

Flinders Island
13th June 1846

My dear Sir

By the mail which arrived upon the 2nd instant I had the great pleasure of receiving your esteemed favour of 21st Ultimo.

I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the trouble you have taken with the Bibles & relative to the Testaments, they are principally used by the natives. A few months ago I felt desirous of doing something more for my poor black people in their improving situation beside the general course of instruction. And having consulted my dear wife we conceived that forming a Sabbath Evening Scripture class would have a beneficial tendency with the Divine blessing - in the latter end of the past year we therefore commenced with the Males who were learning to read and

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Made some proficiency, we personally invited
5 or 6 every Sabbath evening in rotation, and
those with 3 black children who reside with me
and 3 of my own family for a class of from 12
to 16. Walter & Mary Anne included. We would
have more invited but our room is filled
and my temporal income does not afford me
liberty to expend more even upon this interesting
work at our Evening.

The way in which we spend the evening is
after Sabbath ev^g School in the Square I
invite personally the individuals to my
quarters. They take tea with us, after this the
Scriptures are introduced, from 2 to 4
Chapters are read, Verse after Verse by each
individual. Mr Clark presides and I ~~do~~
occasionally put a question or two, to
each as he reads either in the English
or Native languages as the person under

understands, and when an hour or more is
spent in this manner we sing a Hymn or
two and conclude with supplicating the
Father of Mercies to bless us, to teach us
by His Spirit and lead us to a knowledge
of his revealed will for the forgiveness
of our sins & renewing us into the image of
his dear Son. In parting then adieu to
them home. I hope that the Lord is bless-
ing our little meetings.

In returning my thanks to the ^{Committee of the} Bible
Society of Roberttown will you be so good
as to inform them the way in which their pre-
sent is rendered useful. I could not apply
to the Gov^t and had only to purchase myself
we are in want of some more there is a call
for them, but our own infant Society will
enable us to get them in I hope ⁱⁿ a short
time - Will you therefore be pleased while

Returning the same with my sincere thanks, also
to inform them that the Aborigines of New
Dumouly have desired to express their gratitude
for their present, as the Test. were intended for their
benefit - and also that they now beg leave
to accept of them as a Loan Hoping that
their Bible Committee in the course of the
ensuing year will have it in their power
thro' the Divine blessing to return the
same number of books with grateful
thanks -

I remain dear Sir

Your obedient servant

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