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5. The Board however, with every desire to meet the views of the local patrons, will be happy to hear from them again, on the subject of Mr. Morrison's salary, and when thirty children are reported to be in attendance, the Board will feel disposed to entertain an application for a retrospective salary to Mr. Morrison.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

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

D. G. Stodart, Esq.  
Secretary to the local patrons,  
National schools, Colac,

Ed. J. C. M.

Colac, 15<sup>th</sup> July 1851,

Gentlemen,

We beg to inform you that the National school building at Colac will be soon completed,

The Treasurer has paid the £50 which he retained in his hands to the Contractor as it became due,

The Contractor is now asking for other £50 which amount is now expended and due

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on the building. We respectfully request therefore the Board will forward a Draft in favor of the Local patrons for this amount (£50).

We again respectfully <sup>beg</sup> to bring under the notice of the Board the subject of Mr. Morrison's salary.

The number of children in the immediate vicinity of Colac, who would attend school were Mr. Morrison's charge less, is between 45 and 50. although not more than 25 are now attending, and some of these not paying Mr. Morrison's charge, many of the Parents pleading inability to pay 9<sup>d</sup> per week.

We therefore respectfully solicit the Board would allow Mr. Morrison a retrospective salary on account solely of the indigent circumstances in which he is now placed.

We have the honor to be  
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servants

(Signed) H. E. Todart

John M. Cair.

The Board of  
National Education  
Sydney

Ed. P. C. M.

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No. 50/386

National Education office,  
Sydney 30<sup>th</sup> July 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. requesting payment of £50 the Board's first instalment towards the erection of the school building at Colac. In reply I beg to forward Draft on the Union Bank, Melbourne, for the amount requested, at the same time I am desired to request that in future the Local Schools will accompany their certificates by that of some competent Tradesman testifying that the work is performed according to contract and in a tradesmanlike manner.

3. With respect to the salary of Mr. Morrison I am to state that the Board do not feel justified in sanctioning a salary to a Teacher where so few Children are under instruction, but they will allow his salary to take date from your report when he is in occupation of the new School house.

E. D. Student

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obt. servant,  
(Signed) W. C. Wells; Secy.

E. D. Student }  
Colac, Port Phillip }

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Colac, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1855.

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to inform you that the National school building is now fully completed and that the work is finished according to contract and in a very satisfactory manner, we beg to enclose a respectable tradesman's Certificate to that effect.

We now therefore respectfully request you will forward to the Secretary a Draft for the remaining £50 to pay the Contractor as also a set of Books for the school directed to the care of Messrs. Archam and Co. Geelong. The Secretary will instruct that Firm to pay any expenses attending the carriage of same.

Mr. Morrison is now in occupation of the school house. We have to <sup>you will inform us</sup> request how and at what periods Mr. Morrison can draw his salary.

You will also perceive that all the money at our disposal has been expended on the building, and that we require a further sum to enable us to enclose the ground, with a fence, to erect a water closet and to purchase forms, desks, &c. &c.

May we expect the Board will meet up

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in their usual way in the event of our  
being able to raise eight or ten pounds for  
the above purpose.

We have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most obt. servants,  
(Signed) M. Macdonald,

The Board of  
National Education,  
Sydney.

J. McCaughey

Ed. N. C. Miles

Copy of tradesman's certificate enclosed in  
the preceding letter, viz.

Colac, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1850.

I, John Rose, Builder at Colac, having  
inspected the National school building at  
the above place, do hereby certify that  
the said Building is now completed  
according to contract, and in a very  
satisfactory and workmanlike manner.

(Signed) John Rose,

Ed. N. C. Miles

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No. 50/528.

National Education office,  
Sydney 4<sup>th</sup> October 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing certificate of the completion of the National School Building at Colac, and requesting payment of £50 balance due on account thereof.

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2. In reply I beg to enclose Draft for the amount requested.

3. I forwarded a set of Books for the use of the school per Shamrock on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant, addressed to the care of Messrs. Strachan & Co. Geelong, as requested, there is a charge of 2/6 thereon for carriage, which was necessary to be paid here.

