Sir,

Of late the blacks have stolen a considerable quantity of corn from me, and given them the west side of the corn, making observation. Today they are assembled in great numbers round in the same place. I certainly am not aware whether you can take any steps to prevent the continuance of their ravages, but as they assume a menacing appearance, I think it my duty to inform you, you are the nearest magistrate.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient,

Wm. Booth.

P.S. I find they were in the corn field today, and my overseer to frighten them fired over their heads, where several of them aimed their spears at him.

These are the names of those we know—

1. Bob
2. James King
3. Toby King
4. Jack

Sincerely, Hunter's Rest
27th Feb 1839.

Sir,

I send you all the assistance which lies in my power to protect you against the incursions of the blacks. As the constables are but few in number, it will be necessary for you to render
them your aid, if it would be proper that you yourself accompany the party (if according place the constable under your command) in order by your presence to prevent any inproprieties in apprehending the offenders & bringing them before me.

Sir,

I am obliged by the prompt notice you have sent me in the bearer of this, and am glad to inform you that I have seen nothing of the black dog. I went out in the morning with one of my men & traced the thieves to the lake. I went to the high ground on the margin of the river in the reserve & saw a good coat load of fish, and a well-trodden path up & down the large creek which divides my land, but I did not feel justified in going to a greater distance after them. If you think proper at a convenient opportunity to take any of those into custody whose names I mentioned, I shall have my men forthcoming to identify them.

I am for,

Your most obedient serv.

Wm. Brooks
Glendon.