

## Index to Colonial Secretary's Office Correspondence 1859-1896 – Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples

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Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this index contains names of people who have passed.

### About this index

This index was compiled from the [Inwards Correspondence, S5253](#) created by the Colonial Secretary Office from 10 December 1859 to 6 August 1896. This index was compiled by Mark Copland, Andrew Walker and other researchers with the assistance of a grant from Communities and Personal Histories Unit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services, Department of Communities.

This historical index does not include traditional names such as K'gari. Names have not been anglicised and appear as in the original record. Further, many words in the descriptive text have been transcribed directly from the original record.

The citations for these in-letters are listed with the year the correspondence was received, followed by the number of the correspondence. For example, 68/1456 is Letter 1456 of 1868.

### Tips for searching this index

- Digitised copies of the letters referenced in this index are available by clicking on the ITM links to proceed to *View Digital Copy* to search for the letter numbers.
- To do a keyword search within a PDF file, press the Ctrl and F (or Command and F for Mac computers) buttons on your keyboard and type in your keyword, then press Search.
- Consider all possible spelling variants as many names have been spelt phonetically in the original record. The spelling of names varies considerably.
- Some letters were top-numbered to subsequent letters. For example, Letter 68/1233, Top-numbered to 68/1456, Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105. For more information, read [Research guide to top-numbering](#).

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#### Queensland State Archives [ITM846730](#) COL/A1 59/62

Letter from 2nd Lieutenant William Swete at Fitzroy dated October 29, 1859 tendering his resignation from the Native Police Force.

#### Queensland State Archives [ITM846730](#) COL/A1 59/118

Correspondence from Port Curtis (Gladstone) relating to the practice of keeping Aboriginal women in the Native Police camp. Aboriginal persons mentioned: Native Police Trooper Kelly and Daylight, Nelly and Dinah. The letter dated December 10, 1859 also makes a brief reference to massacres at Mr Young's Station. The letter dated August 27, 1859 mentions that the Aboriginal women living at the Native Police

camp “were frequently useful to us in discovering the haunts of some of the most notorious murderers”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/42**

Correspondence relating to the appointment of James Davies (aka James Davis; aka Duramboi) as an interpreter for Aboriginals in court.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/79**

Correspondence from Native Police officers Carr, Murray and Morisset relating to alleged “outrages” by the Aboriginals near McCartney’s station in the Fitzroy River district. Advises on the patrols to catch the offenders and the “dispersing” of the Aboriginals. Aboriginal persons named in the correspondence: Billy Billy, King John, [Bueen?] and Mitzie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/86**

Report from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated January 18, 1860. Makes recommendations that the Native Police would “be greatly benefited by the appointment of a Drill Sergeant at Rockhampton (Head Quarters) and ... that Officers, Camp Sergeants and troopers, as a rule, are alike ignorant of drill on first being appointed. I would further strongly urge upon the Government the desirability of appointing two additional 2nd Lieutenants one to the 1st and one to the 2nd Divisions, in order that the Lieutenants commanding may be relieved of duty of patrolling the bush after blacks, and be enabled continually to visit and report upon their outstations”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/99**

Petition from Daniel Cameron asking for Native Police protection in the Leichhardt district to ensure the safety of his stock. The file also contains a reply from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police, dated January 23, 1860 advising that he cannot guarantee Native Police protection to those who choose to live “far from the present boundary of location ... unless the strength of the Native Police Force is augmented to twice its present number”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/100**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated January 23, 1860 recommending John Darley’s appointment as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/112**

Petition from Isaac Jackson in Brisbane dated January 14, 1860 asking for a passage to Sydney because he has “been plundered of all he possessed by the Blacks”. The file also contains a letter from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane, recommending that he should not be given a passage.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/131**

Return of punishments inflicted on prisoners confined to Brisbane Gaol during the month of January 1860. Entry for an Aboriginal man named Billy Louden.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846731](#) COL/A2 60/138**

Report from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, dated February 2, 1860 relating to the recruitment of Aboriginals at Fort Bourke, Lower Darling for service in the Native Police in the Balonne district (St George - Surat).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846732](#) COL/A3 60/241**

Return of prisoners convicted in Brisbane and Ipswich dated February 24, 1860. Entries for Billy Louden convicted of larceny and Jack alias Broom convicted of housebreaking and larceny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846732](#) COL/A3 60/381**

The file contains a letter from William Sims at Bendemere Station dated March 5, 1860 requesting Native Police protection from the Aboriginals camped there. He believes that one of them is named Beilba, one of the Dawson murderers. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Frederick Carr dated March 8, 1860 in which he advises that he patrolled the Station and found "a mob of upwards of 100 all of the Upper Dawson Tribe". He further advises that the Aboriginals attacked them and in the ensuing battle 15 Aboriginals were killed including "Baulie". The report also mentions the following Native Police Troopers: Paddy, Jack, Tommy, Charlie, May Boy, Tippo, Lewis and Philip.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846732](#) COL/A3 60/483**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated April 4, 1860 stating that he disagrees with the Bench regarding the stationing of one Native Trooper at Callandoon (Goondiwindi).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/581**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated April 20, 1860 forwarding an account in relation to medical expenses for a Native Police Sergeant at Sandgate.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/594**

Letter from the Surveyor General's office dated April 20, 1860 asking for approval to supply blankets and shirts to the Aboriginals at Wide Bay (Maryborough district).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/616**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated April 25, 1860 enclosing a requisition for blankets, shirts and trousers for distribution to the Aboriginals of Brisbane on the Queen's birthday. The attached requisition advises that 400 blankets, 60 shirts, 70 trousers and 36 frocks will be needed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/636**

Letter from Charles Coxen in Dalby dated April 21, 1860 requesting 100 blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/761**

Correspondence in relation to a request by Daniel Cameron for a Native Police detachment to be stationed on the Comet River because "a party of Europeans have been murdered by the aborigines".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/825**

Correspondence from Rockhampton relating to charges brought against Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police by Camp Sergeant Spooner. Spooner accuses Murray of being responsible for his child's death.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/850**

Letter from the NSW Colonial Secretary's Office dated March 31, 1860 advising that in compliance with the request, "instructions have been given for forwarding twelve double barrelled carbines to Brisbane for the use of the Queensland Native Police".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/855**

Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police dated June 1, 1860 advising he has a notice to go in the Government Gazette for the call of tenders for blankets and shirts for the Aboriginals. The notice is not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/859**

Report from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, on the state of the Force and suggestions for its improvement dated December 24, 1859. Advises that the Force has five divisions; the Force is not yet at full strength because of the "difficulty recruiting men adapted to the service and because

it is absolutely necessary to recruit in a district as far as possible from that in which the men have to serve and there are now seventeen troopers required to complete the number allowed by the New South Wales Government"; there have been numerous requests for Police protection from stockholders occupying the country north of the Fitzroy but it would be "unsafe to remove any of the detachments from their present stations unless I may except the Division stationed at Wide Bay and Burnett where the blacks are comparatively quiet"; recommends that if "it should be determined to increase the strength of the Force that a recruiting party [should be] sent to the Darling". Attached to the report is an appendix that shows the distribution and present strength of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/876**

Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police, dated June 4, 1860 forwarding a voucher for the supply of blankets and shirts to the Aboriginals of the Port Curtis district. The attached requisition advises that 75 single blankets and 5 dozen shirts will be needed for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/915**

Letter from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh of the Native Police at Coopers Plains (Maryborough) dated May 1, 1860 asking for one month's leave of absence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/954**

Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police recommending four weeks leave of absence for Lieutenant Powell of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/989**

Letter and a newspaper clipping in relation to allegations that Aboriginal girls were removed from Fraser Island by "fraud and deception". The newspaper clipping suggests that the owner and Captain of the schooner 'Coquette' with "the assistance of a white man named Edward Priddy, a resident of Maryborough, with some blacks from this town landed upon the Island and succeeded in obtaining possession of two girls whom they took on to Sydney and one of the inducements offered to the blacks to give up possession was a bag full of what was represented to be white money ... large numbers of blacks immediately made their way to this township to make their purchases when they found out the deception ... deep and bitter were the execrations expressed and vows of vengeance were uttered to kill the first white people that ever came amongst them again". (portions of the letter are missing)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846733](#) COL/A4 60/990**

Letter from John McConnell relating to an allowance paid to those Native Police troopers who provide horses and equipment at their own expense. (portions of this letter are missing)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846734](#) COL/A5 60/1044**

Correspondence from the Collector of Customs in Brisbane relating to a report from the Aboriginals of Wide Bay that a boat had been washed ashore 30 miles north of Caloundra. The letter dated July 4 1860 advises that the Aboriginals accompanied Thomas Frazer to the location and for their efforts the "tribe should be conciliated as much as possible ... blankets and some other supplies [should] be given to these natives".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1270**

Correspondence from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police recommending that his brother Rudolph and A. Patrick be appointed as 2nd Lieutenants in the 1st division of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1294**

Letter from the Bench at Condamine dated July 28, 1860 advising that 35 Aboriginals have been supplied

with blankets at a cost of 20 pounds and requesting “a further sum of at least 30 pounds for the purpose of supplying blankets to the many aborigines as yet not furnished therewith”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1299**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated August 2, 1860 asking that the Colonial Secretary authorise his pay of 108 pounds 6 shillings and 8 pence for the months of August and September.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1324**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 1, 1860. Attached to the letter is a return showing how prisoners were employed at the gaol. The return lists six Aboriginal men: Billy Loudon, Jack aka Broom, Dick Basket, Jacky, Billy and Johnny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1368**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated August 13, 1860 asking if the horses, saddlery, accoutrements and tents etc of the Gold Police can be handed over to the 1st division of the Native Police now that the Gold Police are about to be broken up.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846735](#) COL/A6 60/1408**

Correspondence relating to the proposed transfer of Native Police troopers from the Clarence and Macleay Districts in NSW to Queensland under the command of Morisset.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846736](#) COL/A7 60/1505**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 1, 1860. Attached to the letter is a return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour which lists the following Aboriginal men: Jack aka Broom and Billy. There is also a return showing all punishments inflicted on prisoners, which lists a man named James Jerome (Aboriginal?)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846736](#) COL/A7 60/1610**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated September 19, 1860 relating to charges by Mr Walsh against the Native Police in the Wide Bay district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846736](#) COL/A7 60/1633**

Letter from the Bench at Callandoon (Goondiwindi district) dated September 11, 1860 asking how much money has been set down for medicines supplied to the Aboriginals. The file also contains a draft letter of reply advising that 15 pounds has been allocated.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846736](#) COL/A7 60/1706**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated September 28, 1860. “As it will be necessary to afford protection to those squatters occupying country on the “peak” [Peak Downs] and Albania Downs I propose forming two detachments from the 1st division to be stationed in those localities. I have the honour to inform you that it will also be necessary that two additional Sergeants should be appointed to take charge of the camps in the absence of the officers and troopers on patrol ... I have therefore to recommend that an authority should be granted for this purpose”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846736](#) COL/A7 60/1737**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated October 3, 1860 asking for an advance of two months pay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1798**

Correspondence relating to the payment of an accommodation allowance to the Commandant of the

Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1799**

Correspondence in relation to the formation of a Native Police detachment to be stationed in the Burdekin district. The letter from John Bramston the Clerk of the Council dated October 9, 1860 advises that the Select Committee has recommended that the Native Police should be expanded “as the new country becomes occupied” and that “Second Lieutenant Powell be promoted to be First Lieutenant in the Native Police - that Charles John Blakeney Esq be appointed Second Lieutenant” and that the necessary supplies be procured for the detachment. The file also contains a report on the Wide Bay and Fitzroy divisions from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated September 17, 1860. He reports that the Aboriginals in these districts have been “tolerably quite and believes that this will continue, “As every case of aggression on their part has been promptly followed by punishment”. He also advises that “it will be necessary in a short time to afford protection to those squatters occupying country on the Peak Downs and Albania Downs. I propose forming two detachments of seven or eight troopers each to be stationed in the above localities”. Letter 60/1750, 60/1707, 60/1611, Top-numbered to 60/1799.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1800**

Correspondence relating to a proposal to set up a system for training cadet officers for service in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1832**

Letter from John McDonnell the secretary of the Native Police dated September 25, 1860 asking for an increase in salary because he now has to keep the accounts of the White Police and the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1842**

Correspondence from the Native Police Commandant's Office in relation to the payment of an allowance to E. Genatas who has been appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846737](#) COL/A8 60/1952**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane on the destruction of an Aboriginal camp on the Eagle Farm road at Breakfast Creek by a party of Brisbane Police. The file also includes depositions from the inquiry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2005**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1860. Attached is a return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour which lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2006**

Returns of Brisbane Gaol punishments from the Visiting Justice dated November 1, 1860. The following Aboriginal men are named: Jack aka Broom, Dick Basket and Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2051**

Return from the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Maryborough listing the number of Aboriginals under treatment for various diseases for the period June 30 to September 30 1860.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2100**

Correspondence in relation to the supply of arms, ammunition, swords and badges from the New South Wales government to the 5th division of the Native Police Force to be stationed in the Burdekin district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2198**

Letter from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, from Rockhampton and dated November 20, 1860 advising that Lieutenant Walker has been given permission to purchase horses on route to the Darling where he will recruit Native Police troopers for the Burdekin region.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2199**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 21, 1860 requesting permission to spend 20 pounds to erect a wooden building at the police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2201**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 24, 1860 recommending that William Cave be appointed as a cadet in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2233**

Returns from the Visiting Justice, Brisbane Gaol dated November 30, 1860. The return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Billy and Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2330**

Correspondence from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police advising that he has found a suitable site for a Native Police barracks on Mr Dutton's station on Repulse Creek. He also advises that this location is central to the stations already formed in the Comet River and Albania Downs districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2331**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police. Morisset reports that six of the Native Police troopers of the 1st division under the command of Lieutenant Patrick have deserted. The troopers were recruited by Lieutenant Walker on the Balonne and were then sent with Lieutenant Patrick to the Albania Downs where they met some of their "country men" who incited them to desert.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846738](#) COL/A9 60/2336**

Memorial from the inhabitants of the Wide Bay district and the town of Maryborough requesting that Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh of the Native Police not be transferred from Maryborough to Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/49**

Returns from the Visiting Magistrate to Brisbane Gaol dated January 1, 1861. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/65**

Report from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police in relation to an application by Mr Hood for Native Police protection at Teresa Creek, Peak Downs. Morisset reports that it has been difficult to afford protection because they are at present undermanned due to desertions and trips away to procure horses and recruits. When the recruits arrive from the Logan River and Darling River he hopes to be able to afford Mr Hood with protection.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/84**

Reports from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police and Officers Murray and Powell into the alleged murder of a white woman named Fanny Briggs near Raglan Station via Rockhampton. The reports suggest that at first the local Aboriginals were suspected of committing the murder but subsequently suspicion fell on two Native Police troopers from the Fitzroy barracks, but there was insufficient evidence to convict them. Native Police troopers mentioned in the reports include: Toby, Alma,

Gulliver, Billy and Ballantyne. Also mentioned are two local Aboriginal men named Micho and [Keimes?].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/85**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 7, 1861 requesting clerical assistance because “the duties connected with my office are far greater than anticipated”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/86**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 15, 1861 acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Colonial Secretary expressing satisfaction “at the steps taken to trace the murder of the late Fanny Briggs to the perpetrators” and directing that monthly reports be sent to the government “as to the state of the Native Police” and that his officers supply quarterly reports on their movements and the “number of deaths that have occurred from collision with the police”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/121**

Letter from A. Gregory the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands dated January 12, 1861 asking for permission to supply Commissioner George Dalrymple with five Aboriginal troopers to help protect him in his work as Crown Lands Commissioner in the Kennedy district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/161**

Correspondence from the Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton requesting a further two months leave for Lieutenant Darley due to ill health. The letter dated January 19, 1861 also advises that the Commandant, Mr Morisset, met with an accident and has three broken ribs after being kicked by one of the troop horses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/163**

Letter from George Dalrymple, Commissioner for Crown Lands, dated January 24, 1861 advising that he has been delayed in his departure for Port Denison (Bowen) because the “sundry articles of outfit” have not yet arrived, the Commandant (Edric Morisset) has not been able to move the new recruits for the trip from the Maranoa to Rockhampton, and the horses have not yet arrived from Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/203**

Letter from the Collector of Customs in Brisbane asking for permission to employ some of the Moreton Bay Aboriginals to clear away mangroves at Lytton. He writes that “I have the double object - of having the work economically performed - and of affording the natives who frequently camp at Lytton an opportunity of earning some provisions by their labour”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846741](#) COL/A11 61/248**

Letter from John Blake in Brisbane dated February 2, 1861 applying for a position as a Lieutenant in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/280**

Letters and requisitions from George Dalrymple, Commissioner for Crown Lands in relation to supplies for the settlement of Port Denison (Bowen). Includes requisitions for Native Police supplies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/282**

Report on the Native Police Force from Edric Morisset in Rockhampton dated January 15, 1861. Advises on troop movements, desertions, recruiting and procuring provisions. Also advises that the Aboriginals “are in large numbers on the Comet River and in the vicinity of Albania Downs”. The file also contains a copy of the instructions issued to officers of the Native Police Force by Edric Morisset in January 1858.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/308**

Returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 1, 1861. The return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/359**

Correspondence in relation to Aboriginals found murdered at Coochin, Fassifern after a patrol by Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and his troopers. The file also includes a letter from Ratcliffe Pring the Attorney General advising that there is insufficient evidence to convict Lieutenant Wheeler or his troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/435**

Correspondence in relation to a Native Police patrol to disperse Aboriginals at Coochin, Fassifern [see also ITM846742 - 61/359]. The correspondence also contains the names of the following Aboriginal persons: Cranky Charlie, who may have been in the employ of McDonald at Dugandine, Hyppi aka Brandy, Nelson, Saltwater Johnny (also named Saltwater Tauri and One Eyed Tauri in the correspondence), Milbong Johnny, [Myall?], Blucher, Toby and Tauri Collins.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846742](#) COL/A12 61/447**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Brisbane requesting payment of an increased salary for the period during which he performed the joint duties of Inspector General of Police and Commandant of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/505**

Returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 1861. The return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Billy and Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/575**

Letter from Mr McDonald in Brisbane requesting permission to erect a bathing house on the river at Milton. He advises that Aboriginals destroyed the bathing house he previously built on the river.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/603**

Letter from the Chief Commissioner for Crown Lands asking if the Native Police troopers employed by the late Commissioner for Crown Lands in the Wide Bay and Burnett districts can be paid as there has been no provision made in the estimates for such expenses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/660**

Correspondence relating to an expedition to Port Denison (Bowen) by George Dalrymple and a division of Native Police. Reports that the expedition has reached Yaamba. Dalrymple also complains that the Native Police troopers have taken Aboriginal women with them and that this will compromise the expedition.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/666**

Letter from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters requesting various forms from the Government Printer.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846743](#) COL/A13 61/712**

Reports from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police in relation to Aboriginals found murdered at Coochin, Fassifern after a patrol by Lieutenant Wheeler and his Troopers [see also ITM846742 - 61/359 and 846742 - 61/435]. Wheeler's report advises that he was informed by Mr Hardie that the Aboriginals were killing his cattle and after dispersing the Aboriginals on the Dugandan Run. "I went to Fassifern through the same [terms?] tracking them all the way, came upon their camps, and dispersed them. In

doing this I have simply performed my duty, the complaints that I received from different squatters warranted me in the discharge thereof".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/765**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton requesting six weeks leave of absence because urgent private affairs require him to go to Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/801**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending that cadet Genatas be promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and William Cave be appointed as a cadet.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/805**

