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Catholic, who have already places of worship erected in Warranbool, or of a Presbyterian, (who is in course of erecting a place of worship) of maintaining their right ad infinitum to the school house, as a place of worship also to the exclusion of a most important and beneficial boon to the rising generation?

It has also been objected, though not by themselves, that the Wesleyans, of whom there are but three families in Warranbool, have no place of worship erected, but we beg to explain that that body have no Pastor of their persuasion any where in the district of Port Phillip, and that of the two subscribers of the body for the erection of the building, both have subscribed to it, as a Schoolhouse alone.

The Commissioners will therefore perceive with us that the opposition of the Remonstrants, is either purely factious, or that there are among them such as are not entitled to subscribe the document in question. We are informed that the following comprise the subscribers, viz. Messrs. Craig, Donny, Manifold, Dobson, Thompson, Foster, Knight, and Peters,

With regard to the first—Mr Craig we beg to observe that he is an Episcopalian, and as such is also provided with a separate  
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place of worship. That he is one of the Committee of Management, and, as Secretary to that body, penned a letter to His Honor the Superintendent in April last, of which the following is the purport, that the Committee feel sorry at being compelled at present to decline the aid proffered by the Commissioners for National Education, but that they will be happy at a future period to place the school house at the disposal of the Commissioners, should the majority of the subscribers authorize them to do so.

Mr. Penny (if he has subscribed the Remonstrance) is not entitled to do so, as he has not subscribed for the erection of the school house, either as such or as a place of worship, but merely a subscriber (long after the completion of the building) for procuring school furniture.

Messrs. Foster and Manifold are Non-residents and Episcopalians,

Mr. Dobson is an Episcopalian, he is also a subscriber, but not having paid his subscription, he is not in a position to complain of injustice.

Mr. Thompson made a present of some books, but as he objects to those books being converted into what the benefit of the building, it is questionable whether he can be considered as

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a subscriber for its erection.

Mr. Knight (if he signed) is no subscriber whatever, the firm of Allison & Knight of Port Fairy, subscribed, but this Mr. Knight is not of that firm.

Mr. Peters is a Presbyterian and non-resident, and he declares he signed the Remonstrance in ignorance of the advantages to be derived from the schools becoming connected with the Board of National Education.

In conclusion, we beg to add that such of the above named parties as are Town residents, <sup>have no families,</sup> and those of the Non-residents who have children, live too far distant from Warranbool, to be personally interested in its schools.

We have the honor to be, &c.

signed, Wm. Keith

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" John Manning

} Local Patrons

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The Secretary

Board of National Education,

Sydney

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No. 50/56.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 29<sup>th</sup> January 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January instant, relative to the establishment of a National school at Warnambool, together with a printed schedule signed by the local patrons, and two enclosures.

2. I also beg to acquaint you that a protest signed by certain residents at Warnambool, against your proposal has come to hand,

3. I am desired by the Board to beg you will allow them to defer their reply to the documents before them with respect to the proposed National school at Warnambool, until such time as they shall have had an opportunity of consulting with their Agent, Mr. Resden on the subject. Mr. Resden is expected to return to Sydney in the course of a few days.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your Most Obedt. Servant  
(Signed) W. C. Wells  
Secretary,  
J. Macdonald Esq. }  
Secretary to }  
Nat. School Committee }  
Warnambool }

Ed. P. C. H.

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No. 50/57.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 29<sup>th</sup> January 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant protesting against a proposition, from certain local patrons of a proposed National school at Warnambool, to convert the Building already erected there, now used in the double capacity of a school house, and a place of worship, into a National school house only.

In reply I am desired by the Board to beg you will allow them to defer their opinion hereon, until such time as they shall have had an opportunity of consulting with their agent Mr. Rusden, on the subject. — Mr. Rusden is expected in Sydney, in the course of a few days.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) W. C. Willis

Secretary

Mr. John St. Craig  
and the other gentlemen  
signing the protest  
Warnambool.)

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Warramboul, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1857.

