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No. 50/628.

National Education Office,  
Sydney, 26<sup>th</sup> November 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> November instant, respecting the application of Mr. J. J. Connor of Hobart for the appointment of Teacher of the Barwon National School, and requesting to be informed if the Board will advance a further sum than that already pledged (£100) towards the erection of the school house,

2. In reply I am instructed to acquaint you that the Board will not object to the appointment of Mr. Connor as Teacher of the National School at Barwon, but, in the first instance the minimum salary £40 per annum is invariably given by the Board towards the support of a Teacher, subject to a Gratuity however, on the recommendation at the end of each year by the Local Patrons,

3. The Board regret that they have no funds at their disposal which they can devote to defraying the expenses of Mr. Connor from Hobart to Port Phillip,

4. With respect to advancing on the sum already pledged towards building the school house, I am to state that, in the absence of the printed Schedule duly filled in under

The Board of National  
Education Sydney  
to the Local Patrons  
National School Barwon

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under the respective headings, the Board are at a loss for information to guide them as to the wants of the District, as to population, &c. I have therefore enclosed a blank schedule in order that you may make formal application for the school, when an opportunity will be afforded of replying specifically thereto.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) W. C. Mills  
Secretary.

John Ross  
Secretary,  
National School, Barrow,

Edw. M. C. Dr.

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Copy of printed application, & plan of the building alluded to in Mr. Ross's letter of 6<sup>th</sup> Novr, 50,

Barrow, Port Phillip,  
11<sup>th</sup> November 1850,

To the Commissioners of the Board of Nat. Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a Boys' and Girls' School under the direction

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of the Board of Nat<sup>l</sup> Education, and being willing to act as Patrons thereof have to request that the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance of the regulations of 18<sup>th</sup> May 1848, be pleased to grant a sum of £120 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £70 in support of the schoolmaster and Vestry and the undersigned hereby engage to conform to such regulations as have been already published by the National Board, and to such as may be hereafter promulgated by their authority.

(signed) G. Armitage

" Thomas Austin

" John Hopkins

" Charles Beal

" John Ross

} Local patrons

Ed. M.C. Jr

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and a sketch of the elevation of the proposed building.

Title & extent of site.

Two acres marked out by order of Mr. Sahib No 9 Section, Parish of Takong, Barron river 7 acres more to be given should the site be found to be without the village reserve.

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Proposed Cost of the Building £180.  
 Sum proposed to be raised by the  
 Local patrons for the Building £60.

## Miscellaneous Observations.

Cannot say positively how many children  
 there are in the neighbourhood, but  
 should imagine there are not less  
 than 40, girls and boys, that would  
 be glad to get to school, or whose parents  
 rather would be glad to have a school to  
 send them to.

Should the school be found to work well  
 it will be found well supported by, I think,  
 all denominations, unless perhaps the High  
 Church party.

(Signed) John Rags  
 Hon. Secretary.

W. H. C. W.

Wormbiti, Barrow River,

11<sup>th</sup> February 1857.

Gentlemen

I had the honor some time  
 back of enclosing you a plan of the proposed  
 school house to be erected at the Barrow,

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By the same post I also sent a letter respecting the application of Mr. Connor for the Mastership of the (said) school, also requesting, if possible, further assistance towards its erection &c, &c, in answer to which letter you intimated your approval of Mr. Connor's appointment &c, and also mentioned the non-arrival of the proposed plan.

On enquiring at the post office I found that it had been mislaid for two or three weeks, but the Postmaster assured me it had since been forwarded.

We only wait intimation of your approval before commencing.

I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedt Servant,  
(Signed) John Ross

The Board of National Education, }  
Sydney, — }

Ed. J. C. W.

