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8th May 1828
Capt Pro Thomas
Reports upon my
State of Yarra above Mission

William & Mary Med

Mr Sir

Having recd a Communication from
the Chief Officer of certain documents having
at his Office for my perusal touching the
Yarra Aborig. Mission, & to report to your
Honour touching the same. I have with address
Your Honour

In consequence of the blacks for
some months past removing from my
quarters to the Sth of the River, I have been
occasionally sent at the Mission Creek for
a little Medicine. - In the last of each
month however, I wait upon the Teacher
to get from him (altho' always from) the
number of boys in attendance during the
month daily. - In the last of month on
writing at the Mission house I find
all absent & am informed that the boys
& Teacher was at work putting up a fence
at New Loan - Not knowing what
arrangements existed between the Teacher
& Committee, I thought little of it, but
subsequently found that the stable, & an
out building not finished was removed
to

On the Chief Protector's return who I saw
on the 13th ultimo, in conversation with him
upon the school, I stated that I sus-
pected that the teacher was preparing
to leave, - that the place looked for-
lorn & that the stable & an unfinished
building was removed. The Chief Pro-
tector informed me that he would ride
out, he did so which has led to the
minutes presented to your Honor.

I have the honor to be

Yours Honor's

Wm. J. St. Laurent

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J. La Roche Esq.
Superintendent

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Melbourne 6th May 1848

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I herewith address your Honor -

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His Honor

The Superintendent

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[S^g] "William Thomas."