Protector of Aborigines

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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 21 November 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)

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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To: Hon. Commr of Cr Lands & Immig.

Sir,

Having learned that a ... ... officer has been ... for Mount Gambier I have the honor to request that a copy of his instructions may be forwarded to me in order that I may ascertain what ?provision if any has been made for ?medical? attendance to the Natives of that district.

A.H. Landseer Esq., J.P.
Milang
Stores to be taken up the Coorong?


Sir,

In answer to your letter to the Honble the Commissioner of Crown Lands (700/66) of the 8th March last relative to the issue of Aborigines’ stores in Moonta District, I beg to inform you that on consultation with the sub-protector I consider it expedient that Stores should only be issued at one of the three townships, the previous arrangements giving encouragement to natives to remain in the neighbourhood of the mines where they are exposed to many ills. It would also facilitate imposition since the ?whole may be visited in one day by the same party. A depot at Wallaroo would be sufficient for the district ... stores remaining under the care of the police and being issued only to such as are really in need.

Messrs D & W. Murray, Adelaide

Sir,

In answer to your tender for certain Aborigines’ Stores called for 4th inst, I beg to inform you by direction of the Protector that the following tenders are accepted.

50 dozen blue serge shirts at (£ 3) three pounds a dozen,
800 yards of blue serge at 1/8 per Yard.
5000 needles at 6/6 a thousand.

The above ... safely delivered at the Armory on or before the 25th inst.

signed by Jos C. O’Halloran, for Protector

Sir,

In reply to your tender for certain Aborigines Stores called for on the 4th inst, I beg to inform you that ... not been accepted. The sample? can be had on application at this office. [O’Halloran]
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17 May 1866
G. Phillips & Co.
Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to inform you that your Tender for the following articles for the use of the Aborigines has been accepted.

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[O’Halloran]

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17 May 1866
Mr T. MacDonald, Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the following Tender for Aborigines’ Stores as made by you has been accepted.

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[Jos. C. O’Halloran]

8
17 May 1866
Mr Charles? Draper & Sons, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Protector to inform you that your Tender for 50 lbs of linen thread at 3/2 per lb has been accepted and you will be good enough to forward it on or before 25th Inst to the Armory.

[O’Halloran]
18th May 1866
Mr Henry Crossland, Police Trooper,
Port Wakefield
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 7th Inst (9/66) I beg to inform you that you must use your discretion in
the distribution of the Blue Shirts forwarded to you – giving them to those you think are really in
need.

[Walker]

18th May 1866
The Hon. The Commissioner of C.L. & Immig.
Sir,
I have the honor to request that the following ………. Be sent to the Armory on or before the 25th
Inst.

From Messrs D & W Murray:
- 45 doz Blue Serge Shirts viz Sample 3
- 5 doz " " " " " 4
- 800 yards of Blue Serge same as sample
- 1000 Needles same as sample.

From Messrs G. Phillips & Co.
- 500 No 4 Fish hooks as samples
- 1000 No 6 " " "
- 1500 " 8 " "
- 1000 " 10 " "
- 500 " 12 " "

From T. MacDonald
- 12 lbs of Net Twine No. 2 as sample
- 50 Fishing Lines No. 2 "
- 400 " " " 3 "
- 100 " " " 4 "
- 200 " " " 6 "
- 50 " " " 7 "

From C. Draper
- 50 lbs of Linen Thread as sample
...... ? Needles ? .......

[Walker]
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[Illegible, but over-written reference to #8/66]  

12
23 May 1866
G. Phillips & Co, Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I beg to inform you that a portion of the Fish Hooks forwarded by you to the Armory, not corresponding to the sample supplied this Office, cannot be accepted. You will therefore be good enough to send to the Armory for them, and supply as per contract by the 25th Inst.

[O’Halloran]

13
23rd May 1866
Messrs D. & W. Murray, Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I beg to inform you that portion of the Serge, forwarded by you to the Armory, not being the same as sample supplied this Office, cannot be accepted. You will therefore be good enough to send to the Armory for them, and supply as per contract by 25th Inst.

[O’Halloran]

14
28th May 1866
Revd Octavius Hammond,
Poonindie,
Port Lincoln
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst., requesting a fresh supply of Stores. I now beg to inform you that they will be sent by the Lubra on the net trip.

[Walker]
15
28th May 1866
Messrs G. Phillips & Co, Adelaide
Sir,
With reference to your Tender for the supply of 45 doz American Tomahawks and 4 doz American Axes. I beg to inform you that if you will forward to this Office samples of the above, your Tender will be considered. If you do not it cannot be entertained.

[Walker]

16
28th May 1866
Messrs Harrold Brothers
Sir,
With reference to your Tender for the supply of 25 doz American Tomahawks and 4 doz American Axes. I beg to inform you that if you will forward to this Office samples of the above, your Tender will be considered. If you do not it cannot be entertained.

[Walker]

17
30th May 1866
J.D. Sutherland Esq.
?? Gardens?
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th Ulto. Concerning the case of Munoo?, convicted of assault against J. Daws I beg to inform you that I have referred the matter to the Hon. The Commissioner of Crown Lands, who declined to accede to your request.

[Walker]

18
30 May 1866
Mr John Watts, Stockport
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th? Last (25/66) I beg to inform you that your statement? has been forwarded to the Audit Office and will be payable on or after the 4th June on the ?? To enable the Protector I draw the money ...... you will sign the enclosed procuration order & get your signature indorsed. If you will then forward it to this Office the amount will be sent in postage stamps you wish.

[O'Halloran]
19
1 June 1866
The Hon. The Commr of Crown Lands, Adelaide
Memo/-
It is respectfully requested that the Superintendent of the Armory be instructed to issue a blanket to James Jackson, a discharged prisoner.  

[Walker]

20
1 June 1866
Memo/-
Messrs Harrold Brothers are informed their Tender for the supply of 25 doz American Tomahawks and 4 doz American Axes, has been accepted. The Goods to be delivered to the Armory on or before the 5th Inst.  

[Joseph C. O’Halloran]

21
1 June 1866
Mr Thomas MacDonald, ?Freeman Street, Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your Tender for the supply of American Tomahawks and Axes, I am directed by the Protector to inform you that it has not been accepted. The samples can be had on application to this Office.

[O’Halloran]

22
1 June 1866
Messrs G. Phillips & Co., Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that your Tender for the supply of Tomahawks and Axes has not been accepted. The Samples can be had on application to this Office.

[O’Halloran]

23
1 June 1866
The Commr of Crown Lands
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will instruct the Superintendent of the Armory to receive from Harrold Brothers ?& stamp? 25 doz American Tomahawks and 4 doz Axes. The whole to be delivered on or before the 5th inst. Samples have been forwarded to the Armory.

[Walker]
24
4th June 1866
Messrs P. Levi & Co., Adelaide
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th April last (3/66), I beg to inform you that the following is a list of the Stores, as shown by our books, that have been forwarded to you for transmission to Booloomata and Oulnina:

18 July 1863 250 lbs Sugar Addressed to Messrs Levi & Spriggs, Oulnina
   44 lbs of Tea
   15 lbs of Tobacco
   1 Bale of Blankets (25, Single)
18 July 1863 do. do. do. For Dr. Hall, Booloomata
20 April 1864 1 Bale of Blankets (25) To Oulnina
   “ “ “ To Booloomata
16 March 1865 1 Bale of Blankets (25) Oulnina
   “ “ “ Booloomata
16 July 1865 1 Ton of Flour Booloomata
   250 lbs Sugar
   44 lbs Tea
   1 doz Quart Pots
   2 doz Pannicans

[Walker]

25
4th June 1866
George Tallis Esq., J.P., MD, Mount Gambier
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Ranger Egan, the Issuer of Stores at Tarpeena, has been instructed to apply to you for “Medical Advice and Medicine” for the Aborigines in the South Eastern District. I have the honor to request, that you will inform me for what Annual Sum you will be willing to undertake the Medical charge of the Natives within a radius of say 20 miles of Mount Gambier.

[Walker]

26
5th June 1866
Mr John Field, Police trooper, Auburn
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th Ult., (26/66), acknowledging the receipt of fifty Blankets and requesting information as to the distribution of them, I beg to inform you that you must use your discretion in giving them to those you think are in need of them.

[Walker]
J. T. Wildman, Esq.,
Sec: Crown Lands

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 19th April, inclosing an Extract from the letter from Sir Redmond Barry, President of the late Colonial Exhibition, to the Hon. The Chief Secretary, inviting attention to a proposal to collect evidence with respect “to the history, language, customs etc. of the Aboriginal Natives”, and requesting to be informed how far I could assist in the proposal:

I have to state for the information of the Honble the Commissioner that my reply thereto was necessarily deferred until after the matter had been submitted to the Miscellaneous? Sub-Committee of the Paris Exhibition.

At a meeting of Committee, held on the 5th Inst., an opportunity was afforded of signing? The project under their notice, when, after due consideration it was resolved that, as the collection of such evidence did not properly come within the province of the Committee, and could not be completed within the specified period, they were unwilling to undertake it; but would endeavour to obtain a good collection of weapons and implements, and some photographs of individuals, for the Paris Exhibition.

I trust ..... that means will be found of accomplishing ere long, a work of so interesting 31 and important a character; and ..... individually, to render much assistance. I should be happy to cooperate with others and should, with permission?, ... ... obtain the assistance of ... gentlemen who are able and willing to engage in it.

[Walker]

9 June 1866
The Hon. The Commissioner of Crown Lands

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the enclosed extract from an article published in the “Register” newspaper of the 30th Ulto., may be forwarded to the officer in charge at Penola for Report, as to the accusation made against him in the words which I have underlined.

[Walker]

9th June 1866
A.H. Landseer Esq., J.P.
Milang

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30th Ulto., I beg to inform you that the statement made in my letter of the 7th Ulto., was quite correct. The money £ 5/10/8 [five pounds ten shillings and eight pence] was paid to Mr. Walters (of the Bank of ..... ) by yourself. I therefore beg to refer you to Mr. Walters, who will doubtless be able to give you some further explanation.

[Walker]
34-35
11 June 1866
J.P. Buttfield Esq.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Port Lincoln
Sir,
The transfer of work from the Crown Lands Department to the Aborigines Dept necessitates a fresh
procuration order from you, addressed to the Protector of Aborigines, to enable your friend in
Adelaide to draw your Salary, as it will for the future be payable at this Office. I therefore enclose a
form of procuration for your signature. Your Salary for May will be paid as usual.
You will be good enough to forward to this Office formal a/cs. With sub-vouchers attached for all
moneys paid by you for sea passages on duty.
You will also be good enough to 35 send in with your Quarterly Reports a list of the persons to
whom you have sent letters together with the no. of stamps used. The number appended will then
be returned to you from this Office. Letters addressed to the Head of this Department need not be
stamped.

[Walker]

36
12th June 1866
Mr John Watts, Stockport
Sir,
I beg herewith to forward you the sum of four shillings (4/-) in postage stamps being ?amount paid
by you for carriage per rail & charge of a parcel of blankets for the Aborigines Depot, Stockport.

[Walker]

37
13 June 1866
G.T. Wildman Esq., Secretary, Crown LNDS ETC
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, intimating to me the desire of the Honble the
Commissioner that I should visit the South East without delay, I have the honor to state for his
information that it is my intention to proceed to that district tomorrow for the purpose of carrying
out his instructions.

[Walker]
38
14th June 1866
E.T. Wildman Esq,
Secy Crown Lands
Sir,
In compliance with the directions contained in your Circular Letter of the ? Inst., I beg to forward the
enclosed Statement of the Roles of Personal ..... ...... allowances ..... By myself and officers of my
Department when travelling on duty. With regard to their sufficiency I have the honor to refer you
to my letter on the subject, of the 13th July last & to request that it may be formally reconsidered.
[Walker]

39-40
14 June? 1866
? Commissioner of Crown Lands ?
The Sites? Shown in the accompanying drawings appear to be most judiciously chosen, all of them ....
The chief ?requirements for a Mission Station [on Yorke’s Peninsula] , being sufficiently remote from
towns, and other places where the white people are numerous, or to which they often resort.
The Surveyor-General has given good reasons for his preference of the block ?AA? on ?... No 3, and I
have no doubt that if selected by Government it will be found in his eminent degree? Suitable for
the purpose.
I may ... ... without urging a different choice, that I know Point Pearce to be a favourite resort of the
Natives, and from its .... Position, and such information as I have been able to obtain without a
personal visit to the Point, ?but I feel disposed to recommend the ... ... ... ... 
40 I would respectfully suggest that the ?required management of the Institution be entrusted to
the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, ?and ..... being in my opinion most undesirable.
Whatever arrangement is made with regard to the tenure of the land I trust that care will be taken
to render its possession secure, so long as it is devoted to the benevolent purposes for which it is
reserved.
[Walker]

41
?18th June 1866
E.T. Wildman Esq.,
Secy Crown Lands
Sir,
I am directed by the Protector of Aborigines to forward for the information of the Hon. The
Commissioner of Crown Lands the enclosed Return, from which he will see, that the Monthly
Reports from the Issuer of Stores is often greatly in arrears, while many fail to furnish one. Thus
stores are often entirely consumed before the Protector is aware of the fact.
[O’Halloran, Clerk]
22nd June 1866
Mrs Meredith, Moonta Mines

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 18th June (59/66) requesting to know the division of government with regard to the proposed Native Mission on Yorke’s Peninsula, I have the honor to inform you that the matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

O’Halloran

13th June 1866
The Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief my report for the six months ended 31st March.

The following is extracted from Mr Taplin’s Report of the 2nd January.

You will perceive that the number of Aborigines who have received relief is large, but this is explained by the fact that during the past 10 months the old people of the Lake tribes have been of increased disposition to …. This Station and make it their settled home. To many of them this is caused by the …. Of age and infirmity and I am sure that the Government and people of South Australia will be …. That these ..... [illegible, just the odd word ... ] I always encourage and assist them in employment and we have now made arrangements at this Station which will an abundant supply of work for all who may need it.

We have reaped our harvest and it is a better crop than we had last year. The Blacks have by themselves …. Many of the Natives have been employed at reaping for the Settlers on the other side of the Lake during the past quarter.

While I do not deny that there are of the Natives who continue obstinately bad, yet I am sure there is much moral improvement and of our work here. There is a marked difference from old times. We have not had any fighting for 18 months. Formerly fights were of monthly occurrence. Gambling has been very much decreased.

I am pleased to report to you that “Nipper” continues to improve in his conduct. He is now really a good workman. …… Writing again in April, Mr Taplin says “The average number of Natives present on the Station during the past quarter has been quite 140. The disposition on the part of the Lake tribes to make this place their home continues to increase, and more Natives continually are here than a few years ago.

The Goolwa and Wellington Natives are always represented on this place, by some of their numbers. The chief of the Wellington Blacks has taken up his I suppose the constant attention their wants receive at this Station is the cause of this state of things. Certainly it is to be wished that the Natives should be led to reside at a place so far from Public Houses as this is.

The School has been rather as regards numbers during the last three months, as it always is in this quarter of the year. I have had 22 pupils of all ages.

We are busily engaged in preparing ground for cultivation. The Natives have during the last six months cleared for the plough 90 acres of good land. We hope to have 200 acres substantially
fenced, 70b acres if wheat? And ? 14 acres of hay by the end of ?? 48 [illegible] .... Lower Finniss ..... 49 ..... 50 [illegible] ..... 52 Tarpeena ..... 53
Northern Districts
Lake Hope [Gawler Ranges?]
Information having reached the Government that a serious Affray had taken place at Mr Elder’s Station near Lake Hope, between his men and the Natives in the Neighbourhood, .... 4th January last, I was desired by the Hon. the Commissioner to visit that locality without delay “that by my presence I might prevent any 54 unnecessary measures of .... Towards the blacks which in their .... State of feelings might otherwise occur.” These instructions were fully carried out ...... I had the honor to submit the following report:

“In compliance with your instructions, I left town on the 7th January, and proceeded with Mr ?Swan Stipendiary Magistrate, to Lake Hope where we arrived on the 30th of the same month.
“A party of Mounted Police, under Inspector ?Roe, was at the Station, but all the Natives, except a few belonging to it and not implicated in the crimes lately committed, had disappeared from the neighbourhood.

“On the 31st an inquest was held before Mr Swan, Coroner, on the body of Carl Neumann, who died from the effects of wounds received in the affray at ?Perigundi?, and a verdict returned of “wilful murder against “Frenchman”, “Peter”, “Moonabuckanina Frank”, “Old Man ?Sacking”, “Freddy” and others and 55 ...... of Lake Hope and surrounding districts.”

From the evidence it appeared that for some time previously the Blacks had been “?killing the cattle in all directions” and had ...... Who looked after them; and that ...... [illegible, apart from odd words] ...... 58 ...... Having heard a report that a collision had taken place between some of the settlers accompanied by Police Troopers Poynter and Gason, and the Lake Hope Blacks, in which one of the latter was shot, I endeavoured on my arrival there, to obtain a knowledge of the facts sufficient to enable me to institute a legal inquiry into the matter, but without success. .... Inspector Roe, to whom I repeatedly applied ...... 59-60 [barely legible] 61
Blinman.

About fifty men gathered ?? ?? ?? when visited in February. ......

Port Augusta

“The average number of Natives at this Station since the middle of November according to the report of P.T. Crofton, is about 90. Parties of them occasionally go out wallaby hunting, but they are chiefly dependent on the Government Stores for necessary food.”

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Yorke’s Peninsula.
The following extract is from the report of Mr Buttfield, Sub-Protector who visited the District in January.

“The results of my enquiries will I think be gratifying to the Government. I am satisfied the Blacks are treated with kindness and generosity by the Settlers generally. Their health is on the whole good. I met with a few who are suffering from catarrhal afflictions, and there are many aged and infirm men and women at several sheep-stations, and in the townships.
The country abounds with game and fish, yet the Blacks are rapidly ......
63 .... [illegible] ......
Western Districts
During my …. In the North Mr Buttfield visited the …. Division also and reported as follows:

“I have the honor to forward 64 for the information of the Hon. The Commissioner of Crown Lands the following …. …. …

“I have visited the following places viz., Coffin’s Bay, Lake Wangarie, ??, Mount Drummond, LAKE Hamilton, Tungelta, Bramfield, Talia, ?? ?? ?? ..... Streaky Bay, Kinkulta, Barabba, Karla, ?Calaultable, and other places??

65 – 67 [illegible]

68 …. I have already had the honor of expressing my opinion on the subject of Police protection for this district, and of recommending the formation of a Station on the outskirts of the settled country in the Gawler Ranges. 69 ….

It is necessary also to state that suitable Medicines have again and again been sent to the depots referred to, the supply having ……. 

[Walker]

70
28th June 1866
Mr J.W. Bull, Glen Osmond
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 26th April to the Honble Commr of Crown Lands relative to the supply of some blankets to the blacks at Reedy Creek. I have the honor to inform you that the Honble the Commr has approve of the Protector of Aborigines’ suggestion, that they should obtain their blankets etc. from Blanchetown, whither a supply for that purpose has been sent.

The Protector of Aborigines thinks blankets ought not to be distributed in Town or its immediate neighbourhood, & that a boat is not needful when bark canoes, which answer their purpose, can be easily obtained.

[O’Halloran]

71
8th June 1866
The Honble T. Elder, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough at your earliest convenience to state the cost per ton for conveying Aborigines’ Stores to Lake Hope according to your present rate.

[O’Halloran]

72
28th June 1866
Phillip Levi Esquire, Adelaide
Sir,
In answer to your letter of 11th Inst. (63/66) I have the honor to inform you that your request has been complied with:

  1 Ton of Flour, - 250 lbs of Sugar - ½ Chest of Tea – 30 Blankets

Will be ordered as soon as you state the address to which they are to be sent. The above stores are only to be distributed to the sick and infirm Natives in the neighbourhood.

[O’Halloran]
28th June 1866
Mr R. Marshall, Baker, Narracoorte
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 20th Inst respecting an a/c for supplying bread to the Aborigines at Narracoorte. I beg to inform you that it will be payable in the Treasury on the 4th next. It was sent too late for May’s Schedule.

[O’Halloran]

2nd July 1866 [incorrectly written 1867]
The Honble the Commr of Crown Lands
Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Protector of Aborigines to forward the endorsed Sub-Internal? for the Year 1867. The Protector of Aborigines prior to his leaving Town, intended to consult Mr Wildman about my Salary, as his Clerk, & to act agreeably to his suggestions, but his hasty departure from Town prevented his doing so. I have therefore left the columns blank and would respectfully request that you could fill in what you consider proper. I would also respectfully inquire whether the fact of my being unavoidably off the fixed Establishment from June until December 1866 will interfere with any chance of promotion I might have or detract from my length of service.

[O’Halloran]

9th July 1866
Mr H. Walder, Bavarian Missionary
Care of the Hon. T. Elder, M.L.C., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the following stores have been ordered & will be forwarded to Messrs Tassie & Co, Port Augusta, to await first opportunity by Mr. Elder’s Camels, for conveyance on to Lake Hope.
1 Ton Flour (Seconds)
500 lbs Rice
400 lbs Sugar
50 lbs Tea
2 doz Pannicans
50 Blankets
5 doz Blue Shirts
1 doz Tomahawks
80 yards of Blue Serge
200 Needles
2 lbs Thread
100 Fishing Lines
500 Fishing Hooks

[O’Halloran]
9th July 1866
The Hon. T. Elder, M.L.C., Adelaide
Sir,
In reference to your letter of the 29th Ult. (?68/66) I beg to inform you that your offer to convey Stores from Port Augusta to Lake Hope, at Fifty Pounds a Ton, has been accepted & that they have been forwarded to Messrs Tassie & Co, Port Augusta, where they will await the first opportunity by your Camels.

[O’Halloran]

9th July 1866
Messrs J. Drew & Co., Kooringa
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to request that you could inform me at what rate you would carry Stores from Kooringa to Boolcoomatta, for the use of the Aborigines. Such Stores being ordered from yourselves & Mr. Birks would probably make up the cart-load by sending some stores of his own.

[O’Halloran]

12th July 1866
John Bosworth Esq., J.P.
Wintalatingana
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 27th Ulto. (78/66) I beg to inform you that, a fresh supply of Flour was forwarded to you on the 18th June last, and also that you are empowered to engage a team for the conveyance of them to your Station.

[O’Halloran]

16th July 1866
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
?? Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to sign the enclosed Promotion Order, & return it to this Office before the close of the current month, to enable me to ?secure your salary and pay it to your Agent in Adelaide. The Promotion Order given by you to the Secretary of Crown Lands is of no use now.

[O’Halloran]
80
17th July 1866
E.T. Wildman Esq., Secy Crown Lands
Memo/-
It is respectfully requested that the words “Aborigines Office” be printed on the wall at the top of the Stairs leading to this Office and also on the doors.

[O’Halloran]

81
17th July 1866
Rev. W. Wilson,
The Manse, Kadina
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 9th Ulto. (53/66) I have the honor to inform you that your request, a supply of rations to issue to the Children attending your School, has been complied with: ½ Ton Flour, 105 lbs Sugar, & ½ Chest of Tea, have this day been ordered and will be addressed to your care at Kadina.
I have request that you will be good enough to confine the Issues entirely to the Children attending your School & the ?? under your immediate care.

[O’Halloran]

82
17th July 1866
Corporal of Police, Wallaroo
Sir,
Reports having lately reached this office that the Natives have been suffering from want of food, I have to request that you will be good enough for the future to send in requisitions for fresh supplies, before what you have in hand is exhausted. You will also be good enough to keep the usual monthly Reports and forward them to this Office. Six blank Report Forms were forwarded to you on the 13th Inst.

[O’Halloran]

83
18th July 1866
J. A. Angus Esq., Collingrove
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Ten (10) bags of Flour and Two (2) bags of Sugar, for the Aborigines, at Arrowie, are now at Messrs Tassie & Co.’s, Port Augusta, awaiting cartage to your Station. But as the lowest Messrs Tassie & Co can get them taken up for, is Forty Five Pounds per Ton, you will oblige me by stating if any arrangements can be made for sending them with your own Stores, the Govt paying their proportion of the Expense.

[O’Halloran]
18 July 1866
Mr T. Jones,
Superintendent of Tramways, Goolwa
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 12th Inst (90/66) respecting an a/c due to Messrs Clark & Dodson, I have to request that you will be good enough to forward an a/c stating items &c as the original does not appear to have been received at the Crown Lands Office. If received before the 25th Inst, the amount will be paid early next month at the Treasury.

[O’Halloran]

Mr Arthur Bell?
Long Island
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 19th Inst., (90/66) requesting permission to call in Dr. Masters to attend the sick Natives at Long Island, I beg to inform you that you may do so, with you hearing further? From this Office on the subject.

[O’Halloran]

25th July 1866
J. Duff Esq., ?Boolcoomata?
Sir,
I have to inform you that the following Stores have been ordered from ?? Kooringa, & will be forwarded to you by dray sent up by Mr Birks, viz.,
1 ½ Tons flour, 200 lbs Sugar, ½ Chest Tea, 10 lbs Tobacco,
And I have to request that you will be kind enough to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

[O’Halloran]

26th July 1866
Corporal Mallon
Police Station, Mt Remarkable
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 15th Inst, to the Chief Inspector of Police. I beg to inform you that a letter was sent through the Commissioner of Police on the 8th Ulto. Apprising you that certain stores have been forwarded to you for the use of the Aborigines. The weight of the Sugar is 500 lbs and Tea 82 lbs.

[O’Halloran]
27th July 1866
Revd. H. Walder, Bavarian Missionary [Kopperamanna?]
Care of the Hon. T. Elder, M.L.C., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith a copy of “McKinlay’s Explorations” and Parliamentary Paper No. 12 of 12862. A copy of ?Sant’s? Explorations is not obtainable, it being out of print in England.

[O’Halloran]

2nd August 1866
Messrs Tassie & Co., Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
In answer to your letter of the 3rd Ulto., (81/66), respecting the cartage of stores to Arrowie, I beg to inform you that arrangements have been made with Mr. J.H. Angas for conveying them with his own. The delay caused by communicating with that gentleman, has I regret, prevented my answering your letter before.

[O’Halloran]

2nd August 1866
J.H. Angas Esq., Angaston?
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd Ulto., (100/66) respecting the cartage of Stores to Arrowie, & beg to inform you that your offer to convey them there for Thirty Five Pounds per Ton has been accepted, and that the Stores together with two dozen blankets, as requested in your letter, are now awaiting removal from Messrs Tassie & Co, Port Augusta.

[O’Halloran]

3rd August 1866
Corporal Rollison, Wellington
Sir,
In your “Aborigines Return” for April, you state that you lent 40 lbs flour for the use of the blacks, and in the one for May 200 lbs more appear to have been supplied by you, making altogether 340 lbs. In your “Return” for June you acknowledge the receipt of 2000 lbs, but do not repay yourself the 340 lbs you lent. I have therefore to request that you will inform me what you have done in the matter.

[O’Halloran]
8th August 1866
The Manager,
National Bank of A'asia, Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will honor all cheques on a/c of this Dept. signed by myself, until further notice.

[O’Halloran]

8th August 1866
J.W. Blackmore?
Asst. Sec: Crown Lands
Sir,
In compliance with the direction contained in your Circular Letter of the 28th Ulto., I have the honor to furnish you with the enclosed list of officers in this Dept who are willing to enrol in the proposed “Civil Service” Rifle Corps.

[O’Halloran]

List of Officers in the Aborigines Dept willing to enrol in the proposed “Civil Service” Rifle Corps.

[O’Halloran]

8th August 1866
A.H. Landseer J.P.
Milang
Sir,
In answer to your letter of 17th Inst., respecting the transfer of Aborigines’ Stores to Mr. Dann, Police Trooper, I have to inform you that a printed copy of the Instructions has been forwarded to him, & to request you will hand over to him the blank Monthly Reports forms that were forwarded to you in June last.

[Walker]

9th August 1866
The Hon. The Commr. Of Crown Lands
Sir
I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to approve of the enclosed “Advance Warrant” for the sum of 25 pounds, to enable me to meet various petty Expenses.

[Walker]
10 August 1866
Mr Jas Messenger,
Mt. Deception
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 17th Ult., (119/66), I beg to inform you that the Stores you ask for have been ordered and an invoice of them forwarded to you.
The enclosed a/c will be paid (by a Post Office Order) on you receipting it and returning it again to this Office.
You will oblige by forwarding a Report of the Stores already issued by you, and also by keeping up the Monthly Returns as per form already supplied you.

Walker

4th Sept 1866
Hon. Commr of Crown Lands
Sir,
Being unable to discharge the duties of my office and acting on advice of my Medical Attendant, whose certificate I enclose, I have the honor to request leave of absence for 18 months to enable me to take a voyage to Europe for the restoration of my health.
I also beg that time may be given me ?provide a fit & proper substitute.

Walker

4th Sept 1866
Messrs Ormerod & Co., Robe
Gentlemen,
In answer to your letter of the 17th Ult., (143/66), I beg to enclose you a cheque, drawn by the Protector of Aborigines on the National Bank, Adelaide, for the sum of (£ 5.5.1) five pounds five shillings and one penny, and to request that you will obtain from the carter a receipt & forward it to this office as early as possible.

O’Halloran

4th September 1866
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 30 June last (77/66), requesting an increase of salary, I beg to inform you that it has been laid before the Hon. Commr. Of Crown Lands, who has been pleased to place you on the Estimates for ?three hundred pounds per Annum, with forage allowance for two horses.

Walker
103
6th Sept 1866
J.P. Butfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-protector of Aborigines
Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th June (52/66), requesting permission to make ?Nunabena your head quarters, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. The Commr. Considers it desirable that the head quarters of the Sub-Protector should be at Blinman.

[Walker]

104
6th September 1866
Mr. J. Darling, Parkside?
Sir,
Referring to a conversation we had somewhere about the end of May or beginning of June last relative to some inferior flour supplied by you to the Depot at Lower Finniss, during which you admitted a claim for twenty pounds as compensation, I have now the honor to inform you, that 12 Tons, in parcels of one and two tons, were supplied on the same date and as samples have been ?? from the Depots of 2?4? Tons corresponding in quality and all of it inferior, it is fair to infer that the whole lot was bad; & I am therefore of opinion that the sum of sixty pounds should be refunded, which sum should be subtracted from your next account.

[O’Halloran]

105
6th September 1866
Mrs. Smith, Matron, ‘Home’,
Mount Gambier
Madam,
In answer to your letter of 4th July last (130/66) respecting the accommodation required for the sick blacks at Mount Gambier, I have the honor to inform you that in my Report of my visit to the South East, I have recommended that the proposed building should be ?directed? ??created?

[Walker]

106
6th September 1866
Mr James Messenger, Mt. Deception
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 20th Ult. (150/66), suggesting that a larger supply of Sugar should be issued daily to the blacks, ?? I cannot comply with your suggestions.
The sample of bad flour has been received, but it is now too late to do anything in the matter. You would much oblige by always reporting the state of the Stores when you acknowledge their receipt.

[O’Halloran]
107
C.B. Young Esq.,
Adelaide
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 17th Ult., (138/66), respecting the supply of certain articles for the Aborigines School at Lacepede Bay, I have the honor to inform you that your request has been complied with & that arrangements will be made immediately for supplying the required articles.

[O’Halloran]

108
12th Sept 1866
S.K. Ellison Esq., M.D.
Port Augusta
Sir,
In answer to your letter of 6th Ult., (135/66), I have to request that you will forward to this Office, accounts (duly certified by the Issuer of Stores) for any Medical Attendance or Medical Comforts you may deem it necessary for the Aborigines to have, the payment of which will thus be considered.

[O’Halloran]

109
12 Sept 1866
C.B. Young Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the following articles, as per list enclosed in your letter of the 17th Ult., (130/66), will be ordered from the Govt Contractor & forwarded to your care for the school at Lacepede Bay.
2 Iron Pots
1 cast iron fountain
2 doz ½ pint Pannicans
2 doz deep tin plates
2 doz Spoons
6 Butcher knives
3 cheap? Kerosene Lamps
1 pair of ?, weights & scales
1 large gallon tea pot
4 deep tin milk ??
2 galvanized iron wash tubs
3 galvanized iron buckets
1 Iron ?
18 Blankets & 18 Rugs
And 2 one-gallon Billy Cans.
The 12 ?Sutchers?, 2 tables and 4 forms had better be made at Lacepede Bay and the account rendered to this Office.

[O’Halloran]
12th Sept 1866
Mr. Thos. Brown,
*Ryclands*
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th Ult., (154/66), respecting a supply of Rations for the Natives at Mt. Victor, I have the honor to inform you that your request has been complied with & that 2 Ton flour, 500 lbs Sugar & 82 lbs Tea will be ordered from the Contractor, as soon as inform me how you wish them addressed. Could not arrangements be made for the drays to meet the Stores at Kapunda, whither they would be sent by rail.

[O’Halloran]

12 Sept 1866
Messrs J. Newman & Son,
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum of the 7th Inst., and in reply have to request that you will be good enough to have all flour, forwarded to you for the Aborigines, ?? sampled? Prior to its being shipped.

[Walker]

13 Sept 1866
The Revd. P.S. Hinterocher,
Seven Hill College
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to make your application in writing, so that the matter may be referred to the Hon. The Commr. Of Crown Lands for his approval.

[O’Halloran]
5th October 1866
I.N. Blackmore
Secy Crown Lands & Immig.
Sir,
I have the honor to enclose [for] you herewith a Statement shewing the repayment of the “Aborigines” Advance in compliance with Circular Letter of the 10th Ult.

[O’Halloran]

[Appended]

Aborigines Advance
Amount of advance held by the Protector of Aborigines to meet expenses incurred during the Lake Hope Expedition £100 – 0 - 0
Amount of advance held by the Protector of Aborigines for Petty Cash Expenses £20 – 0 – 0

[114]

Advance paid to Treasury as follows
1. Amount paid out of advance as per Schedule rendered for Audit and not yet repaid £20 -14 – 9
2. Amount of Lake Hope Schedule, lying in office, not yet rendered for Audit £80 -15 – 9
3. Amount of expenditure out of Petty Cash, since last Schedule was rendered for Audit £1 - 1 – 0
4. Amount of advance to Police Trooper Gason (to enable him to take back to Lake Hope 2 Native prisoners, just discharged from Gaol) as per receipt attached £7 - 0 – 0
5. Balance paid into Treasury as per Treasurer’s receipt attached £10 - 8 - 6

Vide Article 46 – General Instructions

(Signed 3/10/66 Jos. C. O’Halloran
For Protector of Aborigines)

N.B. A copy of this Statement (together with the receipts belonging to heads 4 and 5) has been forwarded to the Audit Office.

[J. C. O’H, per P.A.]

31st Oct 1866
H. Jones Esq., Binnum Binnum
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith a copy of Instructions regarding the issue of Aboriginal Stores & also by the same mail some blank forms, referred to in Clauses Nos. 2 and 4 of the above Instructions. If you can make it convenient to comply with the latter Clause you would greatly oblige.
I have to inform you that Messrs Ormerod & Co. have been instructed to give a passage to Adelaide to the sick Native woman from Binnum & that she will be received into the Hospital on arrival.

[O’Halloran]
31st Oct 1866
Revd. J.W. Hinterocher S.J.
Seven Hill College

?In answer to your letter of the 19th Ult., (174/66?) requesting assistance for the Aboriginals and their families residing near Seven Hill College, I have the honor to inform your request cannot be complied with, as Government assistance is only given to Natives who are unable to provide for themselves.

[O’Halloran]

31st Oct 1866
Mr Malcolm McDonald, Kingston

In reply to your letter of the 15th Inst (194/66?), respecting the payment for cartage of some Stores from Robe to Border Town, I have to request that you will be good enough to forward the a/c to this Office, together with cart notes & receipts, before the 23rd next. It will then be payable in the Treasury on or after the 4th of the following month.

[O’Halloran]

1 November 1866
Mr Dawson, The Hummocks, Port Wakefield

I beg to inform you that at the request of Mr. R.B. Smith some stores for the Aborigines in the neighbourhood of the Hummocks have been forwarded to you for distribution.

I enclose you herewith a copy of the Instructions regarding the issue of Govt. Rations & also by the same Mail some blank forms referred to in Clauses 2 and 4 of the above Instructions, the latter of which you will oblige the Protector of Aborigines by attending to as far as you are able.

[O’Halloran]

5th Nov 1866
Corporal Bentley, Police Station, Overland Corner

I beg herewith to forward you the sum of one pound (£ 1, No. 28203, National Bank), being payment to Harry and Jimmy ?Tiah (two Aboriginals) for freight, on two bales of blankets from Blanchetown to Overland Corner. Please be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of this.

[O’Halloran]
120
5th Nov 1866
Mr James Messenger,
Beltana, Mt Deception
Sir,
I beg herewith to forward you the sum of One Pound (£ 1, No. 100975 National Bank) being payment for ointments and eye lotions etc. supplied to the Aborigines in your Neighbourhood. I regret there should have been any delay in the payments of this a/c but the Aborigines Advance had been repaid to the Treasury and a fresh one not granted before. Please acknowledge the receipt.

[O'Halloran]

121
1st Nov 1866
R.B. Smith Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that ½ Ton Flour 125 lbs Sugar & 40 lbs Tea have been forwarded to Port Wakefield, addressed to Mr Dawson, The Hummocks, for distribution to the Aboriginals in the neighbourhood. They will remain at Port Wakefield until called for by you, according to promise.

[O'Halloran]

122
5th Nov 1866
Mr. C.K.T. Kruse, Milang
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your Tender for the supply of Eighteen Boats for the use of the Aborigines, at Six pounds five shillings and six pence (£ 6. 5. 6) per boat has been ?? according to terms expressed therein – but I beg most ?distinctly to inform that the Boats must correspond in every respect to the description forwarded to you from this Office, of which I enclose you another copy below.

Copy of Description of Boats required
16 feet long
4 feet wide
1 ½ feet ??
To be made of Joined ?Battens and fastened with copper nails - ?? bottom without keel? ?? ?? with timbers [knees?] (1 ½ inches wide by ?same in thickness) 15 inches apart and a half timber ??Between. Gunwale knees and a small ring at each ?? ?? requires boats to be tarred and delivered at Milang. Tender to state when they will be delivered.

[Walker]
123
5th Nov 1866
Mr George Measday, Port Adelaide
Sir
I have the honor to inform you that your Tender for the supply of Eighteen Boats for the use of the Aborigines has not been accepted.

[Walker]

124
5th Nov 1866
Mr John Bristow, Port Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your Tender for the supply of Eighteen Boats for the use of the Aborigines has not been accepted.

[Walker]

125
5th Nov 1866
[illegible, but perhaps on the same subject as the two letters above]

126
5th Nov 1866
Mr W. Edwards, Glenelg
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that your tender for the supply of Eighteen Boats for the use of the Aborigines has not been accepted.

[Walker]

127
5th Nov 1866
Mr J. Mitchelmore, Lefevre Peninsula
Same as above.

128
Same letter to Mr J. Blakeley, Port Adelaide

129
Same letter to Mr James MacAllan, Port Adelaide

130
Same letter to Mr W.H. Walker, North Adelaide

[Walker]
131
Mr Andrew Harte P.T.
Police Station, Venus Bay
Sir,
In your “Report” of the Aborigines for July last, you have suggested that a Boat be supplied to your
depot for their use, & I have now to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a
description of a suitable one for fishing purposes.

[O’Halloran]

132
6th Nov 1866
Thomas J. Taylor Esq.,
Winnatara, via Kooringa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th Sept last (170/66) requesting that some ration be supplied for the
use of the Natives at Winnatara, I have the honor to inform you that your application cannot be
complied with, owing to the proximity of Winnatara Station to Mr Remarkable where there is a
Depot. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

133
6th Nov 1866
Mrs Smith, Aborigines Home, Mount Gambier
Madam,
Referring to your Letter of the 31st July last (120/66) requesting increased accommodation for the
Aborigines at Mt Gambier, I have the honor to inform you that the Government regret that they
must decline to make the outlay asked for. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

134
7th November 1866
H. Boucaut Esq, ?Kitchowla? via Kooringa
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 10th September last (70/66) requesting a supply of rations for the
Natives at Kitchowla, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. The Commissioner of Crown
Lands has been pleased to accede to your request, and that 1 Ton Flour, 250 lbs Sugar, & half a
Chest of Tea will be forwarded to you as soon as you advise me of the best means of sending. (By
direction)

[O’Halloran]
8th Nov. 1866
Dr. Lawson
Port Lincoln
Sir,
A letter has just been sent from Mr. H.A. Crawford of Streaky Bay, calling attention to some disorder, that has broken out among the Natives, resembling Small Pox.
I have to request that you will be good enough to visit those sick, and report as soon as possible. Please do whatever you consider necessary & forward you’re a/c to this Office. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

10th Nov. 1866
H.A. Crawford Esq., J.P.
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ult., (206/66) stating that some disorder, resembling Small Pox, had broken out among the Natives at Streaky Bay, and to inform you that Dr. Lawson of Port Lincoln has been requested to visit them and do whatever he thinks necessary. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

14th Nov. 1866
J.W. Blackmore Esq.,
Secy Crown Lands
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 23rd Ult., (175/66), requesting to be informed of the steps that have been taken for the examination of Stores delivered by the Contractors for the use of the Aborigines, I have the honor to report as follows:

The whole of the articles supplied to the Aborigines (with the exception of Flour, ?? and Tinware) are delivered at the Armory and there examined by the Supt. and myself. The greater part of the flour passing through Messrs Newman & Son’s hands, I have instructed them to examine it previous to shipment, taking care that each parcel sent is according to contract, that is to say, seconds flour of the best quality. With respect to groceries and supplies not included in the above arrangement I have directed my Clerk to examine and compare with samples any parcel before leaving the premises of the Contractor.

[Walker]
138
15th Nov. 1866
Mr W. Attiwill, McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 3rd Inst. (209/66), I beg to inform you that Stores have been ordered this day for the Aborigines at McGrath’s Flat. I enclose you herewith a copy of the Letter of Instructions regarding the issue of rations, also, by the same mail some forms (referred to in Clauses 2 and 4) of which I will send a fresh supply shortly.

[O’Halloran]

139
15th Nov. 1866
H. Boucaut Esq.,
Kitchowla via Kooringa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Inst., requesting that the Stores for the Aborigines at your Station might be forwarded to Messrs S. Dun & Co., Kooringa, & inform you that they have this day been ordered.
I enclose you herewith a copy of the Instructions regarding issues, also by the same mail some forms, (referred to in Clauses 2 & 4) of which I will send a fresh supply shortly. (by direction)

[O’Halloran]

140
15th Nov. 1866
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In reference to your Letter of the 29th Sept Ult., (152/66) enclosing one from Mr. R.J. Lawrence to yourself, in which he again urges his claim to be reimbursed for rations he supplied to the Aborigines at Undanamatana Mine, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. The Commr. Of Crown Lands has no further reply to give than that contained in his Letter to Mr. Lawrence of the 4th September last.

[O’Halloran]

141
15th Nov. 1866
J.P. Buttfield, Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 20th Ult. (199/66) suggesting that a Clause be incorporated with the Bill for the establishment of Reformatories for destitute vagrant children, so as to include the Half-caste children, I have the honor to inform you that your suggestions were laid before the Chief Secretary who does not think the Clause necessary.

[O’Halloran]
142
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In answer to your Letter of the 13th Ult. (191/66) I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. The Commr. of Crown Lands has granted your application for leave to visit your family about Christmas time, but he thinks it undesirable that the Western District should be so soon visited again, and inexpedient that you should be so long absent from your own District, as such a tour would render necessary.
With regard to your periodical visit to the Northern Depots, I beg to inform you that under ordinary circumstances I think half-yearly visits are sufficient; but a good deal must necessarily be left to your own discretion. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

143-144
19th Nov. 1866
The Hon. The Commr. of Crown Lands
Sir,
Referring to your Letter of the 6th September last, in reply to my application for leave of absence on the ground of serious illness, I have the honor to state that the period of six months granted by the Government is as short as to preclude a trial of the only remedial likely to be beneficial to my health, viz., a long sea voyage and an entire change of climate for a season.
I have therefore respectfully to request that six months additional (being one year from this date) may be granted for the purpose of enabling me to make a voyage to Europe.
In the event of this application being granted, I beg to propose as my substitute Mr. E.B. Scott, formerly Sub-Protector at Mooroonde who is now in Town and willing to commence at once the discharge of the duties of my office.

[Walker]

145
20th Nov. 1866
J.P. Butttfield, Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 13th Ult. (190/66) [barely legible] ?? the receipt of Medicines and requesting a supply of small ?? & medical comforts ...... ...... ...... forwarded to you on the 6 Feb? .... ?? has been forwarded to the Issuer.
I have to request that you will state what “Medical Comforts” you require, and also that you will send to this office a formal requisition for the quantity with kind of Stationery required by you and also for a map of the Northern districts. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]
20th Nov. 1866
Mr W. Saltmarsh,
Waterside, Milang
Sir,
In reference to your “Report” for the month of September last, in which you state that the Natives have no ground on which they can rest themselves except the Roads where the settlers will not allow them to remain, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me if the Natives could not be persuaded to go to Milang, where there is ground for them to erect their dwellings upon, and where a Depot has recently been established. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

20th Nov. 1866
Mr Arthur Webb,
Swan Port,
Long Island, River Murray
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 28th August last (?157/66) respecting the purchase of an acre of land by the river side, for the purpose of building an Aboriginal Store Room, I beg to inform, that I found on enquiry at the Survey Office, that all the Sections in the neighbourhood of Long Island (with the exception of Sectns 73 & 68 and they are not to be sold just yet) are taken up.

