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Bacchus Marsh.

Glennore, Bacchus Marsh,
October 21st - 1849.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting held at Bacchus Marsh, for the purpose of establishing a National School in connexion with your Board, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted,

- 1st That a National school be immediately established at Bacchus Marsh,
- 2nd That Messrs. Griffith, Labilliere, Bacchus, Goodman and Koller be the Local Patrons,
- 3rd That Mr. Griffith be Secretary & Treasurer,
- 4th That a subscription be immediately entered into,
- 5th That Mr. Cook be requested to sell an acre of land for the purpose of a school house being erected on it,

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions a subscription list was opened and a sum of £42 collected in the room,

As many persons who can be counted on as subscribers were not present, there is no doubt that sufficient funds will be collected for the purpose, and I think that we can reckon on a sum of between £70 & £80,

Seeing that there was no probability of a want of funds it was thought advisable to purchase a piece of

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of land from Mr. Crook, as all the land situated in a central position with respect to the population is in the hands of private individuals and therefore it was thought of more importance that the school should be placed in a good position than that the price of the land should be saved.

The Patrons however are desirous that they should not forfeit the ~~land~~ which they understand that they now possess to a grant of 9 acres of Government Land, Pacchus Marsh being beyond the settled districts, and I am anxious to learn what steps should be taken by them to secure that object.

I have further to inform you that the Inhabitants of Pacchus Marsh are so anxious to obtain as soon as possible the advantages of a school in connexion with your Board, that I have been requested to ask whether you would consent to a school being established there, in a building which is at present occupied for that purpose, and which the owner Mr. James is willing to hire, or to give gratuitously as soon as the present occupancy determines, which will be very shortly.

I believe Mr. Rusden has forwarded to you such information as he could collect with reference to the number of children likely to become pupils &c.

This happens to be the busiest time of the year for us shepherds, but ^{soon as} shearing is over, we will endeavour to obtain plans & estimates of the necessary

necessary buildings and to submit them for the approval of your Board,

Have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your ob^d. Servant,

(signed) Charles Griffith,
The Commissioners of the Board
of National Education.

Ed. N.C. B.

*The Board of National Education
Sydney
Local Patrons Bacchus Marsh*

Answer to the preceding Letter, viz.
No. 49/291. National Education office,
Sydney, 8th November 1849.

Sir,

Have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, applying, on the part of certain Local Patrons for aid in the establishment of a National School, at Bacchus Marsh, and forwarding certain resolutions, relating thereto, passed at a public meeting.

2^o In reply I am directed to state that the Board will be happy to cooperate with you in the establishment of the school by all means in their power, consistent with their published regulations.

3^o I beg to enclose for the information of the Local Patrons, Copies,

1st Rules of the Board,

2nd Printed Schedule, to be filled in under the respective headings, & when signed by the Local Patrons, to be returned as addressed to this office,

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- 3rd Printed Circular, (No. 1) on the subject of fees to be received from the parents of Children attending National Schools,
 - 4th Circular (No. 2) with the prices of, and rules to be attended to, in obtaining School Books,
 - 5th Circular (No. 3) as to the guarantee required by the Board of local subscriptions being duly raised,
4. With regard to the land, nine acres, to be reserved for the purposes of an Industrial school hereafter, you will please make a selection of land as an eligible site for this purpose, without the Township, and furnish His Honor, the Superintendent of Port Phillip with a description of the same, with a request that a Grant of the land may be issued to the Board here, for the purposes of National Education,
5. As it appears by your letter that all the land situated in a central position with respect to the population is in the hands of private individuals, and as there is therefore no Government land for which you can apply, eligible as a site for the Elementary school, the Board see no objection to the purchase of two half acres contiguous for the Building site, unless some charitably disposed individual, or member of your Committee may be found willing to make over, in perpetuity, a piece of land for the National school at Bassett's Marsh,
6. In the mean time the Board will not object to the Local Patrons hiring temporary premises, where

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wherein to start the school at once, and will pay two-thirds of the rent, which must be reasonable, and also two-thirds of the cost of the necessary school furniture, provided no moneys are expended on what are termed fixtures.