Report on the various divisions from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton. Advises that he has "received more than one complaint from a Mr Sheridan of Apis Creek that the blacks have been troublesome on his station" and that Lieutenant Murray had "afforded no assistance" but that Lieutenant Blakeney "starts for that location tomorrow". Also advises that "the blacks had mustered in large numbers at the Bunya" and that Lieutenant Murray has started to patrol that part of the Wide Bay division. Lieutenant Walker is recruiting on the Darling at Fort Burke and did not report any collision between the police and the Aboriginals in the Maranoa district. Part of the 5th division has left Headquarters for the Burdekin accompanying George Dalrymple's party, and he intends to start for the Albania Downs for the purpose of forming a station on Repulse Creek. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh on taking command of the 1st Division.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/852**

Letter from John Kent the Police Magistrate at Maryborough dated April 11, 1861 suggesting that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the district should take place before the onset of cold weather.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/853**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that he has given Lieutenant George Murray leave of absence for a period of three months.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/856**

Returns from the Brisbane Gaol Reformatory School. Aboriginal persons named: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack. [M/film Z5597- this file is incorrectly numbered 61/8556 on the microfilm]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/877**

Requisition from the Police Magistrate at Warwick for 75 blankets and 25 shirts for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/880**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police enclosing reports from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at Rockhampton and Lieutenant Frederick Carr in the Maranoa district on the state of their divisions. Bligh's report also lists the following Native Police troopers: Dick, Jim Crow, Franconi, Adam and Roderick. Carr's report also reports the "dispersing" of Aboriginals and advises that he came upon a large "mob" of Aboriginals 40 miles north west of Mr Kennedy's station. Carr writes that "I would mention that the number of the blacks in the mob must have exceeded two hundred and belonged to the Condamine, Balonne, Maranoa and Dawson tribes, this I learned from several of the blacks themselves, who also stated they were about holding a Bora, and admitted having killed some cattle belonging to Mr Spencer and had kept the fat for use at the Bora".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/883**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that on a recent patrol one of the 4th division's horses was staked in the leg. He asks for a replacement.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/945**

Report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset of the Native Police advising that he has brought 32 horses from Brisbane to Rockhampton. Morisset also advises that on route he was instructed by Lieutenant Murray at Wide Bay to patrol the "Bunya Bunya" district. "I found the blacks collected in several places in very large numbers and also that they had been killing cattle at nearly all the stations in the district, and on two or three occasions I found it necessary to fire upon them before they would disperse". The file also contains a letter from Mr Mortimer of Manumbar Station dated April 3, 1861 explaining his reasons for placing an advertisement in the Morton Bay Courier detailing the "outrages committed" by the Native Police on his, and other stations, in the district. The letter is related to the above report from Morisset and describes Mortimer's version of the dispersal, which suggests that many Aboriginals were killed. Also in the file is a letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police advising that he has instructed Lieutenant Murray to furnish him with a report on Mr Mortimer's claims. Letter 61/908, 61/745, Top-numbered to 61/945.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846744](#) COL/A14 61/994**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 1, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour names three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846745](#) COL/A15 61/1003**

Letter from the Police Office, Brisbane requesting blankets for the Aboriginals in Brisbane and Ipswich and advising that "about 400 blankets, 100 shirts, 100 trousers and 100 frocks will be required".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1262**

Report from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands at Port Denison (Bowen) dated April 28, 1861. Reports that four of the Native Police Troopers attached to the Port Denison division have deserted; three men exploring the country towards Abbott Bay were attacked by over 120 Aboriginals, and Lieutenant Powell has been sent to "dislodge" them. Dalrymple also reports that he patrolled the country between the Don River and Cape Edgecombe and "met a party of armed natives and at once dispersed them" and asks for Native Police reinforcements and a large "powder gun" because of the large number of Aboriginals in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1297**

Letter from the Visiting Justice, Brisbane Gaol dated June 1, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1312**

Letter from George Leicester in Brisbane dated June 7, 1861 requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1343**

Letter from William Wiseman at the Leichhardt Crown Lands Office dated June 5, 1861. States that 150 pairs of blankets have been despatched to Rockhampton for distribution to the Aboriginals of the Leichhardt district and that the Aboriginals in the Port Curtis district will most likely need the whole of the supply sent. Also advises that the Aboriginals on the Comet River are "remarkably quiet" and that on the Nogoia River "the distribution of blankets judiciously made might have good effect in maintaining a friendly feeling between the whites and blacks".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1357**

Letter from John Kent the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated June 5, 1861 acknowledging receipt of 50 pairs of blankets which have been distributed to the 200 Aboriginals who were in attendance. He advises that at least another 300 blankets will be required for those Aboriginals who are on stations in the district. Also comments that the distribution of blankets should take place on a "day specified beforehand" because "the aggregation of natives for any length of time in any locality is always accompanied by numerous complaints of petty thefts or aggressions".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1364**

Letter from Captain [Battye?] in Bathurst NSW asking for the position of Commandant in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1406**

Correspondence and shipping orders for the supply of 700 blankets from England for the Aboriginals of Queensland.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1414**

Letter from Frederick Wheeler Lieutenant in the Native Police Force dated June 15, 1861 advising that he is about to start patrolling in the Brisbane, Caboolture and Pine Rivers districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1449**

Letter from John Watts submitting a voucher for Dr Armstrong at Drayton (Toowoomba) for attending Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1477**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated June 12, 1861 advising that Lieutenant Williams had to employ a Camp Sergeant named Henry Depple at short notice on his trip to the Burdekin and asking that his wages be approved.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1478**

Letter of resignation from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated June 18, 1861. He also writes: "I propose visiting Brisbane on my way to Sydney with a view to render to the Government any information that may be required in the way of evidence before the Committee now sitting to enquire into the general management of the Native Police Force".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846746](#) COL/A16 61/1492**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police forwarding a report from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at the Headquarters in Rockhampton dated June 12, 1861. Bligh's report advises that Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset has returned to Headquarters with the horses from Brisbane; during a patrol of the Comet River and Upper Dawson he received a letter of complaint from Mr Dutton about Lieutenant Alfred Patrick's conduct in "driving the blacks out from his head station against his wish"; he directed Lieutenant Patrick to form another Police Camp at Albania Downs; the district around the Robinson River is quite; 4 of the 23 new recruits at Palm Tree Creek have deserted; paragraph 7 mentions Troopers Orlando, Sambo, Capita [Simon?] and Kelly; all six new recruits sent to Rockhampton from the Logan district have deserted together with Trooper Davie; also mentions Troopers Dick, Frauconi, Adam, Rudolph, Hector, Marmaduke, Jim Crow, Orlando and Jerry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1521**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police from Rockhampton and dated June 13, 1861 forwarding the resignation of Lieutenant [Matreiff?].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1524**

Correspondence from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police and Lieutenant Walker discussing the need for increased Native Police protection in the Maranoa district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1527**

The file includes a letter from George Dalrymple the Police Magistrate at Port Denison (Bowen) advising that there is an urgent need for extra police protection because the Aboriginals are numerous in the district. He also suggests that the Native Police should be replaced by a force made up of mostly European men with two "black trackers" to every six white troopers who would be responsible to the senior government official in Port Denison. The file also contains correspondence from the Native Police and from Dalrymple in relation to disagreements between them. Letter 61/1523, Top-numbered to 61/1527.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1543**

Correspondence relating to the payment of wages to the Aboriginals attached to George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1605**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh in Brisbane dated July 6, 1861 applying for appointment as Commandant of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1620**

Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated July 1861 reporting on the dismissal of Sergeant James Boles at Port Curtis for drunkenness and disobedience. The related report from Lieutenant Baker dated April 24, 1861 also mentions a Native Police trooper called Robin Hood.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1690**

Petition from Sydney from the stockholders on the Maranoa River asking for a Police Station in the district because "the aboriginal natives are said to be numerous there, and we are apprehensive that unless effective police protection be at once afforded, collisions will take place between the natives and the stockholders and their servants, and considerable loss of life and destruction of property will ensue".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1712**

Correspondence from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and John Ferrett relating to the discharge of Native Police trooper Tommy Hippi. Ferrett's letter states that Tommy was born on Tchanning Station (Condamine) and that he was the only son of a blind woman. Tommy had been seized for Native Police service while on his way back to Ferrett's station after attending a "Bora". Letter 61/1469, Top-numbered to 61/1712.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1713**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate dated July 16, 1861 advising that a large war party of Aboriginals came over from the Richmond and Clarence River district and "attacked a shepherd's hut at Mt Flinders, drove the Dugundan blacks up to the head of the station ... when I arrived at Maroon they had already split and retired to their own country but I expect them back in 3 or 4 weeks as they have not been able to avenge the death of several of their tribe inflicted at the hands of the Telemon blacks two months ago".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1714**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh from Rockhampton and dated July 15, 1861 acknowledging with thanks his appointment as Acting Commandant of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846747](#) COL/A17 61/1719**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Frederick Carr requesting six weeks leave and recommending that the leave be deferred because Carr has just taken command of the 3rd division.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1830**

Letter from John McDonnell the Secretary of the Native Police Force dated August 3, 1861 in relation to assertions made about his work performance by the Legislative Assembly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1850**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton requesting clerical assistance.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1875**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending that William Cave and Thomas Williams be appointed as officers in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1883**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton forwarding a copy of the Rules for Guidance of Officers of the Native Police for the consideration of the Governor. The rules are not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1889**

Report from John O'Connell Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton. Bligh reports that a "collision" has taken place between the Comet River detachment, under the command of Lieutenant Patrick, and a group of Aboriginals on Mr Gregson's station. He reports that Patrick caught the Aboriginals stealing some of Gregson's sheep and proceeded to chase them into the bush where four Aboriginals were shot and some of the Native Police troopers injured. Lieutenant Murray and eight troopers from the Upper Dawson have been ordered to the Comet River as reinforcements.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1909**

The file contains a letter from Frederick Walker dated July 10, 1861 replying to a speech made by the Attorney General in which he suggested that it is "the duty of Magistrates to protect the Aborigines quite as much so as it was their duty to protect the Europeans". Walker writes that this "is a valuable admission but I would ask you of what use are such truisms when it is notorious that they are ignored in practice". Walker states that he knows of many instances where this is being ignored including one where Aboriginals were murdered in the house of a Magistrate at Juandah and a second where the Magistrate at Condamine "refused to entertain the claim of a black to a horse, which had been given to him".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1931**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 14, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour has entries for three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1946**

Letter from the Surveyor General in Brisbane dated August 14, 1861 requesting two Native Police troopers for an expedition led by Mr Landsborough to the Gulf of Carpentaria in search of the "Victorian Exploring Expedition".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846748](#) COL/A18 61/1986**

Letter from JH [Carvosso][Cavosso] Master of the Gladstone National School dated August 13, 1861 submitting a proposed scheme for the amelioration of the Aboriginals. He suggests that the education of

“native youths” should be “the prime and leading object”; that an institution should be established “not only where the blacks are numerous but also in a neighbourhood which they have long regarded as one of their homes; that the “ulterior object sought to be secured in the education of the native youths should be their subsequent settlement as small farmers in the vicinity of the institution”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846749](#) COL/A19 61/2065**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton suggesting that the position of Sergeant Major of the Native Police be created so that the cadet sergeants, troopers and recruits can be properly drilled. He recommends Sergeant William Allan for the job.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846749](#) COL/A19 61/2172**

Letter from the Surveyor General dated September 5, 1861 submitting an account for extra expenses incurred during an expedition to look for Mr Burke. Entries for Native Police costs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846749](#) COL/A19 61/2185**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate dated September 10, 1861. He reports that he has just returned from patrolling the Logan River and the Albert River districts and “had no collisions with the aborigines. Several large assemblages were dispersed by mere patrolling through the run and very few cattle have been killed”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846749](#) COL/A19 61/2191**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 2, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Billy, Charlie Pearce and Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846749](#) COL/A19 61/2226**

Correspondence related to an application by Lieutenant John Murray of the Native Police for an appointment as a Police Magistrate in New South Wales. Letter 60/203, 60/110, Top-numbered to 61/2226.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846750](#) COL/A20 61/2365**

Letter from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands at Port Denison (Bowen) dated September 9, 1861 relating to an objection by Lieutenant Powell to Dalrymple interfering in Native Police matters at Port Denison. Dalrymple advises that he has sent a “letter of instructions to the officers of the Corps laying down the system they will pursue with regard to their treatment of the aborigines via a proper mixture of friendship and conciliation”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846750](#) COL/A20 61/2414**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police requesting one of the Terry's breech loading carbines presently lying unused in the Government Store.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846750](#) COL/A20 61/2423**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Charles Pearce, Dick Basket and Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2545**

Large file containing correspondence relating to allegations from Mr Dutton and Frederick Walker that the Native Police have been committing crimes against the Aborigines. Dutton accuses Lieutenant Patrick of the indiscriminate killing of Aborigines on his station at Albania Downs, Comet River district and complains that he was not given the opportunity to give evidence to the Select Committee looking into the Native

Police Force. Walker advises that he has sent to his brother-in-law, Captain Reginald Yorke, “copies of all correspondence and a narration of the crimes committed by the servants of the government ... in order that he may give the whole matter into the hands of the Editor of the Times”. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Patrick defending his actions, and which names one of his troopers as Waverley. Letter 61/2544, 61/1348, 61/1347, 61/1250, 61/1089, 61/944. Top-numbered to 61/2545

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2562**

Letter from Mr Hardie at Fassifern dated October 9, 1861 complaining that an Aborigine named Brandy aka Hippy has been threatening the other Aborigines living on his station. The letter also mentions two other Aboriginal men: “Tommy Collins the murderer of [Bonoroo?]”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2564**

The file contains a letter from the Caboolture Cotton Company dated October 10, 1861 advising that a large number of Aborigines have stopped a Cutter from getting back down the river from the plantation. The letter also asks for police protection. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler dated October 14, 1861 in relation to a patrol to the Caboolture Cotton Company’s plantation on the Caboolture River. He advises that on arrival the Aborigines had left but had comprised Aborigines from Durundur, Mount Brisbane, Wide Bay and Bribie Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2572**

Correspondence in relation to an application by Walter Kyle for an appointment in the Native Police Force. Letter 61/2442, 61/839, 61/740, 61/721, Top-numbered to 61/2572.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2606**

Letter from the Police Office at Ipswich dated October 12, 1861 relating to an alleged assault committed by an Aborigine named George on a European woman at Little Ipswich. George is reported as being in the service of Mr Colin Peacock and is believed to be at large in the Rosewood Scrub, the Native Police have been sent to find him.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2621**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police dated October 18, 1861 advising that he is going on patrol to the Cotton Company plantation at Caboolture and then to the Brisbane River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2688**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich dated October 28, 1861 asking for a reward to be paid to Mr Balbe (Aboriginal) for his efforts in assisting in the capture of Georgey [see also 846751 – 61/2606].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846751](#) COL/A21 61/2727**

Magistrate’s report on the case of Georgie convicted on November 18, 1861 and sentenced to death [see also 846751 – 61/2606 and 846751 – 61/2688].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2763**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 1, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Charles Pearce.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2783**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police dated November 11, 1861 advising that he has returned from patrolling the Albert River and the Logan River. He also comments that the Aborigines are quite and nearly all employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2787**



Correspondence from Port Dension (Bowen) relating to the discovery of two men on an island next to Shaw Island who are believed to have been murdered by Aboriginals. Letter 61/2407, Top-numbered to 61/2787.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2790**

Report from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1861 advising that he has delivered his command of the detachment on the Albania Downs to Lieutenant William Cave; also advises that on arriving at Rockhampton he was advised that several people had been murdered by the Aboriginals on the upper part of the Albania Downs near the "Blackland Tablelands".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2842**

Report from W. Chartres, the officer commanding the Maranoa Patrol, sent from Boombah Station, Balonne River and dated November 1861. Briefly mentions that the Aboriginals notify horse thieves of his whereabouts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2876**

Letter from John Murray dated November 1861 resigning from the Native Police Force and as a Justice of the Peace.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2898**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton advising that a large number of Aboriginals had arrived in Rockhampton and that they were suspected of being the ones responsible for the murder of "Mr Wills and his party [Cullin la Ringo]". He advises that the townspeople suggested forming a party to disperse the Aboriginals but he refused their request and instead went with Lieutenant Patrick and three troopers to search their camp and then dispersed them peaceably.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2921**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler asking if the Native Police division under his command should be in attendance at the execution of Georgie who was sentenced to death. Wheeler's letter suggests that their attendance may deter them from committing similar crimes, such as the murder of Fanny Briggs by Native Police troopers. The letter also mentions Dick and [Charnery?] who were convicted of a serious crime.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2937**

Letter from N.L. Zillman of German Station introducing himself as a Missionary and suggesting that the Aboriginals can be lifted from their "degraded state" by "educating the juvenile portion of them". He suggests that this aim can be achieved by "establishing a cotton plantation, which would afford employment suitable alike for the adults and children of aborigines". He asks if the government would support such a scheme if the Home Mission Society were to resume its operations. {Z5618}

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2959**

Letter from J.K. Wilson sent from Mount Abundance (Roma) advising that he has received information from the Aboriginals about the fate of Leichhardt. He advises that King Peter told him that Leichhardt and his party had been burned to death in a bushfire on the distant mountains visible from the Denham Range. King Peter also told him that "when my brother Robert was here in 1851 with Fred Walker and the Native Police they got hold of three gins, one of whom had been about Surat ... she said that she belonged to the Maranoa and she pointed north and said there white fellows were burned".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2960**

Letter from Clark and Company dated November 22, 1861 advising that they are about to form stations on the Mantuan Downs at the head of the Nogoia River and that the Aboriginals are numerous in the

district. They ask if a Native Police camp can be established in the district and if the government should “not consider the claims sufficiently strong for the extra expense it would incur we are willing to pay 50 pounds per annum for several years for the protection we desire”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2964**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office dated November 28, 1861 advising that he has received the government's directive that Georgie is to be hung and that he has notified Georgie that he is to be hung next Thursday.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2974**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler on his patrol of the Cleveland district dated December 2, 1861. He advises that, following instructions from the Colonial Secretary, he patrolled the district, and at Bulimba he destroyed an Aboriginal camp and burned their “implements of warfare” and that on arriving at Waldeck's station found that the Aboriginals had been dispersed by the Mounted Police of Brisbane. Wheeler suggests that “the Native Police [should] be sent by the government to disperse large assemblages of blacks, prior to the white mounted police of Brisbane”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846752](#) COL/A22 61/2994**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 2, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Dick Basket and Charles Pearce.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3021**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated December 5, 1861 advising that Georgey was executed this morning at 9 o'clock.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3032**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate and dated December 5, 1861 advising that he is about to start on a patrol of the Caboolture and Brisbane River districts and will be returning via Teviot Brook and the Tweed River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3035**

Letter from Lieutenant John Murray from Coopers Plains (Maryborough) forwarding tenders for the supply of rations to the Native Police camp. The tenders are not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3049**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that he has given the command of the 1st division to George Murray because he has been informed that Robert Walker, who was previously in command, does not intend to come back from Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3051**

Large file containing Native Police and other correspondence relating to an alleged massacre by Aboriginals at Mr Will's station on the Nogoia River (Cullin la Ringo). The letter from Lieutenant Murray also lists the following Native Police Troopers: Balantyne, Wabrican, Maxwell, Mobray and Sam. The report from John O'Connell Bligh (61/3038) also advises that Lieutenant Frederick Carr is recruiting men on the Balonne for service in the north and that Lieutenant Murray is recruiting men in the Fitzroy district for service on the Balonne. Letter 61/3050, 61/3038, 61/2891, 61/2877, 61/2814, 61/2813, 61/2812, 61/2785, 61/2777. Top-numbered to 61/3051.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3054**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated December 4, 1861 advising that he has instructed Constable Cook to accompany Lieutenant Murray in pursuit of the alleged murderers at Widgee (Manumbar district). [see also ITM846753 – 61/3059].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3059**

