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previous to opening any tenders passed the resolutions herunto annexed, marked C.

The parties tendering were

Mr. Joseph Dobson

Messrs. Elliott and Bell

„ Wall & Candy

the former three of whom were present, and the latter two absent.

Mr. Dobson having stated that his tender was in gross, both for the Mason and Carpenter's work, was informed by the Local Patrons, that he must tender separately agreeable to Notice, he accordingly withdrew his tender in gross, and substituted separate tenders.

The local patrons then proceeded to open the tenders in the following order, viz,

1st Mr. Joseph Dobson for the Mason-work. ————— £42-0-0

2nd do. for the Carpenter-work, ————— 50-0-0

3rd Elliott & Bell for do. ————— 39-19-0

4th Messrs. Wall & Candy. — On opening this tender it was found to be in gross, that is, One tender for the whole of the Masons & Carpenter's work, and though £4-19-0 under the lowest of the others, the Local patrons found that they could not receive it, as it was not in accordance with the Notices, neither could they, with propriety permit them to separate the amount. (after

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after having publicly exposed the other
tenders. The local patrons therefore accepted
the tenders of
Joseph Dobson for the Mason-work for £42-0-0
Elliott & Ball for the Carpenters work — 39-19-0
£ 81-19-0

Both parties have since furnished the
stipulated Bonds, and each has received from
the local patrons an undertaking for the
payment of their respective instalments, and
for the balance when each contract is finished.

In consideration of the uncertainty
of the weather at this season of the year,
three months are allowed for the completion of
the stone work, and six weeks for the Carpenters
work, to be calculated from whatever date
the Mason work may be finished. It is
likely however, that the whole may be
completed in less than three months.

You will observe that the
amount at which the contract is taken, is
£18-7-0 less than the sum awarded by
the Board, but I am directed to inform
you that the proposed addition to the school
house has been sketched in several essential
requisites originally intended for fear the amount
should exceed that granted by the Board. The local patrons
now propose to restore those requisites, which will

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about the whole of this balance, they are

1 st A double water-closet, which (with excavations, two downs, locks and keys, divisions, &c.) will cost	£8-0-0
2 nd a chimney	4-0-0
3 rd Another window	2-0-0
4 th Spouting to addition	2-0-0
5 th Filling up the inside of the outer walls to the shingles.	2-1-0
	£18-1-0

With regard to the first of these, the want of it has hitherto been much felt, and is absolutely necessary to decency & convenience.

The Local patrons thought to have built it of stone, but found that the whole of the balance would be insufficient, they therefore propose to have it erected of timber, weatherboarded inside and out.

In a wet and cold climate like this, a chimney in the girls' school room is also exceedingly desirable if not indispensable — there is one in the present building. In the plan contracted by, there is but one window in the back of the girls' school room and two in the front. The erection of a chimney on the back wall, renders it necessary that there should be a window on each side of the chimney.

The present school house which is built $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet shorter, with the same width, has three windows in front and two in the rear, one on each side of the chimney.

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The existing chimney has spouting all round, & it is obvious that the addition should have the same,

Filling up the inside of the outer walls, & the shingles will add much to the warmth and comfort of the rooms, otherwise a constant draught of air (be it cold or hot) will be in continual circulation through them,

Having thus stated at some length, the steps which the Local Patrons have taken in this matter, and that which they propose to adopt, with the permission of the Board, with respect to the unappropriated balance, I am directed to state further, that objections have been taken to their proceedings on the night of opening the Tenders, and that threats have been made, of forwarding a protest to the Board, on the ground of illegality,

The Local Patrons are not aware whether or not these threats have been carried into effect, but in case they may they have directed me to explain the grounds upon which these objections were made, and the reasons which induced the Local Patrons to act upon their own conviction of the propriety of their proceedings.

You will observe in reference to my first letter to your address, that five Local Patrons had been nominated at the first public meeting when Mr. Rusden attended, four of these

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were present at the meeting, and testified their willingness to act, but the fifth (Mr. William MacDowell) was not, though he was in town that evening.

