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You will please inform us how we  
are to act in this matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) Tho<sup>s</sup> Denney

Secretary

To the Secretary

Board of National Education

Sydney

Here follows the certificate alluded to in  
the above letter.

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No 50/527

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 16<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, advising the Board of a  
Draft at sight, drawn on them for four hundred  
pounds, and requesting to be informed how  
moneys on account of the School Building

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at Mannambool are to be paid in future.

2. In reply I beg to acquaint you that the Draft above referred to was presented at this office for payment, but as no funds are disbursed without the signatures of at least a majority of the Board payment at sight could not be made. The Draft is now however honored, but I am to request that this mode of drawing upon the Board may not be repeated.

3. With respect to the future payments on account of the school Building, I beg to refer you to my letter No 362 of date 10th July last, reply 3<sup>rd</sup> to your predecessor's enquiries, which states, payments on account of School Buildings will be made 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.

4. The amount therefore pledged by the Board towards the alterations and additions of the Mannambool School Houses will be paid in accordance with this arrangement, payments will be made when and where instructions may be given from time to time by the local patrons, and at the same time I beg to correct the error which you have fallen into with respect to the expense of exchange.

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exchange, no charge whatever is made by the Banks for the transmission of moneys from one branch to the other (in the Colony) on account of National Education.

Have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

(signed) H. C. Giles

Secretary

To Mr. H. S. Denney

Secretary, National School

Warranambool

*Ed. McCarty*

Warranambool

10<sup>th</sup> October 1850

Sir,

A request has been made to the local patrons of the National School, by the Teachers of the Sunday School at this place for permission to hold their School in the Boys' room after the House is opened under the National School system. The local patrons have requested me to lay the same before the Board for their permission.

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I am further directed by them to remark that they have no objection, the principles of the Sunday School, being those of the Sunday School Union, and precisely the same as the National School, and further that most of the children attend the Day School.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) H. W. Denney  
Secretary

J. C. Miles Esq  
Secretary to the Board of  
National Education

Ed. M. C. W.

Farranahool

24<sup>th</sup> October 1850

Sir,

I am directed by the local patrons of the National School to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> Instant, the former enclosed a letter from the Board's Architect, respecting the amount at which (the

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The Tender has been taken for the Master's residence, also a list of Books forwarded per "Essexton" - The latter respecting payments on account of School Buildings.

1<sup>st</sup> I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the Books, correct as per Invoice. I am further desired to remark that the patrons were under the impression from your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> July, that a first set of Books will be supplied gratuitously, these have not been forwarded, and from these the patrons wished to make the selection of Books that would be required, should you forward them please ship them per "Essexton" to Port Fairy.

2<sup>nd</sup> With reference to which the amount of at which the Tender for the Master's residence was taken - The patrons are quite aware that it was low, but you will observe from the letter of 19<sup>th</sup> of August that surties have been taken for the proper completion of the work, and as far as the work has at present proceeded it is most satisfactory. I am also desired to remark that materials such as stone, lime, timber &c. are low in price here, enabling the tender to make the price thus low, and that the patrons have not the least doubt but that the building will be completed most satisfactory.

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3<sup>rd</sup> I am also directed to forward, and now enclose, certificates and receipts, 1<sup>st</sup> for the completion of the mason's work of the addition to the school house, 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first instalment for mason work to the master's residence of 5 feet wall from the foundation amounting to, as follows.

Mason work to school house	£ 33-0-0
1 <sup>st</sup> instalment to Master's residence	13-16-8
	<u>£ 46-16-8</u>

Which amount you will please to forward to the Union Bank, Melbourne, to the credit of Messrs. Denny & Co. who have kindly advanced the money.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) Thomas Denny  
Secretary

W. C. Willis }  
Secretary }

*E. J. W. C. W.*

Here follows certificates signed by the Local patrons, 1<sup>st</sup> stating the stone work of the school house is completed to their satisfaction, 2<sup>nd</sup> that "the first portion of the contract" for master's residence "is satisfactory, Also, 2 receipts signed "Joseph Dolson" acknowledging the rec<sup>d</sup> of £13-16-8 from Local patrons, part payment for master's residence, & £33 for school house

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50/601.National Education Office.  
Sydney 12<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> October last, enclosing certificates of the actual expenditure of £46-16-8 and requesting payment of the same.

£46-16-8.

2 In reply I beg to enclose draft for the amount in favor of Messrs. Penny & Co. as requested.

3. I have to apologise for not enclosing a set of the National school books in the package forwarded by the "Essexian" it was my omission which shall be duly rectified.

4. Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> October also duly came to hand, in reply I am desired to express the Board's regret that they cannot feel justified in a compliance with the request of the teachers of the Sunday school, to hold their school in the Rays' room after the house is opened, the Board feel sorry to refuse any request of the Local patrons, in connection with the use of the Warranbool school house, but

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they are unwilling that their Buildings should be appropriated for any other purpose than those intended by the Legislature, or that any concessions with respect thereto should be drawn on as a precedent for requests from other quarters.

I, I am at the same <sup>time</sup> directed to enclose a letter, signed John H. Craig, respecting a claim which it is alleged, exists on the buildings, incurred previously to the school house being handed over to the Board for the purposes of National Education, with a request that you will enquire therein and report thereon, at the same time I may mention, that the Board have informed Mr. Craig, that they cannot increase on the amount pledged, from the funds voted for National School purposes, for completing the school arrangements at Warranboul.

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I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your Most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wills,

Secretary.

Thomas Denny Esq  
Secretary,

National school, Warranboul

Ed. H. C. W.

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Murray, 9<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Patrons to forward and now enclose certificates of carpenter's work to addition to school house and completion of Mason's work to Master's residence as per contracts.

1<sup>st</sup> Messrs. Bell & Elliott for 1<sup>st</sup> instalment  
 £13-0-0 for Carpenter's work to school house = £13-0-0

2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Cobson, for completing the Mason's  
 £27-13-4 work to master's residence, in all amounting  
 £40-13-4 to forty pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence,  
 which amount you will please forward to the  
 Union Bank, Melbourne, to the credit of  
 Messrs. Denny & Co.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant  
 (Signed) Thomas Denny  
 Secretary.

W. L. Willis Esq. }  
 Secretary, &c. }

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Here follow two certificates signed by the  
 Local patrons respecting the work above referred to.

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No. 50/624,

National Education office,  
Sydney, 26<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> November instant, enclosing vouchers of the expenditure of the further sums of £40-13-4 on the school buildings at Warranbool, and requesting payment of the same.

£40-13-4

2. In reply I am instructed to enclose Draft for the amount in favor of Messrs. Denny & Co, as requested.

3. I enclose abstracts of the money already paid on account of the Warranbool school buildings by the Board, the receipts for the same I will thank you to get signed as pointed out in pencil and returned to this office at your earliest opportunity.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

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

Thomas Denny Esq.  
Secretary  
National school, Warranbool.

*E. J. M. C. P.*

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Warranbool, 29<sup>th</sup> November 1850

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Patrons to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12<sup>th</sup> Novr., with enclosing a draft for £46-16-8 on account of school buildings, also reply to the patrons respecting the application for the Sunday schools, and a letter from Mr. J. St. Craig.

Respecting the letter from Mr. Craig, I am directed to say that the patrons will report upon the matter by an early opportunity.

I am also desired to forward and now enclose certificates and receipts for a further expenditure upon the school house, Master's residence, and school furniture, amounting to, as follows,

Completion of Carpenter's work to the school-house. - - - - -	£28-14-0
3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment for Master's residence -	25-0-0
School furniture	10-0-0
Water closets.	8-2-0
	<u>£71-16-0</u>

I have drawn an order in favor of G. Chisholm of Sydney for twenty-five pounds, the balance, £46-16-0 you will please forward by draft in favor of Messrs. Penney & Co.

You will observe from the receipts for  
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school furniture that the amount is £10.6.0  
the amount drawn for £10, as voted by the  
Board for that purpose, the other is made up  
by subscription, there are also a few items  
not yet finished,

I am also directed to inform you  
that it is the intention of the Patrons to  
open the schools on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Decr.

You will please to forward the  
draft as soon as possible, as the money  
has been advanced without any charge for  
same.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) Thomas Denny  
Secretary,

Ed. M. C. W.

W. C. Willis J.  
Secretary, &c.  
Sydney.

Here follow 3 certificates signed by Local patrons,  
viz. 1<sup>st</sup> Certificate of the satisfactory completion  
of school furniture,

2<sup>nd</sup> Certificate of the satisfactory completion  
of the Master's residence

3<sup>rd</sup> — Carpenter's work, water closets, &c. &c.

Also two receipts signed Joseph Dobson: acknow-  
ledging the sum of £21.8.0, & £25.0.0, from the  
Local patrons, for school furniture, water closets &c,  
& instalment for master's residence,

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Warmanbool, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local patrons to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> Novr. 1836 enclosing a draft for £40-10-4, also abstracts for same,

In reply the abstracts have been forwarded duly signed.