No. 57/123,

Nat. Education Office,  
Sydney, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1851

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> February  
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last, and to previous communications requesting requesting an increased grant of money from the Board of National Education, I have the honor, by direction of the Board to acquaint you that in consequence of the separation of the province of Victoria, it is contemplated to constitute a separate Board of National Education at Melbourne. His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip is now in Sydney, and the whole of the correspondence which has taken place between your district and the Sydney District will be handed over to him, whilst therefore you may depend on the amount of assistance already pledged towards the erection of a National school house at Barwon, any application for a further grant of aid had better be reserved for the consideration of the New Board.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

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

J. Rossby  
Secretary  
Nat. School, Barwon

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Bates Ford,

Geelong Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857.

Gentlemen,

In pursuance of resolutions passed at a meeting of those interested in the establishment of a school on the National System, at Batesford in the County of Grant, held there on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1857,

I beg to bring under your notice the accompanying details and plan, and to state that John Seamouth Esq of Batesford (and) Henry Mercer Esq of Batesford, agreed to act as Patrons for the proposed school, (and) the former gentleman also consented to act as Treasurer.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) H. Mercer  
Secretary.

The Board of  
National Education,  
Sydney.

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The local patrons Bates Ford  
To the Board of National Education Sydney

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B. Copy of Printed Schedule enclosed in the preceding letter, viz.

Pate's Ford, Port Phillip,

To the Commissioners of the Board of National Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a Boys' and Girls' school under the direction of the Board of National Education, and being willing to act as Patron thereof, have to request that the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance of the regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1848, be pleased to grant a sum of £90 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of Sixty pounds in support of the schoolmaster & Mistress, and the undersigned hereby engage to conform to such regulations as have been already published by the National Board, and to such as may be hereafter promulgated by their authority.

Signed, J. Henry Mercer, Guelong  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 1850,

John Leasmonth M. D.  
Guelong, 5<sup>th</sup> February 1850,

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and  
A sketch of the elevation of the proposed Buildings,

Copy of important parts of  
the Schedule only.

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Copy of Printed Schedule Continued,

Number of Children in the District in which  
the School is proposed to be erected,

Boys — 22

Girls — 21

Total — 43,

Of which — 24 are Church of England

3 — Presbyterians,

16 — Roman Catholics,

Total = 43 as above.

A Grant from the Messrs. Hope of One  
acre of ground, as the School Site.

Proposed cost of the Building — £135,

Sum proposed to be raised by the local

Patrons for Building — £45,

for the annual support of schools, 6 per week  
for an average attendance of 40 children,  
or £52 per annum.

Miscellaneous Observations, viz.

It is expected that a considerably larger  
number of children will eventually  
attend.

E. J. M. C. M.

The Board of National Education  
 Sydney  
 To the Board of local patrons  
 Batesford

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No. 50/88.

National Education Office,

Sydney 19<sup>th</sup> February 1855.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and printed Schedule, signed by the local Patrons, applying for the establishment of a National school at Batesford, requesting a Grant of Ninety pounds towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to a Plan annexed, and also a further sum of £40 towards the support of the Schoolmaster and Mistress.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Board will be happy to comply with your request, on the land which is proposed to be given by the Messrs. Hope as a school site being conveyed to the Board, and the local subscriptions Fifty-five pounds being paid into the Bank, the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney, to the credit of the "Board of National Education, Building Fund."

No charge will be made for the transfer of moneys from or to any branch of this Bank on account of the Board, of course, if the local Patrons prefer it, they can in lieu of paying the money into the Bank expend the amount on the Building Payments

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on account of the Building will be made from time to time on the Board receiving a certificate signed by a Majority of the Local Patrons, that such amounts are actually due and expended, and I am to request you will state where and to whom moneys are to be paid,

3. The Board desire me to ask if there be any married couple in your neighbourhood whom the local Patrons could recommend to take charge of the school, of course their appointment would be subject to an examination hereafter in accordance with Rule 3, Chapter 3, of the published regulations,

4. May I request, that a sufficient description of the land to be made over to the Board by Messrs. Hope may be forwarded to this Office as soon as possible in order that the Board's Solicitor, Mr. Billyard may prepare the necessary Conveyance,

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant  
(Signed) W. C. Mills  
Secretary.

To,  
J. Henry Mercer Esq.  
Gulong  
Port Phillip.

