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25th July 1848

The Chief Protector

To copy

Report of Mount Rouse
Aboriginal Reserve for year ending

(No 72) Dec Chief Protector's Office
Melbourne Feb. 26th
1849

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit Mr. Wattons Report
of The Mount Rouse Aboriginal
Station for the period from
1st January to 31st December
1847 -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t

J. H. Pinson

His Honor

C. J. La Trobe

Superintendent

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Report of Proceedings at the
Western Aboriginal Station, Mount
Rouse for the year 1847.

The Attendance of Natives
during the year has been more
than usually desultory which
I can only account for by the
impossibility of allowing them
even a very moderate supply
of food from the very small
sum of money allowed for this
branch of the Department.

At any of the Neighbouring Stations
they are much better supplied
than here, not only with food
but clothing which is not allowed
here, and to which they have
now become so accustomed as to
consider it one of the necessities
of life.

The very small establishment
allowed here must of necessity

G. A. Robinson Esq^r
Chief Prot^t: Aborigines

preclude the Possibility of
any great improvements
or any extensive Cultivation
A Paddock of 30 acres for the
Cultivation of Wheat, and a
Small one of 4 acres for Potatoes
have been put up during
the year but from the
lateness in the Season of
them being completed and
having to purchase Seed only
10 Acres of Wheat and 2 of Potatoes
were sown, and there are
promising a fair average crop.
There is no produce of any
kind on hand. For want
of a very trifling expenditure
the buildings on the Station
are rapidly hastening to decay
and had I not at my own
Cost caused some repairs to be