

Sturges Island
27 May 1846

My dear Sir

I am just informed that one of the Sealing men's Boats from the Sound is to proceed to Saunceston in a few hours I beg leave to enclose you a communication from the natives relative to the Bible Society which has been formed by the Aborigines. I hope you will not decline the acceptance of their offer to you. I am the Treasurer here, and they intend applying to Capt^r Moriarty to become one of their vice presidents.

The Committee and Secretary's have requested me to beg your advice whether they would request respectfully of his Excellency ^{the Lt. Gov^r} to become the Patron of their infant Society, and if it will meet your approbation.

It has not been communicated to either of the ~~Society's~~ ^{former or present} Superintendants that such a Society is in existence. The Aborigines did not wish it. I have already received about 18³ in skins and 10³ in Cash as Subscriptions and I expect more

Geo. Washington Walker
Capt
Lancaster St.

Very Respectfully

Shortly - I have not time to enter upon
the Subject of the Formation of this
Society - it is called the ^{Flushing} Anonymous Bible
Society - auxiliary to the British and
Foreign Bible Society ^{in London} - The Committee
have also directed me to request of
you to make application in their
name to the ^{same} Robert Towne Bible
Society to be permitted by the latter
to forward thro' them their
Communications to the Parent Society
in London - their Subscriptions list
and other documents, and that whatever
Consignment of books may be forwarded
to the F. B. Society may be directed to
your Care and through the Robert B. S.
I am very much hurried at the present
moment and beg to apologise if there is
any thing obscure in this Communication
The Society was commenced on the first May

of the present year, our hope soon to have
regular meetings, Several of the Mate
aborigines are very desirous for a few Num-
bers of the Abo-^l Soy's Magazine - could
you send them with the other book I
requested to Mr Scotts they would be packed
up with other articles for me - The
families of the Sealing Men are becoming
very interesting about 30 fine children, gene-
rally holy Casts - are a hot tent of furs ^{very} ~~one~~
from Cape of good Hope reside, & is Man
on the Islands - I cannot forward any
observations about the plan for the Governor
by this conveyance - we have no fresh water
yet nor do I think we ever will - the Aborigines
and the Doct are not friendly and the breath is
wondering - the great Deliverer in his merciful
providence is keeping me out of the Males. I feel
for my poor people they are treated as Slaves -
by the Divine blessing I hope to get liberty
to go to Hobart at the end of the year - May
I enquire of you if you remember any thing
about Money left by Mary Anne Artthurs Father

at his decease, which Lieut. Darling received and which
 and it was about the Time you were here. Poor
 Walter & Mary Anne are making enquiry for it now
 as it came to her by right - May I beg the favour
 of a few lines from you if you can spare the
 time my poor Abel rejoice when I tell them I have

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George Washington Wallis Esq
 Liverpool St
 Woblaston

P. Clarke
 27 St. Marks. 1846

W. Darling

a letter from you - you are very dear to them -
 Dist^o Movement told me this Ev^g he intends bringing an
 action for Libel against (Waller) Geo. Arthur on account
 of statements made by the natives in a petition to the Queen
 and if he does!!! said it will be for the white men.
 Mrs Clark smiles with me in best wishes for you & to
 your dear partner - all our family black & white & the
 children are in good health - I hope thro a good Providence
 your babies are prospering true am - Yrs Sincerely P. Clarke