mrs Lindsay – she applies for assistance from this Office as destitute, deserted by her husband, who does nothing for her – and within a month of her confinement. Before granting any help, I desire to learn something of her position & means of support, character &c.
Sergeant Clode of Port Lincoln informs me that the husband can earn good wages over there where he got a piece of land from the Govt but he spends all his earnings in drink & won’t assist his wife.

[Hamilton]

445a
7th June 1899
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
I enclose order for 3 months meat rations for Aboriginal Old Crummie.
During the Winter months, the usual allowance of firewood can be increased. When at the Native Camp on Sunday last, I noticed that Old Crummie was coming out of the scrub with a bag of firewood on his back – which he stated was all he had been able to procure.
The two women, Amy & Jenny Westerndorf, informed me that during the winter, business is so dull at the Hotels &c &c that they find it difficult to obtain their usual employment. If this is so, I think they are entitled to occasional supplies of rations from the Depot.

[Hamilton]

445b
8th June 1899
M.C. Opie
Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., asking for instructions for your guidance in dealing with cases of illness among the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of simple medicines will be sent to you as per advice herewith.
It is not usual to call in Medical assistance except in very serious cases & then authority should, when practicable, be first obtained.
If necessary in some cases, the patient might be sent to the Port Augusta Hospital, when special attention and nursing &c is required.

[Hamilton]

446a
15th June 1899
M.C. Ewens
Beachport
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., applying for rations &c for the old Aboriginal Lankey – I enclose you an order which please hand to one of your local storekeepers (after you enter his name therein) for a three-months’ supply of rations – please see occasionally that the old man receives these properly.
I will have a blue shirt sent to you for him from our store in Adelaide (by parcel post).

[Hamilton]
17th June 1899
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that some of the Aborigines at Murray Bridge have applied to you for blankets &c, I have the honor to inform you that 36 Blankets were recently sent to Mannum, and 20 during the present week to M.C. Rumball at Wellington.
The Natives Beck and Hunter received from me when they were in Adelaide, 6 Blankets, 2 Tomahawks, serge & Netting Twine, and if they had taken care of them, should not require any more, to which they are really not entitled, as it is their own fault losing them –
We have no more Blankets in store - and a fresh supply from the contractor will not be available for a week, when I will forward you some for Aboriginal Jones, with the other articles you mention.

22nd June 1899
M.C. Trounson, Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., recommending repair of Aboriginal Andrew Yates’ Canoe, I have the honor to inform you that, you are authorised to have the work performed to the extent of £ 1:

24th June 1899
Mr J. Pannack
Denial Bay
Sir,
With reference to your enquiry as to Aborigines being given Guns by white men in your District, & whether such is legal, I have the honor to inform you that there is no special law prohibiting it.
There are numbers of Aborigines on the Murray & the Lakes who are possessed of firearms to enable them to earn a living shooting game, and for many years past.
I have never heard of a case where a native has used a gun against either Europeans or each other.
Of course, if the natives who have guns in your district, are not to be trusted with them, and are inclined to make an improper use of them, you will have to complain to the Police & have them punished for any illegal act.

29th June 1899
Mr H. McConville
Angipena
Sir,
Referring to your application to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, for rations &c for destitute old & infirm natives at Angipena, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of a supply of Aborigines Stores being forwarded to you, per Advice herewith.
I enclose copy of Instructions for your guidance in issuing the rations, and also forward you return forms in separate parcel by this post, will you be good enough to have them furnished regularly through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, to this office.
448b
29th June 1899
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., recommending the application of Mr McConville, for rations &c for destitute, old & infirm Aborigines at Angipena, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c approves of a Depot being established there, and a supply of Aborigines Stores is now being forwarded to Angipena, via Leigh Creek, and Mr McConville has been requested to furnish the usual monthly returns of issues &c through you, to this office.

[Hamilton]

449a
29th June 1899
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., applying for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, except rice & sago, I have the honor to inform you that these supplies are now sent to Point Macleay every six weeks only, owing to the limited funds at disposal of this office.
This arrangement has been in force for over two years – probably you were not aware of this, your predecessors in office having omitted to advise you thereof.
Your last supply of Stores was forwarded on the 1st inst., not quite a month since – and the next supply will not be due till the 15th proxo.

[Hamilton]

449b
6th July 1899
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., requesting the orders for bread and meat rations to the old & infirm Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I enclose herewith fresh orders from the 1st inst. Please have the a/cs rendered for the rations supplied up to 30th June last, as suggested by you.

[Hamilton]

450a
7th July 1899
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
With reference to the Contractors’ Price List for the two years 1899-1900 for Govt Departments, will you be good enough to have me furnished with a sample of the yellow sugar at 13/- cwt (C.P.L. 4082) and the Tobacco at 3/5 lb (C.P.L. 4084).
I notice that the Iron-tinned Spoons (C.P.L. 1022) which were 4½d a dozen last year, are now quoted at 1/7 a dozen – has the standard sample been altered? I also see that the line, Blue shirts, is now 3/3 ea, instead of 2/4½ ea. Is the standard sample the same in this case?

[Hamilton]
450b
10th July 1899
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal **Matthew Kropinyeri**, for a block of land on the Coorong, Nos. 142/147 – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the land referred to, is not available for leasing to aborigines.  

[Hamilton]

451
17th July 1899
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Aboriginal **Jack Stanley** who came up from Point Macleay about a year ago, to be Tracker at the Police Barracks here, is now leaving his post & returns to the Mission Station tomorrow. He has not been attentive lately and the Inspector does not wish to keep him longer, & **Jack** himself seems anxious to return to Point Macleay.

The greater portion of his wages have been placed in the Savings Bank – where he has at present **£20.3.6**, and when I have paid some a/cs on his behalf, I shall have about **£ 4:** more coming to him, which I will remit you next Friday.

**Stanley** does not know that he has so much in the Bank – perhaps it is better not to enlighten him at present or, you will find he will tell the other natives & he will have many anxious to borrow from him. I would recommend that he should be induced to spend some of his money in a Canoe, gun or something useful, or let it remain in the Bank till he marries or wants to furnish a Cottage.

His Bank book I have put in the Bank, so that he will have no excuse in coming to you constantly for some of the money, as he appears to be very improvident. There are very few of the natives who are not.

[Hamilton]

452a
17th July 1899
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
With reference to the gun sent up for repairs for Aboriginal **Morris**, the Gun-maker reports that it is in such a bad state that to furnish a new stock & locks would cost from **£ 3:** to **£ 3: 10/-** - quite a prohibitory expense.

On seeing him again however, he said he had found a stock & other parts which he would be able to fit to the barrels of **Morris’** gun and make it serviceable for some time at a cost of **35/-**.

Please advise me whether **Morris** will pay half of this amount, & if so, I will get the work performed. His share should be sent to me so that I can pay for the repairs when completed, as this Department can only pay one half of the cost.

[Hamilton]

452b
24th July 1899
Messrs G. H. Adams & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to remind you that the Roll of Hessian ordered on the 12th inst. for this Department, has not been delivered at the Aborigines Store, G.P.O., and to inform you that unless the same is delivered without further delay, it will be purchased elsewhere at your risk, in accordance with Clause 3 of the Conditions of Contract for general supplies.

[Hamilton]
25th July 1899
R. G. Allen Esq
Wandeen
Burnside
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., applying for rations &c for Aborigines at Nilpinna [Algebuckina], I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, the funds at disposal of this Department will not permit of any increase in the number of Aboriginal Depots in this part of the Far North.

25th July 1899
Mr J. Pannach
Koonibba Mission
Denial Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., you can repay the advance of Stores you made from your own stock – from the Aborigines Stores supplies sent by this Department when they reach you. With regard to the question of the ill-treatment of one of your young natives by others from the Gawler Ranges, from what you describe, this is a difficult matter to deal with, as we cannot rashly interfere with the Aborigines, when they are merely carrying out customs & circumcision, what they call making young men, that they have practised for years past, nearly throughout the whole of Australia.

25th July 1899
M.C. Thomas
Wilmington
Sir
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., requesting further supply of blankets &c for the Aborigines at Wilmington, I have the honor to inform you that, a supply of these is now sent to you as per advice herewith. Blankets have also been supplied to the Depots at Port Germein & Port Augusta, where probably some of the Wilmington natives may have obtained some.
I enclose copy of Instructions to Issuers for your guidance, in case you have not got one at the Depot. The able-bodied Aborigines should be encouraged as much as possible to seek employment instead of relying entirely on the Depot for their living – destroying wild dogs, rabbits &c – would enable them to earn something and keep them usefully employed.

1st August 1899
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
With reference to the Aboriginal reserve on the Baroota Creek near Port Germein, which was set apart for the use of the Aborigines in 1895, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish a report as to what extent this reserve is still utilised by the Aborigines. I enclose Plan of the Hundred of Baroota showing position of reserve, colored Brown.
2nd August 1899
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., reporting the case of Aboriginals Hunter arrested & convicted for misconduct at Murray Bridge, I have the honor to inform you that their child Gertrude was before Mr Gobden, P.M., yesterday at the State’s Court – charged as a neglected child. The case was dismissed, the Magistrate deciding that the State Children’s Act was not intended to apply to Aborigines. These natives (Hunter) returned to the Bridge today, - the mother promises to take the child to Point Macleay.
I shall be glad if you do what you can to keep them away from the Bridge, where they seem to have facilities for obtaining liquor – and are a constant source of trouble & annoyance to the Police & residents.

[Hamilton]

2nd August 1899
Mr D. Matthews
Osborne Street
Hackney
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines who occasionally frequent Adelaide and its vicinity, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he considers your proposal to have a reserve and Mission for the Aborigines at Glenelg, both impracticable and undesirable, as it would encourage these people to leave their proper homes in the country.

[Hamilton]

2nd August 1899
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
An application has been made to this Office on behalf of Aborigines at Point Pierce for a boat suitable for fishing purposes in the Gulf – I shall be glad to have a report from you as to how many boats are now available for this purpose at the Mission Statement – has the boat which was at Moonta removed to Point Pierce? You mentioned some time ago – that you would see Sergeant Phelan at Moonta, and ascertain whether the boat would be of more use to the Natives about Point Pierce if removed from Moonta Bay.

[Hamilton]

3rd August 1899
Mr Jas Trevarrow
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th April last, applying for block of land in the Hundred of Bonney near Meningie, on behalf of your wife, an Aboriginal of this province, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward you herewith a Permit to occupy the land colored red in the Plan attached, the receipt of which you will be good enough to acknowledge.
458a
4th August 1899
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith an order for £ 1. 1. 0, an amount due to Aboriginal Milly Grapes of Port Augusta West, for dingo scalps destroyed, the return of which was sent to this office some months ago by M.C. Williams, then stationed at Port Augusta West, & he having now been removed, send you the amount & request that you will be good enough to have the same sent to this native as early as possible & his receipt returned to me in the attached form.

[Hamilton]

458b
7th August 1899
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your monthly return for the current year, I notice that a larger number of Aborigines than usual, including many able-bodied, are shown in these returns. I will be glad if you can manage to induce the natives to disperse more in search of game, fish &c, and employment from the surrounding settlers, which at this time especially, as shearing will be commencing soon, should afford the Aborigines an opportunity of doing something for themselves, & lessen the issues from the Depot.

[Hamilton]

459a
5th August 1899
Mr Reuben Walker
Hindmarsh Island
Referring to your letter of the 19th ulto., requesting permission to cut and sell timber from an Island in the District of Bremer, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that more definite and precise information is required as to the Name of the Island, position of land &c – before you request can be considered.

[Hamilton]

459b
7th August 1899
Messrs R. K. Boothby & Co.
Govt Shipping Agents
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that your a/c endorsed for shipping and agency charges on Aborigines Stores amounting to £ 4. 15. 10 – has been passed for payment at £ 3. 7. 8, the overcharges deducted being £ 1. 8. 2.
As the amount due to you herein has been payable to you for some time past, I shall be glad if you will arrange to have same collected without further delay.

[Hamilton]
460a  
8th August 1899  
M.C. Clarke  
Streaky Bay  
Sir,  
I have the honor to forward you herewith an order for £2 5 0, amount due to Aboriginals, as per names on back of order, at Streaky Bay for dingo scalps destroyed, the returns of which were sent by you to this office some time ago & which have had to be held over till funds were in hand for their payment.  
You will be good enough to acknowledge receipt of this order and when you pay the natives named, obtain their receipt by signature or witnessed mark on the form enclosed - & return same to this office.  
[Hamilton]

460b  
8th August 1899  
M.C. Willshire  
Cowell  
Sir,  
I have the honor to forward you herewith an order for £6 15/- - and as above for 460a.  
[Hamilton]

461a  
8th August 1899  
Mr R. Newchurch  
Poonindie  
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for Galvanised Iron for roofing your house at Poonindie, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.  
[Hamilton]

461b  
8th August 1899  
M.C. Dittmer  
Balaklava  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., reporting that Aboriginal F. Butler requires medical attention, I have the honor to state that Dr Fowler appears to hold the appointment as Medical Officer to the Destitute Poor and Aborigines for Balaklava.  
If so, what prevents his attending to any Aborigines who call upon him at his surgery, - if Butler lives outside the District of Dr Fowler, that would of course prevent his requiring the doctor to go to him – but if it is necessary that he should see Dr Fowler, you can arrange for a consultation not exceeding two visits; & if Butler's case is one requiring a long treatment, the best course would be to send him to the Adelaide Hospital when I will send you a rail order for his journey to Town.  
[Hamilton]
9th August 1899

The Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c

The attention of the Honorable Minister is respectfully drawn to the following statements reported in the public papers of this date, as having been made yesterday in Parliament by the Hon. Mr Warren, - “that the Government were very careless about the kind of provisions they sent to different places in the North for aged &c Natives, & that he had seen flour sent up to supply the Natives scarcely fit for pigs.”

So far as I can ascertain from the records in this office during the past 5 years, and I am in constant communication with the officers in charge of the various Aborigines Depots in the North, only two complaints have been made respecting the quality of the flour or other provisions supplied to the Natives, and the Issuers were instructed to forward a small sample of the articles complained of which was sent to the Contractor & his attention called to it.

During the past 5 years, Aborigines Stores have been supplied to the Depot at Anna Creek, a station of Messrs Hogarth & Webber?, to the extent of 17 tons of flour, with a proportionate quantity of other rations, blankets &c., and after a careful search, I can find no single instance of any complaints being made to this office of the quality of the stores supplied to Anna Creek Depot.

I attach reply received from the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, in confirmation of my statement.

11th August 1899

Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,

An a/c for £1. 8. 6 Water Rates, due by Aboriginal Tim Adams of Moonta, has been forwarded to me. Will you be good enough to draw the attention of Adams when you have an opportunity of seeing him, and tell him the amount should be paid to me as early as possible. He will probably be earning some money now at shearing &c and ought to be able to pay up, otherwise he runs the risk of having the water cut off from his premises – The Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c having directed this to be done in case of default herein.

I note that 24/- of the amount is for excess water.

17th August 1899

M.C. Ireland
Oodnadatta
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., calling attention to the insufficiency of the clothing forwarded for the Aborigines at Oodnadatta, I have the honor to inform you that the limited funds at disposal of this Office, prevent any increase in these supplies – which are mainly intended for the old & infirm natives.

Can you manage to induce the able-bodied Aborigines to disperse more in seeking employment? At several of our Depots, I learn that the natives do well in destroying rabbits & dingoes, which makes them less dependent on rations &c – and discourages idleness and loafing about Townships &c.

[Hamilton]
464a
19th August 1899
M.C. Dittmer, Balaklava
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., reporting to the case of Aboriginal Butler and his medical treatment, and enclosing a ?? from Dr Fowler of Balaklava, I have the honor to inform you that, I have conferred with the Chairman of the Destitute Poor Board and find that the existing arrangement under which Medical Officers are appointed for ?? certain Districts, cannot be altered at present.
In future, the best course to adopt, when any of these Aborigines who live in the ?? District, require medical aid, will be to send telegram to ?? requesting him to attend at their camp or house, & if he refuses or neglects to do so, you should report such to this office, when due enquiry will be made therein.

[Hamilton]

464b
24th August 1899
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., applying for a Boat for Aboriginal Bill Newland, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the purchase of the boat, which you state has been offered to Newland for £ 5:, has been approved, the a/c, certified by you, can be forwarded to this office.

[Hamilton]

465a
24th August 1899
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that several Aborigines belonging to your District (a list of whose names I append) have been hanging about Adelaide for some time past, begging & getting drunk &c – to such an extent that the Commissioner of Police has had them all arrested. I have arranged to send them to Milang tomorrow morning. M.C. Trounson comes up tonight to escort them there.
I fear some of them will not go over to Point Macleay, unless compelled to do so, and they will probably become troublesome at Milang.
I shall be glad if you will do all you can to induce them to remain on or about Point Macleay, and anything necessary for them, I will endeavour to have forwarded to you so that they will have no excuse to leave their District.

[Hamilton]

465b
29th August 1899
M.C. Thomas, Wilmington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., requesting a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that the articles mentioned in the enclosed advice are now forwarded to Wilmington.
Blankets, serge, shirts, axes, tinware &c, are usually sent to the Depots in April in each year for distribution at the beginning of Winter, & it is desirable to instruct the natives accordingly so that they may attend the Depot at that time –
As you state, many of the Aborigines are doing well rabbitting about Wilmington; they should be able to support themselves to some extent at least & so be less dependent on the issues from the depot.

[Hamilton]
466a
31st August 1899
M.C. Dowling
Kadina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th inst., with reference to supplying Aborigines Stores to the Depot at Kadina, I have the honor to inform you that, during the last five years, no flour has been required there, and very few other Stores, the Issuers having had no occasion to apply for them as the Aborigines in the District were generally reported as able to support themselves, working for farmers &c –
I will now have some axes and Tomahawks forwarded to you, as these articles help the natives earn a living. It will be well in future to avoid giving the natives any encouragement to expect rations as it tends to keep them about the town, where they appear able to obtain drink.

[Hamilton]

466b
4th September 1899
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., reporting the arrival of the party of natives who were sent out of Adelaide, I find that nearly all of them had several more blankets &c than they were really entitled to, - they were continually coming to this Office & saying their blankets were lost – which I am not surprised at – when they left their camps to go begging about the city.
I send you the blankets & netting twine asked for and hope these people will turn over a new leaf and keep away from Adelaide, & give you as little trouble as possible.
With regard to your request for a dingy for them – it would be well to see first how they behave for a month or so - & if you can hear of a good second-hand Canoe or boat, I will recommend their being provided with such.

[Hamilton]

467a
9th September 1899
Mrs J. Matthews
Adelaide
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that Aboriginal Pantoni has given over to your care is daughters Mabel & Emma, for training in Missionary work, & that you intend taking them with you to Victoria on the 18th inst. – I have the honor to inform you that, there is no objection to the arrangement proposed by you herein.
The agreement signed by Pantoni which you enclosed with your letter, will be trained in this office.

[Hamilton]

467b
18th September 1899
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to the request of Aboriginal J. Morris for a block of land on the Coorong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
468
14th September 1899
Mr S. Lathern
Secretary: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Moonta Mines
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., stating that your Committee, during a recent visit to the Point Pierce Mission Station, learnt that the rations supplied by the Govt to the natives, are a good deal short of the quantity necessary to keep them all the year round, and requesting an increase thereof, I have the honor to inform you that the supply of flour – 1 Ton – you mention is evidently an error as the quantity of flour allowed is 2 Tons yearly. I find that 1 Ton was applied for last year, owing I presume to oversight on the part of your Storekeeper at the Station. I was therefore unaware that the supply was ??
I will see that in future the 2 tons ...... ?? ...... with any necessary increase in the other articles you ?? ?? our funds, owing to a reduction of £ 500: in the Vote for Aborigines Contingencies, hardly meet present requirements, and it is desirable that all able-bodied Aborigines should be encouraged as much as possible to support themselves, to some extent at least.

[Hamilton]

469a
4th October 1899
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Referring to your request of the 2nd inst., for a supply of Envelopes & postage stamps for your correspondence with this office, I would point out that 23 of the Aborigines Depots are in charge of Police, and it has not been the practice to supply any of them with the articles you mention – in fact, your application is the only one I remember being made.
If your Department has objected to the use of stationery (supplied by it) on a/c of Aborigines, you had better write officially to me calling attention to the matter so that if necessary I may obtain Ministerial authority to send you a supply of stationery.

[Hamilton]

469b
4th October 1899
M.C. McCarthy
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., requesting a rail pass to Kingston for Aborigines Geo and Elsie Donnelly, I have the honor to forward you enclosed an order herein – It is not usual to grant these passes, as it is found to encourage the natives to be continually wanting to travel about from place to place.
The pass is given, in this case, as you recommend it on a/c of they being unable to travel on foot. If Donnelly obtains work at Kingston, he will be expected to make their own way to Point Macleay, should they wish to return there.

[Hamilton]
470a
12th October 1899
J.B. Kennedy Esq, M.D.
Hergott
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be
good enough to inform me, what your terms per annum would be for providing Medical attendance and
Medicines to Aborigines at Hergott and Oodnadatta, and when brought to you on the Railway Line when
you are travelling between these two places.

[Hamilton]

470b
19th October 1899
Mr F. A. Turner
Monte Collina
Sir,
Referring to your report 9th inst., that about 100 Aborigines have arrived, and intend to camp at Monte
Collina for six months, & requesting that larger supplies of Stores may be sent up for them – I have the
honor to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office are totally inadequate to provide for so
large a number of natives for such an extended period,
- every effort should therefore be made to induce them to disperse over the country, where most of
them ought to be able to obtain natural food, and employment in destroying rabbits, dingoes &c.

[Hamilton]

471
20th October 1899
M.C. Rumball
Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., reporting that Mr D. Mathews, Aborigines Missionary, went
through Wellington on the 17th & that two native girls of S.A. were with him, and appeared unwilling to
accompany him & his family on their return to N.S. Wales –
- have the honor to inform you that, these girls, Mabel and Emma Pantoni, were placed in charge of
Mrs Matthews by their father George Pantoni, and an agreement approving of their being taken to N.S.
Wales for missionary work, assigned by Pantoni.
I saw their father myself about this matter and understood he & the girls were quite willing to this
arrangement.
You do not mention whether these girls had any special reason for changing their minds, - have you
heard whether they complained of being ill-treated in any way ? One of them, Mabel, is old enough to
take care of herself.
I shall be glad if you can give any further particulars, so that if ?necessary, I can ask M.C. Dunne at
Kingston to interview these girls &c.

[Hamilton]
472a
25th October 1899
Mr A. Cole
Yardea
Sir,
With reference to the enclosed letter purporting to be from a native named Michael Free, will you be good enough to furnish me with a report therein, as to the correctness or otherwise of its statement. The name is that of a native who has been once or twice in Adelaide at the Hospital – but he cannot be the writer of the letter, as he is unable to write. It has all the appearance of being written by an European – The Mission Station referred to therein is at Koonibba near Denial Bay on the West Coast.

[Hamilton]

472b
25th October 1899
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., stating that Aboriginal Bookmark has handed you £ 1: towards the purchase of a boat offered to him for £ 6: - I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with, - Bookmark was provided with a new boat in December 1890, at Renmark, the cost of which was £ 10:; - of this £4: was paid by Bookmark.
If he would increase his contribution to £ 2: or £ 3:, I would again submit his request for the Honorable Minister's consideration.

[Hamilton]

473a
25th October 1899
J.B. Kennedy Esq, M.D.
Hergott
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has accepted your offer of the 7th inst., to act as Medical Officer to Aborigines at Oodnadatta & Hergott &c., at a yearly stipend of £ 25, your appointment to date from the 1st proxo. I enclose the usual form of agreement, in duplicate, - will you be good enough to execute same, and return one copy to me. I also forward in separate parcel by this post, a supply of quarterly return forms, and procuration order form, in duplicate, to enable you to authorise your Bank to collect each payment, when due to you, which please sign and return to me.

[Hamilton]
26th October 1899
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Aborigines at Oodnadatta and Hergott, and when brought to him when he is travelling on the Railway between these two places, such appointment to date from the 1st Proxo.
Will you be good enough to have the M.C.s at Oodnadatta, Hergott and any intervening stations, advised accordingly so that they may know what to do when their attention is called to any cases of illness among the Aboriginals in these localities.

MC. Ireland
Oodnadatta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Dr J. B. Kennedy has been appointed Medical Officer for the Aborigines at Oodnadatta and Hergott, and when they are brought to him when he is travelling on the Railway between these two places, such appointment to date from the 1st Proxo.

Mr W. E. ?Cavo? Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th inst., with reference to the block of land formerly occupied by an Aboriginal named Gollan, and whose lease of same has been cancelled, I have the honor to inform you that this land is now under the control and at the disposal of the Crown Lands Department, and application for it should be made by you direct to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
I return the part of your letter respecting the native burying ground, near ?Mason’s, as you do not mention what you recommend about it owing to an omission in your letter.

Mr F. Garnett Point Macleay
I am sorry to hear that the prevailing epidemic, Influenza, is spreading among your community. Should you require any of the ?? Medicines, I will endeavour to have them supplied.
The chief difficulty will I imagine be inducing the Aborigines to take proper care of themselves – avoiding cold, keeping warm ?? etc? during first stages of the complaint?? Which often reduces it to a ??

Hamilton
26th October 1899
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
I regret to say, some of the Aborigines from your District who went North for shearing at Hill River &c, have not been behaving so well as usual, some of them were very rowdy and troublesome here in Adelaide last week, at Anderson’s boarding house. Andrew Rankine, I am informed, was one of the worst offenders, having broken a bedstead, and ........ [three lines illegible] [Hamilton]

7th November 1899
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., (which did not reach this office till the 6th inst.) reporting the case of Aboriginal Donnelly & his wife Elsie, I have the honor to inform you that these natives were about Adelaide a month ago, and begged for a pass to Border Town, where Donnelly said he could get shearing, and as Elsie wished to go with him, instead of returning to Point Macleay, I gave them passes. Subsequently, M.C. McCarthy said they could obtain no work at Border Town and recommended their being sent to Kingston, which was done. Donnelly deserves no further consideration & he had better keep away from Adelaide. [See 477].
If you have any Coorong natives about Kingston, perhaps Elsie could return that way to Point Macleay with them, which will avoid the expense of bringing them round by Adelaide again. [Hamilton]

10th November 1899
Mr R. Sabey
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., reporting amount due to you by Aboriginal Cudmore, who died recently in Mr McFarlane’s employ – I have the honor to inform you that no money herein, has been sent to this office by Mr McFarlane. You had better therefore apply to him for the amount of your claim. [Hamilton]
20th November 1899
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., with reference to the Aborigines (11) who are now shearing in the Kingston District, and suggesting that their employers should be communicated with so that these men may be paid off at the Point Macleay Mission Station, I have conferred with Mr Garnett, the Manager of the Mission, and find that only two of these natives, viz., Ted Rankine and Clarence Long have an agreement in writing that their wages are to be sent to Point Macleay, and unless the natives have entered into such agreement before commencing shearing, they resent any coercion or compulsion in receiving their wages for payment at Point Macleay.
Mr Garnett will write to Messrs Fraser Bros and Hensley, with a view to some effort being made to persuade the natives to consent to their wages being sent to Point Macleay for what they require for their travelling expenses returning to the Mission.
If you are visiting the Sheds where they work, perhaps you would use your influence in bringing about the desired arrangement which has been usual in the case of those men when shearing at Hill River in the North.
If you could obtain the consent of Mark Wilson, who is a leader among these natives, the others would probably follow him.

20th November 1899
B. Smeaton Esq, M.D.
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., with reference to the question of Medical attendance to the Aborigines at Murray Bridge &c – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that your offer has been accepted to provide Medical attendance & medicines to the Aborigines at Murray Bridge, and at Wellington – during your periodical visits to the latter place, for the sum of £ 10: per annum.
I enclose the usual form of agreement for your signature, one copy to be returned to me, and I forward you, in separate parcel, a supply of quarterly return forms. Your appointment will act from 1st December next.

21st November 1899
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your application submitting a request from Aboriginal Hodgkiss for assistance towards his purchase of a horse & trap, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
24th November 1899
Mrs D. Matthews
Adelaide
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., and that of Mr Matthews of the 30th September last, applying for assistance from the Government to establish an Aboriginal Mission Station at Mannum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture & Education &c to inform that that, he does not see his way clear to comply with this request.

[Hamilton]

27th November 1899
M.C. Catchlove
Fowlers’ Bay
Sir,
Mr Tom Brown of the Nullarbor Plains, was recently giving evidence before the Select Committee of Parliament on the Aborigines’ Protection Bill, and made the following remarks,
“I have known Blacks to be drunk at Fowlers’ Bay and no-one knew where they got drink. There is no protection for them there, and nothing for them between Fowlers’ Bay and Eucla.
“I have employed Blacks to shear. I gave one a cheque for his wages & when the boat came for wool, the native was got hold of by the Captain who took his cheque away and gave him a few bottles of grog & some clothes for it. I afterwards made the Captain disgorge a portion of the money & gave it to the native. The rest of the money I could not get.
“There is a great deal of immorality carried on about Fowlers’ Bay between the whites and the black women.”
I shall be glad to have a report from you as to the correctness or otherwise of Mr Brown’s statements – you have probably seen enough of your District and its inhabitants, both black and white, to be able to throw some light on the subject.

[Hamilton]

28th November 1899
S.C. Rumball
Wellington East
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Dr Smeaton has been appointed Medical Officer to Aborigines at Murray Bridge and Wellington, during his periodical visits to the latter place, from the 1st December 1899.

[Hamilton]
482a
29th November 1899
The Private Secretary &c
Government House
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your note of yesterday, conveying the request of His Excellency the Governor for a boat for Aboriginal woman Louisa Carpany of Wellington, I have the honor to inform you that I have obtained the sanction of the controlling Minister for the necessary expenditure herein, and steps will be taken at once to provide this native with a suitable new boat, which will be forwarded to c/- M.C. Rumball, Police Station, Wellington.

[Hamilton]

482b
14th December 1899
H. M. Shand Esq, M.D.
Middleton
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that as the number of Aborigines at Goolwa &c have diminished much in number during the past few years – your Stipend as Medical Officer to them will be fixed at £ 15: per annum, during the ensuing year.
I enclose the usual form of agreement herein for signature.

[Hamilton]

483a
15th December 1899
J.T. Rennie Esq, M.D.
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that Dr Smeaton having been appointed Medical Officer for Aborigines at Murray Bridge & Wellington, your Stipend for the ensuing year will be £ 15: per annum.
I enclose the usual form of agreement for the year 1900 which please return to me when signed.

[Hamilton]
1900

483b
10th January 1900
S.C. Rumball
Wellington
Referring to your request of the 26th ulto., respecting the boat supplied to Aboriginal Louisa Carpany, please inform me whether you have it properly painted again by one of the natives under your supervision, if I send you a supply of paint ready for use – if this can be done, advise me as to the quantity of paint &c likely to be required.

[Hamilton]

484a
11 January 1900
M.C. Trounson
Milang
With reference to the case of Aboriginal Susan Campbell forwarded from Milang for the Adelaide Hospital, I had some difficulty herein as your Telegram came after this office closed last Saturday at 12.00, and I did not get it till an hour after the Train arrived in Adelaide.

– Campbell at first refused to go to the Hospital, and when taken there, the authorities refused to admit her, as she had an infant in arms – and she was not considered ill enough for an indoor patient.

Please in future advise me before sending any natives up for the Hospital, so that enquiry may be made as to whether they will be admitted. This woman Campbell evidently wanted to get back to Adelaide from where she & others were taken by you a few months ago.

Please return Mr Garnett’s letter when read.

[Hamilton]

484b
18th January 1900
M.C. Teate, Mannum
Please note that in future before sending any Aborigines down to the Adelaide Hospital, full particulars of the case should first be reported to me, so that I can communicate with the Hospital authorities, should the Natives requiring medical treatment not be satisfied with Dr Rennie, - you could send them to Murray Bridge if your thought it really necessary.

Dr Smeaton has recently been appointed to attend the Aborigines at Murray Bridge & Wellington, so that in future, there will be little need to send Aborigines to Hospital except in cases where life is in actual danger & the local doctors cannot render proper assistance.

[Hamilton]

485a
22nd January 1900
The Revd. G.J. Rechner
Light’s Pass, Nuriootpa
Sir,

Referring to the Financial Returns (A., B. and C.) from the Kopperamanna Aboriginal Mission Station for 1899, furnished by you to this office, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to supply some further information respecting the item ‘balance on hand’, on the ? /99, £ 2200. Is this sum clear profit over and above the working expenses of the Mission Station – as if so, a statement should be made to that effect – and showing how you propose spending the £ 2200.

[Hamilton]
24th January 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for Canoes for six (6) Aborigines on the Lakes, Point Macleay District, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of three (3) Canoes being supplied, & steps will be taken to have them prepared as soon as possible.

[Hamilton]

24th January 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your memo 19th inst., applying for an order for a supply of 1 Ton Flour for Aborigines Depot at Mannum, and stating that your practice in issuing flour, is to give the natives an order, and they go to the Mill themselves and get the flour; you also remark that that you find your flour a/c is a good deal overdrawn at the Mill — I have the honor to inform you that this mode of issuing flour to the Aborigines is undesirable, and I cannot take the responsibility of approving and recommending its continuance, as such practice would probably, if enquired into by the Commissioner of Audit, lead us both into trouble.
In future the proper course will be to do as is done at all other Depots, viz., have the flour sent to the Police Station in such quantity as you will find room for its storage, and your issues to be made weekly, say every Saturday, at a fixed hour — and the Aborigines to be cautioned that if they do not attend punctually, they will have to wait till next day of issue. Cases of exceptional need or sickness permitted, this arrangement will save you unnecessary time and trouble.
I will have the stores in future forwarded in larger quantity, but you will have to exercise every care in economising their issue, as the funds at disposal of this Office are now very limited, and cannot be exceeded.

[Hamilton]

29th January 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Davidson for assistance towards purchase of boat offered to him by Mr Russell of Port Adelaide for £ 9; I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
29th January 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., with regard to issue of rations to Aboriginal Campbell, who holds a block of land on the Coorong, I have the honor to inform you that the General rule is, that natives holding land are not entitled to regular supplies of rations.
A good deal has to be left to your discretion and judgment, when exceptional circumstances such as illness, misfortune, &c, justify a departure from the rule, when a temporary supply of rations may be given, but able-bodied natives, who persist in making their block of land a Camping place and are too lazy to try and utilize it in a?? are not entitled to rations.

[Hamilton]

30th January 1900
The Chief Protector of Aborigines
Perth W.A.
Dear Sir,
I enclose you copy of last report of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, the Committee of which manages, under supervision of this Department, the Mission Station at Point Macleay.
This Institution receives a Government Grant of £ 1000: per annum, and also periodical supplies of rations, clothing, medicines &c.
The health of its inmates has been very satisfactory during the year 1899, the Births having been 20 and the Deaths 4.

[Hamilton]

30th January 1900
The Secretary
Aborigines Protection Board
Sydney
Dear Sir,
I enclose you copy of last report of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, the Committee of which manages, under supervision of this Department, the Mission Station at Point Macleay.
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[Hamilton]

30th January 1900
Mr R. Craig
Goolwa
Please inform me whether you can supply three (3) Boats of following description and at what price each –
2, – Pram boats, each 15 feet long & 5 feet wide, built of best materials & copper fastened, with 2 coats Tar to outside water Mark – remainder to be painted 3 coats outside and inside.
1, - Flat-bottomed boat, same size as above &c.

[Hamilton]

30th January 1900
Mr G. Ross
Milang
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[Hamilton]

2nd February 1900
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Please inform me if Aboriginal Richard Newchurch is at Point Pierce, & if so, can you ascertain from him what he is doing with the block of land at Poonindie, which was leased to him by the Govt about 2 years ago. I am informed that he was at Wallaroo a few weeks ago, & that the Police had to warn him to leave that Town, owing to his being very much given to drink, and constant disturbances between he and his mother-in-law, Mrs Bews.
An application has been made for his block of land at Poonindie, & unless Newchurch can show good reasons for being permitted to retain it, he will probably have it taken from him. I understand he has not been on the land since September 1899.

[Hamilton]
491a
2nd February 1900
Mr G. Ross
Milang
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your offer of the 1st inst., for the supply of a flat-bottom boat for £5.10/- has been accepted, - please inform me when you will have it ready – if you consider the beam stated, 5 feet, too much for the length, you can make it a few inches less – the natives require a roomy boat, as they often carry a good deal in it.
A lower offer than yours for the Pram Boats (viz., £ 7:) has been accepted from Mr Craig of Goolwa. [Hamilton]

491b
2nd February 1900
Mr R. Craig
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your offer of the 1st inst., or the supply of Pram boats at £ 7: each, has been accepted.
Two of these only are now required, as other arrangements have been made for the flat-bottomed boat. Please inform me when you will have the two boats ready. [Hamilton]

492a
7th February 1900
S.C. Rumball
Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., respecting the issue of rations to Aborigines at Wellington, I enclose you an order for a supply for Louisa Carpany & her two grandchildren, also for Mrs Lawson. Natives like Mrs Turpin are best kept away from Wellington when addicted to drink as her husband Dick Turpin is old & infirm – they would be better at Point Macleay, where the old man would be looked after.
The order is for three months – should these natives be temporarily absent from Wellington, please see that the supply of rations is stopped till they return. [Hamilton]

492b
8th February 1900
Messrs Henry Hill & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I understand that the Post & Telegraph Stores Department have made a Contract with you for carriage of stores at Adelaide & Port Adelaide.
Will you be good enough to inform me whether you are willing to include the carriage of Aborigines Stores from General Post Office Stores, at the same Contract price. [Hamilton]
493a
15th February 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 5th and 10th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Phillip Rigney for assistance in the purchase of a boat for £14: - and Abel Rankine for one at £5:; I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that Rigney’s request cannot be complied with, and Rankine will be allowed ½ of the cost of his boat, viz., £2.10/-, on receipt of a certified a/c from you showing that his share of the cost has been paid or will be guaranteed.

[Hamilton]

493b
15th February 1900
Mr F. W. Turner
Monte Collina
Sir,
With reference to the Case you report of a native woman who has Cancer of the face, would it be of any use to have her sent down to the Port Augusta Hospital & if so, how could she be sent to Farina – from which Station I can forward a rail pass – if the disease is incurable, the Hospital will probably decline to receive the case, when it would be useless to incur all the expense of her removal.
I will write to the Hospital authorities and let you know later on what they think about the matter.

[Hamilton]

494a
16th February 1900
The Resident Medical Officer
Port Augusta Hospital
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr Turner, in charge of the Aborigines Depot at Monte Collina, North-East of Farina, advises me that a native woman there is suffering from Cancer of the face, & enquires whether it is possible to do anything for her. Will you kindly inform me, whether her removal to the Hospital at Port Augusta, would be desirable, - if not, can you suggest any other mode of treatment.

[Hamilton]

494b
16th February 1900
Mr Geo. Lindsay
Loxton’s Hut, River Murray
[Forwarded to M.C. Teate – if Lindsay has left Mannum, please post this to Loxton’s Hut/Point]
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., applying for 1½ miles of Rabbit-proof wire netting for your block of land leased from Govt near Loxton’s Point/Hut, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
With regard to the old wire fencing lying about 9 miles from the river near Hampton’s ?Hole, which you ask for, you omit to mention who this wire belongs to. You should make further enquiry and find out n what terms it may be obtainable, if available.

[Hamilton]
495a
15th February 1900
M. C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to hour letter of the 8th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Geo. Lindsay for a Boat, I am
directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the funds at disposal of this
Department for current financial year will not admit of this request being complied with.

[Hamilton]

495b
16th February 1900
Mr Philip Welsh
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 19th ulto., respecting the block of land leased to Aboriginal R. Newchurch,
at Poonindie, & which you state has not been occupied by him since September 1899, and enquiring
whether you could obtain the land – I have the honor to inform you that enquiry has been made, and as
Newchurch promises to return & occupy the land, it will not be taken from him at present – but should
his permit be cancelled, you application can be renewed & will receive due consideration.

[Hamilton]

496a
17th February 1900
Mr Alfred Cameron
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., enquiring as to the conditions of application &c for the land to be
allotted by the Land Board at Meningie, I have the honor to forward you herein forms of application and
Copy of the General Conditions. You will notice that applications require to be sent in to Crown Lands
Office on or before 5th March next.
The Board will meet at Meningie about 2nd week in March next.

[Hamilton]

496b
1st March 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Boats to be supplied for the Aborigines at Point Macleay will be
ready for delivery in about a week – the 2 prams from Mr Craig, Goolwa, and the flatboat from Mr Ross,
Milang. I will advise you later on when you can have them, - will you be able to arrange to send for
them ?
Craig’s boats were finished, with exception of tarring & painting. You will, I fear, have some trouble in
alloting them, as there will be so many more applicants than boats, - those natives who will make best
use of them in earning a living, shooting & fishing – would have the best claim for a boat.

[Hamilton]
497a
1st March 1900
Dr Smeaton, Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your Stipend as Medical Officer to Aborigines will be due & payable
to you at end of each quarter.
I enclose procuration order form in duplicate, which please return to me filled in with name of Bank or
Adelaide agent you wish to authorise to draw the amount due to you.
Note: You need not pre-pay postage on your official letters and returns to this office.

[Hamilton]

497b
6th March 1900
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D.
Hergott
Referring to your note of the 7th inst., relative to the a/c which you state was sent to this Office through
M.C. Ireland, Oodnadatta, in September last, for Medical attendance on Aborigines – I find on enquiry
that the last a/c rendered here by you was for £2. 15. 6 for services up to 15th July 1899. This was paid
to you in November last – and I have no record of any subsequent a/cs rendered by you to this office.
Please enquire again from M.C. Ireland whether he omitted to render any a/c of yours.

[Hamilton]

498a
8th March 1900
Mr Bertie Tripp, Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., requesting a supply of timber for building a boat, I am directed
by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

498b
8th March 1900
Mr T. P. Gourlay, Mt Eba
With reference to your report of the 28th ulto., relative to the missing parcel of 10 lbs tobaco from your
last supply of Aborigines Stores, I find in enquiry that the Storekeeper forwarded this tobacco inside
one of the sugar packages for safety in transit – have you overlooked it there – if it has disappeared please
advise me so that I can make a claim on the Railway Department for its value – as it was on the way
bill from Railway, it would seem to have been lost en route to Coward Springs or perhaps stolen.

[Hamilton]

499a
10th March 1900
Messrs H. Muecke & Co., Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., submitting claim for 3/-, amount for 2 meals supplied to
Aborigines on their passage from Port Adelaide to Ardrossan on the 7.12.99, I have the honor to inform
you that this sum was struck off your a/c rendered for the passages of these natives – as meals were not
included in the order issued by this Office. A/cs for Aborigines’ passages to ?? Edithburgh and Ardrossan
have been frequently paid to you on previous occasions, without any extra charge being made for meals
for the natives.
Have you any special reasons for claiming such in this case, as it is considered undesirable to establish a
precedent for unauthorised charges against this Office.

[Hamilton]
499b
15th March 1900
Messrs John Martin & co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your order from this Office of the 12th inst., for supply of 200 yds Blue Serge @ 1/6 – I have
the honor to inform you that the serge you have supplied is not considered equal in quality to the
standard sample, and I have to request that you will be good enough to have the same exchanged in
accordance with Clause 4 of the Conditions of your Contract.
I enclose a piece of the Standard Sample of serge.

[Hamilton]

500
20th March 1900
Secretary: Aborigines Protection Board
Melbourne
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., requesting copies of the Act of Parliament & Regulations for the
protection of Aborigines in this Province, I have the honor to inform you that we have no special Act of
Parliament here for this purpose, –
There are a few clauses scattered through various Acts – which to some extent refer to the management
of the Aborigines –
- such as forbidding supply of intoxicating liquors
- granting leases of blocks of land to individual natives
- & giving power to the Protector to have orphan children, or [those] with consent of parents, placed
out as apprentices till 21 years old.
I have been trying for years past to get a special Act of Parliament passed for the management of the
natives – hitherto without success.
Last year a Bill was prepared by Mr Dashwood, Government Resident, Northern Territory, for an
Aborigines’ Protection Act, but it was opposed & referred to a Select Committee, and condemned. I
send you in separate parcel, copy of this report and evidence taken by this Committee, which contained
a good deal of interesting information about the condition of the aborigines.
I hope next session of Parliament, that a fresh and better Bill will be introduced, dealing with the various
matters involved for the management of the Natives.
Any further information in my power, I will be most happy to give you for the information of your
Board.

[Hamilton]

501a
27th March 1900
Dr Kennedy
Hergott
Sir,
I am in receipt of your Aborigines Return of cases under treatment to 28th July last. Please note that
these returns are intended to be forwarded every quarter of the year – your next return should
therefore by up to 30th June next.
Your stipend (£10. 8. 0) for the five (5) months from 1st November 1899 to 31st March 1900, will be
payable to you on or after 1st prox., and I will have it paid to the Bank of Adelaide in due course, who
holds your procuration order to collect moneys due to you from Govt.

[Hamilton]
501b
27th March 1900
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you will have any old railways suits of clothing for disposal next month, and if so, what number will be available, and will there be any overcoats included among them?  
[Hamilton]

502a
30th March 1900
Dr R. McDougall, Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that you have resigned your appointment as Medical Officer to Aborigines at Border Town owing to your removal from that District & recommending as your successor Dr Erson – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform that he has approved of the appointment of Dr Erson as Medical Officer to Aborigines from the 1st proxo.
I enclose the usual form of agreement herein for Dr Erson’s signature – and a copy thereof for him to retain.
[Hamilton]

502b
11th April 1900
M.C. Teate, Mannum
Sir,
Referring to the a/c for 3/-, amount paid for Carriage of Aborigines Stores from Wharf to Depot – you should insist upon some of the able-bodied natives doing this work in future,- a large number of these appear now to be in receipt of rations from the Depot – and if any of them refuse to perform this service, their rations should be stopped till they comply.
I would state that at Oodnadatta, M.C. Ireland, has usually from 150 to 200 Aborigines, and he requires them to clean up all the rubbish &c about the Township every Saturday before any rations are given out. Could you manage to follow this example in any way at Mannum?
[Hamilton]

503a
20th April 1900
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., respecting Aboriginal Henry Angie, I have the honor to inform you that he came to me on the 5th inst., with his wife, stating that he had brought a sick child to the Adelaide Children’s Hospital, & had spent all his money, which was only enough to defray his expenses coming to Adelaide – I gave him an order for some days’ lodging here as he was anxious to wait till an operation had been performed on his child,- he gave me to understand the money he had with him, was his own earnings at Moonta or Wallaroo, and never informed me he had received the money you mention from you, and your Secretary. I am sorry I had not received your letter before seeing Angie. 
[Side-note: this Office has paid £ 1. 15/- for his lodging &c – he left Adelaide last Monday & I do not know where he has gone to.]  
[Hamilton]
503b
27th April 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that Aboriginal Nellie Perry has applied to you for the purchase of a second-hand boat offered to her for 25/-, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of this office paying 15/- towards the cost of the boat referred to, provided you consider it worth the sum (25/-) named – leaving the balance 10/- to be contributed by Perry.

[Hamilton]

504
1st May 1900
Mr A. B. Murray
Penong
West Coast
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the monthly Aborigines Return of Stores received &c, should be correctly and regularly furnished to this Office, otherwise these Stores will not be continued to be supplied to the Depot at Penong.
Your Return for January 1900 has not yet reached this Office, - one for February last has been received here, but it does not show how the balance of Stores on hand at end of December 1899 was distributed, viz.,

- 287 lbs flour
- 22 lbs sugar
- 20 ½ lbs Tea
- 4 lbs Rice
- 4 lbs Tobacco
- 7 lbs Sago

Your Return for January last giving this information, should be forwarded without delay.

[Hamilton]

505a
2nd May 1900
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to have Aboriginal Tim Adams of Block 1233, near Moonta, informed that his arrears of Water Rates amounting to £ 1. 11. 6, will have to be paid within one month from this date as I have been authorised by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c that in default of payment being made by Adams, the water supply will be cut off from his premises.

[Hamilton]
505b
2nd May 1900
The Resident Engineer
Beetaloo W. Works
Crystal Brook
Sir,
Referring to your communication of the 25th ulto., containing a statement of the arrears of Water Rates due by Aboriginal Tim Adams of Block 1233, Hundred of wallaroo, amounting to £ 1. 11. 6, I have the honor to inform you that Adams has been advised that unless this amount is paid by him within one month from date, the water supply will be cut off from his premises in which case the amount of the claim will be paid by this office.

[Hamilton]

506a
5th May 1900
M. C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be good enough to mark on enclosed Plan – the exact locality on which Mrs Matthews has the Aborigines encamped upon – and return Plan to me at your earliest convenience.
I presume their Camp is upon portion of the spot marked “Recreation Ground” & formerly a native burial spot.

[Hamilton]

506b
8th May 1900
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., respecting the refusal of Aboriginal Amy Hamilton to be removed to Adelaide Hospital, I presume forcible removal would not be justifiable – unless she suffered from some illness of a dangerous, contagious character injurious to the Public health – when compulsion could be used.

[Hamilton]

507a
9th May 1900
Mr A. Walker
Cattapurrie
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., in which you state that among the medicines recently sent to your Depot from this Office, was a “lump of lard” rolled up in a “?Stacking’s? Almanac”, will you be good enough to inform me from whom was it supplied, either Faulding or Bickford & Sons. On getting your reply, I will have enquiry made into the matter.
In future, please advise me, when you require Stores for Aborigines, of any deficiencies or errors therein, to enable me to have them rectified.

[Hamilton]
507b
18th May 1900
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta

Sir,

With reference to your report re the ½ caste girl Johnson and her 2 children, who are at ?Hookina [Hookina Creek, 30 km W. of Hawker] in a destitute state, it is not stated what Mission Station she wishes to go to. I presume it would be either Kopperamanna in the North or Point Pierce, near Moonta. If you will let me know which of these would be best – I will write to the Manager here, & ascertain if the girl can be admitted.

She appears to have been in domestic service & now unmarried with 2 children. It is a pity, we can’t get legal hold of those who lead these girls astray & then leave them destitute & thrown on the Govt for help & support.

[Hamilton]

508a
21 May 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum

Referring to attached a/c as the items therein are of an unusual nature for which authority has not been previously obtained – Explanation is required by whom were they ordered. If Mrs Matthews obtained them, she is liable and not this Office.

If you have made yourself personally responsible for the articles referred to, compliance with Clause 3 of the General Instructions to Issuers will be necessary (Copy of which enclosed).

Mrs Matthews has been informed by the Minister controlling this Office that her application for land for Mission purposes at Mannum cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

508b
24th May 1900
Mr Garnett
Point Macleay

I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request of the 18th inst. for the purchase of a second-hand boat for £ 2. 10/- from Mr Dunk of Milang – for one of the Point Macleay Aborigines – has been approved. Please certify a/c for same & forward to me for payment.

[Hamilton]

509a
24th May 1900
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta, has drawn my attention to the case of a ½ caste girl, in that District, named Jessie Johnson – who is in a destitute state, with 2 children, the oldest nearly 2 years, and the other a month old, and recommends that she should be sent to Point Pierce Mission – please inform me whether you would be willing to admit her – when I will arrange to have her sent to Moonta – and then by the best practicable route to your station.

[Hamilton]
25th May 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of this date, requesting that rail carriage from Adelaide to Milang, may be provided for 20 Iron Cement casks for use at the Point Macleay Mission station, I have the honor to forward you herewith an order accordingly, which can be sent to the person who supplies the casks - & who I presume will deliver them at the Railway Goods Shed, Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

31st May 1900
Mrs D. Matthews
Mannum
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting the Aborigines Dick Turpin & his wife, who has deserted him, the Police here have been communicated with to have steps taken to find this woman & send her back to Mannum.
Your request with reference to land for a Camping place for Aborigines at Swan Reach, will be submitted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for consideration.

[Hamilton]

31st May 1900
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting enquiries made by Aboriginal J. Wilson about the cottage &c of Aboriginal Amy Hamilton at Victor Harbor – I was down there last holiday the 28th inst., & when at the native camp there I ascertained that Bertha Wilson and Aggie Hewitt were in charge of this cottage, and had it locked up.
I found over 20 natives there, they appeared to be all in good health & well looked after by M.C. Matthews in charge of the Depot.

[Hamilton]

31st May 1900
Mr P. R. Clarke, Parallana
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., applying for a fresh stock of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that a supply as per advice enclosed, has been forwarded to Leigh Creek, en route to your Depot.
The following stores sent to Parallana in February last, viz. –

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have not yet been accounted for. Please send me returns showing that they have been issued – Mr Holthouse, your predecessor, omitted to do so, notwithstanding I called his attention to this omission.

