Hobart Town
27th June 1835

My Lord

I have the honor of enclosing a copy of a report made by Mr Batman to His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Arthur detailing the result of an expedition conducted at our joint expence & part Philip on the South western extremity of New Holland for the purpose of effecting a conciliatory intercourse with the native Tribes in that part of the Country and afterwards of purchasing from the chiefs upon equitable principles a portion of that Territory for pastoral and agricultural

To
The Right Honble
The Secretary of State
for The Colonies

agricultural purposes

We are fully persuaded that the perusal of that report will clearly demonstrate that our intercourse has been established by our means which promises the most happy and philanthropic results, and that the portion of the country granted to Mr Batman as our representative has been obtained upon terms more equitable and just to the aboriginal proprietors of the soil than any which the history of British plantations can produce

We have not contented ourselves with merely purchasing the land in the first instance, but we have reserved to the Chiefs an annual Tribute payable for ever of the value of at least £20.- By means of this annual Tribute the friendly intercourse with the natives must of necessity be kept up, and will lead to gradual civilization

This tract of County is some hundred miles beyond the jurisdiction of New South Wales, but within the imaginary line leading from the Australian Bight to the Gulph of Carpentaria, and which defines the limits of Australia; — We might therefore

therefore, have contented ourselves
with this treaty with the Aboriginal
Tribes and quietly have taken a
possession of the Land without any
official notice either to the British or
Colonial Government, but in the
first instance we were desirous of
Communicating the happy results
which has attended the intercourse with
the natives, and in the next place of
at once apprizing His Majesty's
Government of the nature of the
Grants which have been obtained,
and the terms under which the
Land has been granted, because
we

we feel confident that having
obtained from the Chiefs of the
Tribe, who are in fact the owners
of the Soil, a Title based upon
equitable principles, the Crown
will under your Lordships advice
relinquish any legal or constructive
right to the Land in question,
Especially as the very destruction of
our Title would be taking away
from the natives the Tribute
which is thus secured to them
for Ever.

We therefore with confidence
appeal

appeal to your lordship to advise the
Crown to grant to us such rights
as the Crown may be advised that
it possesses in the Tracts of Land
in question upon such equitable
principles as your lordship
may consider the justice of the
case requires.

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your lordships'
most obedient humble servants

Jno. H. Wedge
H. C. Swanston
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