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be pleased to grant a sum of £100 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £ in support of the Schoolmaster and the undersigned hereby engage to conform to such regulations as have been already published by the National Board, and to such as may be hereafter promulgated by their authority.

(Signed) Daniel McKenzie

" J. Cruick

" John Watt

" Donald Cameron

" John Hill

" John McKillop

" Peter James, Minister of the
Scotch Church, Campbellfield.

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

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

Boys	Girls	Total	
82	62	144	Of which
59			are Church of England,
41			Presbyterians
36			Roman Catholics
8			of other denominations,

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Title and extent of the proposed site on which the building is to be erected,

A conveyance of two acres of ground from Messrs. G. S. & A. Brodie, being part of section No. 16, parish of Yeroke, County of Bourke, situated between the Sydney road and the Merri creek at the south side of the section, and on the roadside,

Proposed cost of the Building — £150,

Sum proposed to be raised by the local patrons
for the building — £50,
for the annual support of schools — 30.

Miscellaneous Observations,

The parents of the children in the district generally are unable to afford high fees, or to be at much expense in the erection of school buildings.

Ed. H. L. M.

No. 50/55.

National Education office
Sydney 29th January 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board
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of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing a printed schedule signed by certain Local patrons applying for the establishment of a National school at Gurole, requesting a grant of £100 towards the erection of the school houses, according to a plan annexed, and a sum which the Board may consider adequate towards the support of the schoolmaster,

2. In reply I am instructed to state that the Board will be happy to comply with your request, and will grant a sum of £100 towards the erection of the school house agreeably to the plan, upon the local patrons paying into the ^{Union} Bank at Melbourne, their quota, namely £50 to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund," (all moneys paid into the branch Union Banks in the Colony are transmitted to Sydney free of charge) A sum of £150 will then be expended by the Board on the school buildings at Gurole, and any sum to this amount will be duly forwarded by the Board, on their receiving from the local patrons a certificate signed by a Majority of the local patrons, that such amounts are actually due and expended on the Buildings, and I will thank you to state to whom and where moneys are to be paid from time to time,

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3. The Board will, in the first instance grant the minimum salary of £40 towards the support of the teacher, whom the Board would wish to be a married man, but this is not absolutely necessary, and in this instance there will be no objection to his acting as Secretary temporarily.

4. It will be necessary for Messrs. G. J. and R. Brodie to forward an abstract of their title to the land proposed to be conveyed to the Board, with such a measurement and description thereof as will suffice Mr. Billy as the Board's solicitor to prepare the necessary Conveyance.

5. With respect to the payment for the carriage of parcels, the Hunter Steam Navigation Company charge half a crown for each parcel of moderate size, say twenty pounds weight, more or less, to Melbourne, they also require prepayment, these petty expenses may be met by the Local patrons by enclosing post-office stamps, which will in all cases be considered as money, and credit given by the Board accordingly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wells,

Secretary.

Ed. H. C. M.

Mr. Jas. Sydeman

Secretary,

Nat. school, Yuroke,

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National School, Yards,

26th February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Local patrons, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 50/55 dated 29th ultimo, and in compliance with the instructions conveyed under the fourth head of that communication an abstract of the Title of Messrs. G. S. & R. Prodie to the land proposed to be conveyed to the National Board of Education has been prepared which I herewith forward to you,

I am likewise instructed to inform you that the portions of the ground about to be conveyed to the Board for the erection of a school house is situated on the south side of the ground described in the accompanying abstract and bounded on the south side by a part of the section line bearing West eight chains to the Sydney road, on the west by the Sydney road, bearing North two and a half chains, on the North by a line bearing east eight chains, and on the east by a line bearing south two and a half chains to the starting point.

I am also instructed to intimate that the local patrons are now in a position to

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comply with the regulations of the Board,
and that they only wait for the proper
conveyance of the ground to commence building
operations.

I may observe that the name
of the parish has been spelt differently
in the abstract from what it appears in
the Government Gazette,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) James Tydemann
Secretary.

W. C. Wills Esq. }
Secretary &c }
Sydney }

Ed. H. C. W.

No. 50/109.