[Hamilton]
511b
1st June 1900
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence with you respecting the removal of the ½ caste woman Jessie Johnson to a Mission Station, I am advised that she will be admitted to the Point Pierce Station, if no other suitable arrangement can be made. Would it be possible to have her removed to the Depot at Port Augusta, to supply her with rations &c from it – failing this mode of dealing with this case, she will have to be sent to Point Pierce.
I enclose order for rail journey, if necessary, the order should be made out via Peterburgh-Gladstone & Brinkworth to Moonta, then by coach to Maitland, & if I am advised when she will reach Moonta, the Police there would see her off by coach.

[Hamilton]

512a
4th June 1900
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., about Aboriginal Welsh – who appears desirous of leaving Poonindie & returning to Point Pierce Mission. He has a good block of land at Poonindie, adjoining others held by Solomon Brothers and Newchurch, and he ought to be able to make himself a comfortable home there. He was very anxious to get this land. A Mrs Bagot of North Adelaide, is constantly sending, through me, parcels of clothing & other things to Welsh & his wife – and I believe Mr J. D. Bruce of Poonindie also assist them – I think it would be better for Welsh to try to stick to his land, perhaps he has a relative or friend at Point Pierce, who would be willing to help him to till the land &c.

[Hamilton]

512b
5th June 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., respecting purchase of Boat &c for Aboriginal Cook, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of the payment of one half cost thereof, viz., £ 3.
Mr Baker, from whom this boat was bought, has called here & will receive the amount.
The native woman Charlotte Turpin, who left her husband at Mannum, has refused to return to him, & went to Goolwa a few days ago with another native named Carter.

[Hamilton]
513a
7th June 1900  [very faint and fuzzy]
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Archie Blackmore, for a Canoe, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform that Canoes are not supplied to the Aborigines unless they are prepared to contribute a fair proportion of their cost.

[Hamilton]

513b
7th June 1900
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that, the Native Amey Hamilton will be sent back to Victor Harbor by Evening train next Saturday 9th inst., she has refused to undergo the necessary treatment and operation at the Hospital & is therefore discharged – as she can’t walk & will require assistance en route, I enclose order for the return rail of the native woman you send up on Friday night, & please tell her to go to Anderson’s Boarding House for the night lodging &c – Anderson will be instructed to receive her. It will also be necessary for a trap at the Train to remove Amey to her camp.

[Hamilton]

514a
9th June 1900
Mr Jas Hiern
Murat Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th March last, applying for rations &c for aborigines at Murat Bay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that that it is not intended to increase the number of Aborigines Depots on the West Coast, and your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

514b
12th June 1900
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
With reference to previous correspondence with you respecting the ½ caste girl Jessie Johnson, I am informed by the Sub-Protection of Aborigines at Port Augusta that she will be sent on to arrive at Moonta on Friday evening next the 6th inst. There is no mail conveyance to Maitland till Monday – can you suggest any other way of reaching Point Pierce ? I will ask Sergt Phelan of Moonta, to have her looked after in the mean time.

[Hamilton]
515a
13th June 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the final instalment, £ 400, Grant-in-Aid to your Association, will be payable to you before the 30th inst., on receipt of the usual financial statements, that the conditions on which this Grant is paid have been complied with – viz., - that the cost of salaries of superintendent and school teacher, has been raised by private subscription.

[Hamilton]

515b
13th June 1900
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta (Mr John Field) is sending a ½ caste woman & 2 children down to Point Pierce Mission Station, - she will arrive at Moonta on Friday evening, 15th inst. Will you be kind enough to send her to some place for Board &c till she proceeds.
I advised Mr Lathern, Manager at Point Pierce, of her arrival at Moonta, but I do not know yet what arrangement he will make for the rest of her journey – probably you can send her on to Maitland or Port Victoria by next mail conveyance, giving an order on this Office for all necessary expenses incurred herein.

[Hamilton]

516a
14th June 1900
S. C. Rumball
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., respecting the desertion of Dick Turpin by his wife at Mannum, I have the honor to inform you that this woman left Mannum some weeks ago in company of Aboriginal Langhan Carter. They were found hanging about Adelaide by the Police & locked up.
When I offered to send the woman Turpin back to her husband, she refused to return to him, & both she & Carter went to Goolwa on the 1st inst. I advised M.C. Teate of this afterwards, as he wrote to me about Turpin wanting his wife sent back to him – When Carter was accused of enticing the woman away – he stated that she insisted on following him about – but I am doubtful of this, as Carter does not bear a good character.

[Hamilton]

516b
26th June 1900
S. C. Rumball
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., enquiring whether the children of Aboriginal McHughes of Wellington, can be admitted to the School in that locality, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of education &c, to inform you that, there is nothing to prevent these children from attending the Government School, provided they are the required age, and are free from disease.

[Hamilton]
26th June 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., enquiring whether a party of 60 Aborigines (50 children & 10 adults) who will be visiting Adelaide in August next – can have free rail passage from Milang to Adelaide, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Education &c to inform you that rail tickets will be issued to this party at single fare for the return journey.

[Hamilton]

28th June 1900
The Station Master
S.A. Railways
Murray Bridge
Please receive per Rail from Tailem Bend, 31 Bundles wire netting, addressed as under:
    Mr Geo. Lindsay
    Native Reserve
    Loxton’s Hut
    River Murray
& forward same per Streamer, all transit & expenses to be charged to this Office.

[Hamilton]

29th June 1900
Mr Henry Taylor
Moonta
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., enquiring whether Aboriginal Welsh has given up possession of his block of land at Poonindie, & if it is available for disposal again, I have the honor to inform you that no notification has reached this office of Welsh having decided to surrender his land. I believe he has had some idea of doing ?? or trying to obtain someone to help him to ?till ?work the land.
Your best course would be to ?? visit him & find out what he means to do ?? [illegible] to work it. Welsh was at Point Pierce a few weeks ago.

[Hamilton]

27th June 1900
M.C. Ewens
Beachport
[very faint and fuzzy] Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting the case of Old Lankey who requires rations &c, I enclose you an order for a three months’ supply of rations which please have obtained from one of your local storekeepers.
If necessary this order will be renewed at end of the 3 months & will advise me that it will be necessary. I will have a coat, boots, and ?? parcel ? of blankets forwarded to you from Adelaide, as per advice enclosed.

[Hamilton]
519a
28th June 1900
Mr J. P. Deane
Moorlands
Tailem Bend
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be
good enough to have the wire netting (31 Bundles) (referred to in my previous letter [??]) forwarded to
Tailem Bend addressed as under:

Mr G. Lindsay
Native Reserve
Loxton’s Hut
River Murray
per Rail to Murray Bridge, & thence by Steamer – all transit charges will be paid by this Office.
I will advise the Station Master, Murray Bridge, to receive & forward on.

[Hamilton]

519b
28th June 1900
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting issue of rations to able-bodied Aborigines at Victor
Harbor, please note that these issues should only be continued so long as you consider the recipients
are really without means of support. If you find any of them imposing on or deceiving you as to their
position, you would of course be justified in refusing assistance from the Depot.

[Hamilton]

520a
28th June 1900
W. E. Dalton
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of this date, asking me to obtain for you copy of a letter re Aborigines’ Friends’
Association addressed to the Minister controlling this Department, by Mr A. M. Gore?, in January last, I
have the honor to inform you that Mr Benda, the Secretary to the Minister, states that this letter cannot
referred? ?? of his office for copying, except with Ministerial sanction, & that you had better call him &
see about the question.

[Hamilton]

520b
29th June 1900
W. E. Dalton
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., enquiring whether the government would had six Tents for use
during the proposed visit of Point Macleay Aborigines to Adelaide in August next, I have the honor by
direction of the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Surveyor-General’s Department will be
able to lend five tents, each 10 x 8, & one tent, 6 x 8.

[Hamilton]
521a
28th June 1900
Mr Geo Lindsay
Loxton’s Hut
Referring to your letter of the 4th ulto., requesting a supply of wire for enclosing the Aboriginal Reserve, No. 26, Hundred of Pyap, in your occupation, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to inform you that 31 Bundles of wire netting will be forwarded to you per Steamer from Murray Bridge. You will be good enough to acknowledge its receipt on arrival, and sign the enclosed agreement & return it to me at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

521b
3rd July 1900
Mr P.K. Clarke
Parallana
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th ulto., pointing out that you have not received all the articles mentioned in the return forms, I have the honor to inform you that many of these are only sent to the Mission Stations & not to the Depots in the Far North. If you will state when requiring your next supply of Stores, any articles that would be of any use to the Natives in your district, I will submit the ?? for approval of the Minister controlling this office.
Iron crow bars cannot be supplied to natives. Your request to have all future supplies sent via Hawker, will be noted for attention.

[Hamilton]

522a
6th July 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., reporting the large number of Aborigines now at Mannum, & the increased quantity of rations being issued to them – every effort should be made to induce all the natives not belonging to your District to return to their homes – and the issue of rations should be confined to their return – you will have to be firm in this matter or we shall have larger numbers of the natives coming up the River from the Lakes.

[Hamilton]

522b
9th July 1900
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th May last, applying on behalf of Aboriginal Peter Gollan for a Block of land on the Coorong, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to forward you herewith a Permit in favour of Gollan, to occupy the piece of land described therein.

[Hamilton]

523a
9. 7. 1900
Mr John Morris, Meningie
Referring to your letter of the 12th ulto., applying for a Block of land on the Coorong in the Hundred of Bonney, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
The Secretary
Queensland I. & L. M. Co.,
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., calling attention to the destitute condition of the aborigines at Arwana & Andamooka, and suggesting that a means be found for their relief at Andamooka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that enquiry having been made as there is no certainty of the Govt having the necessity. Any length of time at Andamooka, a Depot will be opened at the ?Police Station??, in charge of Mr Turner, manager for Mr N. A. Robertson.

[Hamilton]

M. C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd & 7th inst., I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of your obtaining the boat &c for Aboriginal Fletcher at a cost of £5.4/.
Please see that this boat has been properly completed when delivered before sending in the a/c.

[Hamilton]

W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., asking that the Point Macleay School children may be remembered for any distribution of medals on the occasion of the Peace Celebration – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request will be dealt with as others on application.
I enclose copy of memo – giving you the necessary information & forms on which application for Medals should be made.

[Hamilton]

No 525
526
18th July 1900
The Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c
Sir,
I have the honor to submit for your consideration a request that the Office of Protector of Aborigines may be placed in the 4th Class.
In making this application, I would respectfully point out, that the duties involved in looking after nearly 3000 Aborigines are of a very multifarious nature, over 40 Depots have to be supplied with Stores, all the a/cs are dealt with and paid in this Office. There is a good deal of correspondence necessary, upwards of 2522 O.S. P. Stamps being used last year.
The Protector is required to be well informed on all questions respecting the Natives, furnishing reports & recommendations to the Controlling Minister.
The Cost of the Office Staff is very moderate, compared with that of the other Colonies, viz., -

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\text{Protector,} & \text{S.A.} & £ 310: \text{per annum} \\
\text{Protector,} & \text{Victoria} & 450: \\
\text{Protector,} & \text{W.A.} & 530: \\
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I attach a statement showing a record of services since I entered the Civil Service [in about 1863].

[Hamilton]

527a
18th July 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd ulto., enquiring whether any rejected railway sleepers &c could be obtainable for repairing the Point Macleay jetty, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that there are no old sleepers of any sort on hand at present, but after relaying which is hoped to start on the Strathalbyn & Victor Harbor Line, sometime in September or October next, there will no doubt be a plentiful supply – as regards the other lines of timber you mention, there are none available.

[Hamilton]

527b
19th July 1900
Mr J. C. Turner
The Pines [W. of southern Flinders?]
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta, a supply of Stores will be sent to you as per advice herewith, for the relief of the destitute natives in your District. I enclose copy of the usual instructions for your guidance in issuing the same & also Return forms in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]
Miss C. Smith
Clareville?
Mount Gambier
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., requesting whether the government would remit? any more copies of the “Booandik Tribe of S. Australia” by the late Mrs Smith, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that there are no more copies of this Book on hand, and there are no funds available at present for bringing out a Second Edition of this Book.

[Hamilton]

27th July 1900
M. C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., submitting a request for some remuneration in connection with the duties entailed on you as Issuer of Aborigines Stores &c at Victor Harbor, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you, that at the other Depots, 27 of which are charge of Mounted Constables, similar duties are performed now without extra remuneration, the only exception being the depot at Goolwa, where many years ago when the Natives were very numerous, a special allowance was made, which is now discontinued on the removal of the present Issuer (M.C. Jackes) to another Station.
A special exception cannot be made in your case, while if all are to be paid, it will add greatly to the cost of the Aborigines Department.

[Hamilton]

7th August 1900
M.C. Wood?
Goolwa
Sir,
With reference to the Aborigines Depot at Goolwa, I have the honor to inform you that there are very few natives now left belonging to that place – usually? Not more than 4 or 5, & ??? during last year, the object of this department is to ??keep? the Aborigines as much as possible about the Mission Station at Point Macleay, where they are free from the ?? temptation they meet with about the Townships. Goolwa has always been a ?? place for drunkenness among them, but during the past year or two, M.C. Jackes has been very ?? in reducing the evil to a minimum.
I mention this matter as you are new to this District, and some of the Aborigines may try to impose on you. Their continuance at the depot should be discouraged as much as possible. After shearing time, when the natives have ???? a good deal of money, their ?presence at Goolwa? where facilities exist for obtaining drink, is very undesirable.
A supply of Netting Twine has been sent to Point Macleay and Victor Harbor. Please give me the names of the natives who are asking for some at Goolwa.

[Hamilton]
531a
15th August 1900
W. Norman Esq, M.D.
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 9th & 13th inst, respecting the position of Medical Officer to Aborigines at Goolwa and Pt Elliott, I have the honor to inform you, that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of your appointment to this office, at an annual stipend of £ 15: - to date from the 1st inst.
I enclose copy of the agreement signed by you, which you returned to me last week.
I also forward you by this post in separate parcel, a supply of Quarterly return forms.

[Hamilton]

531b
17th August 1900
E. E. Moule Esq
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that you are unable to accept the position of Medical Officer to the Aborigines at Mannum, on same terms, £ 15: per annum, as previously held by Dr Rennie owing to the large number of natives in the locality, since Mrs Matthews commenced her Mission there, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of the payment of £ 20: per annum, so long as the Mission remains – afterwards to revert to the original amount, £ 15: per annum.

[Hamilton]

532
15th August 1900
J.B. Kennedy Esq, M.D.
Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., asking for information as to the nature & extent of your duties as Medical Officer to the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that Medical attendance & medicines for Aborigines in the employ of the Police or any other Government Department, would be included in your agreement with this Office. Your ?? for examination of a lunatic Aboriginal, as far as I know at present, is not included in your agreement & I will have the amount, £ 1. 1/-, paid to you ?? Bank of Adelaide in due course.
In cases where Aborigines are in private employ, I consider the employer should pay you or the Aboriginals, if they have the means.
M.C. Ireland in charge of the Aborigines Depot at Oodnadatta, would be able to assist you in ascertaining whether private employers of Aborigines were trying to impose on you or this department when Aboriginal patients are sent to you for Medical treatment.
I would be glad to have a more detailed statement from you of those cases to which you allude, when you say that “Rations are given to Aborigines who are working for private individuals.” I will then be better able to have enquiry made into the matter.

[Hamilton]
533a
20th August 1900
W. B. Shore Esq, M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., respecting the case of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp at Milang, I will communicate with M.C. Trounson, with a view to have Tripp removed to the Adelaide Hospital.
This Department is not liable for any Medical fees incurred for attendance on Aborigines, unless authority is previously obtained from the Honorable Minister controlling this department; - in special cases, the Police should be asked to obtain this authority.
Dr Norman of Goolwa now holds the appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines in that District.

533b
20th August 900
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Dr Shore of Strathalbyn informs me that a native named Bertie Tripp is ill at Milang & he considers he should go to the Hospital. Please advise me whether Tripp will do this or return to Point Macleay – as there is no Govt Medical Officer to attend to him at Milang – and Dr Shore has no authority to attend Aborigines unless specially authorised to do so.
If Tripp comes to the Hospital, please let me have a telegram saying when he leaves Milang for Adelaide.

534a
24th August 1900
John Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Your letter of the 22nd inst., addressed to Mrs E. Hirschausen, should have been handed to me, & a request made to have her daughter ?Lily? (who is now at Melrose) sent back to Adelaide.
I have known that family for some years past, the father, a German, is a ??? fellow, often in Gaol, now serving a sentence of 3 or 4 years for forging – the mother is a ½ caste native of S.A., the children almost European in appearance.
The girl at Melrose is 15 years old. She had a pass from me last April, at her mother’s request, to go to Port Pirie to a situation as domestic. Now it appears she is camping with Aborigines. It would be really a kind & charitable step to have her committed to the Reformatory School, till 18 years old. Will you try & have this done. Her mother cannot support her, as she has two younger children & they receive rations from this Office, for some years past.

534b
29th August 1900
Dr Englehart, Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter with reference to the case of Aboriginal James Gibson, whose removal you recommend to the Hospital, for an operation for hydatids – I enclose an order for his rail pass, to either Narracoorte or Mount Gambier Hospital – Narracoorte would be the nearest, if you consider his case can properly be treated there.
Please fill in names in the order enclosed.

[Hamilton]
535a  
31st August 1900  
Sergt Phelan  
Moonta  
A ¼ caste named ?Henry Taylor of Moonta wrote to this office recently with a view to obtain lease of a block of land at Poonindie. There are two Blocks there, of 96 & 58 acres, issued some time ago to two natives named Newchurch and Welsh – and it appears that neither of these men have been making any use of the land, or even living on it for several months past. 
Can you recommend Taylor as likely to live on the land and utilize it. If so, will you be good enough to let him know that his application, if made for either Block, will be submitted for the consideration of the Honourable Minister of Agriculture &c.  
[Hamilton]

535b  
13th September 1900  
M.C. Provis  
Innaminka  
Referring to your requisition of 1st inst., for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, I have wired [Mr] Manfield, the forwarding agent at Farina, and he informs me that there is no present opportunity to send up supplies to your Depot, but will advise me first chance that offers. 
Pending arrival of these Stores at Innamincka, you had better make best arrangements possible to relieve pressing cases of necessity by borrowing or purchasing enough for temporary use.  
[Hamilton]

536a  
14th September 1900  
Mr J. McGregor  
Woollen Factory  
Hindmarsh  
Sir,  
With reference to the Aborigines Blankets now being delivered by you at the General Post Office Stores, I have been requested by the Storekeeper to point out that as his storage space is limited, he would be glad if you would be good enough to have the remainder of the Blankets sent on in Bales of 50 each, and made as compact as possible. The two large bales of 100 each recently received, were very loose & took up more room than usual.  
[Hamilton]

536b  
19th September 1900  
Mr W. F. Smith  
Wirraminna  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., applying for the reopening of the Depot at Wirraminna for the issue of rations to the Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that as there is already a Depot at Coondambo, the opening of another at Wirraminna is considered unnecessary.  
[Hamilton]
537a
20th September 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd June last, enquiring whether there were any rejected railway sleepers &c – that might be available for repair of Jetty at Point Macleay Mission, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the Chief Storekeeper, Pt Adelaide, reports that the following Timber could be supplied as under, viz.,

100 Old Sleepers 5 to 7 ft x 9” x 4½” @ 9d each
100 “ 9 ft x 9” x “4½” @ 1/-
70 pieces of old red gum 6 to 7 ft x 6” x 4½” @ 4d each.

[Hamilton]

537b
20th September 1900
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Sir,
With reference to the payment of the balance £400:, Grant-in-Aid of Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for the year ended 30/6/1900, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Audit requires a Certified Copy of the Audited Balance Sheet of your Association for the year ended 30/6/1900.
Will you be good enough to have same forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

538a
24th September 1900
Mr M. Horslett
Wellington

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Wm Carter for a supply of Netting Twine &c – I have the honor to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office are mainly intended for the relief of the old, sick and infirm natives & if Carter is able to work and in receipt of 15/- a week & his food – he ought at present to be able to provide himself with what he requires.
As you are doubtless aware, the native character is such that they are very improvident and expect more to be done for them, than they are really entitled to. We sent large annual supplies to Point Macleay last May of the usual winter clothing, fishing Tackle &c, for the Lake natives.

[Hamilton]

538b
26th September 1900
The Manager
Hill River Station

Sir,
An Aboriginal named Tim Adams will be shearing at your Station this season; he holds a block of land near Moonta, under a free permit from the government, & was assisted in building a house. Water is laid on to the land, for which he is expected to pay the rates, now overdue to extent of £1.11.6.
I shall be glad if you could manage to get amount from him and remit it to me. The Minister insists on Adams being required to pay these rates, otherwise the water will be cut off from his premises – I fear Adams is too much addicted to spending a large proportion of his wages in liquor.

[Hamilton]
539a
27th September 1900
Mr Henry Ah Chee
[Oodnadatta]
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that you have married a half-caste Aboriginal woman named Minnie at Oodnadatta and asking whether you are entitled to a grant of land – I am directed to inform you that these grants are only made to Aboriginal natives of South Australia.

[Hamilton]

539b
29th September 1900
Mr J. Lindsay
Wallaroo
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., applying for some materials for the repair of the House occupied by you at Wallaroo – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.
Any blankets required for Aborigines about Wallaroo can be obtained from the Depot at Kadina.

[Hamilton]

540a
5th October 1900
M.C. Thorpe
Kingscote
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Aboriginal Boes will return to Kangaroo Island tomorrow – He seems to have recovered his health in the Hospital. Should he require any assistance, in the way of rations at any time, you can wire to me for instructions. As his block of land has not been improved and is apparently of little practical use to him, it is probable his lease will not be renewed.

[Hamilton]

540b
11th October 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 13th ulto. & 5th inst., reporting on the application of Aboriginal Albert Karloan & others for some assistance in cultivating their blocks of land and recommending that they be supplied with a plough and two scythes, and also a sow or heifer for each family, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of a plough and scythes being given to them, and also a heifer to each of the seven natives you refer to, the cost of the heifer not to exceed £ 3: each.
Please inform me when the plough and scythes will be required & shall I send them to Point Macleay – The heifers I infer you will undertake to procure in your District.

[Hamilton]
12th October 1900
M.C. Uppington, Murray Bridge
Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th inst., respecting the misconduct of Aborigines Beck and Johnston – I quite agree with you that firm steps should be taken to keep them away from the Bridge. It is almost useless sending them down to gaol – I think it makes them worse. Would it not be better, when they fail to keep away from your Township, to keep them in the local lock-up, as long as you can, on short commons, and if possible, repeat the treatment till they clear out. If you consider it desirable, you need not act on my letter of yesterday as to supplying the rations at Murray Bridge, unless you find that giving these rations will induce them to go away either to Mannum or Wellington.

25th October 1900
Dr Engelhart, Kingston

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal John Gall, would it be desirable to have him removed to the Mission Station at Point Macleay. If so, I will communicate with the Manager there to see if he could be admitted. I suppose his condition is not such as to require Hospital treatment. Neither is he a fit subject for the Lunatic Asylum. Perhaps it would be well for you to see M.C. Danne, who might be able to arrange for him to receive his rations from the Depot at Kingston, which might be the best way to deal with him.

30th October 1900
Mr M. Horslett
Wellington East
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Archie Blackmore, for a boat, towards cost of which he offers to pay £ 2. 10/-, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c inform you that, enquiry having been made herein, it appears that Blackmore, who is known at Point Macleay as Frank, when he went shearing, signed an agreement with Mr Garnett, the Manager of the Mission Station, to have his cheque paid to Mr Garnett, as Blackmore owed money to the Mission Store, and now having failed to keep his promise – his request for a boat cannot be complied with at present until he returns to Point Macleay & Mr Garnett is able to report favourably of him.

8th November 1900
Mr Matthew Kropinyeri
Narracoorte
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., respecting the case of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he declines to supply you with any information until you apologise for the rude & uncourteous style of your letter to me. On receipt of a civil and courteous request from you, the Minister will have due enquiry made into the matters you call attention to.
543a
9th November 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has had under his
consideration, the evils resulting from the presence of a large number of idle and disorderly Aborigines
about Mannum for some months past, and I am directed to state that, in future the issue of rations at
Mannum is to be restricted to the few natives belonging to that locality entitled to relief.
[Hamilton]

543b
10th November 1900
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., with reference to Boats and their repair for Aborigines at Mannum,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of the
following expenditure herein, viz., the half-cost of Boat for Aboriginal Disher £ 4. 20/-, and the repair of
Mason’s & Perry’s Boats for £ 3: & £ 1. 10/- each.
The other requests from Lindsay & Hunter to stand over till you can recommend them & half the cost
obtained from them.
[Hamilton]

544a
20th November 1900
M.C. Clarke
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that a report
has reached this office, that the Aborigines on the West Coast are given to practising very objectionable
customs, especially when the wild natives from the interior come down to the Coast & visit the more
civilized ones. Have any instances of this come under your notice or any complaints made to you, & if
so, what steps have been taken to suppress the practices referred to.
[Hamilton]

544b
22nd November 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., applying for Boats for three old Aboriginal men at Point Macleay, I
have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to enquire whether you can
undertake to have these boats built at the Mission Station. If unable to do so, will you advise me
whether any suitable Boat, new or second hand, can be purchased in your District, and what would be
their cost?
[Hamilton]
25th November 1900
W. P. Shore Esq, M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
When you are making your next trip to Milang, will you be good enough to pay a visit to an Aboriginal named **Bertie Tripp**, who is camped in front of the Pier Hotel, on the shore of the Lake. **Tripp** has been in the Adelaide Hospital twice for some time – and suffers from some kind of Chronic Paralysis. I saw him a few days ago, and he asked to be supplied with some “?? Medicine” &c ?? If you would kindly advise me what medicine would be useful to him, and send me the prescription, I will obtain it from our Chemist, who has the Government Contract.

Mr **Matthew Kropinyeri**
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., respecting Aboriginal **Bertie Tripp**, I have the honor to inform you that when recently visiting Milang, I found that **Tripp** is in receipt of Rations forwarded to him from Point Macleay. I have had him supplied with material for covering his wurlie, and also requested Dr Shore of Strathalbyn to pay him a visit and prescribe any medicines necessary.

Mr **G. E. Schultz**
Koonibba
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st October last, (which did not arrive here till the 19th inst.) I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the case of cancer of an Aboriginal which you call attention to is a difficult one to deal with, being usually of an incurable nature. The Medical man you refer to at Penong is not fully qualified - probably the best way would be to send this native to Adelaide or to the Port Lincoln Hospital for treatment. You have not advised me fully as to the exact nature of this disease – and length of time he has suffered from it.

Mr **G. E. Schultz**
Koonibba
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting purchase of Boat for Aboriginal **James Unaipon**, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Garnett, the Manager of Point Macleay, has been authorised to obtain Boats for two or three old natives, one of whom is **Unaipon** – the Boat you mention for purchase at Goolwa for £ 7:, will probably be taken – I will let you know by Tuesday next, as I shall not expect a reply from Mr Garnett before Monday. Will you have the offer of this boat held over till then.
547a
29th November 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., re 3 boats for Aborigines at Point Macleay, I have not yet had a
reply from you to my query whether these boats could be obtained in your vicinity.
I have ascertained from M.C. Ewens of Goolwa that he has seen a new pram at £ 7: which would suit
Aboriginal Unaipon. This price is rather more than our usual boats cost (£ 6: to £ 6: 10/-). There is a
flat-bottom Pram at Milang almost new, which could be obtained for about £ 4. 10/- - would this do for
one of the applicants.

[Hamilton]

547b
5th December 1900
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to forward herewith a
permit for Aboriginal Henry Taylor to occupy the Block of land at Poonindie (Sect. 121 E &c).
Will you be good enough to hand the same to Taylor and inform me when he intends proceeding to the
land.

[Hamilton]

548a
7th December 1900
Mr Ephraim Tripp
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, asking for assistance to purchase a fishing net for yourself and
Aboriginal M. [Mansell] Tripp and George Stonewell, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture
&c to inform you that your request has been approved. I enclose order on Mr Goode of Goolwa to
supply the net to the extent of 30/- which you can choose to obtain.

[Hamilton]

548b
7th December 1900
Mr Reuben Walker
Goolwa
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for lease of Section 1097 (should be 1077), Hundred of
Seymour, I am directed to inform you that this Section is leased to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association,
and you had better write to Mr Dalton, Cavendish Chambers, Grenfell Street, Adelaide, who will be able
to say whether this Section is available.

[Hamilton]
10th December 1900
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th ulto. & the 7th inst., respecting the three Boats for the Aborigines at Point Macleay, I have the honor to inform you that these have been obtained at Goolwa – they are of a better class and more costly than those usually supplied to Aborigines, - Unaipon has received one & you might arrange to have the others sent for – they will be delivered by Mr Craig on receipt of your order – two of these Boats are varnished & one painted.
The varnished ones will require painting in in a few months to save the wood – they ought to have Tar on outside to water mark – and remainder painted. You will be able to have this done at the Station when you think it is required.

549b
11th December 1900
Mr John Solomon
Poonindie
Port Lincoln
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., respecting the disposal of the land recently leased to Aborigines Newchurch and Welsh at Poonindie, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this land has been allotted to Henry Taylor of Moonta.

550a
11th December 1900
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., pointing out the desirability of a Boat being placed under your charge for the use of the Aborigines at Goolwa – I am directed to inform you that your request has been approved by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c. You can therefore obtain one of the four Boats offered by Mr Craig to this Department, to be kept under your supervision and lent to Aborigines, when you consider it necessary.
Aboriginal James Unaipon of Point Macleay is to have one of these Boats, and the other two will be sent to Mr Garnett at Point Macleay. He will forward Mr Craig an order for their delivery. Please have a hole in bow thwart for mast and a step also made – Mr Craig promised to have them done.

550b
12th December 1900
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., re Aboriginal boy Karpany in Hospital, I have made enquiry today & am informed his condition is improving & he will be out of bed in a day or so – but it is not yet known when he can return home.
I think his people at Murray Bridge had better not wait any longer there, but go to their homes. The boy will be sent up when ready, to either Murray Bridge or Tailem Bend for Wellington.
551a
13th December 1900
M.C. Opie, Port Germein
Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., seeking information as to payment of Cemetery Curator’s fees for burial of Aboriginal woman Salter, I have the honor to inform you that all necessary and reasonable charges for burial of Aborigines are paid by this Office. You can therefore certify Mr Bessen’s a/c, and forward it here for payment. It would be well to state clearly in Mr ?Harris’ a/c £ 2. 10/-, what this charge includes, whether for coffin only or other charges.

[Hamilton]

551b
13th December 1900
E. E. Woode Esq, M.D., Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., submitting request for the increase of your annual Stipend from £20: to £ 30: as Medical Officer to the Aborigines at Mannum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that as the Mission to the Natives at Mannum is not likely to be continued in that place, there will be no necessity for any increase to your stipend.

[Hamilton]

552a
20th December 1900
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., applying for Two additional Boats for Aborigines at Point Macleay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with at present.

[Hamilton]

552b
20th December 1900
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to Aboriginal Bertie Tripp at Milang, I have the honor to inform you that Dr Shore of Strathalbyn recently saw Tripp and advised me that he requires nourishing food, - I have sent an order to have Tripp supplied with a lb of meat daily for a month. He seems still opposed to returning to Point Macleay. He was supplied with a Boat some time ago. Could you ascertain whether it is of any service to him, as if not, it could be given to another native more in need of it.

[Hamilton]

553a
2nd January 1901
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D., Hergott
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 10th ulto., stating that you are unable to sign agreement as Medical Officer to Aborigines for year 1901, for the sum £ 25: per annum hitherto paid to you, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of your annual stipend being fixed at £ 40:.
Please alter the agreement by striking out £ 25: & insert £ 40: and return same to me.

[Hamilton]
553b
2nd January 1901
MC. Teate
Mannum

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that you can obtain a suitable Boat for £5: for Aboriginal Sam Disher, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the purchase of this Boat has been approved.
I am still holding over a cheque for £2.5/- drawn in November last in favour of Westergaard & Co., for part payment of a Boat. Please inform me if you are able to arrange for its payment.

[Hamilton]

554a
4th January 1901
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence with you on the subject of your letter (209/00) of the 22/6/00 – enquiring whether any old railway sleepers &c would be available for repair of the Point Macleay Jetty – I now find on further enquiry herein, that the Resident Engineer of the Southern Railway reports – “When the relaying of the Line starts (but when that will be I cannot at present say) I can supply 2nd hand sleepers at Goolwa. The other materials I cannot supply.”

[Hamilton]

554b
4th January 1901
The Revd. L. Kuchel
Tanunda

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that you have been elected Chairman of the Lutheran Mission Board in place of the late Pastor G. J. Rechner, and in reply to your query whether you could travel at reduced railway fare to Hergott, I am directed to inform you that this Office has no power to issue rail passes to other than Aborigines, and then full fares are charged to this department by the railway authorities.
I forward the usual Forms A., B. and C., for the financial returns from Killalpaninna Mission for 1900 – (in duplicate) one copy to be furnished to this office.

[Hamilton]

555a
5th January 1901
Mr E. K. Baker, G.P.O.
Adelaide

Sir,
Referring to your letter of this date, requesting loan of 50 Aborigines Blankets for the use of “All Souls” Church Choir Camp, I have the honor to forward you herewith order to obtain these Blankets.
You will of course undertake that they will be taken care of and returned in due course to the Aboriginal Storekeeper.

[Hamilton]
555b
4th January 1901
Corporal Noble, Penola
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that a further supply of rations are required for Aboriginal
Yallum Jacky, You are authorised to purchase the following articles, viz.-
20 lbs Sugar
4 lbs Tea
1 lb Tobacco

[Hamilton]

556a
5th January 1901
M.C. Ewens, Goolwa
I enclose orders dated 26/12/00 for the supply of Meat, Bread & Milk for a month for the sick native
Leah Seymour.
Please insert names of persons who supply – in the orders.

[Hamilton]

556b
10th January 1901
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to request that you will be
good enough to forward a return showing the progress made during the past year by the Aborigines
who hold blocks of land in your Districts. The forms for these returns are now sent in separate parcel by
this post.
If you can let me have them in say a month, if you can obtain the information in that time, it will be soon
enough.

[Hamilton]

557a
11th January 1901
S. C. Rumball
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to get the enclosed returns filled up, and sent
to me, as soon as you have an opportunity of obtaining the information.
There is no imminent urgency – a month or so hence, will be soon enough.
When you see Geo. Karpany, would you inform him that his request for additional block of Land is still
under consideration of the Crown Lands Department. When the matter is decided, he will get a reply in
due course.

[Hamilton]


**557b-559a**

16th January 1901

Messrs Adams, Hughes, Sansbury &c &c

Point Pierce Mission

Referring to your letters of the 6th & 12th inst., containing statement of the complaints made to your Committee, which you think ought to be settled in your favour, I have the honor to inform you that this matter has been under the consideration of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, and I am directed to inform you that the stand you take in opposition to the Rules of your Institution does not appear justified.

The rule that able-bodied men should work two days a week in consideration of getting rations for themselves, their wives & families, if any, is under the circumstances a reasonable one, a similar rule has been in force at Point Macleay Mission for some [almost illegible] time .... Two members of your Committee [558] visited Point Pierce on the 5th & 6th inst. and discussed this question with you. Your Committee find it necessary to make a reduction in wages, as work can be found for a limited number only. If any of you can obtain employment at ?Baker Ranges?, away from the Mission Station, you are of course free to do so.

Your statement, that the Committee said they would close the Station is not quite correct. What was said was – that if you persisted in disobeying the Rules of the Institution, it might lead to the Government resuming the land, and breaking up the Station.

Your action in stopping work and putting the committee to the expense of employing white men to look after the sheep & other work, is against your own interests, and I would strongly advise you to reconsider your position, and comply with the rules of the Institution, which under the circumstances are not unreasonable, and do not inflict any hardship upon you.

With regard to your wish that the School should be under the Education Department, The small number of children of School-going age?? and the difficulties experienced in complying with the Conditions and requirements of the ?? Department have ?? operated against this arrangement being carried on - [559a] The Government is not unmindful of your interests, as a special Grant of £ 150: has now been made to enable more cottages to be built at the Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

**559b**

17th January 1901

B. G. Lathern Esq

Sec: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., with reference to the complaints made by Aborigines of the Point Pierce Mission touching the Management of that Station, I have the honor to inform you that the matter has been under the consideration of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c and the Aborigines have been informed that the stand they take in opposition to the Rules of the Institution, does not appear to be justified.

I have advised them to reconsider their position and comply with the requirements of the Committee, which are not, under the circumstances, unreasonable, & do not inflict any hardship upon them.

One of their complaints is that they wish the Mission School to be under the Education Department – You did not allude to this matter in your letter of the 10th inst., - Will you be good enough to state whether it would be any advantage to have this school brought under the Education Department, and are your Committee in favour of such being done?

[Hamilton]
560a
18th January 1901
The Revd Emil Kriewaldt
Lobethal
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., enquiring if I would take charge of money collected by a Congregation, for relief of the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that I will be happy to do so, and carry out your instructions as to its distribution.
The Mission Station at Point Macleay, on the Lakes, where there are nearly 300 Natives, is always glad to obtain any contributions as they have to make up about £ 250: annually before they can claim the government grant in aid of the Institution.

560b
19th January 1901
Messrs G. K. Adams
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
On the 24th ulto., a roll of Hessian, 72 ins [wide], was ordered for this Department & on the 12th inst., your attention was drawn to its non-delivery.
As it has not yet reached the Aboriginal Storekeeper – I am directed to state that if not delivered by 12 o’clock noon, on Monday the 21st inst., it will be purchased elsewhere at your risk in accordance with Clause 3, of General Conditions of Contract.

561a
19th January 1901
The Chief Storekeeper
Pubic Stores
Port Adelaide
Please note that on the 24th ulto., a roll of Hessian, 72 ins @ 7d, was ordered from G. K. Adams & Co for this Department. Not having been furnished by the 12th inst., their attention was called to its non-delivery – up to this date the Hessian has not been delivered to the Aboriginal Storekeeper, General Post Office Stores.
Please advise me as to the proper course now to be taken herein.

561b
21 January 1901
M.C. Barker
Robe
Sir,
A gentleman who has been recently staying at Robe has just called my attention to an Aboriginal named Stead who with his wife & four or five children, lives at Robe, and is sometimes in need of rations from the Depot when he is out of employment.
Stead is stated to be sober and willing to work when he can obtain it – He told this gentleman he believed instructions were issued from this Office that he was to have the rations. I am not aware of such – You will of course know all about Stead’s case & when you consider it necessary – give him assistance from the Depot.

[Hamilton]
562a
22nd January 1901
Mr Geo. Karpany
Wellington
Referring to your letter of the 15th ulto., applying for a Lease of section 1078, Hundred of Seymour, I have the honor by direction of the Honoroble the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that this section is not at present available, being let on lease, which will not expire till September 1905.

[Hamilton]

562b
2nd January 1901
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th ulto., submitting request that legal proceedings be taken with a view to the prosecution of White Fisherman, who recently were charged with supplying intoxicating liquor to Aborigines at Point Macleay, I have the honor by direction of the Honoroble the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, after full enquiry herein, the Crown Solicitor reports that the evidence obtained herein would, in his opinion, render it impossible to secure a conviction. If the Association desire legal assistance in cases of supplying the Aborigines with liquor, there ought to be supplied to the authorities, some reliable evidence on which to base a prosecution.

[Hamilton]

563a
24th January 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that Aboriginal Joe Walker is desirous of receiving £ 3: towards cost of a cottage he is building on his land on the Coorong, in lieu of the cost of a heifer, which he was to receive, I have the honor to inform you that the Honoroble Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of Walker’s request, and the money will be paid on receipt of a certified a/c from you that the Cottage has been built.

[Hamilton]

563b
5th February 1901
The Chief Protector Aborigines
Perth W.A.
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th ulto., enquiring concerning Mr B. G. Edwards, formerly Manager of the Point Pierce Mission Station, in South Australia, I have the honor to inform you that I have made enquiries herein, and now forward you to replies, with the required information.

[Hamilton]
6th February 1901
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th ulto., reporting the case of a European man living with Aboriginal Lotty McGrath in the Blacks’ camp at Port Victor, and seeking instructions how to deal with the matter, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, the question has been referred to the Crown Law Offices, who report “that this is a matter that can only be dealt with by Legislation.”

[Hamilton]

7th February 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st ulto., enquiring whether Aborigines shooting game &c, under certain circumstances, is legal or illegal, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, Aboriginal natives have only the same rights as to shooting game, as white men, excepting that they have the privilege of taking game on Crown Lands, Pastoral Lands, and Aboriginal Reserves, for food for themselves and families, at any time of the year.
They have no legal right to go on private property, for the purpose of shooting or taking game without the permission of the owner.
There is no objection to their shooting game on a road, so long as they do so without interfering with the Traffic thereon.

[Hamilton]

12th February 1901
M.C. Meischel
Normanville
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., calling attention to the case of several Aborigines who have arrived at Normanville in a destitute state, seeking rations, I have the honor to inform you that these people belong to the Mission Station at Point Macleay, and as they have a home there it is not considered desirable to encourage their wandering about the Country, especially as Karloan recently applied for and obtained a block of land on the Coorong.
Frank Blackmore has one of the School girls with him for whom he signed an agreement to leave her at the Mission School & he is now liable to punishment if he breaks it
– It would be well to do what you can to persuade this party to return to their own District, - to enable them to travel home, you can obtain a supply of rations for them, say

| 25 | lbs | flour |
| 6  | lbs | sugar |
| 2  | lbs | Tea  |

[Hamilton]
**567a**
12th February 1901
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Sir,
in reply to your letter of the 11th inst., reporting the case of the abduction of Aboriginal Ethel Beck by a white man named Henry Graety, I have seen the Crown Solicitor today on the subject, but the result is not very satisfactory, as it appears the Law will not allow of any proceedings against the man for his immorality. Could you not bring the girl away from him & return her to her camp & relatives – he could not assist you without bringing himself into trouble. Does Mrs Beck allow her daughter to live with this man? You could assume that the girl is under age, when bringing her away from Graety & you would not run much risk even though you were perhaps a little outside the limits of the Law.

**[Hamilton]**

**567b**
12th February 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., submitting application from Aboriginals Unaipon and Seymour for a block of land at Point Sturt, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that there is no land available in that locality.

**[Hamilton]**

**568a**
20th February 1901
S. Lathern Esq
Moonta Mines
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd ulto., stating there would be no objection to having the Mission School at Point Pierce, provisionally inspected by the Education Department, & that your Committee would be well pleased if such could be done, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the District Inspector of Schools, has been instructed to visit the Point Pierce School, once a year, as is done at the Point Macleay Station.

**[Hamilton]**

**568b**
21st February 1901
W. E. Frazer Esq
Bank of Adelaide
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., forwarding a communication from your manager at Cadelgo Station [near Lake Blanche], representing the destitute condition of the Aborigines at that locality, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that, he has approved of a supply of Aborigines rations & blankets to be forwarded to Mr Wimberley, Cadelgo, by first opportunity via Hergott, c/- J. W. Manfield.

**[Hamilton]**
22nd February 1901
The Revd L. Kaibel
Tanunda
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., containing report on the condition of the Aborigines at the Killalpaninna Mission Station. I have also received a letter from your Manager there, Mr Wellengel, showing the extent to which the extreme drought in the Far North has affected the well-being of the natives, and the necessity for further supplies for their relief.
In reply, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supplementary supply of rations will be forwarded to the Mission Station, as soon as transport arrangements can be made to send them from Hergott.

8th March 1901
M.C. Teate
Mannum
I note from your last return (February 01) that Aboriginal Lindsay & Family appear to be still at Mannum as he obtained a boat, I understand he was about to return to his section of land at Pyap – Can you not manage to send him there? he has no right to continue to have himself & family living on Govt rations & making no effort to support himself, especially as he has now this land & was supplied with wire netting to protect it.
M.C. Pyne, Renmark, visited this land, saw the wire netting lying on it & not put up.

11th March 1901
Mr T. Pinkerton
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that your a/c £ 1 3 4, for meat for Aborigines, has been rendered several times through M.C. Dunne, I have the honor to inform you that, no such a/c has yet been received in this office. I have written to M.C. Dunne about this matter.
I find that the last a/c paid to you was for ?9/8 for meat supplied in August 1896.

13th March 1901
Mr G. R. Banks
Stuart’s Creek
Sir,
Referring to your Aborigines return for February last, containing request for additional supply of Stores to be sent up during current month, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the quantity of rations issued at Stuart’s Creek during the past few months has been considerably in excess of the issues during previous years.
As rains appear to have been general in the Far North, the pressure on the Depots will doubtless be lessened during the coming season, the Aborigines will be able to distribute themselves over the country & will not be so dependent on the Depot supplies.
571
Returned to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c, respectfully stating that the information sought for by the writer can be obtained from the numerous works that have been published from time to time about the Aborigines of Australia and their folklore &c. I append a list of these –

1, “Taplin’s Aboriginal Folklore” – (This work has been out of print & unobtainable for some years past.)

2, “The Native Tribes of South Australia,” (comprises various publications, E. S. Wigg & Son, Rundle Street, Adelaide, 1879.)


To obtain further information beyond what is given in these works, the writer would have to visit the Aborigines on the interior away from the settled Districts.

[Hamilton]

572a
13th March 1901
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., respecting the supply of meat rations to Aboriginal Bertie Tripp who has been absent from Milang, please have the order altered, that was issued for February last, so that the meat rations can be continued for a month.

[Hamilton]

572b
18th March 1901
M.C. Dunne, Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., forwarding a/c £ 1. 3. 4, from T. Pinkerton for meat for aborigines, I find that 4/8 of this amount was paid, through you, to Mr Pinkerton in November last. I now enclose order for 18/8, the balance due.
A/cs should be rendered every three months to the Govt – when they exceed this time, they are queried by the Commissioner of Audit, and trouble and delay arise in getting them passed for payment.
Please not this in future, - in the case of Pinkerton’s a/c, he renders items now for what was incurred in May, altho he was paid for what was supplied in August 1896. This shows that the May items were probably mislaid or never rendered, as I have no record of them having reached this office.
Be good enough to have the enclosed a/cs (illegible) receipted & returned to me without delay?? ?? before end of month.

[Hamilton]
20th March 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal John Sumner, whether there are two Aboriginal reserves available, which are situated between Bull’s Neck and The Meadows, near Strathalbyn – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that these sections are no longer Aboriginal reserves, having been let on perpetual leases.

19th March 1901
The Resident Medical Officer
Lunatic Asylum
Parkside
Sir,
With reference to half-caste boy Walter Lee, who was recently sent from the Adelaide Hospital to the Asylum, I will be glad if you can favour me with a report on his condition & prospect of recovery at your convenience.
I tried to get this lad admitted to the Minda Home at Fullarton, but the Case was not considered eligible for that Institution. Lee met with an accident at Point Macleay, a wagon wheel having went over him, and apparently the shock injured his spine, depriving him of speech to some extent, and affecting his mind &c.

M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., enquiring on behalf of Aborigines Morris and Nettoon, the cost of single barrel guns, I have the honor to inform you that I have ascertained at Messrs Harris, Scarfe & Co., the guns in question range in price as under: 29/-, 33/-, 36/-, & 40/- each. They are all tested and said to be reliable. Powder flasks from 2/6 each & shot pouches 2/6 & 3/- each. When you get the money from the natives & remit it to me, I will obtain & forward you the Guns &c, which may be selected.

20th March 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Referring to your request re gun sent up by Aboriginal Bill Carter for repair – I find its cost would be 27/6, the Stock is crooked and will require ?brane? plates &c. The locks are also in bad condition & new ramrod required &c. Can you manage to get a portion of the cost paid, as the repairs necessary are more costly than usual.
575
21st March 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Some time ago you sent a boy named Walter Lee to the Hospital who had met an accident from a wheel of a dray passing over him - he was discharged & returned to Point Macleay – about a month ago he was sent again to the Hospital by the Police at Victor Harbor under the name Walter Bowman, apparently suffering from some mental trouble as he seemed unable to speak properly or feed himself. He was in the Hospital on a short notice as they could do nothing for him.
I tried to get him admitted to Minda Home for the Weak-Minded children at Fullarton, and took him out there to be examined by the Matron & Doctor – but he was not considered eligible for admission to that Institution, - he returned to the Hospital from whence he was sent to the Lunatic Asylum on the 5th inst. I now enclose you a report from the Colonial Surgeon & Resident Medical Officer, containing his opinion of the case.
Please inform me whether you can take this boy back to the Mission Station, which seems the best place for him – he is quiet and harmless, but would require a steady & kind native to look after him.
[Hamilton]

576
20th March 1901
The Revd. N. Wettengel
Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that you are bringing a native girl from Hergott to Freeling and requesting a return rail pass for her and also a single pass from Hergott to Oodnadatta, I have the honor to inform you that it is not usual to issue these passes except in cases of natives requiring Hospital or Medical treatment, or on case of any pressing necessity.
You do not mention any reason for bringing this native from the Mission Station, and why she has to go to Oodnadatta.
The Railway Department charges this Office with all the fares for Aborigines, - in this case the fares amount to over £ 4:. As you appear not to have been aware of this, I send you an order for the return rail pass from Hergott to Freeling.
The name of the girl should be written in the order before handing it to the Stationmaster at Hergott.
[Hamilton]

577a
25th March 1901
W. L. Cleland Esq
Resident Medical Officer
Parkside L. Asylum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., re the case of the aboriginal boy Walter Bowman [Lee], I have communicated with Mr Garnett, the Manager, Point Macleay Mission, and he now advises me that Bowman can return to the Station where he will arrange to have him looked after.
When an early opportunity occurs of a native man returning from Adelaide to Point Macleay, who can take charge of Bowman on the journey, I will come to the Asylum for him. Will you kindly leave the necessary instructions for him to be delivered up to me.
[Hamilton]
577b
27th March 1901
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., asking that the control of Sect. 430, Hundred of Baker, may be
handed over to your Association, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of
Agriculture &c to inform you that this Section and also Sects 272 & 429, Hundred of Baker, leased to the
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, are used by Messrs Charley, Doolette & Co., in exchange for part Sect.
218, Hundred of Baker, to be used by your Association.

[Hamilton]

578a
27th March 1901
S. Latham Esq
Moonta Mines
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., addressed to the Honorable Treasurer, requesting payment of
£150:, the amount placed on the Estimates, Aborigines, ??, for current year, as a Special Building Grant
in aid of the Point Pierce Mission, I have the honor to inform you that the amount will be payable at this
office about the 7th proxo.
I enclose procuration order form to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect the
money.

[Hamilton]

578b
1st April 1901
P. Guinand Esq, M.D.
Murray Bridge
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., stating that you have taken over the practice of Dr Smeaton and
applying for the appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines there, I have the honor by direction of the
Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that he has approved of your appointment
herein as Medical Officer to Aborigines on same terms as held by Dr Smeaton, viz., £ 10: per annum.
I enclose the usual form of agreement in duplicate, one copy of which please return to me when signed
by you.

[Hamilton]

579a
2nd April 1901
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., respecting the removal of Aboriginal Lindsay & family to Pyap, If
you send them by the “Ruby” Steamer next Friday, as you suggest, is it certain that they will reach
Morgan, as it will not do to leave them at any place where they would not be able to go on from, or get
any assistance in the way of food, if hard up.
If there was early prospect of river rising to enable Steamer to reach Pyap, it would be better.
Can you propose any other arrangement?

[Hamilton]
4th April 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the application of **Pompey Jackson** has been approved for Blocks of land for himself and Son, on the Coorong.
Will you be good enough to hand him the enclosed Permit to occupy same.

[Hamilton]

17th April 1901
M. C. McCarthy
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarding a letter from the Local Board of Health, with an extract from the Health Officer’s reports, complaining of the insanitary state of the Aborigines’ Camps near Border Town – and recommending that the natives should have better houses &c, and more liberal treatment as regards Rations &c.,
In reply I would point out that your instructions (Copy enclosed) provide for the issue of all needful requirements, - you might submit this copy of instructions for the information of the Board of Health.
With respect to better houses for Aborigines – Iron sheds have been erected in some places which the natives rarely if ever lived in, - those who knew the habits and ways of these people will readily understand how difficult it is to get them to make any improvement in their way of living,
- even at Point Macleay Mission Station, where there are about 30 Cottages, many of the Aborigines continue to live in their nondescript wurlies on the Shores of the Lake, beside the Mission Station.
With a view to induce the natives at Border Town to keep their camp in a more healthy state, you might refuse to issue their rations, especially their Tobacco, until they cleaned up and burned all rubbish and objectionable matter.
What distance is their present Camp from the nearest house in the township ?