Large file containing correspondence in relation to the killing of an Aboriginal man named James Elliot at Widgee Widgee, Manumbar district by other Aboriginals in the district. Suspects in the case include Jerry, Sammy and Lazy John. The correspondence suggests that James was about 30 years old, a native of the Barwon district, and was brought up by a Clergyman near Sydney, and that he attended school in Parramatta. Letter 61/3056, 61/2878, 61/2778, 61/2612, Top-numbered to 61/3059.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3161**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi requesting blankets for the Aboriginals in the district. The attached return asks for 100 blankets, 50 pairs of trousers and 75 shirts. There is also a note on the return stating that the Aboriginal population in the district is 236.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3175**

Letter from George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen) dated December 6, 1861 advising that Mr Humphreys, who was with a party exploring the Upper Burdekin, is missing. He is believed to have fallen "prey to the aborigines". Lieutenant Williams of the Native Police was sent to search for him.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3205**

Letter from Robert Caldwell dated December 24, 1861 asking for Native Police protection for the new settlers near the runs of the late Mr Wills (Cullin la Ringo).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3206**

Correspondence relating to a request for leave from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) 6 COL/A23 1/3224**

Correspondence relating to the resignation of Lieutenant Thomas Williams from the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3265**

The file contains a letter from Mr J. Wilmots dated September 8, 1861 complaining that the detachment of Native Police stationed at Colleroy have never visited his station and that the Commandant of the Native Police was insolent to him. The file also contains a reply from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police stating that the Native Police may never have been to Wilmot's Head Station, but he is sure they would have frequently been on his run. He also denies that he was insolent to Mr Wilmots. Letter 61/2374, Top-numbered to 61/3265.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846753](#) COL/A23 61/3266**

Report on a tour of inspection from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, dated December 6, 1861. The report advises that a "collision" occurred between Lieutenant Marlow and the Aboriginals on the head of the Maranoa; Lieutenant William Cave has been in pursuit of Mr Will's murderers (Cullin la Ringo); also advises on troop movements and the building of Native Police accommodation.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/15**

Correspondence in relation to Mr Everett declining an appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/30**

The file contains a map showing the location of the Native Police camp in Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/31**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1861. He advises that the Native Police recruits from the north have left for the Condamine and the recruits on the Maranoa are ready to be brought to the north.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/32**

Correspondence relating to Lieutenant Richard Walker's resignation from the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/33**

The file contains a letter from John O'Connell Bligh requesting funds to move the Native Police Headquarters out of town and a report from Bligh which discusses the planned move and also reports on a tour of inspection. Letter 61/1978, 61/744, 61/283, Top-numbered to 62/33.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/63**

Letter from Alfred Sandemann sent from Sydney and dated December 30, 1861 giving suggestions on the needs of the Northern Districts for its prosperity and welfare. Paragraph 8 states that "the Native Police requires to be judiciously recruited from far off and a large increase to the force made. I only have to refer to the Wills murder (Cullin la Ringo) as justification for this need".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/142**

Application from Lieutenant William Cave at Comet for an increase in his pay because it is not possible for him to perform his duties efficiently on the present allowance.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/143**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 5, 1862 suggesting that a sub-division of Native Police should be formed in the Broadsound, Apis Creek district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846754](#) COL/A24 62/144**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated January 16, 1862 advising that the Native Police have patrolled the Logan River, the Tevoit Brook and below the main range to Wivenhoe. "A large mob of blacks had assembled on Mr White's run Beaudesert but were dispersed before they could do any mischief. They returned quietly to the different stations".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/155**

Letter from Montgomery Staples in Rockhampton dated January 17, 1862 requesting that his application for a position as an officer in the Native Police Force be considered.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/178**

Letter from Thomas Westby sent from Ipswich and dated January 16, 1862 acknowledging his appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/263**

Letter from the Judge's Chambers in Brisbane dated January 28, 1862 empowering Police Magistrate John Jardine to "administer the usual oaths to Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/295**

Letter from Lieutenant John Murray from Maryborough and dated January 23, 1862 advising that as he is retiring from the Native Police Force he is moving his family to Port Curtis and will leave the Barracks in charge of Camp Sergeant Stockley until his return.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/308**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated January 25, 1862 advising that Gailbraith and Everett have declined the offers to be appointed officers. Bligh recommends Marmaduke Richardson and Arthur Beaver as replacements.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/310**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated January 27, 1862 requesting that Cadet Thomas Westby be gazetted into the Native Police Force. He also advises that James Hubard has not yet arrived to take up service and that Lieutenant Baker has been promoted to command the 2nd division instead of Lieutenant Wheeler because Wheeler does not want to move his family.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846755](#) COL/A25 62/317**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated February 1, 1862 relating to an attempt to capture Aboriginals in the Caboolture and Samford district. The report mentions Billy Bow Bow, Johnny, Jemmy Dorsay and Kipper Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/518**

Two letters from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton in relation to the appointment of James Hubard as a cadet in the Native Police and his failure to report for duty. The file also contains a return of officers in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/574**

Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Brisbane dated February 19, 1862 requesting permission for Jacob Low to remove an Aborigine named Billy Bird aka Williams from Welltown Station (Goondiwindi district) because he is trespassing.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/672**

Letter from Marmaduke Richardson dated February 7, 1862 acknowledging his appointment as a cadet in the Native Police and asking for an advance of three months salary.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/681**

Report from W. Chartres, the officer commanding the Maranoa Patrol, sent from Boombah Station, Balonne River dated February 1862. Mentions that "the blacks" carry the "news to the different stations when we are coming and that lately there has been a murder committed amongst the blacks themselves. A number of the blacks who can speak English came to me and asked me to take the murderers to charge, I refused to do so, as no white person had seen the murder. I have just heard that the different tribes are collecting to kill the two black fellows who committed the murders".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/704**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated February 24, 1862 advising that Mr Bayley presented himself for duty as a cadet and requesting that his appointment be gazetted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/709**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate Native Police Camp and dated March 1, 1862 requesting a position as a Postal Inspector if a vacancy should arise.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/712**

Letter from Arthur Beaver sent from Canning Downs and dated March 1, 1861: "I beg to accept my appointment as cadet in the Native Police and shall start at once for Rockhampton".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/714**

Correspondence relating to the suspension of Native Police cadet Thomas Westby for his conduct while under the influence of drink. Letter 62/713, Top-numbered to 62/714.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/727**

Letter from the Collector of Customs, Brisbane suggesting that the Aboriginals of Amity Point should be given a boat as the one they are now using is completely worn out.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/734**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 4, 1862. The return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists an Aboriginal man named Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/739**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated March 6, 1862 advising that prisoner Kipper Billy was shot while attempting to escape. Also mentions a prisoner named Billy Horton. Both men had been sentenced to death.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/817**

Letter from George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen) requesting supplies for the Native Police in the Kennedy district. He also advises that the Native Police are presently short of one Lieutenant and seven men and that shortly a new camp will have to be formed "among the stations of the Upper Burdekin". He proposes to get the recruits required for the new camp from the Wide Bay district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/820**

Letter from Mr C. Giles at Widgee Widgee complaining that the Aboriginals have been spearing cattle in the district and at the head of the Mary River. He further complains that there is not a Native Police trooper in the district because they have been moved to another part of the Colony. He requests that they be returned before "ghastly atrocities" are committed similar to those committed on the Nogoa River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/821**

Letter from George Dalrymple in Bowen acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Colonial Secretary refusing his suggestion that the Native Police Force in Bowen be increased and that Lieutenant Powell should be dismissed. Dalrymple complains that the numbers of Native Police and the necessary supplies voted for have never been received. The file also contains a statement of the present condition of the Kennedy division showing the Native Police supplies that have been received and a name list of all officers and the number of troopers. Johnny Reid is listed as "Native Corporal". Dalrymple's letter also mentions a Native Police trooper called Gulliver.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846756](#) COL/A26 62/823**

Report from John O'Connell Bligh sent from Rockhampton and dated March 3, 1862. The report advises that the recruits from the Condamine have arrived in Rockhampton and that the recruits from the Fitzroy have arrived in the Maranoa; there is a need for at least another 30 troopers. Also includes general comments on officers, desertions, supply problems and staffing. The file also includes a report from Lieutenant Moorehead. He advises that he patrolled west of the Comet River and just eastward of Cullin la Ringo he found a camp of about 70 Aboriginals. They looked as though they would stand and fight so he ordered his men to shoot. He advises that nine Aboriginals were shot and the rest dispersed. Moorehead also makes the observation that the Aboriginals belonged to the Upper Dawson and the Condamine Ranges. He states that the reason for this observation was he "found about 20 gins in their camp belonging to that portion of the country".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/846**

Letter from Arthur Beevor sent from Brisbane and dated March 18, 1862 requesting an advance of three months pay so that he can start work in Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/904**

Correspondence in relation to the case of Regina v Billy Horton (Aboriginal), who was wrongly accused of involvement in the rape of a woman at Mr North's station, Fernie Lawn, Brisbane River. Includes a deposition from Mr Daveny that suggests he is innocent, the Judges notes from the trial, and a copy of the evidence from the trial. Two other men are implicated in the crime: Kipper Billy and Johnny Stinkabed. The correspondence also mentions a Billy Bow Bow. The case was heard in Ipswich on February 4, 1862. [see also ITM846757 - 62/997]. Letter 62/884, 62/847, Top-numbered to 62/904.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/951**

Letter from Lieutenant Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated March 12, 1862 advising that he has suspended Cadet Westby "owing to that gentleman's conduct while under the influence of liquor".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/970**

The file includes a letter from John O'Connell Bligh sent from the Mackenzie River and dated March 14, 1862 recommending that officers Whiton and Bailey be promoted to 2nd Lieutenants in the 1st division. The file also contains correspondence relating to the suspension of Cadet Johnson for insubordination and that mentions the murder of Mr Wills (Cullin la Ringo). Letter 61/3267, 61/3176, 61/2550, 61/2406, 61/2064, Top-numbered to 62/970.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/983**

Letter from Lieutenant George Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated March 8, 1862 advising that Cadet Westby has resumed duty after his suspension.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846757](#) COL/A27 62/997**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office in Brisbane dated April 2, 1862 advising that Billy Horton was discharged from custody this morning. Billy was accused of raping a woman on Mr North's station at Fernie Lawn, Brisbane River and tried on February 4, 1862 at Ipswich. The file also contains correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich relating to the case. Letter 61/3238, 61/3139, Top-numbered to 62/997.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1036**

Monthly prison returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 4, 1862. The return showing how the prisoners serving hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Jimmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1078**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler in Sandgate dated April 10, 1862 advising that he has returned from patrol and that "the aborigines are quiet. They have just returned from a fight at Corilla in New South Wales". The file also contains correspondence in relation to the purchase of horses for the Native Police. Letter 62/708, 62/309, Top-numbered to 62/1078.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1118**

Letter from William Cowper sent from Toowoomba forwarding "some remarks on the manners and customs of the aborigines of New South Wales and Queensland by a Mr Wood". Wood writes in relation to the Aborigines: "there is only one question that staggers me, that is taking their country at all, but if it is to be there arises the question, which is the best way of dealing with them. To affect this I would remark that we ought to try to acquire knowledge of their Laws and Work accordingly at least as near as possible, I say this because this is the simplest and I think we may be able to learn theirs quicker than teach ours to them". Wood also details some of the customs of the Aborigines and how these cause conflict with the

settlers using Hornet Bank and Cullin la Ringo as examples. He also discusses the role of the Native Police in Aboriginal Affairs and makes some suggestions for “dealing” with the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1265**

Large file containing correspondence and reports in relation to Landsborough’s and Frederick Walker’s expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Includes Exploration Expedition report, Commander Norman. Letter 62/828, 62/827, 62/822. Top-numbered to 62/1265.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1311**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Gayndah dated April 21, 1862: “As the cold weather seems likely to set in early this year, may I suggest the advisability of forwarding the blankets for the aborigines earlier than usual”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846758](#) COL/A28 62/1334**

Letter from several stockholders in the Maranoa district dated May 1, 1862 raising concerns that Native Police protection is inadequate in the district. They state that the only Native Police in the whole district are Lieutenant Frederick Carr and four troopers and recently over 400 Aboriginals were collected together on the Coogoon River for three months and “the squatters were daily in expectation of some outrage”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1358**

Correspondence relating to the robbing of a grave in the burial ground of Saint John’s church, Brisbane. Mr Thomas Symes Warry is accused of removing the head of Kipper Billy for scientific purposes. Kipper Billy had been fatally wounded trying to escape from Brisbane Gaol. Letter 62/1263, 62/996, Top-numbered to 62/1358.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1364**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated May 2, 1862 requesting 500 blankets, 100 trousers and 50 shirts for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district. The file also contains a second letter from the Police Magistrate acknowledging that the government has sanctioned the issue of blankets to the Amity Point Aboriginals and advising that he has visited Cleveland Police station and “informed the numerous blacks there assembled that I would distribute blankets on my next visit”. Letter 62/1345, Top-numbered to 62/1364.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1374**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 6, 1862. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1407**

Correspondence about the price of blankets that are to be distributed to the Aboriginals of the Ipswich district. Letter 62/1250, Top-numbered to 62/1407.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1421**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 10, 1862: “I beg to report return to camp from patrolling the Brisbane River as far as Kilcoy by Durundur, I returned to camp by Wivenhoe and Tarampa”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846759](#) COL/A29 62/1494**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 30, 1862: “I beg leave to mention that I start on patrol for the Logan, Tweed and Teviot Brook rivers immediately and shall return to camp, if necessity does not compel me to remain out longer, about the 25th of June”.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1517**

The file contains correspondence relating to Lieutenant Genatas' allegations that Mr Chamberlain of Peak Downs has been kidnapping and shooting Aboriginals. Lieutenant Genatas' report dated March 6, 1862 also lists the following Native Police troopers: Billy, Blutchter, Brenan, Charlie, Davie and Jerome.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1518**

Letter from Lieutenant Genatas tendering his resignation from the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1519**

Correspondence relating to the price of rations for the Native Police stationed on the Comet River and Nogoia River. Letter 61/1876, 61/1556, Top-numbered to 62/1519.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1534**

Letter from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands, Kennedy district dated June 7, 1862 suggesting that his personal escort of Native Troopers are far superior in all facets of work than the Native Police Troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1541**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 4, 1862. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1558**

Letter from Patrick MacArthur in Surat advising that he has distributed the "greater part of one bale" of blankets to the Aboriginals and sent one bale to the western Maranoa.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1563**

Letter from George Dalrymple, the Commissioner for Crown Lands, Kennedy district dated June 13, 1862 requesting an advance of three months pay for cadet George Price of the Native Police so that he can "furnish himself with the outfit necessary for the performance of his duty".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1588**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated June 7, 1862 requesting 47 blankets for the Aboriginals employed by Thomas Petrie at Pine Rivers. Also in the file is a letter from Thomas Petrie listing the "Native name" and "English name" of the Aboriginals working for him (some of the names are hard to read and some may be spelled incorrectly):

**Native name**

Kirwallie Wife Naewin Dulamanie Wife Kindabin Turbui Wife Tubinger Child of 10 months Booloomba Urialea Wife of Booloomba Toomcalie Yelarbrlen Taperie Millmillmie Eyabrow Balltour Doomboorburu Kawbybra Reuben Boonabin Child MiniKalaboona Boorackalie Bingerbura (Illegible) (Illegible) Tumbyunda Tumbyunda's Wives: Kirwanger Doal Waderbryu

**English name**

Woongour ; Gooroolau ; Montuamba – Goorby; Yarkanduran; Bunda – Old Man; Wongara ; Bowera – Nobby; Wiema – Bowman ; Kungra – Maria ; Mielerbien – Katty ; Yourbin – Billy; Yaranama – Bungry; Borwa – King; Yongindera – Jemmy; Walongbilla – Mary Anne; Munderi – Andrew

Sandy Sarah Neddie; Margaret Jonnie; Eliza Pettigrew; Jackie Jerie; Katty King; Billy Long; Billy Jonnie; Jackie Kedger; Lander Katty; Jackie Reuben; Queen Mini; Billy Charlie; Marie Boggo; Billy Moffat; 25; Bob; Tumbyunda's daughter: Beeby

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1590**

Correspondence relating to the sale of two Native Police horses at Goondiwindi. Letter 62/1560, 62/1378, Top-numbered to 62/1590.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1592**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated June 18, 1862 advising that he has returned from patrolling the Logan River the Albert River and Teviot Brook. He further reports that “the aborigines are quite as nearly all the fighting men were absent on the Clarence River (Bundocks) at a large Pullen Pullen out of my district”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1618**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton dated June 14, 1862 forwarding a statement from Mr Hart relative to the supposed murder of Mr Roberts by Aborigines near Cape Palmerston. Hart’s statement is not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1624**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending Horace Ramsey for the position of cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1675**

Letter from Lieutenant Patrick dated July 1, 1862 resigning from the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1676**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending sick leave for Lieutenant Frederick Carr.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1688**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 2, 1862. The attached return showing how persons sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1690**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 4, 1862 advising that he is about to leave camp to patrol the Brisbane River, Durundur, Caboolture and Paul Pry’s Lagoon and will return via Wivenhoe and the northern line.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1748**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 7, 1862 relating to the appointment of Camp Sergeant Bigley

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846760](#) COL/A30 62/1796**

Correspondence from Native Police Headquarters, Rockhampton relating to the allowances paid to cadets of the force in addition to their pay. There is a complaint that it is impossible to pay board and buy the necessary equipment without the payment of an allowance to cover these costs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1823**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 11, 1862 forwarding reports from Lieutenants Morisset and Johnson raising concerns that the reduction in allowances for Native Police troopers is causing dissatisfaction.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1831**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 19, 1862: “I beg leave to

report return to camp having patrolled Brisbane River, Wivenhoe etc. There has been a gathering of natives in the pocket opposite the Caboolture Cotton Company. I did not interfere with them as I believe a large number are employed on the station”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1849**

Letter from Arthur Trimmer Albany dated June 20, 1862 applying for a position as Protector of Aboriginals or as a Police Magistrate.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1858**

Letter from John Gordon, the Camp Sergeant at Sandgate Native Police camp informing a Mr Manning that Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and his troopers are absent on duty towards the north line because a station has been attacked.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1897**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 31, 1862 advising that while on patrol he found the Barambah and Eskdale Aboriginals congregated for a fight and dispersed them immediately. “Large assemblages of aborigines have been collected all the winter on Noble’s run and at Leatherlands driving and killing their cattle and threatening the huts. They consisted of [Uibi Uibi?], Durundur and Brisbane blacks. We came upon them exactly as they were fighting about 300, I called upon them to disperse and go back to their own country but they surrounded us and would not move away, at last I was obliged to fire upon them in self defence”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1898**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 31, 1862 related to the shipwreck of the ‘Kirkdale’ 40 miles from Cape Morton. Wheeler advises that he had heard about the shipwreck of the ‘Kirkdale’ while at Durundur and after dispersing the Aboriginals he hastened to Mooloolah.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1910**

Letter from several residents of Rockhampton complaining about the delay in sending out a Native Police patrol in response to the death of Mr Roberts who was “detained or murdered by the aborigines near Cape Hillsborough”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1915**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 28, 1862 recommending Edward Deshon be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1916**

Letter from Lieutenant Baker in Gladstone dated July 28, 1862 regarding an error in his pay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1933**

