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The Chief Secy

Chief Protector's Office

Melbourne 29th November 1843.

By R. 2650 RB

W 43/2659
No. 1/1282.

I wish to inform my July 1843
Service right to claim to remuneration
for storage of flour ^{have the honor to state in reply}
to Mr. Sievwright's communication (herewith
returned) That about two years since the Contractor

forwarded to his Agent Mr. Champion at Geelong
per authority of the Government, a quantity of
flour for the Special service under my charge.

I found however on my arrival that it had
been applied to other uses and in consequence
I had to proceed without the requisite means
(mentioned in my report of 1841.

An additional supply was subsequently
received by Mr. Sievwright and forwarded to the
"Tarong" blacks. Of the expense for storage
by Mr. Ruffle I knew nothing until brought
under my notice by Mr. Sievwright, when I

His Honor,

(immediately)

Charles Joseph La Trobe Esq.

Superintendent.

immediately applied to Mr. Craig and was —
informed that Mr. Champion and not Mr. Ruffle
was his agent (at Geelong). Mr. Craig
further stated that although a most —
unreasonable time (two years) had elapsed —
without any application having been made, he
notwithstanding was ready to entertain the claim
if it could be established. I therefore —
advised Mr. Ruffle should be referred to the
Contractor for payment (vide my letter to Mr.
Sieveuright No. 1268.) ^{Annexed} but if as stated by Mr.
Sieveuright it was a just debt contracted by
me (but of which I have no knowledge) then
Mr. Ruffle should have proceeded against me
and not against Mr. Sieveuright.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Ob^d. humble Serv^t.

J. A. Robinson
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P. S. I would briefly remark that the
Public Service had suffered sufficient inconvenience
and loss (as Mr. Sewright is aware) by the —
misappropriation of the flour sent to Mr. Champion
without being put to additional expense for
the storage of an article not absolutely —
required.

a true copy.

N^o 1368.

Chief Protectors Office

Melbourne 21st September 1843.

Sir,

I have merely to state in reply to yours of the 7th instant in the case of Mr. Puffle, that I know nothing of the transaction, the contractors are I presume (if they furnished the order) the proper parties to apply to.

I have the honor &c

(Signed)

G. A. Robinson

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