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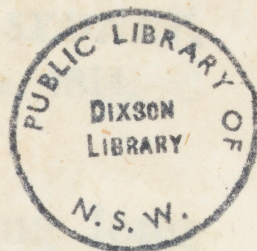
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# Rules and Regulations.

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## GOVERNMENT & GENERAL ORDERS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY,

SATURDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1814.

### CIVIL DEPARTMENT.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR having long viewed, with Sentiments of Commiseration, the very wretched State of the Aborigines of this Country ; and having revolved in his Mind the most probable and promising Means of ameliorating their Condition, has now taken the Resolution to adopt such Measures as appear to him best calculated to effect that Object, and improve the Energies of this innocent, destitute, and unoffending Race.

WITH this Anxiety to make an Experiment so interesting to the Feelings of Humanity, and to endeavour to ascertain how far the *Condition of the Natives* may be improved by the Application of such Means as are within his Power, HIS EXCELLENCY feels that he is making an Acknowledgment to which they are in some Degree entitled, when it is considered that the BRITISH SETTLEMENT in this Country, though necessarily excluding the Natives from many of the natural



Advantages they had previously derived from the animal and other Productions of this Part of the Territory, has never met with any serious or determined Hostility from them, but rather a Disposition to submit peaceably to such Establishments as were necessarily made on the Part of the **BRITISH GOVERNMENT** on the Formation of this Settlement.

WITH a View, therefore, to effect the *Civilization of the Aborigines of New South Wales*, and to render their Habits more domesticated and industrious, **HIS EXCELLENCY** the GOVERNOR, as well from Motives of Humanity as of that Policy which affords a reasonable Hope of producing such an Improvement in their Condition as may eventually contribute to render them not only more happy in themselves, but also in some Degree useful to the Community, has determined to institute a **SCHOOL** for the **EDUCATION** of the **NATIVE CHILDREN** of both **SEXES**, and to assign a **PORTION** of **LAND** for the **OCCUPANCY** and **CULTIVATION** of adult **NATIVES**, under such **RULES** and **REGULATIONS** as appear to **HIM** likely to answer the desired **OBJECTS**; and which are now published for general Information.

*First,* That there shall be a School for the Aborigines of New South Wales, established in the Town of Parramatta; of which **HIS EXCEL-**



LENCY the GOVERNOR is to be Patron, and Mrs. MACQUARIE, Patroness.

*Secondly,* That there shall be a Committee, consisting of seven Gentlemen, for conducting and directing the Institution :—One of the Committee to act as Treasurer and Secretary.

*Thirdly,* That the Institution shall be placed under the immediate Management and Care of Mr. WILLIAM SHELLY, as Superintendant and Principal Instructor.

*Fourthly,* That the main Object of the Institution shall be the Civilization of the Aborigines of both Sexes.

*Fifthly,* That the Expences of the Institution shall be defrayed for the first two Years by Government, in such Manner as the GOVERNOR may deem expedient; but with a View to extend the Benefits of it after that Period, that Subscriptions shall be solicited and received from public Societies and private Individuals.

*Sixthly,* That this Institution shall be an Asylum for the Native Children of both Sexes; but no Child shall be admitted under four, or exceeding seven Years of Age.

*Seventhly,* That the Number of Children, to be admitted in the first Instance, shall not exceed



six Boys and six Girls ; which Numbers shall be afterwards increased, according to Circumstances.

*Eighthly,* That the Children of both Sexes shall be instructed in common, in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic ; That the Boys shall also be instructed in Agriculture, Mechanical Arts, and such common Manufactures as may best suit their Ages, and respective Dispositions ; That the Girls shall also be taught Needle-work ; For all which Purposes, Instructors, properly qualified, will be employed.

*Ninthly,* That the Manager or Superintendant shall have the immediate Care of the Children, the Purchase of Provisions, and of the Materials for employing them, together with the Disposal of the Articles manufactured by the Children.

*Tenthly,* That a Portion of Land shall be located for the Use of adult Natives, who shall be invited and encouraged to cultivate it ; and that such Assistance shall be rendered them for that Purpose by Government, as may be deemed expedient : That the Management and Superintendance thereof shall be also vested in Mr. SHELLY ; and under his immediate Inspection, subject to such Directions as he shall receive from the Committee.