National Education Office
Sydney 5th March 1850

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of trans-
mitting, abstract of Title of the Messrs. Brodie
to land proposed to be conveyed to the Board of
National Education by the Messrs. Brodie at Gympie,
together with an explanatory letter from the

Secretary

Enclosures to be returned

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Secretary of the Local patrons, Mr. James
Egdenman, connected therewith, in order that you
may prepare the necessary conveyance for
signature forthwith,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. G. Wills,

W. W. Billiard & Co.
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Secretary,

Ed. H. C. W.

National School, Yuroke,
near Somerton Inn, Sydney Road,
15th March 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction
of the local patrons to enclose a draft for
£50 being the sum proposed to be raised by
them towards the erection of a National school here,

I have also been instructed to furnish
you with the following extract from the
minutes of a meeting held in the temporary
school house on Tuesday the 12th inst. at
which all the patrons, with one exception, were
present. "The patrons unanimously agree to
request the Board to concur in the appointment
of Mr. James Egdenman, married man, as
Teacher

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teacher, and further beg to request the Commissioners to allow his salary to commence from the earliest date consistent with their regulations,"

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your most obedient servant,
(Signed) James Pydeeman
Secretary.

W. C. Willesz,
Secretary,
Nat^l. Education Board
Sydney

Ed. P. C. W.

No. 50/150.

National Education office
Sydney 27th March 1850.

Sir,
I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th March inst, enclosing by the instructions of the Local Patrons a draft for £50 towards the National school building of Yarrick, and recommending yourself for the appointment of schoolmaster,

In reply I have the honor to state, that I have paid the £50 into the Bank, to the
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credit of the "Board of National Education, Building fund," and have added thereto £100 the Board's quota towards the Building, which will be remitted to Ypsöke for payment of the same on a certificate from time to time, signed by a Majority of the local patrons, that the amounts are actually due and expended thereon.

3. The Board have much pleasure in confirming the appointment of yourself in conjunction with Mrs Tydemann as teachers of the school, and desire me to state that your salary will take date from the day the school comes into operation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
 Your Most Obedient servant,
 (Signed) W. C. Wells
 Secretary

Mr James Tydemann
 Secretary to the local patrons
 National school, Ypsöke

W. C. Wells

National school, Ypsöke,
 23rd April 1855.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the local
 Patrons

No. 50/237.

National Education Office,
Sydney 8th May 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by directions of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, enclosing a certificate signed by a Majority of the local patrons of the proposed National school at Yerrakee, testifying that thirty pounds is actually due and expended on the building, requesting the Board to cause that amount to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in one of the Melbourne banks, and enquiring respecting the conveyance of the land for the school site,

2. In reply I beg to enclose draft for the amount requested, and, as is the practice of the Board, it is made payable to a Majority of the local patrons, which the Board hope will not be found inconvenient,

3. With respect to the conveyance of the land by Messrs. Brodie to the Board, I have the honor to acquaint you that the same was prepared some time ago and laid before the Board by their solicitor Mr. Bellgard, and he was then requested to forward it for the necessary signatures with a

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view to its completion, should this have been reflected I will take care the omission shall be remedied forthwith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) W. C. Willy

W. James Sydeman, Secretary
Secretary to the Local patrons,
National School, Yverke.

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National School, Yverke,
5th July 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the local patrons to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th March ulto, stating that the draft for £50 had been received and that the amount had been paid into the bank to the credit of the Board of National Education Building fund, and that £100, the Board's quota, had been added thereto, and also that the Board had much pleasure in confirming the appointment of myself in conjunction with Mrs Sydeman as teachers of the school with an intimation (that

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that the salary would take date from the day the school comes into operation.

In reply I have been instructed by the local patrons to remind you that the school has been in operation since the 18th of June 1849, and has, since that time, been conducted in such a manner as to answer as nearly as possible the purposes anticipated by the Board in the establishment of National Schools, that in your communication No. 49/317 bearing date 22nd November 1849, you stated that the Board might deem it expedient to recognise the school already established when the building site had been procured and the local subscriptions for a building fund had been raised and appropriated in terms of Circular No. 3 that these conditions having been complied with during the first quarter of the current year, they beg leave respectfully to request that the Commissioners of National Education would be pleased to adopt the school from the commencement of the present year and allow the salary to take date from the first of January 1850.