[Hamilton]

18th April 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., requesting on behalf of Aboriginal **A. Cameron**, that a lease of 160 acres of land at Loveday Bay, Hundred of Baker, be granted to his wife in her own name, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that both a husband and wife are not entitled to separate Blocks of land of 160 acres each, - an Aboriginal wife cannot hold land unless judicially separated from her husband, and living apart.

[Hamilton]
581b
18th April 1901
Mr H. McConville
Angipena
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., suggesting that a number of Aborigines be brought from the Far North to Adelaide, on the occasion of the Royal visit by the Duke & Duchess of York in July next, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, to comply with your request would be undesirable, as it would lead to considerable expense, and July being usually the coldest and wettest month of the year – such an expedition would probably entail more or less suffering on the part of the Aborigines composing it.

[Hamilton]

582a
19th April 1901
Mr A. H. Miller
Sec: Local Board of Health
Edithburgh
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., asking that steps may be taken to provide some better accommodation for the Aborigines living on the Park lands at Edithburgh by the erection of an iron shed, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c considers it undesirable to encourage the natives to locate themselves permanently in the vicinity of Townships, where they have temptations to lead a lazy, drunken life, - he would be glad to learn whether the few old natives about Edithburgh could be induced to go to the Mission Station at Point Pierce where they would find a home & be looked after.

[Hamilton]

582b
19th April 1901
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me as to the proper course to adopt to obtain a Roll of Hessian, 72 in heavy, - The contractor appears to be G. H. Adams & Co. I called at their place today, to give them the order to supply the Hessian, but the person in charge of this business could not say whether they had the Hessian or not.
You will remember we had some trouble and delay last time with Adams & Co., who failed to supply an order for this Hessian, - and you instructed me to obtain it at Private Purchase rate. Which was done.

[Hamilton]
583
19th April 1901
The Manager of the
Adelaide Milling Co.
King William Street
Sir,
I have the honor to draw your attention to a report recently received from the Officer in Charge of the Aborigines Depot at Cowell, Franklin Harbor, in which he states “that the flour supplied by the Adelaide Milling Co. on the last two occasions, was of very inferior quality, that it appeared to have black flakes in it, and the Aborigines informed him, they would not mix it, as it stuck to their hands like gum.”
I will be glad if you will be good enough to have some enquiry made into this matter.
I have written for a sample of the flour complained of, & will submit it to you, on its receipt.
[Hamilton]

584a
20th April 1901
M.C. Meischel, Normanville
Sir,
Referring to your report of the 17th inst., respecting the removal of a party of fourteen aborigines from Normanville to Port Victor, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c declines to sanction the expense required for providing these natives with a ?conveyance to Port Victor – They belong to the Point Macleay District, and left their homes and travelled to Normanville in their own way – and I presume can return in the same manner.
[Hamilton]

584b
22nd April 1901
Mr John Wilson, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., applying for lease of Block of land at Loveday Bay, Hundred of Baker, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that the land referred to is not available.
[Hamilton]

585a
22nd April 1901
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Please inform me if there will be some old suits of clothing from the Railway Department available again this year, - they seem to be looked for by our natives now as a usual thing and are very acceptable.
I would like to know how many suits can be supplied, and if there will be any overcoats.
[Hamilton]

585b
22nd April 1901
M. C. Willshire, Cowell
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., reporting that the flour supplied to you Depot on the last two occasions was of inferior quality – I have written to the Adelaide Milling Co. who sent the flour – their Manager reports that the flour supplied was their ordinary household, a fine & sound flour.
Are you sure that the flour sent to you was not tampered with in any way ? or was it injured by damp or vermin &c – Have you safe storage for it ?
[Hamilton]
586a
26th April 1901
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that the Government Storekeeper, General Post Office, reports that the Roll of Hessian ordered on the 23rd inst., has not yet been delivered by you at the GPO Stores, I am directed to state that in default of this Hessian being delivered by 12 o’clock noon, tomorrow the 27th inst., I have been instructed to obtain it elsewhere at your risk.

[Hamilton]

586b
26th April 1901
Messrs W. & T. Rhodes
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that the 1 dozen American Axes delivered by you yesterday to the Aboriginal Storekeeper are a very mixed lot of inferior quality – not equal to what you have previously supplied on other occasions.
Will you be good enough to have them exchanged for others of Hurds or an approved brand.

[Hamilton]

587a
26th April 1901
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Referring to your report re non-arrival of Aborigines Blankets at Mannum, I find they were forwarded from Adelaide on the 22nd inst., the Storekeeper’s staff being very busy with Post Office stores, caused some delay herein.
Our funds for current financial year being nearly expended, I cannot supply you with any more serge at present. The natives about Mannum obtain a liberal allowance of assistance from this office considering their lazy, idle habits &c.
A number of them are now about the City and complaints reach me of their misconduct.

[Hamilton]

587b
2nd May 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal John Sumner, whether there is a block of land, available for him to obtain on an Aboriginal lease, situated in the Point Macleay District or nearer your side of Strathalbyn, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture &c to enclose two plans showing the only pieces of available land in the District referred to.
Please return these plans with your reply.

[Hamilton]
588a
3rd May 1901
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
With reference to the supply of firewood for the use of the infirm and sick Aborigines at Goolwa, I notice from your last a/c, that the charge was 10/- a ton for the firewood. We have a contract for a year’s supply at the Victor Harbor Depot at the rate of 6/5 a ton. Can you manage to obtain offers from some of your local firewood cutters, if the rate per ton they are willing to supply wood to the Depot at Goolwa – including weighbridge note which is given with the wood at Victor Harbor. [Hamilton]

588b
6th May 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Replied to your letter of the 26th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Peter Gollan for some Galvanized iron in lieu of the heifer previously promised for him, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Agriculture &c has approved of your request. Please advise me what length of sheet would be most useful to supply. You did not mention this in your letter and shall I send the iron to you at Point Macleay or to any other address. [Hamilton]

589a
8th May 1901
M.C. Opie
Port Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., with reference to medical attendance for Aboriginal E. Brooks, you can if actually necessary obtain another visit from Dr Bain to this native. As there is no government Medical Officer at Port Germein, it should be understood that the funds at disposal of this Office will not permit of continual Medical attendance to Aborigines unless in serious cases where life may be in danger. [Hamilton]

589b
8th May 1901
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Referring to your Aborigines Return for last month, the issues of Flour and sugar appear as under –

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The sugar issue is in excess of the Scale, vide (Copy of Instructions herewith) – the quantity of Sugar to correspond with the 241 lbs Flour, should be 30 lbs only – instead of 100 lbs. [Hamilton]
590a
9th May 1901
Mr H. McConville, Angipena
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., applying for a further supply of Aborigines Stores, I am directed
to inform you that, as the funds at disposal of this Office for remainder of the current financial year are
nearly exhausted, I can forward you now only a smaller supply of rations for the aborigines.
As the season has improved with the fall of rain, the natives in your District will probably be able to
disperse themselves more for hunting or seeking employment so that they will be less dependent on the
issues from the Depot.

[Hamilton]

590b
16th May 1901
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., with reference to the case of the native boy Walter Lee, I regret
to hear you have so much trouble dealing with it. I did all I could to have him taken into some
Institution here. He was in the Hospital, then in the L. Asylum, and my efforts to have him admitted to
the Home for Weak-minded Children were not successful.
It appears that being an institution supported by fees paid by the patients’ parents &c, it was feared if
an Aboriginal like Lee was admitted, there would be great objection on the part of the supporters in the
Home, and patients would be withdrawn & the income reduced.
Perhaps some of your committee in Adelaide would use their influence to obtain admission for Lee to
some other Home &c—I have written to Mrs Chambers to permit his sister to return to Pt Mcleay.

[Hamilton]

591a
20th May 1901
Mr A. Cameron, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., stating that you have been unable to find the Survey Marks on
your land in the Hundred of Baker to enable you to commence fencing same, & that Aboriginals
Campbell and Jackson are in the same position, I have the honor to inform you that your letter has been
forwarded to the Surveyor-General & the Crown Lands Ranger will probably be instructed to assist you
in defining the boundaries of your blocks of land.

[Hamilton]

591b
20th May 1901
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., requesting me to communicate with Mrs Chambers of Glenelg, for
the return to the Mission Station of Maria Lee, to look after her brother Walter Lee, I wrote to Mrs
Chambers, and she is unwilling to give up this girl, & points out that after the trouble he has taken with
her it would be a pity to send her back to Point Macleay to lapse into the old life—Maria is quite
satisfied and contented in her present position, and I am informed does not wish to return to the
Mission Station.
Under these circumstances, I do not see how I can take any further steps in the matter, especially as the
girl Maria was placed with Mrs Chambers under arrangements made direct with your Institution, and
not through this Office.

[Hamilton]
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., respecting certain requests made to you by Aborigines, I fear they have not been very truthful in some of their representations to you – the Natives you mention have been about Adelaide for some time past & I had some trouble in inducing them to leave the City & return to their Districts.

Bookmark obtained from me 2 Blankets & 1 Tomahawk, & Mrs Beck 1 Blanket – I sent 40 Blankets to Mannum and 13 to Wellington this month. I will write to M.C. Teate to see whether he can forward you some - & if not, I will send them direct to you.

But all the natives you refer to know that their supplies are sent to the depot at Mannum and they should go there at the proper time of distribution to get them instead of wandering about the country & coming to Adelaide.

With regard to their requests for boats – there are no funds available at present for supply of new boats – Mrs Beck had a new one about 4 years ago & with proper care, it should be still of some use. If you could see it, it may be worth repairing.

[M.C. Uppington]

25th May 1901
M.C. Teate
Mannum

Sir,

M.C. Uppington of Murray Bridge informs me that Aboriginals Bookmark and wife, Fletcher & wife, and Mrs Beck and family, have requested him to apply to me for blankets & serge – as I sent you a supply of these articles recently, and as the natives mentioned usually obtain them at Mannum, Can you send them a supply to Murray Bridge.

Bookmark obtained 2 blankets & a Tomahawk from me when he was in Adelaide a few weeks ago – If you could send 6 blankets & a few yards of serge &c, please do so.

[M.C. Teate]

29th May 1901
M.C. Trounson
Milang

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., reporting that Aboriginal Andrew Yates is in need of firewood at Milang, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to incur an expenditure of 8/- for the purchase of load of firewood, as the natives are usually wasteful in their use of this article, it will be desirable to put Yates upon an allowance, or keep the wood at the Police Yard, and in this way exercise some check on its use.

[M.C. Trounson]
594a
31st May 1901
M.C. Opie
Port Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the with reference to the case of Aboriginal Geo. Radford, you can, if his condition renders it necessary, ask the local doctor to pay him a visit, probably the best course might be to send him to the Port Augusta Hospital if he requires continued treatment.
Your requisition for fresh supply of stores did not reach me in time to have them despatched by this week’s Steamer. If you require anything urgent before these Stores arrive at your Depot, you will have to purchase a small quantity locally.

[Hamilton]

594b
4th June 1901
M.C. McEwen
Elliston
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honourable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the able-bodied Aborigines in your District could be induced to destroy dingoes, now becoming numerous on the West Coast, by requiring them to produce a certain number of scalps, in return for rations from the depot.
The payments previously made for dingo Scalps, have ?? for some time past, owing to their being no funds available for that purpose.

[Hamilton]

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4th June 1901
Mr John Solomon
Poonindie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th ulto., with reference to the non-occupation of the block of land recently leased to Aboriginal H. Taylor at Poonindie and submitting a request that this land if available may be leased to you, - I am directed by Honourable Minister of Agriculture &c to inform you that it has been ascertained that H. Taylor has proceeded to Poonindie and intends to occupy the block of land referred to.

[Hamilton]

597a
6th June 1901
E. G. L. Erson Esq, M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that you have transferred your practice at Border Town to Dr Gorber from the 3rd inst., owing to your removal from that District, I have the honor to inform you that I will have your a/c for stipend as Medical Officer to Aborigines passed for payment to 31st May last and when Dr Gorber’s appointment has been approved by the Minister of Education &c, I will advise him thereof, and his appointment will begin from the 1st inst.

[Hamilton]
6th June 1901
Mr D. Rose     ?? [very blurred]
Sir,
Referring to your letter in the ‘Register’ dated May 16th ulto., calling attention to the case of an Aboriginal being sent to Gaol for a month for ?? in the railway from Wilson to Quorn, I have the honor to inform you that I have made enquiries herein & ?? the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, that the native in question Geo. Murray alias Tarpot, is an old offender who on this occasion was intoxicated and used abusive and threatening language to the Railway Guard and arresting Constable. Aborigines are not entitled to free passage on the railways unless they have obtained an order under exceptional circumstances.

[Hamilton]

10th June 1901
G. Gorber Esq, M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., stating that you have taken over the practice of Dr Erson at Border Town and you desire to act as Medical Officer to Aborigines, on same terms as formerly held by Dr Erson, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of your apt as Medical Officer to Aborigines at Border Town, from the 1st inst., at £ 15: per annum – I enclose the usual form of agreement for your signature, one copy of which please return to me.

[Hamilton]

13th June 1901
M.C. Teate, Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., applying for a Boat for Aboriginal A. Gollan, who will contribute half the cost thereof, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the request. The price named for a Prahm boat [See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pram_(boat) ] £ 8. 10/-, is more than what is paid at Goolwa for similar boats – Mr Craig’s price there has been from £ 7: to £ 7. 10/- for Prahms well-built and about 15 feet long.

[Hamilton]

18th June 1901
D. Sullivan Esq
Inspector of Police, Adelaide
An Aboriginal named George Donnelly, a strong able-bodied man, has been hanging about Adelaide for some time past. He was sent last month to Kapunda with some other Natives, but is back again in the City.
I have assisted him several times, he has had blankets and passes to various places. He came to my office this morning & was very abusive, tried to push his way into my door &c., because I told him I had nothing more for him.
Cannot you deal with him as idle & disorderly ? Your records will show several previous convictions against him for Larceny, Drunkenness &c &c. He is a most troublesome character and quite a nuisance.

[Hamilton]
599b
19th June 1901
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the balance of Grant-in-Aid (£ 400) will be due and payable to you on a/c of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for the year ending 30th June 1901. Will you be good enough to have the usual financial statement, showing that the Conditions of payment have been complied with, furnished to me before the 30th inst.

[Hamilton]

600a
19th June 1901
Mr A. W. Cocks
Wilgena [nr Tarcoola]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., with reference to a further supply of Aborigines Stores for Wilgena Depot, I have the honor to inform you that your first request for these (22/5/01) did not say by what route to forward the supplies – and as the previous Stores went via Port Augusta, I concluded the others were to go the same way, and Young & Gordon advised me they would have a team departing about 20th inst., for Wilgena - & the Stores went to them last week.

With respect to your request for additional blankets, I can only supply 20 and as a vessel sails this week for Murat Bay, I am sending them by that route. Our funds are now so limited to end of financial year, that I cannot send you larger supplies at present.

[Hamilton]

600b
19th June 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal George Harris, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that no further expenditure can be incurred at present for this purpose.

[Hamilton]

601a
20th June 901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., calling attention to the inferior quality of the last supply of Eucalyptus Oil sent to you from Faulding & Co.,, I have the honor to inform you that this Office is obliged to procure this and other Medicine &c., from the Contractors to the different Government departments. As these Medicines, drugs &c, are also supplied to the Hospital, Lunatic Asylum &c., I presume care is taken to arrange that the quality of the Drugs is up to the proper standard.
I have called attention of Messrs Faulding & Co. to your remark about the oil - & they promised to have full enquiry made herein.

[Hamilton]
601b
19th June 1901
Mr A. Cameron
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., asking if any reply was sent to your previous enquiry as to whether your wife could obtain an additional block of land in her name to what you already hold, I wrote to Mr Garnett in April last informing him, in reply to his letter on your behalf, that your wife was not entitled to any land. [See 581a]
With regard to your enquiry re cutting timber on Crown Lands, if you want it for posts for fencing your block, there would be no objection, but you should be careful to take the posts from Crown Lands only for the required purpose.

[Hamilton]

602a
19th June 1901
Mr A. Cameron
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., submitting an application for £4 for the purchase of a boat, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

602b
21st June 1901
Mr. D. Matthews
Echuca
Victoria
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., requesting an expression of opinion from me as to the bona fides of the Mission work at Mannum among the Aborigines by Mrs Matthews and Miss Cartwright, I have the honor to inform you that as the work in question was not carried on under the authority of the Government of South Australia, I am unable officially to comply with your request.

[Hamilton]

603a
21st June 1901
Mr C. A. Dunn
Riverton
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., about the Native boy you have being sent to a Mission Station, will you be good enough to give me some further particulars about him, what is his age; is he a ½ caste or full-blood? And what is his general conduct &c – I could then communicate with the Mission Manager & ascertain if he can be admitted, probably Point Pierce Mission near Moonta – would be most suitable, as the Institution at Point Macleay is crowded with about 220 Natives & they have no room for more.

[Hamilton]
25th June 1901
Mr C. A. Dunn
Riverton
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., respecting the removal of the Aboriginal boy to Point Macleay Mission, I can send him there next Tuesday, - the Steamer crosses the Lake on Fridays and Tuesdays only - & I will have to write Mr Garnet on Friday so that he may have the boy met at the Jetty (about 3 miles from Mission) next Tuesday – if you will therefore send him to Adelaide on Monday morning by the 8.345 am Train from Riverton, I will meet him here, and have him looked after till Tuesday morning. Send me Post Card by Friday to say if you can carry out this arrangement.

[Hamilton]

26th June 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., forwarding Gun for repair, from Aboriginal Dodd, I have obtained a report from gunsmith as to its cost. It seems the gun lock requires hammer, mainspring, ?Candle? &c being ?found? a new lock, also new ramrod & catches? on barrel for ?? – the cost will be 18/6 – I will have nothing done till I hear from you as to what Dodd proposes to do as to payment.

[Hamilton]

27th June 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Aboriginal Lampard has been in Adelaide to see the Lands Office about getting more land as he has a family of 10, & seems making efforts to get on fairly well from what he tells me.
He states he has not had the use of the plough yet, which was supplied for the joint use of all the natives on the Coorong, & that Aboriginal Campbell has had the plough for some time without using it and as he, Lampard, has land now ready to plough – is anxious to get on with it.
You will probably know the best arrangement to make with regard to the use of this plough – Lampard is desirous to have his children at School & speaks of their being some intention of a School being started in his neighbourhood. Is this correct?

[Hamilton]

28th June 1901
S. Lathern Esq
Secretary: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Moonta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., with reference to the request of some of the aborigines at Point Pierce Mission, that they should be taken to Adelaide during the Royal visit next month, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you, that the Government declines to authorise this request.

[Hamilton]
Mr John Watson Jr
Kingston
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying for lease of a block of land near Loveday Bay, in the Hundred of Baker, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that your application should contain some proof of age, as Aborigines under 21 years of age, are not eligible for these grants.

[Hamilton]

J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report of the 26th ulto., re the Depot at The Pines and Mr Larkin’s application for Aborigines Stores at Coondambo, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the Transfer of the Depot from the Pines to Coondambo and I am advising Mr Larkins accordingly & sending a supply of Blankets, Tea & Tobacco to him c/- Young & Gordon – will you be good enough to accept the offer made by Mr Richardson to take the balance of the Sugar and Flour at the Pines to Coondambo at the rate of £ 3. 0. 0 per Ton.

[Hamilton]

Mr B. Larkins
Coondambo
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th ulto., forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, applying for rations &c for the Aborigines at Coondambo, I have the honor to inform you that he has approved of the transfer of the Depot now at The Pines to Coondambo.

The Stores at the Pines, about 1400 lbs Flour, and 80 lbs Sugar, will be sent to Coondambo as early as possible, and a supply of blankets, Tea, Tobacco and some more Sugar as per advice enclosed will be forwarded to you – I enclose copy of General Instructions for your guidance in issuing rations – and a supply of return forms will be forwarded in separate parcel.

[Hamilton]

W. E. Dalton
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th ulto., with reference to the case of the Aboriginal children Karpany being denied the privilege of attending the Wellington State School, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that these children are to be admitted to this School, when they attend clean and free from disease.

[Hamilton]
607b
6th July 1901
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Aboriginal Karloan, who with his family are now at Victor Harbor, belongs to Point Macleay. I am writing to the Manager there asking whether there is any objection to receiving these natives at the Mission Station. Until I get a reply and further advise you herein, you can supply Karloan with some rations so far as you consider the family are in actual need.
Does Karloan do anything to earn a living since he has been at the Harbor? [Hamilton]

608a
8th July 1901
Mr Schultz
Koonibba
Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., enquiring if there is an Aborigines Depot at Penong & stating that if the Natives obtain rations at Penong, you are unable to keep them at Koonibba, will you be good enough to supply me with some further information herein, as to why the Aborigines prefer to remain at Penong, because rations are issued at that Depot. Have you any reason to believe that Aborigines get supplied who are not entitled to them? What is the distance from Koonibba to Penong? [Hamilton]

608b
8th July 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Aboriginal Karloan has written to the Honorable Minister of Education &c, stating that he cannot obtain rations at the Victor Harbor Depot for himself, wife and three children, as these natives belong to the Point Macleay District. I am directed by the Minister to ask whether there is any objection to Karloan and family being received at Point Macleay.
The native obtained a block of land recently on the Coorong, but does not appear to have occupied it. [Hamilton]

609a
10th July 1901
Mr G. Atkinson
Wilpena
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., (addressed to the Honorable the Chief Secretary) calling attention to the case of three old Aboriginal women at Wilpena, who are in need of rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that M.C. Buttfield, in charge of the depot at Blinman, has been instructed to forward you periodically a supply of rations blankets for these Aborigines. [Hamilton]
609b 10th July 1901
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your memo of the 3rd inst., with reference to Mr Atkinson’s request for some rations &c for three old Natives at Wilpena, & forwarding report from M.C. Buttfield of Blinman, I have the honor to inform you that, I have forwarded the Stores asked for in this report, and beg that you will be good enough to instruct M.C. Buttfield to forward the supplies to Wilpena for these old women – every 3 or 4 months as suggested by him in his report.

610a 18th July 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Laelnyeri for lease of block of land in ?Coorong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the enclosed Plan shows colored pink the only blocks of land now available in the locality.
Please return Plan with your reply stating which block is preferred.

610b 18th July 1901
Mr A. Karloan
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst, addressed to the Honorable Minister of Education &c, stating that you could not obtain rations at the Victor Harbor Depot, I am directed to inform you that you are not entitled to receive rations at Victor Harbor, as you belong to Point Macleay, and there is no objection to your being received at the Station. You hold a block of land on the Coorong, under a Permit, and if you do not make some efforts to settle upon it, and utilise the land, you will be liable to have the Permit withdrawn.

611a 22nd July 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal Lampard, who has paid you £ 5: towards cost of same, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of this request and step will be taken to obtain a suitable boat. If you know of one for disposal in your neighbourhood that would do, please advise me, as otherwise it will be probably necessary to have a boat built at Milang or Goolwa.
611b
23rd July 1901
Mr G. E. F. Schultz
Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., I have the honor to inform you that it is not considered desirable
to supply the Aborigines with guns and ammunition for destruction of dingoes &c.
With reference to the large number of natives now at Koonibba, encouragement should not be given to
so many able-bodied to remain at the Depot, - it would be better to keep those only you are able to give
your work to, and the others should endeavour to obtain employment with the settlers of the District.

612a
30th July 1901
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., stating that Mr A. Jensen offers to build a pram boat for £ 6.5/-,
to be 15 ft long, 5 ft wide, and copper-fastened &c, I am directed to inform you, that this offer has been
accepted, and you will oblige by informing Mr Jensen to that effect, the boat to be completed within 14
days from this date. It will require to be tared on the bottom and the remainder suitably painted. But
before the tarring and painting is done, please advise me, so that the boat may be inspected.

612b
31st July 1901
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me a two-roomed Cottage can be
obtained at Goolwa for about 2/- to 2/6 a week. – it is required for Aboriginal Bertie Tripp & his wife,
two ½ castes. Tripp is partly paralysed and the cottage is for him so that he can be protected from the
weather, and near a doctor. Please let me know as soon as possible.
Mr Goode leased a cottage to this Department a few years ago for two native women, as there are
usually several empty places of this kind about Goolwa, - you will probably have no difficulty in obtaining
the Cottage.

613a
1st August 1901
Mr G. Edginton
Mount Serle
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supply
of Aborigines Stores will be forwarded to you, as per advice enclosed, it having been decided to transfer
the Depot from Angipena to Mount Serle, as a more suitable locality to meet the requirements of the
Aborigines. You have been advised by the Crown Lands Office, that there is no objection to your acting
as Custodian and Issuer of stores.
I enclose copy of General Instructions for your guidance herein, and forward in separate parcel by this
post, a supply of return forms.
613b
1st August 1901
Mr H. McConville
Angipena
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd June last, with reference to the Aborigines Depot at Angipena, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that it has been decided to transfer this Depot from Angipena to Mount Serle, as a more suitable locality to meet the requirements of the Aborigines and Mr Edginton, the Government Caretaker there, will act as Issuer of Stores.
[Hamilton]

614a
7th August 1901
Messrs G. H. Adams & Co.
Melbourne
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., enclosing statement to a/c rendered £2.16.7, against this office, I have the honor to inform you that the last payment to you by this office, was an amount of £3.18.8 on the 3rd March 1899. Since that date, no a/c has been rendered to this office by your Firm, will you be good enough to furnish further particulars as to what the £2.16.7 is for. I may mention that during the past two years, requisitions have been made to your firm in Adelaide as Contractors to supply Hessian to this office – after repeatedly calling attention to its non-delivery, the omission to supply was reported to the Supply and Tender Board & I was directed to purchase the Hessian privately at your risk. Which was done on several occasions.
[Hamilton]

614b
8th August 1901
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your report of 5th inst., stating that you have an offer of a Cottage at 2/6 week from Mr Goode, for Aboriginal Tripp – I have the honor to inform you that this offer has been accepted. I enclose form of agreement which please have signed by Mr Goode, and return one copy to me, the other to be retained by him. Please enter the dates in agreement when executed.
[Hamilton]

615a
13th August 1901
M.C. Ewens, Goolwa
With reference to Aboriginal Seymour and 3 children who have been in your monthly returns for some weeks past, please note that Mr Garnett advises me that Seymour has been offered work at Point Macleay at Depot ?? and refused it – and should get no encouragement to remain about Goolwa idle. Frank Blackmore and his children also belong to Point Macleay & went away from there because he owed an a/c to the mission and refused to work – It would be well when any of the Mission natives hang about Goolwa, to communicate with Mr Garnett before supplying them with rations for any time - occasionally those who are sick come to see the doctor, and are of course entitled to some assistance there.
[Hamilton]
615b
14th August 1901
Messrs G. H. Adams & Co.
Melbourne
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing a/c £ 2. 16. 7, for Hessian supplied to this Department, in 1900 – I have the honor to inform you that the same has been passed for payment.
I enclose procuration order for to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect the money on your behalf.

[Hamilton]

616 [very faint, cramped writing]
[undated]
Minister of Education &c respectfully submitting that has been found very difficult if not impossible, to deal properly with the question raised by ?? for the following reasons, viz.-
1, The fathers of these children are generally ?? if they were charged with paternity ...... ?? difficult to secure.
2, The mothers of these children, in many instances, reported to this Office, refused to surrender them, and agree to the children being sent to the Mission Station.
3, The Bill for Protection of Aborigines, produced by Mr Justice Dashwood in 1899, was referred to a Committee of the Legislative Council who after ??putting much on notice???? impracticable. The recommendations of this Committee, have not ??? to any ?? legislation on the subject.
4, Neglected & destitute children of Europeans can be deal with under the State Children’s Act, but a recent decision of the Police Magistrate at Adelaide shows that this Act does not apply to Aboriginal children, ?? either full-blood, ½ caste or quadroon.

[Hamilton]

617a
15th August 1901
The Secretary of the S.A. Woollen Co.,
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to the 3 bales (150) blankets for Aborigines delivered yesterday to the Aboriginal Storekeeper, General Post Office, I have the honor to draw your attention to the colored stripe therein, which appears rather indistinct. You will perceive that the Call for tenders states a pink stripe. I will be glad if you can have the remainder of the blankets not yet in hand made with a brighter and more distinct stripe in color.

[Hamilton]
18th August 1901
J. H. Sugar Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., enquiring concerning the Aborigines in the Northern Territory of South Australia, have the honor to inform you that they are not under the Control of this Office. The Chief Secretary’s Department has charge of all matters relating to the N.T. There is a Protector of Aborigines at Port Darwin, and a Sub-Protector at Alice Springs who is the Telegraph Stationmaster there (Mr Bradshaw).
– Mr Justice Dashwood, Govt Resident, Port Darwin, prepared a Bill for an Aborigines Protection Act, in 1899 [see Royal Commission into the Aborigines, 1899] – which was referred to a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, and condemned as not practical enough. No action has since been taken to revive this Bill in an improved form.

[Hamilton]

17th August 1901
M.C. Dunne
Kingston
Sir,
Mr Garnett, the Manager of Point Macleay Mission, has applied for a pass for an Aboriginal woman at Kingston, named Gibson, the widow of Jas Gibson, to enable her to return to her relations at the Mission. I am directed by the Honorable Minister to forward an order herewith – for her rail pass to Adelaide. Will you be good enough to send her up, so as to reach Adelaide on a Monday or Thursday night – she can then proceed to Point Macleay the following morning. Please advise me by telegram when she leaves Kingston.

[Hamilton]

19th August 1901
The Revd. W. E. Dalton
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., enclosing one from Mr Whyburn of Coward Springs, with reference to Aborigines in that locality stated to be in need of rations, I have the honor to inform you that, enquiries have been made herein, from which it appears that the Aborigines including 6 men, 7 women and a boy belonging to the Anna Creek Tribe, were having what they term “a walkabout” and after a Corroborey – intended to return to Anna Creek, where there is an Aborigines Depot for issue of rations, blankets &c, and where there is always work for the able-bodied. Under these circumstances, it is not considered necessary to supply rations at Coward Springs.

[Hamilton]
619a
17th August 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., submitting requests from seven Aborigines for new Canoes, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to enquire whether you can recommend these applications as urgently required, and are these canoes needed to enable the natives to earn a living therewith.
During the past 18 months, 16 new canoes have been supplied to Aborigines on the Lakes & Murray, and recently some reports have reached this office, that when these boats get a little out of repair they are often left lying about the banks of the Lakes, Coorong &c, neglected and exposed to the weather.

[Hamilton]

619b
20th August 1901
Mr G. E. F. Schultz
Koonibba
Sir,
I have received your letters of July 4th, 27th and August 1st, applying for various items, Stores and Medicines. Your request of July 4th has been attended to & the articles forwarded. Will you be good enough in future to try and include all the stores, especially Medicines, in one requisition, so that they can be sent up same time in one shipment – vessels at this time of the year, call very seldom at Denial Bay – and you have therefore to wait sometime before you get the supplies.

[Hamilton]

620a
20th August 1901
M.C. Opie
Port Germein
Referring to your report 15th inst., about the sick Aboriginal Radford, can you induce both him and his lubra to remove to Port Augusta Depot – he would then be able to attend the Hospital there occasionally, as an outdoor patient – if he refuses to be an indoor one. Failing this arrangement it seems his own fault if he continues to suffer from exposure in his Camp.
If your doctor considers Radford suffers from chronic Rheumatism, Medical attendance and Medicines will have little beneficial effect upon him, if he persists in remaining in his camp.

[Hamilton]

620b
23rd August 1901
Sergt Phelan
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to our conversation last time you were in Adelaide, about the Aborigines Boat at Moonta, I have written to Henry Taylor of Poonindie, & he informs me that he left this boat in charge of Aboriginal E. Todbrook who had her anchored about 4 miles from Moonta for other natives who wished to have the boat there, for their use, - he does not know what has become of her since.
I will be glad if you can get the natives at Moonta to make a search & try to find out what has become of the Boat.

[Hamilton]
621a
26th August 1901
M.C. Trounson
Milang
I have ascertained from Aboriginal Bertie Tripp at Goolwa, that he has no objection to the hut at Milang he lived in being used by Aboriginal Andrew Yates, who can now take possession of it, if he will look after it.
I notice that Andrew’s boat requires painting and tarring. Could you find out what Mr Jensen would charge for doing the boat up.
I have advised Mr Garnett that the boat built by Jensen is now ready & he will send an order for its delivery.          [Hamilton]

621b
26th August 1901
Sergt Clode
Port Lincoln
Sir,
An Aboriginal named Henry Taylor, who recently obtained a permit to occupy a block of land at Poonindie, has applied to be allowed rations for a few months, on the grounds, that he has spent all his money in bringing a horse & cart & other goods to Port Lincoln, and putting a crop in his land.
Will you be good enough to find out whether these statements are correct & if Taylor is really in need of any assistance from the Depot. Mr Bruce of Poonindie may be able to give you some information herein.          [Hamilton]

622a
30th August 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 13th & 23rd inst., applying for canoes for seven Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of your request for the boats for the three natives named Harris, Robinson & Jackson.
You remark that the four other natives should be expected to pay part of the cost of their canoes, but you do not say what proportion would they be able to pay. Please advise me further in this respect to enable this request to be considered.          [Hamilton]

622b
6th September 1901
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., stating that Mr A. Jensen has offered to repair the boat of Aboriginal Yates for £ 2. 7. 6, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this offer has been accepted & you will be good enough to see that the repairs are properly carried out before the boat is painted & tarred.          [Hamilton]
623a
12th September 1901
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., asking for a supply of lime and a brush to whitewash the Aborigines Storeroom at Goolwa Depot, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to procure a bushel of lime, also a brush.
The cost of the brush should not exceed 3/-, otherwise it will have to be obtained from the Contractor in Adelaide & sent to you.

[Hamilton]

623b
13th September 1901
Mr Stephen Walker
Mount Monster
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., applying for lease of block of land Nos 429 & 272 in the Hundred of Baker, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that these blocks are not available at present as they are both leased to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for the use of the Point Macleay Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

624a
17th September 1901
Mr G. E. F. Schultz
Koonibba Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., stating that the Aborigines in your District have destroyed 21 dingoes, and asking whether they are entitled to any remuneration herein, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Act has been repealed that made provision some time ago, for payment for Dingo scalps.
You will therefore have to encourage the Blacks in their work by giving them rations from the Depot, as the able-bodied natives are not otherwise entitled to such, when work is obtainable to enable them to earn their own living.

[Hamilton]

624b
17th September 1901
Mr G. Ross
Milang
Sir,
Will you be good enough to inform me whether you could supply three (3) pram boats for Aborigines, and at what price, each boat to be 15 ft long, 5 ft wide, copper-fastened throughout, the bottom of boats to have 2 Coats Tar and the remainder to have 2 coats paint.
In the event of your offer being accepted, the time should be stated for the completion of the boats.

[Hamilton]
625a
17th September 1901
Mr A. A. Jensen
Milang
Sir,
Will you be good enough to inform me whether you could supply three (3) pram boats for Aborigines, and at what price, each boat to be 15 ft long, 5 ft wide, copper-fastened throughout, the bottom of boats to have 2 Coats Tar and the remainder to have 2 coats paint - three bottom boards each 12 ft to run fore and aft.
In the event of your offer being accepted, the time should be stated for the completion of the boats.
[Hamilton]

625b
18th September 1901
Mr B. Larkins
Coondambo
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., stating that you had not received the Aborigines Stores to be sent on from the Pines Depot, now transferred to Coondambo, I have made enquiry herein, and find that these Stores were sent to you from the Pines, nearly two months ago, - probably they have been delayed en route.
[Hamilton]

626
19th September 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 6th June, and 22nd July last, applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Laelinyeri, for a block of land on the Coorong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you herewith, Permit No. 220, in favour of Laelinyeri, for block of land colored pink in Plan attached to Permit.
As several natives have land under Permits in the Hundred of Baker, it would be well to exercise some supervision over them, to see that they make a proper use of the land, and perform the conditions on which the Permits are issued, and avoid any course of action that would bring themselves into collision with the European settlers adjoining their blocks, which might have a tendency to rouse any feeling antagonistic to the interests of both Aborigines, and the Mission Station.
[Hamilton]

627a
19th September 1901
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a Surveyor has been instructed to point out the boundaries of lands held by Aborigines under permits in the Hundred of Baker.
Will you be good enough to let as many natives concerned herein know of this – so that they can render all necessary assistance in getting their boundaries defined, - one of them A. Cameron, was recently in Adelaide, and was anxious to get his land fenced when the boundaries were defined.
[Hamilton]
627b
19th September 1901
The Surveyor-General &c
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., (No. 5642/01) stating that a Surveyor has been instructed to
point out the boundaries of lands held by Aborigines under permits in the Hundred of Baker, I have the
honor to inform you that, I have written to Mr Garnett, the Manager of Point Macleay Mission, asking
him to let all the natives concerned herein, know of this arrangement, so that they can render all
necessary assistance in getting the boundaries of their blocks properly defined.

[Hamilton]

628a
23rd September 1901
Mr A. A. Jensen
Milang
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your offer of the 19th inst. has been accepted for the supply of three
(3) pram boats for aborigines for the sum of £ 6. 12. 6 each to be completed by the end of September
1901, as specified in my letter of the 17th inst.
Please advise me when the boats are built, before they are tarred & painted.

[Hamilton]

628b
24th September 1901
M.C. Keating
Streaky Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., stating that the Aborigines boat at the Depot is in need of repairs,
which you have had an offer to get done for £ 2: - I have the honor to inform you that you are
authorised to have this work performed & you will be good enough to see that it is properly done under
your supervision.
The Paint will be sent to you with the Medicines per first opportunity; also the rope for the moorings.

[Hamilton]

629a
25th September 1901
M.C. Trounson, Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., stating that Aboriginal Andrew Yates is in need of a fresh supply
of firewood, I have the honor to inform you that you are authorised to obtain another load for him.

[Hamilton]

629b
1st October 1901
The Secretary of the SA Woollen Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., respecting the Aborigines blanket, which was damaged in
transit from the Factory to the Aboriginal Storekeeper at General Post Office, can you arrange to have it
replaced with a sound blanket, on its return to you.

[Hamilton]
630
7th October 1901
Mrs John Davidson
Aden
Penola
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., calling the attention to the case of an Aboriginal named Yallum Jacky, I have the honor to inform you that for some time past the Officer in Charge of Police at Penola, has had instructions to obtain rations – flour, sugar, tea, Tobacco & meat for this old native – my last return from Corporal Noble shows that Jacky has been receiving these until lately – as this officer has recently left Penola, probably his successor has not had his attention called to the matter - & has therefore omitted to apply for an order for a fresh supply of rations –
If Jacky is ill, a visit to the Hospital would be the best thing for him, as a week or two there would give him ?? & suitable food &c under Medical advice, if he has no objection to go to the Hospital.
Dr Johnson, who attends the Destitute Poor at Penola, can be asked to visit Jacky, & any medical comforts ordered can be supplied.
If Jacky remains at your place, perhaps an arrangement can be made with you to have him supplied with rations, if this Office would pay say 5/- a week for him.

[Hamilton]

631a
7th October 1901
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th ulto., calling attention to cases of drunkenness among some of the Aborigines on the Point Pierce Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Commissioner of Police has given instructions for the Mounted Constable at Maitland to occasionally visit Point Pierce & render you every assistance in checking the evils referred to.
It will be desirable for you to report any case of a native obtaining intoxicants to the Constable now that he ?? to have them punished, perhaps you could arrange to provide the Constable with the means of visiting Wardang Island, whenever necessary.

[Hamilton]

631b
10th October 1901
G. Goober Esq. M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under medical treatment for quarter ended 30th September 1901 has not yet reached this office, and to request that you will be good enough to have it forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]
632a
10th October 1901
The Comptroller of Accounts
S. A. Railways
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., respecting the case of the Aboriginal Gibson, who was furnished with a return rail ticket from Kingston to Adelaide, instead of a single ticket, I have, as requested by you, made enquiry as to what has become of the return half, and now enclose a letter received from Mr Garnett, Manager, Point Macleay, in explanation herein.

[Hamilton]

632b
15th October 1901
The Revd. W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
Referring to the attached letter you sent me last week, respecting previous correspondence about Aborigines at Coward Springs, I have submitted it to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, who again reports that he is still of the same opinion that the Aborigines should not be encouraged to stay at Coward Springs, as there are two Depots within a reasonable distance of that locality.

[Hamilton]

633a
16th October 1901
Mr A. W. Cocks
Wilgena
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., acknowledging receipt of Aborigines Stores and enclosing statement of the amount of Cartage due herein, I beg to remind you that you have not sent me the usual cart-note receipted by you. If the Carrier, Jemaldine, wishes me to pay the amount to you, he will have to give you a procuration order signed by him. I enclose two orders, one for him and the other for you, to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect the amounts. Please return to me both orders signed and witnessed.

[Hamilton]

633b
17th October 1901
Mr A. Cole
Yardea
Imprest order for £3. 13/- herewith in payment of enclosed a/c which please have receipted & returned to me by next post if possible, as my Schedule of a/cs is made up before the end of the month. I regret the non-receipt of part of your Stores. Young & Gordon first advised me there was no opportunity to send them on - next day they wired that a team was about to start & would be off in 2 days – and notwithstanding efforts to despatch the Stores, the sugar &c, must have missed train or been delayed in transit. I will have the parcel tobacco posted to you by Young & Gordon.

[Hamilton]
634a
22nd October 1901
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
You advised me some time ago that the balance of Aborigines Stores at the Pines Depot had been
transferred to Coondambo, viz., 1400 lbs flour & 80 lbs Sugar
– the Issuer at Coondambo writing on the 16th inst., informs me that he received five bags flour in April
last but no sugar - & 400 lbs flour short.
Can you manage to find out from Mr Richardson how much flour and sugar was actually sent away from
the Pines to Coondambo, and the date of the despatch.

634b
4th November 1901
Mr A. Ross
Oodnadatta
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., enclosing a/cs for Cartage, Aborigines Stores, to Charlotte
Waters and Illamurta, I have the honor to inform you that the item £ 1.1.8 for Stores to Charlotte
Waters is correct and payable by this Office – the other item £ 1. 4/- for bag of flour to Illamurta is not
chargeable to this office, as the flour was not supplied by this Department, it was probably for the Police
or Northern Territory Dept.
- I return the cart-note and enclose procuration orders to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide
agent collect the £ 1. 1. 8. You should obtain an order from Wallis the carrier, and send me both orders
duly signed &c.

635
1st November 1901
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto., with reference to the Mauritius native “Cam or De Concey”, who
married one of the Point Pierce women some years ago, this man brought his wife to Adelaide Hospital
once or twice and as she could not travel alone & wanted help, I gave him passes to & from Moonta as
the escort, but he is not entitled to any privileges from this Office otherwise, as he is not an Aboriginal of
S.A. and he is not justified in thinking I gave him any reason to believe he would stay at Point Pierce
Mission.
He got a piece of land near Moonta some years ago under the Homestead Blockers’ Act, and also got a
grant as an advance of £ 15: to help him to build a house. – he should therefore be able to earn his own
living, and support his wife without letting her become a burden on the Mission Station, - her ??
relations at the Mission, of course, causes some difficulty, but if you allow her to come there to see
them occasionally as a favour.
De Concey has no right to presume that he can remain there and set your authority at defiance. You
could have him removed as a trespasser if necessary.
He has written to me complaining that he has been shifted away 4 miles from the Mission. Will you
please inform him I have received his letter and advise him as herein. He mentions his wife won’t live
with him now, and refuses to remain at Moonta – is this correct ?
636a  
6th November 1901  
M.C. Teate  
Mannum  
Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., enclosing £ 4: towards the cost of a pram boat for Aboriginal A. Gollan – His request has been approved, and enquiries will be made at Milang and Goolwa with a view to obtaining a suitable boat.  
[Hamilton]

636b  
7th November 1901  
The Chairman of the D.C. of Cournamont  
Walker’s Flat  
Sir,  
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that Mrs D. Matthews of Victoria, has obtained a block of land from the Crown Lands Department, situated at Mununka, near Forster, on which she professes to form a Mission Settlement of Aborigines. The Minister will be glad to learn from your Council whether they approve of the proposed Settlement, and if so, can they recommend any suitable trustworthy person, who would take charge of a Depot in that locality for the issue of rations &c, to the old, sick and infirm natives. P.S. Can you estimate how many natives are now in this locality?  
[Hamilton]

637a  
14th November 1901  
M.C. Teate  
Mannum  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., with reference to the offer made to Aboriginal A. Gollan of a boat, tent, fishing tackle &c, for £ 6:, half of which he will pay, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that that £ 3: of this amount will be paid by this office. I hope Gollan is now more sober and industrious & that your kindness in helping him herein will not be abused. You can give Aboriginal Percy Cook an order for a ?? of bags – if you consider it really necessary- but as our funds are now very limited, the natives on the Murray will have to exert themselves more in earning their own living.  
[Hamilton]

637b  
14th November 1901  
Mr Geo Karpany  
Bungaree  
Referring to your letters of the 9th ulto., and 8th inst., applying for remission of the duty paid by you on a bicycle at Renmark – I am directed to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education has had the matter under his consideration, and I am now to state that the amount paid by you herein, will be refunded to you, if you will call at this office when on your return home.  
[Hamilton]
638a
18th November 1901
Messrs W. & H. Dunk
Milang
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you can have a pram boat built for this Department by Mr G. Ross of Milang – to be 15 ft long, 5 ft wide, of Kauri timber, copper-fastened, hard-wood ?timbers & gunwales of jarrah & 2 coats paint. If so, please state the price and time required to complete.

[Hamilton]

638b
2nd December 1901
Sergt Clode
Port Lincoln
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal named Geo. Donnelly, is forwarded to Port Lincoln by Steamer tomorrow. Will you be good enough to give him any necessary assistance from the Depot, in the way of rations, till he obtains employment. Donnelly has been hanging about Adelaide for some time past & has served a sentence for vagrancy &c – and it has been considered desirable to send him some distance from the city - & give him a chance to reform in the country.

[Hamilton]

639a
2nd December 1901
Mrs John Davidson
Penola
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd ulto., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Yallum Jacky, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you are willing to continue to take charge of Jacky and what remuneration would you be willing to accept.

[Hamilton]

639b
2nd December 1901
Mr A. Watson
Cantara [Coorong]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th October last, applying for a block of land near Blackford, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you a list of land which is available for selection in this locality. 160 acres is the maximum quantity that you could obtain. The List should be returned to me with description, No., &c of the land you select.

[Hamilton]
640
3rd December 1901
The Honorable Minister of Education &c
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to favour me with leave of absence for three months from the 1st January 1902.
In making this request, I beg respectfully to submit, that I have had no special leave during the past 20 years, & my service has been regular & continuous during this period, as I have had only one week’s sick leave, & taken my ordinary annual leave on two occasions only.
Having no brother officers who could undertake my duties, perhaps some arrangement might be made, whereby Mr Cornish of the Education Office, could be detailed to act for me during my absence.

[Hamilton]

641a
4th December 1901
Mr F. W. Marsh, Oodnadatta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 24th ulto., enclosing Cart-note £ 5: for Cartage, Aborigines Stores, to Charlotte Waters in Oct. last, I have the honor to inform you that I cannot send you cheque for the amount until you authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect the money for you and give proper, witnessed receipt on the official voucher – I enclose procuration form to enable you to do this.
I received a cart-note dated June 12/01 from Bagot, Lewis & Shakes, in your name, for Cartage two parcels to Charlotte Waters, - is the amount due to them or to you – the quantity was 3 qrs & 20 lbs @ £4/ 5/ 6 a ton.

[Hamilton]

641b
6th December 1901
Mr Thomas J. Coon, Forster
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the District Council of Cournamont has stated that you are willing to take charge of the Aborigines about Forster, but would like first to have particulars from this office as to the duties &c.
I now enclose you Copy of the Instructions for the guidance of Issuers of Stores, and if you accept the office, please advise me as to the best route by which to forward the supplies – what distance is your place from the nearest landing on the river, and from the reserve on which Mrs Matthews’s Mission is situated.

[Hamilton]

642a
6th December 1901
Mrs D. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 5th ulto., stating that you propose to open a Mission for the Aborigines on the block of land, obtained from the Crown Lands Office, situate at Manunka near Forster, and requesting to be supplied with rations for the natives, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the District Council of Cournamont has recommended Mr T. J. Coon of Forster, to be Issuer of Aborigines Stores.
The Minister directs me to add that he will be prepared to consider at any time your recommendations with reference to the Aborigines at this Depot.

[Hamilton]
642b
6th December 1901
M.C. Carter
Penola
Sir,
Referring to your report of 4th inst., respecting Aboriginal Yallum Jacky which I have received today, I wrote to you yesterday about this matter. I communicated a few days ago with Mrs John Davidson, at whose place this old native has been staying, asking her if she would undertake to have him looked after, - it would be well therefore if you could ascertain from her what she means to do, - if she declines to take charge of Jacky, Can you manage to camp him somewhere near Penola, and I will forward you an order for the usual rations &c. for him. Is the old man mentally fit to be at large? As from Mrs Davidson’s account of him – it seems doubtful.

[Hamilton]

643a
12th December 1901
The Resident Mental Officer
Parkside Mental Asylum
Sir,
With reference to Aboriginal Yallum Jacky who was committed to the Lunatic Asylum by the Local Magistrate’s Court at Penola on the 10th inst., & who goes down to Parkside this morning – I beg to inform you that, when he has been long enough in the Asylum to enable you to form an opinion as to his condition, if you think it desirable, steps might be subsequently taken for his removal to Point Macleay Mission Station.
Jacky is the last one of the Penola tribes of Aborigines & spent most of his life on the late Mr Riddock’s place at Yallum, who had him well looked after – The old fellow appears to me to be more childish & silly than mad – but at present is evidently unfit to be at large.

[Hamilton]

643b
12th December 1901
Mrs John Davidson
Penola
Madam,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to convey to you his thanks for the trouble you have taken in attending to the Aboriginal Yallum Jacky and to state that the Minister will be prepared to consider any claim you may desire to make for any expenses incurred by you herein.

[Hamilton]

644a
12th December 1901
Mr A. W. Cocks
Wilgena
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that the last supply of Flour and Sugar for Aborigines was of inferior quality, will you be good enough to send me a small sample of each by parcel post, to enable me to call Contractors’ attention thereto.
The Sugar for this department is the usual ?brown ration sugar, and the flour the best household, which is more wholesome and nutritious than the fine roller flour – both should be the best of their kind, & I will have the matter enquired into, on receipt of your samples.

[Hamilton]
18th December 1901
Mrs D. Matthews
Manunka
Forster
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., asking that the rations for issuing to the aborigines at Forster, may be placed in your charge, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that he has approved of your acting as Issuer of stores for a term of twelve months.

A supply, as per advice enclosed, will be forwarded to you in due course. I enclose copy of Instructions to Issuers for your future guidance and a supply of monthly return forms in separate parcel.

The rations should be restricted to children and old, infirm natives. No encouragement should be given to the able-bodied to hang about the Depot in idleness &c.

[Hamilton]

19th December 1901
Mr Geo. Lindsay
Loxton’s Hut
Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that if you permit the removal of any stone, timber &c from the land you hold from the government, you will render your licence liable to forfeiture.

The necessary licence for such removals must first be obtained from the Crown Lands Office.

[Hamilton]

19th December 1901
Mr E. Cumbo
Wellington

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., applying for a boat, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that your request will have to stand over until next financial year.

[Hamilton]

19th December 1901
M.C. Mugge
Diamantina

Sir,

Referring to your report in your Aborigines return for last month, that a large number of Aborigines are on their way down the Herbert River from Queensland in which they are not allowed to be employed, I have the honor to inform you that the funds at disposal of this office will not permit of rations being supplied to these natives at your Depot.

Of course you can hardly refuse to assist in any extreme case of destitution or illness, but every effort should be made to discourage these aborigines remaining about the depot.

It would be well also for you to communicate, if possible, with the nearest Station or Depot in Queensland where these natives could obtain relief - call attention to their condition &c.

[Hamilton]
646b
21st December 1901
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that Mrs D. Matthews has taken up a block of land on the Murray at Forster, about 35 miles above Mannum, for Mission purposes among the aborigines. A Depot will be placed in her charge for a term of Twelve months for the issue of rations &c to the natives, and the depot now at Mannum, will be closed during this period, after the Stores are issued which you now have on hand.

