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To Revenue Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th August last enclosing a communication to the Governor and bringing before him the desire of the Committee of the Wesleyan Missionary Society to re-establish a Mission to the Aboriginal Nations of New South Wales, and pointing out Pitipiti as an eligible situation for carrying into effect the Committee's design; and soliciting assistance from the local Government in aid of this service.

In reply I am directed to inform you, that His Excellency has delayed replying to this letter until He should receive the command of His Majesty's Government as to the appointment of Pitipiti; and that it being now decided—

The Revenue

Joseph Oton

Chief Judge
That the District is to be located, the duty of adopting immediate measures for protecting and civilizing the Aboriginal inhabitants has not been forgotten. Instructions have been given to the Civil Magistrates on their behalf and a settler, well qualified for the undertaking, has been appointed to proceed to Port Philip in the character of Missionary. Mr. Langhome, who is nominated to this office, is to leave Sydney next week under such arrangements and provided with such means as have been considered needful to enable him to commence his labors with some chance of success.

His Excellency instructs me to add that this ellipsis should not however prevent the Wesleyan Society, from engaging in a similar undertaking at a convenient distance from—

Mr. Langhome
Mr. Loughmore. — The country is large and the Aboriginal inhabitants more numerous than on the Eastern Coast. No difficulty will be found in obtaining from the Government, land for the purpose of a mission in a suitable situation, to be held as long as the proposed object requires its occupation; and application will be made to the Legislature, to appropriate an annual sum in aid of the Wesleyan Funds, equal at least in amount, so that expended by the Society upon the Mission. The continuance of such an aid, would no doubt depend upon the favorable opinion entertained of the mission and operations of the Society.

Where your plans are more matured, the Government will be
Happy to hear from you again on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully yours

Your most obedient servant

(signed) Alex. McC. Leffy.