4. The Board will also grant a minimum salary of £40 per annum, in support of the Teachers of the school, whom the Board contemplate should be a married couple, & I am to enquire if there be any competent persons in the neighbourhood whom the Local Patrons could recommend as competent for the office, the only credentials which the Board would require, would be certificates as to their Competency and Moral Character.

8. It is to be expressly understood that the Board will only grant this aid towards starting the school in temporary premises, but upon the condition that the local building fund must be first raised, & paid into the Bank, in terms of the requirements of the Board's Circular No. 3 herewith sent,

I have the honor to be
Yours

Your most obedient servant,

Charles J. Griffiths Esq. (sup)
Secretary to the local patrons
National School
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W. C. Mills
Secretary

P.S. Please address all Communications on the business of the Board, "The Board of National Education, Sydney" otherwise the postage is charged. W.C.M.

Ed. M.C.M.

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Stemore, Bacchus Marsh,
March 18th 1850,

Gentlemen,

I have delayed writing to you relative to the school at Bacchus Marsh, until I had something definite to communicate,

Three persons have applied for the situation of Schoolmaster, one of whom, Mr. H. J. Ball, seems to me in every respect qualified for it. He is a married man without children and his wife would undertake to act as schoolmistress.

He is very anxious for the appointment and I forward some of his testimonials —

Another person of the name of Bennett has also applied, he has very good testimonials as to character, but does not appear so well educated or so well qualified to act as Schoolmaster. He also is a married man.

A third person named Bingham has also applied and is actually keeping a small school at Bacchus Marsh on the express promise of giving it up in case of any other person being appointed, he is unmarried, and in other respects not, in my opinion, as desirable a person as either of the others.

Should you think fit to appoint Mr. Ball I should suggest your making the appointment at once, or at least, giving a promise of it, as he is living at Geelong & exhausting his small means, but should he receive such a promise he might at once settle himself at Bacchus Marsh

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and commence a school on his own account until matters were in such a state as would enable you to confer on him the appointment and salary which, I understand, you are ready to do as soon as our share of the expenses of building the school-house and Master's dwelling house shall have been lodged in the Union Bank of Australia to your credit, as we can then with your sanction hire a building for the purpose until the regular school house is built.

Some delay in lodging the money has occurred owing to my supposing that the Union Bank of Australia meant the Branch in Melbourne, for upon my making a lodgment of an instalment there, I was informed that the Board had no account there,

Should it not be inconsistent with your other arrangements I should suggest that it would be a convenient course for you to adopt to open an account there for lodgments to be made to the credit of the schools in this District, as it would save the trouble and expense of a double transmission to Sydney and back.

I shall not make any further lodgment until I receive your instructions on this matter.

I had a plan for a school house and Master's dwelling rooms drawn by an architect, Mr. Sandf. but as it was too expensive I had it revised and shall send the revised plan when I

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I receive it from the architect.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Charles G. Griffith.

I send the application and some of the Testimonials of each of the three applicants, so that the Board may be able to see the style of writing & composition of each.

Exd G.C.G.

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Sydney
To the local patrons
Bacchus Marsh

No. 50/188.

National Education Office.

Sydney 10th April 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult., recommending Mr. A. G. Ball for the situation of master of the proposed National school at Bacchus Marsh, and enquiring as to the appropriation of the local subscriptions towards the school building.

2. In reply I have the honor to state, that the Board will be happy to confirm the recommendation of the local patrons, and appoint Mr. Ball, Master of the school at Bacchus Marsh, with the minimum salary

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salary of £40 per annum to take effect from the time of the school coming into operation,
 3. With regard to the local funds I am to state that the local patrons may either repay them on the building, in terms of the Board's Circular No 3, or pay them into the Union Bank at Melbourne, whence they will now be forwarded to Sydney, to the credit of the Board of National Education Building Fund, free of charge - no charge being now made for the transfer to or from any of the Branch Union Banks in the Colony for moneys on account of the Board.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
 (Signed) W. G. Wells,
 Secretary.