[Hamilton]

647
21st December 1901
Messrs G. P. Harris, Scarfe & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., respecting the Tomahawks supplied to this Department last August, some of the handles of which were found eaten away, and stating that you will replace the faulty with sound ones — I have the honor to inform you that the Storekeeper reports Eleven (11) tomahawks will require replacing.
Please have the sound ones forwarded to the G.P.O. Stores, when the others will be returned to you.

[Hamilton]

[Mr Hamilton on leave until April. Mr C. P. Cornish acting as Protector of Aborigines]

648a
January 2nd 1902
F. Garnett Esq
Superintendent
Point Macleay Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., re condition of native boy A. Mack, I beg to inform you that the lad is progressing very favorably.

[C. P. Cornish]

648b
January 2nd 1902
Rev. F. G. Masters
St Peters
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, asking for the loan of 100 blankets, the Honorable Minister directs me to inform you that in the absence of the Protector of Aborigines, he is unable to grant the request. The Minister suggests that possibly the Chief Storekeeper, Port Adelaide, may have some blankets to loan on payment of a small amount.

[C. P. Cornish]
**649a**
January 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1902
F. Garnett Esq
Supt.: Mission
Point MacLeay
Sir,
A Mr Rodmore has called on me today respecting a native named **David Unaipon**, who he says, boarded at his house during the early part of last year & left about Easter owing £ 8. 14. 0. Mr Podmore is now in straightened circumstances, & asks if something cannot be done to make the native pay up.
Would you kindly [illegible] at the Mission [illegible] condition to pay anything on his ??

\[\text{[C. P. Cornish]}\]

**649b**
? January 1902
Rev. F. G. Masters
St Peters
Sir,

\textbf{Re: blankets for camp}

I beg to inform you that the Honorable Minister has reconsidered his decision in this matter and is now willing to loan 100 blankets upon payment of (£ 1) one pound.

\[\text{[C. P. Cornish]}\]

**650**
January 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1902
The Aborigines Store Keeper
G.P.O.
Sir,
Please deliver to bearer 100 Aborigines blankets as a loan to be returned in good order.

\[\text{[C. P. Cornish]}\]

**651**
January 7\textsuperscript{th} 1902
Mr J. B. Wells
Wallaroo
Sir,

\textbf{Re: boat applied for by Aboriginal T. N. Lindsay}

This boat was a short time ago lent to some natives at Moonta who say they passed it on to Lindsay. It is now, I understand, stranded on an island in Moonta Bay minus oars, anchor, gear &c, - perhaps Lindsay could give some information as to the whereabouts of these articles.
Is Lindsay a permanent resident of Wallaroo ?

\[\text{[C. P. Cornish]}\]

**652**
January 10\textsuperscript{th} 1902
Mr C. O. Trounson, Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7\textsuperscript{th} inst., you are authorised to obtain a load of firewood for Aboriginal Andrew Yates.

\[\text{[C. P. Cornish]}\]
653
January 14th 1902
M. C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., asking to be supplied with two zinc-lined cases for the protection of Stores, will you kindly inform me if they can be obtained locally and at what cost?
[C. P. Cornish]

654a
January 17th 1902
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
You are authorised to purchase two zinc-lined cases as mentioned in your memo of the 16th inst., viz., -
Large for flour 10/-
Small for sugar 3/6
[C. P. Cornish]

654b
January 29th 1902
Mrs Matthews
Mission Station
Forster
River Murray
Madam,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., requesting a supply of official stationery and a quantity of bags.
In reply I have to inform you that stationery is not supplied to Depots.
With regard to the bags, there are no funds for the purchase of these, - owing to the great drought the whole of the sum voted by Parliament will be required for the purchase of rations.
[C. P. Cornish]

655a
January 29th 1902
Mr Geo. Law
East Wellington
Sir,
Referring to your application for boats, I am directed by the Honorable Minister to inform you that the request will have to stand over till next financial year.
[C. P. Cornish]

655b
February 24th 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., re boat for Aboriginal Wilson Senr and regret to inform that owing to the heavy expenditure for rations caused by the great drought in the far north, the Minister has decided that all applications for boats must stand over for the present financial year.
[C. P. Cornish]
656a
February 26th 1902
Mr Stephen Walker
Mt Monster
Keith
Sir,
I received your letter asking for assistance to purchase a wagon, and regret to have to inform that the government is unable to help you at present as the department is short of funds owing to the great drought in the North.
If you write again next July, your application will be considered with others.

[C. P. Cornish]

656b
March 11th 1902
E. C. Trethewey Esq
Clerk: District Council of Dudley
Hog Bay
Sir,
Will your council be so good as to make arrangements (on best terms obtainable) for the supply of water to the Aboriginal woman Mary Seymour, and charge amount to this department.

[C. P. Cornish]

657a
March 13th 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point MacLeay
Sir,
Re: Aboriginal Bessie Wilson
The dentist attends at Hospital on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.
If you can send her in on a Tuesday or Friday, I will meet her and see that she is admitted as an indoor patient to be attended to next morning. Please let me know what day she is coming.
The boy A. Mack
This patient is progressing very favourably and is now at the Convalescent Home at Mount Lofty.

[C. P. Cornish]

657b
March 14th 1902
M.C. Catchlove
Fowlers’ Bay
Sir,
An application has been received from a Mr A. S. C. Gale of Bookabie for rations for natives camped at his Station. He says a large number are employed rabbiting for which they receive flour &c., but that some are unable to work.
Can you give me any information as to this case? Could not the needy & infirm natives be sent to Penong or Fowlers Bay Depots?

[C. P. Cornish]
658a
March 17\textsuperscript{th} 1902
Kirkham Evans Esq
O B J
Wakefield Street
Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable Minister of education &c to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13\textsuperscript{th} inst., asking for the loan of 25 blankets, and to inform you that he approves of the blankets being lent on condition that they are returned in good order and any damage paid for.
I enclose order for the blankets.

[C. P. Cornish]

658b
March 20\textsuperscript{th} 1902
Mr G. E. F. Schultz
Koonibba
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3\textsuperscript{rd} inst., re Aboriginal boy George. Will you kindly supply me with further particulars? What Department of Govt Service does Mr Becker belong to & what is his Christian name?
When was the boy taken & what is his age?
Was there any agreement for a term of service made with his parents?
Do you know where the boy is now?
If you will answer the above questions, I shall be pleased to make further enquiries.

[C. P. Cornish]

659
March 22\textsuperscript{nd} 1902
Mr T. E. Nelson
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21\textsuperscript{st} inst., I beg to inform that the Honorable Minister has, subject to proper care & safe return, approved of the loan of 12 blankets for the Naval Signal Corps.
I enclose you order on the Aborigines Storekeeper G.P.O. for the blankets.

[C. P. Cornish]

660
\textit{[return of Hamilton]}
4\textsuperscript{th} April 1902
The Revd. E. Kaibel
Chairman of the Lutheran Mission
Tanunda
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1\textsuperscript{st} inst., stating that the Revd. Mr. Siebert of the Kopperamanna Mission, is going away on leave of absence, and has requested you to apply on his behalf for a free pass or a reduction in fare on the railway, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, he does not see his way clearly to comply with this request.

[Hamilton]
4th April 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka, Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., requesting a further supply of Aborigines Stores, I am directed by the Minister of education &c to remind you that a supply of rations was sent to you about a fortnight since, and as the funds at disposal of this office are now very limited, it will be necessary to restrict the issues to the infirm and sick natives, and children attending the School.
The drought-stricken natives in the Far North are a heavy tax on the resources of this Department, and the Aborigines on the Murray being favourably situated, where game & fish & occasional employment can be obtained, should be less dependent on the Government.
The Minister will be prepared to consider any practical suggestions you can offer for establishing any industries among the natives at Manunaka that would afford reasonable prospects of making their labor profitable, and encourage them in forming habits of self-reliance.
I enclose advice of supplies now ordered & which will reach you in due course. I have sent another half ton of flour, the other Stores you appear to have on hand, will probably last till the end of the month.

[Hamilton]

7th April 1902
Mr G. E. F. Schultz
Koonibba
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th ulto., calling attention to the large number of dogs kept by the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that the Dog Act allows each male Aboriginal to keep two dogs. If you find this number exceeded among the natives at the Mission, you can take steps to have them reduced. When the Aborigines are at the Station, if any of their dogs become a nuisance and interfere with your cattle &c., you should let the Blacks understand they are liable to have these dogs destroyed.
With regard to the issue of rations to the natives at Penong, the same instructions have to be carried out there as at other depots, viz., to give no encouragement to able-bodied Aborigines to hang about the Depot.

[Hamilton]

7th April 1902
Mr A. B. Murray
Penong
Sir,
I have received your telegram of the 4th inst., applying for a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, - these were forwarded to you on the 24th of last month, and advice posted to you, which had not probably reached you, before you sent telegram. With reference to the large number of Blacks at Penong, it will be desirable to encourage them not to remain about the Depot in idleness. The German Mission at Koonibba, near Denial Bay, endeavour to employ natives there, and have a School for training the children.
It is not necessary to put stamps on your letters & returns to this Office – you can tie the returns with cord and forward them marked “parcel only”.
P.S. Return forms are now sent to you in separate parcel.

[Hamilton]
663a
7th April 1902
Mr A. S. C. Gale
Bookabie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd ulto., calling attention to the condition of Aborigines at Bookabie, and stating that they require rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are Depots for the relief of the natives at Fowler's Bay and Penong, and those who are destitute, can obtain assistance at either of these places.

[Hamilton]

663b
9th April 1902
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Referring to your memo of the 4th inst., forwarding report from M.C. Birt, of the 31st ulto., calling attention to the condition of Aborigines at Mount Serle and recommending that a supply of Medicines and medical Comforts be forwarded for the relief of some cases of illness among these natives, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of these articles has been sent to Mr Edginton, Mount Serle Depot.

[Hamilton]

664a
9th April 1902
Sergt Richards
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., calling attention to the destitute condition of a Black man & his wife named De Concy, I have the honor to inform you that this man is a West Indian native & not an Aboriginal of S.A. – his wife is a half caste from the Point Pierce Mission below Moonta – De Concy himself has no claims on this Department for assistance, - his wife lives usually at the Mission station, but the Manager there had some trouble with De Concey & does not wish him on the Station – he ought to be able to support his wife.
I enclose you an order for a month’s rations for her, which please give to a local storekeeper & insert her name in the order. I will have 2 blankets sent to you for her, - Rations have not been issued at Moonta for some years past, as it induced the natives to leave the Mission & hang about the Town.

[Hamilton]

664b
10th April 1902
M.C. Williams, Oodnadatta
Referring to your telegram of the 9th inst., applying for Aborigines Stores, it reached me only two hours before the time for despatch of Stores by the goods train for the Far North & as our Stores have to be obtained from several Contractors & sent to the Storekeeper for examination & packing, I have been unable to forward them by this train –
In future your requisition for stores should reach me at least the Saturday previous to the Wednesday on which the Stores have to leave Adelaide.
If you require any of the stores you asked for, you will have to purchase or borrow a small quantity to issue until the next following train brings your supply.

[Hamilton]
665a
11th April 1902
The Clerk of the D.C. Dudley
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., stating that your Council have arranged for supply of water to Mary Seymour at one penny per gallon, which I presume is intended to continue until rain falls and fills the tank belonging to her cottage & which was repaired some time ago at cost of this Office. With reference to the clothing required by this woman, you are authorised to obtain it as suggested by your Council, viz, - to purchase locally –

1 Pair Boots
12 yds Dress material (but not to exceed 1/- per yard)
10 yds Calico

[Hamilton]

665b
14th April 1902
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Please inform me whether you will have available this year, a supply of the old suits of railway clothing, similar to those obtained from you in previous years, if so, a detailed statement of the same will oblige.

[Hamilton]

666
10/4/02
Memo/
The following statement of the duties performed by the Protector of Aborigines, is respectfully submitted for the information of the Classification Board now enquiring into the Civil Service.
These duties are of a multifarious character, the Protector to act as Secretary, Chief clerk, Accountant & Messenger, - he has also to visit many of the Depots, inspecting the quality and condition of stores, hear the complaints of natives with regard to the distribution of the supplies, &c.
He has to order all supplies of food, clothing & Medicines from the Contractors (for 48 Depots), see that they are up to sample and make all the transport arrangements. All the a/cs have to pass through his hands, for examination & payment, and as they extend all over the State, involve a good deal of enquiry & correspondence.
Individual cases of destitution and sickness are frequently reported & dealt with – by removal to Hospital, calling in a doctor, or sending special rations and medicines. When natives are sent to Adelaide Hospital, 30 to 40 annually, the Protector meets the trains & conveys the patients to the Hospital, visits them there at request of their relatives, and makes arrangements to send them home on their discharge.
The Controlling Minister requires the Protector to be able to furnish him with information on all matters connected with the Aborigines & to make recommendations & holds him responsible for the proper expenditure of the Vote for Aborigines.
Average correspondence of this Office is – annually –

Inwards 900
Outwards 1200

[Hamilton]
667a
17th April 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th ulto., stating that the Aborigines holding permits of land along the Coorong desire to obtain permission to cut posts for fencing their land, from the lease sections marked D. & E. I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that Section E referred to is freehold property, but timber could be cut by licence on section D.

[Hamilton]

667b
25th April 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst, enclosing one from Dr Moule of Mannum, relative to Medical attendance on the Aborigines in your District – I have the honor to inform you that a supply of some of the medicines more frequently required for ordinary cases of illness will be forwarded to you with the other Stores, as per advice herewith.
Dr Moule is Government Medical Officer to the Aborigines in the Mannum District during the current year, after which different arrangements will probably be made in this respect.
I will endeavour to obtain and send to you, some of the old clothing from the Railway Department similar to what was supplied last year through M.C. Teate.

[Hamilton]

668a
28th April 1902
M.C. Clark
Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., relating to the telegram sent to me by Aboriginal Kitty Salter, I enclose copy of the Instructions to Issuers of Stores at Aborigines Depots from which you will perceive you are fully justified in refusing to issue rations to any able-bodied natives who are earning enough to keep themselves.

[Hamilton]

668b
28th April 1902
Mrs M. A. Spender
Port Augusta
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., complaining of your neighbors annoying you & that your husband is away from home looking for work, I have to point out that if the conduct of any of your neighbors towards you, amounts to a breach of the law, you can apply to the Police Court, to have them punished, or bound over to keep the peace.
Should you and your husband be unable to obtain work you would be entitled to receive rations from the depot in charge of M.C. Opie.

[Hamilton]
1st May 1902
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Dr Sir,
An Aboriginal named Jimmy King who has been in the Lunatic Asylum for some time, has recovered and is now discharged & goes to Port Augusta by train tomorrow morning – he comes from the Dalhousie District, I believe. Will you kindly give him any necessary assistance in sending him home. Another native named Joe who is his nephew, accompanies him to Port Augusta.

5th May 1902
Mrs Matthews
Forster
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., with respect to sending natives to Mannum for medical treatment, you can give them an order to proceed there by Steamer, when absolutely necessary. This expense should only be incurred when the case requires treatment by Dr Moule.
In very serious cases, when Hospital admission is desirable, you should advise me by telegram, before sending the patient via Murray Bridge to Adelaide, to enable me to confer with the Hospital authorities and arrange for the admission of the native.

5th May 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th ulto., stating that Aborigines Sumner and Rigney are desirous to obtain divorcement from their wives, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Government cannot interfere in this matter.

7th May 1902
Messrs J. Laelinyeri & D. Gollan
Meningie
Referring to your letters of the 7th ulto., requesting permission to sub-let the right to graze stock on the land held by you on the Coorong, under permits, I am directed by Honorable Minister of education to inform you that, you will be allowed to sub-let the right to graze stock on your land for a term of Twelve (12) months from this date, on condition that you live on the land, keep down the rabbits, and fence in your blocks, or a portion of them.
671a
12th May 1902
Mr F. Garnett  
Point Macleay

Referring to the 3 cases for the Hospital you sent in last Thursday, I had some exceptional trouble with them. When taken to the Hospital that night, the Doctor at first refused to admit any of them, because it was after the usual hours for admittance. I had to report this to the Secretary to the Hospital. The eye wards being full, the boy Clifford Wilson could not be taken in. He got some Medicine and was told to come up again at some future time, if his sight did not improve –

Mrs Mack remains in the Hospital, the others return to Point Macleay tomorrow morning.

In future it will be well to advise me, before sending patients for the Hospital, what they require so that I can communicate with the Hospital authorities, and let you know whether the patients can be received – Of course, in a very serious case of urgency, this could not be done.

[Hamilton]

671b
16th May 1902
Sergt Richards  
Moonta

Order herewith for continuance of rations for another month to the Aboriginal woman De Concey.

If De Concey himself requires any assistance, he should apply to the Moonta relieving officer for the Destitute Poor Board. De Concey is not an Aboriginal native of Australia and cannot therefore obtain rations from this office.

[Hamilton]

672a
19th May 1902
Mr E. C. Kempe  
The Peake

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., calling attention to the large number of Aborigines at the Peake Depot, and the insufficiency of the supply of Blankets forwarded & enclosing a/c £ 14. 8/- for rations &c, supplied by you, pending arrival of Stores from Adelaide – I have the honor to inform you that, 30 extra blankets are now forwarded to Warrina for you.

No ?? as far as our funds will permit, to meet all demands made on behalf of the Aborigines, as supplies are sent to Depots at Oodnadatta, Anna Creek & Stuart’s Creek. Natives coming from these places to the Peake Depot cannot reasonably expect supplies that are intended for your natives. Of course, cases may ?? arise when travelling parties are hard up and require a temporary supply to take them home.

I enclose procuration order form, to enable you to authorise your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect amount for you.

[Hamilton]

672b
19th May 1902
M. C. Uppington, Murray Bridge

With reference to your letter of the this date, respecting the case of Aboriginal Ellen Bookmark, do not send her down to Adelaide till I have further information about her – if she is totally blind, beyond the power of any operation, the Hospital will not admit her and in any case particulars as to any other illness should be given so that I can communicate with the Hospital prior to her coming down here.

I have had a good deal of trouble lately getting Aborigines taken into that Institution.

[Hamilton]
673a
20th May 1902
Mr H. Taylor
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 15th ulto., requesting a supply of seed wheat for the land you hold at Poonindie, under permit, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of Four (4) bags of Marshall’s seed wheat being supplied to you and it will be forwarded to Port Lincoln by Steamer today, to care of Sergt Clode.

[Hamilton]

673b
21st May 1902
Mr T. Gourlay
Mount Earnest
Sir,
With reference to the April Aborigines return from your Depot, calling attention to the case of Aboriginal Jimmie who requires medical treatment at Port Augusta, If you think he is a fit subject for admission to the Hospital there, you can send him on to Coward [Springs] as you propose, and I enclose an order for his rail journey from Coward to Port Augusta.
Please send message, by letter or wire, to Mr Field, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, at Port Augusta, advising him when Jimmie will arrive there, so that he can be taken to the Hospital.

[Hamilton]

674a
22nd May 1902
Mr H. Allan
Nilpinna [50km NE of Lake Cadibarrowirracanna]
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., acknowledging receipt of Aborigines Stores and enquiring as to the mode of issuing them, I enclose return form in which please enter the issues and when all the stores have been given out, return the form to me, filled in.
The usual rate of issue is as under –

[weekly] 7 lbs Flour
1 lb Sugar
¼ lb Tea

And a little tobacco occasionally to the old & infirm.

[Hamilton]

674b
23rd May 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., requesting a supply of fencing wire to fence about 8 acres of the Manunka Reserve, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the fencing wire will be supplied on condition that the Aborigines provide the posts, and all the labor required in putting up the fence.
Will you be good enough to send me a rough sketch, showing the shape of the piece of land to be fenced, and the length of each side in chains or yards.

[Hamilton]
23rd May 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Forster
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., requesting some assistance towards a boat for the Aborigines on the occasion of the King's Coronation, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no funds available for this purpose, for any of the Mission Stations or Depots.

[Hamilton]

23rd May 1902
Mr M. Kropinyeri
Wellington
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., applying for a boat, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this application will have to stand over for two or three months, as there are no funds available at present for supplying any additional boats.

[Hamilton]

23rd May 1902
Mr M. Kropinyeri
Wellington
Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 29th ulto. and 20th inst., and the memorial forwarded on behalf of Aborigines at Wellington, calling attention to the Fishery regulations for the Lower Murray and Lakes, as affecting the interests of the Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Fisheries Act do not apply to Aborigines taking fish for their own use, at any season of the year.

The other questions raised by you are still under consideration by the Government.

I attended the Deputation to the Hon. Treasurer on the 20th inst., and pointed out that the interests of the Aborigines should be protected in revising the Fishery regulations.

[Hamilton]

3rd June 1902
Mr A. Spender
Port Augusta

Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., requesting assistance to enable you to purchase a cart &c at a cost of £17., I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
677a
5th June 1902
Mr J. Gemmell
Arcoona [Woomera]
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 10th & 24th ulto., requesting some rations and blankets for the Aborigines in your District, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supply has been forwarded via Port Augusta, c/- Young & Gordon, as per advice herewith.
I enclose return form on which please have the issues entered, and send it to me when all the Stores have been issued. The weekly rate of issue is 7 lbs flour, 1 lb sugar, ¼ lb tea, with a little tobacco, blankets, 1 to each of the old, infirm and sick, & others in need of them.

677b
5th June 1902
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., recommending that a supply of rations &c be sent to Mr Gemmell, Arcoona, for relief of Aborigines in that locality, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that a supply has been ordered to be forwarded to Port Augusta, c/- Young & Gordon, for despatch by first opportunity to Arcoona.
The Stores for the Mount Vivian Depot are usually sent via Coward Springs – would this route not have been better for Arcoona also?

678a
6th June 1902
A Walker Esq
Cuttaparrie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th ulto., in which you call attention the number of Queensland Aborigines who come for relief to your Depot in S.A., owing to no provision being made to assist them on the Queensland side of the border, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Queensland Government has been written to on this subject.

678b
6th June 1902
Mr W. Kither
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to draw your attention to the a/cs rendered by you to this Office for some meat supplied to Aborigines in which you charge at the rate of 5d per lb. The Commissioner of Audit reports that they should be charged at the Contract rate of 3½ d per lb for the supplies in July, Aug, Sept & Oct of 1901.
Will you be good enough to furnish me with your explanation herein.
679a
11th June 1902
Mr G. Edginton
Mount Serle
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., respecting the case of the native woman suffering from venereal disease – Considerable difficulty is experienced in dealing effectually with such cases, owing to the ?careless and immoral habits of the Aborigines. The best course to adopt in this matter would probably be to report it to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Mr Field, at Port Augusta, with a view to ascertain whether this woman can be admitted to the Port Augusta Hospital.

[Hamilton]

679b
12th June 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th ulto., enquiring on behalf of Aboriginal John Sumner whether there is any land in the Hundreds of Goolwa or Nangkita unleased that could be given to him, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the enclosed list of lands open in these Hundreds will show on the plans which you have any blocks available which you will perceive have been marked in the margin.

[Hamilton]

680a
17th June 1902
Mr Julius Gramke
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Billy Thomas for some assistance from the Government to enable him to go prospecting for gold to Mount Victor [80 km N. of Yunta], I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that this Department has no funds available for this purpose.

[Hamilton]

680b
19th June 1902
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
With reference to the attached Cart-note, please note that you have not endorsed thereon whether the forfeit for non-delivery within specified time, should be enforced or waived – this omission will be queried by Commissioner of Audit, unless explained on Cart-note – as the time was exceeded by nearly a fortnight.
In your a/cs for Agency, you have one for 12 cwt @ 4/6 ton – 3/1 – how do you work this out – at 3/1, is it not 2/9 ? The Audit Office query all these errors which causes delay & trouble in passing the a/cs.

[Hamilton]
681a
19th June 1902
M.C. Trounson
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 5th & 13th inst., with reference to a hut for Aboriginal [Andrew?] Yates at Milang, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that Mr Jensen’s offer to put same up for £3.2.6, has been accepted. I enclose agreement for him to sign, which please return to me. The hut should be erected in a suitable sheltered locality, which you can point out. Please retain Mr Jensen’s estimate till the work is completed.
You can obtain a load of firewood for Yates – Can you keep it at the Police Station for safe custody. Four (4) dozen bags may be procured for him also – are these obtainable at Milang, and at what price?

[Hamilton]

681b
20th June 1902
Messrs J. McGregor & Co.
Hindmarsh
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., supplying information respecting the line in your contract “Bed Rugs”, which I made enquiry about for this Department, I have the honor to inform you that arrangements have been made to obtain some Aborigines Blankets from our Contractors (The S.A. Woollen Co.) to be delivered next month.

[Hamilton]

682
20th June 1902
M. O’Leary Esq, M.D.
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from the District Council of Encounter Bay, stating that a Deputation had recently waited on the Council & made complaints respecting the issue of firewood & rations to the Aborigines at Victor Harbor, that no wood had been delivered for 3 months & but for your kindness in supplying 2 loads firewood at your own expense, the natives would have fared badly – Will you be good enough to inform me if this last statement is correct, as you did not mention to me at our interview last Sunday, that you were obliged to supply firewood at your own expense.
I find from the records in this office that from July 1900 to this date 18 tons of firewood have been supplied by this Office to the Aborigines at Victor Harbor.
This wood is mainly intended for the old & infirm and sick natives, but on the occasion of my visit to their Camps last Sunday, I found only one man of age infirm, and one woman ill, the others appeared quite capable of providing for themselves, to some extent at least.
I enclose for your information, a copy of the Instructions to Issuers of rations &c at the Depots.

[Hamilton]
23rd June 1902

Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., stating that the ?? natives at Forster, suggest that 10 miles of the River upwards from there should be secured for their use for fishing, I have the honor to inform you that this matter will be laid before the Chief Inspector of Fisheries for consideration, and you will be advised of the result later on.
It is not stated clearly in your letter, the way in which the white men interfere with the Aborigines.
With respect to the plan of the fencing of the Reserve you have sent me, I see you seek a supply for much more wire than you asked for at first, viz., only for the 8 acres. The Minister has approved of wire being supplied for 8 acres only.

Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., reporting the case of Aboriginal H. Lampard, and forwarding certain documents therein, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this is not a matter in which the government can interfere.

Referring to your letter of the 9th ulto., drawing attention to the position of Mrs Matthews and Miss Cartwright, and their work among the Aborigines at Forster on the River Murray, & recommending that they should have some assistance from the Government, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the following supplies have been forwarded to Mrs Matthews for the Aborigines, since she began to work in November 1901, viz.,-

| 2½ Tons | Flour | 572 lbs | Sugar |
| 124 lbs | Tea   | 168 lbs | Rice  |
| 15 lbs  | Tobacco | 24 lbs | Soap |
| 46 Blankets | 12 | Blue shirts |
| 85 yds Dress material | 6 | Tomahawks |
| 2 Axes | 250 Fish hooks |
| 36 “ lines | Needles & thread |
| Tinware | 12 dozen Corn Sacks for tents |
| Fencing wire for enclosing 8 acres of Reserve. |
30th June 1902

Clerk of the District Council of Encounter Bay

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that a Deputation had recently waited on your Council, and made the following complaints:

“That the Aborigines were most unfairly treated in the supply of firewood & that no wood had been delivered for a period of 3 months & that the natives had to carry it from the Police Station to their Camps, a considerable distance & that their rations were most irregularly supplied.”

In reply I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that since 1st January 1900, 18 tons of firewood were supplied by this Department for the Aborigines at Victor Harbor, and if they are too lazy to go for the wood they deserve to remain without it.

Special care will, of course, be taken to see that those suffering from illness will be properly looked after.

During my visit to Victor Harbor on the 5th inst., I found only 2 old and infirm and one sick at the Aboriginal camps.

With respect to the issue of rations, I enclose Copy of the Instructions to Issuers at Aborigines Depots.

Some of the natives are in the habit of leaving the Point Macleay Mission with their children on slight pretexts - & expecting to be supplied with rations &c at Victor Harbor & Goolwa, a practice which it is not desirable to encourage.

[Hamilton]

2nd July 1902

Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Permit issued some years ago to Aboriginal Tim Adams has been cancelled, and the land will be re-offered.

It appears that Adams has not occupied or resided on this land for about 12 months.

[Hamilton]

1st July 1902

Mrs J. Matthews
Forster

Madam,

I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., applying for meat rations for the Aborigines at Manunka, that the Honorable Minisgter of Education &c has not approved of this request, and I am directed to say, that as Fish, game, rabbits &c are obtainable, it is considered that the Aborigines with a little exertion on their part, should be able to provide themselves with animal food.

[Hamilton]
687a
2nd July 1902
Mr M. R. Oakes
Lake Coongy
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 9th & 16th May last, applying for rations &c for Aborigines at Coongy Lake, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.
If there are any very old and infirm natives at Coongy, who cannot remove to any of the Depots in the District, you may be able to arrange with Mr Walker [at Innamincka, 120 km away] to send them some supplies when necessary.

[Hamilton]

687b
4th July 1902
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
With reference to the supply of firewood for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, Dr O’Leary has written to me recommending that 2 Tons of wood be allowed during the Winter months (July, August and September). You had better have 1 Ton delivered at the Camps, and 1 Ton at the Police Station, in your charge, which will be some check on its consumption.
Some Aborigines are in the habit of leaving Point Macleay Mission with their children, on very slight pretexts, and demanding rations &c at Goolwa & Victor Harbor. This practice should be discouraged, by supplying them for a few days only, when they come to see their friends.

[Hamilton]

688a
8th July 1902
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
With reference to the Canoe of Aboriginal Billy Newland, Captain Ritchie of Goolwa called my attention today to the desirability of getting it repaired. Will you be good enough to direct Newland to bring it up to Craig’s yard & have it examined & let me have statement of cost of any repairs needful.

[Hamilton]

688b
10th July 1902
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
With reference to the tenders for supply of Meat & Bread, as medical comforts for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, Mr W. H. Smith’s offer for bread is accepted, and I enclose agreement for him to sign.
Messrs Bird & Field’s offers are the same rate, viz., 4 per lb – will they agree to decide the matter by drawing lots who shall be accepted, or will they agree to share, each having 6 months of the year. Please let me know their decision.

[Hamilton]
689a
11th July 1902
Dr A. Engelhart, Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your quarterly report to 30/6/02, on the Aborigines at Kingston, on which you remark that some of them complained of receiving no blankets, I have the honor to inform you that 30 blankets were forwarded to M.C. Dunne this year for distribution.
If these were insufficient, I will have a few more forwarded to him – but so far, he has not called my attention to this matter.

[Hamilton]

689b
14th July 1902
Mr J. Walker
Mt Monster [near Keith]
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for lease of Aboriginal Blocks of land Nos. 429 & 272, in the Hundred of Baker, I am directed to inform you that these blocks are leased to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association of Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

690
16th July 1902 [fuzzy]
Mr A. Walker
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your report stating that Queensland Aborigines are again coming into S. Australia, & applying to your Depot for relief, in the absence of any provision being made for them on the Queensland side of the Border – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the following reply has been received from the Queensland Government, viz.,-

“In November 1901, when the Protector? visited the West as far as Innamincka, which is 10 miles from the Queensland Border, he found from 20 to 30 Oontoo Blacks there who were brought back to ?Pontoo and supplied with rations, - beyond this he knows of no other Queensland blacks who would go as far as Cuttaparrie- he states it is difficult to locate the nomadic Blacks referred to in your letter, as they may have ?? from the northern parts of South Australia. He then points out that though there is no reserve or depot yet established in the west of Queensland ?that no known cases of destitution have been allowed to go unrelieved among the blacks and that you are in error in stating that no provision is made for the Aborigines on the Queensland side of the Border.”

I will be glad to have any further information on this question that you can give me.

[Hamilton]

691a
17th July 1902
Mr F. S. Field
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your offer has been accepted for the supply of Meat for old, infirm and sick Aborigines at Victor Harbor, @ fourpence (4d) per lb during the quarters ending [691a: December 31st and June 30th 1902] [691b: September 30th and March 31st, 1902] [1903?] – to be delivered when ordered by M.C. Matthews or the Officer in Charge of the Aborigines Depot.

[Hamilton]
692a  
17th July 1902  
M.C. Matthews  
Victor Harbor  
Sir,  
I have the honor to inform you that the offers of Messrs Bird & Field, have been accepted for the supply of Meat @ four pence (4d) per lb, for the old, infirm & sick Aborigines at Victor Harbor, during the year ending 30th June 1902 – to be delivered by them every alternate quarter – Mr Bird to end of Sept & end of March, and Mr Field to end of Decr & June, respectively. I have advised them accordingly. 
I notice that the District Council of Encounter Bay had another deputation waiting on them about the firewood question last Saturday – What is the difficulty now ? I thought the matter was settled.  
[Hamilton]

692b  
21st July 1902  
The Clerk of  
The District Council of Encounter Bay  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., enquiring whether it can be arranged in the future for the Contractor for firewood for the old and infirm Aborigines at Victor Harbor, to deliver it at their Camp, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that instructions have been given to the Officer in Charge of the Aborigines Depot, to see that no hardship is inflicted on these natives who are unable to carry any firewood from the Police Station to their Camp.  
[Hamilton]

693a  
23rd July 1902  
Mr F. Garnett  
Point Macleay  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal A. Cameron for a boat to the cost of which, £ 10:, he offers to pay £ 3:, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of this Department paying one half cost of this boat, via., £5.  
[Hamilton]

693b  
23rd July 1902  
Mr W. B. Dunn  
Moonta  
Mr Geo. Taylor  
Point Pierce  
Referring to your letter of 5th inst., applying for the block of land No. 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo, leased to Aboriginal Tim Adams, I am directed to inform you that, this land is not open for disposal, as Adams has had his Permit renewed for another term.  
[Hamilton]
24th July 1902

Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North

His duties are to exercise a general supervision over the Depots in this part of the State, about 21 in number – to keep a note of all circumstances coming under his notice with regard to the health, conduct, and treatment of the Aborigines and furnish the Protector with all necessary information therein, to inspect the Depots and examine into Condition &c of Stores whenever required, and to furnish an annual report herein.

[Hamilton]

Aborigines

In compliance with Chief Secretary’s Circular No. 88, of the 18th inst., the following information is respectfully submitted.

The officers connected with this Department are The Protector at Adelaide, Salary £ 210: per annum – The Sub-Protector, Far North, at Port Augusta, Salary £ 52 per annum.

Duties of Protector
These are of a multifarious character, he having to act as Secretary, Clark, Accountant, and Manager. He has also frequently to visit some of the depots inspecting the quality & conditions of stores, & inquire into the Complaints of natives with regard to the distribution of these Stores &c –

He has to order all supplies of food, clothing, medicines &c, from the Contractors, for from 40 to 50 Depots, see that they are up to sample, and make all necessary transport arrangements. All accounts have to pass through his hands for examination & payment, and as they extend all over the State, involve a good deal of enquiry & correspondence. Individual cases of sickness & destitution are frequently reported to him from various parts of the State, and have to be dealt with. He meets trains and conveys patients to the Hospital, visits them and advises their friends and relatives &c at their request.

The Controlling Minister required the Protector to furnish him with information on all matters connected with the Aborigines, and to make recommendations, reports, &c, therein, and holds him responsible for the proper expenditure of the Vote for Aborigines.

[Hamilton]
24th July 1902
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., with reference to the offer of a Boat &c, for £ 6. 5/-, which you recommend the purchase of, for some of the aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of your request and you can therefore obtain them & send a certified a/c for same to this Office for payment.
The articles mentioned, viz., Boat, oars, mast, sail, Fishing lines and Bag Tent, should be specified in the a/c.
With regard to the disposal of these, I would mention that Mrs Beck and her two daughters have been reported on some time ago by the Police as leading an immoral life at the Murray Bridge &c – and if you wish to give them this boat, it would be well to let them clearly understand that the boat is only lent to them, while they remain about Forster, and conduct themselves to your satisfaction.
The tent and fishing lines might be given to some other deserving native.
With regard to the wire netting, will you be good enough to inform me how many Yards would be required to enclose the 8 acres which you have fenced on the reserve.

[Hamilton]

28th July 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st February last, applying for some assistance from this Office towards purchase of a boat for Aboriginal Wilson Snr, and which has been held over to the end of the financial year, I am now directed to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the payment of £ 6: towards the cost of same – Is the boat offered in February last for £ 15: still available & in good condition? If it is not in such good order now, perhaps it may be obtainable at a lower price.

[Hamilton]

30th July 1902
The Secretary
Adelaide Hospital
Sir,
With reference to Two Aborigines recently sent from Point Macleay to the Hospital, named A. Barrett & H. Rankine, suffering from Orchitis, Mr Garnett, the Manager of the Mission, wishes me to ask whether you would be good enough to ascertain from the doctor, the usual cause of their complaint, and any hints as to the future treatment of such cases.

[Hamilton]

31st July 1902
M.C. Williams
Oodnadatta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., stating that you have to be absent from the depot at times, & recommending the appointment of Mr F. W. Marsh to ?? in the issue of Stores to the Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request has been approved and Mr Marsh can act accordingly.

[Hamilton]
698b
1st August 1902
D. Archibald Esq, M.D.
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., calling attention to the destitute state of Aboriginal Mrs De Concey, whose husband is not at present in a position to support her, I have the honor to inform you that, I have sent Sergt Richards an order for another month’s supply of rations for her – - as this woman is reported of rather weak intellect, though not dangerously insane, & perhaps under these circumstances, it might be desirable during the absence of the husband, to place her in the Mission Station at Point Pierce, where she has relatives who could look after her but if this arrangement is not practicable, & a further supply of rations needed, the order will be extended. [Hamilton]

699a
8th August 1902
Mr M. Kropinyeri, Wellington
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., I am directed to inform you that the two sections in the Hundred of Seymour are both let on leases which will not expire till October 1905.
With respect to your application for a boat, if you can contribute £ 1: or £ 2: towards the costs, you will have a better chance of obtaining it.
Perhaps after the shearing season, you will be in a position to do so. [Hamilton]

699b
15th August 1902
Mr Geo. Lindsay, Forster
I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to draw your attention to a report which has been received by the government, concerning the land you hold under Permit at Pyap, on the Murray. It appears that you have not resided on this land since December last. The fences are getting broken down and the wire netting destroyed. 10 chains of the netting were lying about trampled down by cattle.
Unless you make efforts to reside on & cultivate the land and keep the fences in good order, your permit will be liable to be cancelled & the land taken from you. [Hamilton]

700
12th August 1902
Mrs Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., requesting a further supply of clothing for the Aborigines at Forster, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the usual winter supplies of blankets &c, have already been furnished to your Depot, and the funds at disposal of this Office are now so limited, that they will not permit of the additional articles such as you mention, being supplied.
I would recommend that you try to arrange with the Aborigines who go away for the shearing, to have their cheques sent direct to you, so that you can exercise some supervision over the way in which their earnings are expended, and as some of them frequently obtain a good deal of money at shearing time, it is very desirable that they should be induced to lay it out for the benefit of themselves & families and thus render them less dependent on the Govt for support. [Hamilton]
701a
22nd August 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp for assistance towards the purchase of a sailing boat offered for sale for £6. 10/-, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

701b
25th August 1902
J. Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
An Aboriginal youth named Bob Burle from Alice Springs, came to this office today, in a destitute state. He states a man brought him down with a mob of horses some two months ago, and after their sale at Balaklava, left Bob adrift. Since then, Bob says he went working for some farmers near Terowie, and now wants to return home. I am giving him a pass to Port Augusta tomorrow morning. He says he has relatives at Leigh's Creek. Perhaps if you send him on to that place, it will be sufficient.
If you can find out who the man was that took him from Alice Springs, it would be well, if possible, to take some steps to punish him, if it could be done under the Master & Servants' Act.

[Hamilton]

702a
26th August 1902
Mr M. Kropinyeri
East Wellington
Referring go your letter of the 25th inst., requesting passes to bring your son to the Hospital, I do not quite understand your object in proposing this, as you say in your letter, your son now appears to be quite well again – if so the Hospital authorities would not have him – If you want him examined again by a Doctor, you can take him to Dr Guinand who is Medical Officer at Murray Bridge and who occasionally visits Wellington.
If he certifies that your son again requires Hospital treatment, then there would be some reason in sending him down.

[Hamilton]

702b
27th August 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
The Natives Blackmore and Hodgkiss & their wives, are being sent down to Milang tomorrow morning, & will be put on board the Steamer for Point Macleay. I am sorry to say they have not been conducting themselves well, - the Blackmores have been twice in Gaol for drunkenness and the Hodgkisses were found drunk at Glenelg last Saturday & sent to prison – I have had them released today taken to the City Watch house to be ready to start in the morning.
Please do what you can to keep them in your District. I will caution Mr Dunk not to give them passages back again.

[Hamilton]
2nd September 1902
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., acknowledging receipt of Aborigines Stores, and enquiring as to the mode of issuing Serge & ?Galatea, I have the honor to inform you that these articles are mainly intended for the old & infirm, and orphan children, and any others who, in your judgment, are deserving of assistance.
I do not understand your remark that there is “no work here” for natives, “that it is almost impossible for them to procure firewood.” Firewood has not been supplied at the Kingston Depot for several years past. How have the natives managed to do without it so long?
With regard to there being no work for them, I enclose you an extract from the report of Dr Engelhart last year – has the work referred to by him ceased to exist? if a load of firewood is urgently required for some of the natives, you can procure one but as you are newly in charge of the Aborigines Depot at Kingston, you will have to be careful that they do not try to impose upon you in any way.

4th September 1902
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., stating that you have now in stock a number of old uniforms returned by the Traffic Department, I have the honor to inform you that our usual winter distribution of clothing has been made, & a further supply of the uniforms referred to will not be required till next April.

9th September 1902
M. C. Haedge
Wilmington
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., stating that there are at present from 40 to 45 blacks camped near Wilmington & that all are demanding rations, I have the honor to forward you herewith copy of General Instructions to issuers at Depots. You will have to be careful that the Aborigines do not impose upon you especially as you are newly in charge of the Depot.
The Govt rations are mainly for old, infirm & sick natives, and every effort should be made to induce the able-bodied to earn their own living either by obtaining employment or by hunting &c.

16th September 1902
Mrs J. Mathews
Forster
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., calling attention to the case of Aboriginal Beatrice Hunter who has deserted her family and gone away with a white man, & enquiring whether she can be apprehended by the Police, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the government cannot interfere in this matter.
705b
15th September 1902
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to the report addressed to you by M.C. Birt of Beltana, calling attention to the case of an Aboriginal ½ caste named Lucy who died at Mt Serle on the 26th ulto., leaving a family of 6 children and whose removal to a Mission Station I now recommended, I have the honor to inform you that as these children belong to the Northern District, the Mission Station at Kopperamanna will probably be most suitable to send them to and I have written to the Manager there on the subject and will advise you later on what arrangements are made herein.

[Hamilton]

706a
16th September 1902
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., recommending on the report of M.C. Birt of Beltana, the transfer of the Depot from Parallana to Wooltana in charge of Mr McTaggart who has consented to act as Issuer of Stores, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this change of Depot has been approved and a supply of Stores will be sent to Leigh’s Creek in due course, addressed to Mr McTaggart, who will be advised accordingly, I believe all the supplies sent to Parallana have been issued, as no stores have been sent there since last year.

[Hamilton]

706b
17th September 1902
Mr J. G. Reuther, Killalpaninna
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, an Aboriginal ½ caste woman named Lucy Sydney, died last month at Mount Serle, leaving a family of 6 children, of from 5 to 14 years old, whose removal to your Mission Station is very desirable.
I see you have very few children at your Station, and as the younger aborigines are more easily trained and educated to become useful members of the community, you will, I presume, be willing to admit these children. On receipt of your reply, I can arrange to have them forwarded.

[Hamilton]

707a
17th September 1902
John Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta
Sir,
With reference to the attached letter of Mr J. W. Duck of Leigh’s Creek, calling attention to the inferior quality of the flour obtained by Blacks at Beltana, I shall be glad if you will have some enquiry made herein – Could you get M.C. Birt of Beltana to examine the flour at the Depot there in charge of Mr Newland. In March last ½ ton of the household flour was got at Port Augusta, was sent to him, and his return for July last shows he issued only 60 lbs to natives during that month.
I would like to have a sample of this flour sent to me, when you are sending the sample of flour from Mount Serle Depot.
I suppose flour would deteriorate when kept in a careless way exposed to weather or vermin.

[Hamilton]
707b
18th September 1902
L. McTaggart Esq, J.P.
Wooltana
Sir,
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Port Augusta (Mr J. Field) has informed me that, you are willing to take charge of Aborigines Stores for issue to the Natives at Wooltana, and I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the Depot being transferred from Paralana, and placed in your charge. A supply of rations will be forwarded to you, as per advise herein, to Leigh’s Creek, from where, I understand, you will arrange for their Cartage to Wooltana. A supply of return forms will be posted to you in separate parcel. You need not prepay postage in your letters & returns to this office. The returns should be sent by you as a parcel.

[Hamilton]

708a
Forwarded through the Sub-Protector, Far North
23rd September 1902
Mr B. Larkins
Coondambo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., acknowledging receipt of Aborigines Stores, and stating that you consider it advisable that a further supply should be forwarded to Coondambo Depot at the end of this month, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office will not admit of this request being complied with, and every effort should be made to discourage the Blacks remaining in large numbers about the Depot. Probably rain may soon be expected, & if so, the Natives will have a better prospect of obtaining employment, and getting a ??? [last line illegible]

[Hamilton]

708b
27th September 1902
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., reporting that the Aborigines boat at Kingston is worn out & not worth repairing, and recommending its sale for £ 1, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the offer being accepted.

[Hamilton]

709a
29th September 1902
Mr A. Cameron
Coorong
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., asking that a boat at a cost of £ 7: may be supplied to you, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
709b
29th September 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal Old Isaac of Meningie, I have
the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that in view of more
urgent demands on the funds at disposal of this Office, the request cannot at present be complied with.

[Hamilton]

710a
2nd October 1902
Messrs W. Thomas & Co.
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that
complaint has been made to this Office respecting the inferior quality of Flour recently supplied by you
to the Depots at Beltana and Mount Serle, - samples of this flour have been obtained, and have now
been submitted for an expert’s examination - & on receipt of his report, I will again communicate with
you herein.

[Hamilton]

710b
9th October 1902
The Revd. L. Kaibel
Tanunda
Dear Sir,
I have received the enclosed 2 cheques for £12.0.9 from Mr C. G. ?Klicke of Rowland’s Flat, requesting
me to forward the amount for the Finke Mission for food & clothing for the Aborigines. As you are the
Chairman and Treasurer for that Mission, I now send the cheques to you, and I have no doubt but that
the generosity of our liberal fellow Colonist will be appreciated by you & those for whom the gift is
intended.

[Hamilton]

711
7th October 1902
Messrs W. Thomas & Co.
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that
complaints have been made to this office concerning the flour recently supplied by you to the Depots at
Beltana and Mount Serle and calling attention to it being of inferior quality.
Samples of this flour have been obtained and submitted to an expert for examination.
His report is as follows –
“Color dark and inferior, strength water absorption is exceedingly low.
“The flour is an exceedingly inferior article manufactured from tailings and dressed through coarse
cloth, sifted through to 9 cloth, the residue amounts to more than 10 % of worthless fibre, and it would
not be possible to make wholesome bread from this flour.”
As the department has been paying the usual market current price for your flour, the best household
should be supplied when required in future.

[Hamilton]
712a
9th October 1902
Mr C. G. Klicke
Rowland's Flat
Dear Sir,
I have to thank you for the 2 cheques amounting to £ 12. 0. 9, which you were good enough to send me, with a request that I would forward them to the Revd Mr Kaibel of Tanunda, for the Lutheran Mission at the Finke, Central Australia, of which he is the Treasurer, - I have sent them to Mr Kaibel accordingly, and I feel sure your liberal generosity will be much appreciated by both the aborigines and the Missionaries who are in charge of that Station.

[Hamilton]

712b
9th October 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Dr Moule of Mannum in a recent report to this office, states, “that several Aborigines are in the habit of using him as a ?blind ?shield? –they pretend they are ill in order to get to Mannum for drink. Others pretend sickness, so as to get a trip to Adelaide, and it is often impossible to detect their shamming.” Forwarding natives to the doctor at Mannum or to the Adelaide Hospital, should only be resorted to in very serious cases, when life is in danger, and authority should be obtained from this Office before doing so whenever it is practicable to communicate. I am directed by the the Honorable Minister of Education &c to say that in future you will be held personally liable for any unauthorised expenditure incurred in this way.

[Hamilton]

713a
9th October 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Referring to your request of the 3rd inst., for a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, please note, that your September return shows 157 lbs Sugar & 40 lbs Rice on hand at end of that month. I presume it was an oversight your including Sugar & Rice in your request for a supply – the Honorable Minister has had your return under his consideration and I am directed to state that every care should be taken to restrict the issue of rations to the old, infirm, sick, and children at School. Able-bodied natives should be encouraged to help themselves by fishing, hunting, and seeking employment from the settlers on the river, instead of living in idleness on Govt rations at the Depot.

[Hamilton]

713b
12th October 1902
J. A. Breadon Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., representing that a number of Aborigines are in a destitute condition at Todmorden [80 km NE of Oodnadatta], and asking that they may be supplied with rations, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of a supply being forwarded to Oodnadatta if you will provide for their further transport to Todmorden.

[Hamilton]
714
11th October 1902
O. W. Smith Esq, M.D.
Clare
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., with reference to medical attendance on Aboriginal shearsers at Clare, I have the honor to inform you that, an Aboriginal in receipt of the usual wages as a shearer &c, stands on the same footing as an ordinary European, and cannot be considered a “Destitute Person” under your agreement with the government, and therefore I think they should pay you when requiring medical treatment.
There must be cases when some of these natives become seriously ill & unable to earn their wages – in that case I consider it would be best for you to refer it to the Chairman of the District Council for his written recommendation.
Some of the Aborigines from the Mission Stations at Point Pierce and Point Macleay have arranged I believe, with the Managers of those Institutions and the Manager of Hill River, that their wages as shearers &c are paid over to the Mission authorities, as the natives are often indebted to them for sundry advances – The Manager of Hill River will be able no doubt to advise you to what extent this is so.
The natives are not always so strait-forward as they ought to be, & you will have to be careful not to be imposed upon & deal with each case on its merits.
Some have families at the Missions & may not be able to pay as well as the single men could.

715a
21st October 1902
M.C. Catchlove
Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., with report re the opening of fresh Aborigines Depots at Glen Boree and Bookabie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of your forwarding a supply of Stores from the Depot at Fowler’s Bay to Mr F. J. Smart for the relief of any old, infirm and sick blacks requiring such at Glen Boree.
When you patrol this part of your District, you will doubtless have an opportunity of ascertaining the number & requirements of the Natives at Glen Boree & be able to judge to what extent they require assistance.

715b
21st October 1902
Mr F. J. Smart
Glen Boree
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 15th & 30th ulto., calling attention to the condition of Aborigines about Glen Boree, & asking that rations may be supplied to you for their relief, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that instructions have been given to the Issuer of Stores at the Fowler’s Bay Depot, to forward you a supply of rations for issue to the old, infirm & sick Natives who may occasionally visit your district & require such.
Encouragement should not be given to able-bodied natives to expect to be fed at the public expense when they can obtain employment or provide themselves with their natural food.

[Hamilton]
716a
22nd October 1902
Mr E. C. Kempe
The Peake
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th ulto., enclosing a/c £ 34. 7. 0 for meat and other rations supplied to Aborigines at the Peake Depot, I am directed to inform you that, the the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of same for payment, under the exceptional circumstances reported by you.

[Hamilton]

716b
24th October 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., stating that the native woman ?Blanche? Warrior wants a pass to Adelaide – I have the honor to inform you that she & her husband came to Adelaide from Victor Harbor last week – the man went up North & she refused to go with him; and as they were getting drunk in the city, I sent her up to Murray Bridge at her own request.
She had better remain at Forster, if you can keep her here, as she will be more out of temptation to Liquor, to which she is much addicted. I had a bad character of them both from the Police at Victor Harbor.
Our funds will not admit of Aborigines travelling about at public expense – merely for their own pleasure or convenience. Her husband can easily find his way up to her, if so inclined.

[Hamilton]

717a
24th October 1902
Messrs G. Wood, Son & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., submitting a claim for £ 1. 10. 1, being interest at the rate of 5 % per annum on the amount due to you by this department for overdue duties on the Tariff Adjustment, I have the honor to inform you, that I fail to perceive how any delay in the payment of the overdue duties was caused by any action on the part of this Office, and that therefore your claim for interest herein, cannot be fairly chargeable to this department.