Sir,

In forwarding for the information of the Board of National Education the enclosed letter, in reference to the school house at Warramboul, from his Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip, I am also directed by the Local Patrons (in case the Board have already complied with their request) to apply to them for a set of school books, in terms of Mr. Musden's letter, herewith also enclosed,

The local patrons are not aware whether the Board supply these books gratuitously in the first instance, or whether a charge will be made, - in either case however, it is necessary that the books should be transmitted as early as possible, and in sending them to Mr. Green, the Local patrons would feel obliged, if the Board would direct that gentleman to forward them without delay, by the first vessel from Melbourne to Warramboul, as the mail carts do not come within a nearer distance than sixty miles of this place.

Perhaps it might also be expedient to transmit at the same time, such books and forms as the Commissioners require Masters of schools to keep, such as a

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visitors' book, daily attendance book,  
 Maxims cards, &c. &c.

I have the honor to be,

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The Secretary  
 Board of National Education  
 Sydney.

(Signed) J. Macdonald  
 Secy to the L. Patrons.

Expd. P.C.H.

Copy of Superintendent's letter enclosed in the  
 preceding letter, viz<sup>t</sup>

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Superintendent's Office,  
 Melbourne 18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y, 1850.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the  
 3<sup>rd</sup> instant transmitting as Chairman of a  
 public meeting which took place at  
 Warramboul on the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, a copy of  
 the Resolutions carried at that meeting and  
 proposing two questions, I beg leave to state  
 that there does not appear to be any obstacle  
 in the way of a grant being made to the  
 Board of National Education at Warramboul  
 of the half-acre of land on which the present  
 school house is built.

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With reference to the second question, I have to state that I have no objection whatever, as a private subscriber to the present school, to its immediate transfer to the said Board for the purposes of Rational Education in connexion with it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant,

(Signed) C. J. Latrobe

To  
 W. J. Macdonald }  
 Warraumbool }

Ed. M. H.

Copy of Mr. Rusden's letter accompanying the preceding, viz.

Gentlemen,

With reference to a set of school books, if you request the Board to furnish you with a set they can be forwarded by the Board to Mr. E. B. Green the Mail Contractor, and from him you can get them either by some dray returning to the neighbourhood, or by the mail conveyance.

When you have a complete set here, the parents can order (according to the provisions

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in the Board circular appended to the Rules) such books as their children require, Until you have the Complete set they cannot tell what to order or to request the schoolmaster to order for them,

I am,

Yours obediently

(Signed) J. W. Kenden,

The Local Patrons }  
Warranbool }

W. J. Kenden

Warranbool, <sup>16</sup> 8 April 1850,

Sir

I am directed by the Local Patrons for the National school sought to be established at Warranbool, to state that they have been anxiously awaiting the final decision of the Board in reference to their application of the 3<sup>rd</sup> January last, to which they have hitherto received no answer, save that contained in your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> January, and to add that the length of time the matter has already remained in abeyance is felt to be very injurious to the interests of the existing school in as much as it has prevented arrangements being made for providing the necessary

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materials for more efficiently conducting it,  
 I beg further to express a hope  
 that the Board will, as soon as possible,  
 favor the Local Patrons with their final  
 decision,

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) J. Macdonald,

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 The Secretary } Secy. to L. patrons.  
 Board of National Education }  
 Sydney }

Ed. M. L. W.

No. 50/222,

National Education Office,  
 Sydney 26<sup>th</sup> April 1850.

Sr,

I have the honor, by direction of  
 the Board of National Education, to forward  
 to you for the information of the Local Patrons  
 of the proposed National school at Warranbool,  
 copy of letter addressed to the Colonial Secy  
 requesting that His Excellency the Governor  
 will be pleased to sanction a grant of the  
 school site on which the present school house  
 is erected, to the Board of National Education for

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the purposes of a Boys' and Girls' school to be conducted under their superintendence when a reply shall have been received thereon. His Excellency's commands shall be communicated to you without delay.

2. The Board have deemed this course to be the one which will cause the least delay in arriving at a decision on the matter, but I am to point out in this place that the aid required for salary to the proposed teachers, exceeds the limit, which in regard to other claims has compelled the Board to fix.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

To, (Signed) W. C. Wills, - Secretary  
 Mr. J. Macdonald,  
 Secretary to Natl. school,  
 Warranbool.