[O’Halloran]

20th Nov 1866
James B. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: Commr of Crown Lands
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 15th Inst (219/66) requesting a Report as to the desirability of all Monthly Returns &c &c from the Northern Aboriginal Depots being forwarded to this Office through Sub-Protector Buttfeld, I have the honor to state for the information of the Hon. The Commissioner of Crown Lands, that I think the result to be derived from such a course would be most beneficial; but I am of opinion that all applications for fresh supplies should come direct, so as to avoid the delay which would often arise from the absence of the Sub-Protector from his head quarters.

[Walker]
22 Nov. 1866
Revd. J. Lyall
Secy, Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Flinders Street, Adelaide

Sir,
The Hon. The Commr. of Crown Lands, requiring the following information with respect to the Wilkins family {cf. ‘Unearthed’}, maintained by the Govt at Point McLeay, I am desired by the Protector of Aborigines to inquire if you will be kind enough to inform him of what you know regarding the matter.

1st. Who decided on placing the family at Point McLeay?
2nd. What rate of payment was guaranteed, by whom, to whom and when.
3rd. How long is the payment to continue?
4th. What are the ages of Henry and Eliza Wilkins? at what are they employed? and what is the prospect of them in maintaining themselves? (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

23rd Nov. 1866
Mr J. Jones P.T.
Police Station, Port Wakefield

Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th Inst., stating that you had received Five bags of Flour for the Aborigines & in reply I beg to inform you that the flour was addressed to Mr. Dawson, The Hummocks & was not intended for the Pt Wakefield Depot.
If you have not yet used any of the flour, please do not do so, but let it remain until sent for by Mr. R.B. Smith. If you will reply by return of post, I will immediately make arrangements for sending up some more, either for Mr Dawson or yourself.
I am at a loss to understand how the mistake could have occurred, since the flour was addressed to Mr. Dawson, The Hummocks, to be left at Pt. Wakefield until sent for by Mr. R.B. Smith.

[O’Halloran]

28th Nov. 1866
Mr. T. Drought, P.T., Wellington

Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 10th Inst (215/66) enclosing a Tender for making dresses for the Aboriginal women at Wellington, for the sum of three shillings & Six pence per dress, I beg to inform you that you are hereby authorized to accept the Tender.
I enclose you herewith the sum of two shillings (2/-) in postage stamps, being payment for the clay pipes purchased by you for the Natives.

[O’Halloran]
27th Nov. 1866

Mr T. Jones,
Supt. Goolwa Tramway
Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 16th Inst. (222/66) enclosing accounts for freight and repairs to the Aborigines’ Boat at Goolwa, I beg to inform you that they have been forwarded to the Audit Office, and will be payable at the Treasury early next month.

With reference to the a/c for repairs to the Goolwa Boat, I have to remind you that authority should be obtained from the Protector of Aborigines for any expenditure that may be necessary. (By direction)

[O’Halloran]

5th December 1866

J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,

I have the honor to forward you herewith a copy of a Circular Letter forwarded to all the Depots in the Far North from which the Issuers furnish Monthly Reports. The Hon. The Commr. of Crown Lands desires that you will pay particular attention to the issues shewn in the Returns so that you may be able to report on the correctness and judiciousness of their distribution. I have also to request that you will forward the Returns to this Office, as soon as you have made a clear examination thereof, with any remarks you may see fit to make.

[Walker]

5th December 1866

Circular
For Issuers at Arrowie, Pt Augusta, Lake Hope, Mt. Deception, Mt. Remarkable, Blinman; the remainder of the Depots in the Far North do not furnish Reports......

Sir,

I have to request, by desire of the Hon. The Commr of Crown Lands, that you will forward your Monthly Reports through the Sub-Protector of Aborigines, whose head quarters are at the Blinman. But all applications for fresh Stores, and also receipts for the same, should be forwarded direct to this Office, to avoid any delay that might arise from the absence of the Sub-Protector from his head quarters.

Returns to be forwarded to the Blinman not later than the seventh of each month & to be addressed as follows viz., The Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman.

[‘John Walker’]
6th December 1866
E.B. Scott Esq., J.P.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the formal approval of the Government for my taking twelve months' leave of absence from the 1st Inst inclusive, has by desire of the Hon. The Commr been this morning conveyed to me, with an intimation that the Govt agree to accept you as my substitute. May I beg your attendance here tomorrow at 10 am, in order that you may be initiated in the duties of the office.

[Walker]

6th December 1866
Rev. F.W. Cox [AFA]
Surrey Lodge, Norwood
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 20th Ult. (227/66), respecting the Mission Station at Point Pierce, Yorke's Peninsula, I have the honor to request that you would furnish a plan of what would be required, shewing the boundaries with reference to the Three Wells at Point Pierce, or at the Landing Place near there; otherwise it may be found that the land resumed does not include that required, as at least two miles near the wells is swampy.

[Walker]

6th December 1866
The Hon. The Commr of Crown Lands
Sir,
Referring to your Minute of the 20? 25/1/66 on the monthly “Return” for September from Lacepede Bay, respecting the sickness prevailing amongst the Natives in that place & requesting a Special Report thereon, I have the honor to state

1st. That a cold and humid atmosphere, & sudden changes of temperature (which in their action upon the system, are favoured by the habits, occupations & dwellings &c of the Natives, are the chief cause of the diseases then and there, prevalent.

2nd. That the country at Lacepede Bay is low and swampy and to a great extent covered with water during the winter months.

3rd. That the weather during the past season has been unusually cold and miserable.

For the above reasons it is not surprising that “Some colds and Rheumatism” should have been more prevalent lately at Kingston than in more favorable localities or even at that Station in more favorable seasons.

[Walker]
96th December 1866
The Manager, National Bank, Adelaide
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that E.B. Scott Esq. has been appointed by the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands as my ?? during my absence in England, & I have therefore to request that you will honor ?all cheques ?upon the Aborigines [Office] & ?? signed by that gentleman.

[Walker]

7th December 1866
Mr Alexander Campbell, Penola
Sir,

I beg to forward you herewith a Cheque for Five pounds five shillings (£ 5. 5. 0) drawn by the Protector of Aborigines on the National Bank of Australasia, being payment for cartage of Stores from Robe to Penola, and to request that you will acknowledge receipt thereof.
I have also to request that you will receipt the enclosed account and get your signature witnessed, forwarding it back to this office, as soon as possible. By direction

[O’Halloran]

21st December 1866
Mr Josiah Andrews, care of Mr. E. Kenny, Hindmarsh Valley
Ir,

I have the honor by direction of the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands to acquaint you, that your application for a Section of land made on behalf of an Aboriginal Native, known as Billy, cannot be complied with.

[E.B. Scott]

26th December 1866
Mr W. Saltmarsh, Waterside, Milang
Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 1st Inst. (260/66) I have the honor to inform you that I approve of your suggestion to leave the Stores, that were last forwarded to you, in charge of the Police Trooper at Milang, taking care to obtain a receipt from him. The Natives belonging to Waterside can obtain rations at the Milang Depot when required and in the usual manner.

[Scott]
162
3rd January 1867
McArthur Kingborough & Co.
Sir,
In reply to your Tender for blankets of 14th Ult., I beg to inform you that (250) Two hundred and fifty pairs as per sample No. 3 @ (15/3) fifteen shillings and threepence per pair, have been accepted. Sample No. 3 will be retained in this Office, and the remaining ones can be had by you on application. Delivery to be made at the Govt Store on Tuesday the 8th Inst.

[Scott]

163
3rd January 1867
Mr Charles Draper
Sir,
In reply to your Tender for Blankets of the 14th Ult., I have the honor to inform you that it has not been accepted. The samples forwarded by you to this Office can be had on application.

[Scott]

164
3rd January 1867
Messrs D. & W. Murray
Sir,
In reply to your tender for Blankets of the 14th Ult., I beg to inform you that (300) Three hundred pairs as per sample No. 3 @ (15/6) Fifteen shillings and sixpence per pair, have been accepted. Sample No. 3 will be retained in this Office, & No. 4 can be obtained by you on application. Delivery to be made at the Govt. Store on Tuesday the 8th Inst.

[Scott]

165
3rd January 1867
Mr. C. H. T. Kruse, Milang
Sir,
In reply to your Letter of the 26th Nov. last (242/66), respecting the Boats you are building for the Natives, I beg to inform you that the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands has been pleased to approve of your building them of New Zealand pine instead of Baltic ?Deal as originally agreed upon. I regret that an answer to your letter should have been delayed so long, but the matter had to be referred to the Govt. boat builder.

[Scott]
166
3rd January 1867
Mrs Smith, Matron
Aborigines Home, Mount Gambier
Madam,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to make out your accounts for the maintenance of the half-casts & Native Children under your charge per calendar month, dating from the 1st to the last day. Thus your next one ought to be to the 31st December, not from 1st to 31st January, and so forth. By this means, a great deal of trouble and confusion will be avoided & I beg you will strictly comply with this request.

[Scott]

167
3rd January 1867
Mr J. Dann, P.T., Milang
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the Aborigines Depot at Waterside near Milang having been done away with, the Stores now in your possession addressed to ‘Mr W. Saltmarsh’ will be retained by you and to request that you will forward a receipt to this Office.
The Natives from Waterside will probably only call once a week for rations, when you will please be good enough to issue them a week’s supply, entering them in the daily column of your Returns & always excepting able-bodied people.

[Scott]

168
4th January 1867
Mr T. Jones, Supt, Railway, Goolwa
Sir,
In returning you the enclosed account for a reply to my minute therein of the 3rd Inst., I must beg to refer you to my Letter of the 27th November last & have to request that for the future you will comply with the request therein contained, that no expenditure or ?? by the Aborigines should be incurred without authority from this Office. I must also refer you to Clause 7 of Letter of Instructions.

[Scott]

169
4th January 1867
Memo/-
The Supt of the Armory is requested to receive on Tuesday the 8th Inst. The following quantity of blankets from the under-mentioned persons & to have them branded with the broad arrow:
Messrs D. & W. Murray 300 pairs of white blankets as per Sample No. 3 herewith.
McArthur & Kingborough & Co. 250 pairs of blue blankets as per Sample No. 3 herewith.
The Blankets to correspond in every respect with the samples forwarded.

[Scott]
4th January 1867
Mr J. O’Keefe, Registrar’s Office, Robe

Sir,
The Hon the Commr of Crown Lands will cause permission to be granted to Mr & Mrs Charlton for the use of a Section of land; but the land in question will not be alienated from the Crown and the supervision of its management will be subject to the Acting Protector.

It will be necessary should this privilege be accepted by Mr & Mrs Charlton to forward to this Office, a tracing of the land required and a description of its whereabouts for the information of the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands before permission can be given.

[Scott]

4 Jany 1867
Mr Richard Dale, Redruth

Sir,
Your Letter of the 27th Feby 1866 on the subject of Daniel and Mrs Pritchard came under my notice a few days since. I can only regret that so little notice should have been taken of it for so long a period.

The Hon the Commr of Crown Lands has been recently pleased to offer a Native the use of a Section of Land, under certain conditions and if the Pritchards are still worthy people, I dare say the same privilege would be granted to them. May I ask you to be good enough to reply to this Letter at your earliest convenience.

[Scott]

11 January 1867
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines,
Blinman, Far North

Sir,
By direction of the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands, I have to request that you will be good enough to explain, at your earliest convenience, your views on the subject of a Tribunal being erected? For the summary punishment of Natives who may break the law.

[Scott]

11th January 1867
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Blinman, Far North

Sir,
I am directed by the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands to request that you will furnish a Report as early as possible upon the desirability or otherwise of continuing the issue of Stores at all places where the Issuers are not in the Govt Service. This of course only refers to Depots under your charge.

[Scott]
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Blinman, Far North  
Sir,  
In reply to your suggestions that payments should be made in Cash for Stores issued by Messrs. Sims & Swann, I have to inform you that the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands has been pleased to approve of it. You must however be advised of all issues made at Stations in your District, but as a system, I would for the future discourage it.  

[Scott]

14th January 1867  
The Sub-Protector of Aborigines  
Blinman, Far North  
Sir,  
Referring to a Letter from Mr. Davis (Ab. 180/66) of Mattawarrangala, refusing to furnish Returns of rations issued at his Station unless some person on his place be paid for so doing, I have to inform you that the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands thinks it undesirable that rations should be issued at any Depot without proper Returns being rendered, as he has a great reluctance in commencing a system of payments to Issuers, being Lessees of the Crown Lands. I have therefore to request that you will either report on the desirability of doing away with the Depot altogether, or else so arrange matters that some neighbour of Mr Davis’ might undertake (gratuitously) the duties of Issuer. Early attention to this matter will oblige.  

[Scott]

21st Jan 1867  
Mr Taplin  
Point McLeay  
I am requested by the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands to ask you to explain the emergency that caused you to issue extra stores to the Natives in December last.  

[Scott]
22nd January 1867
Secy? Crown Lands &c?

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Inst and I have to acquaint you for the information of the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands that it is my intention to visit Point McLeay, Milang, Wellington, Long Island and Clarendon during the early part of the ensuing month, and if not otherwise detained by duty in Adelaide I will loose no time in visiting all the other Stations under my immediate supervision, as soon as I possibly can.

I have read the leading Article in the “Register” of the 21st inst on the subject of the Natives at Point McLeay, and I would respectfully observe that I see nothing in it worthy of the attention of the Government because Mr Taplin is in a position as a Superintendent of a Missionary Station to proceed against any of Her Majesty’s subjects who break the Law, but at the same time I am prepared at any moment to proceed to Point McLeay, if my services would be considered of any avail.

[Scott]

28th Jan 1867
John Laelinyeri
Point McLeay

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst reached me a few days since and I am indeed sorry you have had occasion to on so very unpleasant a subject.

You claim over which I have no control; otherwise it would be granted without hesitation. I have no to punish Fisherman Jack, for enticing your wife away from Charlotte if she liked, and of course the law would protect her if Fisherman Jack used violence. I trust that Mr Taplin’s moral influence will be sufficient to settle your domestic affairs. I hope to be in the neighbourhood of Point McLeay before many days elapse and if I can be of any service to you in settling your differences with Fisherman Jack it will give me great pleasure.

[Scott]

28 January 1867
Mr. L. Egan,
Crown Lands Ranger, Tarpeena

Sir,

I have to request that you will for the future, be good enough not to depart from the regulations as laid down for the guidance of Issuers of Aboriginal Stores. It would be very objectionable to establish a system by which able-bodied Natives could receive rations at their pleasure, and it is not either advisable or desirable that rations should be provided by drays to meet the convenience of people who are no doubt well able to make personal application for relief when required. Trusting that you will adhere most strictly to the printed Instructions on this subject.

[Scott]
25 January 1867
?? P. Charley?
Corporal of Police, Wallaroo
Sir,
In your last Report you state that Europeans are in the habit of going at night to the Native Camps for the purpose of booging them. This is a matter entirely with the Police, over which I have no control, but as you are the Issuer of Aboriginal Stores I have the responsibility of ?? You will be good enough to use your influence, ?? the Natives will remove themselves to some other part of the Peninsula ? far off? The stopping of rations for a time, would have the desired effect.

[Scott]

28th January 1867
Mr Geo Taplin, Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst and regret very much to hear that there are a few Natives in your neighbourhood who refuse to work; but as this is a common occurrence in all parts of this, and the other Colonies, especially when they can obtain food at the hands of the Government without giving an equivalent in labor I am not at all surprised. Of course you are aware that there is no law to make the Aborigines work against their will – therefore I have no further observation to make on this subject; but to discourage idleness I would as an Issuer guard against giving rations to the able-bodied, and then no cause of complaint could arise, if these people obtained a livelihood by their own industry -. I think it would be harsh if not cruel, if I were to deprive the poor Natives of the usual number of blankets and blue shirts, which they have been in the habit of receiving during the winter months.

I shall deem it my duty to instruct the Issuers of Stores at Goolwa and Wellington to adhere most strictly to the printed Instructions, having reference to rations.

The active measures that have been taken by the Government for the purpose of bringing people to justice, for giving intoxicating drink to the Aborigines, are I think the cause of the Blacks disliking work, at this particular period, and we cannot be surprised at it, considering that the system of paying these people in grog, at harvest time, has prevailed for fourteen or fifteen years: - so sudden a departure from a general rule, would I think cause even Europeans to swerve from their common course. When the Natives ascertain that they cannot obtain Spirituous liquors for their labors, rely upon it [that] they will be as ready to work for something else. I hope to be at Point McLeay some day during the first week in February next.

[Scott]
28 Jan 1867
The Hon the Commr of Crown Lands
Sir,
The accompanying letter was handed to me by Mr Lyall in an unofficial manner and with the request that it should be returned.
If Mr Taplin’s moral influence over the Natives be not sufficient to settle the domestic differences that may arise amongst those people who are under his charge, there is no help for it. It would be unwise to interfere with the mystic rights [rites?] of the Aborigines, and I must say that Mr Taplin (if he is the person who married Charlotte to Laelinyeri) acted in a very injudicious manner, for not having in the first instance obtained the consent of the relatives to the alliance. In accord with the usage and customs of the Natives, I dare say that Fisherman Jack’s claim to Charlotte is a just one I cannot recommend that any action be taken in this matter beyond my visit to Point McLeay. I beg to forward a copy of my letter to Laelinyeri for the information of the Hon the Commr.

[Scott]

31 January 1867
The Secy, Crown Lands &c
Sir,
I have the honor to ask the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to purchase by tender Two hundred and fifty (250) pairs of blankets as I find that the ?numbers bought will not be sufficient to supply the Natives at the various Depots notwithstanding the reduction in the number for distribution that I intend to make.
Dr Walker should have caused Tenders to be called for eleven hundred pairs instead of five hundred and fifty.

[Scott]

12 Feby 1867
The Hon the Commr of Crown Lands &c
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to approve of the enclosed ‘Advance Warrant’ for the sum of £ 25, to enable me to meet various Petty Expenses.

[Scott]
189-191
15 Feby 1867
W.J. Fowler Esq., J.P.
Moorowie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th January 1867, I have the honor to state for your information that it is undesirable, and not in accordance with the regulations of the Government Service, that supplies of food for the Aborigines should be issued without Monthly Returns being furnished in the regular manner, so that I am not in a position to grant your request to issue rations without returns.
I observe by the tenor of your communication that the Natives of Yorke’s Peninsula are generally scattered and that they principally assemble at or near your Station for the observance of some ceremony – it therefore occurs to me that a Depot at Moorowie is no longer required. Perhaps you will be kind enough to distribute the balance of Stores you have on hand, and when expended the Depot will be discontinued. I will at the first convenient opportunity forward a small number of blankets and may I hope that you will be so kind as to distribute them among the most deserving Natives who may visit your Station.

[Wm Birch, pro Acting P of A]

191
15 Feby 1867
Corporal Drought [PT], Wellington
Sir,
I am directed by the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands to ask you to explain on what grounds, so large a number of rations were issued during the month of December last. Were the forty three men and forty three women, and the twenty five women with children so helpless that it was necessary to grant Govt supplies to keep them from starvation? Able-bodied Natives are not to receive rations from the Aboriginal Depots unless under extraordinary circumstances.
In conclusion I have to request that if a large number of Natives should assemble again at Wellington that you will be good enough to acquaint one of the fact.

[Birch]

192
15th Feby 1867
Mr J.N. Ewens P.T., Blanchetown
Sir,
Stores have been forwarded to the Aboriginal Depot under your charge. You mention that many Natives are expected to visit Blanchetown. I have therefore to call your attention to the printed instruction having reference to the issue of Rations and its ?? that you will not give ?food to able-bodied people unless under extraordinary circumstances.

[Birch]
193
15 Feby 1867
T. Jones Esq., Supt of Tramway, Goolwa
Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to ask you explain your reasons for issuing to the large number of Blacks at Goolwa, when their labor was so greatly wanted in the neighboring districts.

[Birch]

194
15th Feby 1867
Mr R.W. Sims PT, Border Town
Sir,
I have to request that you will be good enough to explain, for the future, your reasons for issuing rations to able-bodied Natives, for it is not the intention of the Govt to grant relief to people of this class, unless under extraordinary circumstances.

[Birch]

195
15 Feby 1867
Mr Joshua Jones P.T., Pt Wakefield
Sir,
I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to request that you will discontinue for the future to make unnecessary remarks in the Aboriginal Monthly Returns, Vide - “I have no power to Issue Deaths”

[Birch]

196
19 Feby 1867
Corporal Sullivan, Port Lincoln
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst., and I have to inform you that Rations are only to be issued to able bodied Natives, when you are able to certify amongst remarks that the recipient has been unable to obtain employment and in your opinion required to be supplied with rations.

[Scott]
197

20 Feb 1867
Mr T Adams, Fountain Station,
Green Patch, Port Lincoln
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Inst., and have the honor to inform you that Section 346 Skilllogolee Creek is leased to Mr. W.G. Long, with rent paid up to the 31st December 1867, consequently I cannot entertain your application, but at the same time that will not prevent your Son from making a fresh application for any unselected Section.

[Scott]

198

20 Feb 1867
Mr A Harte P.Y.,
Venus Bay
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon. The Comr of Crown Lands to remind you that rations are only to be issued to able bodied Natives when you are able to certify amongst remarks that the recipient has been unable to obtain employment and in your opinion required to be supplied with rations.

[Birch]

199

20th Feb 1867
R.B. Penny Esq.,
?Challa, Tatiara
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 13th Inst., I have the honor to acquaint you, that the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands is now engaged on the subject of Medical attendance to the Aborigines in the South Eastern District and until the Honorable the Commissioner decides on adopting some plan for the alleviation of sick Natives in your district, I shall be unable to answer the questions contained in your letter.

[Birch]
200
25th Feby 1867
R.B. Penny Esq.,
? challa, Tatiara
Sir,
I regret that I have to return the account that you have furnished for Medical attendance on the Natives of the South Eastern District.
In the first place it will be necessary for you to get some Magistrate to certify that you were actually employed in the duties mentioned, or if that be not possible, you could make a declaration before a bench of magistrates, that you did perform and furnished the Medicines as stated in your bill.
I have also to ask if McLeod’s Joey and Binnies Black Bob were injured while in the service of their apparent respective employers, if so it would be unreasonable to ask the Government to pay their Doctors’ bill.

[Birch]

201
28 Feby 1867
Mr John Gilbert,
Lower Finniss
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Inst., enclosing an a/c for 11/- and I have to inform you that the previous a/c mentioned in your letter has not come to hand, as I have examined the books as far back as May last.
I am also desired to mention that as there are only 18 canoes to distribute among the Natives at nine stations the Acting Protector is not in a position to grant your request.

[Birch]

202
4th March 1867
Mr T. Mallon P.T.,
Mt Remarkable
Sir,
The directions forwarded to you as to the way the ointment should be used, are all that is required for the cure of itch, mange or any other disease of a cutaneous description. It would be impossible to explain to you, how to cure an anticipated malady; but if a Native or Natives should be taken desperately ill, and if the services of a Medical man could be obtained, on reasonable terms to give advice, and relieve the sick person or persons, I believe the Hon the Commr of Crown Lands would sanction the payment of such a bill – provided it bore on the face of it the certificate of a Magistrate, that the Medical attendance was necessary and faithfully performed.

[Birch]
203
7 March 1867
The Honble the Commr of Crown Lands &c
Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands that on the 7th Ultimo, I forwarded the following written order for groceries to Messrs Wight & Co with a memo underneath requesting them to furnish the articles at the lowest contract price.
Mr Wight brought back the order to this office declining to supply the articles unless I struck out the Memorandum underneath.
The groceries were required for the Mission Station at Kadina, they having run completely out of Tea and Sugar, therefore to delay sending the stores might put the station to some inconvenience. I drew my pen through the Memo/- and acquainted the Acting Protector immediately on his return to Town.

[Birch]

204
14 March 1867
Messrs D. & W. Murray, Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your tender for Blankets on the 26th Ulto., I beg to inform you that your tender of Grey Blankets at (13/-) Thirteen shillings (according to sample) has been accepted, and request that the delivery be made at the Government Stores, North Terrace, on Saturday next.
Sample Blanket will be retained in this office, other samples can be obtained on application.

[Birch]

205
15th March 1867
Mr C. Draper, Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your Tender for blankets of the 26th Ult., I have the honor to inform you that your tender has not been accepted. The Samples forwarded by you to this office can be had on application.

[Birch]

206
15th March 1867
Messrs Skelton Carter & Co., Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your Tender for Blankets of the 26th Ult., I have the honor to inform you that your tender has not been accepted. The Samples forwarded by you to this office can be had on application.

[Birch]
15th March 1867
Similar letter to Messrs Wills & Co, Adelaide.

15th March 1867

18th March 1867
Mr. Octavius Hammond, Poonindie
Sir,
In your last monthly return the Sugar received 225 lbs should be 250 lbs and the half-chest of Tea should be 41 lbs according to the Invoice. Should the error lay with you, I should be obliged by your correcting it in your next monthly return.
Should your return be correct I shall be glad to be informed accordingly.

[Birch]

16? 18th March 1867
Memo/-
The Superintendent of Armory will please receive from Messrs D. & W. Murray 249 pairs of Grey Blankets and have them branded with the broad arrow. The Blankets to be delivered equal to sample.

[Birch]

19th March 1867
Rev. F.W.Cox, Norwood
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands &c has approved of a few acres of land near the Wells at Point Pierce, being granted for the erection of Buildings &c for a Mission Station – also of the selection of a block of land containing not more than 9640)ix hundred and forty acres, suitable for agriculture at some place near where farming or grazing operations might be carried on.
I am also desired to request that you will cause a tracing to be supplied shewing the two spots selected, and that respective areas, prior to the Commissioner giving a formal right of recuperation.

[Scott]
211

20th March 1867
C.B. Young Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Inst., requesting reply to previous letter. I beg to inform you, that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands desires to see the Monthly return of Stores Issued at the School, Lacepede Bay, before deciding on your former application.

[Scott]

212

21 March 1867
A.H. Landseer Esq., Milang
Sir,
I beg to ask, if the Stores forwarded from Adelaide on the 11th inst for McGrath’s Flat have been forwarded on from Milang, as I am informed the Coorong is not navigable; perhaps you might be able to forward them by way of Meningie; an early answer would oblige.

[Birch]

213

21st March 1867
E.N.? Blackmore Esq., Secy Crown Lands &c
Sir,
The authority of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands is respectfully requested for the purchase of a private contract of the following articles, viz.:
240 Assorted Fishing Lines
500 Assorted Fishing Hooks

[Scott]

214

21st March 1867
E.N. Blackmore Esq., Secy Crown Lands &c
Sir,
I do myself the honor to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands for permission to remove the Aboriginal Stores at Goolwa from Mr Jones’ charge to that of Police Constable Moriarty.

[Scott]
215
25th March 1867
C.W. Davies Esq.,
Mathawarangata
Sir,
I do myself the honor to state for your information, that I will forward Stores to your address for the Aborigines, if you will be good enough to promise that Monthly Returns of the distribution of rations shall be regularly forwarded to this Office, for the perusal of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands. In the event of your complying with my small request, I will send Medicines when the other stores are despatched.

[Birch]

216a
26th March 1867
Memo/-
Mr Downie will please receive from Messrs D. & W. Murray 249 pairs of blue Blankets according to Sample @ 15/3? The previous acceptance of Grey Blankets being cancelled.

[Birch]

216b
26 March 1867
Mr Doke, Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to forward you the inclosed accounts, and will request of you to certify if the a/cs are correct and if the articles enumerated therein have been duly received.

[Birch]

217
26th March 1867
Messrs W.C. Wight & Co., Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Referring to your contract for the supply of groceries, I am directed by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to inform you that from, and after the first of February last, the goods supplied by you on behalf of this Department, are to be charged at the lowest contract price, and are to be in accordance with samples forwarded by you when tendering.

[Birch]
218
26th March 1867
Messrs D. & W. Murray,
King William Street
Gentlemen,
In reply to your late tender for Blue Blankets, - I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands has been pleased to accept your tender at 15/3 (fifteen shillings and three pence) as per sample tendered, and to request that you will deliver them to the Govt Storekeeper, with as little delay as possible.

[Birch]

219
28 March 1867
W.L. Beare Esq.,
Bungaree
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst., asking for Stores for the Aborigines and I am directed to inform you that your request will be complied with, on condition that you promise to furnish to this Office regular Monthly Returns of Stores Issued, and act according to printed Instructions, copy herewith. I have the honor to forward also Circular for your information.

[Birch]

220
28th March 1867
Messrs Heath & Wooldridge
Willianippie – Smoky Bay
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Inst., and I beg to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands objects to forward Stores where the Issuers do not furnish Monthly Returns – enclosed are blank forms of Returns, Instructions and Circulars (2) for your information.
Should you agree to furnish Monthly Returns according to Instructions, Stores will be forwarded to you.

[Birch]
221
29 March 1867
J. P. Buttfield Esq.,
Sub-Protector of Aborigines
Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Acting Protector to request that you will in future, when sending Monthly Returns by post, be good enough to mark on the outside (returns only) on book packet.
I am also instructed to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner has been pleased to approve of a Depot being established at Mt Freeling. Stores have been ordered this day. In the course of a few days I shall forward for your information a list of all Stores that have been sent from the beginning of the year to Depots in your District.

[Birch]

222
3 April 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., S.P.A., Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will report ?to the Hon. The Commr? of the desirability? Or otherwise of continuing the Depot at ?? Sullivan’s, Lake ?? ?? in the Gawler Ranges.

[Scott]

223
3rd April 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq.,
Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
Referring to your letter dated the 20th October 1866, relative to the transfer of the Depot from Blinman to Angorichina- I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands has approved of the transfer being made, and you are empowered hereby to take the necessary action without any further delay.

[Scott]

224
3 April 1867
Dr. A. Penny Esq.,
Carla? Bank, Tatiara
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27 Ultimo, returning a/cs and have the honor to inform you that the Honorale the Commissioner approves of your attending upon the Natives for the present and only in cases absolutely requiring medical aid. The a/cs to be certified by a Magistrate in the usual manner.

[Scott]
225
4 April 1867
C.B. Young Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the articles for Miss ?? at Lacepede Bay have been purchased
and will be forwarded immediately.

[Birch]

226
4 April 1867
Mr James Grosse,
Port Adelaide
Sir,
You will oblige by forwarding to the Government Storekeeper the following Fishing Lines and Hooks
as selected by the Acting Protector, Mr E.B. Scott, and will forward the a/c to this office.

20 doz   Fishing Lines
500 doz   “ Hooks

[Birch]

227
5 April 1867
Mr Moriarty P.T., Goolwa
Sir,
You will please obtain the Stores and all papers relating to this Department from Mr Jones and issue
to the Natives according to printed Instructions. Copy herewith. Any expense that may be incurred
in the removal of the Stores &c you will please forward the a/cs to this office.

[Scott]

228
5 April 1867
T. Jones Esq., Goolwa
Sir,
You will oblige by delivering over to Police Constable Moriarty all Stores and papers in your
possession belonging to this Department.

[Scott]

229
5 April 1867
The Hon. The Commr of Crown Lands &c
Sir,
Authority is respectfully requested for the purchase by private contract of Bailliere’s Gazetteer.

[Scott]
230
5 April 1867
Mr George Taplin,
Point McLeay
Sir,
I do myself the honor to acquaint you that the undermentioned Depots have been supplied with 285 Blankets via Milang, Wellington, Goolwa and McGrath’s Flat and in consideration of these places being in your immediate neighbourhood, I cannot comply with your request for more Blankets, without doing an injustice to the Aborigines of other portions of the Colony, as the number of Blankets I have for distribution is small.

[Scott]

230
5th April 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., Sub-Protector of Aborigines, Blinman
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 25th March, I have the honor to inform you that whatever expense you are put to, paying for postage on official documents, the Government will reimburse you. At the same time it would be well to advise the Issuers of Stores to forward their Returns as book parcels instead of as letters.

[Scott]

231
5th April 1867
Mr T. Mallon [P.T.]
Mr Remarkable
Sir,
In reply to your letter dated 1st April (142/67) I beg to inform you that letters of service were forwarded at the time the Stores were ordered – one for the provisions & ointments and another for the Blankets (50). The following are the quantities of the goods ordered –

1 Ton Flour
200 lbs Sugar
41 lbs Tea
20 lbs Ointment and
15 lbs Tobacco.
There must be some mistake about the soap as there was none ordered.

[Birch]
233a
6 April 1867
? Pool? (A.C.S.), Mt Gambier

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you by desire of the Acting Protector that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands has decided not to establish a Depot at Mt Burr for the present.

[Birch]

233b
6 April 1867
Messrs D. & W. Murray, Adelaide

Gentlemen,
You will oblige by delivering the remainder of the Blankets as soon as possible.

[Birch]

234
8 April 1867
Messrs D. & W. Murray, Adelaide

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to remind you by the desire of the acting Protector of Aborigines of your promise to supply the Blankets within one week from the time you received the order on the 26th Ulto.
The Blankets are being required immediately for distribution. I trust there will be no further delay.

[Birch]

235
12th April q867
The Secy, Crown Lands &C.

Sir,
I have the honor to request that search be made for missing correspondence (from the years 1839 to 1855) belonging to this Office; in all probability it will be either at the Government Store or with Mr Holthouse.

[Scott]
18 April 1867
Mr Dann P.T., Milang
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Inst., requesting a supply of firewood for the Aborigines and in reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Protector consents to your procuring (on behalf of the Aborigines) firewood to the extent of five loads.

[Birch]

18 April 1867
Mr W. Attiwill, McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Inst., concerning the Aborigines Stores landed at Meningie, and in reply I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Protector approves of Mr Herriot’s offer of carting the Stores to McGrath’s Flat.

[Birch]

22nd April 1867
Mrs Jane Hacket, Meningie
Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Inst., and in reply, I beg to inform you that Mr Herriot will cart the Stores to McGrath’s Flat, but on no account are the Stores to be opened or distributed at Meningie.

[Birch]

24 April 1867
Mr Ph. X. Oster, P.O., Rosenthal
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst., relative to the Mission station at Killalpaninna and in reply, I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to request that you will mark on the enclosed plan the locality desired to have placed at the disposal of the Missionaries, you will also name the extent of country required. In the event of the Government granting a supply of rations for the sick and infirm Natives, I am requested to ask if you are prepared to defray the costs of carriage and Freight &c.

[Birch]
240
1st May 1867
Mr C.K.F. Kruse, Milang
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto., tendering to repair Canoes at (22/6) one pound two shillings and six pence, each. I herewith accept of your offer - the canoes to be inspected and the account certified by the officer in charge of the Station where the canoes are repaired – previous to transmitting them to this Office.

[Scott]

241
1st May 1867
Mr Dann P.T., Milang
Sir,
Understanding that Mr Taplin has issued Blankets to the Natives of the Lower Finniss, whereas it was expected they would come to you for them, I beg to inform you that after supplying the immediate wants of the Natives at Milang, you will forward any surplus Blankets for Mr Taplin at Point McLeay.

[Scott]

242
1 May 1867
M. Moorhouse Esq., Mt Remarkable
Sir,
I have the honor of addressing you on the subject of the correspondence of this office, during your term of office, from 1839 to 1856, the letters cannot be found; a search has been made in the different offices but without avail; Should it be in your power to give any information on the Subject, I shall deem it a great favour; and if within your recollection, you can state the terms upon which Native women marrying Europeans had land granted to them.

[Scott]

243
1st May 1867
T. Jones Esq., Supt of Tramway, Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor by desire of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to remind you that there is a deficiency of 940 lbs of Flour & 36 lbs of Sugar in the Stores handed over to Constable Moriarty, and to request of you an explanation as to the cause thereof.

[Scott]
244a
2nd May 1867
Mr L. Egan, Tarpeena
Sir,
I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to ask why the issues of Rice were not shewn in the Return in detail, if the quantity forwarded is expended, also why the amount of Rice should appear in each Return since Nov if not on hand.

[Birch]

244b
2 May 1867
Mr O. Provis P.T., Streaky Bay
Sir,
I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to ask whether in your opinion the Medicines forwarded to you in December last have been of any service in curing the skin disease so prevalent in the Western District; an immediate reply is required.

[Birch]

245
6th May 1867
Geo Birks Esq., Kadina
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Ult. (172/67) and am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to inform you that it is not the intention of the government to grant exclusive right to the Well to the Mission station. I may state for your information and guidance in selecting the land that it is proposed to leave the well in possession of the Lessee, but to arrange that the Mission shall be entitled to have free access to it for the requirement of the location. The plans sent in must not therefore include the Well in the block required by the Mission.

[Scott]

246
8th May 1867
Mr J.M. Doke, Goolwa
Sir,
I do myself the honor to acquaint you, in reply to your communication of the 18th Ult., that I have not received any instructions from the Government to take action on the matter – the establishment of a school (Native) at Goolwa.

[Scott]
247
8 May 1867
Mr Geo Taplin, Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st last including list of Natives who have received Blankets, and in reply I have the honor to inform you that Mr Dann at Milang has been instructed to forward to you any available blankets he may have to spare.

[Scott]

248
8 May 1867
Messrs Newman & Son, Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I am desired by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to request of you to carefully examine and compare with contract sample (small parcel herewith) all Flour coming to the Port for shipment on account of the Aborigines. A book of printed receipt forms will be forwarded to you in the course of a few days, also a larger quantity of sample Flour. All Flour not equal to sample to be returned at the expense of the Contractor.

[Scott]

249
9th May 1867
Mr. L. Egan, CLR, Tarpeena
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will at your earliest convenience forward to this office a general Report of the state of the Natives in your District for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

[Scott]

250
9 May 1867
Mr George Taplin, Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, forward to this office a general report on the State of the Natives in your District for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

[Scott]

251
9th May 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., S.P.A, Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a general report of the State of the Natives in your District during the last six months.

[Scott]
9th May 1867
T. Jones Esq., Goolwa

Sir,
I am desired by the Honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands to request of you to furnish any further information regarding your return of Stores for the month of March. (for it is still incomprehensible.) If as you state the ration to be five times the amount 72 lb, it will be equivalent to issuing 45 lbs to each for the month [i.e. 9lbs usually issued p.c. per month], and how you can arrive at the quantity (39 ½ lbs) as issued for Sugar I cannot conceive.

[Scott]

9 May 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Secy Crown Lands &c

Sir,
I have the honor respectfully to request the authority of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands be obtained for the purchase by private contract of two thousand Fish Hooks, assorted sizes.

[Scott]

10 May 1867
Corpl Drought P.T.
Port Wakefield

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst., and in reply I beg to inform you that you are empowered in the circular mentioned in your letter to relieve the wants of Able bodied Natives, by issuing rations, when you can certify in the column of remarks, that the recipients where unable to obtain employment or procure their natural food.

[Birch]

10 May 1867
J. Bosworth Esq.,
Wintalatingana

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd Ulto., and in reply I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands objects to sending Government Stores to any station unless they are accounted for in regular Monthly Returns; by complying with the above conditions, stores will be forwarded as usual.

[Birch]
256a
13 May 1867
Mr T. Mallon
Mt Remarkable
Sir,
I am desired by the Acting Protector to inform you that should the empty Flour sacks be of any use to the Natives, you are at liberty to distribute them.
I beg to forward the enclosed P.O. order drawn in your name for £ 6. 3. 9. The two accounts are D. George £ 3.11. 9 and your own £ 2. 5. 0. An acknowledgement would oblige.

[Birch]

256b
13 May 1867
Mr. Jno Dann, Milang
Sir,
I have the honor to enclose herewith a list of the Natives who have received blankets from Mr Taplin, for your information and guidance. You will please state as early as possible if you have any Blankets available for Mr Taplin, as he states that he has distributed blankets to the Finniss tribe, who were supposed to come to you, since the Station at the Finniss has been disposed of.

[Birch]

257
10 May? 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: CL
Sir,
I have the honor, respectfully, to request the authority of the Hon the CCL be obtained for the purchase of a carpet for this office. In the absence of Fires and the walls not being thoroughly dry, I am afraid the office will be very cold and damp in the wet weather.

[Scott]

258
14 May 1867
Mr R.W. Sullivan
Port Lincoln
Sir,
I am desired to inform you (in answer to your letter of the 10th inst. respecting the cost of erection of the Iron House for the Aborigines ?? that the Hon the CCL approves of Mr Brougham’s tender for 10 pounds being accepted.

[Birch]
259
15th May 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: CCL
Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon. The CCL that the Tomahawks mentioned in the Contractor’s Price List are of such an inferior description that the Natives do not care to have them; I therefore recommend that 5 doz. Good American Tomahawks at 36/- per doz. Be purchased for them.

[Scott]

260a
16th May 1867
T. Jones Esq., Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th Inst., enclosing the a/cs & receipts from Anderson.
I have also the honor to forward herewith £ 1. 0. 0 for Freight paid to Jno Smith.

[Birch]

260b
21 May 1867
Mr. W. H. Limbert,
P.O., Rapid Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst., (237/67) requesting Blankets for the Natives at Rapid Bay.
I beg to inform you that the Blankets will be forwarded to you as soon as they are procured from the Contractors which will be in the course of two or three days.
Mr Elliott your neighbour has been requested to co-operate with you in distributing them.

[Birch]

261
17th May 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
S.P.A., Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th inst., the one relating to Chrystal Brook, asking if in your District, I beg to inform you that it was an oversight of the Clerk’s in inserting it in the list of Stores forwarded the Different depots in your District.
In reply to your letter referring to the Map, I have to inform you that a Map of the Colony was forwarded to you in January last; The Surveyor-General stating at the time application was made to him, that he was unable to supply anything further.

[Scott]
262
20 May 1867
Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I am instructed by the AP Mr Scott to inform you that twenty more Blankets will be forwarded to you as soon as they are forwarded from the Contractor.
I am also desired to inform you that the Police at Milang can only recognize nine of the Finniss tribe on your list.

[Birch]

263
20th May 1867
H. Scott Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst (159/67) and I beg to inform you that the Hon CCL approves of your request being complied with. Stores will be forwarded by the first Steamer to Port Augusta.

[Birch]

264
21 May 1867
C.B. Young Esq., Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst (221/67) requesting a further supply of clothes for the children of the Native School, Lacepede Bay. I am desired to ask you, if it is the intention of your institution to apply for clothes, books, and miscellaneous articles, whenever they may be required. In a former application, you stated that if the Government granted what you then required, it would not be considered a precedent for asking for anything more.

[Birch]

265
22nd May 1867
James Barlas, Esq., M.D.,
Penola
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Ulto., (171/67)and have to inform you that you will continue to act as Medical attendant to the Aborigines at Penola, when required to do so by the Police.

[Scott]
266a
23rd May 1867
Messrs McArthur & Co., King William Street
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., tendering to supply two hundred pairs of Blankets, and am desired to inform you that the AP cannot recommend your tender for acceptance. 

[Birch]

266b
23 May 1867
Messrs Wills & Co., Rundle Street
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst, tendering for the supply of 100 pairs of Blankets; and am desired to inform you that the AP cannot recommend your tender for acceptance. 

[Birch]

267
27th May 1867
Thos Jones Esq., Goolwa
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (243/67) of the 13th inst., and I am desired to inform you that the Hon CCL is not satisfied with your explanation and requires that any further information you may choose to give, before deciding upon the action he will take in this matter. 

[Birch]

268-269
28th May 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
Blinman
Sir,
I am instructed by direction of the Sec: CCL Department to request that you will in future, make out your account for travelling at the rate of five shillings per day, so as to prevent unnecessary alterations.
I may inform you that Dr Walker recommended you for the increase to the Hon CCL last year, who did not approve of his recommendation of altering the Scale of Charges, but increased your Salary and allowed you Forage allowance for two horses instead of one, as an equivalent.

[269]
P.S. Stores have been forwarded to the following New Depots: - Angipena, Yudanamutana, Wilpena, Nonning & Payney, Gawler Ranges, Cariewerloo, Yadlamalka and Corunna. W.B.
270
28 May 1867
R.A. Fiveash Esq., Currie Street
Sir,
Mr R.C. Purnley of Yudanamutana writing for Government Stores for the Aborigines, refers to you in his letter as having lately returned from that locality, and I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask if you would be kind enough to supply the Government with any information you may possess in regard to the State of the Natives in that quarter.

[Birch]

271
1st June 1867
Geo. N. Birks Esq., Kadina
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Ult., on behalf of the Committee of the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission, asking for a grant of money for the purpose of establishing Mission Station at Point Pierce.
I now beg to inform you that the Hon CCL is disposed to look favorably on your application, but requires the additional information, as to the number of the Natives, the proposed mode of spending the money, and the names of the Gentlemen managing the matter before he can bring the subject before his colleagues with a view to asking parliament to pass such an item.