[Hamilton]

717b
24th October 1902
Mr J. Field
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your memo 21st inst., forwarding an offer for Doctor Shanahan of Hawker to visit sick Aborigines at Mt Serle for a fee of £ 35:., I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he considers a doctor’s visit in this case would be practically of little use, unless the natives were kept under control for some time.
The Colonial Surgeon has been consulted and a supply of medicine has been forwarded by parcel post to Mr Edginton at Mount Serle with instructions to do what he can for the sick natives.
Please advise Dr Shanahan by telegram, his services will therefore not be required.

[Hamilton]
27th October 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., recommending purchase of Boat for Aboriginal Bertie Tripp who offers to pay half cost of same, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable the Minister of Education &c has approved of the request. Tripp’s wife was in Adelaide last week & paid me £1: on a/c of this purchase - & said she had paid £1: to Mr Biggs, Murray Bridge, who has charge of the Boat, the price of which is £4.15:- this will leave a balance of 7/6 to be paid by Tripp, which please have remitted to me, to close the purchase and enable me to get the a/c £2.7.6 passed for payment.

Tripp will be required to give his old boat to Aboriginal Isaac of Meningie – as the condition on which he receives the new boat.

[Hamilton]

28th October 1902
D. McKenzie Esq, M.P.
Adelaide
Sir,

Referring to letter dated 14th inst., which you handed me yesterday, addressed to you by Mr H. McOrd? of Hergott, calling attention to a large number of Aborigines in a destitute condition, driven into Hergott, owing to the drought-stricken state of the surrounding country, & asking that some rations be provided for their relief, as the residents of the Township were unable to supply them with food,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this office was first apprised of this matter, by a letter from M.C. Ireland of Hergott, on the 17th inst., and Mr Manfield was wired the same day, to hand over to M.C. Ireland, some Stores which had been sent up for Cowarie Depot, but not required there, owing to subsequent abandonment of that Station, & M.C. Ireland was instructed to receive and attend to their distribution to the Natives.

[Hamilton]
3rd November 1902

Memo

Referring to recent discussion in Parliament about the Aborigines in the Far North, & their treatment, I respectfully submit for the information of the the Honorable the Minister of Education &c that there are twenty (20) depots at present in this part of the State, viz., -

- Blinman
- Blanchewater
- Beltana
- Charlotte Waters
- Cordillo Downs
- Coondambo
- Diamantina
- Haddon Downs
- Innamincka
- Kopperamanna
- Kanowana
- Monte Collina
- Mulloorina
- Mount Lyndhurst
- Oodnadatta
- Mount Eba
- Peake
- Anna Creek
- Stuart’s Creek
- Wilgena

During the past year, 62 tons flour, have been supplied to these Depots, with the usual quantities of Sugar, tea, tobacco, & when specially require, medicines & Medical comforts, in urgent cases when the Issuers communic ate with this office by letter or telegram, efforts are made to meet all reasonable requirements for the relief of the natives.

After all, their condition & treatment, depends a good deal on the care & attention given to them at the Depots. Some are noted for the special interest shown, viz.,-

- Anna Creek (Hogarth & Warren),
- Oodnadatta (M.C.s Ireland & Williams),
- Mount Eba (T. F. Gourlay),
- Monte Collina (F. J. Turner),
- Charlotte Waters (Jas M. Byrne),
- Peake (G. C. Kempe),
- Coondambo (R. Bruce),
- Innamincka (A. Walker),
- Beltana (M.C. Birt),

five of these Depots are in charge of the Police, one under the Post & Telegraph master, and the remainder looked after by Station Managers.

The Protector has no time to travel hundreds of miles about the North enquiring personally with native questions – he has to act as Secretary and Accountant to the department and all supplies for over 40 Depots, make transport arrangements keep & pay all accounts, which extend all over the State & involve a good deal of enquiry & correspondence, has no assistant in his office – not even a messenger.

The Sub-Protector at Port Augusta frequently visits the Depots in his district, either personally or by deputy, and in his last report states –

“I have not been able to visit many of the depots and from enquiries made & reports from police officers, I am satisfied that the Stores supplied by Govt, have been carefully issued.”

Under these circumstances, it seems unreasonable that the Government should be charged with shameful inhumanity towards the Aborigines, and as to remarks made that the Protector was only a “figurehead”, and his office a “sinecure”, I would quote a statement made publicly some time ago, by the Revd. F. W. Cox, the Chairman for many years, of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association - & who has often had opportunities of acquainting himself with the work of this Office – during the 29 years I have been Protector, viz.,-

“As to the Protector of Aborigines, those who are most intimately acquainted with the work of the Protector’s Office, know full well that it is absolutely necessary to the general well-being of the aborigines, & that the work is thoroughly well done by the officer who holds the appointment, & that he is poorly enough paid for it.”

[Hamilton]
5th November 1902
Mr G. Edginton
Mount Serle
Sir,
I will be glad to hear from you, whether, the Medicines sent up for the Aborigines suffering from Measles, was of use in relieving them. Have you any deaths among them after this Medicine was given out; and was measles the only illness they tend to suffer from.
As full a report as you can give will oblige. I had been told there are many children at School age, about Mt Serle, some of them ½ castes – would it be possible to get their parents’ consent to their removal to a Mission Station? I could get a dozen of them taken in at Point Macleay Mission.

[Hamilton]

1st November 1902
Mr J. A. Breadon, Todmorden
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th ulto., with reference to the carriage of Aborigines Stores to Todmorden, which you state you are unable to undertake, I am directed by the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supply of rations, as per advice herewith, has been forwarded to Oodnadatta & Mr Manfield, the agent there, has been instructed to send them on to you as soon as he can arrange with teams to take them.
I enclose copy of the “Instructions to Issuers” for the guidance of your Manager, and a supply of the stores forms in separate parcel.
You need not prepay postage on letter & returns to this office.

[Hamilton]

3rd November 1902
Mr J. A. Breadon, Todmorden
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable the Minister of Education &c has approved of the payment of £15: amount of a/c rendered for three bullocks killed for Aborigines at Todmorden. It is not usual for this Department to supply meat for Aborigines, but in this case, as the circumstances were exceptional, the a/c has been passed.
In future, authority should first be obtained from the Minister, before an expense of this nature is incurred. I enclose procuration order for Mr A. Fergusson to sign, as the a/c was rendered in his name.

[Hamilton]

6th November 1902
E. C. Kempe Esq
The Peake
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., reporting the prevalence of Influenza among the blacks and that eight deaths had occurred, & recommending that some meat be supplied in cases of illness, I am directed by the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that when necessary during illness, you can occasionally give them a goat.
If you desire any simple medicines that would be of service to these natives, I will have them forwarded by post.

[Hamilton]
724a
6th November 1902
Mr R. H. Gooch
Coondambo
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ulto., stating that pending arrival of supplies from Pt Augusta, you will have some station Stores issued to the natives, I have urged Messrs Young & Gordon to use all possible despatch in getting your Stores sent on.
With respect to the prevalence of Measles among the blacks, can you suggest anything for them? I will forward some medicines by parcel post if that would be of any service.

[Hamilton]

724b
7th November 1902
M.C. Uppington
Murray Bridge
Referring to the case of Aboriginal Jennie Scott or Warrior, you wired me on the 5th inst., as sent to Adelaide Hospital by the doctor’s order – She came to me this morning saying she would not remain at the Hospital & wanted pass back to Murray Bridge. As we pay doctors at Mannum & the Bridge to attend Aborigines when necessary, they should not be sent down to Hospital, unless in very serious cases, it causes unnecessary expense.
This woman is a noted character, being much addicted to drink, & so many ways exist about the City for obtaining such – that I know some of the Blacks are quite capable of imposition in order to get sent down to Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

725a
11th November 1902
Dr P. Guinand
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your Return of Aborigines under treatment for quarter ended 30th September last, has not yet reached this office & to request that you will be good enough to forward it as soon as possible.

[Hamilton]

725b
17th November 1902
W. E. Dalton
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Audit has enquired for the usual certified copy of the Balance Sheet of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association for the year ended 30th June 1902, and I will feel obliged by your having this document forwarded to me at your earliest con.

[Hamilton]
726a
17th November 1902
John Field Esq,
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Referring to the requisition from M.C. Chance of Diamantina for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, and your memo thereon, stating that the Police Camp will, as soon as the rain falls, be removed to Mungaranie Bore, please advise me whether it will be desirable to delay sending these stores on to Hergott till I am further informed by you that the Depot has been removed to Mungaranie.

[Hamilton]

726b
17th November 1902
John Field Esq,
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
With reference to the proposed removal of Aboriginal children from Mount Serle district to a Mission Station, I have ascertained that the Point Macleay Superintendent is willing to admit about 12 Native children, whose ages run from 6 to 12 or 13 years. They would have to be free of any sickness of an infectious or contagious nature, as it would be a serious thing to introduce such among nearly 300 inmates at Point Macleay, who are at present all healthy.

We have no legal power to remove these children forcibly from their parents – except in case of orphans, who can be taken at any time – perhaps you could have enquiry made herein, and let me know what could be done, before any definite steps are taken to send them to Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]

727a
18th November 1902
Mr A. S. C. Gale
Bookabie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that there are some destitute Aborigines about Bookabie & asking that some provision be inform you that there are Aborigines Depots at Fowler's & Streaky Bays, and at Penong, and Koonibba Mission, near Denial Bay, where the Aborigines can obtain any necessary supplies.
The funds at disposal of this office will not permit of additional Depots being established to issue rations wherever small moving camps of natives may be for a time.

[Hamilton]

727b
18th November 1902
M.T. Keating
Streaky Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., with requisition for fresh supply of Stores and stating that the Aborigines’ boat requires repairs, I have the honor to inform you that you can have these repairs done to the extent you mention, viz., - 6/6. Your requisition reached me too late for shipping the supplies by the S.S. Jessie Darling which sails today – but they will be forwarded by next opportunity.

[Hamilton]
728a
17th November 1902
Mr W. McKenzie
Denial Bay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst., whether Dr Bruehl could be appointed Medical Officer for Aborigines in your District, I have the honor to inform you that appointments for Medical attendance on the Destitute Poor and Aborigines, are usually made by the Destitute Poor Boards, and I would suggest that application should be made to the Chairman of the Destitute Board, Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

728b
21st November 1902
The Clerk of the
District Council of Dudley
Hog Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., with reference to having the cottage of Mrs Mary Seymour repaired, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a statement of what the proposed repairs will cost, when the matter will be submitted to the Honorable Minister of education &c for his consideration.

[Hamilton]

729a
21st November 1902
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., with reference to the De Concey family - & the trouble they cause you at the Mission, I quite agree with you that De Concey & his wife have very little claim on the Mission or this Office, - he, not being an Aboriginal, has no claims at all, and when he married one of your people, he took the responsibility of keeping her and relieving the Mission of her support, and as he has a block of land & house, as also a horse & cart, he ought to be able to earn a living – When you permit his wife to come occasionally to see her relations at the Mission – he has no right to presume on this, and make himself a source of trouble. You will have to adopt some more forcible means with him – If he does not try & live in his own place, he will probably lose it.

[Hamilton]

729b
25th November 1902
Mr F. J. Smart
Glen Boree
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines in your district, as being in need of food & clothing, I have the honor to inform you that, a supply of rations was sent to M.C. Catchlove, Fowler’s Bay, by the last vessel, about a week ago. Blankets &c are issued in April of each year, at beginning of winter. The funds at disposal of this office will not admit of general supplies of clothing being issued to every aboriginal at Depots and I am not aware of any place in Adelaide, where I could recommend you to apply for old cast-off clothing for the Aborigines.

[Hamilton]
730a
25th November 1902
Mr C. A. Wiebusch, Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., with reference to Medical attendance & Medicines for Aborigines in your District, I have the honor to inform you that Mr McKenzie of Denial Bay, wrote to me suggesting the appointment of Dr Bruehl in this capacity – I have replied to Mr McKenzie, advising him what course to follow herein – I sent a supply of Medicines to Mr Schultz, your Manager, who has probably got them ere this.
Simple remedies are generally found best for the natives, as unless you keep them under control, Drugs are as likely to do harm, as benefit them.

[Hamilton]

730b
25th November 1902
M.C. Catchlove, Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., reporting sickness prevalent among the Aborigines at Fowler’s Bay, I have the honor to inform you that I forwarded a supply of Eucalyptus Oil & pills by last vessel. I now send you by parcel post some Quinine.
The natives are probably attacked by some form of influenza – and when giving them Quinine it would be well to observe its effects on them.
It is difficult to treat Aborigines on these cases as when they feel hot & feverish they are inclined to throw off all clothing and lie down in a damp place or go into the water with a fatal result. I will send you a supply of eye lotion by next vessel.

[Hamilton]

731a
25th November 1902
Mr F. J. Smart, Glen Boree
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that representations have reached this office objecting to you having the issue of rations to the Aborigines at Boree, on the ground that you are a single man, - under these circumstances, it has been decided, that the Stores in question will be placed in charge of Mr D. McLeod of Boree.

[Hamilton]

731b
25th November 1902
M.C. Catchlove, Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., pointing out objections to Mr Smart of Boree having charge of Aborigines Stores, because he is a single young man, and suggesting that Mr D. McLeod be entrusted with their issue, I have the honor to inform you that, your recommendation herein has been approved, and when necessary to forward stores to Boree for relief of natives who are unable to apply for them at Fowler’s Bay Depot, you can arrange with Mr McLeod to issue them, and advise you monthly of the names of those who received rations.
& when you have an opportunity of visiting Boree, you might enquire how this arrangement works, & see that no encouragement is given to able-bodied natives to loaf about & [be] fed at Govt expense, if they can obtain natural food or employment.

[Hamilton]
732a
27th November 1902
Mr C. Moore
S.A. Woollen Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 26th inst., re the new sample Aborigines Blankets you had for me, I have to thank you for the information given herein.
With regard to getting a S.A. sample blanket made before next tenders are called for, I will confer with you again later on, when the question has been considered.

732b
28th November 1902
Mrs A. Sumner
Goolwa
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., applying for lease of block of land on the Coorong, near section occupied by Pompey Jackson, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that there is no land suitable in the locality referred to.

733a
28th November 1902
Mr C. O’Connell
Spalding
With reference to your report 22nd inst., stating that the repairs to the cart of Aboriginal McGrath can be effected for 30/-, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of half the cost herein, viz., 15/- being paid by this department.
On receipt of a certified a/c from you that the work has been done, payment will be made to the extent authorised.

733b
1st December 1902
E. J. Hector Esq., J.P.
Port Pirie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th ulto., stating that you can offer employment to a number of Aborigines, for killing rabbits at Baroota, I have the honor to inform you that, I have forwarded your letter to M.C. Clarke, in charge of the Aborigines Depot at Port Germein, with instructions to do what he can to induce the aborigines to take up this work.
I enclose copy of the Instructions to Issuers of Govt rations, showing the scale &c.

734a
2nd December 1902
Mr Wm Taylor, Poonindie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th October last, applying for a block of land in the Hundred of Louth, about a mile from the Jetty, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that as this land is at present let under lease, it is not available.
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that you have been informed again that a Native reserve on the Coorong, near the land leased to Pompey Jackson, is open for selection, I have the honor to inform you that, I have seen the Surveyor-General today, and examined the Plan of this locality, and am assured that there is no such reserve or any such land in that locality available for leasing to you.

[Hamilton]

Referring to previous correspondence with you re the parcel of Tobacco which you reported contained 7 lbs instead of 10 lbs, I have had full enquiry made of the Railway authorities & their report is that one of Mr Manfield’s men who loaded the Camels with the Tobacco did not weigh it but merely took it in his hand & estimated its weight at 7 lbs & entered 7 lbs accordingly in the Camel driver’s Cart-note – As the Railway Department holds a clear receipt for the weight, 10 lbs, they do not accept any liability.

You do not mention whether you weighed the Tobacco on delivery – perhaps after all, it was 10 lbs, though marked 7 lbs on Cart-note.

[Hamilton]

In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., stating there are some destitute Aborigines in your District, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that provision is made for the relief of Aborigines on the West Coast at the Depots at Fowler’s Bay, Penong, Koonibba Mission near Denial Bay, and at Streaky Bay – at which, it is considered, all reasonable requirements of the natives can be easily met – The Fowler’s Bay Depot near your Station is supplied with the usual Stores, including Medicines, and the Aborigines you mention, can obtain what they are in need of there.

[Hamilton]

I have the honor to inform you that a Mr H. Klooch of Yalata, near Fowlers’ Bay, has written to me calling attention to a large number of destitute Aborigines in that locality. I have replied to him stating that provision is made at your Depot for relief of these cases – Have the blacks any objection to coming to or remaining at Fowler’s Bay when they are hard up or food – This is the 3rd application from settlers about Fowler’s Bay, wanting supplies for the natives, who seem to have become much more numerous than formerly.

[Hamilton]
8th December 1902
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your Aborigines return for November last, I notice that your issues of rations are unusually large – all the 30 natives, young & old & able-bodied appear to have had full rations, -
During the last four months of 1901 – the issues at Kingston depot were less than what is shown in your November return for one month only. Have the circumstances under which the aborigines live altered so much, and are they less able to provide for themselves this year, than they were last year?
You will find that in proportion as they can obtain supplies from the depot, they will become less inclined to exert themselves in earning something towards their own living.

9th December 1902
Mr A. W. Cocks, Wilgena
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Aborigines Depot at Wilgena will be closed from this date – as it is considered that the Depots now existing at Coondambo, Mount Eba, Yardea and Arcoona, are sufficient to meet the requirements of the Aborigines of this part of the State.

10th December 1902
The Clerk of the Dudley District Council
Hog Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., stating that the necessary repairs for the cottage of Mary Seymour, can be done for £ 1. 10/-, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of this expenditure.

10th December 1902
M.C. O’Connell, Spalding
Referring to your report of the 6th inst., from which it appears that the cost of repair of Aboriginal McGrath’s Cart will be £ 3. 3/- instead of 30/-, I am directed to state that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the payment of 23/- by this office towards the cost of this work.

10th December 1902
M.C. O’Connell, Spalding
Please inform me if a ½ caste girl named May Wilson is living with Aboriginal McGrath & his wife – this girl has been with a lady at Glenelg for 7 years, who took much interest in her & where she had a comfortable home. May Wilson is believed to have gone to the McGraths, and her late mistress (a sister-in-law of the Crown Solicitor) is anxious that May should not wander about with any natives in the North, or be led away into an immoral life – I will be glad to have any information herein that you may be able to give me.
16th December 1902
Mr F. J. Smart
Glen Boree
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., requesting copy of the letters and names of persons who objected to your having the issue of rations to Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that no letters of this nature have been sent to this office.
The appointment of Mr McLeod to take charge of any rations required for Aborigines at Glen Boree was made on the recommendation of the officer in charge of the Depot at Fowler’s Bay – as the married settlers of the neighbourhood objected to an unmarried man undertaking this duty.

[Hamilton]

17th December 1902
E. E. Moule Esq., M.D.
Mannum
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that it is not considered necessary to continue the appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines at Mannum after the 31st inst., when your agreement with the Government in that capacity will expire.

[Hamilton]

18th December 1902
Mrs T. R. Bowman
Campbell Park
Madam,
Referring to your letter of (no date) applying on behalf of Aboriginal woman named Charlotte McLean for a boat, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request, with others of a similar nature, will have to stand over for the present, as the funds now at disposal of this office are very limited.

[Hamilton]

19th December 1902
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., containing request for a few dozen Sacks for the Aborigines Camps at Forster, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supply of these articles was forwarded to Forster some time ago, and the funds at disposal of this office are now so limited, owing to the requirements of natives in the drought-stricken North, who have been suffering privations much greater than those affecting the Aborigines on the Murray, that these latter should be able to help themselves a little more.

[Hamilton]
741a
19th December 1902
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., concerning the condition of the Kingston Aborigines, and the
issue of rations to them, I have the honor to inform you that, the general Instructions of Issues (a copy
of which you have) guide you to some extent, but you have to exercise your own judgment a good deal
in carrying out these instructions – the main point is of course to encourage the able-bodied natives to
rely as much as possible on their own efforts (when employment is obtainable) to earn their living.

[Hamilton]

741b
19th December 1902
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., enquiring what course is to be pursued by the natives, when
requiring Medical advice, as the position of Govt Medical Officer at Victor Harbor has been abolished, I
have the honor to inform you that Dr Norman is the Govt Medical Officer at Goolwa, and if any of the
natives in your district require medical aid, would it be practicable to send them there, giving them a rail
pass.
Dr Douglas will have no claim on this Office unless he is authorised to attend natives requiring his aid.
Do you think, considering the number & condition of the Aborigines at Victor Harbor, that it would be
necessary to appoint specially Dr Douglas as Medical Officer for them?

[Hamilton]

742a
22nd December 1902
Mr F. Garnett
Pint Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr L. Jury of Meningie has complained to this Office that some of
the Aborigines on the Coorong have been in the habit of trespassing on his land for shooting game &c
without his permission, & I will be glad if you will be good enough to caution natives who frequent this
locality, that they have no legal right to go on private property for the purpose of shooting or taking
game &c, without the permission of the owner.

[Hamilton]

742b
22nd December 1902
Mr L. Jury
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., stating that some of the Aborigines on the Coorong are in the
habit of trespassing on your land without your permission, for the purpose of shooting game &c – I have
the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that these natives
have no right to do so and if they persist in this course, will render themselves liable to punishment in
due course of Law.

[Hamilton]
1903

743a
5th January 1903
John Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to the report forwarded by you on the 26th ulto., from M.C. Birt of Beltana, in which he calls attention to the inferior quality of the flour at the Mount Serle Depot, and enclosing samples of both flour & damper made from it, as the same firm (Thomas & Co.) are supplying flour to about 20 Depots in the Far North, it is somewhat singular that so far, complaints appear to be made of the flour at Mount Serle only –
I now enclose orders for fresh supplies for some Depots in the North – and will be glad if you will, when handing them to Messrs Thomas & Co., inspect the quality of the flour they intend forwarding & advise me thereof, in due course.

[Hamilton]

743b
6th January 1903
J. W. Hughes Esq
Moonta
Sir,
I forward you in separate parcel by this post, Forms A., B. and C., for the usual financial &c returns from the Point Piece Mission Station for 1902, as I understand you are now acting as Secretary (in succession to Mr S. Lathern) to the Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission.

[Hamilton]

744a
7th January 1903
The Manager, Adelaide Milling Co.
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith a sample of the Flour obtained from the Adelaide Milling Company on the 12th November last, for Koonibba Depot near Denial Bay, - The Issuer of Aborigines Stores there has sent me this sample of the flour, stating that “it is very inferior in quality & the Blacks complain of it – as it does not bake well, has an objectionable smell when mixed with water and does no stick together.”
I will be glad to have a report from you when you have examined the sample now forwarded to you.

[Hamilton]

744b
12th January 1903
Mr G. E. F. Schultz, Koonibba
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 29th ulto., forwarding a sample of the last supply of Flour sent to Koonibba Depot and calling attention to its quality, which you state the Aborigines complain of, I have the honor to inform you that I have sent a portion of this sample from you to the Adelaide Milling Company who supplies our flour for shipment from Port Adelaide – and I trust in future you will have no reason to complain of its quality, which should be good household flour – the same as supplied to all our Depots.

[Hamilton]
15th January 1903
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay

With reference to the proposed removal of Aboriginal children from northern districts to Point Macleay, your previous correspondence, I now enclose a statement of their names, ages &c. You will see that in one case the father wishes to come with them. Will that raise a difficulty as to admitting them? Some of the older children are not likely to be given up by their parents. I will be glad to hear from you again on this subject.

[Hamilton]

15th January 1903
Mr M. Kropinyeri
East Wellington

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., appealing for some assistance until you obtain returns from your land, I have the honor to inform you that as you belong to the Point Macleay Mission, I have written to Mr Garnet, recommending your now received a reply from him, stating that he has arranged to send you a month’s rations pending your case being considered by the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association. With regard to your application for a boat, this with other similar requests will have to stand over for some months, as there are no funds now available for this purpose.

[Hamilton]

20th January 1903
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor

With reference to Medical attendance for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I find on enquiry that Dr O’Leary of that place still holds the appointment of Medical Officer to the Destitute Poor and Aborigines as he was appointed for 12 months ending 30th June 1903, and as he has not yet given any notice of intention to resign this appointment, I presume he still acts in this capacity and the present arrangement will continue at Victor Harbor, until Dr O’Leary’s term is expired or he resigns sooner.

[Hamilton]

20th January 1903
Dr W. Norman
Goolwa

Dear Sir,
Referring to our conversation last Sunday morning on the subject of Medical attendance for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, I find on making enquiry that, Dr O’Leary of that place, still holds the appointment of Medical Officer to the Destitute Poor & Aborigines, up to 30th next June, as he was appointed for 12 months and he has not yet given notice of any intention to resign, so I presume he still acts, and therefore the present arrangement will continue at Victor Harbor, until Dr O’Leary vacates the position.

[Hamilton]
24th January 1903
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your memo of the 22nd inst., stating that Dr. O’Leary resigned some time ago as the Medical Officer to the Destitute Poor and Aborigines at Victor Harbor, & that Dr Douglas states he has been instructed to charge full professional fees for all patients formerly attended to by the Destitute Poor Doctor, I have the honor to inform you that I have made further enquiry at the Destitute Board office, and ascertained that Dr O’Leary still holds the appointment for the Destitute Poor & Aborigines, till 30th June 1903.
He has not resigned this yet nor given notice of his resignation. A clause in his agreement enables him when not acting to appoint an efficient substitute.
The position at present appears to be therefore that Dr Douglas is acting as substitute for Dr O’Leary, for the Destitute Poor and Aborigines, and under these circumstances, I fail to see how Dr Douglas claims to be paid full professional fees in such cases.
Is the child Tripp old enough to be sent to the Children’s Hospital? If the case requires prolonged treatment, this would be the best course to ake.
Whatever position Dr Douglas takes in reference to Medical attendance on Aborigines, unless he has authority from this Department to act, he would not be able to claim special payment.

[Hamilton]

748
24th January 1903
Mr C. A. Wiebusch
Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., with reference to removal of orphan Aboriginal children to the Mission Station, if you send me a list of their names and ages, after you have ascertained that they have no parents living – you can have authority to keep them at the Mission till they attain 21 years of age.
With respect to the appointment of Dr Bruehl to attend Aborigines in your District, I would point out that a permanent appointment of this nature is not considered necessary.
Your Mission is supplied with simple Medicines, as is done in the case of Point Macleay Mission, where there are nearly 250 natives - with no Doctor nearer than 35 miles – his attendance has not been required for years past as the Manager & his wife at that Mission, appear to have been able to give all needful medical assistance to the natives, and have brought them successfully through several severe outbreaks of measles and influenza &c.
Should any serious case arise at your Mission where life would be in danger, the best course would be to report it to the Police at Denial Bay, so that they could obtain instructions by wire as to the best course to adopt.

[Hamilton]
29th January 1903
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., recommending the request of Aboriginal John Davison for some assistance from this office to enable him to obtain a pram boat at a cost of £ 7; I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with at present, as in view of more urgent claims, there are no funds available for an expenditure of this nature.

[Hamilton]

31st January 1903
W. Norman Esq, M.D.
Goolwa

Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that you have [illegible] return of Aborigines under treatment [illegible] eded 31st December 1902, - and to request that you will be good enough to have it forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

27th January 1903
Mr E. C. Kempe
The Peake

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., requesting that you may be allowed to resign your position as issuer of Aborigines rations at The Peake Depot, one of your reasons being that rations are issued from Nilpinna station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that temporary supplies only were sent to Nilpinna last year on a/c of the severe drought. It has now been decided to discontinue forwarding Aborigines Stores [illegible: ‘to Nilpinna’] and I hope that you will render these [about two lines illegible] reported in need of assistance, I am glad to hear from you that the season has improved in your District & that there is more native food for the Blacks – which will help to relieve the heavy tax ?? that has been on the funds of this Office, especially as the price of flour is now more than double what it was about ?a year? ago.

[Hamilton]

3rd February 1903
M.C. McEwen
Elliston

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., forwarding some specimens of stone brought to you by an old Aboriginal & which you consider show signs of gold therein, and requesting to have the stones assayed, I have the honor to inform you that I will make enquiry at the ?Mines? Department and advise you therewith as soon as I obtain a report herein.

[Hamilton]
4th February 1903
[Unaddressed]
Returned to the Honorable Minister of Education &c, respectfully submitting that, there is now every probability that the amount Voted (£ 3000) for the line "Aborigines &c" will not be sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements of the Aborigines to the 30th June 1903.
The causes of this deficiency are –
The increased demands (owing to the drought-stricken state of the Far North & West) for the relief of the natives.
The Census returns for 1900 show an increase of 1064 natives, driven into the settled areas for food.
The cost of Flour is nearly double what it was last year, as about 100 tons will be issued this year, an increase of £ 4; ton makes £ 400, in excess on this article only.
The Tariff of the Commonwealth adds about £ 120 to the expenditure on several lines of supplies.
The reduction of £ 500 on the Estimate for 1894-95 has been much felt, as there has been an excess every year since it was taken off.
The strictest economy will not, I fear, prevent an excess of quite £ 400 to £ 500: on this year’s Vote.
Note in margin: 4 extra temporary Depots have been opened with the Honorable Minister’s approval.

6th February 1903
M.C. Barlow
Hawker
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 30th ulto., forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, applying for rations for destitute Aborigines at Hawker, I have the honor to inform you that, a supply of Stores will be sent to you, as per advice forwarded through the Sub-Protector, also copy of general instructions for your guidance in issuing the supplies, & return forms in separate parcel.
With a view to keep the natives away from the township, and camped at the Water hole you refer to, the rations could be issued weekly to those who come for them.

12th February 1903
Mr J. G. Reuther
Killalpanina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., I am sending you now 2 tons of flour which will carry you on till June next. I see from our last return that your other Stores will probably last till May next.
Our funds are now so much taxed to meet the demands owing to the severe drought in the Far North, and also to the fact of flour having gone up to double the usual price last year, that the Parliamentary Vote for Aborigines is almost expended. But if you can manage with these supplies to go on till end of May, I will be in a position then to forward fresh stock of Stores.
753a
13th February 1903
John Field Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence about the removal of some Aboriginal children from Mt Serle to Point Macleay Mission, the Manager there advises me that as they have been making some changes in their staff of officials, they did not wish to have any of these children sent down till after the end of this month – they will be willing to receive Aboriginal Sydney and his five children. Perhaps these had better be sent first and their coming may induce the parents of some of the others to consent to give their children up.
If you can therefore arrange with M.C. Birt of Beltana to forward Sydney &c to Adelaide after the 1st proxo., to arrive here on a Monday or Thursday, as they can go on next morning to Point Macleay direct, and advise me by telegram when they are coming.

[Hamilton]

753b
16th February 1903
Mr Pompey Jackson
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your request for some assistance towards the purchase of a Boat, I am directed to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office for current year will not permit of an expenditure for boats, but I am to say that the sum of Five pounds (£5) will be paid to you in July next, towards the cost of a boat, if you can in the meantime make your own arrangements for its purchase.

[Hamilton]

754a
19th February 1903
Mr H. Taylor
Poonindie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., enquiring whether you can arrange with some person to assist you to put a crop in your land held under permit – I have the honor to inform you that there is no objection to your entering into such an arrangement but you should be careful to protect yourself by having a proper agreement drawn out between you and the person you arrange with.

[Hamilton]

754b
23rd February 1903
Mr J. F. Dodd
Tallana [Coorong?]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., applying for a boat for two native women named Long and Pondy, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no boats at present available for this purpose, and this application, with others of a similar nature, will be considered later on.

[Hamilton]
755a
2nd March 1903
Captain Ritchie M.P.
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your conversation with me this morning, respecting the application made by Mr Godfrey for a block of land on the Coorong for his wife, an Aboriginal native, I have the honor to inform you that, on examining the Plan of the Hundred of Baker, with the Deputy Surveyor-General, I find that the strips of land fronting the Coorong, along Sections 90, 91, 92 & 367 to 369, are all water reserves and roads and therefore not open for Selection.
Neither does there appear any other piece of land available, as all the remaining parts are held now under permits. If any of these permits were given up, there would be a chance for your client.

755b
3rd March 1903
Mr Tim Adams
Moonta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for permission to let the block of land, No. 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo, held by you under Permit, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that if the intended applicant for the land is an Aboriginal native of South Australia, a new permit can be applied for, but otherwise you cannot let the land in question.

756a
4th March 1903
F. J. Douglas Esq, M.D.
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that an Aboriginal child has been brought to you for circumcision, and enquiring whether this Department will pay your fee for same, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, in no previous instance, has such an application been made to, and entertained by, this Department.
Will you be good enough to favour me with a further statement why this circumcision is necessary.

756b
5th March 1903
Mr P. H. Gooch
Coondambo
Sir,
Referring to your Aborigines return for January last, I notice that the issues of sugar during that month are in excess of the quantity [illegible] the General Instructions, a copy of which was sent to your Depot [illegible] and which fixes the issues at 1 lb flour, 2 oz sugar, and ½ oz tea per diem. Your return shows 533 lbs flour, and 168 lbs sugar given out during January – the quantity of sugar in proportion to that of flour would be 66 lbs only.
I suppose it would be useless to send the native who you report as totally blind, to the Pt Augusta Hospital, unless there were some prospect of Medical treatment restoring his sight.
– I hope some of the recent rains have reached your District.
757a
9th March 1903
A Molineaux Esq
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Geo Pantoni for a pram boat – and in reply to inform you that, the Minister regrets there are no funds available, the Aborigines Vote being already much in excess.

[Hamilton]

757b
10th March 1903
The Clerk of the
Lacepede District Council
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th ulto., requesting that permission be obtained from the Police Department for Aboriginal John Dunn to run his horse on the Police Paddock at Kingston – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this matter has been brought before the Commissioner of Police, and his permission has been obtained therein.

[Hamilton]

758a
11th March 1903
M.C. Teate
Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., reporting the case of illness of Aboriginal Willie Cook & steps taken for his relief, & stating that a number of the Aborigines from Forster had been staying about Mannum since Christmas, - as it is desirable to keep the Natives as far as possible at the Manunka Mission, I trust that you will see that they have no encouragement to hang about Mannum.
Dr Moule ceased to act as their Medical Officer on the 31st December last, & his appointment has not been renewed. Mrs Matthews is supplied with some simple medicines, enough for the ordinary ills of the Aborigines & medical aid should be obtained in extreme cases - & when possible, previous authority should be obtained.

[Hamilton]

758b
12th March 1903
Mr J. B. Bull
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., stating the terms & conditions on which you agree to take the Aboriginal Frank Willshire for six (6) months, I am advised by Mr Owen Smyth that you agreed to him, that Willshire's outfit and rail fare to Oodnadatta were not to be deducted from the wages becoming due to him, and also that you should undertake to have him brought or sent back to Adelaide at the end of six (6) months.
I return the agreement for alteration accordingly.

[Hamilton]
759a
13th March 1903
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
With reference to the Aborigines Stores I advised you of on the 10th inst., for “Keating”, Streaky Bay, I find that the sugar (112 lbs) was sent from the Storekeeper at G.P.O. with Boothby & Co’s name on the Cart-note, instead of being forwarded in the usual way to you for shipment, - the Storekeeper at G.P.O. informs me the mistake was made by him when they were forwarding G.P.O. Stores. If Boothby & Co. have shipped this sugar, they will probably send me their agency a/c, - if so, can you manage to obtain the a/c from them & include it in your a/cs against this Department, so as to avoid any difficulty with the Audit Office.

[Hamilton]

759b
12th March 1903
Mr H. Allen
Nilpinna
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., requesting a supply of blankets for Aborigines at Nilpinna, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Depot at Nilpinna will be closed, when the Stores on hand there have been issued to the Aborigines, and in future, the Depots at the Peake and Oodnadatta are considered sufficient to meet the requirements of the natives in this part of the state. Blankets have been forwarded to both of these places & are now obtainable there.

[Hamilton]

760a
17th March 1903
C. De N. Lucas Esq
Anlaby, Kapunda
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., reporting the case of Aborigines Chas & Emma Pritchard, who are at present camped at Aulaby, and in need of rations, I have the honor to inform you that the nearest depot is at Clare in charge of M.C. Furner. Perhaps the best course would be for you to have these natives supplied with some flour, sugar, & tea, and send me the a/c for payment. A fortnight’s supply would be 30 lbs flour, 6 lbs sugar, & 2 lbs Tea - & if they have dogs, they will be able to do some hunting for rabbits &c.

[Hamilton]

760b
19th March 1903
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that two Aborigines, named Coorong Crofton & Jack Morris, have guns which need repairs, new stocks &c - & that neither of these men have money to pay anything towards the costs of same, I have the honor to inform you that, under these circumstances, I fear there is no chance for expecting the guns to be repaired at cost of this Department as our expenditure for Current financial year is now very much in excess, and the cost of new stocks for guns ranges from £ 2: to £ 2. 10/- each, which is almost in many cases, more than the cost of a new gun.

[Hamilton]
Memo/
The attention of the Honorable Minister of Education &c is respectfully drawn to the present position of the Aborigines “Vote” for 1902-3,
- there is now every probability that the amount of the line Provisions &c (£ 3000), will not be sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements of the Aborigines to the 30th June 1903.
The causes of this excess on the Vote are,
The effects of the prolonged drought in the Far North & West, have led to increased demands for the relief of the Natives;
The Census returns for 1901 show an increase of 1064 Aborigines, driven into the settled districts.
The Cost of Flour is now about double what it was last year, - about 100 tons will be issued this year, an increase of £ 4 a ton thereon, causes an excess of £ 400 on this line only –
The Tariff of the Commonwealth adds about £ 120: to the Expenditure on several supplies.
Four (4) additional temporary Depots have been opened with the Honorable Minister’s approval.
Every effort is now being made to restrict the supplies issued, to what will meet actual requirements only – to the end of financial year.

[Hamilton]

27th March 1903
M. C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that Dr Douglas of Victor Harbor, has now been appointed Medical Officer for the Destitute Poor & Aborigines in the District of Encounter Bay until the 30th June 1903.

[Hamilton]

31st March 1903
Messrs B. Walker & Son
Mannum
Gentlemen,
With reference to the order for £ 16. 6/-, I sent you on the 20th inst – you returned the Voucher signed ‘E. W. Walker pro B. Walker & Son’. The Commissioner of Audit has called attention to this, & will not accept the receipt, unless a procuration order is given by your firm authorising E. W. Walker to sign for them. I enclose order which please return signed & witnessed. It will also require a 1d duty stamp thereon.

[Hamilton]
763a
1st April 1903
J. S. Little Esq
Mt Lofty
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., about the removal of the Native girl Topsy to Point Macleay Mission, the Manager there informs me she can be admitted & the Matron there will take special charge of her.
As it seems a pity almost, that this girl (who has not been with Blacks since she was 2 years old) should be placed among them again at Point Macleay.
I have been making enquiry among some friends at N. Adelaide, whether any of them require a domestic like Topsy, but I have not heard of anything yet.
She can go to Point Macleay on a Tuesday or Friday Morning at 7.25 am, via Milang. I would have to notify the Manager [of? and?] the Mail? before, to have her met at Jetty, 3 miles from Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

763b
1st April 1903
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 24th ulto., requesting a supply of Galvanized iron for roofing buildings for Aborigines at Forster, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no funds available at the disposal of this Office, for this purpose.

[Hamilton]

764a
9th April 1903
Mrs Ellen Owen
Robe
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., applying for a Block of land at Narracoorte for yourself & sons, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that your husband Frank Owen obtained a lease of a block of land of the Mount Benson estate in June 1901.
Before you can obtain another block of land, you will have to furnish a statement showing whether your husband & sons have resided on [it], & the extent to which they have made improvements on the land now held by them.

[Hamilton]

764b
14th April 1903
Mr J. S. Little
Mount Lofty
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the Native girl Topsy's removal to Point Macleay Mission, I have not been able to hear of any private family so far, that would take charge of the girl, so it will be necessary to send her to the Mission on Friday 24th inst.
The best course will be for you to send her from Mt Lofty Station by the morning Train to Milang which leaves (Mt Lofty) at 8.27 am – the Steamer will then take her across Lake to Point Macleay Jetty about 3 miles from the Mission & I will advise Mr Garnett, the Manager, to have her met there, & also get the Police at Milang to see her safely on board the Steamer. The Steamer fare is 2/6 – which you can give her.

[Hamilton]
15th April 1903
John Field Esq,
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that it has been stated here, that the Aborigines at the Hergott Depot were, since February last, without receiving any rations, owing to the absence of M.C. Ireland on other duties, & that no arrangement was made for the issuing of rations during his absence.
I have had no return from the Depot there since February, for a fresh supply of Stores. I will be glad to have a report from you herein.

[Hamilton]

27th April 1903
Mr H. Taylor
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., asking whether you can have rations from the Depot at Port Lincoln, I am directed to inform you that as you are an able-bodied man & not a full-blood Aboriginal of South Australia, you cannot claim to have rations supplied to you, except when you are ill and prevented from earning your own living.

[Hamilton]

28th April 1903
Sergt Humphries
Moonta
Sir,
An Aboriginal woman named De Concey has been receiving rations during the past month. Her husband who lives at Moonta, has been reported as unable to support her – he is not an Aboriginal of S. Australia.
An application has been made for renewal of rations for another month – and I enclose an order for them, on Mr Evans of Moonta. Will you be good enough to hand this order to him – if you consider De Concey is still unable to support his wife.

[Hamilton]

5th May 1903
Mr E. C. Kempe
Peake
Sir,
With reference to the attached letter from Mr Allen of Nilpinna, will you be good enough to inform me whether a small supply could be forwarded occasionally from the Aborigines Stores in your charge to Nilpinna, for the relief of those old Natives who are stated to be unable to leave Nilpinna. If some arrangement of this nature could be made, Mr Allen would doubtless be able to send for Stores.

[Hamilton]
767
7th May 1903
Mr A[mbrose] Redman, Point Macleay
Sir,
With reference to Mr Garnett’s letter of the 28th ulto., asking for information for Aboriginal Joe Walker, concerning the trespass of stock on his land at the Coorong & whether he could impound in such cases, also as to his fence wires being cut, on the ground that a public road crossed his land, I have the honor to inform you that under the Fencing & Impounding Acts, fences require to be strong & substantial, capable of resisting trespass of great cattle.
Walker’s permit will probably show him what roads are about his land – whether any road crosses it.
I would recommend him to see the Clerk of the District Council at Meningie, who would be able to show him Plans of the Hundreds, and give him further information herein.
Walker had better be careful ?not to take any illegal action against his neighbours in any way, but endeavour to settle his differences with them in an amicable maner – a mistake on his part may land him in an action for damages & costs, which if he could not pay, would probably send him to Gaol.  

[Hamilton]

768a
8th May 1903
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 11th ulto., requesting a supply of meat &c, for the Aborigines at Manunka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that meat is not supplied by this department to any of the Mission Stations, - fish, game, rabbits &c are sufficiently numerous to enable the natives to supply themselves with animal food.
With regard to medicines, you have already been supplied with some on two or three occasions, and any simple remedies required in cases of illness among the Aborigines, will be forwarded to the Depot.  

[Hamilton]

768b
11th May 1903
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 21/6/02, recommending that an Aboriginal fishing reserve of Ten (10) miles on the River Murray at Manunka, be set aside for the use of the natives of that locality, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

769a
12th May 1903
M.C. Treloar, Balaklava
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th ulto., with reference to Medical attendance on the Destitute Poor and Aborigines at Balaklava, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this question has been submitted to the Chairman of the Destitute Board, who reports as follows:-
“The matter referred to in M.C. Treloar’s letter was carefully considered by this board on a previous occasion, & the Board then could see see no valid reason for disturbing the existing arrangement. I may also mention that there are only three (3) cases in the District of Hall in receipt of relief from this Department at present.”

[Hamilton]
18th May 1903
Mrs Ellen Owen
Robe
Referring to your letter of April 15/03, applying for a block of land at Narracoorte, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the blocks at Narracoorte have been applied for & will no doubt be all allotted – but in any case, these blocks could only be disposed of under agreements for sale as provided for by the Closer Settlements Acts, - under these circumstances you had better apply for a piece of land in some other locality open for selection by Aborigines.

[Hamilton]

23rd May 1903
Mr E. C. Kempe
Peake
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., respecting the question of continuing the Depot at Nilpinna, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he considers the continuance of the Depot unnecessary - & that your offer to give any necessary supplies for old infirm natives unable to travel from Nilpinna, will sufficiently meet the case, and any reasonable expense incurred in forwarding Stores to Nilpinna, can be rendered to this Office for payment.
Mr Allen has been informed accordingly.

[Hamilton]

23rd May 1903
Mr W. Allen
Nilpinna
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., asking that the Aborigines Depot at Nilpinna may be continued, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he considers the continuance of this Depot unnecessary. Mr Kempe at The Peake Depot has been communicated with & arrangements made for him to give occasional supplies when necessary for relief of Aborigines at Nilpinna, who are unable to travel about – and any reasonable expense incurred for the Cartage of these Stores can be rendered to this office for payment.

[Hamilton]

23rd May 1903
John Field Esq
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., with reference to the application of Mr Oke for a Depot at Coongy, and containing report from M.C. Moody of Innamincka therein, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he considers a Depot at Coongey unnecessary - & your suggestion that supplies can be obtained from Innamincka Depot for those natives unable to travel – appears sufficiently to meet the case.

[Hamilton]
26th May 1903
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., forwarding further reports from M.C. Birt of Beltana, also copies of reports from Messrs McTaggart & Noble, with reference to the proposed removal of Aboriginal children to Point Macleay Mission Station, and in reply I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that unless the parents are willing to consent to these children being sent to Point Macleay, compulsory steps cannot be taken herein, - the matter will have to remain in abeyance until such consent is given.

[Hamilton]

27th May 1903
The Chief Storekeeper
Pt Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you have now on hand ready for disposal some of the old uniform suits [of] clothing similar to those obtained from your Department in previous years.

[Hamilton]

27th May 1903
John Field Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
With reference to the April last Aborigines Return, from Mr Bosworth of the Mulloorina Depot, I notice that he applies for a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores, - as this Depot is near Hergott to which Stores are now sent, I will be glad to hear from you whether you consider both of these Depots necessary. A report reached me last month that Mulloorina Station was abandoned & closed, but this does not seem correct, in view of Mr Bosworth’s request for more supplies.

[Hamilton]

25th May 1903
Mr W. H. Lindsay
Haddon Downs
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., respecting a further supply of Aborigines Stores for the Depot at Haddon, I have the honor to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office for current financial year are expended, and it will be necessary to make the Stores on hand last as long as possible, till the next opportunity offers to forward fresh supplies.
Your last returns do not show the receipt of 280 lbs of sugar, neither do they explain why this sugar did not reach you up to April last – please enquire into this & advise me.

[Hamilton]
**773b**
3rd June 1903
M.C. Matthews, Victor Harbor

Referring to the application of Aboriginal *Barney* Warrior for a block of land near the Inman River, Victor Harbor, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to state, that this request cannot be complied with.

Please inform Warrior herein [married to May Wilson].

[Hamilton]

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**774**
2nd June 1903
M.C. Uppington, Murray Bridge

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., I have to thank you for the information you have been good enough to give respecting the natives at Swanport. It is sometimes difficult to know what is best to do for them, - if we refuse their requests, some are ready to cry out & say the Blacks are neglected by the Govt & if their applications are granted, in some cases we are imposed upon by them.

Judging from your report, it will be desirable to insist upon these natives either going to Point Macleay, or up to Manunka (Mrs Matthews) where they will be looked after, and no more rations will be given to them at Swanport.

The native Nelly lives now with a man named Hodgkiss – they were both sent out of Adelaide by the Police last year to Point Macleay and Mr Garnett, the Manager, was asked to do his utmost to keep them at the Mission.

If Jones is not too ill for removal, he would be much better at Point Macleay, where some 250 natives have a comfortable home, and are well looked after by Mr Garnett & his wife.

If you can persuade Jones & the others to go to the Mission by exercising a little authority, it would be best for them and relieve us of the trouble they frequently give when wandering about the Country.

[Hamilton]

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**775a**
4th June 1903

The Revd. W.E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide

Grant-in-Aid - Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, the balance £ 400: of the Grant herein, will be payable to you before the end of the financial year (30th inst.) on production of the usual statement showing that the conditions on which the Grant is paid, have been complied with.

[Hamilton]

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**775b**
10th June 1903
M.C. Trounson, Kingston

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal John Dunn for Galvanized Iron for roofing his hut, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

The bags you ask for for Aboriginal Mrs Gibson may be obtained, if she is without any means of getting them herself.

[Hamilton]
19th June 1903
Miss Matthews
Manunka Mission
Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., respecting the issue of stores to the Natives at Manunka, I have the honor to inform you that 40 extra blankets were sent to Point Macleay for the Aborigines visiting there from your District.
Axes cannot be supplied to every able-bodied man – neither can each individual expect enough Netting Twine to make a large net – it would be better to have one net made & kept at the Mission & lent out when required for fishing. This would give the whole community a share of the fish caught.
I will endeavour to send up a few more pounds of the twine with your next supply of Stores, also 2 more axes.

7th June 1903
M.C. Ireland
Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., calling attention to the case of Aborigines who require blankets & rations at Edithburgh – I have the honor to inform you that, a Depot has been at this place in charge of Mr F. W. Allen, but as no applications have been made for any stores for more than a year, the natives have been supposed to have gone to Yorketown, where M.C. Buttfield has been supplied with rationd &c for their relief –
You can purchase some flour, sugar & tea as per order enclosed, for these old natives referred to.

23rd June 1903
M.C. Gardner
Wellington
Sir,
It having been reported to this Office that Aborigines M. Kropinyeri and Geo. Carpany, who are in occupation of Aboriginal leases in the Hundred of Seymour, near Wellington, are not residing on the land, I will feel obliged if you can inform me whether this report is correct.

24th June 1903
W. R. Cave Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines at Macumba, and asking that rations & blankets be supplied for their relief, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of your request and a supply of the usual Stores will be sent up via Oodnadatta, by the next Train, addressed to your Manager (Mr Dooley) at Macumba.
July 778a
26th June 1903
F. W. Allen Esq
Edithburgh
Sir,
Referring to your requisition of the 25th inst., for supplies for two old Aborigines at Edithburgh, I have the honor to inform you that the Depot there appears to have been practically closed for the past two years, as during that period no issues have been made by you, neither have and returns or reports been received from you, respecting the aborigines.
M.C. Ireland called my attention a few days ago to the destitute condition of these natives. I forwarded some blankets &c, and also a order to Mr Roberts, a local storekeeper, to supply a month’s rations. As there has been a Depot at Yorketown & Stores are frequently supplied to M.C. Buttfield there, the necessity for continuing a Depot at Edithburgh seems to no longer exist.

[Hamilton]

July 778b
30th June 1903
Mr Landseer
Milang
Mr Matthews of Forster, informs me that the Steamer conveying his last supply of Aborigines Stores met with an accident on the way to Mannum & that these goods were under water & left on the wharf unopened at Murray Bridge.
Will you be good enough to assure me whether this statement is correct & what has become of the Stores – have they been since sent on to Forster?

[Hamilton]

July 779a
30th June 1903
The Revd. W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines' Friends' Association
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., enquiring whether Aborigines M. Kropinyeri & G. Karpany are residing on the land leased to them in the Hundred of Seymour, near Wellington, I have the honor to inform you that Geo. Karpany is not residing on his land. I believe he & his family are at Manunka, Forster, with Mrs Matthews.
Kropinyeri is at present employed building for Mr R. Saby [at Wellington East], but his wife & family reside on his block.

[Hamilton]

July 779b
3rd July 1903
Mr Dooley
Macumba
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, at the request of Mr W. R. Cave, a supply of Stores for the Aborigines at Macumba, will be forwarded to you, as per advice herein, also copy of Instructions for your guidance in issuing the rations, and in separate parcel by this post, a supply of monthly return forms.

[Hamilton]
780a
9th July 1903
M.C. Matthews
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying for a set of scales & weights &c – I have the honor by
direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that weighing machines of this
class have not been hitherto supplied to the Depots – the usual spring balance &c will be forwarded to
you as per advice herewith.

[Hamilton]

780b
17th July 1903
M.C. Ewens
Willunga
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., submitting request of some Aborigines for 50 or 60 rabbit traps, I
have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has
approved of 20 traps being supplied.
You do mention where ??Batter team?? is to be found in Adelaide, so I will have the traps forwarded by
Hill & Co, Coach, addressed to you.
Please send me a report as to the conduct of these Aborigines you refer to, as I would like to know that
their earnings are not spent in intoxicating liquors, to which some of them are inclined.

