Proclamations No.

Black Natives

Establishment of Institutions for Children

Government & General Orders

Government House, Sydney

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Civico Department

His Excellency the Governor, having long remained with sentiments of compassion for the very wretched state of the Aborigines of this Colony, and having resolved in his mind the most probable and promising means of ameliorating their condition, has now taken the resolution to adopt such measures as appear to him best calculated to effect that object and improve the energies of this innocent and unoffending race.

Mt. the anxiety to make an experiment so interesting to the feeling of Humanity, and to endeavour to ascertain how far the condition of the Natives may be improved by the application of such means as are within his power this Exellency feels that he is in duty an acknowledgment to which they
they are in some degree entitled, when
it is considered that the Indian settlers
in this Country, though necessarily
excluding the natives from many of the
natural advantages they have previously
derived from the animals and other
productions of this part of the Territory
has never met with any serious or
determined hostility from them, but
called a disposition to submit peaceably
to such establishments as were necessarily
made in the part of the British
Government in the formation of
this settlement.

With a view therefore to effect
the Civilization of the Aborigines of
New South Wales, and to render
their habits more domesticated and
industrious, His Excellency the
Governor resolve form motives
of humanity as of that policy
which offers a reasonable hope
of producing such an improvement in
their condition as may eventually
contribute to render them not only
more happy in themselves, but also
in some degree useful to the—
community, has determined to establish a school for the education of the Aborigines of both sexes, and to assign a portion of lands for the necessary and suitable purposes under such Rules and Regulations as appear to him likely to ensure the desired object, and which are now published for general Information.

That there shall be a school for the Aborigines of New South Wales, established in the Town of Parramatta, of which the Governor is to be Patron, and the Macquarie Patroness.

Secondly, that there shall be a Committee consisting of seven Gentlemen for conducting and managing the Institution, one of the Committee to act as Treasurer and Secretary.

Thirdly, that the Institution shall be placed under the immediate management.
management and care of the benevolent society as superintendent and its principal instructor.

Fifthly,

That the main object of the Institution shall be the Civilization of the Aborigines of both sexes.

Sixthly,

That the expenses of the Institution shall be defrayed for the first two years by Government in such manner as the Governor may deem expedient, but with a view to extend the benefits of it after that period, that such capital shall be solicited and received from Public Societies and Private Individuals.

Seventhly,

That the Institution shall be an asylum for the native Children of Gold coast, but no child shall be admitted under four or exceeding seven years of age.

Eighthly,

That the number of Children to be admitted to the first Instance shall not exceed 10 boys and 20 girls.
and this girls, which numbers shall be
afforded more and according the
circumstances

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That the Children of both
deese should be instructed in common
reading, writing, and Arithmetic.
That the boys shall also be
instructed in Agriculture, Mechanical
arts, and such Domestic Manufactures
as may best suit their age and
respective capacities.
That the
girls shall also be taught needlework
for all which purposed instruction
properly qualified shall be employed.
Lastly, that the manager or
Superintendent, shall have the
immediate care of the Children, the
purchase of provisions and of the
materials for employing them,
together with the subjection of the
Articles manufactured by the Children
Entitle.

That a portion of some shall
be located for the use of Agriculture,
the soil the invincibility encouraged
to cultivate it; and that such articles
shall
that he render them for that purpose by Government, as may be deemed expedient.
That the management and superintendence thereof shall be also vested in Mr.
Shelly and under the immediate inspection, subject to such directions as the Committee shall prescribe from the Committee.

Viz: that the Committee shall meet Quarterly at the seat of Committee on the first Wednesday in each succeeding Quarter for the purpose of inspecting and auditing the quarterly accounts of the Manager and also of examining the progress as to their Progress in Instruction, Education, and morals and also for the necessary attention having been paid to their diet, health, and cleanliness.

That the Committee which shall at all times consist of four of the six Members that have power to take cognizance of any existing abuses and frame such additional Regulations as may appear necessary for the Improvement and benefit of the Institution.

Furthermore that the Committee shall make a written Report of the result.
result of their observations and enquiries at their Quarterly Meeting to His Excellency, the Governor as Patron of the Institution, and also of such Rules and Regulations as they may deem necessary, to frame for the benefit of the Institution, which must receive the sanction of the Governor precedent to their being carried into effect.

Fifteenthly, That the proposed Institution
shall be open for the reception of the prescribed number of Children on Wednesday the 10th day of January next, being the anniversary Commemoration of the Death of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

Sixteenthly, That no Child after having been admitted into the Institution shall be permitted to leave it, or to be taken away by any person whatsoever without the written consent of the Relations until such time as the Child shall have attained the age of thirteen years, and this with forty years, at which ages they shall be respectively discharged.

Sixteenthly, The undersigned:

[Signature]
having expressed their willingness to
presume and promote the objects of
the proposed institution. His Excellency
is pleased to constitute and appoint
them, with their own concurrence, into
the Committee for conducting and
directing all the affairs connected
therewith.

By Command of
His Excellency the Governor,
John Thomas Coleman,
Secretary.