[Birch]

272
3rd June 1867
Messrs A.D. Tassie & Co., Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
In forwarding Stores from Town, to Mount Freeling in the beginning of the month of April last, there was among the other Stores, a small parcel of Tobacco (5 lbs) which has not been received at Mount Freeling. Any information concerning the above will be thankfully received.

[Birch]

273
6th June 1867
Mr J. Darling, Weymouth Street
Sir,
In a recent tour through the Country, I noticed at a Depot, that a huge quantity of the Flour, which you supplied, for the use of the Aborigines, was full of Mill Bugs; I have therefore deemed it my duty to intimate to you, that the Government agent at Port Augusta, will receive instructions not to receive Flour from your stores unless it is free from insects.

[Scott]
6 June 1867

The Hon CCL

Sir,

In obedience to instructions contained in your letter of the 22nd Ulto. I visited the Station of Mr Rich. Holland on the River Murray for the purpose of ascertaining the boundaries of a proposed reserve for the use of Mr Glennie, the Sub-Inspector of Sheep, and an examination of the ground. I found that Mr Glennie has intended to deprive Mr Holland of almost the whole of his paddock, in which his Head Station is situated, and consequently Mr Holland’s business in the working of his run would have been materially interfered with. I therefore chained and marked out a portion of land for a paddock for the Inspector of Sheep, adjoining Mr Holland’s paddock, and distant from the Head Station, forty seven chains, and I am glad to report to the Hon CCL that both Mr Holland and Mr Glennie are satisfied with the arrangements I have made.

The Sub-Inspector of Sheep requires the use of a paddock, the situation of the land marked out, for one, by me cannot interfere with Mr Holland’s business in any way.

The Sub-Inspector to be of any service could not reside at any other place excepting Chowilla, all sheep and cattle as a rule pass within a quarter of a mile of Inspector Glennie’s residence.

The Paddock fence in course of creation will measure seventy two chains and the cost of meeting it will amount to (64. 16. 0) Sixty four pounds sixteen shillings, being at the rate of four shillings and sixpence per rod, which I consider a fair and reasonable price.

[Scott]

10 June 1867

I.N. Blackmore Esq., Sec: CCL

Sir,

Having satisfied myself that neglect has taken place; both in the charge, and Issue, of Government Stores at Chowilla, River Murray – I have deemed it my duty to transfer the Stores from the care of Police to Mr. H.S. Glennie, trusting that the Hon CCL may be pleased to approve of my conduct.

[by direction, Birch]

10th June 1867

Mr Jno Gilbert, Lower Finniss

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto., (260/67) stating that you had not received the money (21/6) for an a/c sent in sometime since. I find on looking over my cash book an entry of 21/6 as having been paid to you on the 28th Nov 1866, and I have since had a conversation with Mr O’Halloran on the Subject, who states that he believes the money was sent to you and must have miscarried, and since you state that you did not receive it, Mr O’Halloran being responsible, Will forward the money to you, through my hands.

You’re a/c for 11/- sent in February was passed for payment in March and now lies in the Treasury and can only be drawn (excepting by yourself) with a procuration order from you.

By filling up the enclosed procuration order in my name, I will draw the money from the Treasury and remit to you with the other amount by Post Office Order.

[Birch]
279
12th June 1867
W. L. Beare Esq., Bungaree
Sir,
I am directed by the AP (Mr Scott) to acquaint you that the late Hon CCL disapproved of his sending rations to the Bungaree Station for distribution amongst the Natives, hence the reason that the promise has not been complied with. If you will be good enough to render an a/c of the Stores you have issued to the Aborigines from your own Stock, the AP will return them.

[Birch]

280
12 June 1867
Mr Jno Field, Corporal of Police,
Narracoorie
Sir,
Messrs Ormerod & Co of Robe have been instructed to forward to you by Mail a bale of Blankets (they may possibly have to make two parcels of them) and I am directed to request that you will forward them on to Border Town without delay.

[Birch]

281
12 June 1867
Messrs Ormerod & Co., Robe
Gentlemen,
I presume you will have a bale of Blankets from this Department addressed to the Police at Border Town; if so, please forward them by mail (in two parcels if necessary) to the Police at Narracoorie who will forward them on from there to their proper destination.

[Birch]

282
13 June 1867
Caleb Peacock Esq.,
Blanchetown
Sir,
I have the honor to forward to you per rail to Freeling a small parcel addressed to Tinarnama and would feel obliged by your distributing the articles contained therein.

[Birch]
283
13 June 1867
Mr T. O’Connor, Penola

Sir,
I have returned Dr Barlas’s bill for attendance on the Aborigines in consequence of the excessive charges made in it. I beg that you will ascertain whenever a Native may be taken ill (in your neighbourhood of course) whether the services of a medical man are always required and necessary before contracting a heavy debt.

[Scott]

284
13 June 1867
Dr Barlas, Penola

Sir,
I look upon the charges made in the accompanying bill, for attendance on the Aborigines, as most unreasonable. I consequently return it, trusting that you will make large reductions in the account.
Vide- The visits to Natives occupying the same camp 10/6 each and excessive charge of six pounds for attendance on a Native at ?Kenan Station.

[Scott]

285
15 June 1867
Officer in Charge, Police
Mt Freeling

Sir,
I am directed to inform you that the Hon CCL has deemed it desirable to accept Mr Sabine’s offer of 10 or 12 bags of Flour at Mt Freeling on the express conditions that the Flour is of good quality and entirely to your satisfaction: to be delivered at the Police Station free of extra charge and should you approve of the quality of the Flour, you will add it to your present Stock, on behalf of the Aborigines.

[Birch]

286
15 June 1867
C. Sabine Esq., Adelaide

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st Ulto. (259/67) offering to supply the Government with 10 or 12 bags of Flour at 50/- per bag and in reply I beg to inform you, that the Hon CCL accepts of your offer on the condition that the Flour is delivered, free of extra charge, at the Police Station, Mt Freeling, and is of good quality, to the satisfaction of the Issuer of Stores at Mt Freeling.

[Birch]
287a
15 June 1867
Mr Jno Gilbert, Lower Finniss
Sir,
I received your procuration order this morning and beg to forward you herewith Post Office order on
Milang for the two a/cs of 11/- and 21/6.
I beg that you will acknowledge receipt thereof.

[Birch]

287b
25 June 1867
Mr Jno Gilbert, Lower Finniss
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst. And I am desired to inform you that
in consequence of the close proximity of Milang, Goolwa & Rapid Bay, It has been found desirable to
discontinue the Issuing of Stores at the Lower Finniss; any Natives that are in want can be supplied
from the other Depots.

[Birch]

288
22nd June 1867
Dr A. J. Paterson, Lunatic Asylum
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st Inst. And in reply beg to inform you
that I will forward the Native mentioned therein to Arona by the first opportunity but I have to
request that you will be good enough to allow him to remain in the Asylum until I can make
arrangements for his safe conveyance.

[Birch, pro Scott]

288
25th June 1867
Dr A.J. Paterson, Lunatic Asylum
Sir,
I am directed by the APA to inform you that according to your request, he will make arrangements
for despatching the native named Billy, by the Steamer to Port Augusta on Saturday next.

[Birch]
289
26 June 1867
Sergt Wauhof, Blinman
Sir,
I beg to inform that during the month of January last, there was forwarded from the Department to your charge on behalf of the Aborigines, 24 lbs Rice and 20 lbs Sago, for which you have not accounted for in any way. Should you however not have received the goods, enquiry should be made, as you were duly advised of the goods leaving Town. With regard to the quantity of Blankets, I can only say that 60 was the number ordered by this Office, but enquiry will be made as to the quantity sent. You will oblige by forwarding the blank return forms to H.C. Swan Esq., S.M.

[Birch]

290
26 June 1867
H.C. Swan Esq., S.M.
Angorichina
Sir,
I have the honor to state for your information that the following Stores will be forwarded to you at an early date, viz. 82 lbs Tea, 100 lbs Soap and 10 lbs of Tobacco; they are now in the charge of Messrs A.D. Tassie & Co at Port Augusta who has been instructed to forward them without delay.

[Birch]

291
26 June 1867
Mr Jno Dann, P.T.
Milang
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 25th inst., I beg to state, that the account was passed for payment last month and now lies in the Treasury, and can only be drawn by Duncan Mackae or by Procuration Order bearing his Signature, by filling up the enclosed order I will remit the money by Post Office order.

[Birch]

292
26th June 1867
G.W. Hawkes & Co., Norwood
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., and beg to inform you that Ranger Cole has been instructed not to interfere with the Swing gates in the Road leading to Poonindie from Port Lincoln.

[Birch]
293
27 June 1867
[Dr] R.B. Penny Esq., Tatiara
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. and your bill for Medical attendance on the Natives; I regret your account should have arrived here too late to be attached to this months’ schedule; however, it should be passed for payment as soon as possible; for the future be good enough to render your accounts not later than the 20th of the month. I think you are entitled to the fee of fifteen pounds for travelling to attend on the sick woman mentioned in your letter, and as it is not possible to remove her from where she is to your residence, I beg that you will render her all the medical aid that she may require, although she is at so great a distance from the Border Town Depot.

[Birch]

295a
1 July 1867
Mr. J. Dann P.T., Milang
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith a Post Office order for the sum of £ 2. 15. 0 for cartage of Firewood, payable to the Carter; also (3) Procuration Orders on the Treasury - and to prevent delay I would recommend you in future to make the orders payable in my name instead of the Protector, as in his absence I cannot draw the money, which accounts for the present delay.

[Birch]

295b
12 July 1867
Mrs C. Smith, Mt Gambier
Madam,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. inquiring if the necessary comforts will be paid for, on a/c of the Aborigines. I beg to state that anything absolutely necessary and certified by Medical Practitioner will be paid by this Department. Concerning Rice and Flour, I need not remind you that you can Issue both in half quantities.

[Birch]

296
2 July 1867
Mr Ph. X. Oster,
P.O., Rosenthal
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 29th April last (191/67) I have now the honor to inform you that the Government has caused a reserve of one hundred square miles from leasing to be noted on the public maps in the Land Office, until such time as a change may be necessary to include the Lakes Killalpaninna and ?Allo Allaninni.

[Birch]
8 July 1867
Mr T. O’Connor, P.T.
Penola
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. (206/67) and I am desired by the AP to inform you that you are to use your own direction in giving Meat to the Sick Natives (Toby & Tommy).
[Birch]

9th July 1867
J.P. Butfield, SPA, Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor by desire of the Hon CCL to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, forward a report to this office, as to the fitness of Mr Turnley’s successor to Issue Stores to the Aborigines at Yudanamutana.
[Birch]

9th July 1867
Mr Joshua Jones P.T.,
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. (311/67) requesting authority for making dresses, I now beg to inform you that permission is hereby given, the cost of making the dresses not to exceed four shillings each.
[Birch]

9 July 1867
I.N. Blackman Eq.,
Sec: CLL
Sir,
I have the honor respectfully to request that the authority of the Hon CCL be obtained for the purchase by private contract of (200 lbs) two hundred pounds of Netting Twine.
[Birch]
301a
15 July 1867
Mr F. Herriot
Meningie
Sir,
In compliance with the request from Mr Attiwill, I have the honor to forward you the enclosed procuration order on the Treasury. The a/c for cartage was passed for payment last month and the money now lies in the Treasury and can only be drawn by yourself, or your order – by filling up the enclosed form. I will draw the money and remit it to you by Post Office order or otherwise if requested.

[Birch]

301b
15 July 1867
Mr W. Attiwill
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 12th inst. I beg to state that the account for cartage of Stores to McGrath’s Flat was passed for payment last month and the money now lies in the Treasury awaiting Mr Herriot. I have however forwarded to that gentleman a procuration order on the Treasury so that he can obtain the money without appearing in person.

[Birch]

302a
15 July 1867
Mr J. Dann, PT
Milang
Sir,
I beg to forward you the enclosed PO order for two pounds – you will oblige by forwarding to me an acknowledgement from G. V. Rogers. Also for the last money order transmitted to you for D. McRae.

[Birch]

302b
17 July 1867
Mr T. O’Connor PT
Penola
Sir,
You will oblige by returning the enclosed a/c, signed, as soon as possible. PO order enclosed herewith for the amount (8/-).
15b July 1867
Mr R. Whitbread
Mt Freeling
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. (316/67) and I have to inform you that I would on no account take Flour that was infected with the Weevil, as it would in all probability contaminate Flour that was clear of the insect.

[ Birch ]

15 July 1867
Mr C. Sabine
Adelaide
Sir,
In reference to the Flour at Mt Freeling offered by you to the Government I have the honor to inform you that from the report of the Police Station at Mt Freeling, the Government cannot entertain your offer.

[ Birch ]

15 July 1867
Mr B. C. Besley
Wallaroo
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the contract is already accepted for building a Storeroom for the Aborigines’ Stores by the Public Works Department – the dimensions are 20’.0” x 12’.0” x 9’.6” high—this action has been taken on your former application dated 9th May (214/67)

[ Birch ]

18 July 1867
Mr W.H. Limbert
Rapid Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday’s date, and I am desired by the Acting Protector to inform you to forward the sick Woman (‘Lubra’) either by rail or horse and dray, the expense will be borne by this Department.

[ Birch ]
307a
19 July 1867
Mrs C. Smith
Gambierton
I have the honor to request that you will state the sum of money required to erect a lean to the School room – also if you know of any suitable person who would undertake the work required and complete it without delay.

[Birch]

307b
23 July 1867
Mr Herriot
Meningie
Sir,
I beg to forward you the enclosed Post Office Order for three pounds, payable at Milang by the Protector of Aborigines. (You will oblige by acknowledging receipt hereof.)

[Birch]

308
22nd July 1867
W.L. Beare Esq.
Bungaree
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. & beg to inform you that the Stores issued in excess of those supplied by the Government will be returned to you by the Police ..... at Clare.

[Birch]

309
22nd July 1867
Mr F.H. Catchlove
Clare
Sir,
I am desired by the AP to request that you will forward to W.H. Beare of Bungaree the following Stores from the Stock of the Aborigines:
Viz. 471 lbs Flour
     35 lbs Sugar
     6 lbs Tea
     4 lbs Sago
& 6 lbs Rice
- These Stores have been issued by Mr Beare in excess of those supplied by the Government.
- 50 lbs of Rice and 20 lbs Sago will be forwarded to you in the course of a few days for distribution to the Sick Natives.

[Birch]
310  
22nd July 1867  
C.B. Young Esq.  
Adelaide  
Sir,  
I am desired by the AP to remind you of a promise to reply to a former letter from this office dated the 21st May last, in regard to the Native School at Lacepede Bay. The Protector is anxious to prevent at any future time any misunderstanding that might arise through the absence of a written answer to his letter (altho verbally given).  

[Birch]  

311  
22nd July 1867  
Mr T. McT. Gibson  
Yudnapinia  
Sir,  
I have the honor to acquaint you that the Government do not consider it necessary that supplies of food and clothing should be sent to the Yudnapinia Station, for distribution among the Aborigines of that portion of the Province.  

[Birch]  

312  
22nd July 1867  
Mr C. Provis [PT]  
Streaky Bay  
Sir,  
In answer to your letter of the 15th inst. (327/67) I beg to inform you that if there are no means of conveying the Stores direct from Streaky Bay to Nonning, you will please add them to your present Stock on behalf of the Aborigines – There should be 1 Ton Flour, 250 lbs Sugar & 41 lbs Tea.  

[Birch]  

313  
22 July 1867  
Mr W.F. Sullivan  
Nonning  
Sir,  
I have the honor to inform you that from advice received from Corpl Provis at Streaky Bay, to inform me that there are no means of conveying the Stores from there to your Station. I have therefore given instructions for the Stores to be Issued at Streaky Bay and another supply will be forwarded to you, via Port Augusta.  
Your telegram of the 31st May arrived too late, the stores were already shipped.  

[Birch]
25th July 1867
Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your memo/ of yesterday’s date and I am desired by the AP to
instruct you to close with the purchase of the Boat, and despatch it by the first vessel leaving for
Streaky Bay, to the charge of the Police.

[Birch]

2 August 1867
J.P. Butfield Esq., J.P.
SPA
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to state that your letter of the 24th Ulto., having reference to the re-formation of
the Mount Eyre Depot reached me yesterday and Stores would have been forwarded immediately in
accordance with your request; but Mr Malachy in a letter dated 29th July declines to have anything
to do with Government Stores, and states that the Warrakimbo Depot is not now required, because
Yadlamalka is so close at hand.

[Birch]

8 August 1867
Mr W.D. Sanderson
Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith a P.O. Order for £ 1 for Freight on Stores for Lacepede Bay.
You will please return the a/c receipted.

[Birch]

8 August 1867
Mr Jno Harrison
Tothill’s Creek
Sir,
I beg to forward you the enclosed PO Order for £ 5. 12. 0. drawn on the P.O. at Marrabel by the
Protector of Aborigines. You will please be kind enough to forward an acknowledgement of the
same.

[Birch]
317a
8 August 1867
Mr Sanderson
Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith a PO Order for £1. 0. 0 for Freight for Stores to Lacepede Bay
??/ please return the a/c receipted.

[Birch]

317b
8 Aug 1867
Mr W. Lyon
Wellington
Sir,
There is a Native named Doctor at Chowilla. Mr Glenie the Issuer of Stores there has been written
to concerning him. Should he be the Native you are seeking for? I will again communicate with you
upon the subject.

[Birch]

318a
8 August 1867
Mr W. Campbell
Port Wakefield
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. (350/67) and I am directed to inform you
that you are hereby authorised to procure a load of firewood for the woman mentioned in your
letter. And I am also desired to inform you, that on your sending in you’re a/c for the Blanket
purchased with the necessary vouchers) it will be recommended for payment.

[Birch]

318b
8 August 1867
Mr H. Glenie
Chowilla
Sir,
I see by your monthly return a Native named Doctor – should he belong to the Wellington Tribe, you
will please inform him that he is wanted at Wellington. He is kind of one-eyed. [Talmanindjeri?] Mr
Lyon is making enquiries about him and is anxious for his return. He left Paratoo Station about two
months since.
You will please to obtain a witness to the enclosed a/c before it can be passed for payment.

[Birch]
319
8 August 1867
Mr Jno Gilbert Senr
Lower Finniss
Sir,
There are such a number of Depots for the Issue of Aboriginal supplies round the Lakes, that the AP
does not deem it necessary to make Mr Gilbert’s homestead a more than temporary place of Issue;
but the AP is prepared to meet the wants of any Native who may be in distress on the Lower Finniss
at the present juncture – So if Mr Gilbert will state the number of Blankets, Blue shirts of anything
else that may be positively required to meet the emergency stated in Mr Gilbert’s letter, the AP will
attend to it.
[Birch]

320
8 August 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq, APA
Port Lincoln
Sir,
After having visited Franklin Harbor and Port Lincoln, you will please to return to your own District,
without any further delay and on your return you may have it in your power to visit Depots en route
to Port Augusta.
[Birch]

321
8 August 1867
Mr Joshua Jones
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. Forwarding sample of Flour, and I am
desired to ask, of the whole of the last ton is as bad as the sample forwarded for the inspection of
the AP, and if so immediate steps will be taken to replace it with a better sample.
The AP commends Mr Jones for having brought this subject to his notice.
[Birch]

322
9th August 1867
Mr Chs Cooke
White Horse Inn
Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst (353/67) and in reply beg to inform you
that the subject is at present before the Law Officers of the Crown, but when settled, you will be
again communicated with.
With reference to your daughter I only have it in my power to have her placed under Mr Taplin of
the Point McLeay or Mr Kuhn of the Kadina Institution.
[Scott]
9 August 1867
? B. Jones Esq
c/- Elder Smith & Co.
Sir,
In answer to your letter of this day’s date I have the honor to state that I will refer your
communication to the Sub-Protector and if he should report that it is desirable to establish a Depot
at Illinaworbina for the distribution of Govt Stores to the Aborigines, your request will be complied
with immediately.

[Scott]

12 August 1867
Mr Joshua Jones
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo of the 19th inst. and have to inform you that a Ton of
fine Flour (the best) will be sent to Wellington immediately from Pavey’s Mill at Milang, and if the
said Flour is mixed with that you have, a good sound match will be delivered and fit for any person
to make by.
You will please forward a sample of the Flour when it arrives, for the inspection of the AP.

[Birch]

13 August 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and desire to be informed, for
the information of the Hon the CCL, the charge Dr Herbert would make for vaccinating the Natives at
Point McLeay – on receipt of your reply, the subject will be laid before the Hon the CCL with a
recommendation that your request be complied with.

[Birch]

15 August 1867
H. A. Short Esq
?Billarmuck??
N.E.? Plains
Sir,
I am desired by the AP to request that you will be good enough to send in your bill, for the
maintenance of the two old Lubaras mentioned in your letter of the 3rd inst. It will be necessary for
Mr Short to certify that the account is correct before a Magistrate, in order to facilitate the passing
of the a/c on the Audit Office.

[Birch]
327
16 August 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the Contractor for Flour (Mr J. Darling) will cause to be delivered to your
order, at Milang, half a ton of fine Flour (best quality) to mix with the inferior flour lately sent to
you.
If you would be kind enough to send your Boat across on Monday or Tuesday next.

[Birch]

328-329
19 August 1867
Mr. L. Egan, CLR
Tarpeena
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst (368/67) and have the honor to state
that Lester cannot be compelled to pay the boy Duncan wages unless there is an agreement stating
such to be the case. The Boy as a matter of course can leave Lester’s service whenever he pleases,
and if he were so disposed, of course you will grant him a daily ration, until an opportunity should
occur, which would enable him to return to the Salt Creek.
I cannot reasonably recommend that his fare by Mail from Tarpeena to Salt Creek should be paid;
but if I were in a position to prosecute these people who took him away from his home 329 and
country I would do so.
Any persons travelling with stock from Tarpeena in the direction of Salt Creek would be too glad to
obtain his services without charge.

[Birch]

330
20th August 1867
Rev. F.W. Cox
Sec; AFA
Norwood
Sir,
I am desired by the AP to ask if you would be willing to provide and educate at the Point McLeay
Establishment, a half-caste Girl about five or six years old, upon the same terms as the Wilkins
Family.

[Birch]
21st August 1867
J. Umpherston Esq., M.P.
?Dorsetta Terrace

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of portion of a letter from the Protector of Aborigines to the Col. Sec. dated 9th June 1849, stating the conditions upon which land is allowed to Natives marrying Europeans:

1st   The Section is placed in Trust for the benefit of the girl.
2nd   The husband is not allowed to sell or sublet any part of it, and if there be any children, the land to be given to them, if the Government think proper to do so, on the decease of the mother.

[Birch]

22 August 1867
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst (275/67) and have to inform you that your accounts have already been paid from the sum granted by the Hon. The CCL, viz.,

G. Eaton, August 1866 – 18/0
Do. in April  10/6
T. Goode   April   £1. 8.4   and to
Geo Wright   £1. 7. 8,

Any accounts against the school not exceeding the latter amount, and certified by Mr Doke, will be duly paid.

[Birch]

26 Aug 1867
Rev. F.W. Cox
Norwood

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst (376/67) in answer to a letter from this office of the 20th inst and in reply thereto, I beg to call your attention to an error in your letter stating the terms of the Wilkins Family to be £ 3 per month, instead of £ 3 per quarter.

[Birch]
334
27 August 1867
J.B. Jones Esq., J.P.
Illinawortina
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 7th inst (361/67) I am desired by the Hon the CCL to inform you that it is not considered necessary to establish a Depot at Illinawortina on account of the close proximity of Umberatana and Yudanamutana Depots.

[Birch]

335
27th August 1867
Mr T. Dailey
Clarendon
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday’s date, and in reply thereto, I have the honor to state that the subject of giving land to the Natives, desirous of settling to industrial pursuits, is now under consideration by the Government and when definitively settled, you will be communicated with.

[Birch]

336-337
28 Aug 1867
Mr H. Walder
Kopperamanna
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has approved of your request for Stores to be supplied to Children attending School.
Your request for a grant of land for erecting Buildings upon: is still under consideration. The Hon the CCL being desirous of the opinion of the Surveyor General before acceding to your request.
The AP does not deem it advisable to make any special alteration in the Instructions relative to the Issuing of Stores. The Mission Stations at Point McLeay, Poonindie and Yorke’s Peninsula being perfectly satisfied with the present instructions that he could not make an exception in your case.

[Birch]
338
28th August 1867
J.P.Buttfield Esq., J.P.
SPA
Port Augusta
Sir
I have the honor to forward for your information a list of stores despatched to the various Depots in your District since the 32nd March up to date.
I have also to inform you that the Hon the CCL has approved of the Moravian Missionaries’ request for Stores to be supplied for Children attending School.

[Birch]

339
29th August 1867
Mr W. Lyon
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to inform you in answer to your letter of the 5th inst (352/67) that Mr Glenie of Chowilla was written to for information concerning a native called Doctor, who states that he knows of no Native with one eye in his District of that name. The AP will shortly be making a tour of the South Eastern District and any information he may be able to gather will be communicated to you.

[Birch]

340
31 August 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.
Sec: CCL&I
Sir,
It is respectfully requested that the authority of the Hon the CCL be obtained to purchase by private contract the following articles viz.,
5 doz American Tomahawks
12 doz Fishing Lines

[Scott]

341
31 Aug 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 28th and beg to state that if Mr Herbert should be instructed to visit Point McLeay, I will not fail to employ him for the purpose of attending the sick Natives at your Mission Station. Your requisition for Hooks, Lines &c shall meet with immediate attention.

[Scott]
2 Sept 1867
Mr R. Whitbread
Mt Freeling
Sir,
I am directed by the Hon the CCL &c to request that you will explain the reason why you gave a clean receipt for weevilly Flour, and took it at all, in opposition to letter from this office dated 15th June.

[Scott]

3 Sept 1867
G.N. Birks Esq.,
Kadina
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon the CCL to inform you that two hundred pounds (£ 200) will be given by Government towards the erection of buildings at the new Station at Point Pierce.
All accounts for the above purpose duly certified, with the necessary vouchers, will be paid by this Department, to the amount of Two hundred pounds (£ 200).

[Birch]

3rd Sept 1867
Mr J. Lyall
Flinders Street
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon the CCL&I to inform you that the Government have decided to grant two hundred pounds (£ 200) towards the creation of buildings at the new Station at Point Pierce.
The account to the amount of £ 200 for the above purpose, duly certified and accompanied with the necessary vouchers, will be paid by this Department.

[Scott]

4 Sept 1867
Mr Joshua Jones
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ulto (587/67) and I am desired by the Hon the CCL to inform you that as it is not unlikely that His Royal Highness will visit that part of the Colony, the Hon the Comm cannot authorize any expenditure in bringing the Natives into Adelaide.

[Scott]
346a
6 Sept 1867
Corpl Mallon
Melrose
Sir,
I received the procuration order (drawn by Geo Hill) yesterday and I now beg to forward your Post Office order for the amount (£ 4) payable to yourself from the Protector.

[Birch]

346b
10 Sept 1867
The officer in charge of Police
Port Augusta
Sir,
I beg to inform you that your returns of Aboriginal Stores are in a very unsatisfactory state – inasmuch as your return for the month of March has not yet come to hand. The returns for the month of April and May were received at this office and returned to you for some explanation and have not been sent back to this office. Consequently the returns are unchecked since February.

[Birch]

347
7 September 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to comply with your request to cut Mallee for hurdles, and the Surveyor General will instruct the Crown Lands Ranger of the District in which you reside that you have obtained this permission.

[Scott]

348
7 Sept 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
& to Mr T. Moriarty, Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired by the A.P.A. to require that you will try and induce the Natives to make war implements &c as quickly as possible, for the purpose of making the Corroboree which is shortly to be held near the Lakes /Wommeran/ more attractive than it would otherwise be. A few Bark Canoes are required if they can be had.

[Birch]
349
9 September 1867
Mr W. Attiwill
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I have the honor to request by desire of the AP, that you will try and induce the Natives to make war implements &c as quickly as possible, for the purpose of making a Corroboree which is shortly to be held at the Lakes, more attractive than it would otherwise be. A few bark canoes are required if they can be had.

[Birch]

350
Same letter to Mr Joshua Jones, Wellington

351
Same letter to Mr J. Dann, Milang

352
9 September 1867
?Rev P.S. Hinterocher
West Terrace
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you in reply to your communication of the 27th Ult that the Hon the CCL cannot grant land to the Aborigines, on the terms mentioned in your letter; but the subject of allowing Natives to occupy Crown Lands, for certain purposes, is now under the consideration of the Government, and I may therefore be in a position, before a long period elapses, to point out to you the conditions on which these people may become tenants of the Crown.

[Scott]

353
11 Sept 1867
Corpl Shaw
Overland Corner
Sir,
I bet to acknowledge the monthly return of Stores for July and August and desire to inform you that there is some difference in the stores received by you and the quantities ordered by this office from the Contractor for groceries. I have therefore to request that you will forward any information you may possess whether the stores arrived in good condition, or if there was any appearance of the sugar bags being opened on the journey. Perhaps you might have made some error in the weighing. The Sugar ordered was 250 lbs, Tea 41 lbs and there was 100 lbs Soap which I find you have not received by your return.

[Birch]
354  
16th September 1867  
Mr T. O’Connor PT  
Penola  
Sir,  
In examining your return for the month of August, I find in your receipt of sugar a deficiency of 26lbs, Rice 8 lbs & Tea 1 lbs overweight.  
You will please explain to the AP if the Stores had the appearance of having been opened on the way; if not, the deficiency must lay with the Contractor.  

[Birch]

355  
16 September 1867  
Rev. P.T. Oster  
Rosenthal  
Sir,  
In answer to your communication of the 30th Ult., I do myself the honor to state, by direction of the Hon the CCL, that the Missionaries need not apprehend being removed by the Government, as long as their Missionary work is being carried on.  

[Scott]

356  
16 September 1867  
Rev. F.W. Cox  
Norwood,  
Sir,  
I am desired by the AP to ask, if you would be kind enough to supply him with a copy of the letter of occupation, which authorizes the Aborigines’ friends’ Association to hold the land at Point McLeay.  

[Birch]

357  
16 September 1867  
S.P. Creagh Esq.,  
Clerk Asst – House of Assembly  
Sir,  
I am desired by the Acting Protector of Aborigines (E.B. Scott Esq.) to forward to you the enclosed copy of evidence, and to state that absence from Town prevented him from complying sooner to your request.  

[Birch]
16 Sept 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
SPA
Port Augusta

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and beg to state that I am not aware of any Heads of Departments who are interesting themselves to secure for their officers the privilege of joining in the demonstration in honor of the Prince – consequently you will not be overlooked. I have to observe for your information that I anticipate to be sent away the moment the Prince arrives here, so that our positions as far as the demonstration is concerned will be alike. The requests contained in the other portion of your letter shall be attended to.

[Scott]

17 September 1867
I.F. Bottomley Esq.,
Port Elliot

Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 10th inst., I beg to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to grant your request to purchase a boat for the Natives at Port Elliot.
I am desired to ask you whether you know of a suitable boat at Port Elliot; and if so, to state price and any other particulars, as the AP will be visiting your neighbourhood shortly, and will be most happy to facilitate matters as much as possible.

[Birch]

18 September 1867
Mr H. Glenie
Chowilla

Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith a cheque for £5.0.0 on the South Australian Bank for the removal of Stores at Chowilla.
You will oblige by acknowledging receipt thereof.

[Birch]

18 September 1867
Mr A. McLaren
Goolwa

The enclosed a/c requires the ?? ?? of the person who took charge of the stores for delivery from the tramway. ?? they went up the River Murray for July, Aug., ?? ?? at Overland Corner ?? case of soap (100 lbs) ?? instead of 16 were delivered.

[Birch]
361
19 Sept 1867
Mrs McAdam
Kingston
Madam,
I am desired to inform you that after mature consideration the Government cannot entertain your request for compensation for attendance on three Lubras, during confinement, considering the service performed being unauthorized and unnecessary.

[Birch]

362
23 Sept 1867
D. McLean Esq.,
North West Bend
River Murray
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst and beg to state that the Native mentioned therein [erousblind], shall meet with all the attention and care that I can bestow.

[Scott]

363
24 Sept 1867
A.H. Landseer Esq.,
Milang
Sir,
There are several parcels of Stores leaving Town today, intended for the Native Corrobboree, to be held on Lake Albert Peninsula during the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to this Province. The AP desires me to ask you to be good enough to take charge of the Stores until his arrival at Milang. They will be addressed to E.B. Scott Esq.

[Birch]

364
24 Sept 1867
Hy Pavey Esq.,
Milang
Sir,
I am desired by the AP (Mr Scott) to ask if you could supply him with two and a half tons of good seconds Flour and at what price, delivered on the Jetty at Milang; an early answer would oblige.

[Birch]
365
24 Sept 1867
Jno Henderson, Esq., J.P.
S.A. Bank
Port Victor
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst on the Subject of a boat for certain natives of Port Victor, and as a matter of course, I will place your communication before the Hon the CCL if you wish it; but I cannot promise that your request will be granted; on the contrary if you will forward a simple memorial, signed by a number of the inhabitants of Port Victor I shall be glad to recommend it to the favourable consideration of the Commissioner, and I dare say the object you have in view would be gained.

[Scott]

366
25 Sept 1867
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your requisition of the 24th inst., and I am desired by the AP to inform you, that you are hereby authorized to obtain three loads of firewood for the use of the Natives.

[Birch]

367
26 Sept 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: CL&I
Sir,
I do myself the honor to state for the information of the Hon the CCL, that a great saving of money could be made in the Department under my charge, if I were permitted to purchase Flour for the Aborigines in various places in this Colony, instead of obtaining it as I do at the present time, from the Contractor in Adelaide.

[Scott]
368  
26 Sept 1867  
H. Pavy Esq.,  
Milang  
Sir,  
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday’s date (410/67) and have the honor to inform you, that I will take three Tons of Flour instead of two and a half as previously stated; therefore, I shall expect it in readiness for me, when I proceed to Point McLeay; my departure from Adelaide will depend upon the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.  
[Scott]

369  
28 Sept 1867  
Mr T. O’Connor PT  
Penola  
Sir,  
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst (416/67) and am rather surprised at the suggestion contained therein, considering that (printed forms) letters of advice are always despatched to the Issuer of Stores at the time the stores are ordered from the Contractor, and I find that in your case there was no exception. The deficiency must have happened after leaving Adelaide as all the stores intended for the Aborigines are examined and weighed by the Govt Storekeeper prior to despatch.  
[Birch]

370  
1st Oct 1867  
A.H. Landseer Esq.,  
Milang  
Sir,  
I am desired by the AP to ask you, if he would be able to hire two vessels – or a Steamboat – to convey Aborigines from Meningie, Wellington, Milang and Goolwa to Point McLeay; and the probable cost per day of vessels, and what advice it would be requisite to give.  
[Birch]
2 October 1867
A.H. Landseer Esq.,
Milang
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., and I am desired by the AP to state that you have not included Wellington in your letter. The places where the Natives are expected to muster are Wellington, Meningie, Goolwa, & Milang, and the steamer would be required to convey them to Loveday Bay near McBeath’s. Three days’ notice will be given when the steamer is required, and the AP would like to be informed of the charge of Steamer for conveying Natives from each of the above places.

[Birch]

3 October 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: CL&I
Sir,
I beg respectfully to call the attention of the Hon the CCL to a leakage in the roof of the new building, directly above the office, and to suggest that the Architect be advised thereof.

[Scott]

12 October 1867
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to grant your request to have the natives vaccinated and has approved of the charges named by Dr. Herbert in your letter of the 12th Augt last. Dr Maslin is not a qualified medical practitioner and therefore cannot vaccinate as the Act expressly states that it must be only a qualified medical practitioner. Dr Todsman is the public vaccinator for Port Elliot & Goolwa and he is authorized to vaccinate and will be instructed on this Subject.

[Scott]
12 October 1867
Dr Herbert
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to approve of the offer made by you (through Mr Taplin) to vaccinate the natives at Point McLeay; when upon completion you will please forward you’re a/c certified by Mr Taplin to this office.

[Birch]

12 October 1867
Dr Todsman
Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired to acquaint you that the Hon the CCL has authorized you to vaccinate any natives in your District deemed desirable by the Police who have been communicated with upon the subject. The same charges as are allowed for Europeans will be duly acknowledged; and the a/c should be certified by the Police Officer in charge and forwarded to this office.

[Birch]

October 12th 1867
Mr Jno Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to inform you that Dr Todsman has been instructed to vaccinate any natives that you may consider require it; you will therefore take whatever steps you may consider necessary in the matter.

[Birch]

15th October 1867
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Kadina
Sir,
In answer to your telegram of this morning, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Rogers has consented to allow the Mission Station to be established at once on his run, provided the square mile and the section are as shewn on tracing sent to him by Surveyor-General last May; after approval by the Commissioner, copies of this tracing will be sent to Mr Kuhn and Mr Rogers to close the matter.

[Birch]
378
16 Oct 1867
A.H. Landseer Esq,
Milang
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 8th inst., I have the honor to inform you that I will accept your offer for the conveyance of natives and Stores to Baker’s Bluff – provided I have not to pay for the Steamer, if she should not be required.
Four days’ notice will be given you. Reply in order that I may make other arrangements immediately should you not accept my terms.

[Scott]

379
16th October 1867
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 15th inst., I am desired to inform you that you are hereby authorized to incur the necessary expense in having the Canoe repaired, forwarding the a/c to this office for payment.

[Birch]

380
16 Oct 1867
C. Sabine Esq,
Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the a/c for the Flour (140 lbs @ 50/- 10/-?) used by the Police at Mount Freeling will be passed for payment this month, and will be Payable at the Treasury on or about the sixth of next month.

[Scott]

381
17 October 1867
J.S. Woods Esq,
McGrath’s Flat,
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15 inst., (434/67) and have the honor to inform you that Kruse has no authority to take the Government Boats and turn them to his own use.
I will therefore direct him to discontinue such practices, otherwise I will place the matter in the hands of the Police.
I will forward a few small stores in the course of a few days.

[Birch]
382
17 Oct 1867
Mr A. Webb
Long Island
River Murray
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 15 inst, and I am desired to state that there is no money at the disposal of the Protector of Aborigines for the purpose mentioned in your letter.

[Birch]

383
17th October 1867
Mr. C.W.T. Kruse
Milang
Sir,
I have been informed by Mr Woods of McGrath’s Flat, that you are using the Government Boats – I therefore direct you immediately to discontinue such an unlawful practice – otherwise you will compel me to take serious steps, for the purpose of suffering such unwarrantable conduct.

[Birch]

384
17 October 1867
J.S. Woods Esq.,
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
Will you have the goodness for the future, whenever duty may call you from your station to engage some person to take charge of the Aborigines’ Stores when they arrive at the landing place at McGrath’s Flat.
I regret very much to hear that some sugar has been damaged.

[Scott]

385
21st October 1867
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In consequence of a number of Natives coming to Town, I am desired by the A.P.A. to inform you that a quantity of Blankets, Blue Shirts, Flour, Tea, Sugar, Tobacco, Tomahawks, Twine, Hooks & Lines, Tinware &c &c are now waiting at Milang, ready to be taken across the Lake, for distribution among the Natives, as soon as HR.H. the Duke of Edinburgh arrives in the Colony.
A Steamer will be sent to Goolwa to convey the Natives across upon the third or fourth day after the arrival of the Prince to the Colony. Due notice will be given you of his arrival.

[Birch]
386
21 October 1867
Mr J. Jones PT
Wellington
Sir,
In consequence of a large number of natives coming to Adelaide, I am desired by the A.P.A. to inform you that a quantity of Blankets, Blue shirts, Flour, Tea, Sugar, Tobacco, Tomahawks, Twine, Fish Hooks and Lines, Tinware &c &c are now waiting at Milang, and will be taken across the Lake as soon as H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh arrives in the Colony for distribution among the Natives. The Streamer will be sent to Wellington the third or fourth day after the Prince’s arrival, to convey the natives to Lake Albert Peninsula and due notice will be given you.

[Birch]

387
28 October 1867
Mr T.P. Richards PT
Fowlers Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst (448/67) and I am desired by the A.P.A. to inform you that no special provision is made by this Department for the maintenance of half-caste children, not does he think it necessary; but of course they (the half-castes) may become the recipients of rations, supplied for the support of the Aborigines generally. The Fathers of half-castes are I believe amenable to the law which compels people to support their offspring; but I deem it unadvisable to take action in a matter of this kind.

[Birch]

388
28 October 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P., SPA
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you in answer to your letter of the 19th inst., (445/67) that I approve of the transfer of Stores from Yudanamatana to Illinawortina.

[Scott]

389
28 October 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P., A.P.A.
Blinman
Sir,
I am directed by the Hon the CCL&I to acquaint you, that he will not authorize the expenditure of any money for the purpose of building a residence for the Sub-Protector, and before considering the question of making some allowance in lieu of quarters, in accordance with a suggestion of mine, the Hon the CCL would like to be informed, where the Sub-Protector would be likely to reside in the event of his leaving the Blinman.

[Scott]
28 October 1867
D. McLean Esq.,
North West Bend
River Murray
Sir,
I am desired to inform you that the native named Johnny Weeako from the North West Bend, since
he arrived in Town, has been attending the Colonial Surgeon, who states that he cannot restore
Weeako’s Sight and recommends his return to his tribe.

[J Birch]

29 October 1867
J.F. Bottomley Esq.,
Port Elliot
Sir,
I am desired to remind you of a letter from this office dated 17th Ulto., and to inform you that the
Acting Protector has been awaiting your reply thereto, before taking action in the matter.

[J Birch]

30 October 1867
G.N. Birks Esq.,
Kadina
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon the CCL that the Surveyor-General has been
authorized to survey (in the course of a short period) a square mile and an eighty-acre section of
land including the wells at Point Pierce, for the use of the Native Mission, and that this survey will
finally set this matter at rest. In conclusion, I have to observe that by this arrangement, the Lessee
of the Point Pierce run has consented to waive his claim to six months’ notice of resumption.

[J Birch]

30th October 1867
Rev. F.W. Cox
Norwood
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon the CCL that the Surveyor-General has been
authorized to survey (in the course of a short period) a square mile and an eighty-acre section of
land including the wells, at Point Pierce, for the use of the Native Mission, and that this survey will
finally set the matter at rest. In conclusion I have to observe that by this arrangement the Lessee of
the Point Pierce run has consented to waive his claim to six months’ notice of resumption.

[J Birch]
394
4 Nov 1867
A.H. Landseer Esq
Milang
Sir,
You will please forward per 'Telegraph', steamer, on Wednesday next to the care of Mr Taplin – Point McLeay – all stores addressed to Mr Scott and intended for the Corroboree.

[Birch]

395
5 Nov 1867
Mrs C. Smith
Gambierton
Madam,
I am directed by the AP to inform you that you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Flour mill at Mt Gambier five bags of Flour (second quality) and to forward the a/c to this office for payment.

[Birch]

396
14th Nov 1867
Mr C. D. Aston
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday’s date, offering to convey Stores to Point Pierce, and in reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you that at present there are no Stores destined for Point Pierce, the Missionary Station lately there having removed back to Kadina.

[Birch]

397
19 Nov 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P. S.P.A.
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to state the place you think most eligible for the residence of the Sub-Protector in the Far North, in the event of his being, by force of circumstances, compelled to leave the Blinman – as your communication of the 6th inst is no answer to my letter No 237/67.

[Scott]
398
19th Nov 1867
J.P. Butfield Esq.,
S.P.A.
Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst on the subject of leave of absence, I have the honor to suggest that you had better make a separate application for leave to absent yourself from your duties, during the Xmas holidays.
I also beg to call your attention to a letter from Mr Short No. 300, forwarded to you on the 1st July from this office.

[Scott]

399
21st Nov 1867
Mr J.R. Ewens
Blanchetown
Sir,
I am desired to inform you that you are authorized to purchase meat and any other article, suitable for a sick man like Tinarnambi, and upon forwarding the a/cs to this office, they will be duly acknowledged.

[Birch]

400
28th Nov 1867
G.N. Birks Esq.,
Kadina
Sir,
It is not on the power of the Govt (at the present time) to give you authority to occupy that portion of land, which has been surveyed at Point Pierce for a Mission station; but no doubt you could induce Mr Rogers to waive his claim to notice of resumption and thereby be enabled to take possession of the land in question without further delay.

[Scott]

401
2 December 1867
The Hon the CCL&I
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of the Auditor General, Statement of Aborigines’ Advance, balance repaid into the Treasury, 30th Nov 1867, receipt attached.

[Walker]
2nd Dec 1867
The Auditor General
Memo/
Statement of Aborigines Advance forwarded for the information of the Auditor General.
Balance, repaid into Treasury 30 Nov (receipt attached) £16. 13. 6
Amount paid out of advance as per Schedule rendered
For Audit and not yet repaid £2. 6. 6
£19. 0. 0

Vide C.L.& I. letter 153/67

2 Dec 1867
Sergt Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
I am desired by the Protector of Aborigines to ask you to be good enough to inspect a boat, selected for the Aborigines by Capt Tait, Harbor Master at Victor Harbor, and to reply as to the suitableness of the boat in question.
The Protector is anxious that a good and serviceable boat should be procured for the natives at Port Elliot.

