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Dabiel. Hunter's Place
27th Feb. 1829.

Sir

Of late the blacks have stolen a considerable quantity of corn from me, and yesterday they were observed on the west side of the creek making observations. To-day they are assembled in great numbers armed, in the same place. I certainly am not aware whether you can take any steps to prevent the continuance of their ravages, but as they assume a menacing appearance I think it my duty to inform you, as you are the nearest magistrate.

I am Sir,

R. Scott Esq. J.P.

Your most obed^t serv^t
Wm Brooks.

P.S. I find they were in the corn field to-day, and my overseer to frighten them fired over their heads, when several of them aimed their spears at him.

Baboon
Long Jerry of Mr. McLeid's
Jerry
Jacky King
Toby King
Jackads

} These are the names
of those we know

Glandon. Hunter's Place
27th Feb. 1829.

Sir

I send you all the assistance which lies in my power to protect you against the incursions of the aborigines. As the Constables are but two in number, it will be necessary for you to render

them your aid, & it would be proper that
 you yourself accompany the party (if I accordingly
 place the constables under your command)
 in order by your presence to prevent any im-
 proprieties in apprehending the offenders
 & bringing them before me.

Wm Brooks Esq^r

Sir
 I am obliged by the prompt assis-
 -tance sent me in the bearers of this, and am happy
 to inform you that I have seen nothing of the
 Chicks to-day. I went out in the morning with
 two of my men & traced the thieves by the marks
 of worn to the high ground on the margin of the
 river in the reserve & saw a good cart-load of
 furs, and a well-trodden path up & down the
 large creek which divides my land, but I did
 not feel justified in going to a greater distance after
 them. If you think proper at a convenient
 opportunity to take any of those into custody
 whose names I mentioned, I shall have
 my men forthcoming to identify them.

I am Sir

Your most obedient serv^t
 William Brooks.

Robt Scott Esq^r & Co.
 Glendon.

[Handwritten signatures and notes, including names like Robert Scott, Dalziel, and others.]