I am also directed to forward and now enclose Mr. Craig's letter respecting the claim of Mr. Nicols, the patrons have inquired into the matter and cannot obtain any more information than is contained in the letter.

They are aware that such a debt does exist, but they conceive that the Board have not any thing to do with it, in as much as when the house was given up by a Majority of the subscribers it was given free from any claim.

I am also directed to inform you that the schools have been opened since the 9<sup>th</sup> Decr. under the National school system, the attendance of the children at this date are 64 in all, Boys & Girls by the fees which the patrons have paid for the children it will realize for master and mistress about £52, which, together with £40 from the Board will make for their salary £92, the patrons wish to lay the same before the Board, to know whether the Board can

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increase upon their amount for the salary, as they conceive that the Master and mistress are entitled to more, and to raise the remainder by subscription is out of their power.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) Thomas Denny  
Secretary.

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*E. H. C. M.*

Warranbool 21<sup>st</sup> January 1850.

Sir,

£33-10-0

I am directed by the Local patrons to forward and now enclose certificates for a further sum of thirty three pounds ten shillings on account of school building, for the completion of Master's residence.

I am also directed to remark that the house is completed in a most satisfactory manner, even exceeding the expectation of the Patrons. I have given an order to Mr. J. Chisholm for this amount.

*E. H. C. M.*

(Signed) Tho. Denny

W. C. Willsh, Secretary,

Secretary.

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Here follows a certificate signed by the Local patrons, stating that the Master's residence is satisfactorily completed by Joseph Dobson.

also a Receipt signed "Joseph Dobson" acknowledging his having recd. from the Local patrons £33-10-0. last instalment for Master's residence.

No. 57/69.

National Education office,  
Sydney 5<sup>th</sup> February 1851.

Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> Novr, 1850 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 1851 applying for payment of £105-6-0 balance for completing the Warrumbah National school house, and supplying the necessary school furniture, I beg to request that you will procure the necessary signatures to the accompanying abstracts, as pointed out in pencil and return the same to me at your earliest convenience and accompany the whole with a certificate agreeably to the "Form" herewith enclosed,

2. The sum of £71-16-0 the amount asked for in your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> November has

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not yet been passed by the Board in consequence of the necessary forms not having been complied with, and which, to avoid any disappointment, or unnecessary delay, I transmitted to Warranbool some time ago, but I fear through some mischance they have not reached their destination, these formalities have been required to be complied with by the Government, and as they are new, much confusion has been occasioned thereby.

3. I beg to acquaint you that I forwarded per Shamrock Steamer on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, a parcel containing a first set of Books for the use of the National school at Warranbool addressed to you, to the care of C. B. Greene, Mail Contractor, Melbourne. I am not sure if Mr Greene has the contract for the mails this year, but thro' his kind instrumentality parcels have been forwarded to their destinations in Port Phillip district free of charge for land carriage.

I would have forwarded the Books by the Brig "Essexton", but that my patience is quite worn out in enquiring for her, and I considered you might perhaps readily obtain them from Mr Greene although perhaps he may cease  
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to be the Government Contractor,

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) W. C. Wills,

Sr. Secretary,

Thomas Penny E,

Secretary

National School, Warranbool.

*Ed. H. C. M.*

No. 51/92.

National Education Office,

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

Sr,

I have the honor to enclose draft

£46-16

for forty six pounds sixteen shillings balance of money due from the Board on account of the school building and school furniture at Warranbool.

2. I have also honored Drafts on account of the local Board in favor of Mr. J. Chickden of Sydney, amounting to thirty three pounds ten shillings and to twenty five pounds respectively, in all One hundred and five pounds six shillings.

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3. May I request that the formal receipts  
(and) certificates may be forwarded forthwith  
I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

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

Thomas Penny G. Secretary  
National school, Warranamboul.

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Yuroke,

Somerset

School house, near Somerset Inn,  
Spring Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1849.