4. Mr. Morrison may receive his salary monthly or Quarterly, by filling in the accompanying abstracts, each abstract for salary due to be forwarded in duplicate to this office, filled in and signed as directed. Mr. Morrison will please advise me where  
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and to whom I am to pay money on his account, as a general rule the Board expect the minimum number of children (30) should be in actual attendance upon the school before they allow a Teacher's salary to take date.

5. The Board will not object to contribute twenty pounds for the erection of a water closet and the purchase of school furniture, provided other Ten pounds are raised locally towards these objects.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant  
(Signed) W. C. Wills  
Secretary

D. E. Spodart Esq.  
Secretary  
National school, Colac.

Ed. M. C. W.

Colac, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1850

Sir,  
I beg leave to request the favor of your sending me a supply of books for the use of the children attending Colac National school, as follows.

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10 First book of Lessons	@ 7p	£ 1-3
5 Second book	@ 6	2-6
12 Third	@ 10	10-0
8 Fourth	@ 1/6	8-0
6 English Grammar	@ 6	3-0
6 First book of Arithmetic	@ 6	3-0
		<u>£ 1-7-9</u>

I also beg leave to request that you will deduct the above sum of One pound seven shillings and nine pence from the amount of salary due to me in order to avoid the trouble and expense of remitting money by post.

I remain, Sir,

your obedient servant

(Signed)

J. Morrison,

Schoolmaster

W. G. Weir Esq.

Secretary to the Board  
of National Education,  
Sydney.

Ed. P. C. M.

Note. The above were subsequently sent,

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No. 51/29.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 17<sup>th</sup> January 1851.

Sir,

Herewith I beg to forward Draft on  
the Union Bank Melbourne for £13-6-8 your  
salary from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> Decr. 1850.

I have not deducted the amount for books  
sent in accordance with your letter of the  
28<sup>th</sup> of October last. Be so good as to  
acknowledge the receipt of them and cheque  
me in the accounts for the same, and I  
can deduct the amount from your  
present salary.

I have the honor to be,

Yours &c.

(Signed) W. C. Mills  
Secretary

Mr J. Morrison,  
Nat School Colac, P.P. }

Ed. M. W.

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No. 51/115.

National Education office,  
Sydney 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1851.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, acquainting me that you have not as yet received the books sent in accordance with your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> October last,

2. In reply I beg to inform you, that in consequence of the loss of the Parcel's receipt book, by the Messenger of this Establishment, I am unable to give you the date of sending the parcel by the Shamrock, or the exact address thereon, but they (the Books) were addressed either to the Care of E. N. Green & Co. Mail Contractor, Melbourne, or to the Care of Messrs. Strachan & Co. Geelong.

3. Will you therefore do me the favor of making enquiry at both places (should the Books not have come to hand) whether such a parcel has been received, it will  
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be addressed to you, to the care of one or the other, may I further request you will acquaint me with the result of your enquiries.

I have the honor to be,

Your Most Obedt Servant  
(Signed) W. C. Wiles,  
Secretary.

W. F. Morrison,  
National School,  
Colac, Port Phillip }

Ed. A. C. M.

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# Grange,

The following is a copy of the printed Schedule received from the local patrons, of the school proposed to be established at the Grange, - viz,

Grange 12<sup>th</sup> August 1850

To the Commissioners of the Board of National 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 £100 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £40 in support of the Schoolmaster 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

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hereafter promulgated by their authority,  
 (Signed) Acheson Trench  
 " G. Napier Craig  
 " William Malcolm,  
 " A. Punnamtyne Craig  
 " R. Savage,  
 Secretary.

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

Number of children in the District in which  
 the school is proposed to be erected,

Boys 31

Girls 28

Total 59

Of which 10 are Church of England,

22 " Presbyterians

27 " Roman Catholics

Total 59

#### School Site.

Two half-acre lots 1 & 20 of Section 9, reserved  
 for the schools in the Township at the Grange.

Proposed Cost of the Building £150

Sum proposed to be raised by L. patrons for building £50

A person here has offered to build a school house  
 according to the accompanying plan for £150.

Copy of important parts of  
 the schedule only

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No. 50/154.National Education Office,  
Sydney 26<sup>th</sup> August 1857.

Sir.