2nd Dec 1867
The Hon the CCL&I
Sir,
I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the governor, the return and observations having reference to the Aborigines, which you requested me to supply in your letter of the 18th Ulto.
The tabulated return enclosed herewith, will contain an answer to many of your queries, and the following remarks will I hope complete my answer to your letter.
Education has made but little progress among the Aborigines, nor has any attempt been made to teach these people on a large scale; but some few young persons attend the Mt Gambier, Point Pierce, Point McLeay, Lacepede Bay and Goolwa Schools, and are instructed by zealous Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses, who devote great care in endeavouring to ameliorate the condition of the Blacks in a scholastic point of view; with all this care, and attention for their religious and secular teaching, I can state, after an experience of thirty years, that the efforts of Europeans to turn the degraded Australian native from a barbarous life to one of a higher character has been anything but a success.
Missionary establishments are as an idea, pretty and interesting, and despite the unwearied exertions and views of good and pious men to overcome the difficulties of civilizing the blacks, I do
not hesitate to observe that all practical persons are fully aware of the utter impossibility of reclaiming the Aborigines of Australia – nevertheless, I would not propose, or authorize if I had it in my power, any diminution of support to the natives – on the contrary I would be liberal in my help and endeavour by all means to relieve their necessities, whenever and wherever I could.

As Far as my knowledge goes the natives are more subject to pulmonary diseases than any other, I believe the reckless use of clothes has been the cause of prematurely sending numbers to their graves. Skin and other complaints are occasionally to be met with among the blacks; but as a rule pulmonic disorders are the most prevalent.
The Aborigines are employed by Europeans to some considerable extent as Shepherds, Shearers, Reapers, Stockriders, Cutters of wood &c., and doubtless their labor would be much more sought for, if their habits were not of such an erratic kind and therefore not to be depended upon for any length of time.
The rites and customs of the natives are still practised to some extent, but as they are (with few exceptions) of a harmless description, the colonists are not subject to many revolting sights.
In conclusion, I have to remark that the rate of mortality among the blacks is proceeding rapidly, and judging by the past thirty years, no long period will elapse ere the settled portions of South Australia will be left without a trace of its original inhabitants.

[Scott]

407
3 Dec 1867
The Hon the CCL&I
Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to approve of the enclosed ‘Advance Warrant’ for the sum of nineteen pounds (£ 19) to enable me to meet various petty expenses.

[Walker]

408
4 Dec 1867
I.N. Blackmore Esq.,
Sec: CL&I
Sir,

I have the honor respectfully to request the authority of the Hon the CCL&I to call for Tenders for the supply of one thousand (1000) pairs of Blankets, for the ensuing year, it being necessary to forward the supplies to the outlying districts early in the year by the returning wool drays.

[Walker]

409
6 Dec 1867
W.L. Beare Esq.,
Bungaree
Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Police at Clare will deliver to your order all Aboriginal Stores on hand taking your receipt for the same.
Blank forms of return and copy of Instructions will be forwarded by this mail.

[Birch]
6th Dec 1867
Mfr F.W. Catchlove
Clare
Sir,
I am directed by the Protector to request you to deliver to Mr Beare or order all remaining Aborigines’ Stores on hand, taking his receipt for the same, and forwarding a statement to this office.

[Birch]

7 Dec 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.,
A.P.A.
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto., requesting authority to forward Lubra of deceased Native (named Peter) to Pt Lincoln and in reply I beg to inform you, that the Hon the CCL has approved of your request.
You will therefore forward the Lubra to Pt Augusta, with a letter of instruction to Mr. A.D. Tassie to forward her to Port Lincoln.

[Walker]

J.P. Buttfield Esq., JP
APA
Melrose
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th Ulto., asking for leave of absence at Christmas and beg to inform you that the Hon. The CCL&I has been pleased to grant you a month’s leave of absence from the 20th inst.

[Walker]

12 Dec 1867
Rev. F.W. Cox
Norwood
Sir,
I am desired to ask you for the information of the Hon the CCL, under what letter, or authority, for occupation, the Reserve at Point McLeay is now occupied by Mr Taplin.
You would greatly oblige by forwarding the Number and Date of the letter.

[Birch]
414
13 Dec 1867
Mr James Simpson
L.C. [OIC, Police]
Port Elliot
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst (506/67) and have the honor to inform you that you are authorized to purchase the Boat, on behalf of this Department, for the use of the Natives at Port Elliot, and if procurable at Port Elliot or Victor, you might also procure sufficient chain and Rope for moorings, forwarding the a/cs to this office for payment.
The Boat to remain under the supervision of the Police, who will be good enough to report anything that may be required for its preservation.

[Walker]

415
13 Dec 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
S.P.A., Melrose
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., concerning the travelling expenses of a native witness, and in reply I beg to inform you, that in the case alluded to, the prisoner being an European, the expenses will be paid in the usual manner by the Supreme Court.
Had the prisoner been a Native, the expenses would have been borne by this Department.

[Walker]

416
13 Dec 1867
J.F. Bottomley Esq.,
Port Elliot
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Officer in charge of the Police at Port Elliot has been instructed to purchase and to take charge of the Boat for the Aborigines at Port Elliot.

[Birch]

417
16th Dec 1867
H.A. Short Esq.,
Buttamuc, North East
Sir,
In reply to your communication of 24th June last, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to approve of a Depot being established at your Station, for the distribution of rations to the Aborigines. You will be expected to forward to this office a monthly return of stores Issued, for which printed forms will be supplied you.
Upon receipt of your letter advising the best way of sending the stores, a supply of Flour, Tea, Sugar &c will be forwarded to you.

[Walker]
418
17 Decr 1867
D. Brown Esq.,
Port Adelaide
Sir,
Understanding that you have a Boat for sale, I am desired by the Protector of Aborigines to ask you to state the price required, also to mention any gear included. You will understand the description of boat required, when I state that it is required for a fishing boat for the natives at Victor Harbor.

[Birch]

419
23 Dec 1867
Mr J. Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., forwarding a/cs for boat, and have the honor to remit you herewith – P.O. Order for the two small a/cs, for which I will thank you to procure receipts and return them to this office; the a/cs for the Boat & Chain will be passed for payment the end of the month and will be payable at the Treasury about the 7th proximo.
With regard to the Natives using the Boat on New Year’s day, I beg to state that if you consider they will conduct themselves properly, without getting intoxicated, I see no reason to object to their request.

[Walker]

420a
23rd Dec 1867
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to forward you seven 6’ stamps for Medicine supplied to Aborigines. The account for £ 2 for the Flag has been handed over to the Reception Committee Office.

[Birch]

420b
23rd Dec ? 1867
Mr Joseph Smith
White Horse Hotel
Currie Street
Sir,
I beg to remind you that according to agreement, you are desired to forward to this office by the 31st inst., four pounds for the maintenance and education of a girl at the Point McLeay Institution, daughter of Charles Cook.

[Birch]
421
Jno Henderson Esq., J.P.
Port Victor
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a whale boat with four oars, rudder, and moorings has been despatched from Port Adelaide by the “Gem” for the use of the Aborigines at Victor Harbor. I would respectfully request in the absence of the Police at Port Victor, that you would instruct the natives to take particular care of the boat, and when not in use, the oars and rudder should be deposited in some place for safe keeping.

[Birch]

422
28 Dec 1867
J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P.
SPA, Port Augusta
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst asking to suspend your leave of absence until 4th January and in reply I beg to inform you that the Hon the CCL has been pleased to grant your request.

[Birch]

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423
6th January 1868
The Hon. the CCL
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I propose leaving town, on a visit to the South-Eastern district, on Friday next.
As I shall travel the whole distance with my own horses, I shall probably be absent for about five or six weeks.

[Walker]

424
9 January 1868
Mr J. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I am desired to inform you, that the Shooting Punt, lately used by H.R.H. during the trip to the Lakes, has been transferred to the Department for the use of the Aborigines.
The manager at Campbell House will be instructed to deliver it up to your order; you will therefore despatch one or two Natives with an order for its delivery; when they can wither bring the Punt round by water or have it carted across the Peninsula.

[Birch]

425
9 January 1868
The Manager
Campbell House
Lake Albert
Sir,
You will be pleased to deliver to the order of Mr J. Wood, Telegraph Master of McGrath’s Flat, the shooting punt used by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh during his trip to the Lakes, it being intended for the use of the Aborigines on the Coorong.

[Birch]

426
10th January 1868
Mr Jno Dann P.T.
Milang
Sir,
You will please forward to this office without delay, a list of all non-consumable stores under your charge, belonging to this Department, such as Boats, Scales & Weights &c &c.
[Copy sent to the following – Goolwa – McGrath’s Flat – Pt McLeay – Wellington – Lower Finniss]

[Birch]
427a
11 Jan 1868
Mr G. Gladstone
Penola
Sir,
Ol beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., concerning your a/c for supplying coffins for the Aborigines, and in reply, I have the honor to inform you that your a/c was passed for payment the end of last month and now awaits you in the Treasury. Enclosed is a form of procuration order by which, if you think proper to fill in, will enable anyone to draw and remit the money to you.

[Birch]

427b
18 Jan 1868
Mr Jno Dann P.T.
Milang
Sir,
I beg to inform you that you are authorized to purchase three loads of firewood for the Natives at Milang, sending the a/c to this office as usual for payment.

[Birch]

428
13 Jan 1868
Mr Rd Phelan P.T.
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your remarks in the December Return, that Dr Penny in his letter of the 1st January, promised to have the two incurables at Lawson’s Station removed to Border Town; if not already removed, you had better see to it without delay. Dr Walker will be in your neighbourhood about the beginning of next month, and will be in a position to attend upon any natives requiring assistance.

[Birch]

429
17 Jan 1868
Mr W.H. Limbert
Rapid Bay
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., informing of the native shaving left your locality, and requesting to be informed how to dispose of the Stores. In reply, I beg to inform you, that should the Stores be no inconvenience to you, they had better remain for the present where they are, in case the natives should return.

[Birch]
17 Jan 1868  
Mr T. Bath  
Kooringa  
Sir,  
I am desired by Mr Short of Buttamuc to inform you that the following Stores will leave Town on the 21st inst per rail to Kapunda, for the Aborigines at Buttamuc Station, and to request that you would forward them to Parnaroo, from whence his own dray will take them.  
Description of Stores:  
1 Ton Flour  
  250 lbs Sugar  
  41 lbs Tea  
  10 lbs Tobacco  
The following stores also left on or about the 13th inst for the same route:  
2 tons Flour  
  400 lbs Sugar  
  82 lbs Tea  
  10 lbs Tobacco  
Addressed to Mr R. Williams, Bimbawrie  

[431]  
18 January 1868  
Messrs D. & W. Murray  
King William Street  
Gentlemen,  
In reply to your Tender for Blankets of the 6th inst., I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has accepted your tender for delivering of 500 pairs of blue Blankets at 14/11, to be delivered at the Govt Store during this month, and 500 pairs at 14/6 to be delivered in February, to be equal to samples which will be retained in this office.  

[432]  
20 January 1868  
Mrs C. Smith  
Mt Gambier  
Madam,  
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., and in reply thereto, I beg to inform you that you’re a/c for the month of October was passed for payment in November last, and has been paid to you’re a/c in the National Bank. The a/cs for Nov & Dec will be passed the end of this month; consequently there is nothing in the Treasury.  

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[430]
20 January 1868
Mr C. Draper
Grenfell Street
Sir,
In reply to your tender for Blankets of the 6th inst., I have the honor to inform you that it has not been accepted. The Sample forwarded by you to this office can be had on application.

[Birch]

20 January 1868
Similar letter to Wills & Co, Rundle Street.

23 January 1868
Corpl Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
In reply to your [letter] of the 20th inst., I beg to state for your information, that previous to receiving your former letter dated 29 December 1867, I wrote to Mr Henderson, Manager of the South Australian Bank at Port Victor, asking that gentleman to be kind enough to instruct the natives what to do with the boat, until the arrival of the Police at Port Victor, which I was given to understand by the Police Dept would be shortly made a Police Station.
Mr Tait making use of the Boat without authority from this Department – he will therefore be expected to repair any damage he may have caused to the Boat.

[Birch]

29th Jany 1868
F.E. Goldsmith Esq., M.D.
Robe
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., forwarding a/c for 2, and beg to inform you that it will be passed with the Feb a/cs and therefore will not be payable until the 6th or 7th of March next, at the Treasury.
I have also to inform you that the Hon the CCL has sanctioned the outlay of thirty shillings, as requested by you for a leather apparatus for attaching to stump of arm.

[Birch]
Corpl J. Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your memo of the 28th inst., requesting rollocks and chain for
the Aborigines’ Boat at Port Victor. In reply, I have the honor to inform you that you had better
purchase the chain required for the Boat at Ports Elliot or Victor, and at the same time engage a
Blacksmith to make six rollocks, so as to keep two spare ones in case of loss, forwarding the a/cs to
this office in the usual way.

Mr T. Moriarty
Goolwa
Sir,
In answer to your request dated yesterday, I beg to inform you (in the absence of the Protector) that
I see no reason to object to their request, provided it be limited to one bag of Flour, as stated in your
letter.

Mr H. Pavy
Milang
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will forward to this office, for the information of the Hon the
CCL, the price for which you are willing to deliver at Long Island, River Murray, one ton of good
seconds Flour – Sample requested.

Mr A. Webb
Long Island
River Murray
Sir,
I beg to inform you, that on looking over your store return for the month of January, I very much
surprised to find such an indiscriminate Issue of Stores, to every one who chose to ask for them,
more particularly as I find upon enquiry, that the neighbourhood abounds with fish and game.
I beg to call your attention to clause 1 of Instructions to Issuers of Stores, when you will see that it is
not the intention of the government to distribute rations to anyone who chooses to come for them.
8 February 1868
F.E. Goldsmith Esq [M.D.]
Robe
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and have the honor to inform you that the a/c for maintenance is already made out and passed in the name of G. Smith and cannot therefore be altered. Should you particularly desire the a/c payable to yourself, you can, by procuring the Signature of G. Smith to the enclosed procuration order, payable to yourself, and I will attach it to the a/c.
I have also to inform you that before passing the a/c for the stump, all necessary vouchers must first be sent to this office for examination.

[441]
11 February 1868
Mr H. Pavy
Milang
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., offering to deliver Flour at Long Island for the sum of £ 17 per ton, and in reply I have the honor to inform you that your offer cannot be entertained.

[442]
13 Feby 1868
Messrs G.R. & W.H. Birks
Kadina
Gentlemen,
Being desirous to forward Two tons of Flour to Mr Kuhn at Point Pierce, I am requested to ask, if you could inform me of the best way of sending it and the rate of cartage to Point Pierce, or if a saving could be affected by purchasing it at Kadina. Second quality flour is what we are accustomed to send for the Aborigines, present price in Adelaide fourteen pounds per ton.

[443]
Between 13-19? February 1868
The Hon the CCL&I
Sir,
I have the honor to report that I returned this morning from my South-Eastern tour.

[Walker]
444
19 Febr 1868
Miss Ewens
Kingston
Madam,
In answer to your remarks in the return for the month of December, I beg to inform you, that the
Protector considers half a pound of soap sufficient for each child per month.

[Birch]

445
The Hon the CCL&c
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr Buttfield is desirous of having his leave of absence extended
for a fortnight, and I beg that his application be granted as I think it may be done without injury to
the public service.

[Walker]

446
21 February 1868
H.A. Short Esq.,
Bishop’s Court
North Adelaide
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. The CCL has sanctioned the payment of five shillings
per week each, for the maintenance of the two Lubras at Buttamuc Station, from the time you first
wrote to the Government concerning them (24 June 1867), up to the time of the arrival of Govt
Stores at the Station.

[Walker]

447
21st Feb 1868
J? McKechnie Esq., M.D., J.P.
Franklin Harbour
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., (60/68), and in reply thereto, I
beg to inform you that the late Commr (Mr Milne) decided that no stores should be sent to anyone
declining to fill up the usual monthly returns. The Protector desires me to state, that you are not
bound to Issue Rations daily, and trusts that upon further consideration, you will not find the filling
in of the return forms so tedious as at first expected.

[Birch]
Mr. T. Perry
Keeper H.M. Gaol
Redruth

Sir,

In your letter of the 18th inst, addressed to the Sheriff, you allude to a native of the Cooper’s Creek tribe; the Protector of Aborigines desires me to ask, how he came to Redruth, and where committed and by whom, and where the offence was committed, and where taken in charge.

[Birch]

J.P. Buttfield Esq., J.P., S.P.A.
One Tree Hill, Munno Para East

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has approved of extending your leave of absence for a fortnight.

[Birch]

Mr T. Perry
Keeper H.M. Gaol
Redruth

Sir,

I have to request that you will be good enough to purchase a blanket and a blue shirt for the prisoner Bobby when he leaves the gaol, and if he is disposed to return from where he was taken from, I would thank you to procure for him a passage by the Coach, to Outalpa, forwarding the a/c to this office for payment.

[Birch]

Mr J. R. Ewens  P.T.
Blanchetown

Sir

I beg to inform you that the a/cs sent in by you, amounting to one pound seven shillings and two pence, were passed for payment last month, and is now payable to yourself or order at the Treasury. Procuration order herewith.

[Birch]
27 February 1868
Corpl Field
Narracoorte
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 4th inst., I beg to inform you that the Hon. The CCL approves of your destroying the bad Flour remaining on hand at the Narracoorte Depot; and I beg to inform you that you are authorized to purchase a bag of Flour for present Issue,, forwarding the a/c to this office for payment.

[Walker]

28 Feb 1868
Mr W.H. Cattaro
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I am desired by the Protector to inform you that in consequence of an established principle of the Government, ?[in relation to?] the sub-letting of sections of land, he cannot recommend your request to the Government.

[Birch]

28th February 1868
G.G. Wollaston Esq., J.P.
Lake Hamilton
Sir,
In answer to your letter dated 28 January (40/68) I have the honor to inform you that the Government acknowledges no right to a section of land for marrying a native woman. Sections of land have occasionally been granted conditionally to native women for their lifetime, reverting to the Crown again at their demise.
In the present case, the Government do not feel inclined to grant Ahang’s request.

[Walker]

28 February 1868
Mr G.N. Birks
Kadina
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst (65/68) and have the honor to inform you, that the Hon the CCL has decided that as soon as your Committee can satisfactorily show that one hundred and fifty pounds has been expended on the buildings, one hundred pounds will be advanced by the Govt, and the balance upon the completion of the work, at not less than 200 cost, to the satisfaction of some officer of the Government to be named by the Commissioner.

[Side note: Notice of resumption of land at Point Pierce expires 28th May]

[Walker]
5 March 1868
Messrs Bowman Bros
Crystal Brook

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter dated 16 December, I have the honor to inform you that the Government have approved my recommendation and have granted five pounds for the remuneration of the services of the native called “Dick” for tracking and attending upon McCrae. You will be kind enough to give it to him in such sums as you may deem best.

[Walker]

7 March 1868
Mr G. Murray
Shepherd
Booyooloo

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Government having been informed of your leasing a section of land, No. 3055 Hundred of Upper Wakefield, to a person of the name of Jno. A. Lines, I am requested to ask, by what authority you presume the section of land to belong to you. By letter to you, from the Crown Lands Office in February 1864, you were requested to forward your marriage certificate, when a section of land would be allotted to you on the same terms as to Thos. Adams; but on searching the records of the office, I find that you have not answered the questions asked you in the said letter, consequently your claim is still unsettled.

[Birch]

10 March 1868
Mr J. Grosse
?Port Adelaide

Sir,

In reply to your tender for Fish hooks, Lines and Twine, of the 11th Ulto., I beg to inform you that it has not been accepted.

[Birch]

10 March 1868
Mr T. McDonald
Gawler Place

Same as above
10 March 1868
Messrs G. Phillips & Co.,
Hindley Street
In reply to your tender of the 11th ulto., for Fish Hooks, Lines and Twine, I beg to inform you that your tender for Fish Hooks only has been accepted.
Samples of fishing lines left at this office can be had on application.

[ Birch ]

11 March 1868
Mrs Doke
Goolwa
Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th January, which has been laid before the Hon the CCL with memorial alluded to in your letter, and I have to inform you that the Government are still unwilling to grant a Reserve of Land at Goolwa, it being situated in such close proximity to Point McLeay.
I have also to inform you, that the balance of the previous grant having lapsed, the Hon the Commr has approved of your purchasing any School books, &c that may be required for the present wants, such as are enumerated in your letter of 30 Jany – the cost not to exceed five pounds.
The Government Storekeeper will be instructed to send you fifty yards of blue serge for making dresses for the women & Children.

[ Birch ]

11 March 1868
R.B. Penny M.R.C.S.
Charla
Tatiara
Sir,
In answer to your communication of the 21st Ult., I am desired by the Hon the CCL to ask you, whether you would supply medicine and attendance to the Blacks when called upon to do so, within a radius of 20 miles from Charla, for the sum of fifty pounds per annum.

[ Walker ]
462
12 March 1868
Mrs Doke,
Goolwa
Madam,
In writing to you yesterday, I am under the impression that I did not sufficiently explain the intentions of the Hon the CCL regarding the expenditure of the five pounds. The Commr’s intention was, that the cost of the Serge was to be included in the five pounds, therefore if you think proper I will procure the books at the Government Office and forward them with the Serge upon the receipt of your answer.

[Birch]

463 Cancelled

464
13 March 1868
Mr Jno V. Lloyd
Buttamuc
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst (93/68) from which I perceive you acknowledge receiving two small boxes of soap; you will be kind enough to inform me whether it was directed the same as the groceries; if so it must have been sent by mistake, and has not been charged to the Government by the contractor.

[Birch]

465
14 March 1868
Messrs W. & A. Bowman, Millers
Middleton
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of yesterday and regret that I cannot entertain your offer of Flour at nineteen pounds. I am buying good second quality Flour in town at £17 and at Milang at £18; therefore, should you consider it worth your business to reduce your price to £18, we might come to some arrangement. If so, be kind enough to forward a small sample per post to this office.

[Walker]

466
18 March 1868
The Hon the CCL
Sir,
I have the honor to respectfully request, in accordance with circular letter dated 29th February last, that a drawing account for the sum of twenty five pounds (£25) may be opened at the Treasury, to enable me to meet any petty expenses, transport &c., and that an order or cheque book may be supplied.

[Walker]
12 March 1868

The Hon. The Comm. Of CL&I

Sir

I have the honor to forward my Report of a recent visit to the South-Eastern District, for the information of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

Point McLeay

A great many of the Natives had left this Station to visit the neighbouring tribes as is usual at this season; but about sixty remained. One of them, a woman, was dying of consumption [Teenminne?] and a young man was in a weak state of body, evidently from the same disease. All the rest were apparently in excellent health.

Mr Taplin had thirteen men and boys at work, chiefly in the harvest field. The men received from 7/- to 8/- a week which is less than they could probably have obtained elsewhere, but they preferred working there even at a lower rate of wages, that they might continue to enjoy the advantages of the Institution.

The school was closed at the time of my visit, and most of the children were absent with their parents and friends enjoying the holidays. An Evening Class is held for the benefit of adults, which was attended by ten of the young men, most of whom read the Bible with manifest intelligence and fluency.

Mr Taplin Says, “A great step has been taken towards inducing many of these Natives to lead a civilized moral and industrious life. Certainly there are also many of them who have as yet been unwilling to listen to us, yet the cause is not native superstitions, but the influence of the public house and wine shop and the bad example of immoral white people.

I think we may fairly point to the following facts as proofs that this Mission Station has made some Natives better members of the Community:

1. They have cleared a large portion of land here, and but for the prevalence of red rust we should have had a fine crop of wheat.
2. We have fenced in nearly the whole of the reserve. This has been by Native labour.
3. Three couples have been joined in Christian marriage and others will be as soon as we can find houses for them.
4. We are just commencing two more stone cottages for Natives, and I hope before 1868 closes, if God helps us, to have five more built. People are waiting to occupy them.
5. For the last six months an average of 40 Natives of all ages have been living here in a civilized manner. These form a nucleus of civilization in the midst of the Natives. We should have much larger accessions to this number if it were not for the fact that this Reserve won’t provide employment for more.”

Milang

In consequence of a failure of the crops in this neighbourhood, the farmers had no employment for the Natives in the harvest season; the blacks therefore were not as well off as in former years; but a few were earning a little money by gathering and selling leeches. The price given for them latterly however was too low to be remunerative.

Wood is very much wanted at this depot and the old and infirm people suffer greatly in consequence. I believe there is none nearer than four miles from the township which is much too great a distance for them to carry so bulky an article. A supply of firewood is as necessary for the blacks here as is a supply of food.
Wellington
There were about thirty Natives at the Station, all of whom were in good health with one exception. This was a young man suffering from a painful swelling of the knee joint, the effect of an injury received some time ago while breaking-in a colt. Fish were scarce, the river being very high and muddy, and game was not plentiful, consequently the applications at the depot for relief were pretty numerous. The stores were of good quality and in excellent preservation.
The general conduct of the Natives was reported to be good, no complaints having been made against them for a considerable time.

McGrath’s Flat
From forty to fifty were encamped at this Station, who were said to be very quiet and well-behaved. In general the blacks here are pretty healthy but at present Whooping-Cough prevails amongst them and three have fallen victim to it. I saw and prescribed for a number of sick patients – one of them suffering from Consumption, and several from Chronic Cough and diarrhoea. There is no employment for the blacks except at a neighbouring Station, where two or three are kept. A few of them were engaged during shearing time and earned good wages. Both fish and game are easily obtained at present and there is a good market for all they catch that are not required for their own consumption.

Three of their canoes were greatly in need of repair, and having met Mr Kruse at Wood’s Well, I asked him to examine them and report what was necessary to be done. I learned however on my return that he had at once repaired the canoes; they are of the very greatest service to the Natives in fishing and shooting.

Lacepede Bay
The number of Blacks at this place was about forty; some of them old and inform, and a few sick, but most of those whom I saw appeared healthy and strong. Several were employed at the jetty, loading trucks with bales of wool &c, and others at the various stores in the township. Some Natives also were I believe at a neighbouring Station engaged in shooting kangaroo which are very numerous and destructive.

While they are kept from intoxicating drink they are quiet and well-behaved but the very reverse when under its influence. They will do any thing for grog, and unfortunately in spite of all efforts to prevent them, very often succeed in getting it. The Stores were good and well-preserved. A boat is much wanted at this Station, as in fishing the Natives have to go much in the water, frequently up to their necks, and suffer very greatly in consequence of this exposure to cold and wet.

I visited the School which was opened for Native children, about two months before, under Miss Ewens’ Superintendence. There were eleven boys and girls present but of them very few have attended during the whole period, and considering the short time they have been in hand, acquitted themselves on examination quite satisfactorily.

Two of them were in the 2nd lesson book and read with tolerable fluency, the rest were in the 1st lesson book, and a few wrote upon slates. The whole repeated and sung several hymns very creditably.
Guichen Bay
No Natives were here at the time of my visit. Three or four were seen at the Boiling-down Establishment, one of them suffering from Ophthalmia; but most of them were scattered abroad at the various Sheep-stations.
Dr Goldsmith reported the case of a man named “Deaf Joe” whose hand he had lately amputated, and who perfectly recovered from the operation without a single bad symptom. The poor fellow had sustained a very severe injury by fire while in a state of total insensibility, from intoxicating drink.
Several cases of drunkenness have occurred recently for which the culprits have been punished with imprisonment.

Mount Gambier
Only two or three Natives were camped here, the bulk of them being engaged at the neighbouring Sheep-stations.
The blacks would be very well off in this part of the district, if only they were less improvident and intemperate, for they earn considerable sums of money at sheep-washing, shearing &c., but no sooner is money obtained than it is spent in debauchery.
The supply of drink to these wretched creatures is only limited by their ability to pay for it; but although the law is thus openly violated from time to time, the Police seem utterly unable to bring the guilt home to the offenders.
A clever detective could no doubt in the course of a few days trace and bring to merited punishment the dealers in this accursed traffic.
At Mrs Smith’s Establishment, there were seven children, but no adults. There were lately as many as twelve children but some of them left to “walk about” with the tribe, and two or some who have been resident for more than a year can only read short lessons of words of two or three letters, and the rest know imperfectly the letters of the alphabet. Three were enticed away by an abandoned half-caste girl [Lizzy Wilkins?] Those now in the “Home” appear to have received little instruction, as ?? They sung however several simple hymns and songs very well.
Some disagreement with the Lord Bishop of Adelaide having taken place, Mrs Smith has sent in her resignation as Superintend4dent; and until the matter is settled, I have not thought it expedient to cause the 478 additions to the “Home”, which is leased to His Lordship, to be built.

Macdonnell Bay
No Natives had been at this station for several months; indeed the Coast is so bleak and cold that they resort to it only for a little while in mid-Summer.
The blacks refuse the flour because it gives them trouble to prepare it for food, and as there is consequently a good deal on hand and some danger of its spoiling, I ordered two bags to be sent to Mount Burr, at which place there were a few old Natives much in need of assistance.
An offer was made by a Baker here to convert the3 flour into bread returning weight-for-weight, which offer I directed the Issuer to accept.

Tarpeena
There were no Natives at this depot, many of them being employed at the neighbouring Stations, cutting thistles and doing their work for the Settlers. For some time past they have been sober and well-behaved. The Stores were of good quality and in excellent preservation.
Penola
A party consisting of 9 men, 8 Lubras and 4 children were camped here. They were well off in every respect and I observed only one case of sickness amongst them, viz., a child with Whooping-Cough and diarrhoea.

About ten more of the Natives are well employed cutting thistles at a Station about ten miles distant.

The general behaviour of the whole was reported to have been very good.

At Mr Hunter’s house, I saw a Lubra suffering from ?Plous Abscess, and who was under Medical treatment. She was comfortably lodged and had every comfort supplied by Mrs Hunter who is a kind friend to the blacks and to whom they often resort in times of sickness.

On examining the stores, I found that the Flour (about 150 lbs weight) which had been a long time on hand, the Blacks not caring to receive it, had become mouldy and unfit for food; and I gave orders that it should be destroyed.

I regret that any recommendations to appoint Dr Barlas, Medical Officer for this district, has not been carried into effect.

Narracoorte
Few natives have visited this Station since 1866 when sickness and mortality so much prevailed. At the period of my visit there were only four at the depot, three of whom were on the sick list – viz., one from a swelling of the left hip-joint, another from a sore foot, and the third from consumption.

These are under the care of Dr Gunning.

There are three Blacks who have permanent employment at an adjoining Sheep-Station.

Border Town
There were no Natives at this Station.

The Issuer says that Rations are little needed here as many of the Natives are young and healthy and easily earn their living by working for the Settlers. A supply of Serge is much wanted however to make petticoats for the old women and young girls who are at present nearly naked, also a few blue shirts. The tea and tobacco were not of good quality, and it is said that they are refused by the blacks.

At Padthaway, there were three or four Natives, one of whom, a Lubra, was very ill of abdominal dropsy. As she obstinately refused his consent to her removal to Border Town, I gave authority to Dr penny to visit her at Padthaway, and to perform the operation of tapping which was urgently required.

I would again most respectfully urge the appointment of Dr Penny as Medical officer for this District with a fixed annual salary.

Goolwa
Most of the Natives were at the Murray Mouth, where I believe they have great success in fishing. Their conduct lately has been quiet and exemplary.

The able-bodied sell a considerable quantity of fish and game, and generally are well able to supply themselves. Five or six young men were employed about the township, with earnings from 2/6 to 3/- a day, with rations.

A few loads of firewood before the winter sets in would be a great boon to the old and infirm as there is no timber on unsold land within miles of the township.

I visited Mrs Doke who is a kind friend to the Aborigines and who keeps an Evening School for their benefit during the winter months when they gather in to the township. It was thus closed
but the Blacks will soon assemble at the township when it will be again opened. A small room is hired for this purpose, and it is kept in repair and the rent paid by a few benevolent persons. Most of the blacks were also absent from Port Elliot and Victor Harbour.  

[Walker]

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485
18 March 1868
Mr R.F. Sullivan
Nonning G.R.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst (90/68) and beg to inform you that the late Commissioner, Mr Milne, decided that in future, no stores should be sent for the Aborigines, unless the usual monthly returns were supplied, with the names of the recipients. Still the Protector does not insist upon your Issuing rations daily – if you consider that by issuing them weekly will answer the same purpose.  

[Birch]

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486a
20 March 1868
F.E. Goldsmith Esq,
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst, I have the honor to inform you that the a/cs for Maintenance and a leather stump amounting to £2. 15. 0 were paid into your a/c at the National Bank this morning.

[Birch]
21 March 1868
Mrs Doke
Goolwa
Madam,

The Books and Serge were forwarded to Port Adelaide today for shipment to Pt Victor; the cost of Freight Tramway charges &c will be borne by this Department.
You will oblige by acknowledging receipt of parcel.

[Birch]

23 March 1868
Mr H.S. Glenie
Chowilla
Sir,
In answer to your remarks in the Store Return for the month of Feb, I beg to inform you that there has been an equal number of blankets sent to the Depot at Overland Corner, therefore should there not be sufficient at Chowilla for all the natives, some of the young men might get theirs from the former place; as far as they will go, I would issue them to the sick, the old and infirm and the Lubras. All Issuers have been requested to distribute the Blankets on the 1st May, so as to prevent (as far as possible) natives travelling from one Depot to another, procuring a blanket at each.

[Birch]

488 Cancelled – see p. 490

26 March 1868
R. B. Penny Esq, J.P., Surgeon
Tatiara

Instructions to the medical officer for Tatiara district.
1st. The medical officer for Tatiara district will give advice and medicines to all sick Aboriginal natives, on personal application to him at Charla.
2nd. He will attend at their Wurleys, or other dwelling places, within twenty miles of Charla, such of the natives as may at any time require medical or surgical aid, and are unable to apply personally at his residence; and will render to them whatever professional assistance and medicine they may stand in need of.
3rd. He will keep a record of all cases of disease, accidents &c coming to his observation and treatment; and forward to this office a Return quarterly, stating the name of the Native, the sex, age, disease or injury, and result in each case; also a report of the general condition of the natives within the district, with such suggestions as he may see fit to make, for the promotion of their health, and amelioration of their condition.

[Walker]
26 March 1868
R.B. Penny Esq, J.P., Surgeon
Charla, Tatiara
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon the CCL has accepted your offer to supply the Aborigines with medicines and Medical and Surgical attendance within a radius of twenty miles, for fifty pounds (£50) per annum; and has proposed that the new arrangements begin from the 1st April 1868. You will accordingly from that date be ready to perform your duties as Medical Officer for Tatiara, when called upon to do so by the Police at Border Town, or when applied to by any of the Aboriginal Natives of the District. Instructions to which I beg to direct your attention are herewith forwarded, also a few blank forms of returns.

[Walker]

26 March 1868
Corpl Simpson
Pt Elliot
Sir,
In answer to your letter dated 6th inst (86/68) I beg to inform you that you are authorised to have the Aborigines’ Boat at Port Victor repaired, the cost not to exceed six pounds (£6) – everything the Boat requires should be done for that sum, such as painting &c. You will be good enough to make a memorandum of agreement with the Boatbuilder, previous to his commencing the work.

[Birch]

26 March 1868
The Officer in charge of Police
Border Town
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that Dr Penny has been appointed Medical Officer for the Department to attend upon the natives in the Tatiara – his district to be within a radius of twenty miles from Charla. You will be good enough to call Dr Penny’s attention to any natives requiring medical treatment.

[Birch]
27 March 1868
Mr C. Cook
Care of Capt Smith
White Horse Hotel
Currie Street
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the Government have decided to grant Sections of land to deserving Europeans marrying native women, you are therefore requested to forward to this office, your marriage certificate or a duly authenticated document to that effect: also a certificate of character. I have also to request that you will state the number and locality of the section of land you wish to occupy – if surveyed, or otherwise give a full description, so that it can be marked on the Land office plans.

[Walker]

27 March 1868
Mr L. Egan, CLR
Tarpeena
Sir,
I am requested by the P.A. to ask you to be kind enough to report to this office anything you may know of the character, habits, and competency, of a native named Ed Blucher, for managing a section of land. He has been living for some time with a Mr J.K. Bors, who writes in his behalf, from Compton Downs stating that Blucher has been in his employ since 1861.

[Birch]

27 March 1868
Revd. O. Hammond
Poonindie
Sir
I am directed by the protector of Aborigines to ask you to be kind enough to supply him with the following information, viz., whether the son of Thos Adams is of age, or is he still a minor? Whether, if allowed a section of land, has he any capital to commence with? If there is any unsold section, Adams would prefer to the one originally granted to his Mother?

[Birch]
27 March 1868
Mr J.K. Bors
Compton Downs
Mount Gambier
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th June last, on behalf of a native named Blucher, I am desired by the PA to ask you, in the event of the Government granting your request, to grant a section of land to the said Blucher, whether he has any capital to commence with.
The terms upon which the Govt grant land, do not allow of sub-letting, and is compulsory to live upon the land.

[Birch]

28 March 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the Government have decided to grant the right of occupation to a section of land to any deserving European marrying an Aboriginal woman, upon certain conditions, viz. the land to be occupied by the parties to whom the lease is granted, without the right to sub-let any portion thereof; also upon legal proof of marriage being shewn; with a certificate of character from some respectable householder or late employer. Upon complying with the above conditions and forwarding a full description of the land required, you will again be communicated with.

[Walker]

30 March 1868
L. Herbert Esq, Surgeon
Strathalbyn
Sir,
In examining the a/cs for your attendance upon the Aborigines, I find on the 18th Feb last two visits to Milang on the same day, one for dressing Kitty’s wounds, and for attending and certifying to a lunatic named Peter [Pullum]. You will be kind enough to forward some explanation, in regard of the charges of five pounds one shilling, for the information of the Audit Office in passing the a/cs.

[Birch]
498b
31 March 1868
Mr Jos. Smith
White Horse Hotel
Currie Street
Sir,
You are respectfully requested to pay into this Office three pounds sterling (£3) for second quarter’s schooling and maintenance of Ch. Cook’s child at the Point McLeay Establishment ending 31st March 1868.

[Walker]

499
2 April 1868
The Hon. the CCL
Sir,
A report having reached me that a party of blacks from Point McLeay and Milang were at Strathalbyn, and that several of them were affected with small-pox, I immediately proceeded thither to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the rumour.
On my arrival there I learned that the whole of the blacks had left for Mount Barker, and next day I drove to that place but found they had gone off in the direction of Adelaide.
I followed again this morning and had the satisfaction to overtake them at Crafers when I carefully inspected the whole pry, about 40, consisting of men, women and children.
Two of the children suffered from an eruption of the skin, usually known as ‘Native pock’, but simple in character and having no affinity with small pox; another was labouring under ‘Whooping-Cough’; and all the rest of the party were apparently in good health.

[Walker]
3rd April 1868
Mr G.I. Rechner
Light’s Pass
Nuriootpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Ulto, I have the honor to inform you that the Government have approved your request, for a grant of rations to be forwarded for the old and infirm Natives at Killalpaninna, and also for the children under tuition there, say:

2 tons of Flour
400 lbs of Sugar
82 lbs Tea
200 lbs Rice
20 lbs Tobacco
30 single Blankets
20 Blue Shirts
60 yds of Serge
20 Tomahawks
24 Qt pots
24 Pannicans
50 lbs Netting Twine
400 Fish Hooks
48 Fishing Lines
6 Axes
2 lbs Thread and 200 Needles.

You will cause a return of their expenditure to be forwarded to this office monthly.

[Walker]
3 April 1868
Memo/-

Philip Charlton, servant of Mr. Cave, Sheep-farmer, Coorong, having married an Aboriginal woman named Caroline Stephens, alias Cowchangamata, applied through Mr. I.G. O'Keefe (Ab: 188/66) for permission to occupy a Section of Land in right of his wife. The same letter also certifies their legal marriage before the district Registrar at Robe.

In a subsequent letter (Ab: 149/67) Mr. O'Keefe states that the applicant and his wife “are very deserving people”.

He said Philip Charlton further applies for a Section of Land “situated about a mile north of the southern boundary of the Hundred of Duffield, with mail and telegraph line for the Eastern boundary, and about one and a half miles from Mr. J.B. Cave’s Station near Tillago Swamp on Coorong”. The land is not surveyed, and he is unable to furnish a tracing of this Section.

I beg respectfully to support his application and request that a licence of occupation be granted to him for a Section of Land in the locality indicated.

[Walker]

3 April 1868
Memo/- [almost illegible]


… and Dinah …. Legally married on the ..... by Richard Daly, ?Registrar?, and ....from the certificate ...

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[Walker]

3 April 1868
Henry Warren Esq, J.P.
Two Wells

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th Ulto, I beg to inform you that there is a Depot for Issuing rations to distressed natives at Stockport, and would suggest that the old woman and her Grandchild mentioned in your letter, be advised to repair thither, where her wants will be supplied.

[Walker]
4th April 1868
D. & W. Murray
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 27th Ulto (118/68) I have the honor to inform you that the government cannot entertain your offer, for supplying Blankets for the ensuing year. Samples left at this office can be had on application.

[504]

6th April 1868
Mrs Smith
Mount Gambier
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Ulto (131/68), I have the honor to inform you that your a/c for the month of November and December was passed for payment in January last and still remains in the Treasury.
With regard to the damaged Flour, you are authorised to dispose of it as you may deem fit.

[505]

6 April 1868
Mr Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your memo attached to your Store Return for month of March, I beg to inform you that Mr. A. Pavy’s a/c for carting firewood was passed for payment in February last and has since been waiting in the Treasury. By Mr. Pavy filling up the enclosed order, I will remit the money through you.

[506a]

8 April 1868
Corpl Shaw
Overland Corner
Sir,
In reply to your letter dated 6th inst, regarding the payment of the a/c to Mr Brand, I beg to inform you that the said a/c was passed for payment last November and if not since drawn, will remain at the Treasury awaiting Mr Brand’s demand or order. Enclosed I beg to forward procuration order on the Treasury and should Mr Brand …… by making the order payable to ?me, I will forward a one-pound note in a letter.
Send the stores, if you cannot get the Natives to carry them to the Station.

[506b]
507
8th April 1868
Rev. F.W. Cox
Sec: AFA
Norwood
Sir,
Referring to previous communications on the subject of the title to the Crown Lands at Point McLeay, occupied as a Station for the improvement of the Aborigines, and more particularly to your letter of 21st January last, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Government are disposed to make Sections 24 & 25 (containing together 144 acres) a native reserve, as an addition to the present reserve, which contains 518 acres.

These two blocks as shewn on the accompanying tracing, the Government are willing to vest in Trustees by lease for 21 years at a peppercorn rental, 508 and on conditions similar to those contained in the lease of the Native Reserve at Poonindie, near Port Lincoln, a copy of which is open to your inspection at this office.

The Commissioner will be glad therefore to receive from you the names of three gentlemen whom the Aborigines' Friends' Association would wish to propose as Trustees: and also any remarks or suggestions you may have to offer on the subject of the form of Lease.

[Walker]

509
14 April 1868
Mr A. Webb
Long Island
River Murray
Sir,
In reply to your communication of the 98th inst (145/68) I have the honor to inform you that the Blankets have been sent to the Depot at Wellington to be distributed to the natives on the 1st May next, and there are no more Blankets at the disposal of this office this year; consequently the natives at Long Island had better be instructed to proceed to Wellington on that date.
Blank forms will be forwarded per book packet.

[Birch]

510
14th April 1868
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
I beg to call your attention to Clause 8 of Instructions, dated 11th May 1866, concerning quarterly returns and I am desired to remind you, that the two last quarterly reports have not yet come to hand.

[Birch]
511
15 April 1868
Corpl Field
Narracoorte
Sir,
I beg to inform you that half a ton of flour will be purchased for you at Mount Gambier and will take it kind if you can make arrangements for its cartage to Narracoorte.
The price at the Mill is at the rate of £18 per ton, but if you can obtain it equally cheap at Narracoorte (with of course the addition of cartage) you are hereby authorized to purchase half a ton.

[Walker]

512
17 April 1868
Mr Thos Adams
‘Fountain Station’, Green Patch
Port Lincoln
Sir,
I beg to request that you will forward to this office at your earliest convenience, a certificate of the age of your eldest son (Thos Adams) or if not registered, a declaration before a Magistrate as to the truth of the statement.

[Birch]

513
17 April 1868
J.P. Butfield Esq, J.P.
S.P.A., Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your communication of the 13th inst (157/68), I have the honor to inform you that Corpl Mallon at Mt Remarkable has been instructed to forward to you 50 single Blankets; he has 84 blankets at present on hand, and I should imagine he can spare 50, although he has not had any sent him this year.
Enclosed is a list of Blankets forwarded to the different Depots in your District.

