

21st March 1849
49/606 J. W. A. Baylie proposing system
for improvement & condition of labor?
Native. —
March 19th 1849

Chief Protector
22 March

Oct. 14th Apr 1849

Answer
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I am quite sure
your honor will pardon
my trespassing on your
valuable time, my reasons
for a doing so you are from
deep felt interest in the cause
of the Aborigines, and I am
wager to suggest a plan which
will tend I am convinced
not only to benefit the
unfortunate creatures, but
will tend likewise to benefit
the interests of the Public
generally.

Your honor's Government
has endeavored to do all
in its power to reform the

His Honor

Condition

C. J. La Trobe Esq
Superintendent &c
Took Phillip

condition of the unfortunate
and degraded savage, but
all plans I may say have
failed, the Protectorate and
the Missionary have been obliged
to acknowledge this, and to this
day the Shuck remains the same
unreclaimed creature debased
in his nature and habits, and
I have very little doubt ^{will} remain
so, no matter what efforts may
be used to bring them under the
influence of Christianity, and
why! so long as they addict
themselves to that debasing
all practices immutual
intercourse. This I declare to
be common amongst them,
and the Aborigines of this
colony I believe have all along
being peculiarly visited with
Judgment & from that position
being who has frequently
denounced those indulging in
this crime, and to our own
knowledge Scripture tells

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us which became of Antons
and Jones, and how signally
had visited individuals who
gave themselves up to this horrid
practice - singular to say, (and
which confirms my view,) I
bring to mind while I am writing
almost all the unfortunate
prisoners who ~~at~~ were under my
tutelage in San Francisco for
"Condybawit Qui" brought an
very unnatural contact, have
all such with an untimely
end, the singular displeasure
of God has followed them, and
they have either been executed for
the crime, or given over to further
indulgence of crime have been
executed either for Bushawing
or Murder. no later than the
other day was that unfortunate
young man ^{Hanson} ordered for execution
for Rape on a young girl at the
other side of the "Jurn" - I say
own knowledge this man was
under my tutelage for several
times at San Francisco Bay Hospital

I could name many more, but
I cannot here enter into
further detail, ~~as the~~

It is from what your
Amor has already done, much
to your credit that I suggest
the further carrying out the
extension of formation of the
Aboriginal Police force, the
experiment has been already
tried, and with good success;
and this prompts me to urge you
to extend the plan generally,
so that by this means the
interests of ^{the} public may be
protected - the plan therefore
that I would suggest is
simply as follows; let Barracks
and Stations be formed for an
Aboriginal "Corps de garde" in
different parts of the District
I would however only try
the experiment say at the Colne
where the place may have
knowledge there are about

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25 young men, well formed and
intelligent, and, who could be
easily brought under discipline
These young men are mostly
unencumbered with wives, and
appear a better class of people
^{than}
X those you meet generally, which
is owing to the influence which
Mr. Luskfield had with them
a few can read, and in Stock I
have been placed with these ^{more} than
with any others. I have met
- let Barnocks be called say at
"Buntingdale", let some party be
placed over them, one calculated
to teach them Military tactics
one capable of exercising a
friendly feeling, while at the same
time he would command their
respect, under him say I will
inducted subordinates with
at rank say of Sergeant and
Corporal as at I presume at
"Mornie Mornie Mornie", and I
venture to say that your Honor
and the Colony would not
reproach having tried the scheme

I consider it is important
that

that the Barracks should
be placed in the immediate
vicinity of the tribe, many
would I am convinced settle
down more comfortably at
"Marrin Marrin barrin" were it
not ^{it is} remote from their own
particular locality, they live
there with no instance, but place
the Barracks in the spot they
would select themselves, and
I have no doubt of favourable
results.

I leave the matter with
your Honor, I may be accused
of travelling out of the beaten
track of my way, and it may
be said what business have
you to meddle with the Aborigines
but convinced as I am your
Honor is always ready to
receive suggestions which
may tend to benefit these unfortunate
creatures I leave the Honor to

Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. A. Baylis

(Copy)

Protectorate Station

Goulbourne River

April 10th 1849.

Sir

At your request, I now beg to write you upon the subject of D^r Baileys Letter wherein he states that the natives are much subject to Condylomata &c.

As far as my experience goes, now three years, I have never met with a case of the above disease but have found the natives much subject to excrescences, and syphilitic Ulcers, indeed so much are they in common subject to those diseases, that I have frequently met with cases where young children of both sexes have been infected with excrescences merely from sitting on the skins and rugs in their encampments.

With regard to his assertion that the natives are much given to unnatural offences, I do not mean to say that such things do not occur, but I have never, through the whole course of my experience

with the natives, met or heard of single
case of such, and was very much
surprised indeed to hear of such an
assertion.

I have the honor to be

for

your obed. Servant

(signed) James Hensbury

To the Chief Protector
Aborigines
Melbourne.