[Hamilton]

781a
17th July 1903
Mr J. H. Matthews
Forster
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., with reference to potatoes for the Aborigines at Forster, I have
the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that these are not
supplied to any of the Missions or Depots in this State.
The Cost (10/-) for the Coffin of the native child will be paid by this Office if you will render an a/c for
same & state the name of child.
In accordance with your request, the Stores for the Depot will be forwarded in future by the “Tyre”.

[Hamilton]

781b
20th July 1903
Mr James Hill
Coonalpyn
Sir,
I have been informed that an Aboriginal named Jack Morris worked for you for 14 weeks at 14/- a week,
and according to his statement has only received 25/- from you.
Will you be good enough to furnish me with some explanation herein as to the facts in this matter.

[Hamilton]
28th July 1903
M.C. Ewens
Willunga
An Aboriginal named Ted Gibson has called here this morning with a request for rations for the party of Aborigines rabbiting in your District. I have informed him that able-bodied men are not entitled to such, especially as they have in this case been assisted with a supply of traps. Gibson also informs me that Aboriginal Sam Rankine is ill & under the Doctor's care at Willunga. If this is correct, and Rankine unable to work, and the Doctor can certify him as requiring any medical comforts, I will forward an order for a supply.

5th August 1903
Mr C. Strehlow
Killalpanina
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st ulto., requesting a rail pass for a half-caste girl from Hergott to Gawler, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to ask that you will be good enough to state the reasons or necessity for bringing this girl down from the Mission Station. Railway fares in this case are charged to this Office, and they cannot be incurred unless there are special reasons for it.

6th August 1903
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., containing requisition for a supply of medicines for the Aborigines, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that, your list of requirements is much in excess of what is usually supplied to Depots and I have to request that you will be good enough to forward a revised requisition for a more moderate quantity, as there appears to be little sickness among the natives at Manunka, according to your recent monthly returns.

10th August 1903
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter (not dated) enquiring what steps are necessary for you to take in order to obtain a subsidy from Government in aid of the mission work at Manunka for the Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c inform you that there are no funds available for such subsidy unless specially voted by the Parliament.
784a
20th August 1903
Mr T. Gourlay
Mt Earnest
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., respecting the native who you suppose is suffering from hydatids, I have made enquiry at the Hospital here [to] Dr Smeaton, the Superintendent, & he informs me that it is useless to attempt to treat a case of this nature with medicines, unless you could ascertain whether this woman has a ruptured hydatid of the lung - in this case, something might be given to alleviate the disease.

[Hamilton]

784b
22nd August 1903
Mr J. S. Page
Coorong
Via Meningie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal H. Lampard for some assistance to enable him to complete his cottage, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with – Lampard & other natives received help from this office a few years ago.

[Hamilton]

785a
27th August 1903
The Resident Medical Officer
Parkside Lunatic Asylum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., with reference to the removal of Aboriginal Johnnie Weaver from the Asylum – I enclose order for his rail journey to Warrina. I will arrange with the Sub-Protector at Port Augusta to have Johnnie looked after by the Police at Quorn and Hergott (where the trains stop) and supplied with meals.
As to your query whether he ought to have a few shillings or ??, if you have a fund for this purpose, I think 2/- or 3/- would be quite enough to give him.

[Hamilton]

785b
8th September 1903
Mr Harry Raap
Beltana
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, he has approved of your appointment as Issuer of Aborigines Stores at the Beltana Depot, as successor of Mr Newland, who has left the District.

[Hamilton]
8th September 1903
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., advising me that only flour and tea for Haddon, and flour for Innamincka, had reached you & that the Camel teams were kept back for 2 trains pending arrival of balance of Stores – I am surprised that such a delay occurred as these goods were sent away from the Govt Store on the 18th August last – please give me the date of their arrival at Farina.
I am sending the Cattaparrie Stores on as quickly as possible & trust they will reach you in time for the teams leaving about 12th inst.

10th September 1903
Mr F. A. Turner
Monte Collina
Referring to your memo on August Aborigines return, applying for fresh supply of Stores to be at Lyndhurst Siding by 10th inst., your report only reached me yesterday, 9th inst., so that there is no time to get the Stores up to your teams on this occasion.
When supplies are urgently required for any particular teams, you had better send me a wire or write direct to this office, instead of applying on your monthly return which is forwarded through the Sub-Protector at Port Augusta, causing delay.

11th September 1903
Mr H. G. Kelly
Kilkerran
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., asking me to use my influence on behalf of Aboriginal Tim Adams’ request that he should be permitted to retain possession of his block of land at Moonta (Sect. 1233, Hundred of Wallaroo), I have the honor to inform you that I have several times during the last few years recommended that Adams should have further chances given him to utilise his land.
It appears now from the recent report of the Crown Lands Ranger that Adams has resided on this land for only about a month during the past 2 years, that his Water Rates are in arrear & still unpaid for the past year, that new fences have been put up by the lessees of the adjoining land, and Adams has never paid any of them for his portion of the fence.
I fear, under these circumstances, that Adams will not have much chance of being permitted to retain his block of land.

15th September 1903
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., & memo of 10th inst., recommending purchase of fishing net for use of Aborigines at Goolwa, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c inform you that a sum not exceeding 25/- can be expended for the purchase of the Net.

[Hamilton]
788b
21st September 1903
Mrs M. Ahang
Tumby Bay
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., applying for rations &c, I find from enquiries that your husband recently kept a Store in Tumby Bay, - if he has deserted you, inform me where he is supposed to have gone, & steps will be taken to compel him to provide for you. In the meantime, it is desirable you should proceed to Port Lincoln, where there is an Aborigines Depot, and supplies can be obtained.

[Hamilton]

789a
22nd September 1903
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., respecting a fresh supply of rations for the Border Town Depot, and stating that a book is required for keeping track of their issue, I have the honor to inform you that the usual way in which a record is kept, is to use the ?? monthly return sheets and enter therein all the issues opposite the names of the recipients, and at the end of the quarter, this record will enable you to make up the usual return to this office.
I will have a spring balance forwarded to you which will assist you in issuing the rations with more exactness.

[Hamilton]

789b
23rd September 1903
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to the Kropinyeri family now at your Mission, I had no knowledge of their going to Point Pierce till the day afterwards, when their father called here & told me he had sent his family over by the Steamer to visit their friends at the Mission.
If he did this without previously advising you of their coming, it was rather cool & reprehensible on his part. He has a block of land at East Wellington & is a mason occasionally, and now I believe has gone away shearing. His wife could give you his address possibly, so that you would get him to arrange for return of his family. He paid all the expenses of sending them to Point Pierce himself.

[Hamilton]

790a
24th September 1903
Mr T. H. Pelton
Yacka
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst., respecting the Aborigines named Lock and Blackmore, these people are well-known to me, as they often frequent Adelaide & get locked up for begging & getting drunk. They were sent up to the North last month at their own request promising to remain about Canowie with their friends. The Blackmores belong to the Point Macleay Mission where they are well-provided for, but prefer to wander about the Country.
Please supply them with a week’s rations, say, 7 lbs flour or bread, 1 lb sugar, & ¼ lb tea an 1 oz Tobacco, which will enable them to reach the Depot at Clare.

[Hamilton]
25th September 1903
M.C. Williams
Oodnadatta
Sir,
I have the honor to draw your attention to the large number of Aborigines, who are still about the Depot at Oodnadatta, & in receipt of rations – this condition of things is a heavy tax on the funds at disposal of this office, especially now with Flour at nearly £ 13: a ton.
Can you manage to induce the able-bodied blacks to disperse more about the Country – the season has improved much and their natural food & employment opportunities should be more plentiful than during the recent drought. I will be glad to have a report from you herein.

[Hamilton]

29th September 1903
The Revd W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., supporting the application of Aboriginal Matthew Kropinyeri for some fencing wire for use on his holding in the Hundred of Seymour, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of this request, and steps will be taken to have the wire forwarded in due course.

[Hamilton]

1st October 1903
Mrs Letty McGrath
Victor Harbor
Referring to your letter of the 22nd ulto., stating that you wish to obtain a divorce from your husband, Fred McGrath, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this is a matter in which the Government cannot interfere.

[Hamilton]

8th October 1903
M. C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., forwarding quarterly return from your Depot, & stating you have entered therein deficiency of 55 lbs flour & 6 lbs sugar on taking over the Stores from your predecessor, this was the best course to adopt & as you have now a weighing machine – will be able to issue rations more correctly in future.
With regard to burial of Aborigines, the expenses should be same as for the Destitute Poor, of the plainest character.
With reference to payment of small a/cs, you can settle them, if not inconvenient to you, & I will remit you amount on receipt of the acquitted vouchers.
Side-note: 9d in 1d stamps herewith in payment of ?? a/c

[Hamilton]
13th October 1903
M. C. Keating
Streaky Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., reporting that the Aborigines boat at your Depot is in need of repairs, which can be done for 8/- - I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that you are authorised to get this work carried out as recommended by you.

[Hamilton]

13th October 1903
Mr G. E. F. Schultz, Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that a further supply of flour is required for your Depot, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the present high price of flour, £ 13: a ton, is a heavy tax on the funds at disposal of this department, which are limited to the amount Voted by Parliament each year, and every effort should be made to induce all able-bodied natives to earn their own living, especially at this time, when shearing & harvest work is more available, as also in the destruction of rabbits.

[Hamilton]

13th October 1903
Mr John Gibson
Kingston
Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., applying for lease of block of land, portion of Section 424, Hundred of Lacepede, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education &c that the land applied for is under control of the District Council, & is not available for Selection.

[Hamilton]

13th October 1903
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., enquiring if Aborigines can use nets for fishing during Close Season, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Fishing Law does not apply to any Aboriginal native taking fish for his own use; hence nets may be used by Aborigines during Close Season for their own consumption, but not for sale or barter.

[Hamilton]

16th October 1903
C. De N. Lucas Esq, Anlaby
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., with reference to the case of the two Aborigines Pritchard & his wife, who require rations, I have the honor to inform you that a supply can be obtained for them as on previous occasion.
I suppose both are unable to do much in the way of getting their own living, as they are old & infirm.

[Hamilton]
16th October 1903
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster

Madam,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to call your attention to the necessity of exercising every economy in the issue of Aborigines rations at your Depot, - the present price of flour, about £ 13: a ton, is a heavy tax on the funds at disposal of this office and which are limited to the amount voted by Parliament.

Employment for all aborigines able to work should be more plentiful during the present favourable season, especially at shearing and harvest time, and the issues from the Depot should be mainly restricted to the children and very old & infirm natives –

I perceive from your last return the name appears of Sarah Karpeny & 7 children “240 rations during the month” – the Father [George] of this family has land from the Govt at Wellington, and if he does not remove his family there and reside on the land for at least part of the year, will be liable to have his lease cancelled.

In cases where a large family obtain rations, the full allowance for young children might be reduced.

16th October 1903
The Revd. L. Kaibel, Tanunda

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., with reference to the removal of a half-caste girl to Victoria with the family of one of your missionaries rom the station at Killalpanina, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that as the parents of this girl have, as stated by you, given their consent in this case, there is no objection to the proposed removal of her to Victoria.

27th October 1903
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Audit has applied to me for a Certified Copy of the Audited balance sheet of your Association for the year ended 30th June 1903, and I will feel obliged if you will be good enough to have the same forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

23rd October 1903
Mr J. W. Bull, Arltunga [100 km E. of Alice Springs]

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Aboriginal Frank [Willshire, Cowell], who was taken by you to Arltunga under agreement for six months, has returned to Adelaide.

He informs me that he has received no money from you, neither has he been furnished with a financial statement showing what wages were due to him, after deduction of any sums paid for his outfit, cost of journey to & from Oodnadatta &c – as per conditions on which you took him into your service.

Under these circumstances, I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with an explanation herein.
798a
3rd November 1903
M.C. Buttfield
Yorketown
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., reporting the case of sick natives at Warooka, if you have a Medical man in your district for the Destitute Poor & Aborigines, you may be able to arrange for something for these natives, but if this is not practicable you had better purchase for them a bottle of cough Elixir & Eucalyptus Oil.

[Hamilton]

798b
3rd November 1903
T. Martin Esq, J.P.
Port Willunga
Sir,
[almost illegible] … your letter of the 2nd inst., reporting the case of the three Aborigines at Aldinga Bay, whose Camp, blankets &c have been destroyed by fire, I am forwarding three blankets & three shirts for them per Mail Coach to Willunga, addressed to your care. With regard to not being able to account for the fire at their camp, it would be well I think to acquaint the Police with the matter, as it is possible their blankets, net &c, might have been stolen, and the Camp burned to conceal the theft, - the Blacks are generally very careless themselves with fires inside their camps & not getting them out properly when leaving home.

[Hamilton]

799a
6th November 1903
Mr J. K. Matthews
Forster
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., asking on behalf of aboriginal Disher that this Department would assist him in purchase of a gun, to the extent of half cost thereof, I have the honor to inform you that his request will be complied with, and an a/c for 5/- can be sent to this office for payment.

[Hamilton]

799b
6th November 1903
Mrs M. S. Harper
Port Victoria
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., applying on behalf of aboriginal Tim? Adams for assistance from this office to the extent of ?? to enable him to purchase a boat from Aboriginal Joseph Yates, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
I return the money order herewith and would suggest that these natives apply to the Superintendent at Point Pierce Mission (Mr B. Lathern) who will probably be able to assist them to carry out the proposed arrangement for sale of the boat.

[Hamilton]
800a
10th November 1903
Messrs Elder, Smith & Co.
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., applying for ration for Aborigines at Clifton Hills [on Cooper’s Creek], I have the honor to inform you that it is not considered advisable to establish any new Depots in the locality referred to – if any hardship, the Aborigines should be moved to other Depots.

[Hamilton]

800b
11th November 1903
Mrs Agnes Sumner
Goolwa
Referring to your letter of the 19th ulto., applying for lease of block of land at Rabbit Island on the Coorong, I am directed by Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this land is held under lease not expiring till 30 – 3 – 1910, & is therefore not available.

[Hamilton]

801a
16th November 1903
M.C. Donegan
Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., reporting the complaints made to you by Aborigines regarding the necessity for further protection of Kangaroo and Native women, I have the honor to inform you that Kangaroo are now protected by the Close Season from 1st November to 30th April, and persons breaking the law should be prosecuted.
With respect to the protection of Aboriginal women, this is a difficult matter to deal with, as doubtless in some cases, they are consenting parties, when tempted by white men to live with them, and I fear without further legislation, we cannot do much, unless cruelty, ill-treatment or criminal assaults can be legally proved.

[Hamilton]

801b
17th November 1903
Mr E. C. Kempe
Peake
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., reminding me that your a/c, £ 7. 4. 5, has not yet been paid, I have the honor to inform you that I am under impression a procurement order was sent you some time ago, which has not been presented here. I now enclose you another P. order, so that you can authorise your bank or agent to collect amount.
I am very pleased to hear your Aborigines are now so well employed that the issue of rations is less than usual,- the recent drought, and high price of Flour has been a very heavy tax on our funds, during past year.

[Hamilton]
802a
21st November 1903
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23 inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Tim Adams for part of the cost of a boat, to the extent of £2.10/-, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.
Similar applications from other Aborigines have not been entertained, as no funds are available.
[Hamilton]

802b
21st November 1903
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D., Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., with reference to medical attendance on Aborigines by Dr Wilson, during your absence, I have the honor to inform you that by the Conditions of your agreement for the Current year, - you were required in the event of your absence to provide a proper substitute, so that in any arrangement of this nature, with respect to the mode of payment, it will be entirely a matter between you and the Medical man acting for you, and if you find he attended to Aborigines, it will be for you to settle with him the amount to be paid for his services, as the stipend due to you, has been paid every quarter to you [illegible] to 30/9/03.
[Hamilton]

803a
24th November 1903
N. A. Richardson Esq, Port Augusta West
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to the matter of payment of Coach fare, £3.15/-, for Aboriginal Dick Ware from Wirramina to Pt Augusta, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the payment of this claim – but it must not be considered forming a precedent. The proper course is to report these cases to this office so that instructions may be given as to the course to be taken.
In this case, the native was evidently too far gone for Hospital treatment to do him any good, as he died soon after his admission there.
We have a Depot at Coondambo, where rations & medical comforts are available.
[Hamilton]

803b
30th November 1903
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D., Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., asking me to pay Dr Wilson (your locum) £10; for quarter’s Stipend to 30/9/03, for attendance on Aborigines at Oodnadatta &c, I have the honor to inform you that your Stipends to 30/9/03 have already been paid to Bank of Adelaide to your Cr.
The proper course now will be for you to give Dr Wilson a procuration order for your next Stipend due after 31st December 1903.
I enclose procuration form which please sign & have witnessed &c and send it to Dr Wilson, who will then be able to obtain the money from this Office.
I have not received his report yet.
[Hamilton]
804a
2nd December 1903
Mr J. W. Manfield
Farina
Referring to attached a/c of J. O’Loughlin for Cartage, Aborigines Stores to Cattaparrie, please note there is no explanation respecting the non-delivery of one bag of 70lbs sugar. The value of this sugar is 13/6 – and the Cartage a/c does not show any deduction for this. The 6 weeks allowed for delivery of goods appears to have been exceeded – and the Cart-note should be endorsed whether the forfeit should be enforced or not. These omissions, if not satisfactorily explained, are queried by the Commissioner of Audit – and cause delay in getting a/cs passed for payment.

[Hamilton]

804b
7th December 1903
C. E. Willson Esq, M. D.
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., respecting the payment of Stipend for your attendance on Aborigines at Oodnadatta and Hergott as locum standem for Dr Kennedy, -
I have the honor to inform you that I have written to Dr Kennedy stating that as his Stipend has already been paid into his Bank a/c, up to 30th sept last, the proper course will be for him to give you a procuration order to draw his stipend £ 10: due on 31/12/03 – when you obtain this order from him and present it to this Office – the amount will be payable to you about 7th January next.

[Hamilton]

805a
10th December 1903
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your request of 3rd inst., on behalf of Aboriginal W. Kropinyeri, for a rail pass for his daughter Dora to go to Point Pierce for a holiday, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

805b
23rd December 1903
Mr T. Gemmell
Arcoona
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you, that it has been reported to this Office by Mr Browne of Andamooka, that his district is overrun with vermin and rabbits, and that it would be desirable to encourage the blacks to travel? there, especially as there is plenty of their natural foods now about. Will you be good enough to forward a small supply of stores from your Depot to Andamooka – this will probably induce the natives to go to that locality and any reasonable expense incurred for the removal of these Stores, can be charged to this Office. When game &c is so plentiful in this part of the State, the issue of rations should be confined to the old, infirm atives.

[Hamilton]
23rd December 1903  
D. Morgan? Esq J.P.  
Warrow [50 km N. of Coffin Bay]  
Coulta  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 20th ulto., addressed to the Honorable Chief Secretary, stating that some Aborigines require rations in your District – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of education &c to inform you, that it is not considered desirable to open a fresh depot at Warrow – there are at present Depot at Port Lincoln and Elliston and Blacks travelling between these places, can obtain at either, a supply of rations for the journey.  

[Hamilton]

7th January 1904  
J. W. Hughes Esq  
Secretary: Yorke's Peninsula Aboriginal Mission  
Moonta  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 9th October last, with reference to the Block of land No 1233, Hundred of wallaroo, leased under a permit to Aboriginal Tim Adams, and which lease you request may be transferred to the Yorke's Peninsula Aboriginal Mission, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that on payment of lease fee, 25/-, and a nominal rent of 5/- per annum, a lease of this land will be granted to your Mission.  

[Hamilton]

11th January 1904  
M. C. Hayes, Milang  
Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., re Aboriginal Bertie Tripp – This man has had chronic paralysis for some years past & has been several times in Adelaide Hospital, but was discharged as incurable. – he usually stays at Point Macleay Mission Station where he gets every attention from Mr & Mrs Garnett. The doctor had better visit him once and advise what will be the best to do for him.  

[Hamilton]

13th January 1904  
M.C. Baker, Robe  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., with reference to Mrs Owens' (½ caste) of Robe, desire to obtain a block of land, I have the honor to inform you that under the present Law, Aborigines of S.A. are able to obtain land up to 160 acres, on lease or permits, for any approved period, provided they can show they are likely to make a good use of it. The best course for Mrs Owen will be to find out what piece of land would suit her & she could probably ascertain this by seeing Plans at the District Council office.  

[Hamilton]
808a
14th January 1904
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., requesting supply of Stores for Aborigines Depot at Border Town, I have the honor to inform you that the usual winter stores, viz., Blankets, Tinware, shirts, axes, &c., are supplied about May in each year, for issue during winter months. Blankets were issued last year, and if the other usual Stores were not received by the natives, it must have been owing to some omission on their part to to ask for them, & M. C. McCarthy to apply for them.

[Hamilton]

808b
14th January 1904
John Field Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st ulto., applying for Eight months’ leave of Absence on full pay as Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Far North, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request for leave has been granted from 1st January inst., but without pay, which has ceased from that date.

[Hamilton]

809a
15th January 1904
M.C. Williams
Oodnadatta
With reference to attached a/cs for Medical comforts &c., supplied sick Aboriginal Mick, please note that some explanation should be given why these a/cs were not rendered sooner and sent in through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, who has to certify them. Audit Office regulation requires a/cs to be rendered every 3 months – if longer than this special approval has to be obtained.

With regard to your remark that full report re Mick’s case was sent to me on 23rd July last year, I can find no record of this here, and Mr Field was in my office today & does not remember seeing such report ??

[Hamilton]

809b
20th January 1904
Messrs Elder, Smith & Co.,
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to previous correspondence with you on the subject of making some provision for relief of Aborigines at Clifton Hills, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, as soon as transport arrangements can be made, the next supply of rations &c., forwarded to the Depot at Mungaranie, will be divided & a portion thereof sent on to Goyder’s Lagoon, Clifton Hills, the Manager there will I presume be able to arrange for their transport from Mungaranie, at a reasonable rate of cartage, to be paid by this Department.

[Hamilton]
810a
6th January 1904
P. Guinand Esq, M.D.,
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to draw your attention to
the incomplete state of your Aborigines return of cases treated for quarter ended 31/12/03 — and to
request that you will be good enough to return it duly signed &c &c.

[Hamilton]

810b
28th January 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., stating that Aboriginal Ted Lindsay desires to obtain a divorce or
separation from his wife, a ½ caste Indian woman, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the
Minister of Education &c to inform you that this is a matter in which the Government cannot interfere.

[Hamilton]

811a
3rd February 1904
Mr J. K. Matthews
Manunka, Forster
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., with reference to the attendance of Aboriginal Karpeny’s children
at the Mission School at Manunka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of
Education &c to inform you that there will be no objection to the course you propose to adopt in
keeping these children at the School (during the absence of their parents at their land at Wellington),
and in receipt of the usual rations from the Depot, until their father is able to assist in supporting them.

[Hamilton]

811b
4th February 1904
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., submitting the appl of Aboriginal Cameron for a boat, towards
the cost of which (£ 5. 10/-) he proposes to contribute the sum of £ 1:-, I have the honor by direction of
the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request will have to be postponed till
the end of the current financial year, as there are no funds available at present for the purchase of
boats.

[Hamilton]

812a
4th February 1904
Aboriginal Samuel Rankine
H. M. Gaol, Adelaide
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., asking me to obtain a Counsel for your defence at the ensuing
Criminal Sittings, to commence on the 16th inst., I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education
&c to inform you that your case is one in which the Honorable Attorney-General does not assign
Counsel.

[Hamilton]
812b
10th February 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., asking that some corrugated iron may be supplied for roofing natives’ cottages at Manunka, I have the honor to inform you that enquiries are being made whether any of this iron is obtainable from vanished? wasted? village river settlements.

[Hamilton]

813a
16th February 1904
M. C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
In July 1881, Aboriginal Edward Rankine obtained a lease of Section 208, near Goolwa for 14 years, which has expired and Rankine has not applied for a renewal thereof. Please inform me whether any of the Aborigines have made any use of their land since Rankine gave it up, and is it likely to be of any use as an Aboriginal Reserve. Application has now been made to have it resumed and offered as ordinary lands.

[Hamilton]

813b
17th February 1904
Thos Clode Esq
Acting Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that you have been appointed acting Sub-Protector of Aborigines for the Far North, from the 1st January 1904, during the absence on leave for 8 months of Mr John Field. The Salary attached to this office has been discontinued from the above date (1st January 1904).

[Hamilton]

814a
18th February 1904
M. C. Chance
Mungaranie
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that in future your Aborigines returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines who receive rations.

[Hamilton]

814b
20th February 1904
M. C. McEwen, Elliston
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]
815a
19th February 1904
Dr Kennedy, Hergott
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under Medical treatment for the quarter ended 31st December 1903, has not yet reached this office, and to request that you will be good enough to forward same without delay.

815b
19th February 1904
Dr Goeker, Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under Medical treatment for the quarter ended 31st December 1903, has not yet reached this office, and to request that you will be good enough to forward same without delay.

816a
20th February 1904
M.C. Keating   M.C. Donegan   Mr A. B. Murray
Streaky Bay   Fowler’s Bay   Penong
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c

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816b
23rd February 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letters of the 16th inst., submitting request for additional rations for the Aborigines at Manunka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you, that the supplies cannot be increased beyond the half-ton of flour per month, with proportionate quantity of other Stores.
The Condition of the State finances will preclude any excess in the “Vote”, and any increase on the supplies cannot be sanctioned.

817b
23rd February 1904
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., pointing out that the present supply of rations issued by this Department to the Point Macleay Mission Station is insufficient and requesting that they may be increased, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, the condition of the State finances will preclude any excess in the “Vote”, and in justice to the claims of other Aborigines less favourably placed, the asked for increase of 50 % on the present supplies cannot be, nor can any increase be sanctioned for the Point Macleay Mission present.
23rd February 1904

Mr H. Gooch Mr T. Gourlay M.C. Williams M.C. Willshire
Coondambo Mt. Ernest Oodnadatta Cowell

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]

24th February 1904

Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay

Sir,

M.C. Ewens of Goolwa reports that Aboriginal Fisherman died at the Mission Station this month & he left his boat at Goolwa, in charge of Aboriginal J. W. Close and M.C. Ewens recommends Close as deserving of it, - he looked after Fisherman at Goolwa during his illness, cooking &c., for him – and is anxious to have the boat, - do you know of any objection to his claim ?

Please inform me what became of the boats of Aboriginal Old Giles and Pool who died recently at Point Macleay. I like to keep a record of the names of the recipients of boats.

[Hamilton]

25th February 1904

Mr P. M. Byrne Mr G. Edginton M.C. Moody M.C. Raap M.C. Ireland
Charlotte Waters Mount Serle Innamincka Beltana Hergott

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]

1st March 1904

M.C. Chance
Mungeranie

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, a small supply of Aborigines Stores, consisting of 3 bags flour, 70 lbs sugar, 15 lbs Tea, 3 lbs Tobacco, 12 Blankets, are to be sent from your Depot for the old & infirm natives at Clifton Hills.

Mr Frew, the Manager there, who is now located at Goyder’s Lagoon, will arrange for the transport of these Stores.

Should you have an opportunity, when patrolling the district, please advise me as to the number of natives at Goyder’s Lagoon and the manner in which the Stores sent there are distributed &c.

[Hamilton]
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]

In reply to your letter of the 20th ulto., with reference to the proper disposal of the boat left by the late Aboriginal Jack Fisherman, I have the honor to inform you that there is no objection to its being given to Aboriginal James Close, as you recommend.

[Hamilton]

Referring to your memo of 29th ulto., respecting the Aborigines at Quorn, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that these natives should obtain their supplies from established depots, and railway passes cannot be granted.

[Hamilton]

With reference to the Aborigines Stores forwarded to Monte Collina in October 1903, consisting of ½ ton flour, 168 lbs sugar, 29 lbs tea & 6 lbs tobacco, I have received cart-note from Beltana Pastoral Co., showing delivery of these Stores on January 10th last – the cart-note is receipted by you. Please inform me what has become of these Stores as I have had no return from your Depot since November 1903, when you stated that Monte Collina was closed. These Stores appear to have been 3 months en route before delivery to you.

[Hamilton]
828a
4th March 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Ted Lindsay who wishes to obtain a divorce from his wife, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Cost of such would amount to £ 30: in necessary fees, & that this is a matter that the Government cannot interfere in.
Under these circumstances a pass cannot be issued to Lindsay, as it is quite useless his coming to Adelaide. He could do nothing himself. These cases have to be carried through by a lawyer.

[Hamilton]

828b
8th March 1904
Mr P. Dooley
Macumba
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]

829a
14th March 1904
M.C. Hayes
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp for some empty wheat bags for his tent, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward herewith an order on Messrs W. & H. Dunk for Two dozen bags.

[Hamilton]

829b
16th March 1904
H. Gooch Esq
Coondambo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., stating difficulty you find in giving the Native names & tribes, to the Aborigines in receipt of rations &c at Coondambo, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, Stores will be sent to your Depot upon the terms, that they will only be distributed to such of the natives as you are satisfied are not receiving supplies from other Depots, or will travel to other Depots for that purpose, after being supplied at Coondambo.
The other Depots in the North-West are at Mount Ernest, Arcoona, and Yardea in the South-West.

[Hamilton]

830a
16th March 1904
Mr C. F. Murray, Cordillo Downs
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c controlling this Department, to inform you that, in future, your Aboriginal monthly returns should give the Native names and the Tribe of the Aborigines of the recipients of rations &c.

[Hamilton]
830b
17th March 1904
M.C. Hayes, Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., applying on behalf of Aborigines at Milang for blankets &c., I have
the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the natives
named by you obtain their blankets at Point Macleay during April in each year, - they should therefore
be at Point Macleay in time to get their blankets which were sent there some time ago.
Milang has ceased to be a Depot for issue of Aborigines Stores for some years.

[Hamilton]

831a
17th March 1904
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that M.C. Hayes of Milang, has written to me on behalf of Aborigines at
Milang, who are asking him for blankets &c., as under –

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I have informed M.C. Hayes that Milang, having ceased to be a Depot for many years past, these natives
should represent their requirements to you, as they belong to Point Macleay District (except for Andrew
Yates) [and Jack Finke?].

[Hamilton]

831b
18th March 1904
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., suggesting that a supply of Medicines be obtained from the
Chemist at Mannum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to
inform you that Medicines have to be procured from the Government Contractor in Adelaide, and if you
will forward a list of any simple remedies that are absolutely needed for the Aborigines at Mannum, it
will be considered by the Minister, but I have to impress upon you that as the funds at disposal of this
Office for remainder of Current Year are almost expended – the greatest economy is required in the
issue of future supplies to depots.

[Hamilton]

832a
18th March 1904
J. B. Kennedy Esq, M.D., Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., enquiring as to the way in which your Stipend from this Office,
was paid to you in 1903, I have the honor to inform you that payment of the first 3 quarters amounting
to £ 30:, was paid as usual, to the Bank of Adelaide.
As your Bank Pass Book should show, the amount for the last quarter of the year was paid to Dr Wilson,
on the procuration order you gave him to collect that amount, viz., £ 10:.

[Hamilton]
21st March 1904
M.C. Clark
Port Germein
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., forwarding requisition for fresh supplies of Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this office for remainder of the financial year are almost expended, supplies, as per advice herewith, can only be sent at present – the other Stores applied for cannot be forwarded till June next.

[Hamilton]

24th March 1904
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., applying for the usual winter supplies, I have the honor to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this Office for remainder of current financial year are almost expended, these supplies cannot be forwarded till June next.
I have sent Aboriginal Turpin a paddle for his boat, and as you remark, the old Milang native Yates will obtain his blankets from you and also rations when you consider it necessary.

[Hamilton]

24th March 1904
M.C. McCarthy
Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., containing requisition for supplies, clothing & medicines for the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that, the funds at disposal of this Office for remainder of current financial year, are almost expended and the clothing &c applied for cannot be forwarded till June next. Trowsers are not supplied to depots at any time.
You will receive some Medicines as per advice herein.
The able-bodied natives will, I trust, be in a better position now, since the country has improved, to obtain their natural food, and employment generally.

[Hamilton]

28th March 1904
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal George Ah Hang for lease of a block of land east of Section 522, Hundred of Lacepede, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the land applied for, is part of the Stock road which is under control of the District Council and is not available.

[Hamilton]
834b
7th April 1904
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Thos. Adams for a block of land near Louth Bay, Port Lincoln, I have the honor to inform you that, Adams should give a more definite description of the land he refers to, viz., the number of the Section or block - &c.
The only aboriginal Reserves on the old Poonindie land, are leased and occupied by the Solomons and Taylor.
160 acres is the maximum quantity that can be leased to & held by an Aboriginal free of rent.

[Hamilton]

835a
13th April 1904
Mr G. Forrest
Aldinga
Referring to your letter of March 28th, I find on enquiry re the fishing net you mention as having not been paid for by Aboriginal Sam Rankine, - his brother, Ted Rankine, now at Victor Harbor, says that about a fortnight ago, he sent Ted Gibson, with his horse & trap to Aldinga to get Sam Rankine’s clothes and net, - the net was worth 12/-, & Ted Rankine paid 6/- on it, but the Publican at Sellick’s Hill Hotel seized this net as he claimed it, saying it was not paid for.
I fear I can not assist you any further in this matter. The native Sam Rankine was not very honest and not to be trusted in a transaction like this.

[Hamilton]

835b
22nd April 1904
Mr. C. M. Pimlott
Urania
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., calling attention to the condition of some Aborigines in your District, who are stated to require a boat & fishing net, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Mission Station at Point Pierce near Port Victoria, is intended to provide a home for Aborigines, especially the old & infirm, - a boat has been supplied there for them, and all their reasonable requirements are also met as far as possible.

[Hamilton]

836a
22nd April 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., applying for the usual winter clothing &c., for the Aborigines at Mannum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that as the funds at disposal of this Office for remainder of current financial year are almost expended, the usual supplies referred to, cannot be forwarded till the end of June next.

[Hamilton]
836b
25th April 1904
Mr A. B. Murray
Penong
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., requesting fresh supply of Aborigines Stores for the Depot at Penong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, the Depot will be discontinued, the district being now better provided with natural food and employment for the Aborigines.
Should any circumstances arise in future, pointing to the necessity of re-opening this Depot, they will receive consideration.

[Hamilton]

837a
25th April 1904
M.C. Donegan
Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 12th ulto. and 4th inst., reporting on the conduct & condition of the Aborigines in your District, and recommending the closing of the Depot at Penong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, he has approved of this Depot being discontinued.

[Hamilton]

837b
25th April 1904
Mrs . Matthews
Forster
Madam,
Referring to the a/c for £1. 9/-, Steamer fares for Aborigines to Murray Bridge for Medical attendance, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that, in future, Natives are not to be sent by Steamer to Murray Bridge without the previous sanction of the Department.
In the cases mentioned, the Doctor reports that those sent to him did not suffer from any serious illness, having merely ringworm & rheumatism, &c.

[Hamilton]

838a
26th April 1904
Mr J. K. Matthews
Forster
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to the case of the Native boy suffering from weakness of eyes and an impediment in his speech, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that this case can stand over for a further report of the boy’s condition in a month or two, when the matter will receive consideration.

[Hamilton]
26th April 1904
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to the application of Aboriginal Charley Prince & others for a fishing net, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be good enough to inform these natives that there are, at present, no funds available to comply with this request.

[Hamilton]

839a
28th April 1904
M.C. Hayes
Milang
Referring to your letter of the 27th inst., with a/c for rations supplied to Aboriginal Bertie Tripp, please inform me if he still requires them - & if so, I will send you orders for their supply.
If you consider Mr J. Rust charges more than the usual prices, you can give me the name of some other local storekeeper to obtain them from.
Dr Shore has written to me about Tripp’s state, and I will try to get him admitted to the “Home for Incurables”, but to do this will take some time. Why does he not stay at Point Macleay where he would be looked after?

[Hamilton]

839b
28th April 1904
Mr T. H. Fraser
Murrabinna
Kingston
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 15th inst., on the subject of the proposed transfer of lease No. 18, Hundred of Murrabinna, held by Aboriginal H. Watson, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that enquiries made herein, show that H. Watson is not wanting to give up his lease referred to, and it appears some disagreement between the brothers Henry and John, has existed on the subject.

[Hamilton]

840a
28th April 1904
Mrs A. H. Charley
Border Town
Referring to your letter of the 17th ulto., applying for lease of block of land at Border Town, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the land you apply for is part of the Park Lands, dedicated and placed under the control of the District Council of Border Town and is not available.
If you confer with the Clerk of the District Council, you may be able to find out whether there is any other land open for which you could apply.

[Hamilton]
5th May 1904
Mr H. Leibling
Caloote
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th ulto., with reference to the boat, which you offer to dispose of for Aboriginal Hodgkiss, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of education &c to inform you that there are no funds available at present for the purchase of boats for the Aborigines. [Hamilton]

12th May 1904
M.C. O’Connell, Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your report of the 6th inst., as to the condition & conduct of the Aborigines about Cowell, I am pleased to know that so many of them find useful employment, as it is very desirable that they should keep away from loafing in idleness about townships, where they are a source of trouble & annoyance, especially when they obtain liquor.
The rations are mainly intended for the relief of the old, infirm & sick. [Hamilton]

17th May 1904
M.C. Hayes, Milang
I enclose form of application for admission of Bertie Tripp, to the Home for Incurables. Please get him to sign it & return to me. I have a Medical certificate from Dr Shore and also the two testimonials required.
If Tripp refuses to sign this paper, of course we cannot compel him to do so but he must then take his chance where he is, - if he won’t return to Point Macleay, this office will not be responsible & incur heavy expenses for him. [Hamilton]

18th May 1904
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., with reference to Aboriginal John Sumner in Adelaide Hospital, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the request of Sumner’s wife [Rebecca] to be provided with a tent to live in Adelaide, cannot be complied with. [Hamilton]

18th May 1904
M.C. Juckes, Beachport
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 2nd & 4th inst., with reference to Aboriginal Lankey’s removal to a Mission Station, I have the honor to inform you that I find on enquiry that there are no natives at Point Macleay from Lankey’s tribe, so that he would be quite a stranger there with no one to look after him. Perhaps Lankey had better remain where he is for some time, if he is ill. Steps may be taken to remove him to Mt Gambier Hospital.
You might advise me again if his condition becomes worse. [Hamilton]
843a
18th May 1904
Mr J. Gemmell, Arcoona
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., advising me of the arrival at Arcoona of a large number of blacks, mostly from Mt Eba & Coondambo, & stating that your supply of Stores will probably be not sufficient, I have the honor to inform you that the funds at disposal of this Office for current financial year are expended, & I am unable to send you further supplies till July next.
As the Depots at Coondambo & Mt Eba are well-supplied with rations and blankets, the natives from those places should not obtain them from you – 40 blankets were sent to Mt Eba & 25 to Coondambo, but I have not yet had the returns for April showing how these were issued.

[Hamilton]

843b
21st May 1904
Mr P. M. Byrne
Charlotte Waters
Referring to your Aborigines Return for April last, containing requisition for fresh supply of Stores, I am unable to forward them by the opportunity you mention as occurring this month – for the reason that our funds for current financial year are expended and an excess on the Vote cannot be obtained.
I expect by end of June next, to be able to send up your supplies which will then probably reach you before your present stock I finished.
As the season has improved in the Far North, the Aborigines may be able to do with smaller help from the Depot.
The Medicines being more urgent, I will have them sent on by next Train to Oodnadatta.

[Hamilton]

844a
20th May 1904
M.C. Clark
Port Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., reporting that Dr McBirnie had been called upon by you to attend cases of sickness among the Aborigines at Port Germein, I have the honor to inform you that it is not usual to incur expense of more than one visit & Medicine in serious cases – without Ministerial sanction acquired, otherwise doctor’s a/c may not be approved.
Can you ascertain for what annual Stipend the Doctor would be willing to undertake the medical care of the natives at Pt Germein ?

[Hamilton]

844b
7th June 904
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Referring to your note of the 3rd inst., re the Aboriginal Lankey at Beachport.
He has been regularly in receipt of rations & Medical comforts. On the 27th ulto, he appeared so ill, that he was removed to a room at the Hospital when he could not shelter? & ?? & was well attended to. He seemed to improve on the 28th ulto. – on the 29th, became worse and unconscious on the 30th, and died on the 31st ulto.

[Hamilton]
845a
17th June 1904
The Clerk of the
Dudley District Council
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., with reference to the request of Aboriginal Mary Seymour for Boots and Dress material I have the honor to inform you that these materials may be provided locally, as you suggest, the cost not to exceed 20/- in all.

[Hamilton]

845b
21st June 1904
M.C. O’Brien
Elliston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., applying for Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that I have requested Corporal Kelly to send you from Port Lincoln, Six Blankets, per Mail conveyance – I have a supply of stores sent to you by vessel direct next opportunity.
As you have only two natives now at Elliston who require relief – you can purchase locally a small quantity of flour, tea & sugar & ¼ lb tobacco, sufficient for a week or two. I enclose copy of Instructions to Issuers at Depots for your guidance.

[Hamilton]

846a
24th June 1904
Miss G. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 22nd inst., relative to the complaints among the Aborigines at Mannum, with respect to issues of rations, I have the honor to inform you that, the enclosed copy of Instructions to Issuers at Depots will show that the daily allowance of flour is 1 lb to each native.
Able-bodied men are not entitled to rations, unless they are unable to obtain work, or their natural food, and when this is the case, these men should give at least two days work at the Mission, if necessary, each week, to entitle them to any rations. This rule is carried out at the Point Macleay Mission.

[Hamilton]

846b
15th July 1904
Mrs. J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., applying for roofing iron for Aborigines’ huts at Manunka, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no funds available for this purpose.

[Hamilton]
9th July 1904
The Revd. J. W. Stahle
Lake Condah Mission
Victoria
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ult., submitting request of Aboriginal William Carter for free pass for himself & family to Point Macleay Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with. There are nearly 300 Natives at the Point Macleay Mission Station, and great difficulty is now experienced in providing for this large number.

[Hamilton]

11th July 1904
Mrs John Davidson
Penola
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the Book written by the late Mrs C. Smith of Mt Gambier on the “Booandik Tribe of S.A. Aborigines”, I have made enquiry as to any copyrights thereof, and find that this was registered in June 1880 – the register shows no assignment & if not assigned, this book remains the property of the author or her heirs and assignees? for 42 years from 1st June 1880. There does not therefore appear to be any objection to your taking steps to have the book reprinted &c.

[Hamilton]

15th July 1904
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., calling attention to the condition of the Aborigines’ hut at Border Town, the roof of which requires iron, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no funds available for providing the Aborigines with roofing iron for their huts. You can obtain some empty corn bags to the extent of a dozen, and supply them to those natives who are in most need.

[Hamilton]

18th July 1904
James Counsell Esq
Acting Secretary:
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th ult., stating that complaints have been made by Native Settlers on the Coorong with respect to teamsters & others refusing to close the gates to their property – on the ground that the settlers have no right to block what they term public roads &c., I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this is a question of considerable difficulty, and he suggests that you should get legal advice, as this Department has not the facility for the essential enquiry prior to any action being taken.

[Hamilton]
849a
20th July 1904
Mr Geo. Ahang, Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., enquiring if you can claim nationality from your father’s side, as well as your mother’s, your father being a Chinese & your mother an Aboriginal woman of Australia, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education & c to inform you that, if born in Australia, you are a British subject under the protection of the Law, but as a half-caste native, you come under the prohibition of the Law, forbidding the supply of intoxicating liquors.

[Hamilton]

849b
26th July 1904
M.C. Hayes, Milang
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that the frame work of the small hut at Milang put up in 1902 for the Aborigines is not occupied by them & is ?? away – and asking permission to recover the timber, I have the honor to inform you that you can take it to the Police Station, and utilise it there – as this will be simply a transfer of the timber from one Govt Department to another, you had better make an official entry to that effect in your ?? book – their need not be any payment in this case as the timber still remains the property of the Government.

[Hamilton]

850a
1st August 1904
Mr R. Newchurch, Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 12th ulto., applying for a fishing net, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education & c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with. If you have no block of land at Poonindie on which to keep your family, it would be better for them to find a home a the Point Pierce Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

850b
3rd August 1904
M.C. Whitters, Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., re issue of rations to Aboriginal Tripp’s family, their mother being European, has of course no claim on this office, - Tripp himself has generally sufficient work to support his family – probably during the winter season when employment is not so easily obtained, he may be occasionally hard up, when some assistance from the Depot for himself & children may be given, - in that case his children may be included when you consider they are actually in need of relief.

[Hamilton]

851a
4th August 1904
M.C. Hayes
Milang
It has been reported to this Office that the natives Yates and Bertie Tripp are in want of firewood at Milang. Please advise me whether this is correct. If necessary you can obtain a ton of wood for them - to ensure its safe custody, it would be well to keep it at the Police Yard, from where they could have it as required.

[Hamilton]
851b
9th August 1904
M.C. Clark
Port Germein
Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to forward herewith Dr McBirnie’s a/c for Medical attendance on Aborigines at Pt Germein, as amended by the Colonial Surgeon, and an order for £ 7. 5/- in payment of same.
I have also to state that the offer of Dr Macbirnie to provide Medical attendance &c for £ 12: per annum – is to stand over, and in future all cases of illness among the Aborigines at Port Germein are to be reported to this Office, before further steps are taken to obtain Medical attendance.

[Hamilton]

852a
11th August 1904
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., stating that Aborigines McLean and E. Tripp have purchased a boat for £ 12. 12/-, towards the cost of which they have paid £ 7. 10/-, and asking that the balance £ 5. 2/-, be paid by this department, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he cannot comply with this request.

[Hamilton]

852b
11th August 1904
Dr C. E. C. Wilson
Wallaroo
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the case of Aboriginal Mary Spender at Cowell, if she is in an incurable state, it will be useless sending her to Adelaide Hospital. – perhaps it had better stand over for a time & wait for further developments.
Her husband, I understand, is generally at work and able to provide for himself & wife, - if they should require any help at any time, M.C. O’Connell in charge of the Depot, will be able to supply what may be necessary.

[Hamilton]

853a
12th August 1904
Mr J. P. Evans
Stuart’s Creek
Referring to your Aborigines return for July last, in which you apply for more blankets &c., - please note that 20 blankets were sent to Stuart’s Creek Depot in February 1904, which appear to have been distributed in the following March. You have 15 natives only now at the Depot, and you do not say why more blankets are required.
There are Depots at Oodnadatta, The Peake, Anna Creek & Hergott, where blankets are also supplied & natives coming from these places would not be entitled to extra blankets at Stuart’s Creek.

[Hamilton]
853b
18th August 1904
J.D. Bruce Esq, Poonindie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., forwarding a Permit issued to Aboriginal R. Newchurch in 1897, for a block of land at Poonindie containing 58 acres, & stating that Newchurch wishes to know whether he still holds this land, I have the honor to inform you that on making enquiry, I find that the Crown Lands Office cancelled the permit of Newchurch & Welsh in December 1900, on the grounds that neither of these natives fulfilled the conditions of their permits by utilising the land, and a fresh permit was issued in favour of H. Taylor for both blocks of land which are still held by him.

[Hamilton]

854a
18th August 1904
M.C. O’Connell
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., reporting the case of Aboriginal Mary Spender, if Doctor Wilson considers there is any probability of Hospital treatment being of use to her, she can be sent over to Adelaide.
The usual course in cases of illness among the Aborigines is to wire for authority to obtain Medical aid. The a/c for 10/- you mention has not yet reached this office.

[Hamilton]

854b
23rd August 1904
Revd. C. A. Wiebusch
Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., stating that you will becoming to Adelaide next month, and wish to obtain permission to visit the Aborigines recently convicted of Murder at Fowler’s Bay, I have the honor to inform you that I will be glad to give you all the assistance in my power if you will call at this office when in Adelaide.
The two natives convicted of Murder are named Yendunia Jack and Steve Hart – their sentences to death have been commuted to imprisonment for life, but should their health give way – they may be released in a few years.

[Hamilton]

855a
5th September 1904
The Revd. C. A. Wiebusch
Koonibba
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd ulto., with reference to free rail passes by Aboriginal children from your Mission visiting Churches near Adelaide – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that free rail passes are not granted in such cases – but if the Children are coming to attend and give concerts, they will be carried on the railway at a reduction of 20 per cent off second class fares.

[Hamilton]
855b
5th September 1904
Mr R. Newchurch
Poonindie
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., re the cancellation of your permit for block of land at Poonindie, -
This was done nearly 4 years ago – owing to conditions of your permit not being performed. You were
absent from the land for nearly 12 months and it was becoming infested with vermin – this block was
then transferred to H. Taylor, - if according to your statement, he admits there is enough of land in the
block for both of you to utilize – the better course would be for you and Taylor to come to some
arrangement to work the land together.

[Hamilton]

856a
6th September 1904
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a butcher named Bignall, who has carried on business at Port
Victoria and Curramulka, has assigned his estate, and the Trustee, Mr T. F. Key? of Adelaide, has sent me
the attached list ?entering names of Aborigines who appear indebted to it.
Can you supply any explanation how so many Aborigines belonging to the Mission became indebted so
much for meat. Your last report stated that 1000 sheep are used every year for rations on the Mission,
and it seems strange that so many natives’ names appear as owing nearly £ 300: for meat to Bignall.
Mr Key says he will give you 10 per cent on the amount you can recover from the natives.
Side-note: letter ?? correcting this – fruit & vegetables instead of meat supplied.

[Hamilton]

856b
8th September 1904
Mr M. Kropinyeri
East Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd ulto., asking for permission to obtain stone & timber from section 1076
in the Hundred of Seymour, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that
you are authorised to obtain stone from the section mentioned herein for the purpose of building on
the land held by you, but you must not cut any fences or do any damage to the land. This permission
will remain in force for three months from 27th August 1904.

[Hamilton]

857a
8th September 1904
Mr Wm Taylor
Milang
Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., asking that your wife may be sent to the Maternity Home, I
forward herewith the form of application which you will have to fill up and return to me.
You will perceive the application will have to be signed also by a qualified medical man of Minister of
religion who recommends it.

[Hamilton]
857b
13th September 1904
Mr M. B. Ive
Blanchewater
Sir,
I have received from you Aborigines return from Beltana Depot for July and August last, both marked “Nil” – both showing no stores on hand & no names during those months.
Mr H. Raap the Issuer at Beltana Depot, has sent me returns for same month, showing for July on hand, 40 lbs flour, 140 lbs sugar, 34 lbs tea, 60 lbs rice, 5 lbs Tobacco – and for August on hand – 730 lbs flour, 3 lbs sugar, 28 lbs tea, 3 lbs Tobacco, and at end of August – 296 lbs flour, 40 lbs sugar, 20 lbs tea, 30 lbs rice, 1½ lbs tobacco remaining.
Please explain why these returns coming from you and from Mr Raap differ so much in showing receipt and issues of Stores.

[Hamilton]

858a
20th September 1904
M.C. O’Connell
Cowell
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., re the case of Aboriginal Mary [Limbery] Spender, I think it will be desirable for her to go to the Hospital at Wallaroo, where she will obtain necessary treatment, and perhaps removal to the Adelaide Hospital, if found to be the best course. I enclose order for her passage to Wallaroo and you had better advise by telegram the officer in charge of Police Station to remove her to Hospital on arrival at Wallaroo, - all usual transport expenses to be charged to this Office. Side-note: Please return attached letter from this woman.

[Hamilton]

858b
22nd September 1904
M.C. Treloar
Balaklava
Sir,
I will be glad if you can give me some information about the native woman Goldsmith who lives near Balaklava – she is reported to be ill from lung disease. Are there any other Aborigines living with her on the land she holds from the Govt, and are they making any use of the land.
If Mrs Goldsmith is unable to work, will you ascertain whether she is willing to go to the Mission Station at Point Pierce, or will your local Medical officer recommend her removal to the Adelaide Hospital.

[Hamilton]

859a
5th October 1904
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether an Aboriginal named Mrs Goldsmith of Balaklava can be admitted to the Mission Station at Point Pierce. She is now old & infirm and suffers from chest complaint – and is quite unable to work – she is willing to come to Point Pierce but wishes to have a cottage for herself and family – two daughters and a grandchild are now living with her. You may have heard of this family before, and therefore acquainted with some of them.

[Hamilton]
859b
10th October 1904
Mr Matthew Kropinyeri
Narrung
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., asking for extension of time to enable you to remove stone from section 1076, Hundred of Seymour, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that you may consider the licence as extended to 31st March 1905.