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your printed Schedule, duly signed and filled in under the respective headings, applying on the part of yourself as Secretary and certain other Gentlemen, as Local Patrons for the establishment of a National School at the Grange, Port Phillip, requesting a grant of £100 from the Board, towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to a plan annexed, also a further annual sum of £40 in support of a Teacher, and describing two half acres of land as an eligible site for the school house.

2. In reply I am instructed to state that the Board will be happy to grant the sums applied for, conditionally that £50 be first locally raised, and paid into the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney, to the credit of the Board of National Education Building Fund, or actually expended on the proposed school building by the Local Patrons, in terms of the regulations published by

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by the Board in their Circular No. 3, (Copy enclosed)

3. In the mean time the land selected by the local patrons will be applied for from the Government, to be authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of National Education, the result of the application will be duly reported,

4. I beg to enclose for the information of the local patrons a sketch of a school house, and furniture, adapted for the system of National Education.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) W. C. Wells

Secretary.

R. Savage Esq,  
Secretary, National school,  
Grange, Port Phillip

Ed. W. C. Wells

Grange, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1850.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo which I have laid before the other patrons.

With regard to the plan forwarded for our  
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information, our opinion is that it is not adapted to the present wants of this District for the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup> There will not, for some years to come, be a sufficient number of children to employ both a Master and Mistress to teach the Boys and Girls separate, and 2<sup>nd</sup> In the plan forwarded by the Board, there is no accommodation for Boarders, which we consider very necessary for the advantageous working of the system in accordance with observation 6 page 13. of the Regulations.

Unless some rooms are provided for the use of the Master, and for the Children to sleep in, we could not expect the Master to take boarders at a rate sufficiently low to enable shepherds and persons of that class to send their children, and the number of persons living near enough to send their children as day scholars, is comparatively small, — and it would also be an inducement for a respectable married man to take the situation, whose wife could take care of the Boarders and teach the girls needlework.

Will you have the goodness to acquaint me with the opinion of the Board on these matters, and also if the Board will increase

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the sum applied for, £100. if we expend more than £50 on the building, the money now subscribed amounts to £60, and is likely to be increased, as many persons are settling in the neighborhood.

I have the honor to be,

Sr.

Your obedient servant,

W. C. Miles Esq.

Secretary,

Board of Nat. Education,

Sydney.

(Signed) R. Savage

Ed. G. C. G.

No. 50/538.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 14<sup>th</sup> October 1850,

Sr.

I have had the honor to receive and to lay before the Board of National Education, your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo, requesting to be informed of the Board's opinion respecting the matters therein contained, relative to the establishment of the proposed National school at the Grange.

In reply I am desired to acquaint you that

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that the Board are not anxious that the plan forwarded for the information of the local patrons, should be strictly adhered to, (and perhaps some better arrangement can be made to meet the exigencies of your neighbourhood, they have therefore not contemplated in the lithographed plan any accommodation for Boarding children, and I am to state that this is a matter which must be left entirely to the discretion of the local patrons, as the funds at the disposal of the Board are not voted for Boarding, but for Educating children.

3. In the mean time I am to impress upon the local patrons the limited funds at the disposal of the Board, and therefore their inability to pledge, in justice to other localities, an unusual amount for the school house at the Grange. Still with every desire to meet the wishes of the local patrons, the Board will increase the amount formerly promised, and grant a sum of one hundred & forty pounds towards the Building, being double the amount already locally subscribed. I have the honor to be

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Sir,  
 your Most Obedt<sup>t</sup> servant  
 (Signed) W.C. Wells  
 Secretary

Ed. M. G. P.

A. Savage Esq.  
 The Grange, Port Phillip

No. 50/550.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 10<sup>th</sup> October 1850.

Sir,

In indexing my letter Book for the past week, I have discovered an error in my letter No. 538 addressed to you on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant which error I hasten to correct,

2. The Board's instructions to me were, to acquaint the local patrons at the Grange of their willingness to increase the original amount promised towards the school building from £100 to double the amount already in the hands of the local patrons (£60). The Board's quota for this object will therefore be £120 and not £110 as erroneously stated in my letter above referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

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

R. Savage Esq.  
Grange  
Port Phillip

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Copy of printed Schedule, &amp;c,

To the Commissioners of the Board of  
National Education.October 18<sup>th</sup> 1844.