Letter from N.J. Paulden in Brisbane dated August 1, 1862 asking for an appointment in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846761](#) COL/A31 62/1961**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 6, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [M/film Z5606]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2024**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 14, 1862: “I beg to report

that I start on patrol for the Tweed, Albert and Logan Rivers immediately the horses are shod and shall return to camp about the first week in September”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2043**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated August 5, 1862 recommending Mr Flanagan for a cadetship in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2044**

Report from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated August 6, 1862 advising that “there have been no murders committed by the blacks since the Nogoia massacre with the single exception of a Mr Roberts” at Cape Hillsborough; all the settlers on the frontier are now protected except those on the Victoria River. Lieutenant Murray is currently recruiting and when he returns a detachment will be sent to the Victoria River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2123**

Report on a tour of inspection from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 26, 1862. He reports on the following districts: Upper Mackenzie River, Peak Downs, Nogoia River, Comet River, Upper Maranoa, Lower Condamine, Upper Dawson and Lower Dawson. The file also contains two reports from Lieutenant Murray on the state of his division. Murray’s report dated March 31, 1862 mentions the following Native Police troopers: Peter, Harry, [Soap?] and Edward. Murray’s second report dated May 22, 1862 mentions troopers Condalie, Hannibal, Hotspur, Lupton, [Lyancy?], Duncan, Rudolph, Marmaduke, Adam, Hector, Frank, Lara, Christopher, Oswald, Abia, Billy, Blutcher, Brennan, Hughy, Jerome and Robert. Also in the file is a return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force on May 26, 1862.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2148**

Correspondence from Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton relating to the tender of horses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2169**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 1, 1862: “I beg leave to report return to camp having patrolled the Logan and Albert rivers and Teviot Brook. No collision has taken place with the aborigines”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2186**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 5, 1862: “I beg leave to inform that I leave on patrol immediately for the Mooloolah and Maroochydoore as the blacks from Wide Bay are congregating there again”. He also reports that the troop horses are in a poor condition.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2194**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 3, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists the following Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2224**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated September 8, 1862 recommending that Donald J Harris be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2233**

Letter from Mr Dangar at Bullerawa, Westwood dated July 28, 1862 requesting Native Police protection on the Warrego River and Barcoo River. He states that the western Maranoa and the Mitchell district are

being stocked very rapidly and that “the occupation of permanent waterholes, few in number, by stockholders, to the exclusion of the aborigines in so extensive a land as that lying between the Culgoa and Barcoo must eventually lead to “collisions”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846762](#) COL/A32 62/2239**

The file contains a letter from Edmund Morey at Mitchell Downs, Maranoa district dated September, 1862 praising the efforts of Lieutenant Moorehead for quickly dispersing the “numerous blacks who had assembled and attacked” one of his stations. He states that Lieutenant Moorehead had remarked that in all his experience he “never saw traces of such large bodies of natives as he met in the scrub along the broken boundary of this run”. Morey suggests that this calls for an increased Native Police presence in the district. The file also contains a second letter from Morey dated August 2, 1862 advising that the Aborigines have been assembled in large numbers on the Maranoa River and that his manager found the Aborigines stealing sheep and that he had found a shepherd “cruelly murdered”. Also in the file is a report from Lieutenant Moorehead on the same subject. Letter 62/2140, 62/1953, Top-numbered to 62/2239.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2282**

Letter from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police dated September 18, 1862 asking for the command of the 2nd division now that Lieutenant Baker is retiring.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2313**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 20, 1862 advising that three new frontier police stations have been formed. One at the northern boundary of the Leichhardt district (North Creek), one at the Lower Dawson and one at the Mackenzie River. Bligh also asks that the necessary funds be approved to station a Camp Sergeant at each station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2336**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 22, 1862 advising that Cadets Blakeney and Flanagan have tendered their resignations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2337**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 24, 1862 requesting funds for Lieutenant Frederick Carr to purchase “a light cart and harness together with draught and spare saddle horses for the conveyance of recruits to the Condamine from this place”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2346**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 29, 1862 recommending that John Nutting be appointed as a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2351**

Letter from Edward Lamb dated September 29, 1862 requesting an increased Native Police presence in the Peak Downs district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2361**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1862. The attached return showing all punishments inflicted on prisoners lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Corney, Willie and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846763](#) COL/A33 62/2376**

Letter from ex Native Police officer James Skelton requesting a pension. The file also contains a petition from Skelton that details his service history.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2512**

Report on a tour of inspection from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 8, 1862. Advises that there is dissatisfaction amongst the detachment stationed at Broadsound because of the reduction in their pay; all is well at the Mackenzie River; the Peak Downs detachment is broken up through desertions and sickness; he inspected the progress of the new barracks being built at North Creek, Isaacs River; until new recruits are procured the stations at the Victoria River and Barcoo River cannot be formed; Lieutenant Frederick Carr has been recruiting in the Brisbane district. Also reports on other desertions and the need for about 50 new recruits.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2522**

Letter from James Skelton an ex Native Police officer requesting the relevant documents from the Queensland government so that he can claim a pension from the New South Wales government.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2526**

Letter from Charles Tom sent from Condamine and dated October 13, 1862 requesting Native Police protection and suggesting that the junction of the Kennedy River and Warrego River, or a point somewhere north, would be an ideal location for the barracks. He also states that the "police barracks at Bungil Creek [Roma] is now regarded as a superfluity, as the blacks for a considerable distance to the west of that point are as tame as in any part of the colony".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2561**

Letter from Lieutenant John Baker of the Native Police dated October 29, 1862 requesting sick leave until the end of the year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2627**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 28, 1862 recommending that Lieutenant Baker's resignation be accepted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2628**

Correspondence from the Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton in relation to the building of new Headquarters.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2736**

Letter from Arthur McArthur at the Eastern Maranoa Crown Lands Office (Surat?) dated November 7, 1862 advising that he is returning two bales of blankets to the supplier because they do not contain the correct amount of blankets. Includes a list of the number of blankets issued in the Maranoa district by location.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846764](#) COL/A34 62/2739**

Return of supplies needed by the Police Force. Entry for 1200 blankets for the Aboriginals and Mounted Troopers supplies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2778**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler suggesting that the junction of the Logan and Albert rivers would be a good site for a new Native Police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2898**

Letter from Rudolph Freudenthal requesting an advance on his pay if he receives an appointment in the

Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2899**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 informing that he has placed Lieutenant Morisset in command of the Belyando division and requesting that Morisset be placed on the Commission of the Peace.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2900**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 recommending that Rudolph Freudenthal be appointed a cadet in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2901**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 recommending that Cadets Beevor and Richardson be promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2903**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 27, 1862 advising that he has sacked Horace Ramsay from the Native Police Force because of his incompetence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2911**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 4, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Dick Basket and Corney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2933**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler dated December 9, 1862 seeking permission to purchase hay for the troop horses. He also advises that he must keep the men in camp for some time to enforce discipline and cleanliness and to drill them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2993**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 15, 1862 recommending that the site at the junction of the Logan and Albert rivers be chosen for the establishment of a new Native Police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2994**

File containing Native Police reports: The report from Lieutenant Murray dated December 6, 1862 advises on his visit to Mimosa Creek, Comet River, Nogoia River and Upper Dawson Native Police camps. Troopers mentioned in the report: Fred, Coonoupa, William and Euro. Report from John O'Connell Bligh dated December 15, 1862 on a tour of inspection of the detachments stationed north of Rockhampton. Report from Lieutenant William Cave dated October 28, 1862 relating to a patrol of the Nogoia River and the Comet River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2995**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 13, 1862 requesting that Reginald Uhr be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2996**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated December 19, 1862 advising that four troopers have deserted. He states that he has been in pursuit of them as far as Myall Creek "which is the direction they had taken to return to their country, the Dawson, Condamine and Balonne", but has

failed to apprehend them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2997**

Letter from Lieutenant Powell from Bowen and dated October 29, 1862 tendering his resignation as commander of the Native Police 5th division.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/2998**

Application for the position of Commander of the 5th division of the Native Police from Mr Williams. Williams states that he was previously in the Native Police Force for a period of six years.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846765](#) COL/A35 62/3090**

Correspondence in relation to the conviction of Billy Horton and Kipper Billy and the subsequent doubt over their guilt. Also mentions Stinkabed Johnny. [see also ITM846756 – 62/739; ITM846757 – 62/904 and 62/997]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/9**

Letter from John Murray (Native Police) applying for a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/28**

Letter from Lieutenant John Marlow (Native Police) dated January 2, 1863 requesting a three month's advance on his pay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/40**

Letter from Lieutenant John Baker dated December 31, 1862 resigning from the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/54**

Letter from John Gordon the Camp Sergeant at Sandgate Native Police camp relating to a disagreement between him and Commandant Bligh over the way the troopers were drilled.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/61**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated January 7, 1863 advising that he has suspended Sergeant Sadler for drunkenness and for being absent from camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/72**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 6, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed list one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/88**

Return from the Police Magistrate at Drayton (Toowoomba). Page 1 mentions an Aborigine named Jimmy who was charged with horse stealing.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/122**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 requesting three months leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/123**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 asking for advice and direction over a letter which appeared in the Rockhampton Bulletin. Bligh suggests that the persons who signed the letter should have action taken against them for libel. The letter (in file) is in response to an attempt by Lieutenant William Cave to arrest an Aborigine named Peter. Peter was employed by Mr Cameron of Planet Downs. The letter in the Rockhampton



Bulletin suggests that “By this and similar outrageous acts the Native Police have brought themselves into odium in this district; a doubtful and dangerous authority is vested in this force having power to arrest blacks with ambiguous or in some instances we fear blank warrants”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/124**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 recommending that cadets Harris and Freudanthal be promoted to Lieutenants.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/125**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 9, 1863 relating to the payment of wages to Camp Sergeants.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/235**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 26, 1863 relating to the payment of wages to Sergeant William Kelly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/236**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 26, 1863 recommending that Lieutenant Marlow be promoted to commander of the 5th division due to the resignation of Lieutenant Powell. The file also contains an application for blankets for the Aboriginals in the Maryborough district (about 400 estimated)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/243**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 27, 1863 relating to staff appointments.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846766](#) COL/A36 63/247**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough dated January 28, 1863 requesting 200 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district. He also comments that last year between 400 and 500 Aboriginals were in attendance at the blanket distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/276**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 4, 1863 advising that he has made arrangements for the supervision of the district while he is on leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/277**

Letter from Lieutenant Morisset requesting an advance on his pay because he is going on leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/278**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/281**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 6, 1863 recommending that Wallace Bayley be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/298**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 7, 1863 asking for a four roomed cottage to be built for him to live in.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/418**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler from the Albert River and dated February 25, 1863 advising that he is recruiting in the Logan district and that he needs more horses if he is to recruit the 12 to 14 men he was instructed to find.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/419**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from the Albert River and dated February 25, 1863 advising that he has marked out the site for the new Native Police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846767](#) COL/A37 63/457**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/506**

Correspondence in relation to the appointment of William Cave (Native Police Lieutenant, Nogoia River) as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Princhester.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/511**

Report from George Murray from Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters dated February 27, 1863. Reports that Lieutenant William Cave has tendered his resignation; reports on the districts of Mackenzie River, Peak Downs, North Creek, Broadsound, Upper Dawson and Lower Dawson. Also mentions a Native Police trooper called Paddy. The file also contains a report from Cadet Sharpe advising that he has patrolled the Meteor Creek district after it was reported that the Aboriginals had murdered two shepherds. He states that he came across a mob of Aboriginals "and at daybreak dispersed them. From the gins (who spoke broken English) I ascertained that they came from Steeles and Duttons". The file also contains letters from Cadet Sharpe and Lieutenant William Cave tendering their resignations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/584**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Coochin and dated March 17, 1863 forwarding a list of horses purchased from Mr Collins and advising that he has only been able to procure seven recruits although he has been "over the whole of the Logan and Tweed rivers". He hopes to be able to recruit more in the Warwick district and at Clintons on the main range.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/592**

Letter from Mr [Bryson?] to the Colonial Secretary addressed from the coast of New South Wales and dated March 1863: "In haste to avail myself of an opportunity to write to you I address you on the only slip of paper within my reach in order to implore you to enable Morrel to return to the natives with gifts of most value to them -that they be conciliated. Other blacks [?] along the coast have indeed been cruelly shot down by base white men and I regret to say unscrupulous station holders. P.S. Protection to the natives against the usage of new stations ought to be at once [?] demanded of your Christian Government."

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/601**

Telegram from the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Sydney and dated March 25, 1863 advising that he is returning from leave and is returning via Grafton and "shall probably be able to obtain recruits required".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/602**

Letter from Louis Hope dated March 26, 1863 requesting 12 blankets, 12 shirts and 6 pairs of trousers for distribution to the "Kilcoy tribe".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/680**

Return of Police duties from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich dated April 8, 1862. The return showing particulars of rations issued to prisoners lists an Aboriginal man named King Jimmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/683**

Correspondence in response to a complaint from Mr Coxen at Bendemere Station that Lieutenant Frederick Carr had seized one of his employees without his permission. The employee was a Native Police trooper named Macbeth aka Georgey who had deserted from Wide Bay. The letter from Mr Coxen dated January 30, 1863 also mentions that Macbeth "is a native of my place, and his relatives have been here since the settlement of the country". Coxen also mentions in this letter that he was "informed that Jacky, who left the N Police in Brisbane, was shot at the Terryboo [Teiryboo, Condamine] stockyard by Lieut Carr on his way to my station, and by this post have instituted an enquiry". The letter from Coxen dated January 16, 1863 advises that "there are a great many Dawson blacks on Myall Gully ... amongst them Bally and Toby". Letter 63/319, Top-numbered to 63/683.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/685**

Letter from Lieutenant John Murray of the Native Police in response to a previous letter requesting a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions at the proposed settlement at Cape York. He has been informed that the government does not intend to make any appointments there and Murray asks for a position in any other place where there may be a vacancy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/747**

Report from John Marlow the Commander of the Port Denison (Bowen) detachment of Native Police dated March 24, 1863. Reports on a tour of inspection of the division. Also mentions Native Police troopers Archie, Norman, Valentine, Tom Brown and Quentin. The file also contains a staffing return of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th Divisions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846768](#) COL/A38 63/748**

The file contains a report of a tour of inspection of the Nogoia River and Lower Dawson divisions from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Murray dated March 31, 1863 that advises he has "followed up the blacks who had murdered a shepherd on Mr Robinson's station but after patrolling the Callide Creek and Kroombit Creek and the surrounding country was unable to find them". The report also mentions Native Police troopers Carbine, Roland, Marmaduke, Rudolph and Wawbuean.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/754**

Letter from John Marlow dated March 24, 1863 acknowledging his promotion to Lieutenant and being given the command of the 1st division of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/827**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 22, 1863 requesting permission to remove the Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters to Commissioner's Creek.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/832**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 23, 1863 requesting an allowance for personal accommodation.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/860**

Letter from Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 20, 1863

advising that he has the flu and as a consequence he has been unable to start on a tour of inspection of the northern region.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/881**

Letter from Alfred Compigne at Nindooindah, Albert River dated April 18, 1863 complaining that the Aboriginals have broken into a hut on the station and that the Aboriginals are collecting in large numbers on the surrounding stations. He asks if the Native Police can be sent to patrol the surrounding neighbourhood.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/883**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated April 28, 1863 suggesting that the blanket distribution take place as soon as possible because there are about 900 Aboriginals camped within a few miles of Brisbane. He advises that he has had numerous complaints from the residents in the suburbs and if the Aboriginals are given their blankets they will disperse. Attached to the letter is a requisition for 600 blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/934**

Petition from Georgy stating that he will give himself up if he is protected from the Native Police. Georgy was captured at Bendemere Station by Lieutenant Frederick Carr after deserting from the Native Police but managed to escape. [See also 846768 – 63/683]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/937**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 5, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man named Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/944**

Monthly return of the Native Police Force showing the number and names of officers and the number of troopers at each station. The Commandant (John O'Connell Bligh) also advises that "a large number of recruits [are] required to fill up existing vacancies for the protection of the daily extending frontiers of Queensland these should be procured, if possible, from the Upper Murray and conveyed to Rockhampton by sea with a view to prevent desertions, which have been frequent of late". Bligh also suggests that authority is required to enable officers to apprehend deserters, citing the example of a squatter called Coxen on the Condamine who has threatened to "resist any attempt, on the part of Lieutenant Carr, to retake a deserter now on Mr Coxen's station".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/945**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated April 30, 1863 recommending that Henry Brown be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/991**

Correspondence relating to allegations by Frederick Walker that Lieutenant Johnson repeatedly shot an Aborigine through the head at Mr Reid's station, Dereubeudaugie, Dawson River. The Aborigine was suspected of being implicated in the murder of four men on Reid's station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/993**

Correspondence relating to the shooting of an Aborigine by Lieutenant Johnson at Mr Reid's station, Dereubeudaugie, Dawson River [See also ITM846769 – 63/991]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846769](#) COL/A39 63/994**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 7, 1863. He advises that on returning from leave he found that the "business of the Force under my

command has been satisfactorily carried on"; the force is weak in numbers, so much so that the frontiers have not been sufficiently protected; Lieutenant Wheeler is out recruiting; there is a need for more officers; the rapid extension of the north west frontier will require more Native Police in that District.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1009**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 9, 1863 advising that Lieutenant Moorehead has fallen from his horse and is incapacitated. Bligh recommends that he be given three months leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1018**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Carr from the Maranoa River Native Police Barracks dated April 26, 1862. Carr reports that while on duty at Bindango Station he received word that a Mr Richardson had been shot by a shepherd named Turley. Carr arrested Turley and delivered him to a Police Constable from Roma.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1032**

Letter from John Hendy ex Camp Sergeant at the Peak Downs Native Police Barracks requesting outstanding pay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1046**

Petition from the Kennedy district squatters and residents protesting that "in unsettled country especially in this district the aboriginal population of which is very large and the Native Police numerically small, great risk to human life and property is incurred". They ask for an increase in the number of Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1048**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 15, 1863 advising that he has delivered the recruits to the Maranoa and "provided himself with four fresh men".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1064**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 13, 1863 forwarding an application from Lieutenant Johnson for compensation for a horse drowned in the Dawson River while on duty.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1065**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 21, 1863. Bligh requests an allowance of six months pay for the Native Police troopers in lieu of clothing.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1067**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 21, 1863 recommending that cadets Price, Owen, Bayly and Browne be promoted to Lieutenants.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1081**

Letter from the Bench of Magistrates at Gladstone dated May 20, 1863 requesting 60 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1116**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 26, 1863: "I will proceed immediately in search of Johnny Stink-abled for whom a warrant has been issued on the charge of rape. I hope to get the requisite information from Jim Duffy but I suspect if we do come on their camp there will be little chance of taking him alive".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1119**

Letter from Lieutenant Moorehead at the Maranoa Native Police Barracks requesting a transfer to another government department due to ill health. He states that his injuries were caused during a pursuit of Aboriginals on Mr Mann's station on the Maranoa River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1174**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton, recommending that Lieutenant Moorehead be allowed to transfer to another branch of the Public Service.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1200**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 6, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846770](#) COL/A40 63/1250**

Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846771](#) COL/A41 63/1293**

Letter from Lieutenant Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated June 1863 advising that he has been informed by the Commandant that no clothing will be issued to troopers but in lieu they will receive six months pay. He asks when the troopers will get this pay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846771](#) COL/A41 63/1332**

Letter from Brisbane informing that the Aboriginals belonging to the Pimpama tribe have not yet received their blankets and requesting about 20 pairs for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846771](#) COL/A41 63/1429**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated June 30, 1863 acknowledging that the Executive Council has decided not to make any further appointments in the Native Police. He asks that cadets A. Morisset, R. McLerie, W. Compigne and R. Hill be retained because they are necessary to the efficiency of the Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846771](#) COL/A41 63/1431**