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J. H. M.

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Colac,

Colac, 14<sup>th</sup> January 1850.

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to inform you that a public meeting having been convened at Colac to take into consideration the practicability of establishing a school on the National system at which Mr. G. W. Rudden presided, the following resolutions were proposed and carried, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> Proposed by Mr. Kettleby and seconded by Mr. McKay.

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that it is desirable that an Elementary school under the National system be established at Colac;

2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed by Mr. W. Naughton and seconded by Mr. Kettleby.

"That the following gentlemen, namely,

Dr. D. E. Stottant, Messrs. John Bell and John McKay be requested to act as a Committee to conduct the necessary arrangements with Government for the establishment of such school, and that they also be requested to become Local Patrons of the school, and that Dr. D. E. Stottant be requested

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"requested to act as secretary and treasurer,"

3<sup>rd</sup> Proposed by Mr. H. Murray and  
seconded by Mr. Leek,

"That a subscription list be now opened  
for contributions to assist in the erection  
of a school house, and that such contributions  
be for the present, under the care of the  
Committee above named,"

4<sup>th</sup> Proposed by Mr. McNaughton and  
seconded by Mr. Hettley,

"That this meeting, having every confidence  
in Mr. Farguar Morrison who has been  
a teacher at Colac for some time, beg to  
suggest to the Local Patrons of the school  
that he should be recommended as Teacher  
on the establishment of a National school  
here,"

We have further to inform you that  
the sum now collected amounts to £50, and  
is in the hands of the Treasurer, Dr. D. E. Stodart.

We the Patrons respectfully request that  
the Board of National Education will confer their  
assistance in the erection of a school building  
(to be built of brick) and salary for schoolmaster  
and also any necessary expence that may be  
incurred in fitting up or furnishing the  
school house. Should the Board grant the aid  
required we have to request the gift of a set of  
school books to initiate the school. the  
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funds at present being inadequate to the purchase of Books,

With regard to the 4<sup>th</sup> Resolution we have to inform the Board that we consider Mr. J. Morrison in every way competent as a Teacher, and respectfully request that he be appointed Schoolmaster,

Awaiting an answer at your earliest convenience,

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient servants,

(Signed) D. E. Stoddart,

John McLeay

John Bell,

The Board of National Education,  
Sydney.

E. J. M. C. M.

Copy of printed Schedule enclosed in the preceding letter, viz.

To the Commissioners of the Board of Nat. Education,

We the undersigned being desirous of establishing a Boys' and Girls' school under the direction of the Board of National Education, and being willing to act as Patrons thereof, have to request that the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance of the regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1848, be pleased to grant a sum of One hundred pounds towards

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the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £40, in support of the school master and the undersigned hereby engage to conform to such regulations as have been already published by the National Board, and to such as may be hereafter promulgated by their authority,

(Signed) J. E. Hodart, Colac, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1850.

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John Bell do do

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, & a sketch of the Elevation of the proposed Building

Number of children in the district in which the proposed building is to be erected.

Boys. — 34

Girls — 26

Total — 60.

Of which — 25 are Church of England

19 " Presbyterians

16 " Roman Catholics,

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Proposed cost of the Building, £150,

Sum raised by local patrons for the building £50,

His Honor the Superintendent by letter 27/12/49 to Local Patrons, Colac, appropriates 1 acre in Section 2 (Suburban lot) for National school purposes,

Copy of important parts of the schedule only.

J. E. Hodart

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No. 50/58,

National Education Office,

Sydney 29<sup>th</sup> January 1857.

Sir,

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I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing a printed schedule signed by the Local Patrons applying for the establishment of a National school at Colac, requesting a grant of One hundred pounds towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to a plan annexed, and also an annual sum of Forty pounds in support of the Schoolmaster,

£50.

