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receipt of your letter of the 7th inst-ant, enclosing certificate duly signed by the local patrons, of the actual expenditure of £46.13.4 on the National School Building at Wannon, and requesting that that sum may be placed to the credit of the Contractor Francis Woodhouse, in the Union Bank of Australia, Melbourne,

2. In reply I am instructed by the Board to enclose draft for the amount requested, (as is the practice of the Board) in favor of the local patrons, instead of the contractor, and I am to express a hope that this mode of payment will not be found inconvenient,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most-obl. servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wiles

Secretary,

New Waterman Esq,
Secretary to the local patrons,
National School, Wannon.

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Wannon Natl School Post Phillip

14th November 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the local patrons of the above school to acknowledge (the

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the receipt of your letter to them dated "Sydney
5th October 1850" enclosing copy of letter from
Mr. W. T. Brownbill, dated "Rungwee Run, Warran
River, October 18th 1850" applying to the Board
for the appointment of teacher to this school,
(and the Board stating they saw no objection
to such appointment provided the local patrons
upon enquiry thought fit to recommend him,

I am directed by the local patrons
to inform the Board that, on enquiry, the inhabi-
-tants of this village (and the neighbourhood) desire
the teacher to be a married man in consequence
of the number of female children. The local
patrons therefore beg to decline recommending
Mr. W. T. Brownbill in consequence of his being
unmarried.

An advertisement for a married couple
duly qualified will appear in the Port Phillip
journals by order of the local patrons, and
should they fail in obtaining a party suitable
they will feel obliged to the Board to send a
married teacher, if possible, from the training
school in Sydney on further application.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. Servant
(Signed) Henry Waterman,
Secretary,

W. C. Miles Esq.
Secretary, &c. &c.

H. W. C. M.

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Wannon National school
Port Phillip
8th November 1850.

Sir

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I have the honor by direction of the Local Patrons, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 50/58, dated "Sydney 24th Octr. 50" enclosing draft for the sum of forty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, on the Union Bank of Australia, Melbourne; in favor of the local patrons.

I am directed to state that this mode of payment is by no means inconvenient, and the local patrons beg to return their thanks.

The school-house is rapidly progressing.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. servant,
(Signed) Henry Waterman,

Secretary }
to National Education Board }
Sydney }
Secretary to }
the Local Patrons }

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No. 50/597.

National Education Office.

Sydney 11th November 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, transcribed on the other side, copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter, sanctioning the appropriation of land, as a school site at Wannoo.

28th October 1850

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Willis

Secretary.

Henry Waterman Esq. }
Secretary. }
Nat. School, Wannoo. }
Port Phillip. }

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Wannoo National School, Port Phillip.

3rd January 1851.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the local patrons of the National school to enclosing you the following, viz.

1. Duplicate vouchers, duly signed off payment

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of the sum of £116. 13. 4 being 1/3 of £140 towards the building of the above school,

2. Letter from Local Patrons to Board of National Education, Sydney, recommending Mr. Tom Aston as competent to fill the office of teacher,

3. Letter from the Rev. John Gore in favor of Mr. Tom Aston,

I am directed to announce the death of Mr. John Walker and Mr. Badden two of the local patrons, which sad events took place about a month ago.

Mr. McKellar has resigned his office as local patron, so that four only now remain viz. Messrs. Riley, Lockhart, Philip, and Waterman.

Is it necessary that those vacancies should be filled up?

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) Henry Waterman,

W. C. Willis Esq. } Secretary to the
Secretary to } local patrons.
Board of Natl. Education.)

P. S. We shall be prepared to receive the school books as soon as it is convenient to you to forward them, —

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Wannon National school,

Port Phillip. 3rd January 1851.

Gentlemen,

The undersigned local patrons
of the Wannon National school beg most
respectfully to recommend Mr. Wm. Aston of
the Wardy Yallock, Port Phillip, as a person
well qualified to fill the office of teacher to the
above school, and to request you will be pleased
to appoint him to the same.

(Signed) George D. Lockhart

" John Philip.

Jr.

Henry Waterman

The Board of National Education
Sydney

Ed. M. W.

No. 51/60.

National Education office.