[Hamilton]

860a
20th October 1904
Mr H. Raap
Beltana
Sir,
I forward you a fresh supply of Aborigines Stores as requested by you to meet the requirements of the Aborigines visiting Beltana – As the season is such a bountiful one and native food more plentiful & rabbits &c more numerous, I trust you will be able to induce the natives to disperse more about the Country instead of remaining at the Depot, and expecting to live on the rations issued there.

[Hamilton]

860b
21st October 1904
E. C. Kempe Esq
Peake
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., reporting that owing to the bountiful season in your district, & the plentiful supply of Native food for the Aborigines, you do not intend to apply for a further supply of rations at present.
We have a large number of natives about Oodnadatta. When you have an opportunity of obtaining any information as to their number, condition, sources of employment, food &c, I would be glad to hear from you any remarks you could make therein.

[Hamilton]

861a
22nd October 1904
M.C. Furner
Clare
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., submitting the request of Aborigines Joe and Lucy Lock for passes to enable them to return to the Goolwa District, I have the honor to inform you that they have obtained several passes.
In August 1902 they were sent to Blyth.
In June 1903 they were sent to Goolwa but returned to the city soon after, and got passes to Hallett.
In February 1904, they were again in Adelaide & got a pass to Aldgate & afterwards were sent up north again where they promised to remain.
If you can supply them at the Depot with rations &c when needed, it will be better for them to remain where they are.

[Hamilton]
861b
29th October 1904
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
It has been reported to this Office, that John Dunn, the oldest Aboriginal of the Kingston tribe, is very infirm, and living in a camp or hut that is very dilapidated, and not weather proof.
Please inform me if this statement is correct, & can you recommend what would be necessary to make his camp more habitable.
Does Dunn live alone, or has he any relatives living with him?

862a
16th November 1904
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., recommending that a Galvanized iron hut be provided for use of Aboriginal John Dunn at Kingston, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that there are no funds at disposal of this office for a building of this nature. Please inform me whether there is a small 2 or 3 roomed Cottage obtainable at a low rent that would suit Dunn – if not perhaps were he supplied with some corn bags – he would be able to make his camp comfortable for the summer months.

862b
17th November 1904
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., with reference to Medical attendance on Aborigines in your District and enclosing a/c 10/6 from Dr Everitt of Meningie for attendance on Aboriginal Sumner, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the services of a doctor are only to be called on in case of sudden illness when life is in anger, and when practicable, the Minister’s authority should first be obtained.
The present practice of sending Aboriginal patients to the Adelaide Hospital, when the case is beyond your treatment, appears sufficient to meet all the usual cases of illness among the Point Macleay &c natives.

863
17th November 1904
Mrs J. M. Lindsay
Wallaroo
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., requesting to have a Cutter repaired for you at Wallaroo, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this requisition cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]
864a
19th November 1904
The Revd. W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 17th inst., calling attention to the case of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp at Milang, who is suffering from chronic paralysis, I have the honor to inform you that, he has been in the Adelaide Hospital several times & was finally discharged as incurable.
Some months ago, I made an effort to send him to the Home for Incurables & had the necessary forms of application for Admission filled up, when Tripp refused to go there, saying he would die first.
Instructions were sent yesterday for the doctor from Strathalbyn to visit him.
I have had him supplied with Medical comforts (Meat, bread, milk &c.) for some months past.

864b
19th November 1904
The Revd. W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., submitting request of Aboriginal M. Kropinyeri for some more land at Wellington, or in the Hundred of Malcolm, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, a large area of land held by Miscellaneous leases in the Hundreds of Malcolm and Bonney, will be sub-divided early next year, when the leases expire, and probably some of it would be available, when applications could be considered.

865a
28th November 1904
H. H. Formby Esq, M.D., Strathalbyn
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., referring to the case of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp of Milang, I have the honor to inform you that he has been several times in the Adelaide Hospital & was finally discharged as incurable [Huntington’s?], - a few months ago I took steps to have him admitted to the Home for Incurables, but he refused to go there.
If you think that Hospital treatment is likely to be of further benefit to him, I will communicate with the Medical Officer there, re his admission.
If this course is not adopted, I do not see how we can do more for him than supply him with suitable food &c – as practical treatment in the past has not done him any good?.

865b
29th November 1904
Thos Clode Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report of 22nd inst., submitting the application of Mr F. Young for a supply of Aborigines Stores at Oakden Hills [N. of Lake Dutton], I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request for a depot at Oakden Hills can stand in abeyance.

2nd December 1904
Mr R. Newchurch, Poonindie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd September last, applying for a block of land at Louth Bay or Port Lincoln, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that there is no land available in the locality referred to.

[Hamilton]

7th December 1904
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., submitting request from Aborigines Jimmy Xmas and Jim Morris, for assistance towards purchase of a Gun and Dray – I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the payment of 10/- towards cost of gun. The other request for the Dray cannot be complied with.
When you send me a certified a/c for the Gun showing that the balance 10/- has been paid by the native, the 10/- will be remitted to you from this Office.

[Hamilton]

7th December 1904
Mrs J. Matthews, Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., stating that Aboriginal John Mack wishes to have some of his children removed from Point Macleay to Mannum, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that it will be necessary for Mack to make his own arrangements to bring his children from Point Macleay, without expense to this Department.

[Hamilton]

10th December 1904
Mr Abel Rankine
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., asking to be provided with a fishing outfit of Boat and nets at a cost of about £ 40, to enable you to earn your living apart from the Point Macleay Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

15th December 1904
Mr H. W. Atkinson, Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., making enquiry about a half-caste Aboriginal named William ?Blake ?Bluns?, I have the honor to inform you that I have not seen this man for some years past. I believe he is the son of Nellie Hodgkiss as I have heard her speak of him, & he was probably born at Goolwa or Point Macleay.

[Hamilton]
868b

15th December 1904
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., requesting that the amount of the Grant-in-Aid (£ 200) due 31st inst., may be made out forthwith, to enable the committee of your Association to pay some very pressing claims, and in reply I am directed to inform you, that this amount is now payable & I have advised your Bank to that effect.

[Hamilton]

869a

15th December 1904
Thos Clode Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report to the Commissioner of Police, dated 10/12/04, respecting the Native girl brought to Port Augusta who had been with a man named Clenor? For some months, dressed in boy’s clothes, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether it is possible to place this girl with a respectable European family about Port Augusta, who would be willing to supply her with food and clothes for her services. Failing this arrangement, she will have to go to a Mission Station, either Point Macleay or Point Pierce.

[Hamilton]

869b

15th December 1904
Mr M. Hurslett
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., stating that Aboriginal Mrs G. Jones had her boat repaired at Swanport at a cost of 25/-, with the understanding that this Department would pay for it – I have the honor to inform you that no application reached this office containing a request of this nature, so that the repairs referred to were not authorised by this Department. If, however, you will forward me a certified a/c for the 25/-, I will submit it for the consideration of the Honorable Minister controlling this office.

[Hamilton]

870a

Forwarded through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta
20th December 1904
Mr W. Oliffe
Crown Well Station [W. of Lake Gairdner]
Far North
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 4th inst., addressed to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, requesting a supply of rations for Aborigines at Crown Well station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he is unable to comply with this request.

[Hamilton]
21st December 1904
Mrs Mary Limbry
Point Pierce
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that you wish to come to Adelaide, I am directed to inform you that there is no place in Adelaide except the Destitute Asylum suitable for you, & the Superintendent there will probably refuse to admit you, as you are not an European.
If you cannot live with the native Spender, who I understand is now your husband, you should remain at the Mission Station, until he is willing to support you.
The specimens of your fancy work have been received with thanks. You would have very little chance of earning anything for your sewing in Adelaide at such work, where there is so much competition.

[Hamilton]

1905

5th January 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st ulto., asking to be furnished with a Plan showing the area and position of the lands in the Hundred of Adelaide originally set apart as Aborigines’ Reserves, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you in separate parcel by this post, a Plan of this Hundred, with the information required.

[Hamilton]

6th January 1905
Mr Alfred Watson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st November last, applying for a lease of a block of land in the Government reserve near Kingston, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the land applied for, is part of the Stock Reserve under control of the District Council, and is not available.

[Hamilton]

6th January 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th ulto., submitting the request of Aboriginal Abel Rankine for some assistance from the government to enable him to start as a fisherman, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he is unable at present to deal with this matter.

[Hamilton]
872b
9th January 1905
A. Engelhart Esq, M.D., Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Taxation Department has advised me that your agreement as Medical Officer for Aborigines for current year, will require a duty stamp of one shilling (1/-). If you will forward me the stamp marked with your initials and the date the agreement was signed – (22 Dec last), I will affix the stamp to it.

[Hamilton]

873a
18 - 1 - 1905
Mr E. Constant, Swanport
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you [extremely faint] that your a/c £ 1. 5/- for repairs of Aboriginal Jones’ boat is now payable to you & the amount can be obtained on applying to the Police, at Murray Bridge Station.
I am directed to remind you that in future accounts for repair of Aborigines’ boats will not be recognised by this office unless authority has been ?? ...... ?? by this Department.

[Hamilton]

873b
19th January 1905
Mr Reuther, Killalpanina
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a native girl named ?Jacko ?Judy? about 12 years old, was forwarded to Killalpanina Mission by the last Mail. I will be glad to hear from you of her arrival there & that you will be able to have her looked after in your School.

[Hamilton]

874a
19th January 1905
H. L. Hancock Esq, Moonta
Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he visited the Point Pierce Mission Station last Friday, and he will be glad to confer personally with you with a view to discussing the management of the Station, and the possibility of transferring a number of the Point Macleay natives to Point Pierce.
Please advise me when you can comply with the Minister’s request.

[Hamilton]

874b
28th January 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that an Aboriginal section of land, No. 700, in the Hundred of Hall, about 3 miles from Balaklava, is now vacant [Mrs Polly Goldsmith’s] owing to the death of the Native who held a lease of it. This section contains about 200 acres, and might be suitable for one or more of the Point Macleay Aborigines.

[Hamilton]
875a
25th January 1905
M.C. Pyne
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to the case of Aboriginal Annie Disher, and your reports therein, I have the honor to inform you that I forwarded the correspondence to the Adelaide Hospital some days ago – where it appears to have been mislaid as I only got reply therefrom this morning stating that the last time Disher was in the Hospital all that could be done for her was attempted & the Medical Superintendent regrets that nothing more can be done for her – under these circumstances, it will be better for her to return to Mrs Matthews’ Depot, where she can be supplied with rations, medical comforts, &c.
You can ask Dr Lamb to give her a supply of any Medicine that would be of any service.

[Hamilton]

875b
25th January 1905
M.C. Pyne
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., recommending repair of boat for Aboriginal Jenny Xmas at a cost of 27/-, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to have this work done as proposed and certify & forward a/c for same to me.
When you have any opportunity – will you let me know of any second-hand boat for sale in your district at a moderate price. Mrs Matthews has been writing to me about a native at Manunka who wants a boat.

[Hamilton]

876
30th January 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq, Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to direct your attention to the condition on which the Grant-in-Aid is made to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, and that last year the balance £ 400: to 30th June 1904, was paid on assumption that the condition had been complied with. The Commissioner of Audit has now reported that the sum raised last year by private subscriptions for salaries of Superintendent & Teacher at Point Macleay was £ 42. 10. 8 short, and I shall be glad to be informed as to whether the required amount for this year’s salaries will be raised before the end of this financial year.

[Hamilton]

877a
28th January 1905
The Revd. H. Harms, Blumberg
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., and to thank you for the information supplied respecting the Koonibba Mission Station.
I forward you in separate parcel by this post, the usual financial &c forms of return for Aboriginal Mission Stations, and will be glad if you will have them filled in and forwarded to this Office at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]
877b
14. 2. 1905
P. Guinand Esq, M.D.
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under treatment for quarter ended 31st December last, has not yet reached this office, & to request that you will be good enough to have the same forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

878
2nd February 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide

AFA – Re Grant-in-Aid

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., stating that you think your letter of 19th June last fully explains the position with regard to last financial year, and shows you have a fair margin for the current one, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the amount of Salaries to date appears from your letter quoted to be –

£ 191. 18. 4,

the amount of subcriptions is -  133. 11. 8
£   58.   6.  8

There is therefore a deficit of £58. 6. 8, to be made up by the Association, before they are entitled to any further subsidy.

[Hamilton]

879a
14th February 1905
Mr R. Drabsch, Mannum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., enquiring about the block of land on the Murray which was some years ago leased to an Aboriginal named Geo. Lindsay, I have the honor to inform you that this native does not now hold the land in question, his lease having ceased – and your best course now is to write to the Commissioner of Crown Lands Office, where you will be able to obtain full inf herein.

[Hamilton]

879b
16. 2. 1905
M.C. Keane
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., in which you remark that Natives have come to you from Cawmouna Station where they used to get rations but owing to its being closed & no-one there, they came to Innamincka for relief.

We have a Depot at Kanowana to which stores were sent two months ago and I have the return from Mr Haney, the Issuer, showing that in December last, he had 47 natives there & a good supply of rations on hand – are these two names of the same place, or are they different places – please explain.

[Hamilton]
880a
23. 2. 1905
Corporal Blake, Wallaroo
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., reporting the circumstances under which you assisted Mrs Newchurch & two children, by giving them an order for their passage from Wallaroo to Port Victoria, and in reply to inform you that your action herein has been approved.

[Hamilton]

880b
23. 2. 1905
M.C. Keane, Innamincka
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., calling attention to the last supply of Aborigines Flour, which appears to be of inferior quality, and in reply, to request that you will be good enough to send me by parcel post, a small sample of the flour on its arrival at the depot. When you find it inferior, I will submit some of it to W. Thomas & Co., Port Adelaide, who furnish the flour, and ask them for an explanation.
Have you the means of storing the flour safely from weather or attacks of vermin?

[Hamilton]

881a
28th February 1905
M.C. Donegan, Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., enquiring if Aboriginal Mickey Free is still the lessee of Section 3, Hundred of Catt, I have the honor to inform you that, I have made enquiry in Survey Office, and find that this Section is now held by W. M. Lawrie on a right of purchase lease – I have also been informed that the Survey Office has not got the name of Mickey Free in their books.

[Hamilton]

881b
6. 3. 1905
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 24th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal A. Cameron for a dingey, towards cost of which he offers to pay £ 2.; I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the request, the cost of the boat not to exceed £ 6.
If a good second-hand boat can be found for less, perhaps you may hear of one, but it should be in good condition, nearly new or it would not be worth purchasing.
You can advise me later on when you have had enquiries made herein.

[Hamilton]

882a
8th March 1905
M.C. Whitters, Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., reporting the case of Aboriginal Maggie Rankine, who has been ordered Medical comforts by Dr Douglas, and to inform you that your action herein, has been entirely in accordance with the usual regulations for the guidance of Issuers at Aborigines Depots, a copy of which I now forward enclosed, for your guidance.

[Hamilton]
882b
16th March 1905
Thos Clode Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., stating that the cost of burial of Aborigines at Port Augusta will in future be £ 3. 10/-, as from enquiries made by you, no person will undertake this work for less than that sum. The offer of Mrs C. M. Farr for this service at £ 3. 10/- has been approved.

[Hamilton]

883a
14th March 1905
J. W. Hughes
Secretary: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you with reference to the proposed removal of Aborigines from Point Macleay to Point Pierce Mission Station, that he will be glad if the Committee of Management of both these Institutions will arrange for a conference together, with the object of deciding what Point Macleay families are to be transferred to Point Pierce Mission Station.
I have written on this subject also to Mr Dalton ....

[Hamilton]

883b
13th March 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you with reference to the proposed removal of Aborigines from Point Macleay to Point Pierce Mission Station, that steps are being taken to provide for five (5) three-roomed cottages at Point Pierce for the accommodation of five (5) families from Point Macleay Station, and the Honorable Minister will be glad if the Committee of Management of both these Institutions will arrange for a conference together, with the object of deciding what Point Macleay families are to be transferred to Point Pierce Mission.

[Hamilton]

884a
16th March 1905
J. W. Manfield Esq
Farina
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., pointing out the necessity to have double bags provided for flour, sugar and rice, when sent to the more distant Depots – will you kindly mark thereon and return same, showing which Depots you consider double bags will be required for their Stores. You mention having enclosed 1/1 in stamps for the over-payment I made to you last month, but there are no stamps for that sum inside your letter which was securely fastened and I presume the letter was posted without the stamps.

[Hamilton]
884b
17th March 1905
Mrs Johnson
Nampoo
Tareena
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., enquiring whether you can obtain a block of land in or near Renmark, I am directed to inform you that if you will select a piece of land, and forward a description of it, your request will be duly considered. Your application should state the number and ages of your children, name of your husband, if living.

[Hamilton]

885a
20th March 1905
W. P. Dunk Esq
Milang
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., with reference to Aboriginal B. Tripp. I will ask Dr Formby to see him occasionally when visiting Milang. Tripp seems to have a great aversion to staying at Point Macleay or coming to the Hospital here. It is of course necessary that the Doctor should see him sometimes when really required.
You will notice from enclosed letter that some friction seems to exist between Tripp’s wife and M.C. Hayes – I have been under the impression that the constable was very obliging and attentive in this case.

[Hamilton]

885b
22nd March 1905
Dr Formby
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough when visiting Milang next time, to see Aboriginal Bertie Tripp, who has been, I am informed, worse than usual – please advise me what you consider the best course to adopt for him in future.

[Hamilton]

886a
23. 3. 1905
Mr Geo. Edginton
Mount Serle
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your application by wire for fresh supply of Aborigines Stores was delayed in reaching me as you sent it through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Port Augusta, - when you want stores, it is better to communicate with this office.
I now forward you a larger supply than usual as a difficulty sometimes occurs in getting teams for small quantities. You will of course economise your issues as much as possible, restricting them to those natives unable to provide for themselves by working or killing rabbits &c.

[Hamilton]
886b  
24th March 1905  
Mrs J. Matthews  
Manunka, Forster  
Madam,  
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., asking that arrangements may be made to enable a party of Aborigines from Mannum to visit the Exhibition now being held in Adelaide, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that, your request cannot be complied with.  

[Hamilton]

887a  
27th March 1905  
Mrs F. Salter, Port Germein  
Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., enquiring whether you are entitled to receive rations from the Depot at Port Germein, I am directed to inform you that these rations are mainly intended for the old, infirm and sick Aborigines, but able-bodied half-caste natives are not entitled to rations unless they are sick and quite destitute.  

[Hamilton]

887b  
27th March 1905  
M.C. Clark, Port Germein  
Sir,  
With reference to your letter of the 25th inst., stating that you have a large number of Natives from Port Augusta & West side now at Pt Germein, requiring blankets &c., please advise me what number of blankets are required for the Natives belonging to your own District. 100 blankets were sent to Port Augusta a few weeks ago, to the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, for the strangers visiting there, & we have to be careful that those who have been supplied, do not obtain more than they are entitled to.  

[Hamilton]

888a  
28th March 1905  
Mrs J. Matthews, Manunka  
Madam,  
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., making enquiry on behalf of Aboriginal Geo. Raynor about his wife Pinkey in the Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to inform you that I have ascertained that she is in good bodily health, but not yet mentally fit to be sent home.  
With reference to her husband’s wish to visit her, the Honorable Minister cannot approve of any expenditure being incurred by this Office for the purpose of Aborigines travelling about to visit each other.  

[Hamilton]

888b  
29.3.1905  
Dr Formby  
Strathalbyn  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., reporting on the case of Aboriginal Bertie Tripp, will you be good enough to see him on your weekly visits to Milang, during the next two or three weeks, and advise me afterwards as to his progress and condition.  

[Hamilton]
889a
28th March 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Forster
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., applying for fencing wire & netting wire and also assistance towards purchase of Dray – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request for Dray cannot be complied with.
In July 1902, you were supplied with 800 yds Barbed Wire and 2400 yds ordinary fencing wire. If you will be good enough to forward a rough sketch showing what land has been fenced, and what now requires more wire – the Minister will consider your application.

[Hamilton]

889b
3rd April 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo., requesting boat for Aboriginal Cameron, stating that a suitable one has been offered for £ 6. 10/-, if you consider he is unable to increase his share of the purchase money from £ 2: to £ 2. 10/-, this boat can be obtained by him – and the a/c certified by you, showing his portion has been paid – forwarded to this Office for payment of the balance.

[Hamilton]

890a
4th April 1905
Mr S. Miller
Port Germein
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo., enquiring whether any land is available at Baroota Creek for selection, I have the honor to inform you that your application should be made to the Commissioner of Lands, Adelaide, as this Office has nothing to do with the disposal of the land referred to.

[Hamilton]

890b
6th April 1905
M.C. Pyne
Mannum
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., about Medical attendance for Aborigines at Mannum, & enclosing a/c from Dr Lamb, I have the honor to inform you that Mrs Matthews has been supplied with medicines at Manunka – and unless in serious cases, when life may be in danger, there should be no necessity for the Manunka Aborigines to seek medical aid at Mannum. When really necessary they can be sent to Dr Guinand at Murray Bridge, or to the Hospital.
Dr Lamb has of course no authority to attend Aborigines unless he has a special order in a very serious case.

[Hamilton]
891

6th April 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 3rd February last, asking for information concerning Section 700, Hundred of Hall & near Balaklava, recently occupied by Aboriginal Goldsmith, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a report has been obtained from the Crown Lands Ranger of the district, stating –

“The land is fenced almost and sub-divided into 4 paddocks, the fences are in bad repair;
“There is 3-roomed cottage on the land built of pine & pug with thatch thereof.
“There is no well of water on the land. There is a small dam, now dry.
“The land consists of red and dark sandy soil, all good agricultural land, and will carry 15 to 20 head of great cattle, all the year round, if properly managed.
“There is very little timber on the land, there are about two acres of Mallee & pines around the house, and about a dozen of large box peppermint trees scattered about on the land.”

[Hamilton]

892a

7th April 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., with reference to Aborigines being required to pay a licence fee of £ 1: to enable them to sell fish, and asking whether some concession can be made in the case of natives, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that under the provisions of the present Fisheries Law, concessions cannot be made in favour of natives who wish to dispose of fish by Sale.

Should any alteration be made in the present Law in this respect, you will be duly advised.

[Hamilton]

892b

7th April 1905
Mrs Johnson
Nampoo
Tareena
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., requiring assistance to enable you and your husband to purchase a horse and dray, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

893a

10th April 1905
K. Evans Esq
Sec: O.B.J., Adelaide
Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., requesting loan of a bale of blankets for the Easter Encampment of O.B.J. at Edithburgh, I have the honor to inform you that the Aboriginal Storekeeper, GPO Stores, will be instructed to deliver to your order, a bale of 5 blankets, to be returned in good order & condition.

[Hamilton]
893b
10th April 1905
M.C. Hayes
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., recommending the repair of Aboriginal Andrew Yates’ Canoe, will you be good enough to have the necessary work done thereto, the cost not to exceed 10/-.
[Hamilton]

894a
13th April 1905
Thos Clode, Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
Referring to your report you sent me from M.C. ?Blanc of Innamincka, stating that there are about 40 Aborigines at Coongy, who, since the closing of the Cattaparrie Depot, are often in need of relief, I am not aware of Cattaparrie being closed as a Depot, as Mr Walker is still supplied with rations &c – probably he has moved the ?issuing place from Cattaparrie nearer to Innamincka. Can you ascertain where he has the Aborigines Stores now issued, and if a portion of them can be supplied occasionally at Coongy.
If Mr Walker’s Depot is now nearer the Police Depot in charge of M.C. ?Blanc ?Shaw?, supplies may not be required to such an extent for two depots in proximity to each other, & some of the stores may be available for Coongy.
[Hamilton]

894b
4th May 1905
M.C. Treloar
Balaklava
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., respecting the application of Aboriginal Tommy Goldsmith for Section 700, Hundred of Hall, his application has been sent on to Crown Lands Office & is under the consideration of the Commissioner. It will probably be granted, and I will advise you further herein as soon as the correspondence is referred to me.
[Hamilton]

895a
3rd May 1905
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
A native boy about 15 years old was brought to Adelaide 4 years ago by Mr Becker, a Govt Inspector of Lands, who has been now gone to West Australia, and this boy has been left stranded here, - he came from Fowler’s Bay District.
I will be glad to learn whether you can have him admitted to Point Pierce Mission. During the last few months, he has been doing farm work at Inglewood.
[Hamilton]
3rd May 1905
Mr H. F. Meyer
Inglewood
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., referring to the Black boy formerly in Mr Becker’s employ, and his proposed removal to a Mission Station, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Dalton informs me there will probably be more room for him at Point Pierce Mission on Yorke’s Peninsula, where there are not so many natives as at Point Macleay.

I have therefore written to the Manager at Point Pierce recommending his admission there, and on receipt of reply, will communicate with you again on the subject. In the meantime, can this boy remain where he is for a few days?

[Hamilton]

5.5.1905
Mrs Matthews
Manunka

Referring to the attached a/cs for Steamer charges to Manunka, please note, that in their present form they cannot be passed by the Commissioner of Audit – Your private a/c should be kept separate and all items for the Natives & Depot charged to this Office.

There are several charges for Wheat, flour and Pollard which were not ordered by this Office - Messrs Walker & Co. who supply the flour, include all freight charges in their a/c and they have been paid for them.

Be good enough to have correct a/cs made out and forwarded here so that payment can be made at once - when a/cs are in arrear for over 3 months, it cause trouble & delay in getting them passed.

[Hamilton]

11th May 1905
Mr Meyer, Inglewood

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., re removal of native boy to a Mission Station, I send you the reply I have had from Point Pierce. Both that Station and Point Macleay have many more natives than they can employ or provide for.

I think it would be better for the lad to return to Fowler’s Bay, where he would be among settlers, who would probably be able to employ him. I will advise you when the next vessel sails and give him a pass, & you could send him into town the day previous.

Please return enclosed letter when you reply to me.

[Hamilton]

8th May 1905
G. Gorber Esq, M.D.
Border Town

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Honorale the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under Medical treatment, for quarter ended 31st March last, has not yet reached this office – and to request that you will be good enough to have the same furnished at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]
898a
10th May 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., recommending that some assistance to the extent of 30/- be given to enable Aboriginal Mrs Mclean & her son Mansell to complete the purchase of a boat, the principal cost of which they have paid themselves – I am directed to inform you that their request has been approved.
If you will send me an a/c showing that the balance has been paid, I will remit you the amount.
[Hamilton]

898b
12th May 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., requesting a draft of the Bill for Protection of Aborigines, which the Government propose to introduce this Session, and in reply to inform you that, so far, the only steps taken in this direction, are the announcement in the government Policy Speech of the Hon. Premier at Gawler last month, that such a Bill was intended as part of that Policy – You will be again communicated with herein, when further action has been taken in this matter.
[Hamilton]

899a
15th May 1905
Mr M. Kropinyeri
East Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., calling attention to the present Fisheries Law, which requires a licence to be obtained before fish can be caught for sale, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that as the Law in this respect stands at present, it applies to Aborigines the same as to Europeans – in forbidding the sale of fish without a licence, and there is no power to exempt Aborigines from its operation.
[Hamilton]

899b
17th May 1905
Mr H. F. Meyer
Inglewood
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., re Aboriginal George, if you send him into Adelaide next Monday morning, the 23rd inst., by the coach, I will have him met here on arrival and will have him sent to Port Lincoln by the Steamer sailing Tuesday afternoon.
If you will pay the coach fare and advise me what it amounts to, I will remit it to you by postal order.
[Hamilton]
900a
19th May 1905
M.C. Ireland
Beltana
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th ulto., calling attention to some damaged flour which came from the Depot previously at the Beltana Station, and asking for authority to dispose of it for 5/- per bag, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to endeavour to have the flour exchanged for one or two bags of sound household flour – this will be estimating the damaged whole at about price of pollard, to which I presume it is equal in value for feeding animals.

[Hamilton]

900b
23rd May 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Robert Mason for some assistance to enable him to complete purchase of a boat, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the sum of 25/- being paid herein.
Please forward me an a/c certified that the balance 25/- has been paid towards the cost of his boat on receipt of which the other moiety (25/-) will be paid by this Office.

[Hamilton]

901a
29th May 1905
Mr P. Cavenagh
Balaklava
Sir,
[very smudged] In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., with reference to the application of Aboriginal Tom Goldsmith for Section 700, Hundred of Hall, formerly leased to Aboriginal Polly Goldsmith, I have the honor to inform you that a new lease has been prepared in favour of Tom Goldsmith but it cannot be issued to him till the old lease held by his mother has been returned to the Crown Lands Office.

[Hamilton]

901b
30.5.1905
M.C. Hayes, Milang
Referring to your letter of the 29th inst., stating that some firewood is required for Aboriginal Andrew Yates, will you be good enough to have a load of same purchased for him.

[Hamilton]

902a
1st June 1905
M.C. Hayes, Milang
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., reporting the case of Aboriginal Dick Turpin, - he has been ill & partly paralysed for a considerable time, and has been cared for at Point Macleay.
The Hospital here will not admit chronic cases of an incurable nature, so it will be better to have Turpin examined by Dr Formby when he next visits Milang.
Will you be good enough to have this done, and in getting the doctor’s report, will be in a better position as to the best future course of action to take with Turpin.

[Hamilton]
902b
9th June 1905
Mrs Turner
Queenstown
Madam,
Referring to your conversation with me a few days ago respecting Aboriginal Bob at the Stockade, I have seen Mr Schomburgk the Comptroller of the Prison – he informs me that Bob’s conduct has not been too good lately, but he has no objection to a petition being sent by Bob to His Excellency the Governor, asking for his discharge from Gaol.

[Hamilton]

903
20th June 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., statng that the two Aborigines named Doctor and Old ?Man desire to come to the Adelaide Hospital, I have the honor to inform you that the practice of forwarding Natives to the Hospital should be avoided, except in serious cases where life is in danger.
The expense of bringing them there is considerable, & if they are at the Hospital for only a day or two, there is no suitable place in Adelaide to keep them. Consequently exposure at this time of the year will probably make them worse.
It will therefore be better to keep these men at their camp, - you have been provided with a supply of drugs &c., and if they appear to become worse, it will be desirable to send them to Mannum or Murray Bridge, to be examined by the Doctor who could, if necessary, certify them as fit patients for Hospital treatment.
You can advise me therefore again about these cases, and you will be instructed what course to take.

[Hamilton]

904a
20th June 1905
Mr John ?Simpson
Port Victoria
Referring to your letter of the 13th ulto., applying for lease of a block of land on Wardang Island, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

904b
22 – 6 – 1905
M.C. Treloar
Balaklava
A native ½ caste woman, named Mary Limbery, returns to Balaklava tomorrow – she has been under treatment in Hospital, and intends living with the Goldsmith family. I enclose order for a month’s rations for her. You will be good enough to give it to a local storekeeper, who will supply them and please fill in his name in order.
You can advise me when the month is up, whether a renewal of the rations will be required – the woman will take some time to recover from the operation performed on her foot.

[Hamilton]
905a
23 – 6 - 1905
Mrs E. Vallentine
Kangaroo Island
Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., stating that you will be unable to
continue supplying the rations ordered for Mary Seymour and in reply to state, that I have written to the
District Council of Dudley, requesting them to recommend some person who will be willing to supply
these rations.

[Hamilton]

905b
23rd June 1905
The Clerk of the
Dudley District Council
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mrs E. Vallentine, who has been supplying rations to Mrs Mary
Seymour for some time past, now states that she will be unable to continue doing so, as she is leaving
the District.
Will you be good enough to recommend some suitable person who will be willing to supply these
rations, which consist of 7 lbs Bread, 7 lbs Meat, 2 lbs Sugar, ¼ lb Tea, & 1 lb Soap weekly.
On receipt of your reply, I will forward an order for the supply of the articles.

[Hamilton]

906a
28th June 1905
M.C. Whitters
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., enquiring whether it will be necessary for Tenders for Supply of
firewood for Aborigines at Victor Harbor, as the present Contractor, W. Millard, will not be able to
supply same after expiration of present quarter, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Potter’s offer to
provide the firewood at Millard’s contract price can be accepted, and you will be good enough to obtain
it from him when required.

[Hamilton]

906b
30th June 1905
Mrs Julia Simpson
Port Victoria
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., applying for lease of a block of land near Pt Victoria, I am
directed to inform you that there are no Crown Lands available near Port Victoria, in either the Hundred
of Wauralta or Kilkerran – the only Aboriginal reserves are those held by Point Pierce Mission Station.

[Hamilton]
6th July 1905
M.C. Teate
Morgan
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., reporting that there are some Aborigines at Morgan who require rations &c., I have the honor to inform you that you can obtain a supply for them consisting of, say, from 50 to 100 lbs flour, 12 lbs sugar, 3 lbs Tea, 3 lbs Rice or Sago and ½ lb Tobacco. [dreadfully blurry]
It is not considered desirable to establish a Depot at Morgan to give natives encouragement to stay about that Township – ample provision is made for them at the Depot at Manunka in charge of Mrs Matthews & they should remain there till the shearing season is commencing.
If the men now at Morgan can obtain work there, they will not require so much rations.

[Hamilton]

13th July 1905
P.F. Shanahan Esq, M.D.
Hawker
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ulto., containing your offer to provide medical and surgical attendance for the Aborigines of the Hawker District, within a fifteen mile radius of the Hawker Post Office, at an annual salary of Five pounds (£ 5.) and in reply to inform you that your offer has been accepted, the appointment to date from the 1st inst.
I enclose the usual form of agreement for your signature, and a supply of the quarterly return forms, - also proc order forms to enable you to auth your Bank or Adelaide agent to collect your Stipend when due.

[Hamilton]

12th July 1905
E. C. Kempe Esq, Peake
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ulto., reporting on the condition of the Aborigines in your District & stating that at present a further supply of rations will not be needed, as the Aborigines have better opportunities now of obtaining their natural foods & employment rabbitting &c. As the present winter is more severe than usual, please inform me whether you require some more Blankets, shirts &c, as I can forward you such if necessary.

[Hamilton]

22 – 7 – 1905
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Mr Mitchell, M.P. for the Northern Territory, has written to me about a ½ caste boy aged 10 years, who is at present living in Port Darwin. His father, a European, is anxious to remove the boy from his present surroundings and send him to a Mission Station. I have thought that Point Pierce will be more suitable for him than Point Macleay and I will be glad to learn whether you can admit him.

[Hamilton]
17th July 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends Association
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that an application has been made from Messrs Peake and Senior, M.P.s for the District of Victoria & Albert, on behalf of Aboriginal Alfred Cameron, for the reserves now occupied by Aborigines Peter & Leonard Campbell on the Coorong.
As these reserves have now been placed under control of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, the question is submitted to your committee for such action as may be deemed desirable.
The Campbells have occupied the land referred to for some years, and recent reports show that with exception of some fencing, that very little has been done in cultivating the lands & that they have leased it to Mr Bowman for £ 6: per annum.
Cameron is a steady, intelligent man, with a large family (9 children) and is very anxious to obtain a suitable block of land.

20th July 1905
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., applying on behalf of Aboriginal F. McGrath for a block of land in Hundred of ?Tatura, under right of purchase, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c inform you that there is no land available in that locality.

25th July 1905
A. H. Morphett Esq
Wood’s Point
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Joseph Koolmatere, for a boat to cost £ 4. 10. 0, the half of which he is prepared to pay himself, I have the honor to inform you that the other moiety of the cost, £ 2. 5/-, will be paid by this Department.
Will you be good enough to furnish me with a certified statement that the boat has been supplied and Koolmatere’s share paid when you send a/c.

25 – 7 – 1905
C. DeM. Lucas Esq, Anlaby
Sir,
Referring to your letter of of yesterday about Aborigines Blackmore and Ada, who are asking for rations, you can obtain a month’ supply for them, - as for the two Pritchards, but I regret to say that Blackmore bears a bad character for loafing about the Country instead of remaining at Point Macleay Mission with his brother and other relatives. – he has been often locked up in Adelaide for drunkenness &c.
Ada is the widow of the late Tommy Walker, and is also a troublesome character. If they can obtain any work rabbitting &c., they ought to be made [to] do it.
911b
27th July 1904
Mr W. Tregilgas, Meningie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., on behalf of Aboriginal Cameron who is desirous of getting a lease of block of land on the Coorong, I have the honor to inform you that, an application from Cameron has been made through Messrs Peake & Senior, M.P.s for this land & which is now under the consideration of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association who have had these reserves placed under their control.
A reply will be sent to Cameron as soon as the application has been dealt with.

[Hamilton]

912a
27th July 1905
P.W. Schomburgk Esq
Sheriff &c
Adelaide [Prison]
Sir,
Will you permit me to draw your attention to the case of Aboriginal prisoner Bob, who was discharged from the Stockade on the 24th inst., - It ha been the usual practice in such cases to advise me a few days before discharge of Aboriginal prisoners so that I can arrange for sending them home by forwarding an order for their rail passage.
In this instance, Bob left the prison last Sunday & did not find his way to my office till today – as I had no notice of his discharge, it seems £ 1: was given to Mr ?? for him and ?? could not find this gentleman & was therefore wandering about the city drunk, - ?? ?? provide him some assistance.

[Hamilton]

912b
1st August 1905
S.C. Donegan, Fowler’s Bay
A letter appears in this day’s “Register” re the outrages by blacks on the West Coast, stating that the natives must be driven by starvation to such acts. From your long residence in the locality & experience among the Aborigines, you are doubtless in a position to give some information on the following points:
1, Are the Depots at Fowler’s, Streaky and Denial Bays, (i.e. the Koonibba Mission) and Elliston sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements of the Natives –
2, How are they supplied with natural food –
3, Are they able to obtain much employment from the settlers, and are they willing to enter into such, and are they well treated and fairly dealt with, as to remuneration for their services.

[Hamilton]

913a
1st August 1905
Corporal Kelly
Port Lincoln
With reference to the request of Aborigines Russell & ?? for return passages to Wallaroo, it is not usual [or] desirable to provide free passage to enable natives to travel about seeking employment as it would lead to numerous similar requests causing considerable expense to this Office.
These natives, if fit for work, ought to find it easier to get employment among the settlers about Port Lincoln, than at Wallaroo or Point Pierce.
If you can ascertain on further enquiry, that there are any special circumstances in this case that will justify compliance with this request, an order for their passage will be forwarded to you.

[Hamilton]
913b
3rd August 1905
S.C. Willshire
Hergott
Referring to the attached letter, will you be good enough to enquire into the circumstances. If this girl Alice has been in the employ of Europeans without wages as stated, they ought to bear the expense of sending her to Adelaide. I can obtain her admission to the refuge at Fullarton. I enclose order for her rail journey, if you can’t send her otherwise. You had better, if she comes, advise Mr Clode to send her on from Port Augusta, and wire to me what train to have her met at on arrival Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

914a
3. 8. 1905
S. J. Mitchell Esq, M.P., &c
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 18th ulto., I have the honor to inform you that the manager of the Point Pierce Mission Station advises me that the Native ½ caste boy at Port Darwin, mentioned by you, will be admitted into that Institution.
Please inform me how do you propose to have him brought from Port Darwin to Adelaide.

[Hamilton]

914b
9th August 1905
M.C. Teate
Morgan
Referring to your report 7th inst., about the natives at Morgan who are seeking employment at shearing sheds, it is not usual to provide rail passes in each case, as it would lead this Office into considerable expense by inducing natives to want to travel about frequently, and when they do earn money it is often recklessly spent and they don’t seem much better for it.
I send you 3 orders for rail passes which you can exercise your own judgment in giving to the most deserving cases – and you can also obtain the bag of flour & some tea & sugar for those you think in need of such.
Several names can be put in one rail order if all going to same place.

[Hamilton]

915a
11th August 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary:
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you, that the Point Pierce Aboriginal Mission Committee have notified him that five Cottages have been built there and will be ready for occupation by five families from Point Macleay Mission, in the course of a week.
Please advise me so soon as early arrangement can be made for the removal of the families referred to.

[Hamilton]
915b
15th August 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., applying for 3 coils barbed wire, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to request that you will be good enough to state what quantity of land is being fenced on your mission reserve, what the land fenced is required for, and what kind of fence is being put up on the land. You have already been supplied with a quantity of fencing wire, and the necessity for a further supply should be shown.

[Hamilton]

916a
29. 8. 1905
F. H. Daniel Esq
Mount Gambier
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th inst., respecting the Aboriginal now in the Mt Gambier Hospital, and who, in event of his recovery, you wish to remove to Adelaide, I have the honor to inform you that the only places we have to put him, would be the Mission Station at Point Macleay on Lake Alexandrina, or Point Pierce, near Moonta.
All civilized natives are more or less liable to chest & lung disease, especially those from the warm climate of the North – You might advise me later on as to the progress he makes in Hospital – What sort of work is he used to, & is he tractable, well-behaved &c.

[Hamilton]

916b
21st August 1905
Mrs Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., enquiring whether the Govt can pay the fee for Aborigines’ fishing Licences, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

917a
6th September 1905
Corporal Morris
Jamestown
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., referring to the case of the native woman Limbery – she was under the treatment at the Hospital here for some time, & on her discharge, was given a pass to Balaklava, where she intended to live with a native family named Goldsmith, who hold a section of land.
If she is still a sufferer from her foot, it seems to be her own fault from wandering about the country. She would be better off at the Point Pierce Mission Station, where she would be well looked after.
I enclose you an order to get her a week or two rations from a local storekeeper, whose name please enter in order.

[Hamilton]
917b
12th September 1905
M.C. Chance
Mungaranie
Sir,
Referring to your remark on your August last return from Mungaranie depot, that the Depot at
Kanowana is stated to be closed, I have the honor to inform you that, the monthly return for July last
from Kanowana shows that 46 Aborigines were here during that month.
A fresh supply of Stores were forwarded last week, to Mr Godlee, who appears to be in charge of that
Station and who now acts as Issuer of Aborigines’ rations &c.

[Hamilton]

918
27th September 1905
J. W. Hughes esq
Sec: Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Moonta
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence with you on the subject of the removal of five families of
Aborigines from Point Macleay to Point Pierce, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the
Minister of Education &c to inform you that the families selected will be as follows –
1, Edward Chester, quadroon, wife & 6 children - 8.
2, Edward Rigney, quadroon, wife & 4 children - 6.
3, Alfred Cameron, light ½ caste, wife and 10 children - 12.
5, Crofton Giles, half-caste, wife & 7 children - 9.
Total ; 10 adults & 30 children.
The expenses of their removal will be paid by this department and your manager at Point Pierce, will be
duly notified when they leave Port Adelaide by Steamer for Port Victoria.
I have also to request that you will be good enough to state whether sufficient accommodation [919a]
for these families has been provided, and also furnish the Minister with a more detailed statement of
the expenditure of the £ 500: referred to by you in your letter of the 11th inst., as the cost of the
cottages built for the reception of the Point Macleay families.

[Hamilton]

919b
29th September 1905
Messrs W. & H. Dunk
Milang
Gentlemen,
Will you be good enough to inform me whether you are likely to have any Steamer crossing the Lake
from Point Macleay to Milang on a Monday during next month (October) – A party of 40 Aborigines, 14
adults & 26 children will shortly be removing from Point Macleay to Point Pierce Mission, near Port
Victoria, and as the Steamer for this locality leaves Pt Adelaide every Tuesday only, it is desirable if
possible to get the Natives up to Adelaide on a Monday, instead of by your mail boat on Saturday.
Please advise me what your terms will be for the conveyance of these people across the Lake.

[Hamilton]
2nd October 1905
J. W. Hughes Esq
Sec: Yorke's Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
Moonta
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ulto., referring to the transfer of five families from Point Macleay to Point Pierce, and stating that the trustees request that no further steps be taken in the matter of the transfer, until the conditions of the proposal can be complied with, I beg to draw your attention to that part of your letter of 3rd August last, stating –

“The Cottages will be ready in about a fortnight from date, and arrangements will at once be made with the Superintendent of Point Macleay Mission for the transfer of the families as agreed.”

1, When Mr Dalton, Secretary: AFA, furnished me with the names of the families selected, I sent it on to you under the impression that a Conference had taken place between the Management of both Missions and that this selection of families was the result mutually agreed on.
2, The request for a bootmaker has been complied with as there are two, Chester and Rigney, in the party.
[ 921a ] 3, Respecting the McGrath family, now at Point Pierce, I was not aware at the time they went there, that they would remain permanently at the Mission, their names can be put on the list of families, instead of John Wilson Jr, wife & three children.

Will you be good enough to favour me with an early reply to facilitate the completion of the necessary arrangements for the reception of these families at Point Pierce.

[Hamilton]

3rd October 1905
Mr Jas Brown
Swan Reach
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto., submitting a request from Aboriginal Tommy Bookmark for a boat which has been offered to him for £2, I have to request that you will be good enough to inform me where this boat is now – as it will have to be examined by some responsible person who can certify as to its condition & value before Bookmarks’ application can be dealt with.

[Hamilton]

6th October 1905
Mr W. Oliffe
Millers’ Creek
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th ulto., stating that there are some old infirm Aborigines in your District who require rations – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that a supply of Stores, as per advice enclosed, will be forwarded to you to Coward Springs. I enclose copy of Regulations for your guidance in issuing Stores, and a supply of return forms in separate parcel by this post.

[Hamilton]
922b
6th October 1905
Mrs Matthews
Manunka
Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto., recommending the repair of boat for Aboriginal woman Beck — if the boat is worth mending & the cost reasonable, you can let me know and I will submit the request for consideration.
This woman has not borne a very good character from the Police, as moral & sober in her habits, but if you can induce her to remain about Manunka, I will do what I can to assist you in getting her boat repaired.

[Hamilton]

923a
9.10.1905
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
An Aboriginal named John Irvine who states he was brought up at Point Pierce Mission, is now in Gladstone Gaol, waiting for his trial in November next, on a charge of horsestealing. He says a man made him drunk and induced him to sell the horse, which he would not have done if he had been sober. Do you know anything about the Character of this man?
The Government do not provide a lawyer to defend Aborigines, except in cases of Murder. The Keeper of the Gaol speaks very well of Irvine and thinks if he had a lawyer he would probably get off.

[Hamilton]

923b
10th October 1905
The Sister Superior Annette
Fullarton Refuge
Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., in which you have been good enough to furnish me with full information respecting the death of the native girl Dora Kropinyeri. I have sent a copy of your letter to the Manager of the Mission at Point Macleay, who will communicate it to the relatives.
I enclose order for £ 6.13/- in payment of your a/c, attached, made out in your name. Please sign in the same way & have the Voucher witnessed, and a duty stamp affixed thereon, & return same to me without delay.

[Hamilton]

924a
12th October 1905
Mr F. Lyon Weiss
Perth
W.A.
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., requesting some information respecting the condition & treatment of the Aborigines in South Australia, I have the honor to forward you herewith copies of the two last reports issued by this Office — the report for last year is not yet in print, a copy will be sent to you later on.

[Hamilton]
Mr John Laelinyeri  
Point Macleay

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ulto., enquiring whether the land you held under Permit has been taken away from you, I have ascertained that the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association has considered your land forfeited, no improvements having been made thereon, according to the Conditions of occupation. Mr Garnett has informed me that rations have not been refused to you since the forfeiture of your land.

[Hamilton]

Mr Abel Rankine  
Milang

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., after making enquiries, I find there are six Govt Reserves at Milang, but there is no objection to any Aborigines using the land along the shore of the Lake for a camping place provided any of this land is not under control of the District Council, in which case, authority or permission should have to be obtained from the council to occupy it.
When you are out of work, you have of course an equal right with others to obtain assistance from the Depot at the Mission Station.

[Hamilton]

P. Guinand Esq, M.D.  
P. Goeber Esq

Murray Bridge  
Border Town

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to remind you that your return of Aborigines under treatment for quarter ended 30th September last, has not yet reached this office, and to request that your will be good enough to have the same forwarded at your earliest convenience.

[Hamilton]

Thos Clode Esq  
Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Port Augusta

I have the honor to draw your attention to return sent to me by M.C. Smith, Farina, which shows that an Aboriginal named Billy Donaldson was convicted on the 5th August last of being unlawfully on Premises at Farina & fined £ 5: or 3 months imprisonment. The fine was paid.
As this seems a somewhat unusual case for 2 reasons –
1, the punishment seems heavy for the offence,
2, The payment of £ 5: by a native,
I will be glad if you can obtain any further particulars herein.

[Hamilton]
927a
19 – 10 – 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Mr Lathern, the Manager at Point Pierce Mission, advises me that he will be ready for the reception of
the Point Macleay native party early in November next. He wishes to learn whether your people will
practically bring with them all that they require in their new houses – if so, it will simplify matters for
him and establish no precedent.
Please let me have reply by return post of possible, giving full information herein.    [Hamilton]

927b
23 – 10 – 1905
Sergt Orr
Petersburgh
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., submitting the request of Aboriginal Billy Thomas to have his son
sent to a School, other than one of the Mission Schools, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable
the Minister of Education &c to inform you that this application to have the boy housed, fed & clothed,
at an ordinary state school, cannot be complied with.
Either the Mission School at Point Macleay or at Point Pierce, on Yorke’s Peninsula, is provided for native
children. The Police Officer at Jamestown recently informed me that Billy Thomas was in receipt of £ 4:
a week from a Carrier company with which he was working.    [Hamilton]

928a
23rd October 1905
M.C. Dow
Auburn
Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., respecting three Aborigines, Lock (2), & Roundhead, who ask for
passes to Goolwa – I have the honor to inform you that these natives have been previously at Goolwa
where they would not remain, but returned to the city – and then sent North at their own request.
The Depot at Clare provides the usual rations for these people – and the practice of expecting rail passes
for themselves and dogs, is discouraged as much as possible.
I enclose you an order to obtain a supply of rations for them for a fortnight, perhaps they will then be
content to return to Clare.
Please enter name of local storekeeper who will give the supplies in the order, and let me know the
result of this arrangement.   [Hamilton]

928b
23 – 10 – 1905
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Referring to your letter of the 16th inst., enquiring whether the natives coming from Point Macleay to
Point Pierce will bring any articles with them to their new homes, I am informed by Mr Garnett that
these people will bring their belongings with them, as they have been taught that they are responsible
to furnish their own homes, except that sometimes they are helped with tables.    [Hamilton]
28th October 1905
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., submitting request of Aboriginal Jenny Tripp for rail pass to Serviceton to enable her to visit some relations in Victoria, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that her application cannot be complied with.

1st November 1905
Mr H. A. Godlee
Kanowana
Sir,
Referring to your Aborigines return for September last, I notice you mark it ‘Kanowana Depot’. It has been recently stated that Kanowana Station was closed in October 1904, and all the Stock rations &c removed to Cadelgo which is about 120 miles distant from the former place. Will you be good enough to inform me whether this report is correct, and have the Aborigines remained at Kanaowana, or do they come to Cadelgo – when in want of supplies from the Depot.

1st November 1905
M.C. Dow, Auburn
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto, about the three Aborigines at Auburn, I have the honor to inform you that rail passes are not given to Aborigines except in cases when they have to be sent to Hospital or for Medical attendance. If these natives intend to stay about Auburn, the order for rations for them will be renewed – and you can procure about a dozen wheat or flour bags for their camp, and I will send up a few blankets if you consider them necessary.

2– 12 – 1905
John Irvine
Gladstone Gaol
Referring to your letter of the 30th September last, stating that you have been committed on a charge of horse-stealing, and asking that a lawyer may be provided for your defence when your trial takes place at the next Criminal sittings at the Circuit Court, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to say that your request cannot be complied with.

2. 10 . 1905
Mrs Matthews, Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 24th ulto., with reference to the conveyance of building Materials from Adelaide to Manunka Mission reserve, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of the payment by this Department of the rail and Steamer charges herein.
931b
3. 11 . 1905
Mrs Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., submitting an application from Aboriginal Ted Taylor or Lindsay for a boat, offered to him for £ 4 . 10/-, the half of which, £ 2 – 5/-, he is prepared to pay himself, I am directed to inform you that his request has been approved.
The a/c for the boat to be certified by you that the native has paid his portion of the cost.
In these cases, a full description of the boat should be furnished.

[Hamilton]

932a
4 – 11 - 1905
G. F. Dechert Esq
Inspector of Police
Port Pirie
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether there are any Aborigines at present camped at or near Port Pirie. A Miss Matthews who was recently at Port Pirie, has stated that a number of blacks found in the District have been behaving in a very disgraceful way, and that something should be done to protect the native women and children.
I will be glad to have a report from you herein, and whether some steps can be taken to discourage the Aborigines from hanging about the Town & induce them to disperse about the country Districts where they can find employment.

[Hamilton]

932b
6th November 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you herewith, four Copies of a formal notice to the Aboriginal families selected for removal to Point Pierce Mission, - will you be good enough to deliver one copy thereof to the head of each famly named therein, and advise me by return post, if possible, whether all the natives will be ready to go on Monday the 20th inst., as I still have to communicate with Mr Dunk, the Railway and Steamer authorities & also arrange for their lodging &c., on the night they remain in Adelaide, as the Steamer goes to Pt Victoria only every Tuesday.
This department will pay all charges for the travel to Point Pierce.

