

8th November 1839

Chief Protector. Furnishing the information
No. 34/183 regarding the sex and age of the 8 & 8 Demand
Blacks required in Chief Protector's Office

Melbourne Port Phillip
8th Nov^r 1839

No 49/208

Sir,

vide Dispatch
of the Secretary of
State, to His Excellency
Sir George Gipps.

I have the honor to state in replication to
the query, contained in yours of the 6th Instant
No 39/93. that the small party of Van Diemens
Land Natives, attached to this Department are
the same who attended me in all my travels in
Van Diemens Land; some of them for the long period
of 11 years, and will also attend me in any
Journey, I may make whilst in this Country; —
they comprise eight Individuals. viz. Four Males
and four Females, they are kindred related, and
consider themselves as one Family, their comparative
ages are, Males 45. 19. 17. 16. Females 23. 21. 20. 19
the expenses attendant upon their maintenance
Per Annum, in Rations and Slop Clothing, the
lowest computation for the eight Individuals is £140.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt^t Serv^t

E. A. Robinson
Chief Protector

His Honor

C. J. La. Trobe Esq^r.

Superintendent

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