Correspondence relating to the shooting of an Aborigine named Jemmy at Gayndah by Lieutenant Harris of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846772](#) COL/A42 63/1511**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 11, 1863 advising that he has left camp on patrol of the Mooloolah, Maroochy, Ubi Ubi and Brisbane River districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846772](#) COL/A42 63/1555**

Report on a tour of inspection of the northern region from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police. Reports on the detachments stationed at the Don River, North Creek and Broadsound. The file also contains an earlier report on a tour of inspection of the Broadsound, North Creek, Belyando and Mackenzie River divisions. This report also mentions troopers Marmaduke, Billanbe, Degilbery, Carlo and Otho. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset on an inspection tour of the detachments at Mimosa Creek and Spring Creek. This report mentions trooper Grauly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846772](#) COL/A42 63/1556**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 14, 1863 recommending that Cadet John Bligh Nutting be promoted to Lieutenant to replace

Lieutenant Harris who has been dismissed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846772](#) COL/A42 63/1557**

Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from the Commandant (Bligh) on desertions and recruiting.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846772](#) COL/A42 63/1558**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 14, 1863 relating to the purchase of horses for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1807**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 10, 1863 advising that he is going on patrol of the Logan River, Albert River and Teviot Brook.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1880**

Letter from John Conquest requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1903**

Letter from Edward Richards requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1917**

Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1922**

Letter from James Morrill (aka Jemmy Morrill) at Bowen requesting a gift of land because "having resided amongst the natives in the Kennedy district for seventeen years and during the latter part of that time had given up hopes of ever seeing a civilised being again. I looked upon this part of the country conjointly with the natives my living ground".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1941**

Letter from G. Webster at Rockhampton dated August 18, 1863 requesting an appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846773](#) COL/A43 63/1974**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 26, 1863 advising that he has returned to camp after patrolling the Logan River, Albert River and Teviot Brook. He states that he has orders to recruit and will do so immediately in the Brisbane River and the Wide Bay districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846774](#) COL/A44 63/2086**

Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846774](#) COL/A44 63/2144**

Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 16, 1863 advising that he has returned to camp after recruiting in the Wide Bay district. He states that he was only able to recruit three men from Imbil because "the Aborigines seem unwilling to join on account of the Bunya Bunya season coming on (months of November, December, January and February)". "I will start in a week for the Tweed and Clarence and hope to get recruits there".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846774](#) COL/A44 63/2231**

Correspondence in relation to a complaint from Mr Sheridan that Lieutenant Richardson shot a Native

Police trooper named Wallace at Gatton for trying to desert. The Commandant has suspended Richardson and makes the recommendation that he should be dismissed from the Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2261**

Letter from Edward Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated October 1, 1863 requesting a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2329**

Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. Included in the return is a report from the Commandant (Bligh) advising that the force is 50 men short and that this situation cannot be remedied until authority is given for the necessary funds; also discusses general staffing issues.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2330**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2341**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Drayton dated October 7, 1863 advising that George Cuff had been found murdered outside the Royal Hotel, Toowoomba. Cuff was last seen alive "in the camp of some blacks near to the place where the body was found". The Aboriginals who were at the camp are under suspicion for the murder but they have gone into the Gowrie Scrub and cannot be found.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2362**

Letter from Mr Stanley requesting an increase in the Native Police Force in the Nogoia River district. He states that not long ago Mr Riddell was murdered by the Aboriginals and "unless the blacks in our neighbourhood are speedily subdued we will only have repetitions of a like description".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2393**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 13, 1863 requesting one month's leave and advising that, should it be granted, Lieutenant Murray will assume command in his absence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2477**

Letter from G. Young in Rockhampton dated October 14, 1863 applying for a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846775](#) COL/A45 63/2499**

Request from Native Police Camp Sergeant Graham (Warrego River detachment) for an extension of leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2548**

Letter from W. Stephenson, the Surgeon at Gayndah: "May I beg the favour of your informing me how much of the 500 pounds voted for medical attendance and medicines supplied to the aborigines of the Burnett District, I am to receive for the present year".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2561**

Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated October 29, 1863 advising his return to camp after patrolling the Tweed River stations, Cotton Companies, the Albert River and the Logan River. "I have also procured 9 recruits to be forwarded to Rockhampton".



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2593**

Letter from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated November 1, 1863 advising that he is going to spell the camp horses on the Government Reserve.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2609**

Letter of recommendation from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police on behalf of Sergeant Bartholomew Carmody who is leaving the force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2618**

Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2650**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police Force advising that Lieutenant Murray has several cheques in his possession drawn in favour of troopers who have deserted. Bligh makes the suggestion that Lieutenant Murray should keep the cheques and expend them "in the purchase of articles of amusement and recreation, such as cricket bats and balls, for the Troopers of this division".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2653**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 29, 1863 advising that he is not going on leave because he has had an accident.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2654**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1863 recommending that Lieutenant Bagley be given six weeks leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2655**

Correspondence in relation to the erection of a Native Police barracks at Port Denison (Bowen). The file also includes a map of the proposed site.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2656**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 29, 1863 advising that Sergeant Major Allen has resigned.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2658**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1863 submitting a claim for compensation on behalf of Lieutenant Bagly for the loss of horses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2681**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 9, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2733**

Report from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 7, 1863 offering ideas on how to bring the force up to the required strength. He suggests that new recruits should be obtained from the Upper Murray district because the recruits that have been procured from the Clarence, Condamine and Wide Bay districts have proved difficult to keep; officers need to be given authority to apprehend and punish deserters; although 50 recruits are required, 80 should be aimed for to allow for desertions. Bligh also comments that the recent desertions have been caused by the Troopers finding that they can get protection from Squatters (if they need labour). The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Freudenthal at Wide Bay dated October 5, 1863 advising that a Native Police

trooper named Tommy Murray has deserted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2737**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, advising that nine recruits were forwarded to Headquarters (Rockhampton) from Sandgate and that three days later they all deserted. They were pursued and one was recaptured. He advises that this is the third batch of recruits that have deserted after having been forwarded from Brisbane. He suggests that it would be "useless to send any more recruits from the Logan and Clarence rivers unless arrangements are made for shipping them direct to Port Denison – They might be much less inclined to desert".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846776](#) COL/A46 63/2746**

Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated November 16, 1863 advising that he is about to go recruiting as far as Imbil, Wide Bay and Cooyar and will return via Emu Creek and Eskdale.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2889**

Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated December 1, 1863 advising that he has travelled the Brisbane River and Bunya Bunya country but was unable to procure any recruits. "The blacks are employed sheep washing on the different stations, they have not assembled yet for the Bunya Bunya season, that will take place in about four weeks time". He also advises that "the police dispersed a large mob of aborigines, (Wide Bay Blacks) between the [Warata?] and the Cabulture [Caboolture] near to the sea coast, but could not get near enough to them to obtain recruits". He also advises that he has been able to apprehend two deserters who were "Balonne blacks" and who were found amongst the Aborigines on the Colinton and Cressbrook runs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2907**

Letter from Charles Macleod at Combarngo Station via Surat dated November 24, 1863 relating to the capture of an Aborigine named Smoker Brown who was in the service of a Mr Brown from Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2915**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2983**

Letter from Lieutenant John Marlow of the Native Police dated November 21, 1863: "I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo directing me to accompany with four troopers Mr Dalrymple to Rockingham Bay, and in reply, beg to state that your instructions shall be carried out to the best of my ability".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2994**

The file contains Native Police reports relating to the dispersal of Aborigines in response to the murder of Mr Riddle on the Nogoia River. Commandant Bligh comments that "the perpetrators could not be identified, and no warrants were issued, so that the police could only pursue and punish the offenders with a promptitude which is likely to deter others from committing crime". The report from Lieutenant Bayly dated October 8, 1863 also mentions Native Police troopers Fletcher and Stephen.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846777](#) COL/A47 63/2995**

Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from Commandant Bligh, which advises that he has temporarily removed the sixth division from Wide Bay to reinforce the north western frontier; two divisions were quickly concentrated in

response to the murders on the Nogoa River; eleven recruits have deserted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846778](#) COL/A48 63/3012**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 11, 1863 advising that he is aware that no provision has been made in the estimates for his salary next year and asking if it is the intention of the government to remove him from his position. Bligh also asks if he can expect to be transferred to another position within the government if his present salary ceases.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846778](#) COL/A48 63/3017**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 12, 1863 requesting his pay for the present month because he is going on leave of absence for a short time.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846778](#) COL/A48 63/3114**

Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police and dated December 23, 2863 requesting an extra two weeks leave of absence because he has urgent private business in Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846779](#) COL/A49 64/41**

Letter from William Hunter at Mount Abundance (Roma) dated December 15, 1863 raising concerns that the Native Police are to be removed from the eastern Maranoa. He suggests, "the consequences are likely to be very serious. There are a large number of blacks in this part of the country ... and they will need the presence and the dread of the Native Police force to keep them in check".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846779](#) COL/A49 64/107**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 9, 1864. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists four Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846779](#) COL/A49 64/143**

Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also contains a monthly report from Lieutenant Murray that mainly details staff movements but also mentions that a murder has been committed by the Aboriginals on the Mackenzie River. Lieutenants Bayly and Nutting were sent to investigate and their reports will be forwarded.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846779](#) COL/A49 64/160**

The file contains Native Police reports and letters. Including a report of the proceedings of the Native Police from Lieutenant Murray at Rockhampton and dated January 9, 1864. The report advises on general Native Police matters but also mentions that there has been a murder committed at Mr Joss' station (Maxford Station) on the Mackenzie River. The country has been patrolled but the Aboriginals have left the district. The report also mentions Native Police trooper Stephen. The file also contains a related report from Lieutenant Bayly advising that he has dispersed a group of Yaamba Aboriginals in the district near Mr Walker's station. Another related report from Lieutenant Nutting advises that he travelled to Mr Thompson's station on the Mackenzie River to render "any assistance that might be necessary in dispersing the blacks who were reported to be there in large numbers". The file also contains a letter from Lieutenant Freudenthal requesting compensation for a horse that was drowned in the Mary River. And a letter from Lieutenant Johnson requesting three months leave of absence because he needs to have an operation.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846780](#) COL/A50 64/326**

Letter from Native Police officer Lieutenant George Murray in Rockhampton requesting an extension of leave for Lieutenant Bayly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846780](#) COL/A50 64/366**

The file includes a report of prisoners committed for trial in Warwick and tried in Toowoomba. The entry for 1863 lists one Aboriginal man named Roguery.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846780](#) COL/A50 64/425**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 5, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846781](#) COL/A51 64/618**

Memorial from the residents of Rockhampton praising John Murray (ex Native Police) and asking the Colonial Secretary to support his application for a government position. They suggest that he was “one of the most efficient officers ever attached to the Force, indefatigable in suppressing outrage and yet performing a difficult and invidious duty with judgment and humanity”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846781](#) COL/A51 64/649**

Letter from James Skelton at Dalby dated January 26, 1864 asking for a pension. He details his work history, which includes the time he spent in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846781](#) COL/A51 64/701**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 4, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846782](#) COL/A52 64/794**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Bowen dated February 25, 1864, which suggests that, a Mr McDonald has been murdered by the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846782](#) COL/A52 64/975**

Correspondence relating to a flood at Rockhampton. The file also contains an article from the 23/3/1864 edition of the Northern Argus that mentions a “Blacks Camp” on the Fitzroy River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846782](#) COL/A52 64/989**

Letter from J.C. White named “Amelioration of the condition of the Aboriginal Natives” putting forward some observations and suggestions relative to the Aboriginals of Australia.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846783](#) COL/A53 64/1071**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846783](#) COL/A53 64/1130**

Petition from the stockholders and inhabitants of the western Maranoa district who are “annoyed and injured by the many robberies committed by rogues and vagabonds that infest the frontier stations and are almost a greater terror than the wild blacks [and we] ... most respectfully beg to recommend the Yo Yo (where a section of the Native Police is at present stationed) is a place most suitable for a Court of Petty Sessions”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1271**

Petition from the inhabitants of Rockingham Bay suggesting that “a force of native police is absolutely necessary for their protection against the aboriginals who are very numerous in the vicinity of the settlement, their avocations rendering them liable at any moment to an attack”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1274**

Letter from John O’Connell Bligh, the ex Commandant of the Native Police sent from Gayndah and dated April 4, 1864 pointing out that officers in Indexes to correspondence relating to Aboriginals and the Native Police are not entitled to superannuation but asking if the privilege can be extended to him. Bligh has just accepted the position of Police Magistrate at Gayndah and is concerned that his superannuation will not be backdated to when he first started in the Native Police because they do not come under the *Police Act*.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1275**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated April 16, 1864 advising that the body of a white man was found on Fraser Island. The attached depositions from the Magisterial Inquiry mentions Aboriginals plundering a camp; Aboriginals helping to carry the body of the deceased; bringing the men some fish. The verdict from the Magistrate is that the man was murdered by Aboriginals on the island. The deceased was a sailor from the American barque Panama

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1358**

Letter from Inspector Rudolph Morisset requesting an allowance in lieu of provisions for Sub-Inspector Owen of the Belyando Native Police detachment.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1416**

Letter sent from Bowen advising that the house of Mr Willis at the Houghton River was robbed and Willis murdered by three armed men. They ask that a special force be formed to apprehend the murderers including Lieutenant Marlow and his Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846784](#) COL/A54 64/1498**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1589**

Return from J.C. White the Police Magistrate in Warwick listing the names of the Aboriginals who have received blankets in the 1864 distribution (some of the names are hard to read and some may be misspelled).

Native Name English Name Wife’s Name

Juuerureurgor Tommy -

Chichuiback Charley -

Wurgeir Tebbool -

Tuitiunoon Boney -

Merrigain Dick Maryanne + 1 child

Corrooban Carlo -

Jirreuraine Boney -

Gulla Dick Mariaine

Paratop Possum Egeri

Bower Davey Maggie

Warsoop Jerry Betty

Wyll Tommy Polly  
Duncan Peter Kitty  
Woolooborohan Billy Kitty + 3 children  
Cooyylbyae Dalley -  
Mollycoogry Molly Old woman  
Cherurn Johnny -  
Trutuwoologoo Paddy Fanny

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1606**

Letter from the Police Office in Rockhampton dated May 14, 1864 relating to the escape of prisoners. Briefly mentions that Aboriginals were used to track the prison escapees.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1628**

Letter from William White in Brisbane dated May 19, 1864 requesting 50 pairs of blankets for the Aboriginals on his stations, Pimpama and Cumbooba.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1666**

Correspondence re protection needed for employees of the Don Juan schooner working on the wreck of the Panama on Fraser Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1676**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich advising that the 300 blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals he applied for have not arrived.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1696**

The file contains a report from the Police Magistrate in Bowen dated April 11, 1864 (64/1276) in which he mentions that "on the 27th of March I despatched the Sub-Inspector of Police, with a Sergeant and two Troopers belonging to the Native Police Force, in pursuit of the three Bushrangers". He also mentions that the Schooner 'Nightingale' was wrecked on an island off the coast. The survivors made it to land at Cape Bowling Green where they were attacked and taken prisoner by the Aboriginals but were later able to escape.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1707**

Letter from Inspector Frederick Carr from the Bungil Creek (Roma) Native Police Camp dated May 10, 1864 asking for funds to build a Native Police Camp on the Warrego River. He states that the application for funds was made over 12 months ago but to date they have not been forthcoming. The detachment is forced to rely on temporary accommodation at Mr Wiseman's station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846785](#) COL/A55 64/1720**

Letter from George Board and Sons sent from Brisbane and dated May 25, 1864 requesting 30 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Pimpama and Coomera Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1754**

Letter from J. Bergin requesting blankets for the 20 Aboriginals on his station, which he states is about 100 miles from Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1765**

Letter from Mr Tom in Brisbane expressing his concern at the conduct of the Native Police in the outlying districts: "I understand that the officers and the N police are directed by their superiors to disperse all large assemblages of the aborigines and a regard for security renders it also necessary that the blacks should be kept out altogether from new stations as the massacre of whites have generally, if

not invariably, resulted from too closer contact and intimacy between the races"... in effecting these two objects ... the N police are frequently obliged to commit murder". Tom suggests that the remedy to this situation would be to arm "the police with pieces that will carry either shot or bullets as required, and directing that when no hostility is shown by the blacks, only the smallest size shot should be used ... the scattering of the shot would occasion the chastisement to be widely felt, while its mildness would not be likely to arouse their feelings of rancour which the taking of life so naturally calls into existence in the friends of the deceased".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1804**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1824**

The file contains a letter from Archer and Company at Gracemere declining an offer to purchase the buildings on their property previously used by the Native Police. The file also contains a report from David Seymour, the Acting Commissioner of Police, on an inspection tour of the police in Rockhampton mainly concerned with general police matters but which also mentions that Archer and Company may be interested in buying the old Native Police buildings.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1826**

Letter from Thomas Walker of Laura Station, Apis Creek requesting Native Police protection in the Kennedy district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1967**

Letter from John Murray at Rosedale dated June 13, 1864 acknowledging his appointment as a recruiter for the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846786](#) COL/A56 64/1981**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler recommending his brother Edward for a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846787](#) COL/A57 64/2063**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 7, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy and M Moffatt.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846787](#) COL/A57 64/2081**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Bedell Owen from the Belyando River Native Police barracks dated June 24, 1864 requesting a transfer from the Native Police to a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846787](#) COL/A57 64/2087**

Large file containing correspondence relating to the removal of the Maranoa Patrol from Boombah Station to St George. Page 4 of the letter 63/1125 briefly mentions that the Aboriginals informed them that there is permanent water at St George. Letter 63/2909, 63/2516, 63/1682, 63/1125. Top-numbered to 64/2087.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846787](#) COL/A57 64/2147**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Bayly sent from Brisbane and dated July 15, 1864 requesting that his resignation from the Native Police Force be withdrawn.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846788](#) COL/A58 64/2281**

Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 30, 1864 acknowledging a letter advising him that his brother Edward has been appointed a Sub-Inspector in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846788](#) COL/A58 64/2288**

The file contains the judge's report in the case of Regina v Roguery. Roguery was convicted of indecent assault at the Criminal Assizes held in Toowoomba on January 11, 1863. The file also contains a petition from Mr Halloran pleading for remission of sentence. The petition from Halloran states that he employed Roguery at the time of the alleged offence and that he believes that he is innocent. The petition also states that Roguery was previously employed by Captain William O'Connell and before that by Mr Alexander of Proston.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846788](#) COL/A58 64/2294**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 2, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, M Moffat and Roguery.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846788](#) COL/A58 64/2313**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office in Brisbane dated August 4, 1864 advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Roguery died the previous evening.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846789](#) COL/A59 64/2619**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 5, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, M. Moffatt and Roguery.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846789](#) COL/A59 64/2708**

Report from J.C. White the Police Magistrate at Warwick dated August 30, 1864. In the report a Mary Clunes is accused of perjuring herself in the court case of an unnamed Aborigine.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846789](#) COL/A59 64/2727**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, recommending that Sub-Inspector Johnson should be dismissed from the Native Police Force for allowing his troopers to go on patrol by themselves. The troopers were subsequently attacked by the Aborigines on Mr Tom's station and one trooper was killed and a "considerable quantity of government property destroyed".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846789](#) COL/A59 64/2744**