Ed. M. C. W.

No. 50/223.

National Education office,  
 Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> May 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, on the part of the Board of National Education, to acquaint you  
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for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the local patrons of a proposed National school at Warranambool resolved, at a public meeting, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December last, that the Committee managing the existing school, should be requested to transfer it to the Board of National Education,

2. It appears from the letters, received by the Board, from the local patrons at Warranambool, that there was no place of worship in the town, at the time of the erection of the present school house, that it was built by public subscription,

the subscription list being prefaced by these 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;"

3. It appears further, by the correspondence, that now the case is materially altered, the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, have each, a place of worship, and the Presbyterians are in course of erecting one. Still some of the subscribers maintain their right to the school as a place of worship.

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4. I have the honor to enclose copies of communications received from His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip,

1<sup>st</sup> Extract of His Honor's letter addressed to the projectors of the present school-house setting forth the incapacity of the Board to grant a site in the precise manner requested, namely, for a general Protestant school and Church without particular reference to any one denomination,

2<sup>nd</sup> Copy of His Honor's letter addressed to the local patrons at Warrambul, stating that there does not appear to be any obstacle in the way of a grant being made to the Board of National Education at Warrambul of the half acre of land on which the present school house is built, and further stating that he (His Honor) has no objection whatever, as a private subscriber to the present school, to its immediate transfer to the said Board, for the purposes of National Education in connexion with it.

5. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request, that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to sanction a grant of the site of the present school house to the Board for the purposes of National Education,

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6. In case of the grant being sanctioned, the Board will be obliged by an early intimation thereof, in order that they may be enabled to afford that aid to the school, which their regulations will, in that event, authorize.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt servant  
(Signed) J. H. Plunkett,

Chairman,

Board of Nat Education,

The Honorable  
The Colonial Secretary  
&c. &c. &c.

*Ed. W. C. W.*

No. 50/250.

National Education office,  
Sydney 15<sup>th</sup> May 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education to submit for the information of the local patrons Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter relative to the Board's application for the land temporarily used as the site of a protestant place of worship, and school at Warrumbool. — At the same time I am to acquaint you for the information of the patrons, that the Commissioners will decide

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9<sup>th</sup> May 1850.*

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on the amount of pecuniary aid which they can grant for the object sought by you, but they are first desirous of having a full Board to decide thereon, which I anticipate will be in the course of a week or ten days, on the return of the Attorney-General from the Moulton Bay Circuit,

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most obt. servt.  
(Signed) W. C. Wells  
Secretary

Mr. J. Macdonald }  
Secretary, N. School, }  
Warranbool }

Ed. J. C. W.

No. 50/271.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1850,

Sir,

I do myself the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acquaint you, that with reference to the application of the local patrons, at Warranbool, for aid towards the completion of the school house, already erected there, and also towards the salary in support of teachers for the school, that having given the subject mature

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consideration they cannot feel justified in sanctioning so large a sum as that requested either towards the completion of the Building, or towards the support of the teachers,

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2. I am to state however, that with the view of establishing a National school at Warnambool, the Board will grant a sum of One hundred pounds for the purpose of erecting a girls' school room in connection with the present Building, and will also grant the minimum salary of £40 per annum, towards the support of teachers, subject to a gratuity at the end of the year according to reports made upon their conduct by the local patrons,

3. I am to explain that with justice to other teachers, who are conducting schools with an actual attendance of scholars, greater than the number of children, stated in your application to be in the district, capable of attending the school, and also bearing in mind the limited means at their disposal, the Board feel that they cannot, in the first instance, exceed this minimum salary to the teachers at Warnambool,

I have the honor to be,

Mr. Macdonald }  
Secretary &c } (Signed) W. B. Wills,  
Nat. School, Warnambool } Secretary

*Ed. D. C. W.*

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Warranbool, 17<sup>th</sup> June 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of Local Patrons, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> May, communicating the final decision of the Board of National Education to the application of the Local Patrons for the establishment of a Boys' & girls' schools in connection with the Board at Warranbool, and to return the thanks of the Local Patrons for the amount of assistance rendered by the Board towards the National schools at Warranbool.