*Eleventhly,* That the Committee shall meet



Quarterly at the Town of Parramatta, on the first Wednesday in each succeeding Quarter, for the Purpose of inspecting and auditing the Quarterly Accounts of the Manager ; and also of examining the Pupils as to their Progress in Civilization, Education, and Morals ; and how far the necessary Attention has been paid to their Diet, Health, and Cleanliness.—That the Committee (which shall at no Time consist of less than FIVE Members) shall have Power to take Cognizance of and correct any existing Abuses, and frame such additional Regulations as may appear necessary for the Improvement and Benefit of the Institution.

*Twelfthly,* That the Committee shall make a written Report of the Result of their Observations and Enquiries, at their Quarterly Meetings, to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, as Patron of the Institution ; and also of such Rules and Regulations as they may deem necessary to frame for the Benefit of the Institution ; which must receive the Sanction of the GOVERNOR previous to their being carried into Effect.

*Thirteenthly,* That the proposed Institution will be opened for the Reception of the prescribed Number of Children, on Wednesday the 18th Day of January next, being the auspicious Anniversary of the Birth of Our Most Gracious QUEEN,



*Fourteenthly,* That no Child, after having been admitted into the Institution, shall be permitted to leave it, or be taken away by any Person whatever (whether Parents or other Relatives), until such Time as the Boys shall have attained the Age of SIXTEEN Years, and the Girls FOURTEEN Years; at which Ages they shall be respectively discharged.

*Fifteenthly,* The undermentioned Gentlemen having expressed their Willingness to forward and promote the Objects of the proposed Institution, HIS EXCELLENCY is pleased to constitute and appoint them (with their own Concurrence) to be the Committee for Conducting and Directing all the Affairs connected therewith.

#### COMMITTEE.

1. JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Esq.
2. D'ARCY WENTWORTH, Esq.
3. WILLIAM REDFERN, Esq.
4. HANNIBAL M'ARTHUR, Esq.
5. The REV. WILLIAM COWPER.
6. The REV. HENRY FULTON.
7. Mr. ROWLAND HASSALL.



HIS EXCELLENCY is further pleased to appoint  
JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Esq. to be Secretary  
and Treasurer of the Institution.

*By Command of His Excellency the Governor,*

JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Secretary.



## GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NOTICE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SYDNEY,

10th DECEMBER, 1814.

THE GOVERNOR wishing to hold a Public CONFERENCE with all those TRIBES of the *Natives of New South Wales* who are in the Habit of resorting to the British Settlements established in this Colony, in Order to make a personal Communication to them on the Subject of the Native School or Institution which HIS EXCELLENCY is now about to establish, requests that they will assemble and meet Him at the Market Place, in the Town of Parramatta, at the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon of Wednesday, the 28th of the present Month of December, that being the next Day after full Moon.

ALL District Constables, and other Peace Officers, are hereby directed to make this Communication known to the Natives residing in, or resorting to their respective Districts, in due Time, to enable them to attend and assemble accordingly.

THE Gentlemen of the Committee, appointed to conduct the Affairs of the Native Institution, are requested to meet HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, on this Occasion, at the Time and Place herein-before mentioned.

BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

*J. T. CAMPBELL, Secretary.*



## Extract of Proclamation,

BEARING DATE THE 4th OF MAY, 1816.


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“ WHEREAS HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, from an anxious Wish to civilize the Aborigines of this Country, so as to make them useful to themselves and the Community, has established a Seminary or Institution at Parramatta, for the Purpose of educating the Male and Female Children of those Natives who might be willing to place them in that Seminary :—HIS EXCELLENCY therefore now earnestly calls upon such Natives as have Children, to embrace so desirable and good an Opportunity of providing for their helpless Offspring, and of having them brought up, clothed, fed, and educated in a Seminary established for such humane and desirable Purposes. And in Furtherance of this Measure, HIS EXCELLENCY deems it expedient to invite a general Friendly Meeting of ALL the Natives residing in the Colony, to take Place at the Town of Parramatta, on Saturday the 28th of December next, at Twelve o’Clock at Noon, at the Public Market Place there, for the Purpose of more fully explaining and pointing out to them the Objects of the Institution referred to, as well as for Consulting with them on the best Means of improving their present Condition.—



On this Occasion, and at this public General Meeting of the Natives, the GOVERNOR will feel happy to Reward such of them as have given Proofs of Industry, and an Inclination to be civilized.

AND the GOVERNOR, wishing that this General Meeting, or Congress of the Friendly Natives, should in future be held annually, directs, that *The 28th Day of December*, in every succeeding Year, shall be considered as fixed for this Purpose, excepting when that Day happens to fall on a Sunday; when the following Day is to be considered as fixed for holding the said Congress."









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