C. J. Griffith Esq.
 Secretary
 National School,
 Bacchus Marsh.

P. S. Messrs Bennett & Bingham's
 Testimonials are returned herewith,
 (Signed) W. G. W.

Ed. W. C. G.

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Glenmore, Bacchus Marsh
April 18th 1855.

Gentlemen,

I enclose you a plan for a school house at Bacchus Marsh. The estimate for it without that part marked off by the pencil line is £164, and as that is all that our funds at present enable us to spend, we must do with only two rooms for the master at present.

Should this plan meet with the sanction of your Board, I should feel obliged by having it returned with as little delay as possible.

I should also feel obliged by having the instructions of the Board relative to my suggestion of opening an account at the Union Bank of Australia, Melbourne,

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Charles J. Griffiths.

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Exd. G. C. M.

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No. 50/238.

National Education Office,
Sydney 8th May 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge through the favor of Mr. George Coghill, receipt of your note of the 18th ultimo, enclosing plan for a school house at Bacchus Marsh for the sanction of the Board, and also enquiring as to your former suggestion of opening an account at the Union Bank of Australia, Melbourne.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Board approve of the plan of the proposed school house, which plan I have returned ^{to Mr Coghill} for reconveyance to Bacchus Marsh, as the pressure consequent on sending it by the post would in all probability destroy it.

3. My letter of the 10th ultimo, I apprehend, will be sufficiently explanatory as to the disposal of the Local funds, if it is found more convenient the Local patrons may expend their funds on the Building without transmitting them to Sydney, & after they are so expended, & a certificate signed by a majority of the Local Patrons forwarded to that effect, the Board will send double that amount to Bacchus Marsh, on receiving a similar certificate that the sum asked for from

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from time to time are actually due on account of and expended on the Building. I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant
(Signed) W. C. Miles
Secretary.

C. J. Griffith Esq.
Glennore
Bacchus Marsh
Port-Phillip.

Sgd. W. C. Miles

The Local Patrons Bacchus Marsh
To the Board of National Education Sydney

Bacchus Marsh National School

Glennore, Bacchus Marsh,
June 25th 1850,

Gentlemen,

I received a letter a short time ago from your Secretary informing me that you had approved of the plan for the National School at this place, which I forwarded to Sydney by Mr. George Coskitt, and stating that you had sent down the plan to Melbourne by him. I have since seen that gentleman who says that he never received it, and he supposed

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supposes that it must have been sent to the hotel after he left it.

I should feel obliged by your directing enquiry to be made with reference to it and to have it forwarded as soon as convenient.

Your Secretary also informs me that you have made an arrangement with the Union Bank by which lodgments made at Melbourne will be forwarded free of charge by the branch in that place, and directing me either to retain the money in my hands and apply it to the building, or to forward it in the mode pointed out.

Previous to receiving his letter I had lodged £37 to the credit of the Commissioners in two lodgments of £20 and £17 -

I mention this for fear this sum should be mixed up with other sums remitted from Melbourne, as on my enquiry at the Bank they did not seem to know much about it.

The other sums subscribed I shall retain in my own hands, for the present, as directed by your Secretary.

The schoolmaster whose appointment you approved of (Mr. Ball) has been for some time at work in the hired house which at present serves as a school house, He has a tolerable number of scholars.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Charles J. Griffith

By A.C.G.

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No. 50/356.

National Education Office,
Sydney, 10th July 1850.

The Board of National
Education Sydney
To the Local Patrons
Bacchus Marsh.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, stating that the plan of the proposed National school house for Bacchus Marsh has not reached you, and that you have placed £37 to the credit of the Commissioners in two lodgments of £20 and £17 in the Melbourne Branch Union Bank,

2. In reply I beg to acquaint you that on enquiry at the Royal Hotel I find that the packet containing the plan was omitted to be delivered to Mr. Coghill as directed, and I now beg to forward it by post.