At the same time I am directed to express the disappointment of the Local Patrons, and of the parents and guardians of children generally, at the decision of the Board in not having made provision for the erection of a residence for the teachers,

Houses to let of any description are very rare in Warranbool, and even, when procurable, are exceedingly expensive, the most ordinary four roomed cottages ranging from £25 to £30 per annum rent.

Under such circumstances it must be obvious that if the teachers are not supplied with free quarters, the article of rent for their residence must become an additional

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and most important charge on the parents and guardians of the pupils, whereas a present outlay of about £100 would at once relieve them of that portion of the expense of the school.

When, at the instance of Mr. Rusden, the parents and guardians of children at Warranbool assembled in public meeting, they were led by that gentleman to understand, (and indeed the whole tenor of the printed Regulations of the Board tends to confirm his assertion,) that two-thirds of what had been actually and necessarily expended upon the present school house would be contributed by the Board towards further improvement, whereas the amount actually granted is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the amount contributed by the patrons of the school.

I am therefore desired by the Local patrons to express their hope that the Board will, if not at once, yet as soon as they may be in a position so to do, vote an additional sum for the erection of a residence for the teachers of the Warranbool school.

I am further to remark that from the wording of your letter under acknowledgement, it does not already appear whether the Board has granted £40 to each of the teachers or £40 to be divided between them. — The expression in your  
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letter is as follows, "and will also grant the minimum salary of £40 per annum towards the support of teachers" which would lead to the supposition that £40 is all the Board has granted for both teachers, the concluding paragraph however, taken in connection with para. 5, sect. 3, of the Regulations would lead to an opposite conclusion, certain it is, that £40 per annum to be divided between the two teachers will scarcely pay their house rent, and when the fact of a second teacher being required for the school, is taken into consideration it will leave the Wainambou school, in point of remuneration to the teachers, even worse than at present, and instead of reducing the present fees, the Local Patrons will have to increase them in order to afford bare subsistence to the teachers.

On receipt of your letter the Local Patrons advertised for tenders for the erection of two additional rooms to the present school house to be of the same dimensions as that exhibited in the plan accompanying their application to the Board, namely, a Girls' school room 24 feet long and 17 feet wide inside and a Religious Instruction Room 17 feet long by 12 feet wide inside, situate between the Boys' and Girls' rooms.

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rooms, with an entrance from each school room into the Instruction Room, and a private entrance from without for the clergyman.

These tenders will not be opened until the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. — The material, size and workmanship will be precisely similar to that of the present building, a description of which has been forwarded to the Board in my letter accompanying the application, and it is anticipated that the sum granted by the Board will be nearly, if not altogether sufficient for completing the additions. Meanwhile I am directed to enquire in what manner <sup>will</sup> the sum granted by the Board be paid? to whom and when?

As it is customary to make payments to contractors in periodical instalments, according to the state of advancement of the building, the Local Patrons or some other person or persons, would require to be in a position so to do.

I am further directed to state that the original patrons appointed at the first public meeting are now reduced to two, viz. Messrs. Osborne & Manning, the latter of whom is on the eve of leaving the town also, — Mr. Coulstock being deceased, and Mr. Keith being unavoidably absent for some months, (the

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Dr. Isaac Corney  
 Mr. Thomas Denny  
 George Chisholm  
 Alex. Simpson  
 James Swanson  
 Matthew McGhee  
 Patrick Ryan.

First stock of books  
 including alphabet cards,  
 Registry Book of attend-  
 ance, Visitor's book, &c. &c.

the remaining Patrons are anxious that the Board should appoint additional ones, for which purpose I am directed to forward the names, as per Margin, from which the Board may select the whole or as many as they think fit. — These names comprise individuals of every religious persuasion in the community,

In some of my former letters I stated the difficulty experienced in procuring suitable school books, and I am now directed to apply to the Board for a supply, as first stock, and also for other books and papers, as specified in the Margin.

