

Hobart. V.D.L. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1841

A meeting of ladies held at Government House on  
 Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. by invitation of Lady Franklin, &  
 for the purpose of considering the best means of promoting  
 the good of the Female Prisoners <sup>in Convicts.</sup> in this Island, now by recent  
 regulations made the sole receptacle for transported female  
 convicts, it was agreed that every effort should be made, in  
 dependence upon them in whose hands the feeblest instruments  
 can be undomed awaiting, to bring about the moral & religious  
<sup>improvement</sup> of that class of ~~unfortunate~~ unfortunate persons,  
 & to remove the impediments to their ~~reformation~~ reformation. And  
 that a Society be formed with this view in communication  
 with the Society established in England for similar purposes  
 under the direction of Mrs. Fry, - that it should be called the  
 Tasmanian Ladies' Society for the reformation of Female  
 Prisoners; - that the Rev. the St. Joannet be requested to become  
 the Patron, - that Lady Franklin be requested to become the  
 Patroness of the Society & to preside at its meetings, - that  
 Lady Franklin, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Bernard, Miss Bernard,  
 Miss Dowbiggin & Miss Hayter be requested to form a visiting Com-  
 mittee for the purpose of promoting by every means in their  
 power the moral & religious welfare of the prisoners in the  
 female Gaol, & of suggesting such measures as may appear  
 to them most conducive to their object - that the Gaolkeeper  
 be requested to authorize the Members of the Committee to visit

the Factory at any time & on any day they may think  
proper, Sundays included, & to cause his wishes on this subject  
to be communicated to the Principal Superintendent of Councils  
& to the Superintendent of the Female Factory, - that the pro-  
ceedings of the Committee be recorded & submitted to the Lt Governor  
for his sanction, - and that Miss Keyser be requested to act  
as Secretary. -

The Committee were invited by Lady Franklin to meet at  
Government House on Tuesday next, the 28<sup>th</sup> inst, ~~in the~~  
on every second Sunday for furthering their objects  
mean time to visit the Factory & gain all the information  
in their power for the regulation of their <sup>future</sup> proceedings. -

Having communicated with Mr Spode on the contents of this paper  
& approved of them & have given the necessary instructions to Mr Spode  
who will this day communicate them to the Superintendent & Mission  
of the Female Factory.

J. H.

27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1841

Govt House.