On the following day the Secretary intimated to Mr. MacDowell by letter that he was nominated one of the Local Patrons, to which a reply was returned declining to act.

The consequence of this was that he did not sign the original application, which alone, according to the rules, would constitute him a Local Patron.

When the Local Patrons forwarded the names inserted in my letter of the 17th of June last, Mr. MacDowell was again asked if he would consent to act, but he again declined. The grounds of his objection therefore he states to be, that as five local patrons had been appointed at the public meeting it would require a majority of these five to act legally. The Local Patrons explained to Mr. MacDowell that the nominations at the meeting did not constitute patronage, and even if it did, that he not only then declined to act, but declined again within the last few days.

That there were in reality but 4 original local patrons, that one of these four was deceased, thus reducing the number to three, and that one

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of these three was now absent in Melbourne, hence that not only a majority was present, but in fact all the available Local Patrons, in the persons of Messrs. Osborne & Manning.

That to voice the desire of the Local Patrons for the extension of the patronage, they recommended several persons from all the religious persuasions of the community, to cooperate with and assist them in the management of the schools.

The Local patrons, thus finding that Mr. Macdowell's opposition tended merely to annoy and distract their proceedings, acted, as I have already stated, on their own conviction of the propriety of their conduct.

In conclusion I am directed to request that you will obtain the consent of the Board for the appropriation of the unexpended balance, in the manner suggested. — The water-closets, the spouting and the filling up of the outer walls, will be performed by contract, but the chimney and windows being an alteration in the existing plan, will have to be paid for to the contractor at valuation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. Macdonald

Sec^y to the L. patrons,

To
The Secretary
Nat^l Education Board
Sydney

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Tenders

Will be received until 6 P. M. on Monday the 24th instant from parties wishing to contract for the Stone work of an addition to the Warraambool schoolhouse,

Also

From parties wishing to contract for the Carpenter's work of the same,

Plans and specifications to be seen with the undersigned,

By order of the Local Patrons,

(Signed) J. Macdonnell

Secretary.

Warraambool }
1st June 1850 }

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Warraambool, 24th June 1850,

To the Secretary of }
the Local Patrons. }
Warraambool. }

Sir,

We beg leave to inform you that it was our intention to tender for the erection of the addition to the Warraambool schoolhouse, but when we applied for the plans and specifications, (we

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we found they were in possession of other parties, who are going to tender, and we could not get them until near dusk this evening, Will you therefore please to ask the Local Patrons to defer opening any tenders till tomorrow evening, and we will then be ready with our tenders.

We are &c,

(Signed) Wall & Sandy

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At a meeting of the Local Patrons of the Warranbool school held on Wednesday the 26th June 1850, for the purpose of opening tenders for the erection of certain additions to the existing schoolhouse,

Present,

Mr. Richard Osborne, } Local Patrons
 Mr. John Manning }
 Mr. J. Macdonald, Secretary

It was resolved,

1st That the successful Tenderers for the Stone Work of the addition to the School House, be required to provide a solvent Surety to the amount of forty pounds Sterling for the completion of his Contract, according to plans and specification

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2nd That the successful Tenderer for the Timber work, be required to provide a similar Security for the like amount.

3rd That each of the successful Tenderers having first furnished the above security, the local patrons undertake to pay each contractor an instalment of one third the amount of their respective Tenders, namely, for the Mason work one third, when the walls are five feet in height above the foundation, and for the Timber work one third when the roof is shingled in, and the balance of two thirds of the amount of each Tender when the several contracts are finished according to plan and specifications.

4th That each successful Tenderer may at his option either furnish the foregoing Security and receive the foregoing instalments or complete each contract without furnishing any security and without receiving instalments until the several contracts are completed.

5th That the lowest Tenders be accepted.

6th That the several Tenders be opened in public.

By order of the local patrons
(signed)

J. Macdonald
Secretary

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No 50/1401National Education Office.
Sydney 1st August 1850.