Report from Frank Jardine the Police Magistrate re the formation of a new settlement at Somerset, Cape York dated September 6, 1864. Page 17 of the report makes some observations about the local Aborigines and informs that "the natives appear to be numerous and have made themselves useful in carrying timber". The file also contains a letter from the Police Magistrate to Lieutenant Pascoe dated August 6, 1864. Paragraph 11 asks him to instruct his men that there is a "positive necessity keeping on friendly terms with the Aborigines, and carefully to avoid giving them the slightest offence – improper interference with the native women must be especially guarded against, and as a general rule the natives must at all times be treated with kindness and humanity and on no account must the extreme of a conflict resorted to unless positively in self defence".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846790](#) COL/A60 64/2828**



Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell. Mentions that two men had set out to walk from a station belonging to Dalrymple Scott Brothers at Herbert River to Cardwell, through “country much infested with blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846791](#) COL/A61 64/3004**

Letter from A. Velwood at Hawkwood Station, Gayndah dated October 1, 1864 requesting a position as a cadet in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846791](#) COL/A61 64/3006**

Letter from C. Walsh at Gundi Gundi, Dalby requesting a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846791](#) COL/A61 64/3108**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 3, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy and King Warry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846791](#) COL/A61 64/3264**

List of articles lost by Sub-Inspector Johnson’s Native Police detachment on May 8, 1864 [see also ITM846789 COL/59 – 64/2727].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846791](#) COL/A61 64/3283**

Letter from the Commissioner for Crown Lands from the office at North Kennedy requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed at the Upper Burdekin because “serious outrages have been recently perpetrated by the aboriginals amongst which may be mentioned the murder of two shepherds employed on Mr McClelland’s station, and the attack on the premises of another settler Mr Curr”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846792](#) COL/A62 64/3338**

Letter from John Cockle at Welltown Station via Goondiwindi dated November 27, 1864 requesting a cadetship in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846792](#) COL/A62 64/3372**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, King Warry and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846792](#) COL/A62 64/3412**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Bowen advising that two employees of Mr Black of Victoria Downs have been murdered by the Aboriginals. He also advises that Mr Curr’s station on the Fanning River was also attacked by Aboriginals and, although no lives were lost, Mr Curr’s family narrowly escaped. “The Aborigines have also been seen in force within fifteen miles of Bowen”. He states that “the blacks in this district will here forth be exceedingly troublesome, and ... there is urgent need of increased Native Police protection”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846792](#) COL/A62 64/3415**

The file includes a letter from Mr Black of Victoria Downs’s station (Upper Burdekin) requesting increased Native Police protection. [see also ITM846792 – 64/3412]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846792](#) COL/A62 64/3420**

Letter from several residents of the district between Cape Palmerston and Port Denison requesting urgent Native Police protection. They state that the Aboriginals have been spearing cattle and they do it with such impunity that on one occasion they speared a bullock in the town of Mackay. They also state

that in the “district between Mackey and Bowen ... there are more natives perhaps, than in any tract of similar extent in the north”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/34**

The file includes an application from the Gaoler at Brisbane Gaol (dated January 6, 1865) for the admission of an Aboriginal woman named Nancy to the Lunatic Asylum.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/39**

Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated December 2, 1864. He advises that there have been “one of two serious aggressions by the Aborigines in which two of the marines were wounded one seriously the other seriously by spears – The aggressions were however repelled and met with severe and just punishment”. Also mentions an Aborigine named Kio.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/94**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 12, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, King Warry, Jemmy and Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/101**

Letter from Hugh Neill of Galloway Plains, Calliope dated January 9, 1865 requesting Native Police protection because two people have been severely injured on his station after an attack by Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/157**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated December 26, 1864 advising that a German man has been killed by the Aborigines at the Valley of Lagoons and that the Aborigines are numerous around the town. He asks for Native Police protection

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/159**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated January 2, 1865 advising that “the Native Police have this day arrived in the Cardwell”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/160**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Bowen dated January 12, 1865 acknowledging that a detachment of Native Police have been forwarded. He suggests that Mount Elliot would be a good location for the Native Police camp. He states that more than one detachment of Native Police is needed because “the reports of murders and depredations committed by the blacks are so frequent and the panic in the district is so great”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/225**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated January 24, 1865 recommending that Inspector George Murray (Native Police) be appointed “Inspector of Police for the Northern Districts”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846793](#) COL/A63 65/250**

Letter from Mr Barron, the Commissioner for Crown Lands sent from Charleville and dated January 4, 1865 requesting a larger Native Police Force in the district. He suggests that the “Native Police now stationed on the Bungil can scarcely be required there, this headquarters should be moved to the Warrego district, retaining the section stationed on the Maranoa River”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/341**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 8, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men:

Corney, Jemmy, King Warry, J Melford and Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/352**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell suggesting that the Aboriginals should be driven back beyond Marlow Creek for the protection of the residents of the town and surrounding district. Also includes related reports from Sub-Inspector Blakeney of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/495**

Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated January 1, 1865, which mainly reports on an expedition into the country surrounding the settlement. Jardine also makes an observation on Aboriginal customs: Hitherto my native guide was in a land unknown to him, it is strange how the tribes confine themselves to such narrow limits by land, and beyond the general knowledge that every native possesses was of little use as a guide. But soon after we came upon a large native camping place, which he recognised and from here we proceeded on". Also mentions that the inhabitants of Prince of Wales Island call themselves the Kororigas (also Kaurareg). And that a white man has been living with the natives of Banks Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/499**

Correspondence from the Bowen district in relation to alleged murders and outrages committed by the Aboriginals at Natal Downs and Cape River and a request for Native Police protection.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/513**

Telegrams in relation to a request from the NSW Government for "blacktrackers". It is suggested that Lieutenant Wheeler would be the best officer to send with them but the last telegram advises that "Sub-Inspector Nutting goes down by Clarence tomorrow with three troopers"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/550**

Application from David Franks at the Native Police Barracks, North Creek for a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/557**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 27, 1865 advising that Sub-Inspector Blakeney had been ordered by Sub-Inspector Murray to proceed from Cardwell to Rockhampton and while he was away his troopers had deserted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/575**

Letter from Lieutenant Wheeler dated March 6, 1865 advising that Mr White has requested that the Native Police patrol towards the Tweed River. Wheeler states that he is ready to go if instructed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846794](#) COL/A64 65/594**

Letter from the stockholders of the Warrego district requesting increased Native Police protection. They suggest that Lieutenant Frederick Carr's section should be moved from Bungil Creek (Roma) to reinforce Lieutenant Lambert at Yo Yo and another section could find constant employment on the lower Warrego and Paroo River "where the blacks are extremely troublesome".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846795](#) COL/A65 65/606**

Letter from William Spooner at Bowen requesting a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846795](#) COL/A65 65/607**

The file contains a map showing the location of the Native Police paddock in Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846795](#) COL/A65 65/623**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jimmy, J Milford and Jackey.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846795](#) COL/A65 65/848**

Letter from the visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 7, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and J Milford.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/917**

Letter from Victor Nissen in Sydney requesting a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/935**

Petition from the magistrates, squatters and other residents of the Warrego district protesting against the proposed removal of the Native Police. They suggest “your memorialists will be left at the mercy of the most savage tribes of blacks in the colony and the prospects of your memorialists thereby materially injured and the progress of the district retarded”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1044**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police sent from Brisbane and dated May 5, 1865 advising that he is going to set aside some of the Native Police trooper’s ration allowance to pay for the supply of rations to their wives.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1070**

Judges notes in the case of *The Queen v Jemmy*. Jemmy was convicted of rape at Ipswich on April 25, 1865 and sentenced to death.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1078**

Vouchers for supplies to Lieutenant Walker of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1108**

Letter from John Ker Wilson offering to organise the necessary supplies for Lieutenant Walker’s expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1118**

Letter from the Reverend Love sent from Brisbane and dated May 11, 1865 advising that he can arrange for two Moravian missionaries to come to Queensland to help with the “amelioration” of the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846796](#) COL/A66 65/1121**

Letter from the Bench in Dalby dated May 6, 1865 advising that the blankets have been distributed to the Aboriginals of the district, but that there were not enough. There is a request for a further 50 blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1228**

Correspondence in relation to a dispute between a Surveyor named Davidson and the Sub-Inspector at the Native Police Barracks on the Mary River. The dispute was over access to the Barracks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1246**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated May 25, 1865 recommending promotions for Native Police officers Morisset, Browne, Pascheu, Coward and Williams.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1255**

Letter from Donald Blow at Dunwich dated May 19, 1865 complaining against an order to move the Aboriginal camp because the Aboriginals would probably move to Cleveland or elsewhere and he will lose his boat crew. He is also concerned that because his wife is related to some of the Aboriginals at present in the camp her relations will not be able to visit her.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1265**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton dated May 22, 1865 advising that an Aboriginal man named Pompey has been murdered. He states that Pompey was buried before any inquest into his death was ordered and suggests that the body should be exhumed and an examination conducted. "Were the corpse that of a white man the outcry for the strictest investigation would be loud".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1269**

Petition from the residents of Cardwell dated May 8, 1865 requesting that Inspector Murray of the Native Police Force not be transferred. They suggest that Murray's "exertions in affording security have been crowned with complete success around Cardwell ... had not it been for the indomitable perseverance, utter disregard of personal fatigue and great practical experience the results now apparent could not have been accomplished". They suggest that the "natives still muster in large numbers on the main road to the interior, and in outlying districts, and there will be an imperative necessity for the services of an experienced officer".

**Queensland State Archives Item [ID 846797](#) COL/A67 65/1280**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated May 27, 1865 advising that Lieutenant Murray is leaving for Sydney to procure recruits for the Native Police Force and that he be allowed to draw 250 pounds to cover the expenses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1335**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Leyburn (Warwick district) dated May 30, 1865: "I have the honour to draw your attention to the following via that the Bench of Magistrates here have had no blankets to be distributed amongst the aboriginal natives, supplied to them this year". A note from the Colonial Secretary informs that they must apply to either Drayton or Warwick Bench for the blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1372**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 7, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Johnny Milford.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1416**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, from Brisbane and dated June 12, 1865 recommending that Inspector Murray of the Native Police Force be paid a travelling allowance.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1421**

Letter from Ratcliffe Pring, the Attorney General, dated June 12, 1865 advising that the Supreme Court has ruled that an Aborigine named Jemmy will be tried again at the next Ipswich Circuit Court.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1444**

Correspondence in relation to the admission of an Aborigine named Billy to the Lunatic Asylum. The correspondence suggests that Billy was from Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1451**

Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset, dated May 1, 1865. Paragraph 6 describes his family's overland journey to get to Somerset and states that the Aboriginals were "annoying them on every favourable opportunity and on one occasion, the crossing of the Mitchell River, opposing so obstinately that a considerable number were shot". In Paragraph 8 Jardine comments that his sons have formed a station at Newcastle Bay and are on friendly terms with the Aboriginals who have worked with them to cut tracks through the scrub to Somerset.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1478**

Large file containing Native Police correspondence in relation to a complaint from Inspector Murray against Inspector Price for leaving his command at the Mackenzie River without being relieved by another officer. Letter 65/1440, Top-numbered to 65/1478.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846797](#) COL/A67 65/1482**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated May 31, 1865 advising that a Schooner has been found on the beach to the north of the settlement and had been set on fire, probably by the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846798](#) COL/A68 65/1533**

Report on the settlement of Somerset at Cape York from Frank Jardine the Police Magistrate dated March 1, 1865. The report goes into some detail about Aboriginal customs, tribal boundaries, native food, spirituality and material culture. For instance, Page 4 states that several of the species of the numerous climbing plants produce a strong fibre from which the Aboriginals make fishing lines; Page 8 states that the Green Turtle is the principle food of the Aboriginals and describes how they, and other species of turtle, are caught. Page 13 and 14 make some observations on the customs and physiology of the Aboriginals including body markings and tooth removal, the septum of the nose being pierced with a dugong bone on "state occasions", large holes are cut in the ears and a piece of wood inserted, cutting their hair off very close once a year, which is decorated with feathers and worn at Corroborees. Page 14 also mentions the making of shelters and hunting implements, Page 15: they throw spears with a woomera, stone axes are used but the boomerang and nulla nulla are unknown to them; the construction of canoes, Page 17: the Gudang tribe (AUSTLANG Language Code Y191) claim the land from Cape York to Fly Point and are small in number having been seriously thinned by their neighbours the **Kaurareg / Kororegas** from Prince of Wales Island, the Goomkoding (aka Angkamuthi) tribe live on the north west shore, the Yadaijau (aka Yadhaykenu) tribe inhabit the south side of Newcastle Bay and the Kennedy River, the Undooyamo the north side. Page 20 and 21 briefly mention the people of Banks Island, Mulgrave Island, Darnley Island, beche de mer fishing, establishing a Mission.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846798](#) COL/A68 65/1563**

Correspondence relating to the suspension of Inspector Frederick Carr of the Native Police for sacking Sergeant Graham and employing Bernard Carvey in his place.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846798](#) COL/A68 65/1678**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 6, 1865. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846799](#) COL/A69 65/1836**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated June 17, 1865 advising that cedar timber has been found on Hinchinbrook Island and asking if the government still intends to keep the island as a reserve for Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846799](#) COL/A69 65/1892**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated July 26, 1865 in relation to the impounding of Native Police horses by Mr Archer. "As there are no paddocks attached to the several Native Police Camps the troopers are liable, if this be permitted, to find themselves at any time without horses and consequently useless".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846799](#) COL/A69 65/1897**

Correspondence in relation to the supply of rations to Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846799](#) COL/A69 65/2059**

Certificate of discharge from the Lunatic Asylum, Brisbane dated August 11, 1865 for an Aboriginal woman named Nancy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846799](#) COL/A69 65/2077**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 14, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Corney, Tommy and Jemmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2230**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Morisset of the Native Police for an advance of two months pay because he is about to go to Sydney on leave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2268**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated August 1865 forwarding a copy of the Regulations for the Native Police Force for approval. A copy of the regulations is not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2271**

Telegram from Inspector Murray of the Native Police from Deniliquin and dated August 28, 1865 requesting that 50 pounds be deposited in his account in either Melbourne or Sydney. He also advises: "expect to start Wednesday with twenty men".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2284**

Letter from Oscar de Satge in Clermont dated August 14, 1865 complaining that J. Wheeler purchased a horse from him which he then sold to Lieutenant Owen of the Native Police. The final bank note for payment of the horse has been dishonoured.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2338**

Letter from Matthew Dickson in Bowen dated August 28, 1865 applying for a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846800](#) COL/A70 65/2390**

Letter from Inspector Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated August 31, 1865: "I have the honour to request that you will inform me as soon as possible what authority I have to stop persons from encouraging troopers to desert from the Native Mounted Police and afterwards employing them – and what steps I shall take should troopers in such case desert?"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2408**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Tommy, Corney and Jemmy. A Jemmy is also listed on the return showing punishments inflicted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2410**

Letter from John Browning sent from Boobyjan station, Burnett district dated September 11, 1865 in relation to his request for a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2412**

Correspondence in relation to a request from Doctor Walthardt for payment for medical attendance and medicines for the Aborigines of the Nanango district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2433**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated September 19, 1865 advising that the recent orders to patrol the Warrego River and Barcoo River and the increase in the numbers of Native Police troopers has made it necessary to purchase more horses. He requests additional funding to buy the horses because all the funds allocated for the year have been expended.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2453**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated September 21, 1865 advising that Inspector Murray has requested 185 pounds for repairs to the Native Police barracks in the northern region. He also recommends that an experienced officer should be stationed at Rockingham Bay because "recent events have shewn that it would be injudicious to withdraw the Native Police altogether from the district". He also briefly mentions procuring horses for the recruits from New South Wales.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2540**

Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated June 30, 1865 advising that "the Aborigines have not behaved so well lately ... considering all the kindness they received from Mr Jardine and afterwards myself"; all the Aborigines have gone away to a small island off Cape York for some reason; the Aborigines have been "troublesome amongst Mr Jardine's cattle".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2644**

Telegram from J. Beach at the Quarantine Station, Dunwich dated October 10, 1865 advising that "Donald called on me this morning reported himself as having left quarantine service. Has gone over to Peel Island with his effects and black fellows".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2649**

Brisbane Gaol returns. The return showing punishments inflicted in September 1865 lists one Aboriginal man: Jemmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846801](#) COL/A71 65/2677**

Petition from the residents of the Port Curtis, Broadsound and north of the Fitzroy River requesting an increase in Native Police numbers because "the daring character of the blacks of late is most alarming, several Europeans have been most dastardly murdered and we live in daily dread".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846802](#) COL/A72 65/2908**

Correspondence in relation to the execution of an Aboriginal man named Jacky. Jacky was sentenced in the Maryborough Court of Assizes on September 15, 1865 with the murder of Ann Lee and executed at the Brisbane Gaol on November 3, 1865.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846802](#) COL/A72 65/2962**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Tommy.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846802](#) COL/A72 65/2993**

Correspondence re the shipwreck of the *Nightingale* at the mouth of the Burkekin River and an attack by Aborigines. Letter 65/1681, Top-numbered to 65/2993

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846802](#) COL/A72 65/2996**

The file contains a telegram from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated November 9, 1865 advising that Aborigines had robbed the Quarantine Camp on Woody Island and that he and the Native Police will investigate immediately. The file also contains a report from the Police Magistrate dated November 10, 1865 advising that he has visited the camp on Woody Island and that the reports of the attack are greatly exaggerated. However, "there is no doubt the blacks robbed the place and threw boomerangs and waddies but no spears; it also appears pretty certain one black was killed by the blow of a spade".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846803](#) COL/A73 65/3178**

Telegram from William Landsborough sent from Rockhampton and dated November 1865: "The Sub-Inspector and Coxswain on route to Carpentaria will require advances and the troopers will require advance for rations on the road [Native Police?] how are these to be made".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846803](#) COL/A73 65/3222**

Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated October 31, 1865. Page 10 and 11 mention that a "collision" had taken place between the Aborigines and the people in charge of the settlement cattle and that they were slightly injured; page 12 mentions that the Aborigines "have been making themselves useful in various ways. They are not permitted to come into the settlement, but two or three are employed at the cattle station".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846803](#) COL/A73 65/3225**

Correspondence in relation to the alleged shooting of an Aborigine named Blind Charley by the Native Police at the Calliope Goldfields. Includes depositions from several witnesses who state that he was shot and reports from Sub-Inspector Beevor denying that he or his troopers were responsible. The correspondence also mentions an Aborigine man named Peter and an Aborigine presence in the Kroombit and Callide Creek districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846803](#) COL/A73 65/3286**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 5, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aborigine man: Corney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846804](#) COL/A74 65/3366**

Correspondence from John MacArthur of Leyburn requesting that an Aborigine named Billy be given a brass plate and blankets for his help in apprehending Richard Dawson for horse stealing. Also mentions that Billy is an inhabitant of McIntyre Brook and that Billy and his tribe had previously helped to track the man who robbed the Callandoon mail.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846805](#) COL/A75 66/131**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated January 16, 1866 advising that an Aborigine named Baboon has died in Brisbane Gaol. A note in the margin advises that "Baboon an aboriginal admitted in gaol 15 December 1865 for trial at Maryborough in March 1866".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846805](#) COL/A75 66/147**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 16, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aborigine men: Corney, Tommy, Jemmy, Charlie and Tommy (no.2).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/391**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Owen from Brisbane and dated January 8, 1866 advising that he has retired from the Native Police Force due to ill health and requesting a position in another government department.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/410**

Queensland State Archives ITM Letter from Joseph Ward the Health Officer in Maryborough dated February 7, 1866. Briefly mentions that he administers medicines to Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/413**

Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Banana dated January 30, 1866 complaining that last year the blankets for the Aboriginals were distributed to the owners of seven stations and that some ended up for sale in the store of one of the recipients, others were cut up and used as saddle blankets. To stop this practice he suggests that this year the blankets should be distributed to the Aboriginals personally at the Courthouse.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/414**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Springsure dated January 29, 1866 requesting police protection because there have been several deaths in the Tambo district attributable to the Aboriginals. He suggests that the monthly patrols by the Native Police are inadequate.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/428**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 10, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy, Charlie and Tommy (no.2).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/434**

Letter dated February 14, 1866 requesting permission for Inspector Marlow [Native Police?] to travel to Belyando in search of Mr Leichhardt.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/549**

Letter from James Gilmour dated November 25, 1886 requesting a position in the Native Police Force. Gilmour states that "pending your reply Mr Wheeler Inspector NMP has given me charge of seven troopers in order to at once patrol the roads between Roma, Taroom and Condamine, with a view to arresting bushrangers, who have lately been robbing the mails". The file also contains a report from Fredrick Wheeler advising that he has temporarily hired James Gilmour and recommending him for a position in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846806](#) COL/A76 66/553**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 22, 1866 requesting instructions on what to do with Native Police Inspector Frederick Carr. Carr was suspended and after having his suspension lifted went on sick leave. During this time he was on full pay. Seymour is concerned that this is not fair to the junior officers who have to perform Carr's duties in his absence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/608**

Report from the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Somerset dated December 4, 1865. Mentions that "the aborigines are not as numerous in the immediate vicinity of the settlement as formerly, the few remaining seem anxious to continue on friendly terms with the whites, in this, I encourage as much as possible due caution being always observed".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/677**

Letter from the Colonial Storekeeper dated February 5, 1866 forwarding a return (in file) which shows the number of Aboriginal blankets issued to the Bench in each district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/727**

Returns from Rockhampton Gaol for February 1866. Return of prisoners received and confined lists an Aborigine named Frank Nicoll. He is also listed on the return showing prisoners discharged.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/771**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 13, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy and Charlie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/857**

Correspondence from the Maryborough Bench of Magistrates in relation to the want of police protection and accusations that Sub-Inspector Freudenthal is inefficient and has been disrespectful. They ask that a detachment of Native Police be stationed in the district under a competent officer.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846807](#) COL/A77 66/870**

Annual Report of the Police Force. Page 4 briefly mentions the proposed staffing structure for the Native Police. Appendix A, showing the distribution of the Police Force, has entries for the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1008**

Letter from ex Native Police Force Inspector Frederick Carr dated April 5, 1866 requesting a pension. Carr was retired due to ill health and in the letter he gives some examples of the arduous life he was required to lead, which led to his present ill health.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1027**

The file contains a letter (66/968) from the Police Department recommending that a writ be forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Warrego district to enable Henry Browne, an Inspector in the Native Police Force, to be sworn in as a Justice of the Peace.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1033**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 10, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy and Charlie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1056**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated April 14, 1866 advising that an Aborigine named Tommy Skyring died in the Brisbane Gaol on April 13, 1866. Tommy was admitted to goal on April 4, 1866.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1075**

Letter from Arthur Lewis at St Georges Bridge (St George) dated February 27, 1866 complaining about the incompetence of a Police Officer in searching for his shepherd, who had gone missing on Wallum Station. Briefly mentions that the officer had an excellent Native Tracker.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1118**

Returns from Rockhampton Gaol. The return showing the prisoners discharged during the month of March lists one Aboriginal man named Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846808](#) COL/A78 66/1183**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated April 25, 1866 in relation to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of Fraser Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846809](#) COL/A79 66/1213**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated April 30, 1866 recommending the formation of a Native Police Station at Mount McConnell. "This has already been urged upon me by Mr Chalmers of Avon Downs on whose run several murders have been committed by the blacks. Should you approve Sub-Inspector Uhr will shortly be available for this duty".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846809](#) COL/A79 66/1323**

Correspondence from the Mackenzie River Native Police Camp in relation to an application by Mr Stokes for a position in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846809](#) COL/A79 66/1325**

Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in St Lawrence dated May 1, 1866 asking, are "Trackers and Troopers of the Native Police, and Aboriginals in the employ of private persons as servants – entitled to receive Government blankets? I am further instructed to mention that all Aboriginals in this neighbourhood, other than those above mentioned, are thoroughly wild, and no communication with them is possible".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846809](#) COL/A79 66/1441**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Dalby dated May 26, 1866 in relation to the shooting of an Aboriginal. He states that the police went to the "black camp between Duck Ponds and Broadwater Creek" to apprehend two Aboriginals named Johnny and Yorkey who were suspected of spearing cattle. Johnny was fatally wounded in the encounter. The report also states that there were between 400 and 500 Aboriginals assembled at the camp "for the purpose of holding one of their mystical gatherings for the initiation of young men into manhood privileges". They had collected from Callendoon, Wallumbilla, Condamine, Chinchilla, Juandah, Barranduran, Bundumba, Weranga and Burnett River". Two of these Aboriginals are named as Warraby from Jimbour and Tommy from Yandilla.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846809](#) COL/A79 66/1471**

Return from the Police Magistrate in Leyburn dated May 29, 1866 listing the names of the Aboriginals who were issued with blankets at the Police Office, Leyburn on April 24 and 26, 1866: Charlotte, Maria, Jenny Lind, Kate, Mary, George, Charlie, Willie, Boco Jacky, Cambell, Paddy, Jimmy, You and Jacky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846810](#) COL/A80 66/1547**

Blanket return from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated June 6, 1866 advising that 86 pairs of blankets were distributed at the Courthouse and 14 pairs were distributed to the Aboriginals of Fraser Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846810](#) COL/A80 66/1632**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Banana stating that an additional 25 blankets are required for the Banana area. On May 22 "a very large number? assembled before the courthouse" but many Aboriginals had to go away empty-handed. File note states "no more blankets can be offered".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846810](#) COL/A80 66/1739**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Nanango dated June 25, 1866 stating that 40 blankets have been distributed to the Aboriginals at the Courthouse.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846810](#) COL/A80 66/1742**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated June 21, 1866 advising that the 25 blankets on hand were distributed to 50 Aboriginals. "About as many more went away without being furnished with blankets". He suggests that next year at least 50 pairs of blankets should be sent.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846811](#) COL/A81 66/1842**

Petition from the squatters in the Mitchell district asking for Native Police protection because the Aboriginals of the Barcoo River, Alice River and Thompson River have "evinced a very troublesome and hostile spirit".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846812](#) COL/A82 66/2326**

Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Surat stating that the blankets have been distributed to 50 Aboriginals and that they received half a blanket each.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846813](#) COL/A83 66/2491**

Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated August 18 1866 requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed there. Names mentioned include the Gudang tribe, Peter, Haricorn and Charley.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846814](#) COL/A84 66/2714**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell regarding the delivery of blankets to the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846814](#) COL/A84 66/2828**

Correspondence from the Reverend W Larkin writing from Roma concerning the possibility of a grant of land for an Aboriginal Station. His initial idea is to make a house available "to receive the children of the Blacks from two to four years old".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846815](#) COL/A85 66/3123**

Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 9, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Johnny, Yorkey, Bobby, Blue Jacket and Prince Albert.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846815](#) COL/A85 66/3214**

Correspondence in relation to a request from Mr McLennand for the Native Police to disperse the Aboriginals on Leura Station. Includes a report from Sub-Inspector Pashen of the Mackenzie River Native Police detachment detailing his patrol of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846815](#) COL/A85 66/3221**

Correspondence regarding the dismissal of Native Police Officer Watterston.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846816](#) COL/A86 66/3412**

Correspondence about an Aboriginal man named "Melton" or "Melon" from Maryborough in relation to the payment of his allowance. There is a disagreement whether his allowance should be paid by the Harbourmaster or by the Native Police Force. The Police Commissioner's letter states that "In consequence of the reduction in estimates for the coming year, over thirty Native Police troopers, amongst them the whole Maryborough detachment, have been struck off and it seems inconsistent to reduce the proper force and at the same time keep in pay a man in another department in no way connected with the Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846817](#) COL/A87 67/146**

Letter from the Bench in Goondiwindi dated January 10, 1867 requesting 100 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846817](#) COL/A87 67/163**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated January 10, 1867 regarding a complaint against Sub-Inspector Paschen of the Native Police in relation to irregularities in statements of expenditure. Seymour recommends that “Mr Pashen’s services be dispensed with”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846817](#) COL/A87 67/170**

Requests for transfers by Native Police officers Thompson and Price. Both men request positions as a Clerk of Petty Sessions. Price’s letter also gives an account of his service history.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846820](#) COL/A90 67/1035**

Letter from the Bench in Banana dated April 25, 1867 asking if more blankets are going to be issued because the 15 pairs of blankets on hand are “quite inadequate to the demand; more than 120 aborigines being already waiting for the distribution of them”. A note in the margin advises that “the stock of blankets is exhausted and vote being already exceeded no further supply can be sanctioned”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846820](#) COL/A90 67/1115**

Application from Mr Tronson in Maryborough for blankets to distribute to the Aboriginal people in his area. Mr Tronson describes himself as one of the largest employers of black labour and he believes that “the blacks will become most useful in the cultivation of cotton”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846821](#) COL/A91 67/1257**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton advising that the 100 pairs of blankets forwarded was insufficient and that they need another 50 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846821](#) COL/A91 67/1258**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Roma stating that the 24 pairs of blankets forwarded for distribution was insufficient despite being cut in half, and about 20 adults and all the children left empty handed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846821](#) COL/A91 67/1361**

Letter from Ernest White of Beaudesert stating that over the past four years he had been distributing about 80 pairs of blankets to the Aboriginals who lived around the Logan River and Albert River and asking if it is too late to order a supply for this year’s distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846821](#) COL/A91 67/1433**

Petition from John Swift Haigh Yeats, Mayor of Bowen and Grazier (Maralda Run and Longford Run), requesting the government reimburse him for losses sustained by him due to attacks by local Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846822](#) COL/A92 67/1549**

Correspondence in relation to the dismissal of Sub-Inspector Charles Blakeney of the Native Police, stationed at Fort Cooper near Nebo, for failure to patrol his district. This and other matters were the subject of a specially constituted board of inquiry. File includes correspondence from station managers requesting Native Police assistance particularly after several murders – two at Cotherstone Run and one at May Downs. Letter 66/1212, 66/1996, 66/2605, 66/2008, 66/3386, 66/3180, Top-numbered to 67/1549.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846822](#) COL/A92 67/1703**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi informing the Colonial Secretary that the number of blankets supplied was insufficient and that they really needed double the amount. Attached is a return of blankets distributed in the Goondiwindi district between January and June 1867. Names listed are:

Wallaby and spouse, Barney, Policeman Jimmy, Tommy, Cranny, Sally, New Maria, Doody and three children, Billy Bon, Jimmy and Billy, Charley, Sandy (a child), Jemmy Hippi, Sally No. 2, Donegan, Jimmy, California, Old Mammy, Billy Goat, Polly Wombat, Nelly, Conrad, Paid, Davy, Eliza, Callandoon Jemmy, Tommy, Wallaby, Old Billy, Hippi Jack and spouse, Master Sam, Dick, Maggie, Tommy, Goodar Tommy, Welltown Tommy, Jack Welltown, Ogle eyed Tommy, Sally (Jack's spouse), Mary (Goodar Tommy's spouse), Kelly (Ogle eyed Tommy's spouse), Jerry (King), Johnny, Tommy, Bobby, Barney, Old Combo, Mister Billy and his spouse, and daughter, Biddy, Mary Ann, Jinny

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846822](#) COL/A92 67/1712**

Correspondence from the Commissioner of Police in relation to a report from the Logan River police station re "the recovery of two white children in possession of the Blacks". The only Aboriginal name mentioned in this correspondence is that of Charlie. The mother of the children is not named.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846822](#) COL/A92 67/1718**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated July 10, 1867 forwarding a revised budget estimate for the Police Force, as per instructions. Includes Native Police Force expenditure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846825](#) COL/A95 67/2376**

Several letters spanning 1864 – 1867 concerning the removal of Edward Graham from the Native Police Force at Coopers Plains, Maryborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846825](#) COL/A95 67/2446**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Bowen stating that he has reliable evidence that a white man was living with Aboriginals at the Roper River in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846826](#) COL/A96 67/2680**

Letter from the Aboriginal Protection Society, London requesting any documentation relating to the Aboriginals of the colony.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846826](#) COL/A96 67/2589**

Request by the Legislative Assembly (4 October 1867) for correspondence concerning the massacre of Aboriginals at the Morinish Goldfields diggings.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846827](#) COL/A97 67/2846**

Report to the Colonial Secretary from the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Burketown dated September 6, 1867 on police numbers in the Burketown and Normanton (Norman) district. Reference is made to an Aboriginal presence (comparatively quiet but lately troublesome) and to a number of Native Troopers being stationed on Sweers Island. Letter 67/2639, Top-numbered to 67/2846

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846827](#) COL/A97 67/2847**

Complaint from Charles Cowper on a station near the Warrego River (?) re the general operations of the Native Police including the location of a Native Police barracks. He also accuses Sub-Inspector Hill of the murder of an unnamed Aboriginal man. "The conduct of the police to the quiet blacks is such as to ensure retaliation and [?] upon the case of a black throwing a spear at a Mr [Walter?] on the Paroo River, as only settling accounts for a brutal and cold-blooded murder committed by Acting Sub-Inspector Hill a few days before". Letter 67/2813, Top-numbered to 67/2847

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846828](#) COL/A98 67/3967**

Report on an expedition to Hinchinbrook Island to try and locate four white men reported to be living there amongst the islanders. Some description of interactions between the residents and the visitors.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846830](#) COL/A100 68/56**

Correspondence from the Commissioner of Police dated January 6, 1868 enclosing two reports - one on the proposed deployment of police for the northern districts for the coming year; and one from Inspector Marlow of Port Denison (Bowen), on a "plan for suppressing the slaughter of cattle by the Blacks". Inspector Marlow's proposal is to place the women and children "on some suitable island where they could be educated and taught to become useful. I have no hesitation in stating all the Blacks on the coast might eventually be removed for upon hearing what had become of their Gins and Children they would be only too glad to join them".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846831](#) COL/A101 68/343**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 4, 1868. Brief mention of the Native Police Force in the last two pages of the report.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846832](#) COL/A102 68/693**

Request by the trustees of the Drayton and Toowoomba cemetery on behalf of the Hebrew congregation of Toowoomba to remove the body of "Ritchie" (Aboriginal?) who was executed for the murder of a Mr Owen.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/760**

Application by Sub-Inspector Uhr to be appointed as Inspector of Police at Somerset.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/762**

Letter from Glen Eva Station near Nebo to the Colonial Secretary inquiring about the possibility of distributing blankets to a tribe who were camping on the station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/904**

Letter dated March 25, 1868 from the Water Police, Maryborough requesting a reward for several Fraser Island Aboriginals who took two escapees (stowaways who jumped ship) to Maryborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/920**

Request from Albania Downs for blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/930**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Service to March 31, 1868. Entries for Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846833](#) COL/A103 68/957**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated March 30, 1868 advising that he has a request from Mr Donald and Mr Burnett of the Mackenzie River district for a continued Native Police presence in the district. They are concerned that the withdrawal of the Native Police will result in "loss of life and destruction of property". Seymour recommends the removal of the present camp from Willpend? To the Mackenzie crossing near Bedford.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846834](#) COL/A104 68/1033**

Letter dated March 18, 1868 from F. Hamilton of Hinchinbrook Station requesting an increased police presence to deal with the "numerous and troublesome Blacks".



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1456**

Petition to the President of the Legislative Council for the early release of an Aborigine named Corney from the Brisbane Gaol. Letter **68/1233**, Top-numbered to 68/1456

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1321**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Ipswich on behalf of David McConnell of Cressbrook dated May 5, 1868 re the necessity of handing out blankets only at the court houses as this imposed hardship on the old and the sick. He states that “[his] usual number of blacks is 20”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1271**

Memorial from 15 squatters of the Mackay district dated March 18, 1868 requesting that a Native Police Station be established at or near the Telegraph Station at Bloomsbury. The memorial states that “the sea coast tribes being numerous and mischievous, provided with secure refuge in impenetrable scrubs and rendered unusually bold by their present immunity from punishment”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1257**

Letter from the Police Office at Dalby requesting more blankets than the 49 (pairs?) allocated last year for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1330**

Letter from the Police Office at Leyburn applying for 50 blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1354**

Letter from W.D.Uhr of Burketown dated March 14, 1868 re his gazettal as a Justice of the Peace and stating that “the Blacks are very troublesome to the squatters they have killed one man and speared three more”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846835](#) COL/A105 68/1456**

Petition for a remission of sentence of 5 years for Corney. Letter 68/1233, Top-numbered to 68/1456

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 [No number – in front section of bundle]**

Return of prisoners sentenced to hard labour in Brisbane Gaol for the month of April 1868. Aboriginal people listed include: Corney, Johnny, Black Harry, Jemmy Hunter, Blue Jacket, Yorkey, Boney, Johnny Adams, John Milford, Albert, Harry or Wick Basket, Yeraman, Jemmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1525**

Letter from Mr [Wessen?] at Clermont dated May 7, 1868 requesting increased Native Police protection because the Aboriginals have been robbing shepherd’s huts and stealing sheep.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1588**

Letter relating to the appointment of Sub-Inspector Uhr as Inspector of Slaughter Houses for the Police District of Burketown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1605**

Letter from Howard St George at Rannes dated May 23, 1868 advising that the Aboriginals are numerous on Rannes Station, well behaved and useful. He requests a small number of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1634**

Letter from Mr Talbot at Kilcoy dated May 22, 1868 requesting 15 pairs of blankets for the old men, women and children of the Kilcoy tribe presently on his station and unable to travel to Ipswich to receive them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1644**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force for May 1868. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1712**

Letter from William Butler from Albania Downs, Comet River and dated May 24, 1868 requesting 30 pairs of blankets to distribute to the tribe there. A note in the margin advises that “the government can only distribute blankets to Aborigines at places of Petty Sessions”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1720**

Letter from Brodie Brothers at Urilla, Cleveland Bay dated April 18, 1868 requesting a greater Native Police presence in the district (particularly Burketown and the new Norman settlement) because of recent robberies, murders and spearing by the Aborigines. Also mentions the dispersal of Aborigines by Mr Uhr.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1777**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough concerning blanket distribution in the area. States that at the last blanket distribution there were 427 people assembled to receive blankets excluding those “known to have committed any crime”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846836](#) COL/A106 68/1788**

Request from Landsborough, the Police Magistrate at Burketown, for urgent Native Police protection in the district because the Aborigines have “become unbearable to the settlers in the different parts of the district”. There are allegations that the Aborigines have committed several murders and that they have been stealing sheep. An attached note suggests that approval has been given for more Native Police to be stationed in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846837](#) COL/A107 68/1851**

Letter to the Commissioner of Crown Lands dated June 7, 1868 requesting a detachment of Native Police for the Salisbury Plains (Bowen) area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846838](#) COL/A108 68/2003**

Annual return of the distribution and strength of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1868. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846838](#) COL/A108 68/2021**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Uhr from Cooroorah and dated June 23, 1868: “I do myself the honour to inform you that the squatters in this district express the highest approbation of the recent new Police Force at present under my command. It will be a great preventative of crime by “whites” and also the Natives in this district. The last named I do not anticipate any trouble from as they are allowed in on nearly all the stations in the district”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846839](#) COL/A109 68/2389**

Report from the Police Magistrate at Cardwell dated July 13, 1868. The last page of this report includes a report on an Aboriginal presence in the area – “numerous, and hostile when opportunities occur of showing it”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846840](#) COL/A110 68/2570**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi re annual distribution of blankets. He states – “it will be seen? that the number of these people is rapidly decreasing in the district. Eight pairs of blankets still remain unissued? “ out of 25 pairs forwarded. Attached is a list of people who received blankets and where they come from (“from what vicinity”):