3. I have also made enquiry at the Union Bank here respecting the Money paid by you at Melbourne to the credit of the Board, No such sums have been forwarded, and you had better acquaint the Manager of the Bank at Melbourne accordingly.

4. There will be no objection to Mr. Ball's salary taking date, from the period of your reporting that thirty scholars are in attendance at the temporary school

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school house,

I have the honor to be,

Sr.

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Mills,

Secretary.

To

C. J. Griffith Esq.
Glenmore,
Bacchus Marsh.

Ed. W. C. W.

Glenmore, Bacchus Marsh

July 30. 1855.

Gentlemen

I had the honor to receive recently a letter from your Secretary enclosing the plan of the school house at Bacchus Marsh, which he informs me is approved of by you.

He also mentions having made enquiry at the Union Bank of Australia and finds that £37 lodged at the branch at Melbourne to the credit of our school here had not been remitted to Sydney to be placed to your credit. I have since seen the Manager of the Branch Bank at Melbourne & have taken steps to have this rectified.

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The remainder of the subscriptions here I shall retain in my hands for the present and pay them as they become due for the building of the school which we hope soon to commence.

This I do in compliance with the directions contained in your Secretary's letter of 8th May last. — When we applied for funds to set up the school at Racquet Marsh we were given to understand by your agent, Mr. Burden that there would be no objection to the business of the school being carried on in a building temporarily hired for the purpose until the National School house was ready for the reception of the scholars, & that you would pay the master's salary £50 a year.

On our making a formal application to this effect the local guardians received from your Secretary a formal announcement stating that you had no objection to the school being started in the way alluded to, and undertaking to pay the above named salary, the only proviso being that the fund for the building the school house should be first raised, This proviso has been complied with, and it is therefore with surprise that the local guardians perceive that in the last letter addressed to me, & before alluded to, a new condition is introduced upon which alone it appears that you will consider yourselves justified in paying the Master's salary, namely, upon my giving a certificate that

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Thirty scholars are in attendance at the temporary school house. As no such condition was mentioned in your Secretary's letter of the 8th November 1849, in which the payment of the Teacher's salary of £40 was specifically guaranteed, and as acting on that guarantee, they have engaged a person to act in that capacity with the approbation of your Board, the local guardians hope that it is through inadvertence that it has been introduced in the letter recently received.

The number of children at present on the books of the school is 23, but they seem to be making a very satisfactory progress.

We are much in want of the books a list of which I enclose, and if you would forward them by the next steamer directed to the care of Octavius Browne of Melbourne, I should feel much obliged.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant
(Signed) Charles J. Griffith,
Secretary to the local guardians.

Ed. M. G. W.

I understand from the Schoolmaster that he expects 4 or 5 more scholars next week.

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Copy of List of Books referred to (as enclosed in the preceding letter) viz.

1 doz. First Books

1 doz. Second Books

1 doz. Sequels to 2nd Book.

1 doz. Grammars.

$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Introductions to Geography

3 of No. 3 and 4 reading Books.

Edw. H.C. W.

No. 50/424.

National Education Office.

Sydney, 13th August 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, respecting the Teacher employed in the Temporary school house at Bacchus Marsh, & also requesting certain Books to be forwarded for the use of the school as per list enclosed.

In reply I am instructed to state, that in consideration of their rules not having been sufficiently promulgated, the Board will consent to make an exception thereto in the case of the temporary school at Bacchus Marsh.

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To the local Patron Bacchus
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I am therefore to acquaint you that the
Teacher's salary will be paid by the Board from
the date of your reporting that he was actually
engaged in the duties of the school. At the
same time the Board trust that the attendance
of Children upon the school will exceed 30.
before the close of the present year.

3. In accordance with the Board's
Circular No. 3. payment of the school books
must be made in advance. I am therefore
to state that, on provision being made for
their payment, the Books then will be forwarded
as directed.

May I request to know how the
Teacher wants with his salary to be paid,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant,
(Signed) W. C. Mills.

Secretary.

To,
C. J. Griffith Esq.
Shumore,
Buckley Marsh,

Ejid G.L.Dr

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National School, Bacchus Marsh
16th September 1850.