Sir

Have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Ultimo, respecting the Tenders received for additional building to the Warranahool School House.

2. As this letter was written previous to the time when the Board's communication of the 10th Ultimo could have reached you, consenting to the appropriation of a further sum of one hundred pounds towards the alterations and additions to the School House, the Board deem it advisable to defer replying thereto, until they shall have been acquainted whether the additional grant of money will interfere with the present proposals of the Local Patrons.

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed)

G. C. Giles

Secretary

W. M. Donald

Secretary to the Local Patrons

National School, Warranahool

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Warranahool 1st August
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Sir

We have the honor to transmit to you, for the purpose of being laid before the Commissioners, the application of Mr John Macdonald, the present Master of the Warranahool School, to be appointed Master of the same, as soon as the School shall have been brought under the control of the Board.

We have had sufficient experience of Mr Macdonald as a Teacher, for the last fifteen months that he has conducted the Warranahool School, and though during that time he has laboured under many disadvantages, especially from the want of Books in the School, the success which notwithstanding has attended his exertions, is such as to merit our entire approbation, and we therefore have much pleasure in recommending him for the office of Master of the Warranahool School in connection with the Board of National Education.

We have also much pleasure in forwarding the application of Miss Flora Macdonald, his Daughter, for the situation of Mistress of the female department of the School.

Miss Macdonald is a young Woman of about twenty years of age, and had some
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experience in Teaching. She is in every other respect unexceptionable, and we therefore feel perfectly satisfied that she will merit the esteem with which we hereby recommend her to the favorable consideration of the Commissioners.

We have the honor to be

Sirs,

Your most obedient Servants

(Signed)

Thomas Denney

Richard Osborne

A Simpson

George Chisholm

James Swanson

Matthew McEhie

Peter Ryan

Horney

John Manning

Local patrons

Garrnambool School

To the Secretary of the
Board of National Education }
Sydney }

The foregoing Letter is signed by all the local patrons except Mr Keith, who at present resides at Melbourne.

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Here follow Mr & Miss Macdonald's Letters
of application to the local patrons requesting
to be recommended to the Board of National
Education for appointment of Teachers of the
Warranambool National School

Ed. M.C. M

No 50/441

National Education Office
Sydney 20th August 1850

Gentlemen,

I have the honor by direction
of the Board of National Education, to
acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the
1st Instant, recommending Mr John
Macdonald for the office of Teacher of the
National School at Warranambool, with
the assistance of Miss Flora Macdonald his
Daughter, forwarding 4 halves of Bank Notes
for the payment of certain National School
Books to be forwarded as therein directed,
and requesting to be informed if the expense of
the conveyance may be added to the prime cost
in retailing them to the children

In reply, I am instructed to state
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order hereafter

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That the Board have much pleasure in confirming the appointment of W Macdonald as Teacher of the Warranambool School to be assisted by his Daughter in the duties thereof

3 The Books shall be forwarded as requested, but the Board are unwilling that any deviation should be made in the charge thereof to the Scholars & that laid down in the Circular No 2, copy of which I enclose

Have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J.C. Hills

Secretary

The Local Patrons
National School
Warranambool
Port Phillip

P.S. It will be requisite that one of the local patrons should be selected to act as Secretary for the future

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Ed. J.C.H.

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Warranambool 5th August 1850

Sir

I am directed by the local patrons to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th July, intimating among other things, that the Board of National Education have granted a further sum of one hundred pounds towards the erection of a residence for the Master and Mistress of the National School at Warranambool, and that the Board have also granted two thirds of £15 for school furniture, for both of which the local patrons beg to express their sincere thanks to the Commissioners. The quota of the local patrons for the furniture is already subscribed.