Sydney 1st February 1851.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the
Board of National Education to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 3rd January last,
recommending, on the part of the local patrons
Mr. William Aston for the situation of teacher at

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the Wannan National school, and announcing the death of two of the local patrons,

2. In reply I am instructed to state that the Board see no objection to the appointment of Mr. Aston, his salary at the rate of £110 per annum to take date, from the period when the school is in operation in the New school house,

3. There is no actual necessity for filling up the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Walker and Cadden,

4. I have forwarded a first set of school Books by the Shamrock steamer today.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obt. servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wills

Secretary

Henry Waterman Esq.

Secretary

National School, Wannan.

Ed. M. P.

No. 51/68,

National Education Office,

Sydney, 5th February 1851

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that I forwarded a

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set of National School books addressed to you
for the use of the Wannon National school, per
Steamer "Shamrock" to Melbourne to the care of
Mr. Green, Mail Contractor, on the 1st inst.

2. Should Mr. Green not have the contract
for the mails this year you will please
procure the parcel from him, hitherto
thru' the kindness of Mr. Green, the Board
have been enabled to deliver parcels in the
Port Phillip District free of charge for
land carriage.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wills

Secretary.

Henry Waterman & Co. }
National school. }
Wannon, Port Phillip. }

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Warnambool.

Warnambool, 3rd Jan'y, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of Local Patrons appointed at a public meeting held at Warnambool on the 28th of December ultimo, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps for establishing in the township a Boys and a Girls' school in connection with the Board of National Education to transmit the documents as per margin, for the information of the Board, and as there are several particulars in which circumstances connected with the establishment of these schools, differ from many other places in which the Board have schools established, it may be necessary to inform them of the exact position in which matters stand in reference to the existing School house.

The School house at Warnambool is a substantial stone building 30 feet in length by 20 feet in breadth, the walls which are 18 inches thick, being 12 feet in height from the foundation, and 11 feet from the floor to the top, and cost together with a few articles of school-furniture, as near as the Local
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1. Application for school according to forms

2. Extract from Mr. Lathrop's letter dated 22nd 1848.

3. List of parents & guardians

4. Belfast Gazette news-paper giving proceedings of meeting.

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Districts have been able to ascertain, &c. —

It was built by public subscription on Government ground, and the only tenure for it, is Mr. Labadie's letter of the 22nd May 1848, a copy of which I beg leave to append, and there being no place of worship in the town at the time of its erection; the subscription list was prefaced by the words, "For building a school house, to be also used as a place of worship for Protestants of all Denominations, and to be managed by a Committee elected by the subscribers." Though the building was thus restricted as a place of worship to Protestants alone yet as a school house it was to be open to Roman Catholics also, all the families of that persuasion in the Township having subscribed towards it and having had their children constantly attending the school,

The building was opened as a schoolhouse on the 22nd May last, but, not being connected with any particular denomination of Christians, it, of course, receives no Government support, and the magnanimity of the parents of children, as the Board will observe from the accompanying list of Parents' and Guardians' names exhibiting the number of children in each family, being persons in very humble and straitened circumstances, many of them are unable to maintain their children in an unsupported school, and those who have hitherto

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continued to do so, can ill afford the expense.

Nearly a year ago the Committee of management applied to the Board of National Education, through His Honor the Superintendent, for assistance towards the school, but the Commissioners having signified their resolution not to dispense with the clause in their Regulations which prohibits the performance of Divine Service in any of their schools, the Committee was compelled to decline any pecuniary assistance, as, at that time, there was no other place of worship than the school house, at Warrumbool.

The case is now however materially altered, the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics have each a place of worship, and the Presbyterians are in course of erecting one, still as there are found in every community persons who will endeavour to frustrate the best designs and the most beneficial intentions, as it is in this instance, some two or three individuals, subscribers for the erection of the Schoolhouse, though even belonging to a Denomination already provided with a place of worship, endeavour to maintain their right to the school as a place of worship also. It is hoped however that the great majority of the subscribers, and the majority of the Committee of Management, together with the consent of the Government to transfer to the Commissioners the allotment of ground upon which the building is erected, will be sufficient to establish the National school at Warrumbool.