The patrons are the more solicitous that the Board should comply with this request, as the teacher's services were procured for one year at a small salary which he was induced to accept, the hope being held out to him of

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obtaining, before the expiration of that period
some such aid as that now applied for,

I beg leave in conjunction with
Mr. Sydeman to return my sincere thanks
to the Commissioners for the cordial
manner in which they confirmed our
appointment. I take this opportunity
of assuring them that no effort on our
part shall be wanting (by strict application
and diligence in the discharge of our duties)
to merit further marks of their approbation.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

(Signed) James Sydeman,

Secretary.

W. C. Willisby
secretary &c.
Sydney

P. S. I beg leave to enclose 2/6 worth
of postage stamps to pay the carriage of
the first stock of books which I find I
had omitted to do previously,

(Signed) J. J.

Ed. M. W.

Not School, Yuruk, 19 July 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the
local patrons to acknowledge the receipt of your
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L30 Letter of the 8th May ulto, enclosing a draft for thirty pounds and by the same post a letter from Mr. Billyard addressed to yourself containing the copy of a letter which (with the conveyance of the land for the school site) that gentleman had sent through the post to me, but which I had not received in consequence of its not having been prepaid.

Mr. Billyard's letter and the conveyance I found lying at the Melbourne Post-office, and believe that it will be in my power to forward the original deed to Mr. Billyard by next post.

L60 I have been instructed to forward you another certificate for a second instalment of sixty pounds which I beg leave to enclose and to request that the amount may be forwarded with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) James Tydeman,
Secretary.

W. C. Willis Esq.
Secretary &c.
Sydney

W. C. Willis

Here follows a certificate, signed by 14 of the local patrons stating that £60 is ^{now} due & expended on the building.

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No. 50/393.National Education office.
Sydney 31st July 1850.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and certificate of the 14th instant, testifying that a second instalment of £60 is now due on the school house at Quilke, and requesting draft for the amount,

2. In reply, I beg to forward draft for the £60. amount requested.

3. At the same time I am to state that on the payment of the third and last instalment, in all one hundred and fifty pounds, it will be requisite to supply also the certificate of some competent tradesman testifying that the works are performed according to contract and in a substantial manner, formal receipts in duplicate are enclosed herewith, which I will thank you to get signed and returned to this office when application is made for final payment, agreeably to the instructions written thereon in pencil.

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4. The Board request that some one of the local patrons be now appointed as secretary instead of the teacher, with respect to whose salary, I am to request you to state, that the Board do not see sufficient to justify them in sanctioning until the school house is built and occupied.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. G. Williford,
Secretary,

For
(The local patrons)
C. McKenzie,
Treasurer,
National school, Yuroke,

Ed. M. G.

Samphillfield, near Melbourne,
25th November 1850,

Sir,
Having been appointed secretary to the patrons of the National school at Yuroke, I have the honor by their direction to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 31st July ulto, enclosing a draft for £60 as the second instalment towards the erection of the school house,

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I now beg leave to forward to you the certificate for the third and last instalment of sixty pounds, (and also the forms of duplicate receipts for the sum pledged by the Board, being the amount of £100,

I am further directed to express the thanks of the patrons to the Board for the donation of books received on the 1st of the inst.

The patrons regret that the Commissioners have not seen sufficient cause to make the teacher's salary date from the beginning of the year as the school has been in full operation and under the control of the patrons.

Considering the teacher's inadequate remuneration (and the circumstances of the district, the patrons beg respectfully to request that the Commissioners would reconsider the matter, and grant his salary from the earliest period consistent with their regulations.

The school room & class rooms have been occupied from the 26th August, although the dwelling apartments are but recently completed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yr. most obedient servant,
(Signed) Peter Gunn,

Secretary.

W. C. Willis,
Secretary.

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J. J. C. Mills

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Here follows a certificate signed by 4 of the local patrons for the 3rd and last instalment, £60, as due & expended on the building.

No. 50/675

National Education Office,
Sydney 11th December 1850.

Sir,

Please receive on account of the National school building, Yuroke, third and final payment of £60, thirty pounds and six pence previously paid, making a total expenditure on the building of £150.

I have the honor to be, Sir
your most obedient servant,
(signed) W. C. Wells
Secretary.

J. Gemmill Esq.
Secretary
N^o. School, Yuroke.

W. C. Wells

Maase, Campbellfield,
near Melbourne, 25th November 1850,

Sir,

(This is a duplicate of the letter of same date,
(signed) "Peter Quinn".