Margin note:   The McGrath family who have already gone to Point Pierce, has been substituted for the Wilson family.

[Hamilton]
A. Engelhart Esq M.D.
Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c, controlling this department, to inform you that, the amount allocated for providing Medical attendance and Medicines for the Aborigines in the Kingston District, will be £ 20; for the ensuing year, 1906.

J. B. Kennedy Esq M.D.
Hergott
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c, controlling this department, to inform you that, the amount allocated for providing Medical attendance and Medicines for the Aborigines in the Hergott District, will be £ 20; for the ensuing year, 1906.

P. Guinand Esq M.D.
Medical Officer for Aborigines
Murray Bridge
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c, controlling this department, to inform you that, the amount allocated for providing Medical attendance and Medicines for the Aborigines in the Murray Bridge District, will be £ 5; for the ensuing year, 1906.

G. Goeber Esq MD
Medical Officer for Aborigines
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c, controlling this department, to inform you that, the amount allocated for providing Medical attendance and Medicines for the Aborigines in the Border Town District, will be £ 7. 10/- for the ensuing year, 1906.

Wm Norman Esq M.D.
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c, controlling this department, to inform you that, the amount allocated for providing Medical attendance and Medicines for the Aborigines in the Goolwa District, will be £ 7. 10/- for the ensuing year, 1906.
938a
9th November 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd ulto., applying for a boat on behalf of Aboriginal Karloan, who will contribute £ 3: towards its cost, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of this request, and the amount of £ 3: will be paid by this Office in receipt of a/c certified by you that the boat has been satisfactorily completed and Karloan's share of cost duly paid.
I have written to Mr Morphett for amount promised by Aboriginal Koolmatere towards cost of boat – but I have not received the £ 2. 5/- yet from him.

[Hamilton]

938b
9th November 1905
Mr J. Walker
Meningie
Referring to your letter of the 30th ulto., applying for a boat towards the cost of which you offer to contribute 30/- I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that one half (£2.5/-) of the cost of the boat will be paid by this office, on receipt of an a/c certified by some responsible person, that the boat is good value for £ 4. 10/- and that your share of the cost has been paid.

[Hamilton]

939a
14th November 1905
G. Goeber Esq M.D.
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., enquiring whether the intended reduction in amount provided for Medical attendance &c applies to your District only, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that these reductions have been made in same proportion in all the cases where Medical Officers have been specially appointed for Aborigines.

[Hamilton]

939b
17th November 1905
Mr E. C. Tretheway
Clerk of the District Council of Dudley
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., stating that firewood is required for Mrs Mary Seymour, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me what quantity per month, and the cost of same, will be required.
In the mean time, you can have half a ton of firewood obtained for Mrs Seymour.

[Hamilton]
940a
22nd November 1905
M.C. Trounson, Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., enquiring concerning the condition of Aboriginal Gibson in the
Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to inform you that the Colonial Surgeon has reported that Gibson
improved for a time, but had a relapse, and now it will probably be some considerable time before he is
well enough to be discharged.

[Hamilton]

940b
24th November 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr R. H. Taylor has applied to me for 15/-, amount of Aborigines’
Steamer fares in May 1903, from Murray Bridge to Manunka for McKinley & Wife & Nelly Perry, 5/-
each – which he says he has never been paid. I can find no record of any order having been issued by
this Office for their passages – are you able to supply any information as to whose authority was given
for these passages?
Mr Taylor also informs me that £ 2: is owing to him for Aborigines’ Steamer fares from Manunka to
various places up the river, for Natives travelling from Xmas 1903 to June 1904 & that he has written to
you about this claim and has had no reply from you.

[Hamilton]

941a
24. 10. 1905
Mr A. Jensen
Milang
Mr Garnett of Point Macleay has informed me that you have been requested to build two boats, one for
Aboriginal Koolmatere, at £ 5. 10/-, and the other for Aboriginal Karloan at £ 6. 10/-, as one half the cost
of these boats has been paid and guaranteed by Mr Garnett, the other half will be paid by this Office on
satisfactory completion of the boats.
You can therefore proceed with the work – and you are requested to prepare Koolmatere’s boat first.
I understand you have been instructed as to the kind of boats to be built.

[Hamilton]
941b
30th November 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Jacob Harris for assistance to enable him to complete the purchase of a boat, which has been offered to him for £ 2:, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister of Education &c has approved of the payment of £ 1: herein. [Hamilton]

942a
30th November 1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that Aboriginal Mark Wilson has applied to you requesting that rail passes may be issued to bring Jack from Point Pierce Mission to Point Macleay, Bertha Wilson & her 2 children & Flossie Gibson who is considered hopelessly ill, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the necessary passes will be issued to enable Gibson, with an attendant, to return to Point Macleay. [Hamilton]

942b
30th November 1905
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you copy of a letter from Aboriginal Edward Rigney of Point Macleay, with reference to his proposed removal from Point Macleay to Point Pierce Mission, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with any remarks you may wish to offer thereon. [Hamilton]

943a
6th December 1905
Mr A. Frew
Haddon Downs
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 31st October last, stating that your station is about to be removed from Haddon to Arrabury over the S.A. border into Queensland and asking whether the supply of Stores can be continued for the S.A. natives who will remove also into Queensland, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education to inform you that he cannot approve of this request, because it would involve encouraging South Australian Aborigines to locate themselves at a Station outside of this State. [Hamilton]
6th December 1905
Mr J. W. Manfield
Hergott
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., reporting non-arrival at Hergott of part of the Aborigines Stores for Mungaranie, I regret to say that some delay took place in getting them away by the Govt Storekeeper, who was very busy at the time despatching Post Office Stores to the Interior of the State, as Stores there have to be collected from different Contractors and sent to Storekeeper for examination prior to despatch.
The articles you refer to left Adelaide on the 29th ulto., and I trust you will soon have another opportunity to forward to Mungaranie.

[Hamilton]

7th December 1905
Mr A. Cameron
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th ulto., stating your objections to being removed from Point Macleay to Point Pierce Mission, I have the honor to inform you that the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association Committee chose you to go to Point Pierce because of the size of your family and the better facilities for finding them employment on a larger Mission Station.
They also state that you have been an industrious, stable man, & they have always been pleased with your work – and they recommend you for a grant of land from the government, if you could select a suitable block and [if] it is available, your application would be fully considered.
The question of the removal of the native families to Point Pierce is still under the consideration of the Honorable Minister of Education &c.
You have hitherto been supported by the Mission in the same way as the other native families have at Point Macleay, with cottage, firewood, rations, light, blankets, medicines, and School clothing for your children attending School, their other needful wants being supplied from your own operations.

[Hamilton]

6th December 1905
Mr M. R. Oakes
Tinga Tingana
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th Oct. last, stating that there are a number of Aborigines at Tinga Tingana in a destitute condition and in need of supplies of food &c, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of a Depot being opened at this place, and a supply of rations & blankets will be forwarded to you as the enclosed advice.
Mr Manfield states that teams will be leaving Farina in about three weeks for your station.
I enclose copy of Instructions to Issuers, for your guidance.

[Hamilton]
945b
8th December 1905
The Chairman
District Council of Hall
Halbury
Sir,
Referring to your letter addressed to the Destitute Board respecting the case of Aboriginal Phillip Rankine who requires rations, I enclose order for 3 weeks supply which please have obtained from a local storekeeper at Balaklava, or where Rankine is located – the a/c should be certified by you or the Mounted Constable & sent to this Office for payments.
The name of the Storekeeper should be entered in the order before you issue it. 

[Hamilton]

946a
8th December 1905
M.C. Teate
Morgan
Referring to Mr Symons’ a/c just rendered for £ 3. 18. 9 for rations for Aborigines at Mannum, I find some further explanation necessary before it can be passed for payment.
Please state why the natives required to remain 6 weeks at Mannum – were any of them ill ? and were they unable to provide for themselves ?
The item rifle bullets 7d will have to be struck out of a/c – as this does not come under “Rations”.

[Hamilton]

946b
15th December 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manuka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., enquiring whether you would be supplied with some tents and tarpaulins for the use of the Aborigines and visitors at Manunka, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the Survey Department have some 2nd hand tents &c to dispose of, and I have ascertained that the price of 3 tents and 2 tarpaulins would be about £ 3:.

[Hamilton]

947a
15 . 12 . 1905
Mr G. Karpany
East Wellington
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., about Mrs Perry and asking to have her supplied with special rations, this woman was at Manunka, and Mrs Matthews was instructed to have her supplied with the necessary medical comforts – and she ought to have remained at Manunka until well enough to travel down the river.
You had better get Dr Guinand to see Mrs Perry next time he visits Wellington – and if he considers it necessary, she can be sent down to the Adelaide Hospital.

[Hamilton]
947b
21.12.1905
Dr Douglas
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., stating your inability to accept the appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Goolwa District for £7.10/- per annum – I am directed by the Honorable Minister of education &c to offer to increase the amount to £12.10/- per annum, if this will induce you to reconsider your decision.

[Hamilton]

948a
21st December 1905
Mrs C. Johnson
Lake Victoria
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., stating that you wish to place your children at a School where they are boarded and asking for assistance towards the cost of keeping them there, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that provision is made at the Mission Schools for children of this class, and your request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

948b
21st December 1905
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., applying for a boat for Aboriginal Geo Raynor to whom it has been offered for £2; one half of which he is willing to pay, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that £1: will be paid by this Office towards the purchase of the boat. The a/c should be certified by you that Raynor has paid his share – and sent to this office for payment.

[Hamilton]

949a
21.12.1905
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., stating that Aboriginal R. Yates’s family are willing to proceed to Point Pierce as one of the selected families for removal there, in lieu of Aboriginal E. Rigney, I am directed to inform you that this arrangement has been approved. It would be better, if possible, for Yates to come up on Monday, if any chance offers to reach Milang in time for Train, as the Steamer does not start for Port Victoria till 12 noon on Friday, this would avoid his having to remain in Town from Saturday night - as Monday is a holiday, I will probably be away till Tuesday morning - & will then give Yates order for his steamer passage.

[Hamilton]
949b
23rd December 1905
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to request that you will be
good enough to inform me if there are many Aborigines now about Border Town who require much
Medical attendance, giving me a list of those who are very old & infirm.
Dr Goeber’s appointment as Medical Officer to Aborigines ceases on the 31st inst., and it is not
considered necessary to renew it, unless pressing necessity requires it.

[Hamilton]

1906

950a
2nd January 1906
M.C. Ewens
Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that the
appointment of Medical Officer to Aborigines in the Goolwa District ceased on the 31st ulto., and for the
present will not be renewed.
If therefore any necessity arises for Medical attendance for any Aborigines in that District, you will be
good enough to wire for instructions as to the course to be adopted.

[Hamilton]

950b
3rd January 1906
T. Hewitson Esq
Port Augusta

Police vs McInerney?
Referring to this case in which you were retained for the Police – If you will furnish me with your a/c for
£ 2. 2. 0 Counsel fee herein, showing receipt of £ 1. 1. 0 included in full & costs paid – the balance £ 1. 1.
0 will be paid to you by this office.

[Hamilton]
951
4th January 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Referring to your letters of the 26th & 29th ulto., stating you were sending Aboriginal Chester & family, at their own request, to Point Pierce, I regret that your letters did not reach me in time to reply to you – these offices were closed from Wednesday evening [27th] to the following Tuesday morning [2nd], and I did not get your last letter till 12.30 pm on Tuesday, too late to wire to you via Milang – I sent wire to Captain of Mail Steamer to Meningie to stop Chester coming till Saturday next as Steamer does not go to Pt Victoria till Tuesday next, the 9th inst - & we would have had to keep the family nearly a week in Adelaide if they had come up on Wednesday.
The Xmas holidays appear to have altered all the usual Steamer sailings to Port Victoria, as last week the Steamer did not go there till Friday last, 29th, and Yates had to be kept here from Saturday evening at a cost of nearly £3:
With regard to sending Newland & his son to Point Pierce, I have no objection – but I do not like to send them on without first arranging with the Manager of Point Pierce – to avoid any friction by forcing natives on them without previous notice.
I will therefore write to Mr Lathern and ascertain if he is willing to have them; under these circumstances it will be better to wait & not send the Newlands til I hear from Point Pierce.
Please send me a wire to Gilberton on Saturday if the Chesters come up.
[Margin note: If Newland & son go to Point Pierce, they may be counted as one of the 5 families for removal.]

952a
5.1.1906
The Clerk
Dudley District Council
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., respecting supply of firewood for Mrs Mary Seymour, I have the honor to inform you that half a ton per month at a cost of 5/- can be obtained for Mrs Seymour, the a/c for which should be rendered to this office at end of each quarter, and certified by your Chairman, as the ration a/cs are.

[Hamilton]

952b
5th January 1906
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce
Mr Garnett informs me that another Native family at Point Macleay has offered to remove to Point Pierce – viz., Edward Chester, wife & 6 children. He is one of the Bootmakers and you will probably find him a useful addition to your community.
He intends coming over by the Steamer next Tuesday to Port Victoria.
Mr Garnett also advises me that an old Native named Billy Newland and his son aged 15 years – wish to go to Point Pierce if you are willing to have them.

[Hamilton]
10th January 1906
J. W. Hughes Esq
Secretary:
Yorke’s Peninsula Aboriginal Mission
National Bank
Moonta
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward herewith Imprest order for £200: in payment of attached a/c for Grant-in-Aid of erection of cottages at Point Pierce Mission; please receipt and return Voucher to me at your earliest convenience.
Some difficulty & delay has arisen with reference to the removal of Native families from Point Macleay to Point Pierce, as those Selected to go refused to go there. Recently however two families, McGrath & Yates, consented to go to Point Pierce, and a third family, Chester, bootmaker, wife & 7 children are going there this week.

13th January 1906
The Revd Mr Wiebusch
Koonibba Mission
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to forward you in separate parcel by this post, the usual forms A., B. and C. for the annual returns from your Mission for 1905, which you will oblige by having furnished to me in due course.

24th January 1906
Mrs A. Godfrey
Goolwa
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., stating that you have heard that the block of land on the Coorong held by Aboriginal Pompey Jackson has been taken from him, and asking whether you can obtain a lease of it, I beg to inform you that all the Aboriginal Reserves on the Coorong have been placed under the control of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, to whom your application for any of the land should be made.
Their secretary is Mr Dalton, Mutual Life Chambers, Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

25th January 1906
M.C. Keane, Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., reporting non-arrival of last supply Aborigines Stores at your Depot, and asking for a few lbs of Tobacco per parcel post for issue pending receipt of other Stores, I have the honor to inform you that 2 lbs Tobacco has been forwarded to you as per earlier advice.
As the funds at disposal of this Office are now limited, every care will have to be exercised in the issue of Stores, and the distribution should be restricted to those natives who are in absolute necessity.
Do any Queensland Blacks come to you for relief? Can you state where the nearest Depot to Innamincka is in that State?

[Hamilton]
24th January 1906
M.C. Kelly
Mungaranie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., reporting your having taken charge of Depot at Mungaranie, and stating that you are out of certain Aborigines Stores, I have the honor to inform you that the supplies which have been sent to Mungaranie are the usual Stores allotted to that Depot, - the winter supplies of twine, axes, clothing, will be sent up before end of summer.
With respect to Medicines for Aborigines, please advise me what kind of sickness is prevalent among the natives – and what sort of drugs &c would be most suitable for them, and I will forward some by parcel post or mail conveyance.

26th January 1906
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., reporting that your local Chemist had treated cases of illness among the Aborigines and supplied Medicines, I have the honor to inform you that your action herein has been approved, but it is necessary that every care should be taken not to encourage the Aborigines to expect any trivial matter to require Medical advice & medicines, - in cases of which you are satisfied that they require medicines, an order can be given by you to the Chemist, and his a/c had better be rendered every month.

1st February 1906
Mr C. W. Dutton
Yalluna [lower Eyre Pen.]
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th inst, stating that there are a number of Aborigines in your District, some of whom require rations, I have the honor to inform you that a supply of Stores as per advice herewith – will be forwarded to you by next Steamer.
In separate parcel, please find copy of General Instructions for your guidance in issuing the rations, also some return forms to be regularly furnished to this office.

6th February 1906
The Chief Storekeeper
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have ordered ½ ton of flour (item 3865) & 140 lbs Sugar (Item 4000) from contractors to be sent to M.C. Trounson, Police Station, Kingston, in care of you. Please consign same, together with the 30 lbs of Tea in order 53 herewith to M.C. Trounson, by first boat.
957b
6th February 1906
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
I am forwarding thro’ the Chief Storekeeper the following stores to you:
1000 lbs flour
140 lbs sugar
30 lbs tea
Kindly acknowledge receipt of same. [Dowdy]

958a
6th February 1906
M.C. Jackes
Robe Police Station
Sir,
Your letter of the 1st inst., re sugar, only came to hand today. 140 lbs sugar was forwarded to the Chief Storekeeper for consignment to you on 17th ulto., and is probably now on its way to you. Will advise you by what boat by Friday’s mail. [Dowdy]

958b
6th February 1906
M.C. Opie
Port Augusta
Through Inspector Clode
Re: yr letter of 3rd inst., & telegram of yesterday
Sir,
Am forwarding under separate cover ½ doz Return forms. I have no idea how many of these forms Mr Hamilton usually sends to you, but if necessary he can send you more on his return on Monday next. [Dowdy]

959a
6th February 1906
The Captain of Steamer,
Milang to Pt Malcolm
Please give passage from Milang to Point Malcolm to Aboriginal Tommy Martin & charge to this department. [Dowdy]

959b
8th February 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Tommy Martin is now fit to leave the Hospital. Have sent rail pass & order for Steamer from Milang to Point Malcolm to Secretary, Adelaide Hospital. He will be put on train tomorrow (Friday). [Dowdy]
960a
8th February 1906
M.C. Jackes
Robe
Sir,
Re my memo of the 6th instant – The sugar referred to will be sent by boat from Port Adelaide on Saturday 10th inst.
The Chief Storekeeper advises that it was received by him just a little too late for the last boat.

[Dowdy]

960b
8th February 1906
The Secretary
Adelaide Hospital
Sir,
Herewith please find Rail order to go from Adelaide to Milang in favour of Aboriginal Tommy Martin, also order for Steamer, Milang to Point Malcolm.

[Dowdy]

961a
15th February 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th December last, recommending purchase of boat for Aboriginal Wm Kropinyeri at a cost of £ 3.; I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of this request.

[Hamilton]

961b
15th February 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence respecting removal of Aboriginal Newland & his son to Point Pierce Mission, I am now advised, that these natives will be admitted there as one of the five families agreed upon for removal.

[Hamilton]

962a
15th February 1906
M.C. Keane
Innamincka
Sir
Referring to your Aborigines return for January 1906, in which you call attention to the non-arrival of last supplies from Adelaide, I have made enquiry and Mr Manfield, Farina, informs me they left there on the 10th inst., - should you require Stores before the rations reach you, you can purchase or borrow locally a small supply to meet any urgent cases, but care should be taken to economise what you have on hand, & make it last as long as possible.
I have received the Photos you were kind enough to forward, and thank you for same, they were of much interest.

[Hamilton]
16th February 1906
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., I have the honor to inform you that this office cannot give legal advice as to the course to be taken in dealing with Mr Ward, who you state is interfering with your Mission work at Manunka.
If he trespasses on the reserve for which you hold a lease, you can of course order him to leave it, and, as M.C. Pyne is the Clerk of the Local & Police Courts at Mannum, he may be able to assist you in dealing with Mr Ward.

963a
19. 2. 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., forwarding a/c from Dr Everitt for Medical attendance on Aborigines at Meningie, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that under the circumstances you mention, he cannot approve of the payment of this claim, which appears to have been incurred without any proper authority.

20th February 1906
S.C. Schmidt
Morgan
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 12th & 16th inst., stating that Aboriginal woman Johnson has applied to you for rations for herself & 2 children, I have the honor to inform you that if she is in actual need, you can have her supplied for a week or two, but judging from your report and from what I know myself of this woman, she is not very deserving of assistance from this Office, and she can have a home at the Manunka Mission near Mannum, and also schooling there for her children.
I enclose order for rations for a fortnight in which insert name of person who supplies same.

22nd February 1906
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., stating that the Aborigines at Kingston have complained of the quality of the last supply of sugar, I have the honor to inform you that the same kind of sugar is obtained for Aborigines at the Depots and Mission Stations, as that supplied to the Destitute Asylum and the Industrial and Reformatory Institutions, and no complains have been made to this office previous to the one submitted by you.
Please send me a small sample of the sugar complained of, to enable me to ascertain whether it is equal to the contract standard sample.
964b
6th March 1906
The Revd. C. A. Wiebusch
Koonibba
Charra
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th ulto., calling attention to the misconduct of Aboriginal Yendinna Jack, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner of Police has been requested to instruct the mounted constable stationed at Denial Bay, to take such action as may be necessary and justifiable to prevent this native interfering with your Mission and its residents.

[Hamilton]

965a
9th March 1906
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., forwarding sample of the last supply of Sugar sent to the Depot at Kingston, for the use of the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that this sample has been compared with the Contract Sugar, and found fully equal in quality thereto, and it is considered there are no reasonable grounds for the objections raised by the natives to its use.

[Hamilton]

965b
14th March 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., applying on behalf of Aboriginal Mrs [Rebecca] Sumner for assistance towards purchase of a Boat, for which she offers to contribute £ 3: herself, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Education &c to inform you that he has approved of this request to the extent of £ 3. 10/-.
Will you be good enough therefore to make the necessary arrangements for the Boat to be built at Milang.

[Hamilton]

966a
26th March 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., recommending the purchase of a Boat for Aboriginal Peter Gollan, I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that the usual practice now in dealing with these requests, is to require the Aboriginal to pay half the cost of the boat, or at least a reasonable portion thereof. Will you be good enough to inform me whether Gollan can comply with these conditions.

[Hamilton]
29th March 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka Mission
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., enquiring about some of the native family Karpeny, two of whom were in the Adelaide Hospital, and beg to inform you that they left there last month, and returned to their home at Wellington, where their father holds a Section of land from the Government and some of his children attend the Public School at that place.

30th March 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka
Sir,
Mrs Matthews has applied to the Government for roofing iron for Aborigines’ cottages & sheds at Manunka, - will you be good enough to give some further information herein.
How many cottages require iron? What size are they & what built of? and do the native families live permanently in them?
The quantity of iron required, number & size of sheets, should be stated, to enable the Minister to consider the application.

3. 4. 1906
M.C. Davis
Border Town
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ulto., respecting the quality of the last supply of flour & sugar send to Border Town Depot.
I have written to the Adelaide Milling co., for explanation re the flour. The sugar now supplied for Aborigines is a light brown crystal, the same as supplied to other Government Institutions.
When you have reason to doubt the quality of Aborigines Stores, it would be well to forward to this office, by parcel post, a small sample of the article complained of.
With regards to the request for bags for Aborigines Disher & Smith, you can purchase a dozen for Smith if he does not go to the Hospital at Mount Gambier.

5th April 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th ulto., submitting request from the Aboriginal Hirschhausen for payment of 12/- towards cost of gun (25/-), I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Minister has approved of same, and 12/- will be paid on receipt of an a/c certified by you that the balance 13/- has been paid by Hirschhausen.
968b
9th April 1906
Mr F. Garnett, Point Macleay
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto., stating that Aboriginal Wm Kropinyeri applies for a rail pass to Point Pierce Mission, and in reply I am directed by the Honorable Minister of Education &c to inform you that this request cannot be complied with.

[Hamilton]

969a
21st April 1906
M.C. Williams, Oodnadatta
Sir,
I am in receipt of your report of the 11th inst., and letter from Mr Marsh, submitting complaints respecting the quality of the Sugar and flour supplied for the Aborigines at Oodnadatta, and in reply would state, that the sugar now obtained for Aborigines has been in use since July last and the same kind is sent to the Mission Stations and also used at the Gaols, Destitute Asylum, &c, and no complaints have hitherto reached me about it.
The flour is supplied by Thomas & Co., Port Adelaide, to about 20 Depots in the North, and I have had no complaints about the quality for some years past. Please send me by parcel post a sample of the flour and sugar you complain of (about ½ lb of each in tin canisters) & I will have it examined & enquiry made.

[Margin note: Mr Marsh’s letter is dated 14th January last, & only sent to me on 11th April last.]

[Hamilton]

969b
21st April 1906
Mr B. Lathern, Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., enquiring about Aboriginal Tom Goldsmith’s land at Balaklava, and in reply to inform you, that he holds a section of 160 acres, under permit from the Crown Lands Office, on the usual conditions of residing thereon and cultivating it.
If he fails to do this according to his permit, he becomes liable to have it cancelled and lose the land – and no doubt if he places himself in that position, there are other Aborigines who would be glad to get the land which is of fine quality – and ought to give a good living to an industrious man.

[Hamilton]

970a
20 . 4 . 1906
Thos Clode Esq, S.P.A.
Pt Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your report re Mr R. Smith’s request for blankets &c for Aborigines at Yudnapinna. I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. Commissioner of Public Works has approved of a supply being forwarded. Will you therefore be good enough to send the following articles from the Stores now at Pt Augusta Depot, viz.,-

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[Hamilton]
970b
25th April 1906
M.C. Hayes
Milang
Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst., stating that Aboriginal Andrew Yates is in need of firewood during the coming winter – will you be good enough to have one load procured for him as on previous occasions – see that it is properly supplied and used by him.

[Hamilton]

971a
25th April 1906
M.C. Keane
Innamincka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th February last, stating that Queensland natives have been in the habit of coming into S.A. for relief from the Depot at Innamincka &c – owing to insufficient provision being made for them in their own State, I have the honor to inform you that representations have been made to the Queensland Government, and I now enclose copy of letter from Dr Roth, Chief Protector at Brisbane. I will be glad if you will furnish any further report thereon as to the correctness or otherwise of any statement in Dr Roth’s letter.

[Hamilton]

971b
26th April 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Mr Dalton called here today & mentioned that Aboriginal Abel Rankine & his family were willing to go to Point Pierce Mission, as another of the families Selected for removal there. The Ardrossan Steamer leaves Pt Adelaide every Thursday morning, so Rankine had better come up on Wednesday night, and please advise me a day or two previous to his coming, so that I can make the necessary arrangements for their reception here, and passage by Steamer & Coach to Maitland.
I will wire Mr Lathern to have them met at Maitland. How many are in Rankine’s family?

[Hamilton]

972a
1st May 1906
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ulto., recommending that the lease of section 700, Hundred of Balaklava [Hall?], now held by Aboriginal Tom Goldsmith, who wishes to give it up, be transferred to Aboriginal Harry Weetra, and in reply beg to inform you that the request has been duly forwarded for the consideration of the Honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands &c.
Tom Goldsmith should return his copy of the lease or Permit for cancellation.

[Hamilton]
972b
1st May 1906
Mr Chas S. Adams
Point Pierce Mission
Referring to your letter of the 19th ulto., complaining that money due to you for work in wheat carrying
and stacking, from an agent of Mr John Darling, has not been paid to you, I have made enquiries and
Messrs John Darling & Son inform me that so far as they know, you were not employed by them – but
that McGrath was contractor. They have written to their agent at Port Victoria who has the matter in
hand, to see that the money due is paid to the proper person.

973a
2nd May 1906
Mr P. Cavenagh
Balaklava
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., enquiring about the disposal of Sect 700, Hundred of Hall,
leased to Aboriginal Tom Goldsmith, and in reply beg to inform you that this native has notified his
intention of not returning to the land – and an application was made last week by Aboriginal Harry
Weetra, who is married to one of Goldsmith’s sisters, to have the lease transferred from Tom
Goldsmith to him. This request is now under the consideration of the Honorable Commissioner of
Crown Lands &c and I will advise you when it is decided.

973b
3rd May 1906
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
Aboriginal Edward Chester has written to me (stating that he was advised to do so by you) asking to
have blankets supplied for the natives at Point Pierce, and that only a few old people there have
received blankets and also applying for fishing tackle, axes, shirts &c, for six old men living in a camp
near the Mission, will you be good enough to inform me whether the financial condition of your Mission
renders it necessary that these blankets should be supplied. Respecting the six old men, do they live
apart from Point Pierce Mission? In which case they appear to have some claim on this office for
assistance.

974a
7th May 1906
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Referring to the request of Aboriginal Raynor for the return of his wife from the Lunatic Asylum – The
Colonial Surgeon states that he has heard that the husband is frightened of his wife, and this means
things would not be pleasant for her at her home and would probably excite her, and it is no use for her
friends to try to force matters.
If her husband, who is the proper person, can be persuaded to come for her, he is welcome to try his
wife at home, but she ought not to be irritated in any way, as she is very excitable.
4th May 1906
The Manager
Adelaide Milling Co.
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the flour supplied to Border Town last month which contained some weevils, and stating that you will make a reasonable allowance for the trouble arising therefrom. In reply I beg to inform you that I will enquire to what extent it has been necessary to sift the flour to get rid of the weevils.
In future, your storemen will of course be careful to avoid a mistake of this nature, when despatching the flour you supply to this Office.

[Hamilton]

7th May 1906
M.C. ?Ahern, Blanchetown
Sir,
In reply to your statement of the 1st inst., that you can probably obtain the Boat for Aboriginal Bookmark, which will be offered for sale with the effects of the late George Klocker, I am directed to authorise you to secure this boat at a reasonable price, which I presume will not exceed the £2: formerly asked for it.

[Hamilton]

9th May 1906
Mr John Watson
Blackford, Kingston
Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that you have not received any blankets during the past two years, I have written to M.C. Trounson, directing him to supply you with some blankets, - as you hold a block of land supposed to enable you to earn a living, you are not considered entitled to regular relief from the Depot unless you are in actual destitute circumstances owing to illness &c.
If the land you hold is not suitable, you can give it up, and apply for a block that may be available – 160 acres is the most you could hold free of rent.
If you consult the Plans at the District Council Office, you may be able to see that land is likely to be open.
Can you place your children with any relatives at Kingston who would keep them & send them to School?

[Hamilton]

12th May 1906
Messrs W. & H. Dunk, Milang
Gentlemen,
The question of the supply of flour for Aborigines Depots generally has been under the consideration of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, controlling this department and I am directed to request that you will be good enough to inform me at what rate per ton can you supply good household flour for the Depot at Point Macleay.
The blend of Flour to be stated, and whether the price quoted by you include any agency, delivery &c charges.

[Hamilton]
976b
15th May 1906
M.C. Trounson
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., respecting the application of Aboriginal John Watson for blankets &c., I consider you were justified in the course you adopted in dealing with him last year – You can let him have some blankets now, and caution him that if his conduct does not improve by keeping more sober and industrious, he will not in future be considered deserving of any assistance from the Depot.

[Hamilton]

977a
17th May 1906
A. Moss? Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., respecting the arrest by the Police of a black boy on the 12th inst., in King William Street, Adelaide, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public works &c to inform you that the case you refer to was probably that of a native boy who has been living with Mr Matheson of Buckland Park for the last 8 or 9 years – and who, it appears, was decoyed away from him by the “Bronco Rough Riding” party recently in Adelaide. Mr Matheson obtained the assistance of the Police to recover this boy.

[Hamilton]

977b
17th May 1906
Mr F. Garnet
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence with you respecting a boat for Aboriginal Peter Gollan, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that he has approved of this request. Will you be good enough to ascertain whether a suitable second-hand boat is obtainable at a reasonable price, - if not, you had better arrange with Mr Jensen of Milang to provide one at a cost not exceeding that of the other boats build by him, viz., £ 6. 10/-.

[Hamilton]

978a
22nd May 1906
W, Norman Esq, M.D.
Goolwa
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., on the subject of Medical attendance for Aborigines in the District of Goolwa & Port Elliott, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public works &c, controlling this Department, to inform you that your offer to perform the duties of Medical Officer to Aborigines in the above-named District, for £16: per annum, has been accepted, your appointment to date from the 1st June 1906.
I enclose the usual form of agreement for remainder of current year, which please return to me when duly signed.

[Hamilton]
978b
22nd May 1906
M.C. Ewens, Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public works &c to inform you that Dr W. Norman of Goolwa, has been appointed Medical Officer to Aborigines, within the limits of the District Council of Goolwa & Port Elliott, from the 1st June 1906. [Hamilton]

979a
29th May 1906
Mr R. G. Allen, Nilpinna
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, stating that owing to the closing of the Peake Depot, some rations will be required for a good many blacks who are about Nilpinna, and in reply I am directed to inform you that a supply of rations will be forwarded to Warrina by next Train. I enclose copy of the General Instructions for guidance of the Issuers of stores, and supply of return forms in separate parcel. When sending these rations you must not prepay the postage thereon. [Hamilton]

979b
29th May 1906
Mrs J. Matthews, Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letters of the 16th & 25th ulto., with reference to your application for roofing iron for Aborigines' cottages, and windmill & pumping plant &c, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that as he can see no prospect of the Manunka Mission becoming a permanent self-supporting Institution for the benefit of the Aborigines, he is unable to sanction any expenditure for building materials and irrigation plant. [Hamilton]

980a
29.5.1906
Mr R. Yates, Point Pierce
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst., reporting your employment and remuneration at Point Pierce Mission Station, enquiry has been made herein and I find your treatment is the same in every way as the other natives in that Station.
When you were working for a Contractor and paid 6/- per day, you had no claim on the Mission, who provides you with a Cottage and rations &c for your wife. [Hamilton]

980b
31st May 1906
S. C. Whitters, Victor Harbor
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 17th inst., recommending removal of the Aborigines' Cottages from their present position on the Beach at Victor Harbor to the Reserve at mouth of the Inman River, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to request that you will be good enough to obtain 3 offers from local tradesmen for what sum they will undertake the removal of these cottages and their erection on the other Reserve, - they will require of course to have all defects made good & render them weather-proof, and to the satisfaction of the officer inspecting them. [Hamilton]
5th June 1906
H. H. Formby Esq, M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., reporting the accident to Aboriginal Mark Wilson & I have to thank you for the prompt attention paid to him, and also to request that you will be good enough to make the most favourable terms possible for his treatment to avoid unusual expense to this office. Please have me advised every two or three days as to the condition of Wilson.

7th June 1906
Simon Matheson Esq
Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to my interview with the Black boy George, who has been in your service for the past eight or nine years, I have the honor to inform you, that I have investigated the suggestions of ill-treatment by you of him, and am glad to be able to inform you that I consider there is no foundation for them. I am satisfied that he has been very well treated, and that in my opinion it is to this boy’s interest to stay in your service.

7th June 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
Referring to the case of Aboriginal Mark Wilson, who met a serious accident last week, Dr Formby of Strathalbyn has been instructed to have him attended to in the Private Hospital there, - he informs me today that Wilson improved, and if no other serious symptoms appear, he will be able to be moved at end of a week, and could return to Point Macleay, if he could be properly attended to there, - he could do no work for two months at least,- I will have a further report from the Doctor in a few days, and advise you further next Monday.

21st June 1906
Mr G. Jeffery
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that the offer made by you & Mr L. Bolger to remove the native cottages &c from the Beach at Victor Harbor and to erect them on the reserve at the Inman river, for the Sum of £ 11. 7. 6 has been accepted. I intend being at Victor Harbor on next Saturday 23rd inst., to fix upon the site on the Reserve for the cottages and also get the Contract signed.
983a
21st June 1906
Mr F. Garnett
Point Macleay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., applying for a gun for Aboriginal John Laelinyeri, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that the sum of £ 1: will be allowed towards Cost of a gun for this native.

[Hamilton]

983b
21 . 6 . 1906
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., asking to be supplied with forest trees for planting at Manunka, I am directed by the Honorable commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that your request should be made to the Conservator of Forests, who supplies trees on the usual conditions, - see Copy of catalogue & forwarded to you in separate parcel.

[Hamilton]

984a
22nd June 1906
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka
Madam,
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst., applying for wire netting and roofing iron and fruit trees, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public works &c to inform you that any further expenditure for these purposes cannot be approved.

[Hamilton]

984b
25th June 1906
S. C. Whitters
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to request that you will be good enough to ascertain whether a supply of fresh water can be obtained at a reasonable depth on the reserve at the Inman River – where the Aborigines’ huts will be erected.
You can employ a trustworthy man for a day or two for the purpose, and let me know the result as early as possible.

[Hamilton]

985a
28 . 6 . 1906
M.C. Treloar
Balaklava
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to forward you herewith Permit No 349 in favour of Aboriginal Harry Weetra to occupy Section 700, Hundred of Hall.
I have written to him /?/ directing him to call upon you for the Permit, and you will be good enough to obtain his receipt for same, and forward it to me.

[Hamilton]
30th June 1906
Mr H. J. Ellis
Middleton
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that when recently visiting the Aborigines Depot at Victor Harbor, my attention was drawn to the last supply of Flour, which was obtained from you, - it appears to be infested with some kind of weevil or grub which you will perceive in the sample of this flour, now forwarded to you in separate parcel by this mail. The flour is kept in a zinc-lined case at the Depot, so that I can hardly imagine it got damaged in any way while there.

[Hamilton]

29th June 1906
S. C. Whitters
Victor Harbor
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 28th inst., stating that good drinking water has been obtained on the Inman River reserve at a depth of 4 feet – I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that the removal and erection of the Aborigines’ huts on this reserve can now be proceeded with. The offer of Messrs Jeffery and Bolger, has been accepted to perform this work, and I enclose an agreement in duplicate for them to sign, - please return one copy to me when duly executed by them.
The unoccupied hut should be removed in the first instance, so that the natives could have some shelter when the other huts were being re-erected.
You can have the well of water provided with the Cement Casks as proposed by you, - will some kind of windlass be required for drawing up the water?

[Hamilton]

2nd July 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 25th ulto., enquiring whether there is an Aboriginal Reserve at Port Augusta or Port Germein where you could take up work among the Aborigines, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that there is no Reserve at either place mentioned, - there are only a few natives, chiefly ½ castes, about Pt Germein, & these seldom require any ?? relief as they can support themselves when so inclined.
At Port Augusta the natives only visit occasionally in any numbers from the Northern Districts which are furnished with depots, principally in charge of the Police.
There are from 100 to 150 Aborigines about the Anna Creek district north of Oodnadatta. Mr Oastler who has charge of the Depot there has reported “All the natives here are a quiet, well-behaved lot, and are well cared for & looked after by Messrs Hogarth and Warren. They are very contented and could not be benefited by removal to a Mission Station or otherwise.”

[Hamilton]
988a
3rd July 1906
S. C. Whitters
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Aboriginal H. Hewitt, has sent a telegram to this Office of which the following is a copy –
“Understand you determined shift houses, if removed, we will camp present locality.”
I am now directed to state that if Hewitt offers any interference or obstruction to the removal of the native cottages, he can be cautioned that he renders himself liable to have his supplies from the Depot stopped.

[Hamilton]

988b
6th July 1906
Mr Whitburn
Port Victoria
Sir,
An Aboriginal named Alfred Hughes of Point Pierce informs me that he and another Aboriginal had a Contract with you and Mr F. Newton, for stacking, unstacking and roofing bags of wheat at Balgowan, and that some money due & claimed by him herein is still unpaid.
I will be glad if you will favour me with some explanation of the circumstances in this matter.

[Hamilton]

989a
10th July 1906
Thos Clode Esq
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Augusta
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., which you forwarded from M.C. McCarthy of Blinman, calling attention to the case of a ½ caste named [very indistinct] ?? Richards, who is suffering from secondary syphilis and in reply I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to request that you will be good enough to ascertain whether this man can be admitted to the Port Augusta Hospital and if so, M.C. McCarthy could be instructed to have him sent down.

[Hamilton]

989b
10th July 1906
Mr G. Jeffery
Victor Harbor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., enquiring whether you can build a double ?brick chimney to the two Aborigines’ huts on the Inman Reserve, so that one chimney, with a fireplace on each side, will do for both huts, I have the honor to inform you that there is no objection to you carrying the work out in the manner proposed by you.

[Hamilton]
10th July 1906
Mrs J. M. Lindsay
Wallaroo
Referring to your letters of the 14th June last and the 6th July inst., requesting this Department to assist you in paying off a Building Society debt on your house at Wallaroo, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works to inform you that he is unable to comply with your request.
I would also point out that your husband appears to have been very neglectful of his interests in the matter, by not paying more attention to keep up his payments to the Building Society.

13. 7. 1906
Mr B. Lathern
Point Pierce Mission
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Abel Rankine, a half-caste Aboriginal of Point Macleay, with his wife & five (5) children (their ages are from one month to nine years) will proceed to Point Pierce in about 10 days – I will send you a telegram, when the exact date of their departure is fixed, per Steamer via Ardrossan, so that some arrangement can be made to bring them from Maitland.
This native family will, I think, complete the number you intended to take at Point Pierce.

13th July 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., stating that you have now charge of the store at Manunka, containing the Government rations for the Aborigines, and that Mrs Matthews wants you to supply her house with flour, sugar, tea, rice & sago, in return for which she will give the natives Kerosine & salt, and that she is now owing to their Store, 120 lbs flour & 120 lbs sugar.
In reply, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, controlling this Department, to inform you, that you should at once require Mrs Matthews to return the stores she obtained from the Government supplies, which should in future be used only for the relief of the Aborigines.

13th July 1906
Mr G. Jeffery
Victor Harbor
Sir,
I am directed to inform you that your offer of the 10th inst. to put a fence 9 feet square, round the well of water on the Inman Reserve for the sum of Twelve shillings (12/-) has been accepted – to be made of good split posts and rails as stated by you.
992b
14th July 1906
Mr A. Hughes
Point Pierce
Referring to your letters of the 13th ulto., and the 3rd inst., stating that you were employed to stack &c wheat at Balgowan by Mr Newton, who has not carried out his promise to pay you for the work done, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that he cannot assist you to establish your claim herein, & that in future you would do well to have all contracts in writing and properly witnessed.

[Hamilton]

993a
16th July 1906  [very blurred]
Mr W. M. Free or Lawrie
Fowler’s Bay
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., with reference to the sale of your lease of land in Hundred of ?Catt near Charra [50 km W. of Ceduna], and in reply have to inform you that I made enquiry in land Office and the document you signed on June 21st does not appear to have reached that office yet. You have neglected your own interests in signing a paper without knowing first what it meant. You should write your letters about this land signed in the same name – Lawrie – in which you took up the land. You had better write to me & give full particulars as to whether you have resided on the land & complied with all the conditions.

[Hamilton]

993b
16th July 1906
M.C. Treloar
Balaklava
Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., reporting the steps taken by you in forwarding Aboriginal Tommy Mitchell, who was suffering from Influenza, to the Wallaroo Hospital, and in reply, I have to thank you for your prompt attention in dealing with this case.

[Hamilton]

994a
?20th July 1906
Mr G. Smith
Manunka
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., applying for fresh supply of sugar for the Manunka Depot, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that the Aborigines’ return from Manunka for June last shows a balance of 162 lbs 9 oz of sugar on hand, in addition to which you reported that Mrs Matthews was presently indebted to the store 130 lbs of Sugar – which gives you a supply still available for the Aborigines for at least a couple of months. Your June return shows sugar received [issued?] 189 lbs – this is in excess of the regulation allowance, which ?should be 2 oz daily for each 1 lb of flour – vide copy of instructions herewith.

[Hamilton]
21st July 1906  
E. E. Wilbe Esq  
Streaky Bay  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 6th ulto., in which you apply to be appointed as Medical Officer to the Aborigines in the Streaky Bay District, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that it is not considered necessary to make this appointment. When serious cases of illness arise among the Aborigines, the Police Officer in charge of the Depot, will be instructed what action to take.  

[Hamilton]  

25th July 1906  
Mr S. Ferguson  
Niddrie [100 km S. of NT border, N. of Oodnadatta]  
Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., stating that there are a number of destitute Aborigines about Niddrie who require some relief from the Government, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that he has approved of a supply of Stores being forwarded to you, as per advice herewith, - a Copy of the usual Instructions is also enclosed for your guidance in issuing the rations.  
I am to add that every care should be taken to restrict the issue to the old, inform & sick natives; no encouragement should be given to those who can get their own living by employment or from natural food supplies, to loaf about the Depot.  

[Hamilton]  

25th July 1906  
Thos Clode Esq, Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Port Augusta  
Sir,  
Referring to your report of 14th inst., recommending the opening of an Aborigines Depot at Niddrie, on the Alberga, Far North, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable Commissioner of Public SWoks &c has approved of this request, and a supply of the usual stores is now being sent up to Mr S. Ferguson, c/- Manfield, Oodnadatta.  
Please report some time during the next three months, when you have an opportunity – as to the number of natives about Niddrie and the manner in which the Stores are issued.  

[Hamilton]  

25th July 1906  
Mr A. Frew, Arrabury [near Thargomindah]  
Queensland  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 18th June last, stating that you have handed over to Mr Coles the balance of Aborigines Stores at Haddon Depot, on your departure for Arrabury, and requesting reconsideration of your request to be supplied with Aborigines stores from this Department for the natives who have come to Arrabury – I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, controlling this Office, to inform you that he is unable to depart from his previous decision in this matter.  

[Hamilton]
26th July 1906
W. E. Dalton Esq
Secretary: Aborigines' Friends' Association
Sir,
Referring to the resignation of Mr F. Garnett as Superintendent at Point Macleay Mission Station, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to offer as a suggestion to your Association, the desirability of continuing, when making a fresh appointment herein, the position of Superintendent and Farm Overseer under one person, for at least a period of six months, with a view to ascertain whether results would justify the continuance of that arrangement.

27th July 1906
Mr G. Smith, Manunka
Sir,
Adverting to your letter of the 10th inst., and particularly in reply to your letter of the 24th inst., stating that Mrs Matthews wants you to have the native charge of the store containing the Aborigines supplies for the Manunka Depot, I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, the Minister controlling this Department, to inform you that, he has had under his consideration the report of the Police Officer (M.C. Pyne of Mannum) who recently enquired into the management of this Depot, and the Commissioner is unable to recognise your position as Custodian and Issuer of these Stores, and Mrs Matthews has been directed accordingly.

27th July 1906
Mrs J. Matthews, Manunka
Madam,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, the Minister controlling this Department, has directed me to inform you that he has had under his consideration the report of the Police Officer (M.C. Pyne of Mannum) who recently enquired into the Management of the Aborigines Depot at Manunka.
This report, which refers in favourable terms to the effects made by yourself and daughter to improve the condition of the Aborigines, also alludes to certain irregularities in the use of the Government supplies for the natives, in view of which the Commissioner directs that in future you will be held formally responsible for the safe custody and distribution of the Aborigines Stores in strict accordance with the 'Instructions to Issuers'. The Commissioner does not approve of Mr Smith having any authority in connection with the Aborigines – and it will be well for you to at once determine the present arrangements.

29th July 1906
The Acting Commissioner of Police, Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to the report of the 22nd inst., which you were good enough to obtain from M.C. Pyne of Mannum, on the Management of the Aborigines Depot at Manunka, I have the honor to request that you will convey to that officer the following minute of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c, the Minister controlling this Department – “The Report is a most exhaustive one, and the department is much indebted to the Police Officer.”
M.C. Teate, Morgan

Referring to your letter of the 31st ulto., reporting that Eight Aborigines require rations at Morgan – I see from their names that they belong to Manunka Depot & Mission, where they probably are given supplies before leaving that place, - they should have left their children at the Mission. If they are now hard up for food, you can obtain locally some flour, sugar & tea for them at the usual scale of allowance for a week or so, but do what you can to discourage them from hanging about the township longer than necessary – Mrs Lindsay promised to remain at Manunka when she can set up there.

[Hamilton]

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the land held at Poonindie by Aboriginal Harry Taylor, from enquiries made at the Crown Lands Office, I have ascertained that it is intended to cancel the permit of Taylor, and under these circumstances it would be prudent for you to ? with the arrangements you speak of, for cropping this land ?? with Taylor.

[Hamilton]

Referring to the requisition for Aborigines Stores from Mr Godlee, Kanowana Depot, dated 1st inst., I find from his return for July last, that he had supplies on hand at the end of that month, sufficient for about six months’ issues at the present rate of issue, - the stores on hand on 1st inst., consisting of nearly a ton & a quarter of flour, with the other usual proportion of sugar, tea, tobacco &c.

Under these circumstances, fresh supplies will not be sent at present – you will probably have teams on this route again before six months has elapsed, if so please advise me.

[Hamilton]

Sir,

Your offer has been accepted for making the well at the Native huts on the Inman reserve for the sum of 13/- as per your statement forwarded to me on the 6th inst.

You understand the well is to be .... [5-6 lines illegible] ..... dimensions of the well casing ?

I sent advice of the above to Mr Whitters – I had some difficulty in selecting them as ?? not quite – some whether they should be right or left locks.

[Hamilton]
Aboriginal John Laelinyeri has been here wanting a rail pass to Morgan to go shearing, which I could not give him - he seems to have been wandering about the country, said he walked from Murray Bridge to Adelaide – in questioning him, I find he has a block of land on the Coorong which he does not make much use of, as he says [3-4 lines illegible, very faint] ….. He appears too old to go wandering about the country looking for work.

Please report on his case and let me know if he .... [line illegible] [Hamilton]

Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th May last from Mr Garnett, on behalf of Aboriginal Henry Lampard, asking whether he could obtain some additional land ?? his present holding on the Coorong, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works &c to inform you that there is no land available in that locality.
As the Aboriginal Reserves along the Coorong are now placed under the control of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, Lampard should arrange with them for more land, in the event of the present occupiers of Aboriginal reserves, ceasing to hold any block of land.

Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay

Sir,
My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in the Register newspaper a few days ago, which states that a number of destitute Aborigines are begging for food at Denial Bay, and that a camp of about 100 of them were located ½ a mile distant, please inform me whether these statements are correct.

There are Aborigines Depots at Fowler’s and Streaky Bays, and at Koonibba Mission Station?? where rations &c are issued to natives in need. Can you say whether this large party of natives belong to your District .... ??? .... Or if they have come from the interior, from the Gawler Ranges &c.

The Revd Mr Wiebusch
Koonibba
Denial Bay

Sir,
A paragraph has appeared in the S.A. Register newspaper weekly, calling attention to a large number of Aborigines (about 100) camped at Denial Bay. I will be glad if you can give me any information respecting these natives, whether they are some of those who usually frequent Koonibba, and what induces them to go to Denial Bay – have you heard if intoxicating liquor is easily obtained by them ?
1004a
17th August 1906
Mrs J. Matthews
Manunka

I return Mr W. M. Randell’s freight a/c £ 3. 13. 0 for stores &c to Manunka, per “Tyre”.
I find amount chargeable to this office is £1.0.6, which I have shown in the a/c by marking these items thus X.
The amount said to have been rendered £ 1. 6. 5, ?? has never reached this office, and I cannot deal with it till the items are shown in full. Mr Randell should have rendered these a/cs every 3 months, - after that time has elapsed, the Commissioner of Audit refuses to pass them for payment, without special approval of the Minister. Please call his attention to this.

[Hamilton]

1004b
19th August 1906
Mr A. Redman
Point Macleay

Sir,
Referring to the request of two of your natives for information as to miners’ rights to enable them to go prospecting for gold, I have ascertained that these documents require a fee of 5/- in each case, and the holder of one has to select a claim and set to work on it at once & get it registered, which requires a further fee of 2/6.
Unless these natives have a very good chance of success, I hardly think it would be wise for them to embark on this enterprise.

[Hamilton]

1005a
17th August 1906
Mr G. Jeffery
Victor Harbor

Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable Commissioner of Public works &c to inform that your offer of the 10th inst., to put a floor in one native hut at Victor Harbor and the half-floor in another hut, with 7/8 inch flooring boards of 3 x 2 inch Jarrah, joists set 2 ft apart, for the sum of £ 5; has been approved.

[Hamilton]

1005b
4th September 1906
Mr M.B. Ive
Murnpeowie

Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd ulto., respecting the transport of Aborigines Stores for Murnpeowie, and I have the honor to inform you that a supply for this Depot has been ordered, and should reach Lyndhurst Siding in time for the teams leaving there about middle of this month. The weight of these Stores will be about ?3100 lbs, the flour, sugar & rice should be double-bagged for safety in travel.

[Hamilton]
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Thomas, Mr, Cowarie Depot  
Thomas, Messrs W., & Co., millers, Port Adelaide/Port Augusta  
Thorpe, M.C., Kingscote  
Threadgold, Mr A., shopkeeper, Orroroo  
Tilmouth, Mr C.W., Callabonna  
Timber-cutting, Lakes  
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