Gentlemen,

There was a meeting held here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of making application to your Board to have the school already established here erected into a National school, and I have been instructed by the Chairman to forward you an abstract of the minutes of that meeting, which I beg leave to do as under,

Present, Messrs. Gunn, Cameron, Dudgeon, Watt, Hill, Petillo, Tydeman, & Rusden,

The Rev. Peter Gunn having been unanimously elected Chairman, stated briefly the object of calling the meeting, and Mr. Rusden having explained the various advantages to be derived from the National System of Education, the following propositions were made, seconded, and carried, nem. con,

(1<sup>st</sup> That

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- 1<sup>st</sup> That application be made to have the school already established here erected into a National school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the following gentlemen be the Local patrons, Messrs. McKenzie, Cameron, Watt, Dinger, McKillop, Hill, & The Rev<sup>d</sup> Peter Gunn.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That Mr. Lydeman the present teacher be appointed Secretary.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That Mr. McKenzie G. be requested to act as Treasurer.
- 5<sup>th</sup> That a subscription list for a building fund be immediately opened, upon which £9 were subscribed by those present.
- 6<sup>th</sup> That the Secretary furnish each of the Local patrons with a subscription list, and that they exert themselves in obtaining subscriptions towards the Building fund.
- 7<sup>th</sup> That Mr. Brodie be requested to give a site for a school and that the Rev<sup>d</sup> P. Gunn make application to him for such site.

There were on the schoolmaster's list the names of 28 children, viz. 21 Boys & 7 girls. but it came within the knowledge of those present that several other children were about to be sent very soon.

The meeting was then adjourned until the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1849.

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There was a general wish expressed by those present that the school which was only established the 18<sup>th</sup> June last might be recognised as a National school from as early a date as is consistent with the constitution of your Board and although there is but little convenience where the school is at present held, the teacher pledged himself to afford every facility and convenience in his power to those appointed (in accordance with your regulations) to give religious instruction.

The Books hitherto used in the school are the first, second and third books by J. McCulloch, Reed's Geography, Chapman's Arithmetic and Moral Class book, and the Elements of Bookkeeping as published by the Commissioners of National Education for Ireland.

The formal application for aid towards building a school house will be forwarded as soon as a plan and estimate have been obtained.

I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) James Sydeman  
Secretary

Ed. H.C.M.

To  
The Board of National Education }  
Sydney }

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No. 49/317.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November instant, forwarding minutes of proceedings of a public meeting held at the School house, near Somerton Inn, Sydney Road, to have the school already established at Quorke, erected into a National school.

2. In reply I am instructed to state for the information of the proposed Local patrons, that the Board will be happy to cooperate with them, in the establishment of the school, by all means in their power consistent with their published regulations.

3. I beg to enclose copies,

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

2<sup>nd</sup>. Blank printed Schedule to be filled in under the respective headings, and when signed by the Local patrons to be returned to this office,

3<sup>rd</sup>. Circular (No. 1) as to school fees,

4<sup>th</sup>. Circular (No. 2) as to the Books & their prices,

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5<sup>th</sup> Circular (No. 3) as to the guarantee required for local subscriptions.

4. You will perceive that the primary object of the Board is to build schoolhouses rather than adopt schools in temporary premises, and the first step towards establishing a school must be taken by the Local patrons, in procuring a Building site, when this has been done, and the necessary local subscriptions for a Building fund have been raised and appropriated in terms of Circular No. 3, the Board may deem it expedient to recognise the school already established, until the new school house shall have been completed.

5. I am to suggest to the Local patrons that, for obvious reasons, the Board do not think it proper, as a general rule, that the teacher of a National school should also be the Secretary to the Local Board.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

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

Secretary,  
Mr. James Lydeman }  
secretary to the local patrons }  
National school, Yuroke. }

Ed. M. M.

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National School, Yverke,

11<sup>th</sup> January 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the local patrons of the school established here to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 49/317 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November ult, and containing 5 enclosures, and I have been instructed to forward to you without delay the accompanying schedule filled up agreeably to information laid before the patrons at a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

That part of the schedule referring to the annual sum in support of the school-master was ordered to be left blank that the amount might be fixed by the Commissioners in accordance with their scale of granting salaries and the wants of the district, as apparent from the rest of the schedule.

The carriage of the first stock of books has been provided for by the local board, and they request that they may be addressed to their care of Westgate Ross St, Melbourne.

In reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of your communication suggesting the impropriety of the teacher of a National school being also the

Secretary

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secretary to the Local Board, the local patrons request that the appointment in the present instance may be sanctioned by the Commissioners until such time as the school is brought into full working order.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. servant,

(Signed) James Hyndman

Secretary.

W. C. Wiles Esq.

Secretary.

Board of Nat. Education

Sydney

Ed. H. C. W.

Here follows a copy of printed application enclosed in the preceding letter, viz.

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

To the Commissioners of National Education.

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a Boys' and Girls' school under the direction of the Board of National Education, and being willing to act as patrons thereof, have to request that the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance of the regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1848,

(Sd)