

Hob<sup>t</sup> Town 29/10 Mo 1841To Ross Clarke  
Esteemed fr<sup>d</sup>.

Aware that from thy long residence on Flinders Is<sup>l</sup>. as Religious Instructor to the Aborigines of V. D. Land thou art necessarily in possession of many interesting particulars illustrative of the circumstances & character of that fast decreasing race: Considering, moreover, how peculiarly favourable thy situation has been for observing their capacity for improvement in regard to both moral & social, as well as religious condition; I am induced respectfully to urge upon thee the propriety of making known to the world the facts thou art acquainted with; & especially those that may throw additional light upon the subject of the treatment of Aboriginal Tribes, in a national point of view. On a subject so often mooted, & so fraught with importance as the one <sup>in</sup> question, I feel anxious