[Birch]

514
17 April 1868
Mr T. Dailey
Clarendon
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 26th August last, making application on behalf of an Aboriginal native named ‘Philip’, for a section of land, I have now the honor to inform you, that the Comm CCL, taking into consideration the fact that the Aboriginal native ‘Philip’, altho’ a good agricultural labourer, and of industrious habits, has saved nothing from his wages hitherto, and is altogether without the means requisite to commence farming, consequently he is not in a position to derive any benefit from such a grant, therefore your application cannot be entertained.

[Birch]
20 April 1868
R.B. Penny Esq, M.R.C.S.E.
Charla
Tatiara
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 15th & 17th inst, and desire to inform you, that your salary for medical attendance on the Aborigines will be paid quarterly at the Treasury. Any further claim you may have against the Government from the 31st December last, should be rendered in the usual manner without delay.

[Walker]

21st April 1868
Mr Chs. Cook
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Peninsula
Sir,
In consequence of Mr Joseph Smith not paying the last quarter’s instalment for Maintenance and education of your daughter at the Point McLeay establishment after being twice written to, I now beg to inform you, that unless the sum of three pounds is paid forthwith, legal proceedings will immediately be taken to recover the same.

[Walker]

517 Cancelled

23 April 1868
Mr J S Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst and in reply thereto, I have to inform you that there are no more Blankets to dispose of, consequently you will first issue them to the old & inform, sick, and then to the Lubras. Monthly returns are expected regularly and in case there are no Issues, the return should be sent in, ‘nil’.
I am requested to again draw your attention to Clause 1 of General Instructions to Issuers of Stores, and to intimate that the Govt do not pretend to support able-bodied natives, especially where game & fish abound, as at McGrath’s Flat.

[Birch]
24 April 1868
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
Sub-Protector
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith, a supply of Postage stamps, viz.: 60 twopenny and 84 Sixpenny. It will be necessary for you to supply a return of all stamps expended, monthly, so that each month’s expenditure will be returned to you, upon receipt of your return.
You will therefore be able to pay for unpaid official documents with postage stamps, consequently it will not be necessary to send stamps to Aboriginal Depots.
I have also sent a few slips for directing returns with.

520a
24 April 1868
Mr Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
Enclosed is a Post Office order for £ 1. 13. 0 payable to yourself for Duncan McRae.
You will oblige by handing the money to Mr McRae and forwarding his receipt for the same.

520b
24 April 1868
I.F. Blackmore Esq,
Sec: CL&I
Memo/-
The Protector of Aborigines will start on Monday, to visit the Stations in the Murray and on Yorke’s Peninsula.

521
27 April 1868
Mr Henry Baker
Angipena
Far North
Sir,
In reply to your communication of the 12th Ulto (103/68), I have the honor to inform you by desire of the Hon CCL, that it is not deemed advisable to establish a Depot at Blanchewater for the present.
27 April 1868
Mr Chs Cook
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Peninsula
Sir,
I beg to inform you, that by a letter from Mr Taplin at Point McLeay to the Rev. F.W. Cox, he states that the health of your child Fanny Cook is not very good, also that she needs a mother’s nursing as she is quite an infant, and had he been consulted he would not have taken her, as she is younger than they usually take children and desires that she should be restored to her parents.

[Birch]

27th April 1868
Mr Philip Charlton
c/- Mr. Jas McGill
Kingston
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon CCL has granted permission for you to occupy a section of land, as described in letter from Mr O’Keefe dated 4 April 1867, and I am also further to add, that instructions will be given to the first party of surveyors passing that way, to survey and peg out the section, after which a printed letter of occupation will be forwarded to you – in the meantime, there will be no objection to your at once settling on the land.

[Birch]

1st May 1868
Mr Chs Cooke
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Pen
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th Ulto (184/68) enclosing a cheque for three pounds, for maintenance and education of Fanny Cooke at the Point McLeay Establishment, and in reply I have to inform you that Mr Smith paid four pounds, on or about the 31st December last for the months Sept, October, Nov & Decr, being the only sum paid by Mr Smith on your behalf, (so far as this Department is concerned); the next quarter’s subscription falls due on the 30th June next.

[Birch]
525
2 May 1868
Mr Sl. Gason
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th Ult (177/68) asking to be supplied with rations, for the natives, and in reply, I have to inform you, that in consequence of the two Mission Stations being supplied with rations at Kopperamana and Killalpaninna, I cannot recommend your request.

[Birch]

526a
6 May 1868
Corpl Shaw
Overland Corner
Sir,
You will oblige by handing the enclosed (£1) to Mr Brand for carting Flour and procuring his receipt to the within a/c.

[Birch]

526b
7 May 1868
Corpl Simpson
Pt Elliot
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith cheque for £6, on the National Bank; you will oblige by handing the same to Mr Alexander Ewen, for repairing Aborigines' Boat and procure his receipt to the a/c, returning the same to this office.

[Birch]

527
7 May 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Pt McLeay
Sir,
After making enquiries at the Government store, concerning the three blankets being deficient as mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst: The Govt Storekeeper stress that the blankets were counted by two different people, and that it is barely possible that a mistake should occur. Have you any suspicion of the bale being opened before you received it?

[Birch]
7 May 1868
The Manager of the Railway Good Dept
Kapunda
Sir,
Should there be any Aborigines’ Stores, addressed to Booloomata, now lying at the Kapunda Station, you will oblige by forwarding them to Messrs Drew & Co, Kooringa, at your earliest convenience.

[ Birch]

11th May 1868
Chs Todd Esq, J.P.
Dept of Telegraphs
King Wm St
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I have the honor to inform you that there is but one officer of the Electric Telegraph Department in any way connected with this, viz., Mr J. S. Wood, at McGrath’s Flat, who Issues Stores to the Aborigines, gratuitously.

[ Birch]

15 May 1868
Mr Geo. Taplin
Pt McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th Ulto, forwarding copy of resolutions about to be passed by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon CCL will consider the subject upon the arrival of the resolutions as passed by the Committee.

[ Walker]

5 May 1868
H. S. Price Esq,
Glenelg
Sir,
In May 1867, Stores were forwarded to the Wilpena Station for the Aborigines with the understanding that Monthly Returns of Stores Issued should be sent to this office regularly; Mr Powell writing on the 1st July 1867 (304/67) acknowledging receipt of stores, says “the return for July will be duly forwarded.” And again on the 2nd March 1868, says, “my wife has been from home, but when she returns we will make the returns out.” Mrs Powell now informs the Sub-Protector (J.P. Buttfield Esq) that you forbid Mr Powell from supplying the returns; I am requested to ask, if such is the case.

[ Walker]
532
18 May 1868
R.B. Smith Esq
Adelaide
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ulto, I have the honor to inform you that by a letter received from Mrs Dawson, dated Hummocks 18th April, she complains that she has not received the stores sent from this Department for the use of the Aborigines, but that Mr Maslin distributed some to the Aborigines and offered her the remainder which she declined.

I am desired by the PA to inform you that so far as this Dept is concerned, it is immaterial whether Mr Maslin or Mrs Dawson issues the stores, provided the instructions are complied with and the returns of issues are forwarded to this office, monthly.

[Birch]

533
19 May 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,

In reply to your requisition for Stores for the Aborigines at Milang, I have to inform you that a further supply of Firewood cannot be allowed; the Hon CCL being of opinion, that the natives can supply the firewood themselves, therefore rendering the expense of cartage unnecessary.

[Birch]

534
20 May 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst (204/68) and in reply I have to acquaint you that the Hon CCL has approved of your request, for granting (£100) one hundred pounds as an advance to the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Missionary Society, for erecting buildings at Point Pierce. You will oblige by naming some gentlemen to whom the money will be payable to, at the Treasury, on or about the 8th proximo.

[Walker]
535
22 May 1868
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
S.P.A.
Mattawarangalla
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst and in reply thereto, I have to inform you
that in future no stores will be despatched to any depot where the Issuer declines to supply monthly
returns.
Previous to sending the last Stores to Mattawarangalla, Mr Davies promised to supply monthly
returns – he sent one for the month of August 1867, and then declines to supply any more;
therefore, should there be still need for a Depot in that district, and the adjoining Stations be in
every way suitable, I trust you will remove any stores &c remaining at once.

[Walker]

536
25 May 1868
Mr R.T. Morris PT
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst, I beg to inform you that provided the Boat in possession of Mr
Ewens is what you represent it to be, and in good order, you are authorized to complete the
purchase of the same at £16, and forward the a/c to this office for payment.

[Birch]

537
25 May 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst (209/68), I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you, if there are
some of the Settlers near Milang that are willing to allow the natives to clear some of the fallen dead
wood from off their land.

[Birch]

538
28 May 1868
Messrs J. Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Memo/- of the 27th inst. and respectfully request, that you will
be kind enough to have the Stores for Wallianippie re-directed to Corpl Provis, Streaky Bay.
In regard to the stores for Point Pierce:- Capt Arnold told Mr Birks of Kadina that he would land
them in Victoria Bay about two or three miles from the Mission Station, but if he is not in Point, the
Stores had better be sent via Wallaroo, as the Depot is in immediate want of the Flour.

[Walker]
28 May 1868
Mr J. S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In your return of Stores for the months of March and April, you acknowledge only half a ton of flour, whereas, one ton was sent to Meningie for you; also the following Stores have not yet been acknowledged viz., 12 Tomahawks, 30 lbs Netting Twine, 82 Fishing Lines and 100 lbs Soap – as per advice of the 27th January last. Should the above stores not have been received, you will be kind enough to cause enquiries to be made at Meningie, concerning them, and reporting the result to this office.

[Walker]

540
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th Ulto, I beg to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that you are authorized to procure three loads of firewood, for the use of the Aged & Infirm Natives only.

[Walker]

541a
2 June 1868
Henry Pavy Esq
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th Ulto (220/68), offering to sell seconds Flour at eighteen pounds ten shillings a ton, I beg to inform you that your offer cannot be entertained, being fifty shillings above the Town price.

[Birch]

541b
10 June 1868
H.D. Dale Esq
Port Adelaide
Sir,
I am desired by the PA to ask you if you will be kind enough to inform him as near as possible of the timer of sailing of the ‘Lucy’, also to provide a passage for a discharged prisoner to Fowlers Bay.

[Birch]
542
10 June 1868
Dr T. Gunning Esq, M.R.C.S.
Narracoorte
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst, concerning a sick native named ‘Toby’, and in reply, I have the honor to inform you that Corporal Field has been instructed (by telegram) to send the above-named ‘Toby’ to the Adelaide Hospital; the Hospital at Mr Gambier being unfinished.

[Birch]

543
11 June 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Pt McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Ulto, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he considers your application for a grant of portion of Reserve, would come more properly through the Secretary of the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association.

[Walker]

544
11 June 1868
Mr John Sumner
Pt McLeay
Sir,
I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, and in reply beg to inform you that the Section (No. 24) for which you make application is already appropriated, being one of the two Sections recently added to the Aborigines’ reserve at Point McLeay.

[Walker]

545
11 June 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Ult, I beg to inform you that the Government have decided to give sections of land only to those Europeans, marrying black women; consequently your Wife being a half-caste, the Government cannot comply with your request.

[Walker]
546
12 June 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and have to inform you that it will be laid before the Hon CCL without delay.
I also beg to forward you a procuration order on the Treasury, which will require to be signed by the Secretary & Treasurer of the Y.P.N.M.S. to enable Mr Colton to draw the money.

547
12 June 1868
Mr L. Egan, CLR
Tarpeena
Sir,
In reply to your remarks in your Store Return for month of May, I have the honor to inform you that the Government cannot comply with your request for clothing, for the girl Maggie Mason. I would therefore suggest, that she be sent back to Mrs Smith at Mt Gambier.

548
12 June 1868
J.B. Jones Esq
Illinawortina
North
Sir,
In reply to your request for Stores of the 5th Ulto, I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Hon CCL, that no more Stores will at present be despatched to Illinawortina by the government, on account of its close proximity to Umberatana.

549
12 June 1868
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
S.P.A.
Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your report of journey to the East Plains, dated 5th inst, and to inform you that the Hon CCL has approved your suggestion to discontinue sending Stores to Oulnina and Booloomata. The Comr has also approved of closing the Depot at Illinawortina, on account of its close proximity to Umberatana.
The Hon. CCL is respectfully requested to give his approval to the private application of Sub-
Protector Buttfield to be allowed to leave his District for about ten days on urgent private affairs.

[Walker]

15 June 1868
Mr H.A. Short
Buttamuc
Sir,
I am directed to inform you that you are particularly requested to confine your Issues of
Government rations, solely, to the Sick, and the old and inform natives.
It is not the intention of the Government to provide rations to able-bodied men, and women, who
are capable of providing food for themselves; should the above request be not strictly adhered to,
the supply of stores will in future be discontinued.

[Walker]

15th June 1868
Mr A.F. Lloyd
Oulnina
N.E. Plains
Sir,
In reply to your request for Stores for the Aborigines of the 30th Ult (235/68) I am desired to inform
you, that at the suggestion of the Sub-Protector, the Hon CCL has approved of the closing of the
Depot at Oulnina, and I beg to suggest that the old and inform and sick natives, should be advised to
locate at Bimbowie, where the Depot will be continued.

[Walker]

15 June 1868
Mr A. Webb
Long Island
River Murray
Sir,
I beg to call your attention to the fact of several natives during the months of April and May,
obtaining rations at Wellington and at Long Island at the same time; for instance in the month of
April, Stirling and Old Governor received rations all the month at Wellington, and are entered in
your return for the 14th to the 19th, receiving relief. Again in May, Old Governor receives rations for
the whole month at Wellington, and from the 11th to the 31st at Long Island. Laughing Jack and
Lubra, during the month of May, appear to have been at both places at the same time. I am directed
to request that you will confine your Issues of Stores to the few sick, and old & infirm natives who
will not leave Long Island, and who are proper subjects for relief; but in no case are able-bodied
natives to be encouraged in idleness when there is abundance of food to be procured, with but little
trouble.

[Birch]
554
16 June 1868
Henry Jones Esq
Binnum Binnum
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Ulto (217/68) I have to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL, that your application for Blankets a/c for the Aborigines cannot be granted, and I am also to intimate, that should the natives require relief, there is a Depot at Narracoorte where their wants will be supplied.

[Birch]

555
16 June 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th inst (242/68), I have to inform you that your previous communication on the subject was forwarded to Mr Taplin at Point McLeay, who I have no doubt will write to you – concerning taking your son to the School.

[Birch]

556
17 June 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th inst (238/68) I have the honor to inform you that the PA (Dr Walker) started for the Peninsula yesterday, and you may therefore expect a visit from him in about a week from this date.
The Hon CCL has been pleased to appoint him to examine the buildings at Point Pierce, and upon his report, will depend the payment of the balance of one hundred pounds (£ 100).

[Birch]

557
16 June 1868
The Hon CCL
Sir,
The attention of the Hon CCL is respectfully called to the settlement of the Title of Reserve at Point Pierce, asked for by the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission Society.
Six months’ notice of resumption expired 27th May 1868 – instructions respectfully requested.

[Birch]
558
26 June 1868
Geo Hirst Esq
Parla
Streaky Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th April last concerning a bag of sugar being deficient, I am informed that the Master of the Schooner ‘Tommy’ states that the Sugar is still in Mr Campbell’s Store and not damaged by water, but merely a rat hole. Mr Campbell should have made a memo/- of the circumstance on the shipping Note, instead of giving clean receipt. If on enquiry, you find the Sugar as above stated, you will be kind enough to report any deficiency there may be in weight.
I have also to inform you that your return of Stores Issued at Paney?, have not been supplied since October last.

[Birch]

559
1st July 1868
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In your return of stores for the months of May and June you state the Tea to be so inferior that the natives will not use it. I have to inform you that the stores are all inspected by the Govt Storekeeper previous to leaving Adelaide.
You will therefore be good enough to forward a sample of the Tea, per post addressed as “Merchandise” to this office, with a description of the marks on the Case &c.

[Birch]

560
1st July 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Sec.: YPNMS
Kadina
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that a Lease of the Reserve at Point McLeay has been granted to three gentlemen named as Trustees by the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association, for a term of twenty one years at a peppercorn rental, and I am also desired to ask you whether a similar lease will suit for the Reserve at Point Pierce.

A copy of the Lease of Reserve at Pt McLeay can be seen on application at the Crown Lands Office.

[Birch]
561
2nd July 1868
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th Ulto (359/68) wherein you acknowledge receiving 2 tons of Flour, 2 bags of Sugar, ½ Chest of Tea, and 10 lbs of Tobacco per Kruse’s boat. I cannot understand how you have received 2 tons of Flour, when only 1 ton was sent; if you have actually received the stated quantity there must be a mistake in sending you the Flour destined for another Depot.

[Birch]

562
2nd July 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Wellington
Sir,
I have to inform you that upon talking with the Rev. F.W. Cox, the Secretary of the Aborigines’ friends’ Association, concerning taking your Boy into the establishment at Point McLeay, he informs me that Mr Taplin has sent him your letter, forwarded from this office, stating that he did not know, where Wellington Lodge was situated, consequently he did not know where to write to you. I would therefore suggest that you write direct to Mr Taplin at Pt McLeay, giving him your full address and it will be necessary for you to state the age of the boy.

[Birch]

563
2 July 1868
Mr Chs Cooke
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Peninsula
Sir,
I have to inform you that the quarterly instalment for the maintenance and education of your child (Fanny Cooke) at the Point McLeay establishment was due on the 30th June, and have to request that you will be good enough to forward a cheque for the amount forthwith, so as to prevent irregularity in handling the same to the AFA.

[Birch]
3rd July 1868
Mr J.K. Bors
Compton Downs
Mt Gambier
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that the Government have approved of your application, and have granted the use of a section of land to Edward Blucher. Upon your describing the land required, so as it can be marked on the Land Office plans, a formal letter of occupation will be made out, granting the said Edward Blucher the right to occupy.

[Birch]

6 July 1868
Mr R.W. Tims PT
Robe Town
Sir,
In your Return of Stores for the month of June, I find you acknowledged receiving half a ton of Flour, whereas I am not aware of any Flour having been sent from this Department for the Aborigines at Robe Town since December last. The flour you have received must be intended for Border Town as it is the only half-ton despatched lately in that direction; if so, be kind enough to forward it per first opportunity.

[Birch]

8 July 1868
Mr W.J. Kuhn
Pt Pierce
Sir,
In examining your Return of Stores for the month of June, I find you acknowledge receiving only 1 ½ tons of Flour (3000 lbs) whereas two tons were forwarded to you, exclusive of the two bags of fine flour sent for Mr Rogers; your Return for July should therefore be: on hand, 1st July 2989 lbs Flour, instead of 2099 lbs.
There is also an error in the receipt of the Tomahawks; and upon enquiry at the Government Store, I find that twelve were sent (instead of ten) as per Return. Should the packages get broken open during the journey, a memorandum to that effect should be made upon giving a receipt for the goods; also a report of the circumstances when acknowledging the receipt to this office. The stores lately borrowed from Mr Rogers must be returned from your present supply.

[Birch]
9 July 1868
Mr T.I.L. Hantke
Beltana
Sir,
In reply to your question concerning the issuing of Blankets to the Mundowdina Blacks (in your Store Return for June) I beg to inform you Blankets were sent to Messrs Debney & Woodforde at Mundowdina; it is therefore probable that the same Blacks received blankets twice; instructions were to all Issuers to distribute the Blankets on the 1st May, so as to prevent the natives travelling from one Depot to another and obtaining Blankets from each.
I am further desired to remind you, that it is not the intention of the government to support able-bodied natives, who are capable of procuring their own living; you will therefore limit your Issues accordingly to those actually requiring relief.

[Birch]

10 July 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst (273/68) forwarding a/c from Mr Pavy for a bag of Flour, I am desired to inform you that the Government do not feel disposed to pay at the rate of £18 per ton for Seconds Flour when it can be purchased in Adelaide for £15, and of equal, if not superior, quality. I would therefore suggest that you return to Mr Pavy a bag of Flour from your present stock, in the place of the one borrowed. A/c herewith.

[Birch]

11 July 1868
Mr T. P. Richards PT
Fowlers Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th Ulto (2563/68) asking for a cart, & timber for a house, I have the honor to inform you, that your request cannot be complied with.
In regard to the crippled Boy mentioned in your letter of same date (252/68), I cannot see the necessity of bringing the boy to Adelaide, where in the course of a few weeks he would be wanting to return to his own country again.
Should it be found desirable to remove him to Fowlers’ Bay, where he can be supplied with stores from the Depot, it can be done when required.

[Walker]
13 July 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st inst (262/68), asking to return your testimonials of character &c, I now enclose them herewith, at the same time retaining copy of them in this office, in case of anything arising, so that they might be of service to you hereafter.

[Walker]

14 July 1868
Mrs C. Smith
Mt Gambier
Madam,
In reply to your letter 4th inst, I beg to forward you a statement of the money passed for you at the Treasury, whereby you will find the amount passed at the Treasury exceeds your Statement by £7. 3. 1.

Amount passed in Schedule for Sept 1865: £ 14. 16. 5

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The amount of £ 5. 5. 9 was omitted from your statement.

[Birch]
14 July 1868
J. B. Jones Esq, J.P.
Illinawortina
North
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Ulto (258/68) and beg to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that he sees no necessity for altering his previous decision, and I may also inform you that any old & infirm Natives actually requiring relief can be supplied at Umberatana.

[Walker]

13 July 1868
Mr D. Gooch
Yadlamalka
North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th Ulto (250/68) I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon the CCL that it is not the wish of the government that the Natives should, as you say, “be encouraged to remain about your Head Station in great numbers through the government rations being there.” From your previous letter of the 28th December last (7/68) wherein you decline to receive further stores for the Natives, I should presume that the natives are able to provide their own living; consequently a further supply will not be needed.

[Walker]

15th July 1868
J.P. Buttfield J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th April last (179/68) I beg to inform you that the Hon CCL has approved of your recommendation to forward a bag of Flour to Mr Kirwan at Wilpena, which will be despatched by the next Steamer to Port Augusta; also the grant of one pound for clothing: will be paid on presentation of the account at this office. As Mr Price still objects to his Overseer filling up the Store Returns, the Depot at Wilpena will be discontinued.

[Walker]
16th July 1868
Mr A.D. Tassie
Port Augusta
Sir,

In the month of February last, a bale of Blankets was forwarded to you, addressed to Mr Whitbread PT, Mt Freeling, Far North – who states he had not received them on the 10th inst. Any information concerning the whereabouts of the above Blankets will oblige.

[Walker]

16 July 1868
Mr P. O'Reilly PT
Border Town
Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the Issue of Blankets in your return for the month of June, to “Old Mary” and “Tommy” who I find received a Blanket each the month previously, according to your return for May.

If you discover the Aborigines to sell or otherwise dispose of their blankets, they should not be encouraged doing so, by giving them another.

Stores were forwarded to you on the 12th May last, and I find the Flour has been received at Robe, and will most likely be forwarded to you by this time.

[Birch]

16 July 1868
Sgt B.C. Besley
Wallaroo
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th Ulto, I am desired to inform you, that the lame boy (Freddy) has been removed to Point Pierce, and Dr Walker is of opinion that a foot or leg would be of little service while the boy is growing, and considers that a pair of crutches will be all that is necessary for the present, and which will be provided for him at Pt Pierce.

If there are any complaints made, of the settlers interfering with the natives while hunting, it should be reported to this office.

[Birch]
578-579
17 July 1868
Corpl C. Provis
Streaky Bay
Sir,
On the 27th May last, I was advised by Messrs Newman & Son of Stores laying at Port Adelaide for Messrs. Heath & Woodridge of Smoky Bay, and was asked by those Gentlemen if the Stores were still to be sent to that address, as Messrs Heath & Woodridge had left that locality; when Messrs Newman & Son were instructed to redirect them to you.
I have since ascertained that only the parcel from the Government Store was meant by those gentlemen, the other stores having been previously shipped and received by Mr H.C. Hawson at Point Brown.
I regret that any delay should have occurred, and will forward the remainder of the stores advised of, on the 28th May, by the first 579 vessel leaving for Streaky Bay.

[Walker]

579
18 July 1868
Mr R.F. Morris PT
Kingston
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, and have to inform you that the a/c of Mr Ewens for sixteen pounds was passed for payment last month and now lies at the Treasury, awaiting Mr Ewens’ presence or authority to draw the money. Should Mr Ewens desire any one in Adelaide to draw the money on his behalf, he can do so, by filling up the enclosed procuration order.

[Birch]

580
17 July 1868
Mr T. Bath
Kooringa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, and have to inform you the two of the a/cs transmitted, for railway carriage, have already been passed for payment at the Treasury. The first amount for 24 Cwt of Stores addressed to H. Short, Buttamuc, was passed for payment in March last; the second amount, 3/8, Voucher enclosed, was passed with the May a/cs sent in by Mr Rounsevell. I have intimated the same at the Railway office in Town and they will likely remit the money to you. I have therefore deducted the amount from you’re a/c leaving the balance 23. 19. 3, which will be in the Treasury on or about the 6th Proximo.

[Birch]
581
20th July 1868
Mr Geo. Pearce
Point Sturt
Sir,
At the request of Mr Geo. Pearce, I beg to forward you by Carrier, the following Stores for
distribution to the Sick and the Old & Infirm Natives in your locality, as per Instructions. Copy
herewith, and beg to request that you will comply as far as possible with the clauses contained
therein.
Stores:   half a ton  Flour
         20  lbs  Sugar
         20  lbs  Tea
15  lbs  Tobacco
Blank forms of return forwarded for book packet.  [Walker]

582
20th July 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Will you be kind enough to put the girl (Fanny Cooke) on board the Steamer on Wednesday; her
friends will be in Town upon the arrival of the coach to meet her, and will pay any expenses incurred
for the journey.
I will request Mr Dann PT at Milang to see her safe in the coach on the arrival of the Steamer.
[Birch]

583
20 July 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I beg to inform you that after comparing the Tea sent by you
with the contract sample at the Government Store, I cannot find any discrepancy in the quality. The
contractor further states, that the same Tea has been sent to the various Depots during the last six
months and there has been no other complaint made hitherto.
[Birch]
20 July 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
Will you be kind enough to see that a little girl from Pt McLeay (Fanny Cooke) obtains a place in the Coach for Adelaide. She will come to Milang by the Mail Steamer on Wednesday, and her friends will be in Adelaide to meet her on the arrival of the Coach and will pay any expenses incurred.

[ Birch ]

21st July 1868
Geo Pearce Esq, M.P.
Sturt Street
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst (271/68) I have the honor to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that a supply of Flour, Sugar, Tea & Tobacco will be forwarded to your brother (Mr W. Pearce) by Martin’s dray tomorrow, for distribution to the Aborigines at Point Sturt, during the cold, wet weather.

[ Walker ]

22nd July 1868
G.N. Birks Esq,
For Sec: Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission Society
Kadina
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst, and in reply thereto, I beg to inform you, that the balance of grant of £200 (£100) will be payable at the Treasury on or about the 6th Proximo.
All official communications relating to this Department must be addressed as heretofore.

[ Walker ]

22nd July 1868
Mr Bernard Patterson
c/- Mr Henry Luemmer
Sevenhill
Sir,
In reply to a letter received from you, I beg to inform you, that previous to the Government entertaining your request, it will be necessary for you to procure testimonials from the people you have been living with, as to your character and ability to manage section of land, provided it was granted; also to state the means you have to commence Agricultural pursuits.

[ Walker ]
588  
23 July 1868  
Mr J.S. Wood  
McGrath’s Flat  
Sir,  
It having been under the consideration of the Hon CCL, whether he should abolish the Depot at McGrath’s Flat; he has, at my urgent recommendation, sanctioned the continuance of sending supplies, and desires me to warn you to use greater care, in distribution rations for the future.  

[Walker]

589  
23 July 1868  
Mrs C. Smith  
Aborigines’ Home  
Mt Gambier  
Madam,  
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that it is expedient that in future no native or half-caste children, should remain at the Home at Mount Gambier, beyond the age of fifteen years. You will therefore, in rendering your monthly accounts, mark in a column against the name, the age of each child.  

[Walker]

590  
24 July 1868  
Rev. F.W. Cox  
Sec: AFA  
Norwood  
Sir,  
I beg to inform you that the money for the Maintenance and education of Fanny Cooke at Point McLeay, for the quarter ending 30 June, in now in this office and can be had on application.  

[Walker]

591  
27th July 1868  
Mr W. Campbell PT  
Port Wakefield  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst, requesting authority to have shelves erected in the Aborigines Store room, I beg that you will make enquiries as to the amount it will cost, so that the approval of the Hon CCL can he asked for incurring the necessary expenditure.  

[Walker]
27 July 1868
Mr Dl Pritchard
c/- Mr A.H. Forder
Local Court
Redruth
Sir,
I am desired to inform you that the Licence to occupy section 411, Hundred of Julia Creek, is now ready for signature at the office of the Surveyor-General, and in the event of your being unable to attend, I beg to forward you a Power of Attorney, to enable you to appoint some one as your Agent to act on your behalf.

[Walker]

28 July 1868
Mr A.R. Wortham
Wellington Lodge
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst (291/68) and in reply thereto, I have to inform you, that I cannot hold out any hopes to you of the Hon CCL acceding to your request.

[Walker]

3 August 1868
Mr Jno Eldridge
Grand Junction
Sir,
I am desired at the request of a member of the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission Society, to ask you to be kind enough to inform me whether Fanny Cooke has left your residence, as it is deemed undesirable at the present that she should be sent back to the Peninsula, her mother and C. Cooke being separated, the former having returned to her old habits and living at the present time with her Tribe.
Should Fanny Cooke still remain with you, I think it would be greatly to her advantage, if you could keep her until Chs Cooke has been communicated with on the subject.

[Walker]
595
5 August 1868
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th Ulto (297/68), concerning a supply of Canvas, Tacks &c, for
repairing Aborigines’ Boat at Venus Bay, I beg to state that I do not consider you would be able to
put the Boat into suitable repair with canvas.
Provided you can get the Boat repaired at Venus Bay, I will ask the Hon CCL for the necessary
authority, for incurring the expense, upon receiving an estimate of the cost.

[Walker]

596
6 August 1868
H.C. Hawson Esq,
Point Brown
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29h Ulto (298/68) and in reply I have to inform you
that the last supply of stores was shipped to Messrs Heath & Wooldridge, having left Wallanippie.
The parcel containing the Netting Twine, Blue Shirts, Tomahawks, Fish Hooks & Lines, was re-
directed and sent to Corporal Provis.
I cannot comply with your request to despatch a further supply of stores to Point Brown; that place
not being sufficiently distant from the Depot at Streaky Bay to warrant me in establishing a Depot
there.

[Walker]
597-616
1st August 1868
The Hon CCL&I
Sir,
I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency, The Officer Administering the Government, my Report for the six months ended 30th June 868.

South Eastern District
Point McLeay
The following is Mr Taplin’s Report to the 31st March. “In making a quarterly report there are a few matters to be noticed.

1. The failure of the wheat crop. When we ought to have had 2000 bushels of wheat we have only had 250. The money which would have thus kept our school in flour and provisions, and our people in employment has been lost. I reckon it is a loss of nearly £500 to the Station. It will quite cripple our efforts for twelve months at least.

2. By this failure of the crops, the Natives are deprived of employment, not only on this Station, but on almost all the other places where they have been hitherto employed. I feel sure that many of them will have a hard job to subsist this winter.

3. The Natives have expended £54 0 0 of their own money in erecting stone cottages for themselves, and they have in hand some £25 more to lay out in building a Church for themselves. They only await the settlement of the tenure upon which they may possess the land to commence.

4. Whooping-cough has been very prevalent amongst the Natives. Some infant children have been carried off by it and similar complaints. Seven adults have ?? died of the Native scourge, Consumption.

During the quarter a young man has embraced Christianity and been baptised together with ?? two infants of the Christian Natives. A couple have also been united in Christian and legal marriage.”

Again on the 20th July, he writes: “I have the honor to report that the conduct and condition of the Aborigines in this district has been during the past quarter rather an improvement on previous quarters.

We have lost that very troublesome visitor, the whooping cough, which only carried off three or four infants of the Christian Natives. A couple have also been united in Christian and legal marriage.”

“I have been much pleased with the zeal and industry displayed by all the Natives in getting game to supply the Adelaide Market. I am sure that a very large proportion of the game eaten in Adelaide during the last three months, has come from this place.

“We have got our crops in; 70 acres of wheat, 30 acres of barley and 6 acres of hay.

“The attendance at school and religious worship on Sundays has been good.

“I have had the pleasure of baptizing three young men during the past quarter. Others wished to partake of the same rite but I am desirous that it should never be administered, without the candidate undergoing a sufficient probation.”

I January there was an assembly of the tribes at Pelican Point, when some young men were made. There conduct was peaceful. Several children died from dysentery brought on by exposure and change of water.

The Average Number of Natives at this Station for the past six months is 86.
In February last, a poor woman was nearly 600 murdered by Old Peter the Chief, who in a fit of insanity, attacked her with a tomahawk and inflicted upon her nine wounds, some of them of a dangerous character. She was taken to Milang and attended to by Dr Herbert under whose care she soon recovered. Peter was removed to the Lunatic Asylum at Adelaide.

**Milang**

L-Corpl Dann, the Issuer, reports: “The Natives in this district have been very peaceful and well-behaved. In consequence of the failure of the harvest there has been very little employment for them during the past six months, except in January and February, when they earned a little money by gathering leeches, fishing &c.

The able-bodied are dissatisfied because rations are not more freely bestowed; and the old and infirm grumble at the small allowance of firewood granted to them.

The whole body of clacks suffer much from the want of firewood and material to construct their wurlies; and it is to be regretted that ? to supply their necessaries have not been made at the Railway, and other places around the Lake 601 where the Natives are numerous.

The Average number at the Station is 20.

**Lacepede Bay**

The Issuer, PT Morris, writes: “The conduct of the Natives has been very satisfactory. A number of them have been employed shooting kangaroo for the Settlers, but are badly remunerated; some are fishing and others are shooting game; but wild-fowl are very scarce except for down the Coorong. Many are without any employment.

“The average number on the Station is a little over 24.”

**Guichen Bay**

In the month of May, PT Tims, the Issuer, says: “The general conduct of the Natives has been pretty good, although some have managed to get drink, and had had some quarrelling amongst themselves.

“A few of them work about the township and most of them shoot game for sale. There is no sickness amongst them they are very healthy just now.”

In sum, he writes, “A great number of the Coorong Natives have been here during this month. They left on the 20th, taking the body of Old Man Dick who died the previous day. They were well-conducted during their stay 602 but there was no employment for them. The Natives of Robe have not been so well-conducted, three of them were convicted of stealing ??

The average number of Natives on the Station is 21.

**Mount Gambier**

Mrs Smith, the Issuer in her Return for June, remarks: “Most of the Natives belonging to this neighbourhood are at present profitably employed killing kangaroo – I regret to say that much of their earning is spent in procuring intoxicating drink, and it is exceedingly difficult if not impossible to get them to tell who supplies them. I have of late been rather ?angry? with them calling here on the Sabbath-day rather the worse of drink.”

Referring to the same subject the following appeared some time ago in one of the local newspapers:

“For the past few weeks the number of blacks at the Mount has been gradually increasing until they now muster quite a large company. Their absence from the town however is very much to be preferred inasmuch as their camping-ground, opposite the Wesleyan Church, so speedily becomes the daily and nightly scene of revelry and riot, to the great scandal of whites, and injury of the blacks 603 We need scarcely add that the chief cause of the discordant yells and constant disturbances
which arise at the Camp is intoxicating drink supplied to them by shameless white-skinned Britons, in
defiance of laws of their own making.”
It is not very creditable to the Police that the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor to the
Aborigines should be so often violated with impunity as it is at Mount Gambier.

**Tarpeena**
The Issuer Mr Egan writes: “The weather has been (June) very severe for some time past, very heavy
rains and hard frosts. The Aborigines here are cold and miserable. The males require blue shirts and
the females serge to make dresses. They also require tomahawks to cut firewood and branches to
build their Mia-Mias. Such as are able have gone out several days kangarooing and have returned
without any. They have no dogs, and when they have no flesh to eat, one pound of flour is not
sufficient nourishment for one day, for any one man or woman, particularly when the weather is
cold.
The average number of blacks at this Station for the last six months is 7.

**Penola**
PT O’Connor the Issuer, writing in April 604 says: “Most of the Aborigines of this district are still
employed at the surrounding Stations.” And in May, “Some of the Natives from the Stations have
come in to Penola during the past month. Their conduct and health are good, but there is very little
employment for them at the present time.”
The average number at the Station is 12.

**Narracooorte**
Writing in June, L-Corpl Field the Issuer says: “The lubra “Toby” is very bad. Dr Gunning is attending
her but states that he can never cure her whilst she is exposed to the weather. There is also a Native
(Dick Turpin) and lubra (Lucy) very bad at Binnum (Mr Jones’ Station). Dick Turpin has not been able
to walk for a long time. Dr Gunning suggests that these Natives should be sent some Medicine and I
shall try to get them to the Depot so that the doctor can attend upon them.”
On communicating with Dr Peel respecting the lubra Toby, I was informed that the Hospital is not
yet open for the reception of patients.
The average number at this Station is only 5.

**Border Town**
In his Return for May, 605 PT O’Reilly remarks: “All the Tatiara Blacks numbering 38 have been
stopping in Border Town during the past month. They have been attracted here by the Border Town
races. Their conduct has been good and there are no complaints against any of them.”
As lambing season is approaching, they have gone to the circumjacent Stations to seek employment.
They will all return to the depot for the blankets when lambing is over.”
The average number at this Station is a little under 12.
A Return of sick under treatment during the Quarter ended 30th June 1868, in the district of Tatiara,
by Dr Penny, is appended to this Report (A).

**Goolwa**
PT Moriarty, the Issuer, reports: “There has been one death from consumption this month (May), a
few cases of fever but none fatal, and influenza rather prevalent.
Their conduct has been satisfactory with the exception of a drunken charge at Port Elliot. Some are
making opossum rugs, for which they are likely to get a good price. Many of the women are at times
employed by the residents at washing &c, a few are shooting but not doing very well, otherwise not
many are able to get their own food, owing chiefly to the scarcity of fish at present.
A few of the young are attending (but not regularly) the evening school opened by Mrs Doke.”

Gain he writes: “There have been some cases of fever this month (June) one fatal. Influenza still prevails to some extent. A good deal of rheumatism, but only two cases severe. Fish is now getting plentiful and netting twine is much required. The average number of Natives at this Station for the last six months is 112.

Murray District

Blanchetown

I visited the various Depots in the Murray in April and May last and was gratified to find the Natives generally in a satisfactory condition. There were about forty at Blanchetown, but some of them were visitors from Overland Corner. They were all in good health excepting a lubra suffering from Hydatids of the ?liver? This disease is very common in this locality and arises from the too free use of raw or only partially cooked meat.

There is a great deal of spirit-drinking in the district. Many of the settlers are accused of giving the blacks drink in payment for their services; and publicans and traders in the Steamers also supply them freely with grog.

The average number on this Station is nearly 21.

Overland Corner

There were 40 Blacks here at the time of my visit. A few were at a Station about 7 miles distant, but most of them were at Blanchetown and at Stations between this place and Chowilla. They generally can get work if so inclined, and Corpl Shaw, the Issuer, has intimated to the neighbouring settlers, that if labour is at any time wanted, to let him know and he will take care to supply it if possible. The blacks are generally paid in money, and their wages are often as much as 15/- a week.

Their general health is very good, no death having occurred since July 1867. Their conduct has also been very good.

The average number at this Station is a little over 8.

Chowilla

About 35 Natives were at this Station but ?? from the NSW side of the boundary. All of them were apparently in good health. There were very few issues in proportion to the number of males, and only four children.

Mr Glennie, the Issuer, says: “The Natives are very well off here for they can get work at the Stations on the river all the year round; and those not inclined to work can easily provide food for themselves, for there are abundance of ducks at this season, May. Fish are very plentiful in Summer but the water at present is too cold for fishing.

The average number at this Station is about 16.

Yorke’s Peninsula

I visited this district in June last and was pleased to obtain evidence of a satisfactory condition of the Natives generally. I travelled overland to Wallaroo, visiting by the way the Depots at Stockport, Bungaree and The Hummocks, but there were no blacks at either of the two former places and only three at the latter Station. Much rain having fallen a short time before, the Natives were busily employed in the scrub, hunting game which is there abundant, and which they can only get at in the winger season when water is plentiful.
Wallaroo
The Depot here has also deserted by the Natives who had for the most part, gone to the Southern parts of the Peninsula – a few of them were employed at lamb-minding in the neighbourhood. They had been very well-behaved while here, and pretty healthy – only suffering occasionally from severe colds. The average number at this Station is about 7. Sergt Besley, the Issuer, reports as follows: “I have lately visited the Peninsula as far as Moorowie, and beg to state for your information that none of the Natives below Point Pierce have been supplied with blankets this season, say about 60 adults and 15 children.

“I beg further to state that the Natives here more than ever require assistance from the hands of Government, their old resources now being completely cut off. The country is nearly all fenced in, and their services are no longer required as lamb-minders and the settlers do not like their hunting in the lambing paddocks, which contain the best feed, consequently the most game. Clothing is less plentiful than it used to be as the number of employees are greatly reduced, the country being fenced, and old cast-off clothing is more difficult to obtain so that the Natives at present are not so well fed or clothed as they used to be.”

I visited the Peninsula as far South as Lake Sunday, but without obtaining any evidence of a want either of food or of clothing among the Natives there. Kangaroo and other wild animals are most abundant, and at the encampment of a large number of blacks I saw a great quantity of dried skins which they told me they intended to sell, or exchange for flour and other necessaries. The price of full-sized skins in Adelaide at present is, I believe, as much as 22/- per dozen.

610 All the lubras in the camp were possessed of good opossum rugs, and the men had all very good ordinary clothing. They declared that they had plenty to eat.

Point Pierce
On my arrival at the new institution I found that most of the adult Natives had gone off to the scrub for a few days ‘hunting’. They had been in good health for several months past and were exceedingly well-behaved.

The buildings erected here lately consist of a neat four-roomed stone cottage with galvanized iron roof, for the residence of Mr Huber, the Superintendent; and a separate building of stone and lime with ?? roof? For a ?? room.

Mr Huber was only waiting the arrival of forms and a table for the School to resume the work of teaching.

There were twenty seven children there at the Station. I had them assembled, and heard a number of them read a portion of Scripture which they did very well. They also repeated part of the multiplication table, and did several small sums in addition. About fifteen of them write very well.

The average number of Blacks at this Station is about 76.

611 Western District

Port Lincoln
Corpl Sullivan, Issuer, in his April return, remarks: “The Natives are at present in good health, and I am happy to say there has been no criminal charge against them for the last two years.”

Streaky Bay
L-Corpl Provis, the Issuer, writes: “The majority of the Natives have now (May) left the Depot on account of the Stores being spent. Sickness, principally Whooping-Cough, is still very prevalent amongst them. There are scarcely any employed by the Settler. A further supply of Stores is much
needed. The conduct of the Aborigines in this district is very good, no offenses having been reported to the Police.”

Fowlers Bay
In his Return for March, PT Richards remarks: “The Natives find the Nets very useful – Abundance of fish are caught. Four Native boys have been sent to Adelaide Jail for hut-robbing and killing sheep. Altogether the Natives are well-behaved.”
In May he says: “The Natives at the depot are suffering from coughs, and cold. A supply of Medicines will be required. ... the healthy ones are employed lambing. The conduct of the Natives is good.” And again in June: “The Natives are suffering from a kind of Whopping-Cough.”

Northern District
The following is Sub-Protector Buttfield’s Report for the Quarter ending 30th June:
“During the past Quarter I have visited in my official capacity the several Aborigines Depots in the Eastern portion of my District including ?? Wilpena, ??, ?? Oulnina, Bimbowrie, Booloomata, Walla?? In the prosecution of this duty, I have travelled over 600 miles of country.
I encountered considerable difficulty and some hardships arising from the very dried state of the country and consequent scarcity of water, the ?? ?? ?? my ignorance of several localities, and ?? To add to my embarrassment the ?? boy I had taken with me ?? knew nothing whatever of the country and became so seriously afflicted with ?Rheumatic gout that for ten days I had to lift him in and out of my wagonette, and finally left him with his friends at Botowie.
At all the Stations where any of the Aborigines were located excepting Bimbowrie, I found all the able-bodied of both sexes to be employed in lamb-minding and 613 other useful occupations. I am happy to add I met with an unusually small proportion of sick & infirm, and these for the most part, were receiving supplies of food at the Bimbowrie depot. On the occasion of my visit to the last-mentioned place, there were 37 male adults and 28 female adults, 13 of whom were old and inform, and 6 infants, and 7 children under five years of age, all of whom belonged to the Bimbowrie tribe.
In addition to these, there were twelve young men from the Darling, apparently on a friendly visit. It was quite evident to men that Bimbowrie possesses traditional interest to the tribe and will ever be the place where they will congregate to attend to their superstitious rites and ceremonies, and where they will dwell.
The same preference for special localities prevails in different parts of this and other districts.
I have deemed it my duty to recommend a reduction in the number of Depots in the North-eastern portion of my district.
At one of the depots named above, I found the Aborigines were not treated with proper consideration, and on this account, and because of its close proximity to another depot, have recommended the closing of the same. In justice to the Settlers, I must 614 add that this is one of only a few exceptional cases.
The diminution in the number of depots as indicated in communications I forwarded to your office, will effect a considerable saving to the Government without prejudice to the interests of the recipients. It is desirable a moderate increase in the quantity of rations and a supply of suitable Medicines be sent to Blinman.
I have also recommended that a depot should be established at Ooteowie. Mr McCallum has kindly signified his willingness to use the necessary returns.
Hitherto I have been unable to... Stores from those Stations at which the Issuers decline to make the required returns, owing to the want of suitable adjacent places to which to transfer them. To close the existing depots without making other provision for their administration would entail hardship upon any of the Aborigines. I will in each case take the first for complying with your...consultation?