I, Sir, reply I am instructed to state that the Board will be happy to comply with your request, and will grant a sum of One hundred pounds towards the erection of the school house, agreeably to the plan, upon the local patrons paying into the <sup>Union</sup> Bank at Melbourne their quota, namely Fifty pounds to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund" (all moneys paid into any of the Branches of the Union Bank of Australia in the Colony, are transmitted to Sydney, and from Sydney free of charge)

£150.

A sum of One hundred and fifty pounds will then be expended by the Board on the school buildings at Colac, and any sums to this amount will be duly forwarded by the Board, on their receiving from the Local Patrons a certificate signed

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signed by a majority of the local patrons, that such amounts are actually due and expended on the Buildings, and I am to request you will state where, and to whom moneys are to be paid from time to time,

3. The Board will also grant a sum of Forty pounds towards the support of the Teacher, and on the recommendation of the local patrons will approve the appointment of Mr. J. Morrison temporarily, but it is more than probable it will be found expedient to appoint a Married couple as Teachers hereafter,

4. The appropriation of the land as a school site being sanctioned by His Honor the Superintendent, the Board see no obstacle to the erection of the school house forthwith,

A first set of Books will be forwarded for the use of the school, on the expense of the carriage for the same being provided for, the necessary prepayment may be forwarded in post office stamps, which would be recognised by the Board as money, and credit given for the same accordingly,

The charge for a parcel to Melbourne is 2/6 and Mr Green the Mail Contractor has liberally offered to forward parcels on account of the Board, free of charge to the various places in the line of his contract;

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Dr. D. C. Godart

Your most Obedt. servant

Secy. to local patrons  
Nat. school, Blae.

(Signed) W. C. Wells, Secretary,

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Lake Colac 30 March 1850.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> Jan'y.

According to your instructions I authorized my agent to pay into the Union Bank, Melbourne, to the credit of the Board of National Education, fifty pounds, which the "Bank" refused to accept, as the Board had opened no account with them. Therefore the Local Patrons request that the Board will inform them what they are to do with the money now in the hands of the Treasurer. The whole of the school building, agreeably to plan, having been contracted for by a tradesman residing at Colac, - to be commenced forthwith - it will be requisite that they, the "Local Patrons," should know something with regard to pecuniary matters, as the Contractor will require to draw for a portion of the money at certain stages of the work.

The Local Patrons would also like to be informed by the Board what their intentions are respecting Mr. St. Morrison, he having been keeping a school here during the last three months, under the impression that he will be allowed a salary

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salary from the beginning of the present year?

I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient  
(Signed) M. C. L. M.  
Secretary.

The Board of  
National Education, Sydney.

E. J. M. C. L. M.

No. 58/199.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 16<sup>th</sup> April 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of  
the Board of National Education to acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
requesting to be informed what the local patrons  
are to do with the Money in the hands of the  
Treasurer, Fifty pounds in consequence of the  
Melbourne Union Bank having refused to  
accept it on account of the Board,  
wishing to be informed respecting the payments  
to be made towards the School Building,  
and further requesting to be informed what the  
Board's intentions are respecting Mr. Morrison  
who has been keeping a school at Lobs during  
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the last three months, under the impression that he will be allowed a salary, from the beginning of the present year.

2. - In reply, I have to acquaint you that the local subscriptions will be forwarded by the Branch Union Bank at Melbourne, by your applying for a Draft made payable to me or J. H. Plunkett by Chairman of the Board, free of any charge, or you can expend fifty pounds on the building, and call upon the Board afterwards for one hundred pounds towards its completion. The payments will be made by the Board by Draft in favor of the Local Patron, who may, by a majority of their signatures, certify from time to time, that the amount asked for is actually expended and due on the Building.

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3. With respect to the salary to Mr. Morrison I am instructed to remark that the Board did not contemplate that his appointment should take effect till the school house is erected, the word temporarily is employed in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 3 of the published Regulations which sets forth that the Board will not sanction the appointment of a teacher "permanently" to any school, unless he or she shall have received a Certificate from them &c, as to their due (qualification

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qualification for the office,  
 At the same time I am to request you  
 will state for the guidance of the Board  
 in Mr. Morrison's case, if he has been  
 and is still otherwise remunerated, what  
 number of children he has had under  
 his care during the time he has  
 kept school at Colac, what is the  
 nature of the temporary school  
 building, and any other particulars  
 which you may consider give him a  
 claim upon the Board.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Mills,

Secretary

D. E. Stodart Esq.

Secretary

Nat. School. Lake Colac

W. C. Mills

Colac, 29<sup>th</sup> April 1850.