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 £100,  
towards the erection of a school house, agreeably  
to the annexed plan, and also a further  
annual sum of £50 in support of the  
schoolmaster and £40 in support of the  
schoolmistress, 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. M. Trainor, Secy.

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The fountionered Patrons respectfully request that the Honorable the Commissioners will obtain from Government the two half acres which will be necessary as a site for the schoolroom, and also a reserve of nine acres for a Normal school.

If it be not competent for the Commissioners to apply for the said ground, your patrons trust ye will send them such information as will enable themselves so to do,

(Signed) J. R. Trauner,

Secretary.

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

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

Boys — 148 } 292 Total.  
Girls — 144 }

of which — 70 are Church of England

— 31 — Presbyterians

— 191 — Roman Catholics

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(Of the 292 Children in the District there are in the Township within  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a Mile of the proposed school 147 in the following proportions,

Roman Catholics 68

Episcopalian — 59

Presbyterians — 20

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The remaining 117 are within a circuit of 3 miles of the proposed school, of which  $\frac{1}{20}$  are Roman Catholics.

School site.

A grant of half an acre is expected from the Crown for each school in the New South Downships upon which the Surveyors are at work just now.

Proposed Cost of the Building.

Boys' school 75 £, Girls' school £45.

Sum proposed to be raised by the Local Patrons for the building — £50.

For the annual support of school — £100.

E. M. C. M.

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National Education Office,  
Sydney 8<sup>th</sup> November 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of a printed schedule signed by yourself, and four other Local Patrons, applying for

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for aid in the Establishment of a <sup>National</sup> school  
at Kilmore,

2. In reply, I am desired to state that the Board will be happy to cooperate with the Inhabitants of Kilmore in the establishment of a school by all means in their power consistent with the published Regulations.

3. I beg to enclose Copies.

1<sup>st</sup> Rules of the Board

2<sup>nd</sup> Printed Schedule of application

3<sup>rd</sup> Circulars Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively,  
for the information and guidance of the local patrons.

4. The Board do not feel justified in granting a larger sum, in the first instance, towards the support of Teachers of a school than the minimum salary of forty pounds per annum, subject to a gratuity at the end of the year, in accordance with rule 5, Chapter 3 of the printed Regulations.

5. The Teachers of a National School the Board contemplate to be a married couple, and I am to enquire if there be any persons in your neighbourhood whom the local patrons  
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could recommend as eligible for the office,

6. With regard to the land, I am desired to state that the mode of application for this will be from the Local Patrons to His Honor the Superintendent of Post Phillip, to whom you will forward a sufficient description of the allotments to enable the Surveyor of the District to report thereon, in order that a grant of the same may be issued to the Board for the purposes of National Education, and which you will respectfully request may be done.

£100

7. The Board will then contribute the amount applied for, namely One hundred pounds, as their share of the money towards the erection of the school House, the local Patrons having first paid their quota, fifty pounds into the Bank, in terms of the Board's printed Circular No 3, herewith sent.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your Obedient servant,  
(Signed) W. C. Wells

J. R. Daines Esq. } Secretary,  
Secretary to the local patrons }  
National School }  
Melrose }

Ed. J. C. M.

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Pascoeval, (1857)

Pascoeval, Morness Pond,  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am desired by the Patrons (named at a meeting lately held at the Morness Pond near Melbourne) of an incipient school on the National school society's plan to apply to you respecting the mode of acting preparatory to the founding the school house, Class room, &c. &c.

The Rules handed to the Patrons by Mr. Rusden, state that the money must be paid into the Union Bank to the credit of the Commissioners of the National school,

I presume this rule applied to the Middle district and would not work well here.

There has been collected nearly Eighty pounds, we expect to collect in all <sup>about</sup> £100. say One hundred pounds of which some twelve to twenty pounds will be required for Books, forms, desks, &c.

The school, it is intended, shall be for Boys and Girls in separate rooms, say 26 feet Boys 22 feet Girls, by sixteen feet in the clear, a class room for religious purposes, and Bed room