

I thank you for two Testaments, & Glorify God  
What will pray for them. — Flinders Island  
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 Lord's day last by  
Mrs Steameret, and every part of its invaluable contents  
were perused over the following morning with much thank-  
fulness to the God of all Grace who does what seemeth  
good in His own sight, and has in mercy adverted 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 unac-  
quainted with the feelings of Savage life, it is only to be  
learned in constant and untiring intercourse, of a certain  
conformity to these <sup>manners of communication</sup> modes and usages - habits & unquis-  
tive intercourse - all their professions to the white man is  
disguised <sup>as</sup> as they term it Gummaw, thus it is that  
their professions deceave the mere superficial observer,  
for they are masters & mistresses of cunning & deceit - both  
of which they say they have learned <sup>by</sup> observing the conduct  
of the white man to each other.

W. Clark and myself feel deeply indebted to you for your  
Christian sympathy, and again has the tears rolled down our  
cheeks - but not <sup>those</sup> of sorrow without hope, thankful  
to our Lord for his comforting hand, blessing his name  
for this instance of his consideration for our eternal  
welfare, as well as present blessing for all his work  
for our good, our present sanctification, soul & body to  
be purified for the glory of Lions King, may his  
name be more firmly placed in our hearts & indelibly

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written in our minds, these shall be made by the finger  
of the Holy Spirit, it is only then that we can be so  
enraptured of ourselves and our own spirit & conformity to  
the world as to lift up ~~our~~<sup>the</sup> ~~right~~ hands that hang  
down. I address the Great Being who doth love our  
world as to give his much loved Son for it and be  
enabled to say by being enlivened 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 my 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 commend 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 works & 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  
lately the same feeling obtained until the  
commencement of the present year, when I have  
had more tolerations & am making considerable  
advances in one of the vernacular languages

of Van Diemans 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 Lordly Day before  
the white man came on the shores - 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 campment - As however  
different and distinct the several languages are the Term  
for this day is the same in all - Pi-a-mil-tha - I hope  
in a Month or two to be master of the 3 principal  
languages - I must mention another word which occurs  
much consideration to my mind - it is the term for  
Nongerma or Great Father - but I must stop <sup>an</sup>

I thank you great <sup>by</sup> for your taking so much trouble  
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 please the Lord in about 3 weeks have to  
forward you the plan which has originated with  
the people themselves, to render them independent  
for 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  
correction & improvement <sup>to</sup> 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 Native &  
the friends of the Aborigines, and render the  
Aboriginal Establishment of Flinders Island  
an Independent and Self Supporting  
Settlement.



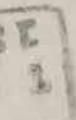
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much in your letter which is of importance I must  
now pass over - it has been a cordial sent to my  
poor heart for which I thank you - I have much  
to inform you of relative to him who has  
arrived & also those that is departing which  
I judge it necessary to inform you of but  
cannot now. Mr & Co unites with me & our best  
wishes & prayers for you & partner & the dear  
little ones - I hope you are enjoy every  
mercy - H. Clark -