Gentlemen,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt  
 of your letters of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> inst.\*

The Local Tithe consider it will save trouble  
 if the Treasurer retains the Money (£50) to be paid to  
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\*Copy of letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. comes after this in page 91.

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the Contractor as the building progresses.

With regard to Mr. Morrison I beg to enclose a report which he has handed to me, and which I believe to be correct in every particular. Previous to the present year

Mr. Morrison was paid at the rate of 9<sup>s</sup> per week, for each scholar. He informs me that the numbers were about the same as at present.

During the whole time, Mr. Morrison has been teaching at Colac, nearly two years.

He has had to pay for the rent of a small slab cottage for a schoolroom, out of his own small earnings until a few days since when the Magistrate allowed him the use of the Police Office.

I have therefore at the desire of the Local Patrons respectfully to request the Board of National Education will kindly take Mr. Morrison's case under their consideration, and, if possible, allow him a salary from the beginning of the present year.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedt. servant,

(Signed) P. Lee Todart,

Secretary.

The Board of  
National Education, Sydney.

Ed. P. L. M.

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Copy of Mr. Morrison's report attached to in the preceding letter. viz.

Colac, 24<sup>th</sup> April 1850,

Number of children attending school since 1<sup>st</sup> January. — Males 18, Females — 7 } 25 Total,

Branches of Education taught,

English reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, English Grammar, Geography, Algebra, Mathematics, Short hand writing, and Latin,

Fees charged weekly, 9<sup>d</sup>.

Amount of Money received for school fees since 1<sup>st</sup> January 1850, £0.6.6. The Parents of the children attending school object to pay fees, being under the impression that the Schoolmaster is paid by the Board of National Education.

(Signed) J. Morrison

Ed. H. C. M.

Copy of letter of the "18<sup>th</sup> inst" recd. & acknowledged by P. E. Stodart, as in the foregoing letter from him, No. 50/201.

National Education Office,

Sydney 18<sup>th</sup> April 1850,

Sir,

Referring to my letter No. 50/199 of date

(16<sup>th</sup> inst)

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16<sup>th</sup> inst. I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of correcting the following error, after the words, "At the same time I am to request you will state for the guidance of the Board in Mr. Morrison's case," instead of "how it has been and is otherwise remunerated," read, "If he has been, and is still otherwise remunerated."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wills

D. Le Stodart Esq,

Secretary,

Secretary,

National School, Lake Colac,

Ed. W. C. W.

No. 50/270.

National Education Office,

Sydney 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> ultimus, with respect to the appropriation of the funds locally raised towards the erection of the proposed school house at Colac, and also respecting the salary and appointment of the

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the Teacher, Mr. Morrison,

2. In reply, I am to state the Board's approval of the expenditure of the funds in the hands of the local patrons, as proposed by them.

3. With regard to the salary of Mr. Morrison I am to inform you that the Board do not feel justified, according to their usual practice, in awarding a salary to a teacher, when the number of scholars attending the school is below thirty.

4. The Board's <sup>approval of the</sup> appointment of Mr. Morrison as Teacher had reference only to the school about to be established, and his salary is accordingly spoken of in the future tense, in the same way as the Board's quota is pledged towards the erection of the school house. No mention having been made in the original application to the Board of the desire of the local patrons to start the school in temporary premises, but on the contrary it is proposed and seconded at the public meeting, "that this meeting having every confidence in Mr. Morrison, who has been a teacher at Colac some time, beg to suggest to the local patrons of the school that he should be recommended as Teacher, on the establishment of a National school here."

The local Patrons' recommendation to the Board is made in accordance with this resolution, —