It is impossible for the Local Patrons to give a specific order, as neither they nor any other person here know the description of books prescribed by the Board. You may however judge from the fact that it is anticipated that about 12 new beginners will attend the school immediately on receipt of the Books, — about 12 who can read & spell tolerably, will also attend, and that there are now in the school from 30 to 40, one half of whom have "Mc Culloch's series of lessons", are or fit for it if it could be procured, The other half have various descriptions of spelling-books, & easy reading books,

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As it appears by paragraph 8, Sect. 1. of the regulations, the Board may contribute a portion of the expense for fitting up a school house in the first instance, and as the present school house is all but destitute in that particular and of course the girls' school will be entirely so, I am directed to request that the Board will be pleased to grant such a sum towards that object, as they deem requisite.

I am farther directed to enquire from what date will the schools be considered as having come under the control of the Board.

Should a vessel be ready to sail from Sydney for this Port or for Belfast, it were better to send the books &c. by her, if not, they might be sent by Mr. Green's Mail-carts to Melbourne who should be instructed to forward them by one of the regular traders between that Port and Warnambool. In either case I am directed to request that no unnecessary time may be lost in the transmission of them.

Finally I am to request that you will be pleased to transmit replies seriatim to the various points of enquiry contained in this letter, as the Local Patrons are entirely at a loss from  
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want of information on the different subjects  
alluded to,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. Macdonald.

The Secretary }  
National Education Board } Secy. to the L. patrons  
Sydney }

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No. 50/362

National Education Office,  
Sydney 10th July 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the  
Board of National Education, to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo,  
requesting on the part of the local patrons of  
the National school at Warrumbullock, 1<sup>st</sup> an  
increase of pecuniary aid of £100 towards  
additional buildings to the school house,  
2<sup>nd</sup> whether £40 is the salary of man & wife  
as teachers, 3<sup>rd</sup> How are sums to be paid by  
the Board towards defraying the expenses of  
the Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Will the Board appoint  
additional Local patrons, 5<sup>th</sup> Requesting to be  
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(furnished with a first stock of books, &  
requesting to be informed if the Board will  
contribute towards the school furniture,

2. In reply I am instructed to acquaint you,  
that under the explanations contained in your  
letter above referred to the Board will contribute,

1<sup>st</sup> An additional £100 towards the  
erection of the teacher's residence,

2<sup>nd</sup> £40 is the salary intended for man  
and wife,

3<sup>rd</sup> Payments on account of school buildings  
will be paid by the Board on receipt of a  
certificate signed by a majority of the local  
patrons that the sums asked for from time  
to time are due and expended on the building,

You will therefore make your specification  
accordingly,

4<sup>th</sup> The Board have much pleasure in  
appointing the gentlemen named in the Margin  
as additional Local patrons, and I will thank  
you to inform them individually accordingly,

5<sup>th</sup> A first set of the Books will be supplied  
to you gratuitously, that is, one of each, but the  
first stock, and all other books must be paid  
for in advance. — the Board do not supply  
pens, ink, paper, slates, &c. — the carriage of  
these books must however be first of all  
provided for.

Dr Isaac Comyn  
Mr. Tho. Deany  
G. Chisholm  
Alex. Simpson  
Jos. Swanson  
Mat. McGhee  
Pat. Ryan,

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6<sup>th</sup> The Board will be happy to pay two-thirds of £15 towards the cost of necessary school furniture.

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most ob. servant

Mr. J. Macdonald

Secretary

H<sup>l</sup> school, Warranbool

Eid M.C.M.

Warranbool, 8<sup>th</sup> July 1850.

Sr,

In continuation of my letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> June last, I am directed by the Local Patrons to state, for the information of the Board of National Education, that pursuant to Notice, (a copy of which is herewith appended marked A) the Local Patrons held a Meeting on Monday evening at 6 O'clock for the purpose of opening and deciding upon the several tenders for the additions to the Warranbool school house, but having on that evening received the communication, a copy of which is also herewith appended and marked B, the local patrons extended the time for opening tenders to Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> June at the same hour.

On that evening the local patrons again met, and

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