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The proceedings of the public meeting alluded to, have been forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent, simultaneous with this application. In the mean-while I am directed by the Local Patrons to request information from the Commissioners on the following points, viz.

1st What steps are necessary to be taken by the Local Patrons or by the present Committee of Management of the school house, in order to hand over the building to the Commissioners.

2nd Will the Commissioners themselves obtain from the Government the allotment of ground upon which the schoolhouse is erected, and a description of which is inserted in the printed form herewith transmitted, or are there any and what steps may be necessary (for the Local Patrons or the Committee) to be taken in order to obtain for the Commissioners the allotment of ground in question.

3rd In what manner do the Commissioners wish to ascertain the value of the existing school house, whether by actual valuation by persons appointed for that purpose, or by producing documentary proof of the actual expenditure incurred in the building.

The Local Patrons consulted Mr. Pender in reference to these points, and he advised that the Committee of Management, acting for themselves and for the subscribers, should formally deliver over the school house to the Local Patrons, and that the Commissioners would themselves apply to the

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Government for the allotment of ground whereon the building is erected. Should the Commissioners deem such a mode of procedure sufficient, it can at once be adopted.

4th. To whom will the Commissioners entrust their quota of the expenditure, and who are the parties to enter into contracts for the increased accommodation required, as well as for the Master's & Mistress' dwelling, (and in what manner will the contractors be paid?

With reference to the amount of salaries solicited by the Patrons for the Schoolmaster and Mistress, they beg leave to state in explanation that, as it is proposed (with the consent of the Board) to have both schools as well as the Religious Instruction Room, and the Master's and Mistress' dwelling under one roof, the general management and most of the responsibility and trouble will fall to the share of the Master, under whose immediate charge even such girls as are not required to be engaged in branches exclusively suitable for females, are intended to be placed, so that the duties intended to devolve on the Mistress will principally consist of teaching needlework and such other branches of female education as could not be taught by a Master. — Under these circumstances the Local Patrons respectfully hope that the Commissioners will feel themselves justified in awarding

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awarding to the Master the full amt. solicited,
 The inability of Parents generally, to
 contribute fees to any considerable ^{amount} is also a
 principal reason for making the fixed amount of
 salary to the Master, as considerable as possible.

The maximum amount sought for both
 Master and Mistress (£115) will give but
 £1.9.6 per head, per annum for each scholar
 already engaged to attend the schools, every
 individual increase on that number, (and which
 the Local Patrons are satisfied will, in a short
 time be considerable,) will diminish even
 that expense still less and less per head.

The Board will also observe that the
 concentration of the two schools will effect a
 considerable saving both in land and in the
 expense of building, as one Religious Instruction
 Room will suffice for both, and as the outer
 wall of one will become available for a part of
 the other, as well as for a part of the Master
 and Mistress' dwelling, and as one allotment
 instead of two, will be ample. — In fact
 the allotment upon which the present school
 house is erected, is the only one within a
 considerable distance which remains at the
 disposal of the Government.

Finally I am directed to express the earnest
 hopes of the Local Patrons, that a girls as well as
 a Boys school may be granted for the Township

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of Warranbool, as indeed the one is required fully as much as the other, and will be fully as well attended. There are now in the Township a very considerable number of young girls nearly emerging into womanhood, who from having hitherto lived with their Parents in the interior, are totally deficient in the useful and necessary branches of female education, and who, (if they do not receive those advantages within the next year or two) must for ever remain without them.

As soon as the Commissioners shall signify their pleasure, the Board of Local Patrons will be prepared specially to recommend both a Schoolmaster and mistress to the favorable consideration of the Board.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obt. servant,
(Signed) J. Macdonald,

To,

The Secretary of
the Board of Natl. Education

Secretary to the
Board of Patrons,

E. J. P. C. R.

The following is a Copy of "Extract" from Mr. Latrobe's letter of 22nd May 1848 alluded to in the foregoing letter.

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Superintendent's Office,
Melbourne, 22nd May 1848.

(Extracted.)