Although the mortality of the Aborigines in this district is not excessive, the births are not sufficiently numerous to repair the inroads made by death.

There are in many parts of my districts several half-caste children whose fathers...have abandoned to a wurley life, a life of certain degradation, and in the case of females infamy and prostitution. It is a pity something cannot be done to rescue them each from their parlous positions. I can note no appreciable increase of native animals. For years to come the Aborigines will remain more or less dependent upon the Government for support, a contingency which would not have arisen but for the flocks and herds of the invader, during the long and disastrous drought.

The Aborigines have conducted themselves orderly and peaceably during the past three months. But very few cases of crime have come under my notice. In fact, the conduct of the Aborigines will bear favourable comparison with that of an equal number of the white population.

Since my return to the Blinman, there have been in almost daily attendance at my office, four very old and infirm women to whom I have issued rations from the stock sent me to supply the wants of the sick when under medical treatment.

Epidemic Catarrh has prevailed to a serious extent. I still have four on my list.

I am doing all I can to overtake the duties...of my office. The depots alone under my supervision and which I am instructed to visit periodically involve the travelling over an area of some 6000 miles to say nothing of the special journeys I am called to undertake in the fulfilment of my duties as emergencies arise.”

Appended is a tabulated statement of births and deaths in those districts for which the returns are complete; another of offenses committed by the Aborigines, and one shewing the Persons charged with supplying intoxicating liquor to the Aborigines. As already stated, I have visited the South Eastern, Murray and Peninsula districts, besides various shorter journies during the past six months and have travelled a distance of about 1800 miles.

[Walker]

617
11 August 1868
Mr L. Egan
Tarpeena
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th inst, I beg to inform you that should the old Lubra mentioned therein require Medical treatment, Dr Peel should be requested to attend her; Rice was forwarded to you on the 5th June and should have arrived before this.

In regard to any other medical comfort she may require, I beg to refer you to clause 3 of Instructions to Issuers of Stores. Copy herewith.

[Walker]
11 August 1868

Messrs W. & A. Bowman
Middleton

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst (315/68) offering to supply Flour at Goolwa for £17 per ton, I beg to inform you that I cannot accept your offer.

[Walker]

Mr C. Cooke
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Peninsula

Sir,

Your child Fanny has been sent from Point McLeay and is now with Mrs Eldridge at the Grand Junction Hotel.

Since then however, Mr Taplin has written to express his great regret at her removal as he had become attached to the child who had been taken to his house and become the playmate of his own children, and he begs that if possible she may be sent back to him. Fanny also was greatly attached to his family and went away with the greatest reluctance.

Under the circumstances, and because it will certainly be for the welfare of the child, I have to request that you will give your sanction to her return to Pt McLeay on payment by Mr Taplin of all expenses attendant on her removal.

Your surety, Mr Smith, being dead, it will be necessary that you should appoint another in his ?room

[Walker]

11 August 1868

Mr R.F. Morris PT
Kingston

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst (319/68) requesting moorings for Boat, I am desired to ask you, to state what kind is required and also to state the price they can be procured for at Kingston.

Stores will be forwarded at an early date.

[Birch]

12th August 1868

Henry Short Esq
King Wm St

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Ulto (289/68) I have to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL, that your request for Rations and Blankets to be forwarded to Mount James cannot be complied with.

[Walker]
13 August 1868  
Mr F.W. Allen PT  
McDonnell Bay  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst (317/68) I beg to inform you, that the error in your return has been cancelled and the stock remaining on hand the end of June is as follows, viz.:  

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14th August 1868  
Mr Bernard Patterson  
c/- Mr Henry Luemmer  
Sevenhill  
Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 30th Ulto (293/68) I am desired by the Hon the CCL to ask you, if you have any means of commencing farming; provided a section of land were granted to you.

14th August 1868  
Mr Albert Trelling  
Farmer  
Penwortham  
Sir,  
By your testimonial in favour of an Aboriginal Native (named Bernard Patterson), I am disposed to believe that you are well acquainted with the said Native. I trust therefore that you will inform me, whether Patterson has any means to commence farming with; provided a Section of land was granted by the Government for his occupation.

14 August 1868  
Mr Geo Taplin, Point McLeay  
Sir,  
I received your letters of the 6th and 7th August respectively, with cheque for £1 enclosed in the latter.  
It is to be regretted that, when you changed your views regarding Fanny Cooke, you did not inform Mr Cox of the fact, and to have prevented the action taken on your first letter.  
The delay attendant on the removal was occasioned by the necessary correspondence with Cooke.  
I was unable to supply you with more particulars in my letter of the 20th July, for Cooke had merely stated, that Mr Eldridge would receive the child, when she arrived from Point McLeay.  
To correct the unfortunate mistake I have written to Mr Eldridge and got his promise to detain the child until further orders, and I have also written to Cooke, urging him to agree to her return to the Institution, on payment by you of the expenses of her removal and return.
Undated memo

[barely legible] Having been informed that Messrs Dean and Hack? ... in June last .... .... Native Reserve at Kopperamana .... Injury of the ....... the Natives ...the injury thus sustained. ... by the opportunity presented to .... Of having a feed, killed certain of the cattle; but this act led to a skirmish between the whites and blacks; and that the Police apprehended two of the blacks who were afterwards discharged.

It is respectfully requested that the Commissioner of Police be asked if any report ?contemplating? of this, ..... from the Police at Lake Hope.

[Walker]

19th August 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th inst (323/68) I beg to inform you that you can procure three more loads of firewood for the use of the Aged and Infirm Natives only.

[Walker]

19 August 1868
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Will you be kind enough to purchase for the Department a small Anchor about 20 or 25 lbs weight and 10 fathoms [60 ft, about 18 metres] of chain for mooring a Boat with, and ship them to Police Trooper Morris at Lacepede Bay.

[Birch]

20th August 1868
J.H. Angas Esq,
Willowie Station
Melrose
Sir,
I beg to inform you that Stores for the Aborigines at Arrowie will be forwarded to Mr A.D. Tassie at Port Augusta on Monday next per “Lubra” Steamer and have instructed that gentleman to detain them until your own dray arrives at Pt Augusta.

[Walker]
632
20 August 1868
Mr A.D. Tassie
Port Augusta
Sir,
I beg to inform you that Stores for the Aborigines at Arrowie (viz., 1 ton Flour, 250 lbs Sugar, 40 lbs Tea, & 10 lbs Tobacco) will be forwarded to Port Augusta on Monday next per “Lubra” Steamer, and have to request, that you will detain the stores until Mr Angas’s dray calls for them.

[Walker]

633
20 August 1868
Mr George Murray c/- Mr Maslen
The Hummocks
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto (300/68) and in reply I have to inform you that you had no legal right to occupy the section of land lately leased to Mr Lines, consequently the lease has been sold at Auction by the Govt.
In regard to giving you another Section, I am directed to inform you that owing to the death of your Wife, the Government do not recognise your claim, and cannot therefore comply with your request.

[Walker]

634
21st August 1868
Mr R.F. Morris PT
Kingston
Sir,
I beg to inform you that an Anchor (29 lbs weight) and chain were shipped yesterday at Port Adelaide for the Aborigines’ Boat at Lacepede Bay. Be good enough to acknowledge receipt of the same on arrival.

[Birch]

635
21st August 1868
Mr John Sumner
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the Government have granted your request for a section of land; and a licence to occupy has been drawn up, and now awaits your presence at the Surveyor-General’s Office, for execution.

[Walker]
27th August 1868
Mr A. R. Wortham
Wellington
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst (330/68) I beg to inform you that marriage with an Aboriginal woman of this Province does not confer the right to a Section of land; at the same time the Government are willing to grant the use of a section to any deserving European marrying a Native woman of pure breed, provided he has some means of cultivating the land.

With regard to your taking into partnership another European with capital, the Government would not recognise any such partnership in the land, but no interference would be made, provided the land was occupied by the party to whom it was granted, and no portion thereof, sub-let.

[Walker]

27 August 1868
Mrs C. Smith
Aborigines’ Home
Mt Gambier
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst, I beg to inform you that the amount of £11. 1. 3, passed for payment in November 1867, was paid to you’re a/c at the National Bank in Adelaide on the 28th December last, and through some irregularity, has been kept at the Head Bank, instead of as usual, transmitting the amount to your a/c at Mt Gambier.

I was informed at the Bank, that the amount would be placed to your credit at Mt Gambier.

[Birch]

1st September 1868
Mr M. Calnan
Kingscote
Kangaroo Island
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst (?) (337/68), I beg to inform you that Six Blue Shirts will be forwarded by the Schooner “Albert” for distribution to the Natives at Kangaroo Island. I have also to inform you that for the future the Government will discontinue sending supplies of stores as it is considered the natives are able to support themselves, game being so abundant.

The usual supply of Blankets and Blue shirts will be forwarded annually.

[Walker]
639
1st Sept 1868
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th Ulto, I have to inform you that the articles enumerated in our letter of the 28th Ult, viz.: 12 yds Canvas, 2 lbs Copper Tacks, and 12 Screws, will be forwarded to you by the next vessel leaving Port Adelaide for Venus Bay, and request that you will be good enough to acknowledge receipt thereof.

[Walker]

640
1st Sept 1868
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith 14 twopenny Stamps, so as to keep your stock up to the original quantity supplied to you in April last, viz.: 60 twopenny and 84 Sixpenny. Upon the receipt of your returns, the expenditure will be remitted to you regularly.

[Birch]

641
4 Sept 1868
Memo/-
Forwarded to the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands – 2 copies of Protector of Aborigines’ report for six months, ended 30 June 1868, for transmission to F.W. Chesson Esq, Secretary: Aborigines’ Protection Society – 65 Fleet St, London.
Vide C.S.O. 1709/2/67.

[Birch]

642
5 Sept 1868
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
Complaints having been made at this office, concerning the bad Flour issuing to the Aborigines at Milang, you will be kind enough to forward a sample of it, to this office without delay, per post, marked on the outside “Merchandise”.

[Birch]
9 September 1868
Mrs E. Doke
Goolwa
Madam,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd Ulto (328/68) and in reply thereto, I have to inform you that the salaries of the several teachers at the various Mission Stations throughout the Colony are raised by public subscription, and the Government do not feel disposed to establish a different arrangement at Goolwa.
I am also desired to inform you that a tin of Kerosene will be forwarded to you by Messrs J. Newman & Son, from Port Adelaide, at an early date.

[Walker]

10 Sept 1868
Mr L. Egan
Tarpeena
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th inst (354/68) I beg to inform you that a supply of stationery was forwarded to you on the 9th April last per Post, viz.: 2 quires Foolscap paper, a bundle of Envelopes (25), and a box of pens. The same supply is now forwarded by post. With regard to the Stores account Book, I do not see the necessity for keeping one, the return forms answering every purpose.

[Walker]

14 Sept 1868
H.D. Dale Esq,
Port Adelaide
Sir,
Be kind enough to secure three Deck passages for Aborigines returning to Streaky Bay, and charge the same to this Department. Should there be any alteration of the day of sailing of the “Freebridge” I shall thank you for the earliest intimation.

[Walker]

15 Sept 1868
Mr Joshua Jones
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst and in reply I have to inform you that the a/c sent in by you for 1. 9. 10 was passed for payment with the Aborigines’ a/cs for the month of August and is now in the Treasury, awaiting your presence or order.
Enclosed herewith is a procuration order on the Treasury which will enable you to appoint a substitute to draw the money for you.

[Birch]
646
14 Sept 1868
A.C. Hawson Esq
Pt Brown
Smoky Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst (350/68) and desire to state that I was under the impression that Pt Brown was much nearer to the Township of Streaky Bay than Wallianippie, but as I am informed to the contrary, I will cause supplies to be sent as usual.
On looking over your Store Return for last month, I find a number of Able-bodied Natives receiving relief. I must call your attention to clause 1 of the General Instructions, & a copy herewith) and trust you will carry it out as far as possible.

[Walker]

647
16 Sept 1868
Mr C. Cooke
c/- Messrs S. Rogers & Co
Yorke’s Peninsula
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th Ulto (337/68) describing a section of land you wish to occupy by virtue of your marriage with Charlotte Penton (an Aboriginal), I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that it having been reported to this office that your Wife has not been living with you for some time, he cannot comply with your request as the land so granted is solely for the benefit of the Aboriginal Native.

[Walker]

648
16 Sept 1868
Mr Jno Eldridge
Grand Junction
Sir,
Some time since I wrote to Charles Cooke to know what steps should be taken with the girl “Fanny” now under your care, which he appears to take no notice of; I therefore deem it necessary that she should be returned to Point McLeay at once, to prevent further expense; if you will be kind enough to bring her to this office on Saturday next, I will see that she is sent back to Point McLeay. Any claim you may have for maintenance of “Fanny” Cooke, during her stay with you, I will endeavour to get paid, if you will leave a Statement of the amount at this office.

[Walker]
649
18 Sept 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Sec: Y.P.N.M.S.
Kadina
Sir,
I beg to call your attention to a letter from this office dated 1st July last, asking you if a similar lease to that granted to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association would suit for the Reserve at Point Pierce.

[Walker]

650
19 Sept 1868
Mr Jno Hirst
Streaky Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst (360/68) and in reply I have to inform you that the Returns for the last supply of Stores have to yet been received, consequently a further supply cannot be granted unless the Regulations concerning the issuing and supplying monthly Stores are adhered? to.

[Walker]

651-652
19 Sept 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Not having received an answer to my letter of 11th Ulto, requesting the consent of Mr Cooke to Fanny’s return to your establishment, I have taken upon myself the responsibility of removing the child from Mr Eldridge’s care, and shall have her forwarded on Tuesday next per Mail to Point McLeay.
The charge of Mr Eldridge for Fanny’s maintenance, during the eight weeks she has been with him is £2, and I have forwarded the account 652 to Mrs Meredith, who I believe will pay it.
You will please make arrangements for Fanny’s reception on Wednesday morning next.

[Walker]

653
21 Sept 1868
Mrs Meredith
Moonta
Madam,
I am directed to inform you that having failed to obtain from Mr Cooke a reply to a letter dated 11th August last requesting his instructions as to the disposal of his (reputed) child “Fanny”, the Protector has taken upon himself the responsibility of having her removed from Mr Eldridge’s care and reconveyed to Mr Taplin’s establishment at Point McLeay.
I enclose Mr Eldridge’s bill for the maintenance of the child during the time she has been with him.

[Birch]
654
21 Sept 1868
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst (363/68) complaining of the inconvenience of getting the stores from the landing place to the Depot at McGrath’s Flat, I beg to inform you, that no objection will be raised to any reasonable amount charged for carting the stores to their destination.

[Birch]

655
23rd Sept 1868
Mr H.D. Gouge
Mannum
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst (367/68) and in reply I have the honor to inform you that upon receiving a list of the names of the Aborigines requiring relief at Mannum, I will bring the subject before the Hon CCL for his consideration.

[Walker]

656
23rd Sept 1868
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Missionary
Pt Pierce
Sir,
Through an oversight the Serge formerly advised of, was not sent, I regret exceedingly that such should have occurred, and have given instructions that the balance of Serge remaining in the Government Store (94 yds) be despatched immediately.

[Walker: his last letter?]

657
24 Sept 1868
Mr W. Pascoe P.C.
Pt Victor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th inst addressed to L.C. Simpson, I beg to inform you, that you are authorised to incur the expense asked for (6/-) for the purchase of a bolt, which will be paid by this Department upon presenting the account.

[Birch]
24 Sept 1868
Mr M. Calnan
Kingscote
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst (370/68) requesting stores for the Aborigines on Kangaroo Island, I beg to inform you that it being an established rule that no stores should be sent to any Issuer who declines to supply the usual monthly returns, I have therefore no alternative, but to decline your request.

[Birch]

29 Sept 1868
Mr Jno Eldridge
Grand Junction
Sir,
I beg to inform you that upon calling at this office, you can receive the money due for the maintenance of Fanny Cooke while staying at your house.

[Birch]

29 Sept 1868
Mrs Meredith
Moonta Mines
Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst (372/68) enclosing cheque on the National Bank for 2, for the maintenance of Fanny Cooke while under the care of Mr Eldridge. In reply to your question concerning the claim of Chs Cooke to the girl Fanny, I may state for your information that the late Dr Walker was of opinion that Cooke had no legal claim whatever, and it is doubtful, whether he will in future, pay the yearly sum agreed upon for the child’s support, he having taken no notice of the last two letters from this office on the subject; and his surety in Adelaide (Mr Joseph smith) died several months since.
I have also further to inform you that the government declined Cooke’s application for a section of land.

[Birch]
662
30\textsuperscript{th} Sept 1868
I.N. Blackmore Esq
Sec: CL&c
Sir,
I have the honor to call the attention of the Hon CCL to the fact, that at the present time there is an account at the National Bank to meet the petty expenses of this office, and owing to the decease of the Protector, I am unable to draw the money for current expenses.
I would restfully suggest that the necessary authority be given to enable me to draw the money from the Bank, and the monthly expenditure from the treasury.

[Birch]

663
30 Sept 1868
I.N. Blackmore Esq,
Sec: CL&c
I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands &c, the decease of Dr Walker, late Protector of Aborigines, who expired on the 26\textsuperscript{th} inst.

[Birch]

664
3 October 1868
Mr H.D. Gouge
Mannum
River Murray
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he does not consider it necessary to establish a Depot for the relief of the Aborigines at Mannum; at the same time, any sick or Old & Infirm natives can obtain supplies from the Depot at Long Island [Murray Bridge].

[Birch]

665
3 October 1868
Mr A.F. Lloyd
Oulnina
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19\textsuperscript{th} Ulto, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he does not consider it necessary to rescind the late Commissioner’s decision, at the same time I may inform you that the Sub-Protector makes no complaints against you, he considering that one Depot would be sufficient to meet the wants of the Natives in the N-Eastn District; and selected Bimbowrie as the most suitable place in the District.

[Birch]
3rd October 1868
Messrs McCallum & McTaggart
Wooltanna
North
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 24 August last, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot comply with your request – at the same time, I may inform you that any sick or old & infirm natives can be supplied by removing to the nearest Depot.

[667]
7 October 1868
Mr W. Ifould
Boolcoomata
N-Eastern Plains
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th Ulto, and in reply I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that Twelve single Blankets and Twelve Blue Shirts will be forwarded to you immediately to the care to Messrs Drew & Co, Kooringa.

[668]
8 October 1868
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Pt Pierce
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst and in reply, I have to inform you that there is no more Serge available in Store. Consequently your request cannot be complied with.
The supply of stores asked for on the 1st Inst will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

[669]
8 October 1868
Corpl Field
Narracoorte
Sir,
I have to request that in future all Store Returns should be sent as book packets with the ends left open, otherwise they are charged at the same rate for postage as letters of equal weight; they should be marked on the outside parcel only and signed.

[666]
Similar letter to Mr F.W. Allen PT at McDonnell Bay

8 October 1868
A.D. Tassie Esq
Pt Augusta
Sir,
By letter received from the Lutheran Missionaries at Killalpaninna, Far North, they state that they are deficient of a bale containing 30 Blankets, 20 Blue Shirts, 60 yds Serge, 50 lbs Netting Twine, 400 Fish Hooks, 48 fishing Lines, 2 lbs thread, and 200 Needles, forwarded from here in April last. You will oblige by forwarding any information concerning the whereabouts of the missing articles, it may be within your power to give.

J.P. Buttfield J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
I am requested by the Sec: CCL to ask you to direct your correspondence to this office as hitherto, as it is not intended to mix the correspondence of the two offices.

Mr Geo Taplin
Pt McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, addressed to the Hon CCL, and desire to inform you that the Savings Bank pass book of an account with the Protector of Aborigines in trust for Jno Sumner is still in this office. Your letter will be laid before the Hon CCL and should he decide to hand the account over to your care, you will be again communicated with.

Mr Jno Brown
Mount James
North
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Ult’ and in reply I have to inform you by direction of the Hon CCL that your request cannot be complied with, Mt James not being sufficiently distant from the Depot at Beltana to render it necessary to establish a Depot there.
675
14th October 1868
I.N. Blackmore Esq
Sec: CCL
Memo/-
I beg to call the attention of the Secretary: Crown Lands &c to an account of Messrs Faulding,
forwarded from this office, for the certificate of the Colonial Surgeon on the 19th August last, and has
not yet been returned.

[Cancelled]

676
15th October 1868
Mr W. Koch
Lutheran Mission Station
Killalpaninna
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 28th Ulto’, stating that you had not received the Blankets as forwarded
to you on the 15th April last, I have since communicated with Mr Tassie of Pt Augusta who states that
the Dray was full loaded and could not take the bale; but that they are still in his store and will be
forwarded to you by the first opportunity.

[Birch]

677
15th October 1868
Mr Jno Sumner
c/- Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith per book packet, by direction of the Hon CCL, your Savings Bank pass
book, as requested by Mr Taplin in his letter of the 9th Instant.

[Birch]

678
15th Oct 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In further reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the
Savings Bank Pass Book held by the late Peote4ctor of Aborigines is forwarded per book packet for
Jno Sumner.

[Birch]
16th October 1868
Mr A. Trilling
Farmer
Penwortham
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that after carefully considering the application of the native named Patterson for a section of Land, he is of opinion that the land would be quite useless to anyone without some capital to commence with, and consequently declines to grant the request.

[Birch]

[see below]

16th October 1868
Mr Bernard Patterson
c/- Mr Luemmer
Storekeeper
Sevenhill
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that after carefully considering your application for a section of land, he is of opinion that under the present circumstances, a section of land would be of no service without some capital to commence with, and would for the present decline your request.

[Birch]

17th October 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant applying for more Canoes for the use of the natives belonging to the Point McLeay Station, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he feels obliged to decline compliance with your request, considering that the full share of support which the Institution already receives from the Government.

[Birch]
22nd October 1868
Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st inst, stating that the Pass Book despatched to Sumner on the 5th inst had not been received.
After enquiring at the Post Office, I find that the Pass Book has been received at Milang, but why it has been delayed I cannot at present understand; it should have been received with the letter. The Post Office authorities will make the necessary enquiries respecting it at Milang, and should it not appear by the present mail, you will be kind enough to inform me.

[682]

24th October 1868
Mr Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 13th Instant, concerning the MacLean family, I have now the honor to inform you, that the Crown Lands Ranger has been instructed by the Surveyor-General to act in the matter.

[683]

29 October 1868
Corpl Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 27th Instant, acknowledging receipt of Stores and requesting a supply of Firewood, I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to procure three loads of firewood to be used solely for the Aged & Infirm, the Sick and the Children.

[684]

3rd November 1868
J.P. Buttfeld J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
The case of Rueben (an Aboriginal) will come on for trial at the Supreme Court at the end of this month, for the murder of a Shepherd at Wilpena, also for the murder of a native named “Peter” at Beltana.
At present I have not succeeded in finding an Innkeeper, and the Judges will not hear the case unless there is some one capable of interpreting the language.
Should you know of any one, you will be kind enough to inform me, so that the necessary steps can be taken to secure his attendance in Adelaide.

[685]
3rd November 1868

H. Hodding Esq
Booyoolee
Sir,
From information received, I am informed that there is some person either at Booyoolee or Bundaleer that speaks the Wilpena language. I should feel greatly obliged if you know of anyone that can interpret in that language, by your transmitting his address to this office, as in all probability, his service will be required at the next Criminal Sessions, at the end of this month.

[Birch]

5th Nov 1868

Messrs J. Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to forward to you herewith, Bill of Lading, and the Treasurer’s authority in duplicate, for landing two bales of Blankets free of duty, to arrive per Ship “St Vincent”.
You will be kind enough to forward them to the Government Store, North Terrace, upon arrival.

[Birch]

5 November 1868

Mr J.K. Bors
Farmer
Compton Downs
Mt Gambier
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence, I am desired to inform you that Section 92 Hundred of Young, County Grey, cannot be selected for occupation by Blucher, the Aboriginal, it having been surveyed on application, and being already arranged to be sold on Thursday next.
You will however shortly receive a further letter on this subject.

[Birch]

6th November 1868

Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In further reply to your letter dared 13th October concerning Hugh MacLean and family, I beg to state that by a report from the Crown Lands Ranger, it appears that MacLean is located on a purchased Section No. 322, and has no stock of any description running on Crown Lands. Consequently the Ranger is unable to interfere.

[Birch]
10 Nov 1868
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
I am directed by the Sec: CC&L to request you in future when writing officially to call your locality by
its English name (Point Pierce) as it is apt to cause mistakes, the name of Bookooynna not being
known in the Land Office.
With regard to your requisition for more stores, I am sorry to inform you that the articles mentioned
therein having been all issued, there will be no more available until the beginning of next year.
[Birch]

10th Nov 1868
The Manager of the
Wallaroo Railway
Wallaroo
Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will forward the Government Stores for the Aborigines
addressed to Point Pierce to their destination when convenient to do so. The account for cartage
should be rendered as early as possible after delivery of the Stores at Point Pierce.
[Birch]

12 Nov 1868
Mr N. H. Nield
Blanchetown
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, and in reply I am desired by the Hon
CCL to inform you that at the present time, he sees no necessity for removing the Aborigines Stores
from the Police. Your offer is therefore declined with thanks.
[Birch]

12 Nov 1868
Mr I.K. Bors
Farmer
Compton downs
Mt Gambier
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and in reply, I have the honor to inform you
that your previous communication of 20th Ulto’ was replied to on the 5th inst, and should have been
at Gambierton on the 7th, two days prior to the date of your letter.
[Birch]
694
12 Nov 1868
The Supt of Convicts
Dry Creek
Sir,
Would you be kind enough to inform me whether a prisoner of the name of MacInerny (sentenced for four years for Cattle Stealing) can speak the native language of the Wilpena & Beltana District, sufficiently well to interpret in a trial coming on at the Supreme Court during the next Sessions.

[Birch]

695
13 November 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Sec: Yorke's Peninsula Native Mission Society
Kadina
In reply to your letter of the 21st Sept, forwarding the names of three gentlemen as trustees, for lease of Reserve at Point Pierce, on behalf of the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission Society, I have the honor to inform you that the lease is now ready for execution at the office of the Surveyor-General.
Should the Gentlemen named as Trustees be unable to attend, to sign the lease, I have forwarded herewith a printed for or Power of Attorney, which will enable them to appoint an agent.

[Birch]

696
24th November 1868
Mr J.K. Bors
Compton Down
Mt Gambier
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you if Section No. 177 containing 108 acres; or 178 containing 118 acres; would suit the native Blucher; if not, he could select 80 acres of unsurveyed land between those two Sections and Compton, as shewn on the accompanying tracing; which 80 acres can be surveyed the first time a Surveyor is in the neighbourhood.
Be kind enough to return the tracing with your reply.

[Birch]

697
26 Nov 1868
Mr J.C. Oastler
Strangways Springs
Far North
Sir,
Your return for the month of July arrived yesterday and I am desired to remind you of Clause 1 of General Instructions and of Circular forwarded to each Issuer of Stores during the early part of last year. Copy herewith enclosed.
It is earnestly requested that in future you will be more particular in the distribution of rations; and not encourage idleness, by giving rations to able-bodied natives who re able to provide their own food.

[Birch]
698
26 Nov 1868
Mr Rd Williams
Bimbowrie
North of Mt Victor
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st Inst (422/68) and beg to inform you that the a/c for cartage of Aborigines’ stores from Kapunda to Bimbowrie arrived too late for this month’s schedule of a/cs; it will not therefore be passed for payment until the end of the year, when it will be payable at the Treasury.
Should Mr Gare wish the money drawn by his Agent, I have enclosed herewith Procuration Order on the Treasury.

[Birch]

699
8 Dec 1868
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to forward herewith Bill of Lading and the Treasurer’s authority in duplicate, for landing four bales of Blankets free of duty, to arrive per "Duke of Sutherland".
You will be kind enough to forward them to the Government Store, North Terrace, upon arrival.

[Birch]

700
9th Dec 1868
Corporal Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that rations are only to be issued to able-bodied natives when they are in actual want, and are unable to obtain employment, and that in every case, the reason must be entered in the Column of “Remarks”.

[Birch]

701
14th Dec 1868
Mr J.M. McTaggart
Woolltanna
North
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Ulto’ and in reply, I am desired by the Hon CCL to refer you to a previous letter from this office dated 3rd October last and that he sees no reason for departing from the decision therein contained.

[Birch]
14th Dec 1868
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst requesting a Medicine chest for the use of the natives at Point Pierce, and in reply I would suggest that you forward a list of the medicine most likely to be required at Point Pierce, also the price of a medicine chest, if procured on the Peninsula.

[Birch]

17th December 1868
Mr Jno Laelinyeri
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th Ulto’, I am desired by the Hon the CCL to inform you that as the Medical Officer of the Lunatic Asylum reported to the effect that “Peter” is still unfit to be at liberty, he regrets that your request cannot at present be complied with.

[Birch]

21st De 1868
Corpl J. Dann
Milang
Sir,
You will be kind enough to forward to this office as early as possible after the 31st Instant a Return of all non-consumable Stores under your charge belonging to this Department, such as Canoes, Scales & Weights, &c.

[Birch]

29 Dec 1868
Mr H. Walder
Kopperamanna
North
Sir,
Since receiving your requisition of the 18th Ulto’, for a fresh supply of Stores, I have been informed that it is your intention to leave Kopperamanna at an early date; I have in consequence held over your request until I heard from you on the subject, trusting the delay will cause no inconvenience.

[Birch]
1869

705
11 January 1869
Henry Rodney
Mt Graham
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th December last, addressed to the Surveyor-General asking him to approve a Surveyor to survey a section of land for you, I now beg to inform you that previous to the survey being effected, it will be necessary for you to procure the Sanction of the Hon the CCL and to satisfy him of your ability to manage, and will also be required to show some means of cultivating a section of land before your request will be complied with.

[Birch]

706
14 January 1869
Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 8th Ulto', complaining of the evils arising from the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to the Natives, I am desired by the Hon the CCL to inform you, that your letter having been referring to the Commissioner of Police, who reports that he will endeavour to obtain a conviction against some one at Meningie, if possible.

[Birch]

707
14 January 1869
J.P. Buttfield J.P.
SPA, Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th Inst requesting leave of absence for conveying your Wife and family to the Blinman, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your request is approved on the understanding that all expenditure is used in carrying the same into effect.
The Commissioner also approves of your visiting the Depots en route for Adelaide, viz., Bungaree, Aulaby, and Stockport.

[Birch]
15 January 1869
W. Koch
Lutheran Missionaries
Killalpaninna
Far North
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL&c to draw your attention to the large issue of Stores to Children in your return for the months of November and December and to point out that the stores were granted on the same terms as were given to the “Moravian Missionaries” as requested in Mr Walder’s letter of 17 June 1867, viz.: “that fifteen Scholars be the maximum or 30 bags of Flour, annually, with a corresponding amount of Sugar, &c.”
According to your present number of Scholars, the supply will not last beyond six months, and I am inclined to believe the Government will not exceed the quantity granted.

[710]
20 January 1869
Sec: CL&I
Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon CCL that having examined two different shipments of Blankets, I find them to be all alike, and are very inferior to those supplied to the Aborigines for the last two years, and are not according to requisition – inasmuch as it was particularly stated, that the Single Blanket was required to weigh not less than four pounds: whereas it only weighs two pounds twelve ounces.
The broad arrow and stripe at each end are marked with paint, instead of being wove in the Blanket, which adds a few ounces to the weight of the Blanket.

[710]
711
21 Jan 1869
Mr Thos Adams Senr
C/- Wm Weaver’s
Happy Valley
Port Lincoln
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th Inst, applying for a Section of land on behalf of your Son Thomas Adams, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your Son applied personally last July and when shewn the letter of occupation by Mr Hawkes, S.M., who explained the conditions under which the land was granted, he expressed his intention of not taking any steps in the matter; your application under the above circumstances cannot therefore be entertained.

[Birch]

712
21st January 1869
J.P. Buttfield, J.P.
SPA: Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th Inst, enclosing an offer from Mr R.S. Browne to cart Stores from Beltana to Strangways Springs at £18 per ton, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he considers the rate of cartage very high and hopes that you will be able to send them at a less rate: but if unsuccessful, then you are not to exceed Mr Browne’s offer. The Commissioner desires that you will report whether there is any necessity for continuing the Depot at Strangways Springs.

[Birch]

713a
22nd January 1869
Mr W.D. Sanderson
Kingston
Sir,
You will oblige by returning the a/c signed in your own name; hitherto when the a/cs have been signed by your Clerk, there is always an objection to pass them through the Audit Office.

[Birch]

713b
3rd Feb 1869
H.D. Dale Esq
Port Adelaide
Sir,
Seeing that the “Lucy” does not sail until Saturday next, will you be kind enough to secure a steerage passage for native returning to Streaky Bay and inform me as near as possible of the time of sailing.

[Birch]
25 Jany 1869
A.D. Tassie Esq
Port Augusta
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant, I beg to inform you that at the time of my sending you the telegram of the 8th inst., I concluded that in all probability you would have been in possession of our own Flour despatched from here on the 19th Ulo’ or the Natives at Mt Deception and Mt Freeling and could have supplied the Moravian Missionaries from that stock and replaced it with some of the same quality coming per “Lubra”; provided the Flour coming per “Lubra”, addressed to the Moravian Missionaries, does not equal that supplied by you [Birch] be kind enough to detain it until you receive further instructions as to its disposal, and Mr Darling, the Flour Contractor, will send two Tons of Best Flour to replace that supplied by you.

[716]
9 February 1869
Messrs D. & W. Murray
King Wm Street
Adelaide
Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 19th Ulto’, offering to supply 1000 pairs of Blankets for next year’s issue to the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that when action is taken in reference to net year’s supply, your offer will be considered.

[717]
9 February 1869
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd Instant, suggesting that tenders be called for repairing Canoes at Goolwa, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of your suggestion and requests that you will take the necessary steps for obtaining tenders for the work, and desires that they maybe submitted for his approval.

[715]
718
10 February 1869
Messrs D. & W. Murray
King William Street
Adelaide
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, offering to exchange Blanket, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your offer cannot be entertained.

[Birch]

719
10 February 1869
Mr Thos Adams Junr
Poonindie Institute
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has no objection to your selecting a Section of land, provided that it is not required by the Government and does not interfere with any one at present in possession.
To be held by you under a letter of occupation.
Upon forwarding the number and locality of the section you select to this office, the necessary steps will be taken for preparing the licence to occupy.

[Birch]

720
11th February 1869
A.D. Tassie Esq
Port Augusta
Sir,
The two tons of Flour in your Store addressed to the Moravian Missionaries, you will please forward with the groceries &c leaving per Steamer on the 13th Instant to the following addresses, viz.:
1 Ton Mr E. A. C. Oliver, Caroona
1 Ton The Manager, Cariewerloo North
Mr Darling will forward to you one ton of best Flour to replace that supplied by you to the Moravian Missionaries.

[Birch]
11th February 1869
C.B. Young Esq,
King Wm St
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he must decline your request to allow the Natives to collect Bark free of licence fee, as he considers the privilege would be abused.

13th Feby 1869
Mr W. Ifould
Boolcoomata
N-E. Plains
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Inst, requesting a further supply of Stores for the Aborigines, I beg to inform you that at the Suggestion of the Sub-Protector for the Northern District, the Hon CCL desired that the supply of stores to Boolcoomata should be discontinued on account of the close proximity of the Depot to Bimbowie.

15th Feb 1869
Messrs Drew Bros
Moonta
Gentlemen,
I received this morning a Memorandum of yours dated 7th January addressed to Mr G.N. Birks, Kadina: offering to deliver stores at Point Pierce for a period of six months from 1st January; previous to taking any action in the matter I wish to be informed if you would tender for the remainder of the year, instead of six months as at present.
Enclosed is an estimated list of stores likely to be required for the Depot at Point Pierce during the year.

18 February 1869
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant, forwarding three tenders for repairing Aborigines’ Canoes at Goolwa, I am desired to inform you that the Hon CCL has accepted Mr Thos Smith’s tender at £1 for repairing Canoes at Goolwa only.
18 February 1869
Mr R. Pascoe PC
Port Victor
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th Inst, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he sanctions the expenditure of the amount asked for in your letter. By forwarding the a/c to this office, the money will be remitted to you.

[726]
25th February 1869
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,
In further reply to your letters of the 11th and 18th December last, I have now the pleasure to inform you that the Hon CCL has approved your request contained therein, for a Medicine Chest and medicines. Messrs Faulding & Co have been instructed to forward the necessary medicines without delay.

[727]
26th February 1869
J.H. Angas Esq,
Collingrove
Sir,
In reply to your letter addressed to the Hon CCL of the 22nd Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the usual supply of stores for the Aborigines [at Arrowie?] will be forwarded to Port Augusta per "Royal Shepherd" Steamer on Saturday 27th Instant, viz.:

1 Ton Flour; 250 lbs Sugar; 42 lbs Tea; 10 lbs Tobacco.

[728]
26 Feb 1869
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Missionary
Point Pierce
Sir,
In reference to the enclosed a/c for cartage of Stores from Moonta to Point Pierce, I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to be good enough to explain who performed the work, as on perusal of the a/c it does not appear.
729
26 February 1869
Memo/-
To The Ass. Secy: CL Office
I would respectfully request instructions as to the action to be taken with this a/c for insurance of Blankets.
The Secretary of the South Australian insurance Co. disputes the rate of thirty shillings, and states that his advices from London are to charge 3 Guineas per cent.

[Birch]

730
1st March 1869
The Asst Sec: CL&c
Memo/-
I would respectfully request the authority of the Hon CCL to call for Tenders for supplying 2000 Blankets for the use of the Aborigines during the year 1870. So as to enable the successful tenderer to execute the order in England in time for delivery in December next.

[Birch]

731
3 March 1869
J.P. Buttfield Esq
SPA – One Tree Hill
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th Ulto’, asking for extended leave from your district, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has complied with your request.

[Birch]

732
3rd March 1869
Messrs Drew Bros
Moonta
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 25th Ulto’, enclosing tender for delivering Stores to Point Pierce, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that your offer is respectfully declined.

[Birch]

733
3rd March 1869
Mr T. P. Richards PT
Fowlers Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Ulto’, requesting Timber and Iron for building a store, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot comply with your request.

[Birch]
734
9 March 1869
Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th Ulto’, reporting the Native Cockatoo Jack as insane, I have the
honor to inform you that he has been arrested and tried before the Police Magistrate at Adelaide
and committed to the Lunatic Asylum to undergo Medical examination.

[Birch]

735a
10 March 1869
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Herewith I beg to forward you in duplicate Treasurer’s Order for clearing four bales of Blankets per
Ship “Charlotte”, also bill of lading for the same, and request that they may be forwarded to the
Government Store, North Terrace, upon arrival.

[Birch]

735b
15 March 869
Mr Tims PT
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your telegram of the 10th Instant, I beg to inform you that the Blankets for the Natives at
Guichen Bay Depot have not yet left the Government Store, and it is quite probable that they will
not be able to despatch them for two or three weeks.
A letter instead of the telegram would have answered the purpose equally as well.

[Birch]

736
12 March 1869
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
The attention of the Hon CCL having been called to a paragraph in today’s Advertiser, I am directed
to enclose a copy thereof and to request that you will be good enough to supply him with any
explanation you may possess relative to the condition of the Natives referred to.

[Birch]
Corporal Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your Memo requesting Firewood for the Natives at Milang, I beg to inform you that you are authorised to procure five (5) loads and forward the a/c to this office as usual for payment.

[Birch]

The Manager of the Wallaroo Railway co.
Wallaroo
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request that you will be good enough to forward to this office for attaching to the a/c, the cart note for the delivery of 28 packages at Point Pierce on or about 22 January last.

[Birch]

Corporal Jno Field
Narracoorte
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 12th Inst, I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you the reason why the Native woman at Jeffrey’s refuses to come to Narracoorte, and whether it would not be desirable to remove her instead of sending Dr Gunning to visit her at Jeffrey’s.

[Birch]

A.D. Tassie Esq
Port Augusta
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you be good enough to explain the reason of the extra charge on the stores despatched to Killalpaninna on the 23rd December last, the account received from the same party the month previous being only £30 per ton to Kopperamana and the difference in distance being only ten miles, the Hon CCL is disposed to think that an oversight has occurred in making out the a/c.
17 March 1869
Mr P. Henery
Cariewerloo
North
Sir,
From a letter received from Mr T. McT. Gibson on the 5th Instant, wherein I am informed that the Natives were sent away from Cariewerloo on account of the scarcity of water, and have suffered great inconvenience thereby; I am desired by the Hon Commr of Crown Lands to ask you if such is the case that the natives were sent away against their inclination.

22 March 1869
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Missionary
Pt Pierce
Yorke’s Peninsula
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot pass your account for cartage of Stores from Moonta for payment, as he considers that while you are able to convey your own stores the Government should not be expected to pay the carriage.
If you will forward an account for making coffin for the Native Boy “Freddy”, it will be passed for payment in due course.

23 March 1869
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I am desired to call your attention to a letter from this office of the 12th Instant, and to request that a reply thereto may be sent as early as possible.

25 March 1869
Mrs C. Smith
Aborigines Home
Mt Gambier
Madam,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Instant, I have to inform you that you’re a/c for the months of November and December (£6. 7. 9) was passed for payment in January last; also £2. 16. 9 for the month of January was passed in February, and £3. for the month of February is passed with this month’s Schedule of accounts.
I presume the National Bank has omitted to draw the money from the Treasury ?? for the months of Nov & Dec; should such be the case, I will inform them accordingly.

[Birch]
745
25 March 1869
Messrs G & R Wills & Co
Rundle Street
Gentlemen,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your tender for the supply of 1000 pairs of Blankets in accordance with advertisement in Government Gazette of the 11th and 18th Instant, has been accepted.

[Birch]

746
30th March 1869
The Asst. Sec: CCL
Memo/-
The authority of the Hon CCL is respectfully requested to allow Messrs Wills & Co, the contractors for the Aborigines’ Blankets for next year, the half of the sample pair of Blankets, for their guidance in procuring them according to sample.

[Birch]

747
31st March 1869
Messrs D. & W. Murray
King Wm Street
Gentlemen,
In reply to your tender for Blankets for the Aborigines, I have the honor to inform you that it has not been accepted.

[Birch]

748-749
2nd April 1869
Jas. Barlas Esq, M.D.
Penola
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to refer you to a letter from this office dared 22 May 1867, and to enclose your account for medical attendance on the Aborigines at Penola, with a view to your obtaining a certificate from the Police Officer who requested the attendances as declared in the account.
At the same time, I am desired to point out that the Commissioner does not consider that the Natives should be attended professionally when suffering from “headache”, nor that the Government should be called upon to pay for attendance on natives who are in the service of white people, as in the cases of Jeannie and Tommy Steele.

[Birch]
2nd April 1869
Mr R. Dale
Messrs Bowman Bros
Crystal Brook
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th Ulto’, requesting a supply of Stores for the Aborigines at Crystal Brook, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he is willing to comply with your request, provided the usual monthly returns of expenditure are forwarded regularly to this office.

[Birch]

3rd April 1869
Mr H. Walder
Kopperamana
Sir,
In reference to your account for cartage of Stores to Kopperamana, I am desired by the Honorable the CCL to inform you that as the Stores are supplied gratuitously by the Government to the Mission, he does not consider that they should be called upon to defray the expense of the cartage when performed by the trams belonging to the Station.

[Birch]

6 April 1869
Sergt W. O. Shanahan
Port Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th Ulto (93/69), I beg to inform you that 30 blankets were ordered to be despatched to Port Augusta on the 8th February last, but owing to the long passage made by the vessel bringing the blankets from England, those intended for Pt Augusta will leave by the net steamer.

[Birch]

6 April 1869
Mr J.K. Bors
Mt Gambier
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd Ulto (59/69), requesting permission to select a section of land in the Hundred of Mingbool for Ed. Blucher, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that you are at liberty to select eighty (80) acres of land for Ed. Blucher from Sections colored black in tracing. Should this meet the views of E. Blucher, you will please return the tracing to this office as early as possible, describing the land he wishes to occupy, so that it can be marked on the Land Office plans previous to the Sale.

