Robert Owen
June 20th, 1838

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with great respect your kindness in furnishing me with a copy of the proposed "Act" for the amelioration and protection of the Aborigines of the Territory of New South Wales. I have read the several propositions with interest and attention with which I was highly gratified. There is not there allowed a thought, remonstrance, and proof in behalf of that degraded race of our fellow men which is truly philanthropic. I sincerely pray that you may have the early reward sought for by you, the happy purpose of their beneficial operations. If that they have in any degree tended to ameliorate the condition of those who have such large demands upon them.
upon our common justice and Christian benevolence.

The subject is one of great importance, attended with many difficulties which can only be combated by those, whose hearts are really engaged in the cause, and who have thought deeply on correct facts, with which the mind may have been furnished.

When you accede me the honor to ask my views: I am, for which, I must beg you to oblige in furnishing me with a copy of the proposed "Act." I felt conscious of the great instability of my being able to suggest any thing as an improvement upon measures dictated by a mind well informed on the subject, and a heart deeply interested in the welfare of those our degraded brethren, who are the object of your benevolent design.

However as you have kindly allowed me the liberty
of making any remarks that may suggest themselves. I avail myself of the privilege you have granted and refer to one or two points preceding themselves in the course of careful perusal.

Section 1.

As the inhabitants of such a place, as may be the supposed 'hot places,' he is likely to find it necessary to interfere with the local laws of any temporary societies, or the operations of such bodies.

Section 2.

In the event of such bodies being formed, it might be desirable and indispensable to have a Constable or Supervisor, being a married man and known at least of those moral failings notwithstanding I fear, or transactions that it would be most serviceable and very salutary in the opinion of the most intelligent nations to act in the same manner as constables or overseers, under the direction of the magistrates at the meeting at the meeting of the meeting of the meeting.

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The European protector or supervisor of the respective localities.

The nomination of such Native officers to be vested in the protector or in the police Magistrate or Government Officer and the election in the Native residents of the settlement or location, the electors being above a certain age.

My sense such an arrangement a right would be vested which would be likely to excite an interest, avoid a kind of native civil policy would be created which might tend more effectually to accomplish the object of good order, and whatever might be the result to transgress by the application of British laws more satisfaction would be afforded to all parties.

It is presumed that such a concession would be no infringement of any existing British statute.

Section IV.

In the application and enforcement of British laws.
the protection of the balance between the rights of property and the personal liberty of the subject. I would suggest that, in order to provide for the cases of injury to property, I would propose the following: the question of compensation should be submitted to the courts of justice. No one would have a right to bring an action unless there was a clear and distinct intention to cause injury. In the case of injury to an individual, the compensation should be limited to the actual loss sustained, and not to a sum sufficient to meet all the possible concomitants of injury. The case of injury to property should be submitted to the courts of justice, and the compensation should be limited to the actual loss sustained, and not to a sum sufficient to meet all the possible concomitants of injury.

Section 5

On the 1st. Would it not be desirable to substitute an amendment for one which is not only less adequate, but also less adequate to the purpose? The principle might be maintained that it is not by a formal offense that the public is protected, but by an adequate compensation. The principle might be maintained that it is not by a formal offense that the public is protected, but by an adequate compensation.
Section 24

In such cases of default on the part of the apprentice to be just and severe, and summarily dealt with, it is just that a protector, having the right of acting in behalf of the apprentice to defend his cause, if it be deemed necessary to the Apprentice require it, and ought not the protector to be invested with some power of appeal in behalf of the apprentice in cases where he may be of opinion that it is necessary to the ends of justice. It appears to me to be a point which requires guarding. The nature should also be made to understand its duty, as far as possible that by entering into such contract, he renders himself answerable to law by which he may be punished. As master, ought he to be bound without affording a tolerable degree of satisfaction, and stating, that he has understood the nature of

Signed
to bring one evidence, 

In the absence of any direct reference, I am made to think the Missionaries must have been acquainted with the operations of the Missionary Society. But if an attempt to secure this information, by some means, would be a very desirable one, and if it could be made, it would be very desirable to have of officially holding out encouragement to the operations of Christian Missions with the aid of the Missionary Society, which I presume would be found to be the most effective mode of obtaining the result. 

In accepting the remittances which I have been led to make I am only asking for your kindness, I am aware of the consideration you have had the kindness to express in receiving the remittances which I have been led to make. I am aware of the consideration you have had the kindness to express in receiving the remittances which I have been led to make. I am aware of the consideration you have had the kindness to express in receiving the remittances which I have been led to make. 

I presume that you are acquainted with the circumstances of the blockade of the Summertime and having been some time ago...
liked, and transferred to "Tyndall
cgain where they were under
his charge with protection of
his Government. For a considerable
length they have been regularly sup-
ply observed, and the Governor has addressed
letters to the Superintendent of the
Melanesians, urging the necessity of our
Governments will allow
of these being located in the
island of fort philip. The
Governor wishes to secure the facility
of their being located on the security
of our new station to the natives
of fort philip, the Governor being of
opinion that the fair premises land
mentioned being now practically useless
they might be advantageously utilised
or aiding the civilization of the
fort philip, natives.

I am somewhat apprehensive
that the bringing them in contact with
one another would be attended with
grave evils from the prize which might
result from such a connection.

I believe the principal consideration
which influenced the proposed removal
of the natives is the probability of.
Sparing their lives by a change of place, subject to the want of the Madras Missionary Society, telling the change is of sincere proposals by the Government to indemnify the Society for all expenses incurred, I shall feel greatly obliged should your important engagement allow you to join in with your views on the subject.

I have not formally replied to the proposition of the Government, and may not have further occasion to do so before time to be favoured with your return.

Your line to me which I hear that the Home Government have actually appointed several individuals to act as protectors to the Aborigines of New South Wales under the particular directions of the Governor of the Territory. I am now hearing from home I learn that three or four first sections have already been selected for whom my correspondent writes it had actually taken passage for New South Wales—such a measure ready is the more necessary that some regulations and specific mode of procedure be kept going for their efficient operation.

On which base your excellent propositions may prove very improving.

I am very near this with great respect,

Your very obedient servant,

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