Upon referring to the instructions of the Secretary of State for placing you in charge of the Mission at Lake Tabor, and directing you to send annually to me an account of its progress, I said that the period during which I was so authorized to superintend the progress of this attempt to Christianize these unhappy people had expired; and I am, therefore, of opinion that the Report for the present year 1837 should not be addressed to me, but to the Colonial Secretary for the information of His Excellency the Governor; under whose sanction the Mission must be considered as having been carried on since the time limited for my control of its course to a conclusion. Except regret that this information was not communicated to you earlier, as it would have saved you the trouble of altering the form of your Report and making a fresh copy which will now be necessary, and for which purpose I return the originals. But, although these circumstances were mentioned to me by Mr. Richard Bourke, it enabled my memory that it would be necessary to make you the communication which I have now done.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

Mr. J. Australia