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Mario Campbellfield,
near Melbourne, 24th January 1851,

Sir,

Two months ago I had the honor
of forwarding a letter of which the preceding
is a copy. As there has been no reply, I beg
to call your attention to the matter and to
state that the parties concerned are much
disappointed by the delay, and the
Treasurer annoyed by the importunities of
the tradesmen for their payment.

Under these circumstances, unless you
have written before now, I earnestly
beg that you will be pleased to do so
with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be,

Yours &c.

(Signed) Peter Gunn,

W. C. Willis,
Secretary

N. Board of Education,
Sydney.

Ed. M. M.

The answer to the preceding letter is on the
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No. 51/56.

National Education Office,
Sydney 31st January 1851.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th November last, received this morning, and I hasten to correct an error which your communication has brought before me,

I; I duly forwarded on the 11th December 1850 (draft, first) for £60 in favor of Daniel McKenzie and John Watt, being the third and final payment towards the erection of the school building at Yuroke, but I observe that my communication is addressed "J. Gemmill Esq. National school, Yuroke," instead of the Rev. P. Gunn, Hence has arisen the mistake, and I now enclose (second) at sight for £60 of the same tenor and date, and beg you will notify the mistake at the Melbourne Bank, and apologise to the local parties for the unintentional trouble I have inflicted upon them.

I have the honor to be,

se &c,

(Signed) W.C. Wiles

Secretary,

The Rev. Peter Gunn,
Mance. Campbell's etc.
near Melbourne

[Handwritten signature]

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Messrs. Campbellfield
3rd March 1851.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ulto, enclosing abstract in duplicate for the payment of £10 by the Board to the local patrons, in reference to which I beg to call your attention to my communication of the 25th November last in which duplicate receipts for the amount of £100 pledged by the Board were duly forwarded to you,

I received your letter of the 31st of January last, enclosing draft (second at sight) for £60 and got that matter arranged,

I beg particularly to call your attention to that part of my letter of 25th Novr. last, which refers to the teacher's salary, and request that you would with the least possible delay, send the vouchers requisite to enable him to draw the amount that may be due to him, and state the period from which his salary shall commence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
your most obedient servant,
(Signed) Peter Gunn

Secretary,
Yards Nat School

W. C. Wells, Esq.
Secretary, &c
Sydney

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for letter of "21st ulto."

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No. 51/1141

National Education office,

Sydney 21st February 1851,

Sir,

Referring to my letter No. 51/56 of date 21st January last, I now do myself the honor to enclose abstract in duplicate, with voucher, for payment of Ten pounds, the balance of money due by the Board, on ^{acc} of the Nat^l school building at Yuroke,

2. May I request you will be good enough to procure the necessary signatures thereto as pointed out in pencil, and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience, at the same time I should wish to have my anxiety set at rest with regard to the draft for Sixty pounds directed by mistake to Mr. Gemmell instead of yourself, — the mistake I corrected in my letter above referred to by enclosing Draft (second at sight) to you,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

(signed) W. C. Wells

Secretary

The Rev. J. Gumms
Mause Campbellfield
near Melbourne.

Ed. H. C. W.

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No. 51/141.

National Education office,
Sydney 11th of March 1851.

Sir,

In attention to your letter of the 3rd instant, recd. this morning - I now do myself the honor to forward Mr. Tydemans' abstracts of salary made up to the end of the present month, the same will be repaid in duplicate as pointed out in pencil and returned to this office. Mr. Tydemans will please signify where and to whom I am to pay the amount, in all twenty four pounds & one penny.

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2. This payment is computed according to the authority of your letter of the 25th Novr, 1850, in reply to the Board's letter No. 50/293, of date 31st July of the same year.

3. I am much obliged to you for your reference to your letter of the 25th ~~Novr~~ November last, by which I observe the vouchers for £. 100. pledged by the Board of National Education, towards the erection of the school house, have been furnished, the error, on my part, arose from the abstract having been already forwarded to the Audit Office previously to the payment of the balance due by the
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Board on account of the school building,

4. I thank you for arranging the matter of the balance alluded to having been addressed inadvertently to the wrong person,

I have the honor to be,

Srs

Your most obedient serv^t

(Signed) W. C. Wills,

Secretary.

The Rev. J. Gunn,

Secretary

National school

Quaker.

Ed. A. C. M.