I am desired also to permit the sum of three pounds

First Book of Lessons No 24	7/6 = 3	of three pounds
Second do do	12/6 = 6	seven shillings
Third do do	12/10 = 10	starting for the
Fourth do do	12/4 = 12	Books as per
Fifth do do	12/6 = 15	margin, and a
Do do do	12/6 = 15	further sum of
First Book Arithmetic	6/6 = 3	thirteen shillings
English Grammar	6/6 = 3	
<u>Total Vols 96</u>		<u>£37.0</u> for the expense of

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of the first set of Books for the use of the Schools.

You will be kind enough to forward them by the Brig "Essexton" to Belfast where the freight will be paid to the Master of the Vessel on the arrival of the Books.

Captain Mills has been written to directing him to apply to you for the Books but in case he might forget or neglect to do so, perhaps you would be kind enough to forward them to the Agents of the Vessel in Sydney, on receipt of this communication.

The order would have been much more expensive but for the impossibility of making a proper selection until the receipt of the first stock.

I am directed further to enquire, with reference to the Books, whether the expense of conveyance &c can be added to the prime cost in retailing them to the scholars, and whether the Board will permit such of the Children as have Mr Lulloch's series of Lessons to retain the same until they are through them.

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) J. Maidment

Secretary to the Board of Patrons

Ed. M. M.

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Memo.

The 1st or left half of four Union Bank Notes Nos 56817, 58918, 68255, 74008.

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Garranahool 12th August 1850

Sir

I beg leave to forward the other halves of the notes forwarded in my letter of the 5th Instant and numbered as per Margin, and hope you will not delay in forwarding the Books by the Brig "Essexton" to Port Fairy.

- No 56817
- " 58918
- " 68255
- " 74008

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, received this day, and to inform you that the local patrons have determined upon keeping the two items of £100 each, granted by the Board, entirely distinct and separate, that is the first £100 for the erection of a Girls' School room, and religious instruction room, and the second £100 for the erection of a Schoolmaster's residence.

The first is in course of erection agreeable to the Tenders the particulars of which have
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been transmitted to you, and the local patrons have appointed this evening for opening Towns for the Master's residence, the particulars of which will be transmitted by next post.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

(Signed)

J Macdonald

Secretary to the local patrons.

The Secretary to the Board of
National Education, Sydney }

Ed M.C.M.

No 50/457

National Education Office

Sydney 26th August 1850

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing the second half of four one pound notes, for payment of

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of certain Books to be forwarded via Post
Fairy to Warranahool

2. The Board approve of the proposition
of the local patrons, respecting the mode of
appropriating the funds, pledged for the
additional School Room, and the Teachers
residence.

3. The Books shall be forwarded by
the Mail "Edington" as requested, and in the
meantime the local patrons can forward
the plans and specifications for the Teachers
residence, with the tenders for completing
the same for the formal approval by the
Board

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

(signed) A. C. Wells
Secretary

W. Macdonald
Secy. Local Patrons
National School Warranahool

E. J. Mc. W.

Warranahool 19 August 1880

Sir

I am directed by the local
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patrons of the Grammar School
 to inform you in reference to the latter
 portion of my letter of the 12th Instant
 that pursuant to Notice the local patrons
 held a meeting on Monday the 12th
 August Instant, and opened the several
 Tenders for the erection of the schoolmaster's
 residence, in the following order

	Masons work	Carpenter's work	Plastery	Total
1 James Wall	£48. 0. 0	"	£10. 15	£58. 15. 0
2 James Laury	"	£53. 0. 0	"	53. 0. 0
				<u>£111. 15. 0</u>
3 Joseph Dobson	41. 10. 0	45. 0. 0	13. 10. 0	£99. 10. 0
4 Joseph Dobson	For the whole Building according to plan and Specification			£96. 0. 0
5 Joseph Dobson	For the whole Building according to plan and Specification, with the addition of a passage wall in the sitting room			£100. 0. 0

This last Tender of Mr Dobson was
 accepted, and he has since furnished a solvent
 surety, for two thirds of the amount of his
 Contract (£66. 13. 4) for the due completion
 of the Building within eighteen weeks from
 the 15th August Instant