Gentlemen,

I beg to request that you will be pleased to forward me, the accompanying list of School Books, for the use of this Establishment, being such as are necessary to the present wants of the scholars attending it.

The prices amounting to £1.17.7 being required to be paid in advance by the regulations, you will be pleased to pay out of my salary, now due to me, as specified in the forms enclosed to you. I also beg to authorize hereby, such payment to be made by you on my behalf.

I have further to request that you will be pleased to cause my salary (after the above deduction) to be paid to C. Griffith of the Local Patron of the school on my account.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most ob^l servant,

(Signed) H. J. Ball,

Teacher,

To the Gentlemen,

forming the Board of National Education
Sydney.

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List of Books referred to in the foregoing letter,

2 doz.	First Book of Lessons	—	Pr	3.00
1 doz.	Second	— do. —		6.00
1 doz.	Sequel	— do. —		8.00
1/2 doz.	Third	— do. —		5.00
1	Introduction to the art of Reading	"		10
1/2 doz.	English Grammar	—		3.00
1 Key	to — do	—		3
1/2 doz.	First Book of Arithmetic	—		3.00
1 Key	to do	—		6
1/2 doz.	Introduction to Geography	"		4.00
1/2 doz.	Spelling Books Superadded	"		4.00
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P.S. Should there be a Book of directions for Needlework with specimens (large) I should be obliged by its being sent, as above, to me for the use of Mrs. Ball in the Girls' Department.

Signed, H. G. B.

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No. 50/551.

National Education Office,
Sydney 10th October 1857.

Sir,

I beg to enclose for signature abstract in duplicate for payment of your salary as Teacher of the National school, at Bacchus Marsh, from 13th May to 30th of September inclusively, — this is rendered necessary on account of the Government requiring all salaries to be made out to the close of each month, provided the Teachers are employed to such periods.

The amount £15-7-6 is in cheque in your favor minus £1-16-3 the cost of the Books forwarded per Shamrock on the 2nd Instant and 2/6 carriage of the same, the balance £13-8-9, is therefore payable to you, and I will thank you to acquaint me where Charles James Griffiths Esq. keeps his account should you still wish your salary paid to him on your account. — On enquiry at the Banks I have been informed that no account is kept by Mr Griffiths in Sydney.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

To

Mr H. G. Ball

Teacher of the Natl School

Bacchus Marsh, S. Phillip

Your Most Obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wells,

Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board of
National Education Sydney
To the Teacher of the National
School Bacchus Marsh

Ed. J. C. H.

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National School, Bacchus Marsh,
28th October 1857,

Gentlemen,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the school books as per list sent, with sundry forms and two Register Books by the Mail Cart of the 18th inst.

I have enclosed the vouchers for my salary from 13th of May to 30th September, which please make payable to G. J. Griffith Esq. at the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, in accordance with your letter to me of the 10th October.

The present state of the school is rather fluctuating. I have received in all during my avocations here, thirty-five scholars, out of them, 4 have left the neighbourhood, 13 removed to a Roman Catholic school lately established with a Chapel, & 2 left from sickness.

My present number is 16 and on Monday next I expect to receive 10 more.

The present school house being thought too far for the children on the other end of the Marsh, the attendance will, in all probability, increase from twenty to twenty-five more, (protestants) than the present number, when

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when the new school house is built,
I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
H. G. Ball,

To,
The Board of National Education,
Sydney.

Ed. J. C. Dr.

The Secretary of the Board of
National Education Sydney
To the Teacher of the National
School Bacchus Marsh

No. 50/100,

National Education Office,
Sydney 12th November 1857,

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to transmit
Draft on the Melbourne Bank for the
sum of £13. 8. 9 as requested, in favor of
C. J. Griffith Esq. being balance of salary
due to you as Teacher of the National
school, Bacchus Marsh, to the end of
September last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. C. Mills
Secretary

H. G. Ball,
Teacher of the National school,
Bacchus Marsh.

Ed. J. C. Dr.