Colonial Secretary Office
Sydney 1st May 1838

(Signed) The Governor,

Having read before the Governor your letter of the 3rd instant on the subject of providing to the aboriginal Natives of the Colony, contemplated to be established under the auspices of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, I am directed to inform you that Sir George Gipps is ready to fulfill to the extent of his power the expectations held out by you, and by Sir Richard Bourke, and that His Excellency will recommend to the Legislative Council an appropriation of money to the amount requested in your letter, provided an equal amount be furnished either by the Society or by private subscription. With respect to the Occupation of Land, the Governor will afford every reasonable facility, although he cannot promise

The Governor.

The Reverend J. Ashton.
Grant on Occupation for an unlimited Period

His Excellency desires me to add that
He was too happy to see you again on this Subject
before you leave Sydney.

Shall the latter be
Assured to be
your Most obedient Servant

S. Deeu Thornton