"With reference to the second request for the grant of a suitable piece of land in the Township of Warrambool on which the inhabitants propose to erect at their own expense a building which will be occupied on week days as a Protestant school, and on the Sabbath, as a place of worship, for Protestants of all denominations, I regret to say that while there could be no obstacle in the way of His Excellency's entertaining any application from the Members of any of the Protestant communities, for a grant of land as a site for a school and Church if presented conformably with the Regulations, it is, I fear, not in His Excellency's power to make a grant of the precise character you point out.

Still the object is of so much importance that I could desire to see it promoted as far as may be possible, and, therefore, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, I shall sanction the temporary occupation of one of the allotments reserved from present sale, say allotment 13 in Block 6, or as much of it as may be required as a site for a school house for the use of the inhabitants, with, however, the clear understanding that no permanent right of occupation for this or any other

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purpose is given to any party or individual,
and that the site must be surrendered whenever
it may be required."

Exhibit C. 1850

I have &c &c,
(Signed) C. J. Latrobe

("True Extract")
(Signed) J. Macdonald,
Secretary to the Board of Patrons.

Here follows a list of the Parents & Guardians' names
to the number of 34, and number of children 78.

Copy of printed form of application, viz,

Warranbool, 3rd January 1850.

To the Commissioners of the Board of National Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a
Boys' & a Girls' school under the direction of the Board
of National Education, and being willing to act in
pursuance thereof, have to request that the Board of
Commissioners will, in pursuance of the
Regulations of 10th May 1848, be pleased to grant
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to double whatever the existing school cost, or may be valued at

For the Master £15.
For the Mistress 110
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a sum of £220^s toward, the erection of a schoolhouse agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £115^s in support of the schoolmaster and 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) Wm. Keith

Richd. Osborne

" J. Boulton

" John Manning

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

No. of children in the district in which the proposed school is to be erected,

Boys	Girls	Total
38	40	78

- 16 are Church of England,
- 37 Presbyterians,
- 6 Wesleyans,
- 15 Roman Catholics,
- 4 of other denominations

Extent of the proposed site of the building, 1/2 acre, being allotment No. 11 of block or section 6, having a frontage of 165 feet to Danigan street, & 132 feet to Limor st., in the Township of Wannambool,

(Signed)

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Proposed cost of the building,
 Boys' school £165; Girls' school £165
 including Religious instruction room and Master
 and Mistress' dwelling,

Sum proposed to be raised by the Local
 patrons, for the building, £110, or the actual
 cost of the building already erected, or such value
 as may be put upon it,

Sum proposed to be raised by the local patrons
 for the annual support of the schools,

This cannot at present be exactly
 ascertained, but it may be averaged at 2
 or 3 per week for each scholar say £34 or
 £50-14 for both schools,

Miscellaneous Observations,

The number of children (78) here given
 is exclusive of about a dozen children who
 live within one or two miles of town, and to
 whom the schools would be available, and
 exclusive also of about a dozen children of
 German emigrants who are now on their way
 to Warranboro and daily expected.

E. H. C. P.

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Warranbool, 7th January 1850

Gentlemen,

"The undersigned subscribers towards the erection of a building to be used as a school house and a place of worship at Warranbool, consider it their duty to lay before your Board the following particulars, viz, That a subscription list, headed "List of subscriptions towards the erection of a school house at Warranbool, to be also used as a place of public worship for Protestants of all denominations and to be managed by a Committee elected by the subscribers," was adopted.

That on the 11th June 1848 (a number of subscriptions being obtained) a meeting of the subscribers was held at "the Warranbool Hotel" when a Committee was ^{duly} elected and authorized to collect further subscriptions which ultimately amounted to nearly £100. Application had been previously made to his Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip for a site on which to erect the building, the following extract from His Honor's reply will show the tenure and purposes for which the site was then granted by him:

(Here follows a copy of the Extract from the Superintendent's letter No. 48/343 of date 22nd May 1848, being the same as that on page 309, which see.)

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The building was accordingly erected on the allotment specified, and used on Sabbath also as a place of worship by Protestants of all denominations, and as a Sunday school, and during the week as a day school.

Soon after the Episcopalian body erected a temporary building for their own use, and left (except as a matter of right) the use of the building to the other denominations who continue to use it.