The local patrons have also on their part,
 given the Contractor a written guarantee under
 their hands for the payment of one hundred
 pounds in various instalments as follows

First instalment when the walls are
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£ 13 . 6 . 8

five feet above the foundation

27 . 13 . 4

The second in, latment when the walls are finished

25 . 0 . 0

The third in, latment when the roof is shingled in, and the first coat of plaster on

£ 33 . 10 . 0

The fourth and last in, latment when the building is completed and finished

£ 100 . 0 . 0

I am also directed to forward to you a ground plan, for the information of the Board, section and elevation of the Master's residence together with such extracts from the specification as will give the Board an idea of the material and construction of the Building

The local patrons intended to have built the internal division, of stone, as well as the external walls, but found that the difference of expense would amount to upwards of twenty pounds sterling, they were therefore compelled to adopt the most economical plan, which, however, they consider little or nothing inferior in point of duration, to divisional stone walls, seeing that the external walls of the Building are to be of stone.

I am also directed to forward to you a sketch of the school allotment shewing the relative situations of the schools, and the Master's residence, as well as the quantity of ground proposed to be appropriated to the use of each school, and to that of the Master's residence

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It is to be observed that none of the ground is fenced in, and that these divisions are as yet imaginary, and must continue so, until the local patrons find themselves in a position to defray the expense of fencing.

In conclusion and with reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the 1st August Instant, you will perceive that the last sum of £100 granted by the Board towards the erection of a Master's residence, does not interfere with the proposal of the local patrons in the appropriation of the unexpended balance of the first one hundred pounds.

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Macdonald Secy
to the local patrons

The Secretary to the
Board of National Education }
Sydney }

Here follow the ground plan selections from Specification &c &c referred to in the above communication

Ed. M. C. M.

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No 50/1174

National Education Office
Sydney 3rd September 1850

Sir

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, with plan, specification and amount of Tenders for the appropriation of the second sum of £100 conceded by the Board of National Education for enlarging the school premises at Warranahool for the accommodation of the Teacher.

2. In reply, I am desired to acquaint you for the information of the local patrons, that the Board not wishing to cramp in any way the views which they entertain, will make no objection to their propositions. At the same time I enclose for their information the report of the Board's Architect on the subject, by which they will learn the necessity of a rigid supervision of the work.

3. I have forwarded per Miss "Essexton" the following Books, and I acknowledge the receipt of £4 for payment of the same.

24 First Book of Lessons

12 Second do do

12 Third do do

12 Fourth do do

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12 Fifth Book of Lessons (Boys)

12 do do do (Girls)

6 English Grammars

6 First Arithmetics

Extra

6 English Grammars

2 Scripture Lessons (NT)

6 First Arithmetic

2 Scripture Lessons (NT)

3 Sacred poetry

Value of the Books as per price list

£ 3. 17. 6

Packing Case 2. 6

£ 4. 0. 0

Tablets, Registers, Class Rolls &c
without charge.

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) H. C. Giles
Secretary

L. W. Macdonald

Acting Secretary

Garrambool National

School

~~Ed. H. C. Giles~~

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Warranahool 16 Sept^r 1850

Sir.

I am directed by the local patrons of the Warranahool National School to acknowledge receipt of yours of 26th Ultimo, the plans and specifications therein referred to have been forwarded.

I am further directed by them to forward and now enclose a certificate, for the part of the Mason's work of the addition to the School House, and by which the contractor is entitled to a first instalment of four hundred pounds, according to contract with him, and to which they beg to refer you to their letter of 8th July.

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Mr Keith one of the local patrons kindly advanced the money to pay this instalment, and for which the Treasurer Mr R Osborne has given him a Draft at sight upon the Board in Sydney for payment of same.

I am further directed also to enquire with reference to the payment of the other instalments, how they are to be met? The contracts are taken for payment in cash upon completion of the parts of the contracts, there is also an expense upon exchange of Drafts in Sydney, which the local patrons are not in a position to pay.

Yours