Sir,

I have the honor to call the attention of the Committee to the subject of a Christian mission to the Aborigines in the neighborhood of Fort Philip, to be conducted under the auspices of the London Missionary Society. From the advice of the commandant of the colony, the committee, now composed of twenty-one members, have deemed it necessary to establish a mission with special reference to the Aborigines.

Many years ago such a mission was commenced, but from various circumstances, particularly the want of adequate funds to conduct the mission on a scale likely to be efficient, with due regard to the Committee were compelled to discontinue their operations.

The Society is desirous of re-commencing the work among the Aborigines, with due regard to the Committee. I am, therefore, desirous of obtaining the Committee's approval to the establishment of the mission in question.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
From the private group annulled in the colonies (in the year 1821) this matter has been very serious consideration. Some have been seen in the last place, and means for accomplishing the object have been the subject of constant anxiety. Consequently any action was due close to the Southern coast of the Territory as a desirable situation, which some previous work in order to apprise myself of the most current information as to the eligibility of the place, and other circumstances bearing upon the contemplated decision. The information derived has been to report favorably to the council in London, also to send a letter to the secretary to Richard Bruce on the subject dated 10 August 1823; to which I am 

the honor some happiness to receive a favorable reply, dated 10 December 1823. To each of the above communications thus permissive began from the secretary. In the letter which the council to receive will be found the following remarkable remark: "As difficult it will be possible in obtaining from this Government land for the purpose of decision in an available situation. The late as long as the purpose, object remains its execution; and application will be made to the legislature to appropriate a committee, in view of the Territory being equal, at least in amount, to that experience by the Society upon the decision. No contingency should arise unless we doubt to depend upon the favorable opinion entertained of the system and operation of the Society. When your plans are more mature, the Government will be happy to hear from you again on the subject."

The Committee of the Western Territory Society having favourably assumed my representation.
Some facts are quite clear in my mind. I have acted in the capacity of the Aboriginal Native in the capacity of the
Chief. I have written to myself to take all reasonable steps to establish the Aboriginal in a position. I have
recently placed in a position which justifies me in informing Your Excellency on behalf of the
Aboriginals, on the request made in the letter which I have the honour to send from Your Excellency for Richard Bowdler, formerly
referred to.

Considering the importance of the undertaking,
before commencing operations, I deemed it
expedient to apply to the Government for assistance,
and have also pressed it as a matter of proceedings
from being in such a place that I might have the
opportunity of a personal interview with your Excellency
on the subject and facilitate the object. I have in view
by opportunities of plain and written communication
advance that the Majesty of the Government and Your
Excellency as the representatives thereof in conjunction
with the Chief, the King of the Legislature, counsel, and advise
by all means to promote an object having the strongest
claim, of benevolence, justice, and policy; the agent
of the Aboriginals. In my capacity, I must conclude
and respectfully beg that Your Excellency will be
pleased to afford assistance in procuring a design
so unquestionably desirable.

With submission I take the liberty to suggest
that the Government should allow the Native
Society the means and a chance to secure
by the proceeds of a reservation
lands to the Aboriginals for the
purpose of the Aboriginal Native's
and Native's
in the capacity of the Aboriginal in trust for the use
and benefit of the Aboriginal Native, or such
conditions, with regard to the prosecution of the
object contemplated, as your Excellency may judge
most proper.
An adequate amount of expenditure for the mission is about £600 to establish the mission and at least £600 per annum including the support of two missionaries - salaries, provisions, and medical maintenance; supplies - and incidental charges.

The settlement near Port Philip has occupied attention as the most eligible situation, but the exact spot cannot be determined until more concrete information be obtained by personal inspection. As the mission is still to be established, any decision of the position is not desirable to be made until a decision is subject to any unforeseen circumstances which might arise from the nature of such a position.

It would be impracticable to attempt an immediate plan for conducting a mission so peculiar in its character. The specific course of operation must be governed by the development of circumstances. The plan is not an immediate plan, but one which will form a later stage in the best situation and arrange for the mission. Particularly for such stations as might be necessary to settle in the immediate vicinity, at least one of the missionaries should always be at the establishment for the purpose of instructing the natives, particularly the children, on the Christian principles and practices, which would afford favorable opportunities for obtaining information as their language habits, manners, and customs are improved, and their condition.
Here it is not the object of this Missionary to encourage habits of industry by means of the distribution of land, for the general use of the Aborigines connected with them.

Here is one point which, though it only seems collateral, refers the results of Christianlabour on the employment of their means in behalf of the civilization of the natives, with the kind and liberal voice of a mother worthy of consideration, like the liberty of asking Britis and suggesting that in the disposal of lands, it may be desirable to make reservations for the possible establishment of native villages and agriculture.

I shall be happy in having the opportunity to afford any further information in my power, regarding the state to be held proper to show the honour to desire your Excellency.

Hence the multiplicity and important engagements which render it impossible to you to desire attention to the subject you mention, I would greatly oblige to have the honour to the

To your Excellency,

Very Humbly,

Most obedient Servant

Said - Johnston