The day school being opened, the limited attendance of pupils, induces an application to be made to Government, for pecuniary assistance to the schoolmaster, to which His Honor, the Superintendent forwarded the reply of your Board, declining such aid, from the fact of the Building being used "on Sunday as a place of worship" and being contrary to Rule No. 3 Chapter 5, but exhorts the school Committee see proper to abandon the intention of using the school house for any other purpose but that of Education" your Board offer "to cooperate with them in the establishment of a Natl. school at Warranbool, which offer the Committee considered at the time could not, in justice be accepted by them, being an infringement of the state intention for which the subscriptions were raised,

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In furtherance of this object Mr. Reeder is deputed from your Board, to visit Warranboul, and at a meeting held at the school house on the 28th of December last certain subscribers agree to give up the building, without reference to the undersigned, who protest against such transfer, and those subscribers assuming to themselves the right of conveying the Building to your Board, as being contrary to the purposes for which the undersigned subscribed, and to the specified objects in the heading of the List of Contributions for its erection,

In justice to the school Committee it may be necessary to inform your Board, that unanimity does not exist in reference to the transfer of the Building, but those opposed, and also the undersigned (with one or two exceptions) are highly favorable to the system adopted by the National Education Board, and in earnest of which will, to the utmost of their ability, subscribe towards the erection of a distinct building, for the purpose of a school house, under the system and direction of the Board of National Education,

Signed, S. M. Knight

" James Peter

" John Hoag

" Tho^s Dennis

Gilbert Nicol

L. W. Thompson

Hugh Lindsay

Joseph Dobson

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(Signed)

Henry Horn

J. P. Stevens

W. L. Stevens

Thomas Mansfield

To,
The Board of
National Education,
Sydney

Ed. M. L. M.

Warraumbool 13th Jan'y. 1850.

Sir

Since the transmission of our application to the Board of National Education, we have been informed that certain parties here had transmitted to the Commissioners a remonstrance against the transfer of the Warraumbool school house to the Board, but as we are unacquainted with the contents of that document, and with the names attached thereto, except from report, we are not in a position fully to reply to them.

As our silence, however, might be construed into a tacit acknowledgment of the reasonableness and justice of the Remonstrants, we beg to observe with reference to the parties whose signatures, as we are informed, are appended to the document in question, that they have no cause of complaint (whatever

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whatever, in as much as they were all informed in time, of the day and hour ^{and} at which the Public Meeting was to be held, as well as of the subjects to be discussed thereat.

Some of them attended the Meeting, and showed by their endeavours to obtain a majority of the subscribers in favor of the amendment on the second resolution, that they then deemed the majority fully empowered to adopt or reject any resolution affecting the disposal of the school house.

Those of them who did not attend, tho' they were made aware of the time and its import, have themselves only to blame.

But we do not depend solely upon the authority of the majority of subscribers present at the Meeting, but upon the great majority, both in number and value, of the whole body of subscribers, whether present at the Meeting or not, and on the Majority of the Committee of Management, as well as upon the reasonableness, utility and justice of our Cause.

The Commissioners will observe that His Honor the Superintendent, by the first paragraph of his letter dated ^{the} 22nd May 1848 refuses to make a grant of a site for a "school house to be also used as a place of worship, but by the second paragraph,

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that he "sanctions the temporary occupation of an allotment as a site for a "school house" alone, so that to whatever object some subscribers intended their contributions to be devoted, it is clearly evident that His Honor recognizes the building as a "school house" only, and that its being hitherto used as a place of worship, is merely an act of sufferance. Those parties who now urge having subscribed to the building as a place of worship alone might have withdrawn their subscriptions on receipt of His Honor's letter when they found that His Honor would not sanction the object for which, they say, they had subscribed, instead of which they permitted the building to be erected as a "schoolhouse" agreeable to the tenor of His Honor's letter, thereby tacitly at least, concurring with the view with which it was erected, and to which it is now sought permanently to devote it, namely a school house for children of all religious persuasions.

But admitting for the sake of argument that the building had been erected, and had been recognized by the Government as a place of worship also, when we would beg to ask, is the reasonableness or the utility of an Episcopalian or of a Roman Catholic