

I thank you for the Testament. } Fluids Island  
W. Scott will pay for them.

Much Esteemed & Respected Sir, 17<sup>th</sup> March 1846

Your kind and valuable Communication of the 19/2/46 was handed to me on the Lords day last by Mrs Scammet, and every part of its invaluable Contents were perused over the following morning with much thankfulness to the God of all Grace who does what seems the good in His own sight, and has in mercy averted the intended and contemplated blow made at the future prospects of my poor people, by raising up friends for them in the hour of their distress. Civilized man is unacquainted with the feelings of Savage life, it is only to be learned in constant and unintermitting intercourse, of a certain conformity to their <sup>manner of communication</sup> modes and usages. habits & unacquainted intercourse — all their professions to the Whitesman is disguise <sup>or</sup> as they term it Gammou, thus it is that their professions deceive the mere superficial observer, for they are Masters & Mistresses of Cunning & Deceit — both of which they say they have learned by observing the conduct of the Whitesman to each other.

Mr Clark and myself feel deeply indebted to you for your Christian sympathy, and again has the tears rolled down our cheeks — but not ~~those~~ <sup>those</sup> of sorrow without hope, thankful to our Lord for his chastening hand, blessing His name for this instance of his Consideration for our Eternal welfare, as well as present blessing for all things work for our good, our present Sanctification, Soul & body, to be purified for the glory of Leans King, may His love be more freely placed in our Hearts & undebatably

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written in our Minds, these ~~shades~~ <sup>are</sup> by the finger  
of the Holy Spirit, it is only then that we can be so  
emptied of ourselves and our own Spirit & conformity to  
the world as to lift up ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>honey</sup> that hang  
down. I address the Great Being who so loved our  
world as to give his much loved Son for it and be  
enabled to say by being united with the same Spirit  
"Father thy will be done" in suffering in the flesh  
in loss of children in loss of all that is good & great in this  
world, thy glory & only thy glory in transforming me into  
the image of the second Adam, here is my glory for  
it is thy glory Lord, Oh may thy will be done, I  
beg to apologise to you for putting upon paper the  
train of thought which has just arisen, the Lord in his  
Mercy keep his people all in such a frame of mind  
as will most exalt to his praise. I often think of  
my dear departed boy with regret as he would have  
been if spared a useful assistant in my labours  
with my poor black people. — but the Lord will  
raise up & send whom he will to do his work & put  
down the Man of Sin.

I thank you for the hint of acquiring the language  
this has always been an object with me to get accom-  
plished, but during my previous residence here  
every exertion was made by the several persons in  
Command to obstruct and prevent my desires even  
latterly the same feeling obtained until the  
commencement of the present year, when I have  
had more toleration & am making considerable  
advances in one of the vernacular languages

of Van Diemens Land. You will be pleased to hear  
a new feature in the history of the poor Natives, that  
they had a day of Rest similar to our Lords day before  
the white man came on this shore - they call it by  
our name. Pi-a-mil-tha Pi-a-mil-tha or Day of Rest  
but I cannot now enter more upon this, than to say at some  
future opportunity I shall inform you how that day of  
rest was spent - There was no hunting, walking, or play -  
all retired to their houses or encampment - It has been  
different and distinct the several languages are the same  
for this day is the same in all. Pi-a-mil-tha. I hope  
in a month or two to be master of three of the principal  
languages - I must mention another word which opens  
much consideration to my mind - it is the term poof  
Nongerna or Great Father - but I must stop <sup>and</sup>

I thank you great<sup>ly</sup> for your talking so much <sup>and</sup>  
about the poor people as to communicate with His  
Excellency - if the extract has afforded much plea-  
sure and gratification to the poor people here.

I hope plain the Lord is about 3 weeks hence to  
forward you the plan which has originated with  
the people themselves, to render them independent  
of support from the Government, it is their own  
in the first instance not mine - I have only  
to file up some of the blank spaces which  
they are unequal to - and submit to you for  
connection to improvement & be handed to  
the Governor - Some of them (the Natives)  
have thought on this matter years ago -

and my own opinion is that if carried out  
it will meet all the wishes of the natives &  
the friends of the Aborigines, and render the  
Aboriginal Establishment of Flinders Island  
an Independent and Self Supporting  
Settlement.

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Thank you your letter which is of importance I must  
now pass over. It has been a cordial sent to my  
poor heart. for which I thank you. I have much  
to inform you of relative to John who has  
arrived & also Anne that is departing which  
I judge it necessary to inform you of but  
cannot now. Mrs C. writes with her usual  
wishes & prayers for you & partner & the dear  
little ones. I hope you all enjoy every  
mercy.  
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