[Birch]
754
15th April 1869
T. McT. Gibson
Yudnapinnie
North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 3rd Ulto (70/69) I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that after making the necessary enquiry he sees no reason to alter his predecessor’s decision of the 22nd July 1867.

[Birch]

755
15th April 1869
Corporal J. Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th Ulto (98/69) I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to make enquiries, whether you can exchange the Aborigines' Boat for a smaller and more suitable one as described in your letter.

[Birch]

756
22 April 1869
Mr F.C. Gray
Penwortham
Sir,
In forwarding your account for cartage of Aborigines' Stores to Bungaree, you omitted sending the voucher received for payment of the Railway charges. Upon receipt of the above at this office a cheque will be forwarded you for the amount.

[Birch]

757
26 April 1869
Mr R. W. Holder
Poonindie
Port Lincoln
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 31st Ulto (108/69), requesting a further supply of stores and clothing for the Aborigines, I beg to inform you that there are no more Blankets available, neither is it customary for the Government to supply the Aborigines with Trousers; the remaining items asked for will be sent at an early date.
30 Blankets have been sent to the Police at Port Lincoln and 20 to the Police at the Three Lakes, for distribution to the Natives in their respective districts.

[Birch]
26 April 1869
J. Barlas Esq., J.P., M.D.
Penola
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he deems it advisable to appoint a Medical Officer to attend upon the Aborigines within a radius of twenty (20) miles of Penola, and to ask if you are prepared to accept the appointment at a salary of fifty pounds (£50) per annum.
I have also to inform you that the Hon CCL is satisfied with the additional testimony supplied by Mr Harte, and will pass your account for payment.

[Birch]

28 April 1869
Mr H. Walder
Moravian Missionary
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant (117/69) tendering your resignation as Issuer of Government Stores to needy natives, and in reply I beg to inform you that the Hon CCL has accepted the same, and approves of P.T. Gason distributing the rations to those natives requiring relief.

[Birch]

28th April 1869
Mr Sl Gason PT
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant (11/69), requesting authority to distribute the Government rations to the Aborigines at Kopperamana, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of your receiving the balance of stores from Mr Walder, and distributing them as occasion may require, to those natives only who are in actual want of relief.

[Birch]

Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant (125/69), requesting a new Store, but before laying the subject before the Hon CCL, I wish for the following information, viz.:
When was the present building first erected, and of what material does it consist of?
What can you get a new building erected for?

[Birch]
762
28 April 1869
A.D. Tassie Esq
Port Augusta
Sir,
The Stores despatched from here on the 14th January for Ouriandina/Owiendina have not yet arrived, are they still at Port Augusta? If so, please forward them as early as possible.

[Birch]

763
30 April 1869
H.L. Beare Esq
Bungaree
Sir,
It having come to the knowledge of the Government, that there is an orphan girl about eleven years of age, half or three-fourths white, being with the Blacks in the Clare District, I am desired by the Honorable CCL to enquire whether she cannot be persuaded to change her mode of life, for a home in the Destitute Asylum.

[Birch]
5th May 1869
Jas Barlas Esq M.D.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the Hon CCL has accepted your offer to supply the Aborigines with Medicines and Medical and surgical attendance within a radius of twenty miles of Penola, for fifty pounds (£ 50) per annum, and has proposed that the new arrangement should begin from the 1st July 1869.
You will accordingly from that date be ready to perform your duties as Medical Officer, when called upon to do so by the Police or when applied to by any of the Aboriginal Natives of the District.
Instructions to which I bet to direct your attention are herewith forwarded [see below], also a few blank forms of Returns.

[Birch]
[Over-written: Forwarded copy of letter to Dr Barlas for the information of the Auditor-General through CL&I 7.5.69]

Instructions to the Medical Officer for the District of Penola.

1st. The medical officer for Penola district will give advice and medicines to all sick Aboriginal natives on personal application to him at Penola.
2nd. He will attend at their Wurleys or other dwelling places, within twenty miles of Penola, such of the natives as may at any time require Medical or Surgical aid, and are unable to apply personally at his residence, and will render to them whatever professional assistance and medicines they may stand in need of.
3rd. He will keep a record of all cases of disease, accidents &c coming under his observation and treatment; and forward to this office a return quarterly, stating the name of the native, the sex, age, disease or injury, and result in each case; also a report of the general condition of the natives within the district, with such suggestions as he may see fit to make, for the promotion of their health, and amelioration of their condition.

[Birch]

5 May 1869
Mr. A. Harte PT
Penola
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that Dr Barlas has been appointed Medical Officer for this Department to attend upon the Natives within a radius of twenty miles of Penola from 1st July 1869. You will be good enough to call Dr Barlas’s attention to any natives requiring medical treatment.

[Birch]
767
8th May 1869
Mr J.K. Bors
Compton Downs
Mt Gambier
Sir,
Referring to previous correspondence respecting an application for land on behalf of an Aboriginal named Ed Blucher, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has approved of the selection made by you on behalf of Ed Blucher.

[Birch]

768
8th May 1869
Mr Ed Blucher
c/- Mr J.K. Bors
Mt Gambier
Sir,
The Hon CCL having received an application for the use of a section of land on our behalf from Mr J.K. Bors, I am desired to inform you that he has been pleased to accede to the request, and that the Northern portion of section No. 104v, Hundred of Mingbool, has been set apart for that purpose.
A title of occupation will be forwarded in due course.

[Birch]

769
10th May 186
Mr H. Walder
Moravian Missionary
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you to call at the Crown Lands Office (when in Adelaide) respecting the account for cartage of Stores, from Port Augusta to Kopperamana.

[Birch]

770
10 May 1869
W.L. Beare Esq
Bungaree
Sir,
I am desired to remind you that you have not yet replied to a letter from this office dared 29th Ulto, respecting an orphan girl living with the Natives near Clare; an early reply will oblige.

[Birch]
13 May 1869
Mr Jones
Publican
Edeowie
Sir,
I received from Mr Buttfield – Sub-Protector of Aborigines at Blinman – an a/c of Mr R.S. Brown’s who desires the money should be paid to you. Under present circumstances the money can only be paid to Mr Browne; but should he still desire it by filling up the enclosed procuration order in your favor, you will be able to draw the money from the Treasury, and if you endorse the order, it will be paid to anyone presenting it.

[Birch]

18 May 1869
Mr Jno Laelinyeri
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th Instant (143/69) asking for your Father to be released from the Lunatic Asylum, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Resident Medical Officer at the Lunatic Asylum reports him still unfit to be at liberty. Under present circumstances, the Hon CCL regrets that your request cannot be complied with.

[Birch]

21st May 1869
The Hon the CCL&I
As the Estimates are about being framed for 1870, I have the honor respectfully to bring my position in the service under your notice, in the hope that you will favourably consider my claim for an increase to my personal salary. In doing so I beg to point out that in January 1867, I exchanged from the Survey Office to this Department, and was informed (verbally) by the Surveyor-General, that I was to receive the same salary as drawn by my predecessor in this office (Mr J.C. O’Halloran), viz.: £180 per annum.

To the present time, however, I draw only £140, although the larger amount has been provided on the Estimates for the years 1867 and 1868; and that since the abolition of the office of Protector in September last year, my duties and responsibilities have considerably increased, and have, I believe, been discharged with satisfaction to your office.

Should you feel justified in entertaining my application, I would most respectfully suggest that I might be placed on the third class, or if in a lower one, that I might receive the £40 for 1867 and 1868, voted for payment of my office, but never received by me.

[Birch]
775
28 May 1869
Mr R.F. Morris PT
Lacepede Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant, requesting a bin for holding flour, and complaining of the
inferior quality of the Flour & Tea, I am desired to inform you that the Hon the Commissioner is
unable to accede to your request, and at the same time to suggest that you might adopt some
means of destroying the vermin you complain of.
The Commissioner regrets that your Flour should have been bad; it is now however too late to
complain, it being nearly all issued, but in future he requests that you will report at once on receipt
of any inferior Stores.

[Birch]

776
28 May 1869
Corporal Simpson
Pt Elliot
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant (161/69) respecting the Aborigines’ Boat at Pt Elliot, I am
desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of the sale of the boat, but not for less than
four pounds (£4).
I am also desired to draw your attention to your report dared 11 December 1867, wherein you state:
“I have today inspected the boat at Pt Victor selected by Harbor Master Tait, and consider it well
suited for the service required &c &c “ being at variance with you report of 29th March last.

[Birch]

777
28 May 1869
Mr T. Clode
Venus Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I have to inform you that the Hon CCL has complied with
your request, and the following articles will be sent you by the first vessel sailing for Venus Bay:
12 Sheets Galvanized Iron, 7 ft by 2 ft.
300 ft Flooring Boards, 4 p’s timber for Supporting Floor 4 in by 3 inches,
4 lbs Mails for fastening Iron 
4 lbs for fastening floor.

[Birch]
3rd June 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st Inst and wherein you complain of the Iron Store (belonging to this Department) being in a leaky ... and the timber in a rotten state. Before laying the subject before the Hon CCL, I beg you will forward a statement of what the building actually requires to be done with it, and if it can be repaired, you will be good enough to forward an estimate of the cost

[Signature]

9 June 1869
Mr Jno Watts
Stockport
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant, I beg to inform you that the remainder of the Stores for the Aborigines at Stockport left here on the 5th Inst per rail to Kapunda. I regret exceedingly that they should have been sent to Kapunda instead of Freeling.
One pound and four pence herewith for payment of the enclosed a/c which you will be kind enough to return.

[Signature]

11 June 1869
Mr T. Bath
Kooringa
Sir,
I have requested the Railway authorities at Kapunda to forward to your care a bale of Blankets – addressed to Mr H.A. Short, Buttamuc, N.E. Plains. Perhaps you will be kind enough to forward them on, either to Pekina or to Mr McCulloch’s – Gottlieb’s Well Run, and advise Mr Short accordingly.

[Signature]

11 June 1869
The Manager of the Goods
Traffic Department
Kapunda
Sir,
You will oblige by forwarding on to Kooringa as early as possible to the care of Mr T. Bath, a Bale of Blankets, addressed to Mr H.A. Short, Buttamuc, N.-E. Plains.

[Signature]
18 June 1869
Mr F.W. Allan PT
Robe
Sir,
In my letter of advice of the 16th Instant, instead of 150 lbs Sugar, read 100 lbs.  

J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
Blinman
North
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request that you will forward without delay your report for the Quarter ending 31st March last, also a report on the condition of the Depots visited during your journey to Adelaide.  

17 June 1869
S. Ellison Esq,
Surgeon
Port Augusta
Sir,
With reference to your account for medical attendance on the Aborigines at Port Augusta, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that from a report made by the Colonial Surgeon on the 24 August 1868, it appears that the amount voted for Medical Officers at Robe, Burr a Burra, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta, is supposed to include the cost of attendance on the Aborigines in those Districts.  

18 June 1869
Mr George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir
With reference to your return for the month of May, I am desired by the Hon CCL to draw your attention to the large proportion of Old, & Infirm and Sick Natives receiving relief, in comparison with those on the Station, and to request that you will forward for his information, some explanation as to its cause.
18 June 1869
Corpl Dann
Milang
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request that in future, when the Aborigines require Medical attendance, they should, when possible, be sent to the Doctor, instead of the Doctor being sent to them.
The Commissioner infers from the nature of Johnny’s wounds [Johnny Parker], that he might have been sent to Strathalbyn shortly after his arrival at Milang, and a great saving affected in the cost of Medical attendance.

[Birch]

18 June 1869
H. Ferguson Esq, M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
In reference to your account for attendance on an Aboriginal at Milang, I am desired by the Hon CCL to bring under your notice the fact that your predecessor, Dr Herbert, only charged a fee of two pounds for each visit to Milang in similar cases, which fee also included medicines and dressings, and to request that you will furnish him with some explanation on the subject of your account.
I am also desired to add that the Commissioner is at present under the impression that the native in question might have been removed to Strathalbyn shortly after the accident, without any great risk and thus obviated the inconvenience of your frequent visits to Milang.

[Birch]

18 June 1869
Corporal Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
In reference to the boat for the use of the natives, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of your selling the boat for £4, but without the moorings.
On completion of the sale, the Commissioner will be prepared to approve of the purchase of a more suitable boat at, say, from £8 to £9.
A report must however be furnished on the new boat before the purchase is completed.

[Birch]
787a
19th June 1869
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Complaints having reached this office of the non-delivery of Blankets at Mt Burr, Bordertown and Padthaway, you will oblige by forwarding any information in the subject, so that enquiries may be made in order to ascertain their present whereabouts.

[Birch]

787b
29 June 1869
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
You will oblige by forwarding certificates of Flour shipped during the current month.
One piece of timber (V.D.L.) 4in by 3in, 12 feet long, shipped per “Tommy” for Police at Venus Bay, has miscarried – 4 pieces sent, and only 3 received.

[Birch]

788
26 June 1869
Revd G. I. Rechner
Light’s Pass
Nuriootpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd Instant, requesting that the Reserve at Kopperamana, formerly held by the Moravian Missionaries, might be placed under the charge of the Lutheran Missionary Society, I have now the honor to inform you that the Hon CCL has been pleased to comply with your request. The Police at Kopperamana will be instructed to hand over to the Mission when established there, any stores that may be on hand for distribution to the Natives.

[Birch]

789
26 June 1869
C. B. Young Esq,
Aborigines’ Friends’ Association
Adelaide
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you whether the two children (Harry & Eliza Wilkins) are still at the Point McLeay Institution as I am about preparing the accounts.
Should the children be there, the Commissioner would wish to know if they are not in a position to do anything for themselves.

[Birch]
28th June 1869
Mr Gason PT
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has granted permission to the Lutheran Missionary Society to occupy the Reserve lately held by the Moravian Missionaries. Upon the arrival of the Missionaries, you will be good enough to hand over to their charge any Aborigines' Stores that may be on hand at the time.

[Birch]

30 June 1869
Mr F.C. Gray
Penwortham,
Sir,
I have not yet received a reply to my letter of the 22nd April last, relative to your account for cartage of stores to Bungaree, dated 0th April, and beg to intimate that the account will be paid upon receipt at this office of the voucher for railway charges.

[Birch]

3 July 1869
Mr G. Chalklen
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, I beg to inform you that the account mentioned therein for maintenance of Aboriginal Johnny (£10. 0. 3) will be payable at the Treasury on or about the 7th Instant.
I beg to forward you herewith Procuration Order on the Treasury to enable you to draw the money without personally attending, or through an Agent.

[Birch]

2nd July 1869
The Hon. John Baker, M.L.C.
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 31st May last, I have the honor to inform you that the Hon CCL has approved of your request for a supply of stores to be sent to Blanchewater, for distribution to the Aborigines. The necessary steps will be taken for sending the stores at an early date.

[Birch]
3 July 1869
Mr A.D. Sawers
Uno
Gawler Ranges
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Ulto’, requesting a supply of Stores for the Aborigines at Uno, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot comply with your request, considering your locality not sufficiently distant from the Depot at Nonning where any Old & Infirm Natives can obtain supplies.

[Birch]

3rd July 1869
G.N. Birks Esq,
Sec: Y.P.N.M.S.
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 26th Ulto’, requesting an annual grant of money for the Institution at Point Pierce, I am directed by the Hon CCL to request you to supply in detail the contributions received for the year ended 31st August 1868, and any information regarding the working expenses of the Institution, with a view to the matter being brought under the consideration of the Government.

[Birch]

3 July 1869
Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 24th Ulto’, relative to the issue of stores to the Aborigines for the month of May, I am desired by the Hon CCL to call your attention to the discrepancy between your return and the letter of explanation.

Your return states the natives receiving relief to be all Old & Inform and Sick, whereas in your letter you state “that a large number of natives came here from camps on Lake Albert, the Coorong, and Mundoo Island, who do not usually stay here for any length of time, but they came to get their Blankets, consequently a large number had to be put on the list of natives receiving relief for it was the more necessary to give it them as they came some 115 or 16 miles from their usual places of abode.”

I beg to forward your return for correction or any further explanation you may wish to make.

[Birch]
5th July 1869
Revd W.J. Kuhn
Missionary
Point Pierce
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th Ulto’, requesting a further supply of stores, I beg to remind you that you have not yet acknowledged receipt of the following which I conclude are still on their way, viz.:
20 lbs Netting Twine, advised on 15th April; 2 lbs Thread, 24 Qt Pots, & 24 Pannicans advised 17 May; 1 Ton Flour, 400 lbs Sugar, 84 lbs Tea, 10 lbs Tobacco, 18 Blue Shirts, 50 yds Serge, 8 Tomahawks, 100 Hooks, 18 Lines, 200 Needles, & 1 lb Thread, advised on 16 June.

10 July 1869
Mr L. Egan, CLR
Tarpeena
Sir,
Referring to your memorandum in reference to the Aboriginal named Lowie, I am desired by the Hon CCL to request that you will at once call in Dr Wehl and ascertain from him whether she can be removed to the Hospital at Mt Gambier, if so you will have her removed there at once. Should she be unable to be removed, you will please to communicate with this office, and further instructions will then be sent.

19 July 1869
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In reply to your memo forwarded with your store return for the month of June, I have to inform you that your return for the month of May has not yet reached this office, and to request that it may be forwarded without delay.

23 July 1869
Corpl Jno Dann
Milang,
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 16th Instant, requesting a load of firewood, I am desired by the Hon CCL to request that you procure five (5) loads, the price not to exceed that paid previously.
801-802a
26th July 1869
J.P. Butfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
As it appears from your report of 24th Ulto’, for quarter ended 31st March that you have not been about from the Blinman since 1st April. I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your Forage allowance for the months of June and July have not been approved, as he infers from the absence of anything to the contrary, that such forage could not have been required.
I am also desired to request that you will at once forward your report to the end of June; and at the same time, to point out that this is the second occasion in which the Commissioner has had to complain of dilatoriness on your part in this matter.

[Birch]

802b
27th July 1869
W.L. Beare Esq,
Bungaree
Sir,
I beg to forward cheque herewith for £3. 1. 2 for cartage of stores from Kapunda to Bungaree, and regret that such delay should have occurred.

[Birch]

803
28 July 1869
Mr Robt Grist
Mt Burr,
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 2nd May last, concerning the non-arrival of Blankets for the Aborigines, I have to inform you that after making enquiries, I learn that they did not leave Port Adelaide until the end of April, consequently they could not have reached you on the date of your letter; please inform me whether they have arrived safely.

[Birch]
29 July 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 26th Instant, I beg to inform you that in forwarding an estimate of the probable cost of repairing the Aborigines Store, you do not state what you require to be sent from Town.
Am I to understand that you can procure the Timber in the locality? If not, send the dimensions of timber, size of iron sheets, and any other article that may be required.

2nd August 1869
Mr I. M. Ferry
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 10th Ultro’, I am desired by the Hon CCL to enquire of you as to the number of Natives at present in your vicinity, to which tribe they belong, and what part of the country they occupy.
And to add, that in the event of the Commissioner considering it desirable to open a Depot, he would wish to be informed of some suitable person who would be willing to act.

2nd August 1869
Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Your letter in reference to the rations issued to the Aborigines have been laid before the Hon CCL and I am now desired to request that in future, when natives who may have come to the Station for “Blankets” or to mourn the death of some respected member of the tribe, are rationed, that the reason for issuing such rations may be correctly stated in the monthly returns, instead of being entered as “infirm” or “old” as is the case in your return for the month of May last.
807
3rd August 1869
The Hon CCL
Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon CCL that I have repeatedly written to the Officer of Police at Wallaroo, requesting him to forward the monthly returns of Stores issued to the Aborigines since September last; but I cannot obtain either the returns, or a reply to my several letters.
I would respectfully point out that in the absence of the returns, it is impossible to check the expenditure or to know the requirements of the natives.

[Birch]

808-809
3rd August 1869
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir,
In answer to your application for a grant of money in aid of the Mission, similar to that granted to the Point McLeay Institution, and for the same purposes, I am desired by the Hon CCL to point out that at Point McLeay, Govt rations are only issued to the old and inform, but that at Point Pierce, the inmates of the Mission are almost entirely supported by Government, for out of eighty nine (89) natives on the station in June, the return shows that seventy two (72) were rationed, so that altho’ no actual grant of money is made to the Institution, an equivalent 809 is received in the shape of stores, which up to the 30th June last, have cost the Government since the establishment of the Mission £678.
I am desired to add that the Commissioner is surprised to find on perusing your balance sheets, that no notice whatever is taken of the 200 advanced by the Government in 1868 towards defraying the cost of erecting buildings &c for the use of the Mission.

[Birch]

810
11 August 1869
Mr F.W. Allen PT
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your telegram of yesterday, requesting authority to procure Medical aid for two sick native women, I am desired to inform you that you can procure the services of a Medical practitioner, and at the same time obtain a report from him as to the desirability of sending the natives to the Hospital at Mt Gambier.
Upon the receipt of the report at this office further instructions will be sent to you.

[Birch]
811
12 Aug 1869
Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 10th Instant, concerning deficiency of Sugar, I beg to inform you
that the three bags weighed, when they left the Government Store, 412 lbs gross; either, the bags
must have been tampered with on the route, or else there must be some mistake in your weighing,
as this is not the first time that such has occurred.

[Birch]

812
16th August 1869
A D. Tassie & Co
Port Augusta
Sir,
The stores previously sent to Mundowdna in February 1868 were carted from Port Augusta to Mt
Deception at £7. per ton, and from thence to Mundowdna in the beginning of July at £5 per ton,
making together 12 per ton.
I cannot account for the great difference in the rate of cartage, especially as the previous stores
reached their destination much about the same period of the year as the present.
The account cannot be passed in its present form without some satisfactory explanation or
reduction, I would therefore suggest (to prevent delay) that the two a/cs should be made out
separately.

[Birch]

813
19 August 1869
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letters of the 2nd and 5th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your
duties as SPA must take precedence of any other official ones.
Your Forage allowance for the months of June and July will be passed at the end of the present
month.

[Birch]
814
19 August 1869
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, forwarding sample of Tea from Beltana
and I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to urge upon the Issuers, the necessity for reporting
upon inferior stores shortly after their arrival. In the present instance, the sample of Tea forwarded
by you was despatched from Adelaide in December last, and I think it would be scarcely fair to the
contractor to judge the parcel returned as a fair estimate of the Tea sent away in December last.

[Birch]

815a
25th Aug 1869
Memo/-
Mr Dale will please give a passage to Fowlers Bay per “Timmy” for five natives.

[Birch]

815b
25th Aug 1869
Memo/-
Mr Lawrence will please deliver to bearer (P.T. Richards) a Native at present in the Adelaide Gaol
(“Tuneberry”) discharged by the Supreme Court on 20th Inst.

[Birch]

816
26th August 1869
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Yorke’s Pensinsula
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 14 July and 11th Instant, respecting a bag of fine flour, I am desired by
the Hon CCL to inform you that unless the Flour issued for the Aborigines is accounted for in your
store return, he cannot comply with your request.

[Birch]

817
26 August 1869
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
Be kind enough to forward certificates of Flour examined during the current month.

[Birch]
818
26 August 1869
Jno Watts Esq,
Stockport
Sir,
Referring to your Memo’ in your store return for the month of July, I am desired by the Hon CCL to as you, whether the half-caste woman mentioned therein will be willing to part with her child in the event of the Government placing it at the Destitute Asylum.

[Birch]

819
26 Aug 1869
Mr F.W. Allen PT
Robe
Sir,
Referring to your letters of the 10th and 18th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of Dr Breton being called in to attend the two native women in question if you consider it indispensable.

[Birch]

820
26 Aug 1869
The Hon CCL
Sir,
The authority of the Hon Chief Secretary is respectfully requested for the transfer of 48 yds of white serge from the Volunteer to the Aborigines Department.
This Serge was purchased about three years since for making cartridge bags and is not now required as I am informed by the Colonial Commandant.

[Birch]

821
27th August 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla
Murray
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd Instant, respecting Medical aid for the Black boy “Georgy”, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he will not object to any reasonable charge that may be made for Medical attendance upon the above-mentioned native.

[Birch]
822
30th August 1869
Corporal W. Poynter
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your telegram now received, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that requisitions
for stores should be made in time to secure their arrival at the Depot previous to the stock being all
consumed.
Do not purchase any Flour at Wellington without absolutely necessary, I will forward a Ton on
Wednesday next by the Carrier.

[Birch]

823a
31st Aug 1869
Mr J. M. Anderson
?Rundle Street
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Blue Serge Shirts can be procured at Messrs Wills
& Co, and that unless furnished at once, they will be procured direct by the Dept at Mr Anderson’s
risk and cost, and at the expense of losing any further orders.

[Birch]

823b
25th September 1869
Mr E. French
MacDonnell Bay?
Sir,
Respecting the enclosed a/c, I have referred it to the Govt Shipping Agent at Port Adelaide who
states “This is evidently an error of Chief Officer of the “Kangaroo” in measuring the bale – both the
bales measured about 4 or 5 feet each .” The other bale alluded to is the one for Penola, containing
5 more Blankets than the bale to Lawson.
I cannot pass the a/c as it now stands, and beg to return it for correction.

[Birch]

824
1st Sept 1869
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of 1st Ulto’, reporting the destruction of the Aborigines’ Boat at Venus Bay, I
am desired by the Hon CCL to ascertain if you can sell the said boat in its present condition; if so, to
forward a report of any offer you may receive, for the Commissioner’s consideration, before
completing the sale.

[Birch]
825
2 Sept 1869
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to again remind you, that your return of stores issued during the month
of May has not yet reached this Office, and to request that it may be forwarded without delay.

826
13 September 1869
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 7th Ulto’, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves
of a Depot being established at Meningie for the relief of the Sick, and Old & Infirm Natives,
according to general instructions, copy of which will be sent to you with printed forms of return,
which it is expected will be regularly kept and forwarded direct to this Office, as early as possible
after the close of each month.

827
16 September 1869
Corporal Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, and in reply thereto, I am desired
by the Hon CCL to inform you that he considers the boat offered for sale by Mr Draper does not
answer to the description of the one, represented by you in your letter of 29th March last, wherein
you state that “a small Dingey that two or three men could pull in or out of the water with ease
would be the most useful for the Aborigines.”
The boat now offered for sale must be (according to its dimensions) nearly as heavy as the one
previously supplied.

828
23 Sept 1869
Mr L. Egan
Tarpeena
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that should the
sick native be in a position to be removed to the Hospital at Mt Gambier, he will not object to any
reasonable expense incurred in her removal. And provided she is not fit to be removed, you are
authorized to procure medical service.
I would also refer you to clause 3 of Instructions to Issuers of Stores, regarding medical comfort &c,
copy herewith.
23 Sept 1869
Corporal Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th Inst, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that by a letter of
P.C. Pascoe, it appears that the Aborigines’ Boat at Port Victor is not further required, and to request
you to take the necessary steps to have the boat conveyed to Port Elliot.

[Birch]

1st October 1869
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay,
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith cheque for the enclosed a/c and procuration order on the Treasury for
a former a/c which you will be kind enough to hand to Mr Jno Freeman and procure his signature to
the enclosed a/c; and also explain to him that when a/cs are once lodged in the Treasury, none but
the party concerned can draw the money without authority.
Be kind enough to return the a/c as early as possible.

[Birch]

1 October 1869
Sergt E. Bentley
Three Lakes
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd Ult’, (290/69), forwarding a/c for cartage of stores to Three Lakes, I
beg to inform you that I have forwarded cheque for the amount (£3. 1. 60) to Mr T. Clode PT at
Venus Bay to hand to Mr Freeman.
Respecting a former a/c for £3.12. 0, I have to inform you that it was passed for payment in the
usual way at the Treasury and can only be drawn by Mr Freeman or by his authority. I have
therefore sent a procuration order to enable him to authorize some person to draw the money in his
place.

[Birch]
4 October 1869
Mr R. Pascoe P.C.
Port Victor

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th Ulto’, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he sees no reason to alter his previous decision, understanding by your letter of the 12th Sept that the Natives required payment for looking after the boat provided for their especial use, such being the case, the Commissioner considers the boat cannot be of sufficient importance to the Natives to warrant him in retaining it at Port Victor.

7 October 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla

Sir,

In reply to your remarks in Store Return for month of September, I am desired to request you to forward to this office, samples of Flour and Tea for inspection. You might send, say, half a pound of Flour, and about a quarter of a pound of Tea by Post addressed as ‘merchandise’.

12 October 1859
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, enclosing an a/c for 5/- for carting stores from the Jetty at Meningie, for which I beg to forward you the amount herewith in postage Stamps.
The account for Freight must be sent to this office, for payment in the usual way and will, I have no doubt, be forwarded by Mr Landseer [Milang].

12 October 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th Ulto’, forwarding an a/c of Mr Harris for £ 5. 5. 0 for attending upon Native “Georgy” and setting a broken leg, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has approved the a/c in question, which will be rendered with this month’s schedule, and will be payable at the Treasury on or about the 6th Proximo.
Enclosed is a procuration order on the Treasury which will enable Mr Harris to authorize any person to draw the money on his behalf.
835
13 October 1869
The Rev. G. I. Rechner
Light’s Pass
Nuriootpa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, enclosing a/c for cartage of half a ton of Flour from Port Augusta to Killalpaninna and in reply I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you to forward the cart note or receipt of the delivery of the Flour at Killalpaninna for attaching to the a/c.
And also to inform you that in future, when the stores are carted by the teams belonging to the Mission, the Commissioner considers that only the expenses actually incurred should be defrayed by the Government.

[Birch]

836
13 October 1869
Corporal Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th Instant, respecting Aborigines’ Boat at Port Victor, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he sees no reason to alter his previous decision; at the same time, I may inform you that provided you received a suitable offer to purchase the present boat, the Commissioner would not object to a lighter new being obtained to replace it.

[Birch]

837
15 October 1869
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
In your store return for the month of August, you place to the credit of stores 100 lbs Flour, 150 lbs Sugar, 84 lbs Tea and 100 lbs Rice, also in Sept’s return, 1000 lbs Flour, and 100 lbs of Sugar, there still being a deficiency of 1200 lbs Flour, and 250 lbs Sugar unaccounted for, of the supplies despatched from Adelaide on the 13 July last – see my letter of advice of that date.
In your letter of 2nd September, you acknowledge receiving 5 bags Flour, and 3 bags Sugar; Also on the 5th Sept, 5 bags Flour, 1 bag Sugar; still you only add to your stock, 5 bags Flour and 100 lbs Sugar. I beg to transmit your return for correction and explanation.
With respect to a bag of fine Flour asked for some time since, I beg to refer you to my letter of 26th August last.

[Birch]
838a
19 October 1869
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie,
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith 3/- in postage stamps for payment of an a/c for carting groceries &c from the jetty at Meningie.
Your letter of the 9th Instant will be replied to, as soon as the matter has been considered by the Hon CCL.

838b
21 Oct 1869
Corpl W. Poynter
Wellington
Sir,
I have to inform you that I have not yet received the a/c forwarded to you on the 6th Instant for payment to Mr R. Douglas.
Be kind enough to return it by first mail, with the balance of the money in postage stamps.

839
21 October 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Sheep Inspector
Chowilla
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant, forwarding samples of Flour and Tea, I have to request that you will forward the marks on the bags of Flour, the Contractor denying the sample returned as the same sent away from his store in August last.
The Tea is certainly not good, although equal to the contract sample, and is the same as supplied to the Aborigines at other Depots.

840
21 October 1869
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th Instant, respecting Medicines, attendance &c, I have the honor to inform you that any medicines you may require for the Aborigines will be forwarded to you upon application to this office, and so such medical comforts as may be considered necessary.
26th October 1869
Mr J. M. Stokes
Nonning
Gawler Ranges
Sir,
I beg to draw your attention to clause 1 and 4 of Instructions, and to request that in future, greater
care will be used in distributing the rations; as it appears by the returns to hand that the majority of
the natives receiving relief, are healthy and able-bodied, and not proper subjects for relief.
I would also draw your attention to the discrepancy between the Stores sent from Adelaide in May
last, and to the quantity received during the month of July, and to request that some explanation
will be given as to whether the stores reached their destination.

[Birch]

26 October 1869
Mr Rd Hoods
P.O., Dalkey
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you that, provided the Government send, say, 3 bags of Flour, 80
lbs Tea [meaning Sugar], 15 lbs Tea and 4 lbs Tobacco to the Railway Station at Stockport, whether
you will convey the same from the station to your residence and distribute them to the 3 Old Natives
as may be required.

[Birch]

28 October 1869
Mr G.B. Harris
Salt Creek
Chowilla
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant, enclosing order on the Treasury and in
reply I have to inform you that the order being made out payable to yourself is quite useless.
With regard to your attendance upon the Aborigines, it is absolutely necessary that a Government
Medical Officer should be duly qualified, and his name entered on the Medical List of Practitioners
for the Province.

[Birch]
844-845
28 October 1869
J.P. Butfield Esq, J.P.
SA - Blinman
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that owing to the fact of their being no longer a Protector of Aborigines in constant communication with the Government in Adelaide, he feels himself less conversant with matters affecting the Aborigines than was formerly the case.
He will therefore be glad to receive from you henceforth, a monthly report of your journey, and of all matters of interest presenting themselves to your notice in your intercourse with the natives.
There being every necessity for economy, and the sum proposed for the Department for 1870 being 1000 less than that voted in 1869, the Commissioner will be glad to know what Depots can be dispensed with, without inflicting positive hardship 845 on the Native race.
Will you also inform me as early as possible whether you are aware of any necessity for continuing the Depots at Port Wakefield and Stockport.

[Birch]

846
1st Nov 1869
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letters of 1st August and 22nd September last, requesting a new Boat for the Aborigines at Venus Bay, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot comply with your request.

[Birch]

847
1 Novr 1869
Mr H.S. Glenie
Chowilla
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 25th Ulto', forwarding a second sample of flour, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he sees no reason for the complaint as to the quality of Flour. It is impossible to expect the Contractor to be responsible for the insects getting among the Flour after leaving his store, the Flour being all examined by the Govt Shipping Agent at Port Adelaide previous to shipment.

[Birch]
848
1st November 1869
Revd G.I. Rechner
Light’s Pass
Nuriootpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Ulto’, respecting the cartage of Stores to the Far North, I am
desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that provided your Teamsters can convey the Aborigines’
Stores at a lower cost, or for the actual expenses incurred, a preference will be given to their
Waggons whenever stores are be conveyed to the North, otherwise they must be forwarded by the
first opportunity. Also that the interest of other Natives must be looked after, and that the item for
conveying stores to the Far North is a very serious burden on the funds at the disposal of the
Government.

849
3 Nov 1869
A.D. Tassie & Co
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 19th August last, with reference to an a/c from Mr Frost for carting
stores from Port Augusta to Mundowdna in the month of May last, I beg to inform you that the a/c is
still in abeyance awaiting Mr Frost’s explanation thereto.

850
3 Nov 1869
Mr J.S. Wood
McGrath’s Flat
Sir,
In examining my Stores Account Book, I find you have not yet acknowledged the receipt of 60 (sixty)
Blankets either by letter of in your monthly Store Return. You will please inform me whether the
Blankets have arrived at McGraths Flat. In the absence of any acknowledgement I must presume
that they have not reached their destination.

851
3 Nov 1869
Mr R. Grist
Bush Inn
Mt Burr
Sir,
I beg to remind you that you have not yet replied to my letter of the 28th July last, concerning the
arrival of the Blankets at Mt Burr, for the benefit of the Aborigines. In the absence of any
acknowledgement, I must presume they have not reached their destination. Awaiting your reply
before making further enquiries.
852
9 Nov 1869
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th Instant, requesting instructions concerning the sick Native (King John), I beg to inform you that provided the native wishes to be removed to the Adelaide Hospital, you can send him by the mail conveyance, informing me by telegram when he leaves so that I will be enabled on his arrival to see that he is taken to the Hospital.

853
9 Nov 1869
Mr Rd Dewdney
Paney
Gawler Ranges
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, requesting a supply of rations for the Aborigines at Paney, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that, owing to the last supply of Stores sent to Paney not being accounted for in the usual way, by a monthly return of the expenditure, he considered that the stores were not needed and consequently declined to send a further supply.

854
11 Nov 1869
Mr Rd Grist
Mt Burr
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, requesting rations for some old blacks at Mt Burr, and in reply I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he cannot comply with your request, but that any old & infirm & Sick Natives requiring relief, can always obtain it by applying at the Depot at Tarpeena.

855
17 Nov 1869
Mr Alfred Giles
Oulnina
N-E Plains
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Instant, asking for a supply of Blankets for the Aborigines at Oulnina, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that there are no more at present at the disposal of the Govt; the usual supply having been sent to the Eastern Plains this year as formerly, and if the natives make their wants known at the Bimbowerie Depot, they will in all probability obtain what they require.
856
18 Nov 869
Mr Sam Gason PT
Kopperamana
Far North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, acknowledging receipt of stores at Kopperamana, and
requesting a further supply of clothing, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that upon the
stores on hand being consumed, it is his intention to close the Depot at Kopperamana, considering
the one at Killalpaninna quite sufficient for the wants of the surrounding district.

[Birch]

857a
22 Nov 869
W.D. Sanderson Esq
Kingston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant, enclosing a/c for freight and cartage of Aborigines’ Stores I
beg to return them herewith, corrected. The amounts crossed out have been already paid. The
receipts for the stores ticked have not yet been received at this office, and will be required previous
to the a/c being paid. The account for cartage by Robert Jennings cannot be paid to you unless by
the authority of Jennings in writing.

[Birch]

857b
22 Nov 1869
D.A. MacLachlan Esq
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I beg to inform you that it was quite unnecessary in your
sending your medical certificate, and I beg to return it herewith.
My endorsement on the back of your a/c was addressed to the Colonial Surgeon, whose duty it is to
certify to all Medical a/cs before payment, and through an oversight on my part, the last medical list
published wherein I now find your name, was overlooked.

[Birch]

858
23 Nov 1869
Mrs Janet Bristow
Hog Bay
Kangaroo Island
Madam,
I am in receipt of a letter from Mr E.S. Bates asking for a supply of rations for an Aboriginal Native
woman, and I am desired by the Hon CCL to ascertain, whether the Natives on Kangaroo Island
actually require Government aid; and if so, whether you would be disposed to issue rations to them,
upon the Govt sending you a supply.

[Birch]
25 Nov 1869
Mr E. Gare
Bimbowrie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Inst, I beg to inform you that you’re a/c for cartage of stores from Kapunda to Bimbowrie has passed into the Audit Office for examination with the month’s schedule of accounts and will be payable at the Treasury n or about the 6th proximo.
Upon your filling up the enclosed procuration order in my favour, I will remit you a cheque for the amount.

Birch

30 Nov 1869
The Rev. G.I. Rechner
Light’s Pass
Nuriootpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Instant, offering to convey the Aborigines’ Stores from Port Augusta to the North [Killalpaninna], for 20 per cent less than the usual rate, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he accepts your offer.
Messrs Tassie & Co at Port Augusta will be instructed accordingly.

Birch

2 Dec 1869
Mr T. Clode PT
Venus Bay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 19th Ulto’, asking for instructions as to the disposal of two orphan children, I beg to inform you that the enclosed order will admit them into the Institute at Poonindie, where they will be well-clothed and educated &c.
You will be kind enough to take the necessary steps or having them conveyed there.

Birch

30th Nov 1869
H.D. Dale Esq,
Pt Adelaide
Sir,
Be kind enough to provide a steerage passage to Streaky Bay per “Freebridge” for Aboriginal Native woman “Judy”, and forward the a/c as usual to this office.

Birch
862
30 November 1869
Messrs Tassie, Ramsay & Co
Port Augusta
Gentlemen,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you, whenever possible, to have the stores for the Aborigines conveyed to their destination by the Team of the Lutheran Missionary Society, who have arranged with the Government for the due performance of their delivery.
You will be expected to certify the a/cs as to the rate of cartage as usual.

[Birch]

863
2 Dec 1869
Ed. Bates
Hog Bay
Kangaroo Island
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 14th Ulto’, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that two bags of Flour and a pair of Blankets will be sent to Mrs Janet Adams for distribution to the old black woman mentioned in your letter.

[Birch]

864
2 Dec 1869
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie
Sir,
In reference to your letter of the 27th Ulto’, requesting more stores &c, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that stores will be sent as requested, but owing to the general retrenchment it has been deemed necessary to close several Depots – Meningie will in consequence be included among the number. You will therefore perceive the necessity to pursue the utmost discretion in issuing the rations to those only who are really destitute.

[Birch]

865
3 December 1869
Corporal J. Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, requesting authority to exchange the Aborigines’ Boat at Port Elliot, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has no objection to the exchange being made.

[Birch]
866
7 Dec 1869
Corpl Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your memorandum of the 2nd Instant, requesting a fresh supply of firewood, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he has approved of 5 loads of Firewood being purchased for the use of the old & Infirm & Sick Natives only.

[Birch]

867a
Mr J.E.D. Crofton PT
Wellington
Sir,
In reply to your memo in letter acknowledging receipt of stores dated 26th Ulto’, I beg to inform you that instead of 56 lbs Rice, it should be 56 lbs Soap which I do not perceive in your list of stores received. Should it not have arrived since writing your letter of the 26th Ulto’, I will make the necessary enquiry upon your informing me of the fact.

[Birch]

867b
9 Dec 1869
Mr E. Gare
Bimbowrie
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith cheque for £12, on the Bank of Adelaide, for payment of an a/c for cartage of Stores from Kapunda to Bimbowrie and trust that it will reach you safely.
An acknowledgement will oblige.

[Birch]

868
11 Dec 1869
Mr D.P. Richards PT
Fowlers Bay
Sir,
In forwarding your a/c for repairs to Cart and Harness at Pt Lincoln, I find that the sub-vouchers are not receipted, and there is nothing to shew that the money has been paid – the a/c is therefore withheld until the receipts are produced.
I have written to Corporal Sullivan at Port Lincoln to make enquiries and if the money has been paid, to procure the necessary receipts.

[Birch]
11 Dec 1869
Corpl R.W. Sullivan
Pt Lincoln
Sir,
Some time since, I received an a/c from P.T. Richards at Fowlers Bay for repairs to Cart and Harness, with vouchers attached and receipted. The a/c has been approved by the Hon CCL for payment, although withheld until the receipts are forwarded.
If you will be kind enough to enquire whether the money has been paid to the parties doing the repairs, and if so, to procure the necessary receipts, it will prevent considerable delay in the money being paid at the Treasury – otherwise, I must make out the a/cs separately for payment to the parties whose names appear, viz.:

J. P. Soar, Painter £2. 13.6
J. Black, Blacksmith £2.0.0
& G. Moller, harness maker £1. 2.0

[Birch]

11 Dec 1869
G.N. Birks Esq
Kadina
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, asking the number of the Aboriginal Natives on Yorke’s peninsula, I beg to inform you that the only means I have of ascertaining the black population on Yorke’s Peninsula, is from the census taken in 1866, from which I find that there were at that time, 60 Males, and 41 Females. My monthly returns only give the numbers about the Depots of Wallaroo and Pt Pierce and would not therefore include the Natives at the south end of the Peninsula.

[Birch]

20 Dec 1869
E.B. Gleeson Esq, M.P.
Clare
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you to be kind enough to inform him whether you consider the Aboriginal Native named “Bernard Patterson” capable of conducting a far for himself provided the Government gave him the use of a section of land for that purpose; Also, if you are aware whether he has any means of procuring farming implements &c &c, essentially necessary in commencing farming.

[Birch]
21 Dec 1869
Clerk of the District Council
Nuriootpa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of yesterday’s date, I beg to inform you that any expense incurred for the Aborigines, being absolutely required, will be paid by this Department upon approval of the a/cs by the Hon CCL. The a/cs for Medical attendance and rations should be certified by the Chairman of the District council as being absolutely necessary and forwarded direct to this office.

[Birch]

22nd Dec 1869
Mr Saml Gason PT
Kopperamana
North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he sees no reason to alter his former decision in respect of continuing the Depot at Kopperamana. I would therefore suggest that the stores at present remaining should be given only to those who are in actual want.

[Birch]

30 Dec 1869
Mr Sam Gason PT
Kopperamana
North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I am desired to remind you that in future, when writing concerning the Aborigines, all correspondence should be addressed to this office, instead of to the CCL.

[Birch]

31 Dec 1869
D.A. McLachlan Esq, ?T.I.S.G. &c?
Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 21st & 30th Instant, asking for some remuneration for Medical advice and attendance upon the Natives at Goolwa, and in reply I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he cannot sanction the payment of any a/c for Medical attendance, unless the Service was ordered, in writing, by the Police Trooper resident in the district.

[Birch]
5th January 1870
C.B. Young Esq, J.P.
Sec.: AFA

Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he is unable to authorise payment of the sum of £200, balance of the vote of £500, for the AFA, in consequence of the conditions, that the Salaries and cost of Superintendence for 1869 should be raised by subscription, not having been complied with.
The Commissioner, however, is willing to cause the balance to be brought forward, if the necessary amount (which appears to be about £100) can be collected without delay for payment of unpaid claims for salaries and cost of superintendence to 31st December 1869.

[Birch]

5th Jan 1870
J.N. Blackmore Esq
Sec.: CL&I

Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon CCL that I have examined some Blankets, supplied by Messrs Wills & Co for the Aborigines, and find them inferior to the contract sample. The contractors were supplied with half of the sample pair of Blankets in order that they might obtain them as nearly as possible to the sample.
I would respectfully request instructions for my future guidance in this matter.

[Birch]

7 January 1870
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang

Sir,
[Copy of this letter forwarded to the Issuers at Goolwa, McGrath’s Flat, Pt McLeay and Wellington]

I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to forward a return of all non-consumable stores under your charge on the 31st Ulto’, belonging to this Department such as Canoes, Scales & Weights &c.

[Birch]
878b
18 Jan 1870
Mr Jno Dann PT
Milang
Sir,
Enclosed you will please find cheque for £2. 15. 0 for payment of a/c for carting firewood.
You will oblige by returning the a/c signed, as early as possible, for auditing with the month’s schedules on the 25th instant.

[Birch]

879
10 January 1879
Messrs G. & R. Wills & Co
Rundle Street
Gentlemen,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that owing to the Blankets imported by you for the Aborigines being inferior to the contract sample, he regrets that he cannot accept them.

[Birch]

880
13 January 1870
Sec: CCL&I
Memo/-
The Authority of the Hon CCL is respectfully requested to procure lower priced Tea and Tobacco for the Aborigines than has been accepted by the Tender Board.
The present contractor (Mr R.F. Loutit) is willing to supply Tea at 1/ 4 ½ per lb, and Tobacco at 2/3 per lb.

[Birch]

881a
22 Jan 1870
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith (8/6) in postage stamps, for payment of an account for carting stores from the Jetty at Meningie.

[Birch]
881b
29 Jan 1870
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you to forward a few stores to Mr Pascoe P.C. at Port Victor, say, a bag of Flour, 30 lbs Sugar, 6 lbs Tea and a little Rice & Sago, & 2 lbs Tobacco, for distribution to Stephens and Poole.

[Birch]

882
25 January 1870
J.H. Angas Esq, J.P.
Collingrove
Angaston
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant, requesting a supply of rations for the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that by a report of the Sub-Protector who lately visited that locality [Arrowie], the Commissioner is of opinion that Government aid is not required, that since the late rains the natives can procure abundance of food.

[Birch]

883
25 Jan 1870
J.P. Buttfield, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he considers the Aborigines should be able to supply themselves with water, he cannot therefore comply with your request.
The a/c for the ointment will be paid on presentation at this office.
Flour and Sugar will be forwarded to you as requested at an early date.

[Birch]
26th Jan 1870
Mrs Janet Adams
Hog Bay
Kangaroo Island
Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Instant, asking for instructions regarding the issue of Flour to the natives on Kangaroo Island – I have to inform you that the usual ration is 1 lb of Flour daily. I did not think it necessary when sending the Flour, to give you any instructions respecting the issue, considering it best to leave it to your own judgement, to distribute in such quantities as you might deem most advantageous to the native or natives.

[Birch]

29 January 1870
Mr A. Harte PT
Penola
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you whether you have any proper accommodation for storage before sending a further supply of Flour. And I also wish to be informed, that provided the Commr sanctions the disposal of the damaged flour, whether you can obtain a purchaser for it at Penola.

[Birch]

29 Jan 1870
Mr Pascoe P.C.
Port Victor
Sir,

At the request of Mr Allen Jr, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that Mr Moriarty has been instructed to forward from Goolwa to your charge, a few stores for distribution to Poole & Stephens, viz.: a bag of flour, 30 lbs Sugar, 6 lbs Tea, 2lbs Tobacco, and a little Rice & Sago. Forwarded herewith for your information, Copy of General Instructions.

[Birch]

11 Feb 1870
Memo/

Messrs Cobb & Co will please give passage to Aboriginal native (Jimmy Rankine) per Coach to Goolwa, and charge the same to this Department.

[Birch]
31 January 1870
Mr Rd. Allen Jr.
Port Victor

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that P.T. Moriarty at Goolwa has been instructed to forward a few stores to the care of P.C. Pascoe, for distribution to Stephens & Poole (Aboriginal Natives).

[Birch]

3 Feb 1870
Mr W. Campbell PT
Port Wakefield

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he does not consider it necessary to continue the Depot at Port Wakefield.

Mr R. Woods at Dalkey has been supplied with stores for the old & Infirm Natives about his district.

[Birch]

3 Feb 1870
Mr. M. Ferry
Meningie

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, and in reply, I may state, that I am rather surprised at the extraordinary large issue of stores during the month of January, more especially considering that the supplies will not be renewed, as you were advised in my letter of the 2nd December last.

The balance of Flour remaining on hand 31st January, after making the alteration, is 288 lbs.

[Birch]

7 Feb 1870
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, concerning an a/c for timber for making coffin, and in reply I beg to inform you that the a/c was passed for payment at the Treasury early in September last, and can only be obtained by yourself or order. Procuration order herewith.

[Birch]
891
7 February 1870
Corporal Jno Field
Narracoorte
Sir,
In reply to your remarks in Store Return for month of January, respecting sending a Doctor on the representation of Squatters, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he considers you acted with due regard to the public service, and would recommend you to continue the same course, whenever it does not interfere with the duties of the Police.

[Birch]

892
8 February 1870
Mr A. Harte PT
Penola
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, and I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he approves of the damaged Flour being sold. You will therefore dispose of it to the best advantage and remit the money to this office, when a fresh supply will be forwarded to you.

[Birch]

893
8 Feb 1870
Mr J.M. Ferry
Meningie
Lake Albert
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he sees no reason to alter his former decision of 2 December last, respecting the closing of the Depot at Meningie.
Any of the old & Infirm Natives actually requiring relief, can be supplied as formerly from McGrath’s Flat.

[Birch]
894
8th Feb 1870
Mr P. Henery
Cariewerloo
West of Port Augusta
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that owing to the great necessity for retrenchment, it has been deemed advisable to close the Depot at Cariewerloo; the supply of stores will in consequence be discontinued.
Any of the old, sick or infirm that are unable to procure their livelihood, can be supplied at the Depot at Port Augusta.

[Birch]

895
12 February 1870
Mr F.W. Allen PT
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8th Instant, requesting information concerning Medical attendance for the Natives, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that a supply of simple medicines will be forwarded to you for the Aborigines, and only in cases of great emergency should the services of a Medical Practitioner be called in; when the a/c will require to be certified by the Police, ordering the attendance.

[Birch]

896
21 Feb 1870
E.B. Scott Esq, J.P.
Supt: Dry Creek Labor Prison
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant, advising me of the expiry of sentence of Native prisoner “Gooninya” on the 23rd inst., and in reply I beg to state that I shall be glad if you will carry out your suggestion respecting his transmission to Town by the Mail on Wednesday morning.

[Birch]

897
1st March 1870
D.A. McLachlan Esq, S.F.P.L.G.&c?
Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that you’re a/c for £ 3. 12. 0 for attending two Aborigines, Betty Rankine and Ben Bow, will be passed for payment at the Treasury with the monthly a/cs on or about the 6th Proximo, and I am to inform you that in future it must be distinctly understood, that no a/cs will be passed unless accompanied with the written authority of the Police officer in charge of the Station for attending.

[Birch]
898a
11 March 1870
Corpl Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
I beg to inform you that a Ton of Flour will be dispatched from Town this afternoon by Martin’s Waggon, and I am desired by the Hon CCL to suggest to you, that the Aborigines visiting Milang should not be encouraged to prolong their stay and that you will use discretion in distributing rations.

[Birch]

898b
28 March 1870
Jno Watts Esq,
Stockport
Sir,
I beg to forward you herewith 9 twopenny stamps for payment of carting Blankets &c from the railway station at Stockport on behalf of the Aborigines.

[Birch]

899
10 March 1870
Corporal W. Poynter
Wellington
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to call your attention to clause 1 of the general instructions to Issuers of Stores, regarding the issue of stores to able-bodied natives, and to request that in future you will be more careful, in issuing rations only to those who are in actual need.

[Birch]

900
14th March 1870
Mr L. Egan
Tarpeena
Sir,
In looking over your monthly Returns for the last twelve months, I find several natives have received two, some three, and one (Louie) four blankets during the year. I am desired by the Hon CCL to draw your attention to the circumstance, and to request that in future you will be more careful and not encourage Natives to dispose of their blankets.
The supply at present on hand should be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Natives in the district for the ensuing twelve months; a further supply will not in consequence be sent this year.

[Birch]
901
15 March 1870
Corpl Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, respecting the Aborigines’ Canoes, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that you are hereby authorised to have the Canoes repaired that actually require it, and are worth repairing, the cost not to exceed one pound each. The a/c to be sent to this office for payment in the usual manner.

[Birch]

902
31st March 1870
Mr H.C. Hawson
Willianippie
Smoky Bay
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that strict economy must be used in issuing rations to the Aborigines, on account of the reduced amount of funds at the disposal of the Government for that purpose.

[Birch]

903
5 April 1870
J.N. Blackmore Esq,
Sec; CL&I
Sir,
I would respectfully call the attention of the Hon CCL to the fact that the Blankets for the Aborigines have been obtained for the last two years from England (without giving satisfaction). From private information, I am informed that H.M. Government in Melbourne are manufacturing blankets for their own use with prison labor, and I would respectfully suggest, that enquiries might be made, whether there would be any objection to their supplying suitable blankets for the Aborigines of this Province.

[Birch]

904
23rd April 1870
Mr Jno Moulden
Pt McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Instant, I beg to inform you that you’re a/c for 25/- was passed for payment at the Treasury with the last month’s schedule of a/cs and can only be drawn by yourself in person or order.

[Birch]
26 April 1870
Mr Rd Wood
Dalkey
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th Inst, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that as the old man is dead, for whom the former supply of stores was chiefly sent for, he sees no necessity for sending a further supply.

[Birch]

26 April 1870
Rev Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 14th Inst, kindly offering to supply a series of selections of words from various Aboriginal dialects, I am desired by the Hon CCL to state, that he accepts your offer with many thanks, considering it will be highly useful and valuable to scientific men.

[Birch]

26 April 1870
R.B. Smith Esq,
Adelaide
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 21st Inst, concerning supplies for the Aborigines at the Hummocks, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that it has been the custom, hitherto, not to send supplies of stores to any parties who will not comply with the general instructions, to Issuers of Government Rations (copy herewith enclosed), and he does not feel disposed to depart from the usual course. The stores last sent in September 1867, addressed to Mrs Dawson, were never acknowledged or accounted for, and according to her statement, never reached her, although she reports that they arrived at the head station.

[Birch]

4 May 1870
Jno Watts Esq,
Stockport
Sir,
I beg to inform you that at the suggestion of the Sub-Protector, who visited your district some time since, the Hon CCL considers it unnecessary to continue a Depot for the Aborigines at Stockport.

[Birch]
909a
4 May 1870
Mr Geo Rayner
Salt Creek
Chowilla
Sir,
Mr G.B. Harris writes informing me that you have not received the money payable to you on his
procuration order, and upon enquiry at the Treasury, I find that the money has not been paid.
This order should have been presented at the Treasury by yourself, or else endorsed – then it would
be payable to the party holding it. If you endorse it and send it to me, I will send you a cheque for
the amount.

[Birch]

909b
4 May 1870
Mr G.B. Harris
Chowilla
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 29th Ulto;, respecting a procuration order on the Treasury, I beg to
inform you that it appears Mr Rayner has never called at the Treasury for the money and it is still
payable to him on his order. I have written to Mr Rayner by this past, enclosing the order and
promising to send him a cheque for the amount upon his returning the order to me endorsed.
The mistake I presume has originated in Mr Rayner supposing the Treasury would send him the
money, through the post, whereas they only pay across the counter.

[Birch]

910
4th May 1870
A von Treuer Esq,
Adelaide
Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant, asking for another supply of stores
for the Aborigines at the Hummocks, and in reply, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he
is unable to comply with your request.

[Birch]
911
5th May 1870
J. P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 2nd Inst, I beg to inform you that the Hon CCL declines to pass the enclosed c of Mr Vonnida’s, without some satisfactory explanation as to whether the expenditure was authorised by any officer of the Government, and also, whether the Native was in the employment of any European during the time of the accident.
I may also state for Mr Vonnida’s information, that no person has called at this office respecting his a/c (unless in my absence).

[Birch]

912
19 May 1870
Jno Watts Esq, Stockport
Sir,
In reply to your memorandum in store return for the present month, suggesting that stores should be sent to the District Council for distribution to the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that, after the recommendation of the Sub-Protector to close the Depot at Stockport, as being unnecessary, he does not consider it advisable to alter his previous decision.

[Birch]

913
19 May 1870
Buttfield
Sir,
Respecting the a/c of Mr Vonnida’s, I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you whether the boy “Peter” was in the employment of any person at the time he was thrown from the horse, and injured his head; also, if not in the employment of any one, who owned the horse, and how did the boy obtain possession of it.
Your report of 14th December last, with which you forwarded the a/c, does not give any explanation regarding this item, further than “the boy was thrown from a horse during your absence and sustained a severely fractured skull. Mr Vonnida deemed it his duty to professionally attend the Boy.”

[Birch]
914
23 May 1870
Mr W. Poynter
Wellington
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of this afternoon, informing me of the arrival of the Waggon at Wellington without any stores, and in reply I beg to inform you that the requisition of P.T. Crofton dated 6 May, arrived here on the 7th, and the Waggon for Wellington generally leaves on the Wednesday; so you will perceive the time was too limited to despatch stores by last Wednesday’s Waggon; and I would also draw your attention to clause 1, as well as 7, of the General Instructions, and request that in future you will be more careful in issuing rations only to those who are in actual need of relief.

[Birch]

915
26th May 1870
Mr G.W. Hopgood
Caroona
North-West of Pt Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 18th Inst, requesting a further supply of stores for the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that upon the recommendation of the Sub-Protector, he considers it unnecessary to continue a Depot at Caroona; your request cannot therefore be complied with.

[Birch]

916
26 May 1870
J. P. Buttfield, S.P.A., Pt Augusta
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd Inst, I beg to inform you that the Hon CCL has approved the a/c of Mr Vonnida’s (for £ 5). It is too late for this month’s schedule, but will be passed with the June a/cs and will be payable at the Treasury early in July.

[Birch]

917a
27 May 1870
Mr W.H. Limbert
Rapid Bay
Sir,
In reply to your remarks in Store Return for the present month, as to whether you should return the Flour &c to Port Adelaide, I beg to inform you that provided the stores cause you no inconvenience by keeping them it would be better for them to remain where they are, as in all probability the Natives will return in the course of a month or two.

[Birch]
6 June 1870
Sergt E. Bentley
Port Lincoln
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Ulto’, respecting Medical attendance upon the Natives, I beg to inform you that the question is at present under consideration by the Govt, but should any Native be seriously ill, you might call in the services of the Medical Officer, and forward the a/c to this office in the usual manner, with a certificate that the service was performed and was absolutely necessary.

[Birch]

2 June 1870
Mr R. Grist
Mt Burr
South-East
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 30th Ulto’, forwarding a/cs (2) for Freight and cartage of Blankets and requesting a further supply, I beg to inform you that there are no more Blankets available this year, but should there be any Natives who have not been supplied, there is still a sufficient quantity AT Mt Gambier and Tarpeena for all the Aborigines of the District.
I beg to forward you herewith cheque for £1. 1. 9 with a/cs, and will thank you to return the a/cs receipted by return mail.

[Birch]

4 June 1870
Messrs D. & W. Murray
King Wm Street
Gentlemen,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that your tender for the supply of 1600 Single Blankets in accordance with advertisement in Government Gazette of the 19th and 26th May, has been accepted.

[Birch]

4 June 1870
Messrs G. & R. Wills & Co
Rundle Street
Gentlemen,
In reply to your tender for Blankets of the 30th Ulto’, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that it has not been accepted.

[Birch]
921
6 June 1870
Mr Rd Wood
Dalkey
Sir,
In reply to your enquiries of the 1st Inst, respecting rations for the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he is willing to supply rations to the two blind and decrepid Lubras until the end of the year; and at the same time he expects you will report to this office, quarterly, the quantity of rations remaining on hand, and the condition of the Natives in your immediate district, with any information you may consider it necessary he should be informed of.

[Birch]

922
6 June 1870
Rev Geo Taplin
Pt McLeay
Sir,
In your Store Return for month of May, I find an Aboriginal from Goolwa (Stephens) drawing rations at Point McLeay from the 1st to the 12th inclusive; he is also drawing rice at Goolwa on the 7th and the 12th; and is attended by Dr MacLachlan from the 4th to the 8th for an attack of English Cholera. I would respectfully draw your attention to the fact, in order to avoid (in the future) distributing rations to the Natives by deputy, unless it is positively known that the Natives are on the spot, and are unable to attend themselves.

[Birch]

923
7 June 1860
D.A. MacLachlan Esq, L.F.P.S.G.?
Goolwa
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that he declines to pass your a/c (for attendance upon Native Stevens) for payment, considering that the visits and Medicine rendered after the Native had recovered, to be uncalled for. The Police trooper states that when he gave the order, you were not to be found; he therefore administered brandy to the patient which gave him relief.

[Birch]
924
13 June 1870
Mrs C. Smith
Mt Gambier
Madam,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, asking for a statement of monies passed to your credit for the year 1869, and in reply I beg to state that the following Sums were passed for payment at the Treasury for the year 1869, viz.:

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925
15 June 1870
D. A. McLachlan Esq, L.F.P.S.G.
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 8mth Instant, I am desired by the Hon CC to inform you that he is still of the opinion, that the visits to the Native Stevens, on the 5th and 7th, and 8th May, respectively, were unnecessary, and he does not consider it right (in justice to the Aborigines) that three visits should be paid for.
Respecting the first item, for the visit and Medicine on the 4th May (by order of the Police Trooper), the Commissioner is willing to pass for payment.

926
15 June 1870
Sergt E. Bentley
Port Lincoln
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 9th Inst, respecting an a/c of £1, paid to T. Harte, for cartage of groceries from Venus Bay to Three Lakes, I beg to inform you that a cheque for £1.16.0 (No. 31) was forwarded to you on the 9th August last. The 16/- was for payment to yourself for rations to Natives, and 1 for payment to Mr Harte for Cartage.
On referring to the voucher, I find the receipt of T. Harte dated 12th August and witnessed by yourself.

[Birch]
16 June 1870
Mr C. R. Bosworth
Wintalatingana
Sir,
Respecting your Store Return for the month of May, I beg to inform you that the previous one received at this office (for month of January) shewed a balance remaining on hand, viz.: Flour 994 lbs, Sugar 124 lbs 4 oz, Tea 10 lbs 9 oz, & Tobacco 5 lbs. – consequently there is a discrepancy of 729 lbs Flour, 91 lbs 2 oz Sugar, 10 lbs 9 oz Tea and 4 lbs Tobacco.
Your returns for the months of Feby, March & April have not reached this office, which may account for the discrepancy above referred to. Awaiting your reply.

[Birch]

16 June 1870
Mr Jno Hogarth
Strangways Springs
North-West
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst, acknowledging receipt of Blankets for the Aborigines. And asking for the payment of 15/- for cartage, paid, and in reply, I beg to state that upon the necessary vouchers being forwarded to this office, the a/c will be passed for payment in the usual manner.

[Birch]

22 June 1870
D. A. MacLachlan Esq, FRS &c
Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th Inst, and upon referring to my previous letter of the 15th Inst, I fail to see any request of mine, that you should send your a/c to the Police Trooper for his remarks.
The Hon CCL having already seen your letter of the 8th Inst, explain the reason of your visits, I consider it would be unnecessary to bring the question before him again, but should you particularly desire it, I will do so.

[Birch]
930-931
23rd June 1870
Rev Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Referring to your Store Returns for the months of May, April & May last, I beg to call your attention to the large issues during that period, and desire to inform you that in future, requisitions for fresh supplies should be made in sufficient time to secure their arrival at the Depot, previous to the Stock on hand becoming exhausted. I would also caution you, that in advancing Stores from your own Stock, the Govt do not consider themselves bound to refund Stores so advanced, without a previous understanding to that effect.
The Vote for the Aborigines, for this year, having been reduced £1000, there is every necessity for retrenchment, to make it eke out, and I am afraid the natives in many places will be badly supplied during the two last months of the year.

[Birch]

932
27 June 1870
D.A. MacLachlan Esq, LFPSG
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 23rd Inst, requesting me to place your a/c again before the Commissioner, I beg to inform you that your request has been complied with, and the Hon CCL still declines to pass your a/c for the whole amount; The amount for the first visit and medicines will be passed for payment in the usual way.

[Birch]

933
27th June 1870
Corporal Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd Instant, requesting a fresh supply of firewood, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that you are authorised to procure five (5) loads, for the use of the Old, Sick, & Infirm Natives, only.

[Birch]
30 June 1870
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I beg to forward per separate parcel, a small quantity of seconds Flour, for your future guidance when examining and comparing the Flour for shipment on behalf of the Aborigines.
The fresh contract from Mr G. Wood commences from the 1st Proximo, which causes the necessity of my sending you the sample.

[934b]
13 July 1870
Mr W. Challis
Venus Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th Inst (162/70) and have to inform you that I have enclosed a procuration order to P.T. Clode, for you to fill in and sign, upon the receipt of which I will send you a cheque for the mount. The a/c was passed for payment at the Treasury in May last, and can only be drawn by yourself or order. The letter to PT Clode was unavoidably delayed & should have been sent by last mail.

[935]
1st July 1870
Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th Ulto', respecting a disturbance amongst the natives at Meningie, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Police having been instructed in the matter, obtained a conviction against Mrs Hacket, in the Strathalbyn Local court, who was fined Two pounds and costs.

[936]
4 July 1870
Rev Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 1sr Instant, explaining the reason of so unusually large an issue of stores, during the months of April & May, I beg to inform you that by direction of the Hon CCL, that he considers that with a little attention on your part, supplies of stores might be asked for in sufficient time, so as to avoid such advances being made from your private stock, and to request that in future, greater care will be taken in this matter.
6 July 1870
Mr A. Webb
Long Island
Sir,

In examining your Store Return for the month of June, I find that rations have been issued to the Natives indiscriminately, without any regard as to whether they were proper subjects for relief. Of the 75 natives who have been receiving rations, I find scarcely one-half are proper subjects, according to the general instructions; and I would suggest that, in future, greater care will be taken in issuing only to those who are in actual need.

I have also to inform you that owing to the vote for 1870, having been considerably reduced, there is every necessity for retrenchment, in order to make the money available last for the year, and I am afraid (from present appearances) there will be some considerable difficulty in making both ends meet.

[Birch]

8 July 1870
The Officer in charge of Police
Border Town
Sir,

From a report of Dr Penny’s dated 30th Ulto’, wherein he states that “there are some sick Aborigines at Mr Robt Lawson’s Station (Padthaway) requiring Medical attendance” &c, I am desired by the Hon CCL to request you (the first opportunity you have of visiting them) to report to this Office, the advisability of having them removed to Border Town, where they would be under the immediate supervision of Dr Penny.

[Birch]

8 July 1870
R.B. Penny Esq, M.R.C.S.
Charla Bank
Tatiara, S-E

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th Ulto’, respecting sick Aborigines at Padthaway, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Police at Border Town have been communicated with, respecting the removal of the Natives to that place, where they will be under your immediate supervision, and will obviate the necessity of your making such a long journey.

[Birch]
941
8 July 1870
Mr L. Egan
Tarpeena
Sir,
In reply to your remarks in Store Return for month of June, concerning Medical attendance for some sick natives I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he approves of the services of Dr Wehl being called in the present instance; but the attendance upon Aborigines generally, is under the consideration of the Govt and it is expected that all District Medical Officers will be required to include Aborigines in their duties.

[Birch]

942
8 July 1870
Mr F.W. Allen PT
Robe
Sir,
In reply to your letter of 12 May last, respecting Medical attendance upon the Aborigines, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that it is the intention of the Government (in the future) that Medical attendance upon the Aborigines be included with the duties of all Govt Medical Officers. Until the end of the current year, any Natives actually requiring the services of a Medical gentleman, must obtain an order from the Police officer in charge of the station, who will be required to certify the a/cs as being absolutely necessary.

[Birch]

943
14 July 870
Mr R. Williams
Bimbowie
North of Mt Victor
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant, asking to be allowed to erect a store room for the Aborigines’ stores, and I am advised by the Hon CCL to inform you that there are no funds available for such purpose. The Vote for the Aborigines having been curtailed for the current year, renders it necessary that the utmost economy should be used, in order to meet the wants of those really destitute.

[Birch]
944
20th July 1870
H. L. Beare Esq,
Bungaree
Sir,
I beg to call your attention to the circumstance of the receipt of the cheque for £2.9.0 (forwarded to you on the 4th Instant for re-payment for carting Aborigines’ stores to Bungaree) not having been received at this office, and to request your early compliance therewith.

[Birch]

945
25 July 1870
Mr J. M. Stokes
Nonning
Sir,
Referring to your store Returns for months of Nov 1869 up to June 1870, I beg to refer you to my letter of 26th October last, and to your reply thereto, dated 1 Novr, concerning half a ton of Flour not accounted for in your precious returns, and wherein you state, that “the mistake occurred in consequence of the stores having been carted up at separate times, and by a clerical error, one lot was omitted.”
Still when sending your last Returns, the omission of the half ton of flour, forwarded to you in May 1869, is still left out of your return. I would also caution you that in distributing your own flour to the Natives, you do so at your own risk, and that the Govt do not consider themselves bound to refund stores so advanced, without a previous understanding to that effect.

[Birch]

946
28 July 1870
Mr G. L. Debney
Mundowdna
Sir,
In reply to your remark in Store Return for month of June, I beg to inform you that at the suggestion of the Sub-Protector, it has been decided to close the Depot at Mundowdna; further supplies will in consequence be discontinued.

[Birch]
28 July 1870
D.A. MacLachlan Esq, L.F.P.S.G.
Goolwa
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant, asking for return of order (given by PT Moriarty) for visiting Native ‘Stevens’, and in reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you that the order in question is attached to the a/c and can be referred to at any future time; and I may also add that all documents received at this office become the property of the government and cannot be returned.

[Birch]

29th July 1870
Percy Wells Esq,
Adelaide
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th Instant, requesting a supply of rations for the Aborigine at Marrachowie, and in reply I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that a previous application has been made from a station in the immediate neighbourhood.

[Birch]

29 July 1870
Mr Jno Murray
Penong Station
Western District
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, requesting a supply of rations for the Aborigines at Penong, and in reply, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that owing to the depressed state of the revenue, he cannot comply with your request.

[Birch]

11 August 1870
Mr Isaiah Bonin
Warrakimbo
Mt Eyre
North
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 15th Ulto’, requesting a supply of stores for the Aborigines at Warrakimbo, I beg to inform you, that the Hon CCL has approved your request, conditionally upon the Govt Regulations being strictly adhered to.
The stores will leave Adelaide in about a fortnight from date, due notice of which will be given you, accompanied with forms of return &c.

[Birch]
15th August 1870
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,

In reply to your suggestions contained in report for months of June and July last, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that the Police will be instructed to collect the Census of the Aboriginal population when the time arrives for doing so; at the same time, I am desired to request you to give the Police any information you may think proper, in order to assist them in arriving at as correct a return as it is possible to obtain under the circumstances.

I beg to forward you herewith, a copy of the last Aboriginal Census, taken in 1866.

[Birch]

15th August 1870
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,

Referring to your report for the month of March, wherein you ask for authority to erect a Pine hut for the convenience of sick Natives, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he approves your request, provided the cost does not exceed the sum asked for (£35).

Allotments 90 and 96 have been withdrawn from sale, and are available for the use of the Aborigines,

[Birch]

18 August 1870
J. H. Roe Esq,
Inspector of Mounted Police
Clare
Sir,

In reply to your minute on letter from Corporal Mallon, suggesting that a supply of Blankets should be forwarded to Clare, I have the honor to inform you that the Aborigines’ blankets are despatched from Adelaide early in the year, for issue on the 1st May, consequently there are no more available; but should any of the Natives urgently require any, there are four still remaining on hand at the Bungaree depot.

[Birch]
954
19th Aug 1870
Messrs Newman & Son
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
I have much pleasure to inform you that Mr G. Wood (the Contractor for Flour) will deliver other Flour in the place of that tendered yesterday. I am very glad you acted as you have done, it will make the contractor more careful in future.

[Birch]

956a
22nd August 1870
Mr R.F. Morris PT
Kingston
Sir,
I beg to inform you that you have not yet returned to this office Store Return for the month of June, forwarded to you on the 16th Ulto’, for your information; and to request that you will do so as early as possible.

[Birch]

956b
24 Aug 1870
Memo/-
Mr Loutit is reminded that his a/c for groceries supplied for the Aborigines for the current month, has not yet been forwarded, and I have to request your early attention to the matter, tomorrow morning.

[Birch]

957a
1st September 1870
Station Master
Mintaro
Sir,
In the event of two Tons of Flour, addressed to Mr R. Williams, Bimbowrie, for the use of the Aborigines, being still at Mintaro, would you be kind enough to forward it to the care of Messrs Drew & Co at Kooringa.

[Birch]
957b
1 Sept 1870
Mr R. Williams
Bimbowrie
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I beg to inform you that the Flour was sent to the Mintaro
Railway station, and if not already started from there, will be despatched immediately to the care of
Messrs Drew & Co, Kooringa, the Station Master having been instructed to that effect.

[Birch]

958
7th Sept 1870
Jno Bosworth Esq, J.P.
?? Riverton
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant (applying for Blankets and rations
for the Aborigines at Wintabalingana) and I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you that it has
been decided (at the suggestion of the Sub-Protector) to close a few of the Depots in the Northern
district, and your station was among the number selected to be closed.
There are still two Depots within a short distance of your station, viz.: Warrakimbo and Arkaba,
where any distressed natives can obtain supplies.

[Birch]

959
9 Sept 1870
Corporal Jno Dann
Milang
Sir,
In reply to your requisition for stores dated 7th Instant, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you
that you are hereby authorised to procure (5) five loads of firewood, and he trusts, that the present
supply will (now the weather is warmer) last much longer than the five loads lately supplied.
Flour and Tinware will be forwarded in due course.

[Birch]

960
9 Sept 1870
Jas Barlas Esq, M.D.
Penola
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st Ult., tendering resignation of Appointment of
the Medical Officer for the Aborigines at Penola, and in reply I am desired by the Hon the CCL to
inform you that your resignation has been accepted.

[Birch]
10 Sept 1870
Mr W. Pollitt PT
Border Town
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant, and have to inform you that the a/c for cartage of stores to Border Town was passed for payment with the July schedule and is now as waiting Mr Bowels’ call or order on the Treasurer.
Provided Mr Bowels has no friend or agent in Adelaide that will draw the money for him, I will do so upon his returning to me the enclosed Procuration Order in my favour, when I will transmit him a cheque for the amount.

[961]

12 Sept 1870
The Revd W. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to your store return for the month of August, I would point out to you, that owing to the reduced vote for the Aborigines for the current Year, it is absolutely necessary that the utmost economy should be used in distributing rations, only to those who are in actual need of relief. The balance of the vote remaining, being barely sufficient to meet the wants of the old and necessitous.

[962]

12 Sept 1870
Dr A. T. Gunning Esq MRCSE
Narracoorte
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Memorandum forwarded with a/c for medical attendance upon the Aborigines at Narracoorte, and I wish to point out to you, that without the former minutes, your memo’ will be unintelligible to the Colonial Surgeon and disconnected. I would therefore request that the previous a/c be returned to this office for the information and guidance of the Colonial Surgeon when certifying the same.

[963]

17 September 1870
Mr A. Harte PT
Penola
Sir,
Can you inform me whether Dr Barlas intends returning to Penola during the current month, also the date of his leaving the district, so as to guide me in making out his a/c for medical attendance upon the Aborigines.

[964a]
964b
22 Sept 1870
Messrs Drew & Co
Kooringa
Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your memo/- of 21st Inst forwarding a/c for railway charge on Flour from Mintaro – Herewith I beg to forward you half-sovereign & 3/6 in postage stamps, and will feel obliged by your forwarding the Flour by the first opportunity to Mr R. Williams, Bimbowrie Station, Mt Victor.

[Birch]

965
21 September 1870
Mr W. Challis
Venus Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, respecting the payment of an a/c for cartage of Aborigines’ Stores from Venus Bay to Three Lakes, and in reply I have to inform you that the money was drawn from the Treasury on the 10th August last by Messrs. A.A. & F. Scarfe of Port Adelaide, to whom I find your order was made payable.
I have also to inform you that your last a/c (£ 5. 0. 0) is now in the Treasury awaiting your orders, also an a/c for 13/- due to you since the beginning of the year 1867.

[Birch]

966a
22 Sept 1870
Mr Jno Moulden
Point McLeay
Sir,
I have the honor to forward you herewith cheque for the amount of your a/c (30/-) for conveying stores from Milang to Point McLeay, and trust you will return the a/c without delay.

[Birch]

966b
22 Sept 1870
Mr G. Bowels
Border Town
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, enclosing Procuration Order on the Treasury, and I have the honor to forward you herewith, cheque for the amount of your a/c (£3.12.0)

[Birch]
967
29th September 1870
J.P. Buttfield Esq, J.P.
SPA - Blinman
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant, enclosing a/c for the erection of a Pine Hut at the Blinman, and in reply I beg to inform you that in order to prevent delay in passing the a/c through the Audit Office, it will be necessary that the agreement (if in writing) should be attached, otherwise it should be distinctly state – verbal agreement.

[Birch]

968a
29 Sept 1870
Messrs Drew & Co
Koorinda
Gentlemen,
I beg to inform you that you have not yet returned the a/c for carriage of stores from Mintaro to Koorinda – forwarded to you with the money on the 22nd Instant, and I have to request that you will do so at your earliest convenience.

[Birch]

968b
3 October 1870
The Lessee
?Southern Railways
Sir,
I am directed by the Hon CCL to draw your attention to the clause ?4 in your lease, referring to the conveyance of Government stores, free of charge, and to remind you that the stores charged for in the enclosed a/c are, to all intents and purposes – Govt Stores.

[Birch]

969
24 October 1870
Dr. ?C.A.S. Blue Esq
Strathalbyn
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you to be kind enough to state the terms, upon which you would be willing to successfully vaccinate about twenty Aboriginal and half-caste children at Point McLeay.

[Birch]

970
Same letter to Dr Hugh Ferguson Esq, M.D., Strathalbyn.
971
24 October 1870
The Rev. George Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, respecting vaccinating the children at Point McLeay and in reply I have to inform you, that Doctors Blue and Ferguson of Strathalbyn Have been asked to state the terms upon which they would be willing to successfully vaccinate the Aboriginal and half-caste children at Point McLeay, and upon receipt of their reply, I will again communicate with you.

[Birch]

972
26th October 1870
Jas Barlas Esq, M.D.
Ceres
Geelong, Victoria
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 17th Instant concerning the payment for medical attendance upon the Aborigines at Penola, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that your a/c was made out in full, up to the time of your leaving the district (17th August).
The Commr is therefore of opinion that your request for further payment must be declined.

[Birch]

973
27 October 1870
Mr R. Williams
Bimbowie
North of Mt Victor
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, forwarding a/cs for cartage of stores from Kapunda and the Burra to Bimbowie, and desire to point out an error; and would suggest that a fresh a/c be made out and signed.
The receipt for the amount (10/-) paid for conveyance of the box of medicine should accompany the a/c.

[Birch]
28 October 1870
W.A.S. Blue Esq,
Surgeon &c
Strathalbyn

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant, respecting former charges for vaccinating the Natives at Point McLeay, and in reply I have to inform you that Dr Herbert was paid Five Guineas for each visit to Pt McLeay, in addition to the usual charge of 3/6 per head, allowed by Vaccine Act No. 16 of 1853.

[Birch]

31 October 1870
Mr A. Harte PT
Penola

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th Instant, enclosing copy of a letter dated 7 Oct, and in reply I have to inform you that the original letter of the above date never reached this office. I will however, lay the subject before the Hon CCL and send you instructions in the course of a few days.

[Birch]

1 November 1870
Memo/-

It is respectfully requested that the office may be supplied with a daily copy of the “Register” newspaper, for used and reference, having constant occasion to refer to shipping advertisements, when sending stores and released prisoners to the various Ports on the coast.

[Birch]

1 November 1870
W.A.S. Blue Esq,
Surgeon &c
Strathalbyn

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st Ulto’, offering to vaccinate the Natives at Point McLeay for the sum of £ 5. 5. 0 with an additional 3/6 per head, and in reply I am desired to inform you that the Hon CCL accepts your offer. Before proceeding to Pt McLeay, it would be advisable to inform Mr Taplin of the day you intend visiting there, so as to enable him to have the Natives in readiness.

[Birch]
978
1st November 1870
H. Ferguson Esq, M.D.
Strathalbyn
Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25th Ultimo, offering to vaccinate the Natives at Pt McLeay for the sum of Twenty Guineas, I am desired to inform you that your offer is not accepted.

[Birch]

979
1st November 1870
The Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 20th Ultimo (235/70), concerning a number of children requiring vaccination, I have to inform you that the Hon CCL has accepted the offer of Dr Blue of Strathalbyn, to vaccinate the Natives at Point McLeay.
I have requested Dr Blue to advise you of his intended visit, in order that all those requiring to be vaccinated can be in readiness when he arrives.

[Birch]

980
3rd Novr 1870
The Proprietors of the “Register” Newspaper
Gentlemen,
You will oblige by forwarding a daily copy of the “Register” to this office until further notice.

[Birch]

981
55 November 1870
D. Murray Esq, M.P.
and
A Hay Esq, M.P.
Gentlemen,
In reply to your letter of the 14th Ultimo, making application for an extended area of land for the Point Pierce Mission Station, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he intends to issue notice of resumption to the Lessee, of that portion of land tinted red and marked B on tracing, herewith; and which will be set apart for the purposes of the Yorke’s Peninsula Native Mission Society.

[Birch]
982a
9 Nov 1870
Messrs F.B. Jones & Co
Port Adelaide
Gentlemen,
You will oblige by forwarding any outstanding a/cs against this Department, on or before the 23rd Instant.

[Birch]

982b
9 Novr 1870
Mr W.W. Hill
Langhorne’s Creek
Same as above.

983
11 Nov 1870
Mr W. Challis
Venus Bay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo – referring to an a/c for 13/- passed in the year 1867, and in reply, I have to inform you that the former Procuration Order would have been sufficient to draw the money from the Treasury, had it been pointed out at the time the other amount was drawn. The a/c for 13/- was passed for payment with the Aborigines schedule for February 1867. Procuration Order herewith.

[Birch]

984
16 November 1870
Corporal J. Simpson
Port Elliot
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, asking for authority to have the Aborigines’ boat repaired, and in reply, I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that he approves your request, provided the cost does not exceed the amount stated in your letter.

[Birch]
985
17 Nov 1870
The Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
Referring to a report of the Surveyor –General on his visit to Point Pierce wherein he recommends you a supply of Books, Stationery &c – I am desired by the Hon CCL to ask you to send to this office, a list of such articles as you may require, with the quantities of each, stated; to the amount of say – Three or Four Pounds.

[Birch]

986a
29 Nov 1870
The Rev. G. Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
Would you be kind enough to inform me whether Harry and Eliza Wilkins are still at the School, and if there is any probability, of their soon being able to support themselves.

[Birch]

986b
6th Decr 1870
Sec: CCL&I
Memo/-
The authority of the Hon CCL is respectfully requested, for procuring the following Books, for the use of this Department, viz.:

1. letter press Copying Book (foolscap size), containing 1000 Folios,
2. Order Book, containing about 600 Folios.

[Birch]
30th November 1870
The Revd W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
I beg to inform you that the following Books, Stationery &c will be forwarded to you by the Board of Education thro’ the Govt Shipping Agent at Port Adelaide and to request an acknowledgement of the same on arrival:

1 doz JNS Books No 1
1 doz Standards No 1
1 Selections from Poets, No 1
1 “ “ “ “ No 2
1 ½ doz Wickes’ spelling books
1 doz Wickes’ grammar
1 ½ doz rudiments
1 doz 1st Arithmetic JNS
1 Key to “ “ “
1 1/s doz Wks Geographies
½ doz Wks Histories
1 Collins History
8 doz Copy Books Fscp
1 Wall Map of Australia
2 boxes Chalk
2 doz drawing pencils
½ doz Slates
2 set Drawing copies
The Wall Map will follow in about a fortnight from date.

Birch

2nd Dec 1870
Mr T. Moriarty PT
Goolwa
Sir,
In reply to your remarks in Store Return for month of November concerning the Aborigines’ Canoes not having been repaired, I beg to inform you, that 16 were repaired at Milang during last April & May, and according to the statement of Corpl Dann, the Canoes came from the following places:

Goolwa 2, Mundoo 2, Pt McLeay 1, Coorong 2, Wellington 1, Mosquito Creek 2, Tolderol 1, Finniss 2, Pt Sturt 2, Milang 1.

Birch
3rd Dec 870
The Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, concerning the Wilkins family, wherein you state that you wrote just previous to her marriage for the consent of the Commr, and in reply I may state that no such letter reached this office, and your letter of the 1sr Instant, is the only intimation I have received of the circumstance.
Will you be kind enough to inform me, for the information of the Hon CCL, when the marriage took place [i.e. between Eliza Wilkins and John Sewsty Wilson].

[989] [Birch]

8 Dec 1870
Mr R. Williams
Bimbowerie
N-En Plains
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, concerning the money for cartage of stores to Bimbowerie and requesting a fresh supply stores – and in reply I have to inform you that the a/c was passed on the 1st Instant, and can only be drawn by yourself or order. Procuration Order herewith.

[990] [Birch]

14 Dec 1870
Sec.: Aborigines’ friends’ Association
Sir,
I am desired by the Hon CCL to inform you, that owing to the circumstance of this office not having been informed of the marriage of Eliza Wilkins at Point McLeay on 22 October 1869, the a/c for her maintenance has been paid up to September 1870 – consequently the sum of £ 11. 5.10 has been paid to the Aborigines’ Friends’ Association in excess of any claim, and it is the Commr’s intention to deduct that amount from the next payment of the Grant in Aid.

[991] [Birch]

16 Dec 1870
E.B. Scott Esq, J.P.
Supt: Dry Creek Labor Prison [Yatala]
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst., concerning the discharge of a native from the Western district &c – I shall feel obliged if you will deliver him to the care of the Mail driver, and any expense incurred will be defrayed by this office.

[992a] [Birch]
992b
16 Dec 1870
Mr O’Shanahan PT
Paney (G.R.)
Sir,
You will be good enough to forward to this office, a statement of the money received from the Supreme Court on behalf of native witness (Tillery) and the actual expenditure incurred by you, in his behalf; the a/c for passage from Port Augusta to Adelaide (£2.0.0) is presented at this office, and should have been paid, from the money received by you from the Supreme Court.

[Birch]

993a
21 Dec 1870
Mr O’Shanahan PT
Paney (GR)
Sir,
I have to inform you that I have just received an a/c for 8/6 from Messrs Wills & Co, for a pair of Trousers, for the witness brought over by yourself; and I have again to inform you that all expenditure incurred on behalf of the witness, will require to be paid from the expenses allowed by the Supreme Court.

[Birch]

993b
23 Dec 1870
Rev. W.J. Kuhn
Point Pierce
Sir,
I have much pleasure to inform you that the Wall Map of Australia, omitted from the parcel of books &c forwarded to you on the 30th Ulto’, is now ready, and will be despatched from Port Adelaide per “Kangaroo” on the 29th Instant.

[Birch]

994
29 Dec 1870
The Rev. Geo Taplin
Point McLeay
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th Instant, respecting selling wine to the Aborigines, and I may inform you that whether Mr Turner has a licence or not, he is punishable under the Licensed Victuallers’ Act, No 16 of 1869/70, clause 65 – (for supplying liquor to the Aborigines). I may also state that I have laid your letter before the Comms recommending, that the Police should be requested to take action upon it.

[Birch]
30 December 1870
E.B. Scott Esq, J.P.
Supt: Dry Ck Labor Prison
Yatala
Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day’s date, concerning the discharge of a native named Tungerrie on the 4th proximo.
If convenient to do so, I shall be much obliged if your will give him in charge of the mail driver, to be delivered at the office.

[Birch]

31 Dec 1870
Sec.: CCL
Sir
I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon CCL, that during my visit to the Goolwa on the 26th and 27th Instant, Police Trooper Moriarty brought under my notice a case of gross injustice inflicted by the officer in charge of the Post & Telegraph Office (Mr Baldock) upon 6 or 7 Natives, who have been employed by him, shearing sheep, and are unable to recover the money due to them, amounting to about seventeen or eighteen pounds.
These natives were absent from the Goolwa at the time of my visit, and I left instructions with PT Moriarty to send in full particulars of their claim, as soon as they returned.
Mr Baldock has I believe been arrested for debt.
I would respectfully request to be informed, what action the Hon CCL desires taken in this matter.

{Birch}
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