Moka from Umbercollie;  
Sullivan and Jack from Welltown;  
Jimmy, Sally, Jessie and Lucy from Callandoon;  
Granny and Darby from Billa Billa;  
Maria from Goondiwindi,  
Katie from Callandoon,  
Davey, Barney and Jimmy from Billa Billa;  
Sandy from Umbercollie;  
Maria, Nelly, Mary Anne, Old Billy, Jack, Molly, Sam Marshall, Dick, and Tommy from Goondiwindi;  
Billy Barlow, Fanny and Willie from Winton;  
Bungledoon Jacky from Callandoon;  
Billy and Jacky from Winton;  
Jimmy from Callandoon;  
Croppy from Welltown;  
Jimmy Bundoon from Bengalla.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846840](#) COL/A110 68/2519**

Correspondence relating to the Ipswich trial of Neddy from the Warrego District. Request for the use of an interpreter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846840](#) COL/A110 68/2517**

Small file re the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum. Includes a “List of Patients Admitted and Discharged” as at May 31, 1867. There is one Aboriginal woman included in this list - Nancy – who was admitted on January 10, 1865 and discharged August 15, 1865. See also: “List of Patients who have died at Lunatic Asylum Woogaroo”. Billy is listed here as having been admitted June 19, 1865 and dying on September 20, 1865 from “general decay” being “in a most emaciated and exhausted state when admitted”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2758**

Annual return of the distribution and strength of the Queensland Police Force for August 1868. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2874**

(“Gall Estray”) – Report from the Inspector of Police at Somerset (Frank Jardine) on an attack on Point [B?] Allack Station in the Somerset District on May 10, 1868. Mentions Eulack an Aboriginal man who was killed in the attack and Reverend Jaggs (re: “a great many of the Blacks concerned are protégés of the Rev. Mr Jaggs and can all shoot”). Also includes a later report by the Police Magistrate on the settlement at Somerset (dated June 31, 1868).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2876**

Small bundle of correspondence including a letter dated January 25, 1860 (68/850) from the Police Magistrate at Somerset (Simpson) which is a report on the government store returns and cash accounts. Page 4 of this report appears to mention someone called [Chrissie?] who was supplied with rations; the next page mentions Mr Jardine and the “black boys” he employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2928**

Correspondence relating to rations and the health of Native Police officers and resignations of five officers in the Somerset District. Letter 68/2551, Top-numbered to 68/2928.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2968**

Copy of a telegram and a cover note from the Police Office at Bowen in response to allegations of outrages by Aboriginals made by representatives of the Provincial Committee at Bowen who want a special constable sworn in "in order legally to protect lives and property of inhabitants".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846841](#) COL/A111 68/2974**

Letter from the Reverend Black of Trinity Parsonage at Bowen requesting the assistance of the government in ameliorating the condition of black children in the Kennedy district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846842](#) COL/A112 68/3026**

Returns of expenditure and estimated value of goods bought by and issued from the Colonial Stores January to June 1868. Includes (for example) expenditure allocated to police stations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846842](#) COL/A112 [no number]**

Annual return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force to September 30, 1868. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846843](#) COL/A113 68/3367**

Letter from Surat dated October 14, 1868 stating that 40 blankets were distributed in the district but that this was insufficient.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846844](#) COL/A114 68/3653**

Memo from the Gaoler at Brisbane Gaol dated November 13, 1868 relating to an Aborigine named Billy (previously tried under the name of Lenny) who is under sentence of death for rape. The memo gives details of his previous convictions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846845](#) COL/A115 68/3902**

Letter dated December 1, 1868 from the Police Department to the Colonial Secretary - report on allegations of the abduction of "Barney" by a Native Police Officer. Barney was working for a Mr Cowper, a squatter residing in the Warrego district. See also 846845 68/4133 re this matter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846845](#) COL/A115 68/3967**

Bundle of letters concerning the trial and execution by hanging of "Billy" at Ipswich for the crime of rape.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846845](#) COL/A115 68/4031**

Letter dated July 19, 1868 from the Police Magistrate at Burketown re the removal of children from Bentinck Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846846](#) COL/A116 69/100**

Small bundle of letters with a cover note from the Commissioner of Police. The correspondence concerns a request from local station holders in the "northern districts" (Gladstone, Port Curtis, Dalrymple, Townsville) for an increased Native Police presence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846847](#) COL/A117 69/473**

Letters written in 1868 and 1869 concerning the removal of Native Police protection in the area from Port Mackay to Townsville despite an Aboriginal presence which had become "bold and daring". A

shortage of Native Police troopers and the lack of horse feed in the district are given as reasons for the inability to patrol the district. Letter 69/248, 68/3757, Top-numbered to 69/473.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846847](#) COL/A117 69/364**

Letter from the Police Commissioner to the Colonial Secretary reporting on the police response to a request for an increased Native Police presence in the Gladstone region.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846848](#) COL/A118 69/609**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Gayndah requesting permission to pay a reward to three Aboriginal men for apprehending Jacob who was charged with rape.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846848](#) COL/A118 69/730**

Report for the year 1868 from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 2, 1869. In relation to Native Police matters he writes that they are "far below the strength necessary to perform the duty required of them. Continual complaints are made of the non-compliance of the officers in charge, with the requisitions for assistance. I can only repeat what I stated in my last yearly report; the detachments are too small and too far apart to patrol properly, the extensive area of country that requires protection".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846849](#) COL/A119 69/809**

Letter from F.R. Bode of Fort Denison dated February 13, 1869 stating that he was "trying to get the Blacks to come in to this Station". Approximately 100 people had already moved onto his run and he was writing to the Colonial Secretary to request some assistance with provisions such as blankets and tomahawks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846849](#) COL/A119 69/822**

("Gall estray") – Bundle of letters received by the Colonial Secretary concerning responses to the "Simpson Report" on the Somerset settlement which had been published as a parliamentary paper. A copy of the report, dated October 10, 1867 and entitled "General Report on Settlement, Somerset", is enclosed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846850](#) COL/A120 69/1108**

("Gall estray") Letter from the Under Colonial Secretary to the Police Magistrate at Somerset (Frank Jardine) re the arrival of a contingent of police including three Native Troopers (two having absconded at Bowen). The Native Police were to be employed on patrols and in looking after cattle.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846851](#) COL/A121 69/1459**

Letter from the Police Office in Bowen requesting at least 150 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846851](#) COL/A121 69/1483**

Several letters about the kidnapping of Aboriginal children around the Bowen area. Includes a letter from the station manager at Natal Downs and a legal opinion.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1524**

Letter from the Police Office in Mackay requesting that proprietors of stations be allowed to distribute blankets because "in districts like this where the natives are not allowed to come in, it is not possible to for them to receive any benefits from the blankets or other clothing allowed by the government".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1539**

Letter from John McConnell requesting 50 pairs of blankets for Durundur and Conondale (- he got 40 pairs). He says “the tribe at each place is a numerous one and they are well conducted, orderly and useful people”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1447**

Application from the manager of Woodstock Run in the Townsville area for blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals who had been “let in” to Woodstock Run and Jarvisfield Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1605**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate at Gympie stating that there were 300 Aboriginals in the district requiring blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1648**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton about blanket distribution – “every year more blacks congregate here? feeling themselves quite safe here”. He also reported a rumour of bales of blankets undistributed “to the north? because no blacks are allowed to come in”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846852](#) COL/A122 69/1662**

Correspondence from Bowen about Aborigines entering town naked and the Bench of Magistrates have declined to interfere.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846853](#) COL/A123 69/1786**

The file includes a letter from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane (No: 69/326) stating that an Aboriginal man named Jacob was hung at Brisbane Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846854](#) COL/A124 69/1864**

Two letters from “employers of Aborigines” in the South Burnett region (near Maryborough) about the government’s policy of distribution of blankets in the towns and recommending that they be allowed to distribute blankets to people on their runs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846854](#) COL/A124 69/1863**

Correspondence re the supply of blankets to the Maryborough area with 75 pairs being forwarded to Fraser Island even though the writer says “between Frazer Island and Maryborough the numbers of blacks is not less than 500”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846854](#) COL/A124 69/1908**

Telegram from St Lawrence stating that Mr Arthur Mackenzie of May Downs is requesting blankets for a number of Aborigines who can’t travel to receive a blanket in person.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846855](#) COL/A125 69/2011**

Letters requesting urgent police protection at Mt Wyatt in the Bowen police district. The letter suggests that “Native Police might advantageously be placed under instructions of Gold Commissioner or? the nearest Justice”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846856](#) COL/A126 69/2249**

Cover note referring to a letter from the Police Magistrate at Leyburn requesting blankets for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846857](#) COL/A127 69/2369**

Return from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane – showing the religious affiliations of prisoners at the Gaol in Brisbane between January 1867 and March 1869. Includes the following categories –

“Aboriginals” and “Pagans and South Sea Islanders”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846857](#) COL/A127 69/2454**

Message from the Chief Inspector of Police (Northern District?) reporting from the Gilbert River gold diggings and requesting more police. There was a Sergeant, three Constables and one Native Policeman stationed there.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846857](#) COL/A127 69/2455**

Letter from W. Hickson of [Vane Creek?] near Bowen requesting an allocation of blankets to distribute.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846858](#) COL/A128 69/2724**

A large file concerning the search for the white survivors of the 'Maria Louisa' and 'Eva'. At least four white men were said to be detained by local Aborigines on Hinchinbrook Island. This file includes a number of reports detailing the search expedition. For example, see report from John Murray dated November 29, 1867 in which he states that on his last trip he “brought into barracks” a seven-year-old Aboriginal girl to act as an interpreter; and report dated November 27, 1867 from the Bowen Police Magistrate. There are also the October and November (1867) monthly reports from the Native Mounted Police at Rockingham Bay, i.e. the occurrence diary in which (for example) the capture of Hinchinbrook Island Aborigines is documented. This is also detailed in some of the correspondence. Letter 69/1479, 69/257, 68/4142, 68/2586, 68/818, 68/228, 68/34, 68/8, 67/3315, 67/3169, 67/3067, 67/2852, 67/2753, 67/2727, Top-numbered to 69/2724.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846859](#) COL/A129 69/2985**

Correspondence dated July 28, 1869 from the Clerk of Petty Sessions at St Lawrence to the Under Colonial Secretary in which he describes his relationship with the local Aborigines. He speaks about “the fatal accident of Saturday last, and their consequent spontaneous and sudden departure”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846859](#) COL/A129 69/2996**

Request from Mr Holt of Salisbury Plains, Port Denison requesting that the Colonial Secretary supply 100 pairs of blankets for distribution, the Bench of Magistrates at Bowen having refused his application.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846860](#) COL/A130 69/3163**

Includes correspondence from the police at Springsure reporting on policing levels for the area – stations at Gainsford, Rockhampton, St.Lawrence, Cardwell, Pelican Lake, Gilbert, Cape River, Dalrymple, Nebo, Clermont and Upper Cape – and assessment of individuals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846862](#) COL/A132 69/3568**

Letter submitting orders for carriage of blankets from Rockhampton to Tambo for Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846863](#) COL/A133 69/3945**

Report from Henry Chester at Somerset advising that the blankets intended for distribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have been sitting in the stores for a considerable period of time and that he intends to distribute them to the friendly tribes of the district. These tribes are named as Gudang and Gugu Rarmul (Austlang Language Code Y71). The file also contains a roll of persons said to come from these tribes to whom blankets were given at Somerset on August 10, 1869.

***Names listed are:***

Baida aka Cockatoo; Keebia aka Hurricome; Neetcha aka Broomstick; Chokauuee; Noogoolay; Badid aka Pipey; Maaba; Yowagee aka Joe; Jera (father of Cockatoo); Chauioka; Paaua; Naika; [Caramuiba?]; Paauo; [Tooraug?]; Arak; Ahiuso; Warka; Machoo aka Billy; Woorea aka Boudi; Oppi;

[Opouid ?] aka Bignose; Jawaula; Boma; Daiwurra; Dowau; Ewi; Marputta; [Bagaguia ?]; Jacca; Cheeua; Wooyouuioo; Cliaculla; Meeugga aka Sarah; Dooyoomu aka Nelly; Dowarra aka Jenny; Yaculla aka Robin; Woochooloo; Weegee; Waligooui; Totaburra; Cooyooroo; Mauugee; Paita; Gaiba; Cheeta; [Youuga ?]; Doburra; Gowala; Toowa; Topeea; Godee; Baki; Jarra Jarra; Yapparilly; Cooudougera; Opouiua; [Auieeua ?].

The report also advises that the local tribe recently stole a quantity of rice and maize meal from the Customs House and that a search of the surrounding area located a native camp at Mud Bay where some of the stolen goods were found.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846864](#) COL/A134 69/4046**

List of prisoners admitted to Rockhampton Gaol during the month of October 1869. Includes the name of an Aboriginal named Nero who received ten months for “inciting Black Troopers to desert”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846864](#) COL/A134 69/4265**

The file includes a number of statements in relation to the death (alleged murder) of a Chinese man named Jimmy at Burketown in March 1867. Aboriginal names mentioned in these statements include trooper Tommy, and Alligator Bob at the Gilbert cattle station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846864](#) COL/A134 69/4272**

Report to the Colonial Secretary concerning “the past and present particulars of [the] position of [the] Blacks in the Kennedy district”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846865](#) COL/A135 69/4531**

Correspondence relating to a case involving Mr Wentworth Darcy Uhr who requested a warrant to be issued to Sub-Inspector Thomas Coward for the suspected murder of Aboriginals on the Norman River in November 1868. Mr Scarr, the Commissioner for Crown Lands, refused to issue the warrant and gave a number of reasons for this decision including his fourth “that in a new district like this it is necessary the blacks should occasionally be dispersed, and that in doing so, it is well known some of them do incidentally get shot”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846866](#) COL/A136 70/89**

Report on the Rockhampton Goal from the visiting Justice dated January 3, 1870. List of prisoners included with the report. One Aboriginal prisoner on the list, named Maggie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846867](#) COL/A137 70/468**

Letter from the Bench at Banana advising that last year there were not enough blankets for the 100 Aboriginals who turned up and requesting that 50 pairs be sent this year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846868](#) COL/A138 70/544**

Two letters concerning the strength and composition of police at the settlement of Somerset – one from the Commissioner of Police dated February 18, 1870 and the other from Henry Chester and dated September 1, 1869.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846868](#) COL/A138 70/594**

Letter from McConnell at Durundur dated February 17, 1870 acknowledging receipt of 30 pairs of blankets for Durundur Station but requesting a further 10 pairs for the Conondale Run.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846868](#) COL/A138 70/652**

The file contains resolutions passed by a meeting of Highfields and Toowoomba residents and related correspondence requesting that the government offer a reward and deploy Native Police



troopers to capture Alick Herlick for the murder of Michael Klein.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846868](#) COL/A138 70/663**

Petition and associated correspondence about the sentence of death passed on Jacky Whitton of Bodimba Station near Toowoomba for the crime of rape. The “prosecutor” and her step parents also signed the petition – L and Topsy Jerick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846870](#) COL/A140 70/1019**

Remission of the sentence of “Combo” sentenced for larceny at Maryborough in August 1868. Includes a report on past offences.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846870](#) COL/A140 70/1118**

Deposition papers re Robert Lange, the cook at Waggaby Station, St George, who was charged with assault and general mistreatment of an Aboriginal girl, named Nelly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846870](#) COL/A140 70/1241**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough requesting reimbursement for a bag of flour supplied to Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846871](#) COL/A141 70/1267**

Letter from Dalby requesting more blankets because of the increasing numbers of Aboriginals requiring them. Mentions the bunya season as being a contributing factor. Attached is a list compiled by the Colonial Storekeeper of blankets issued in 1870 by location.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846871](#) COL/A141 70/1370**

Letter to the Colonial Secretary from Jacob Low JP writing from Brisbane requesting that blankets be supplied to Aboriginals presently living on runs in the Darling Downs area and in the police districts of Surat and Goondiwindi.

There are 50 *names listed*:

Tommy Cubby, Bobby Cubby, Lucy Matha (Bobby’s mother), Katie Matha (Lucy’s daughter), Taraha Matha (Katie’s daughter), Aleck (Katie’s son), Benny Marray, Jenny Matha, two unnamed sons of Jenny’s, Katie Butha, Ogle eyed Billy (Katie’s father), Old Nannie (Billy’s wife), Bobby Cout (Ogle Eyed Billy’s son), Bobby’s wife, Old Granny (Ogle Eyed Billy’s mother), Johnny Combo (Ogle Eyed Billy’s son), Moses, Doctor, Doctor’s wife, Old Tommy (Chief of the tribe), Billy Cubby, Jimmy Hippie, Maria (wife of Jimmy?), Billy Barlow, Nancy, George, McDines, Sally, Kirby, Jacky, Tommy, Mary (Tommy’s wife), Sally (2nd), Charlie, Sandy, Billy, Barney, Maggie, Bobby, Mary (Bobby’s wife), Tommy, Maria and Jenny (wives of Tommy), Jemmy, Jemmy’s sister, Jacky, Uncle John, Uncle John’s wife and Tommy’s son.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846872](#) COL/A142 70/1405**

Letter from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate at Somerset reporting that the number of Native Police troopers has been increased to eight. Chester also raises concerns about the recent incident “of troopers murdering a comrade and deserting with their arms to the blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846872](#) COL/A142 70/1472**

Requisition from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate at Somerset for arms and ammunition required for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846873](#) COL/A143 70/1594**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough requesting to be reimbursed for the cost of supplying additional blankets because only 300 blankets had been supplied and this had left upwards of 150 without a blanket.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846874](#) COL/A144 70/1604**

Complaint against Inspector Coward in charge of the districts of Burketown and Normanton. Includes mention of three troopers who deserted (see letter dated January 20, 1870.)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846874](#) COL/A144 70/1677**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Surat requesting more blankets - 70 pairs of blankets at least were required.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846875](#) COL/A145 70/1746**

Re: Albert. Statement submitted to the Colonial Secretary by James McPherson (alias "The Wild Scotchman") on behalf of Albert. The statement argues that Albert (and Sambo) have been wrongfully accused of robbery and assault but Albert admits to receipt of stolen property.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846876](#) COL/A146 70/2088**

Letter from ex Native Police Officer William Cave, now Clerk of Petty Sessions at Banana, requesting that he be moved to another district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846876](#) COL/A146 70/2095**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Cardwell applying for blankets for the Aboriginals. He also mentions that during a recent trip through the Hinchinbrook Passage he observed that the Aboriginals were very numerous.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846877](#) COL/A147 70/2311**

Report from Landsborough, the Police Magistrate at Burketown, on his visit to the Cloncurry diggings. Includes information on the outrages committed by the Aboriginals such as the spearing of a constable, and the retaliation by police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846877](#) COL/A147 70/2315**

Letter from Henry Chester at Somerset denying the statements made about him in the Bowen Times newspaper. He states he was accused of being "deeply engaged in the tortoise shell trade; and that the police have orders to fire upon any natives coming to the settlement without shell; and that I will not allow them to dispose of it to anyone but myself". Chester suggests that he does purchase the shell from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, but only because "nothing tends so much to civilise them as teaching them the benefits of fair trade".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846877](#) COL/A147 70/2443**

Letter from Nebo complaining that the Sub-Inspector of the Native Police has ordered the local constable to remain at the Native Police camp in his absence, which has left the town without police protection.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846878](#) COL/A148 70/2619**

Requests for an increased Native Police presence in the Upper Flinders (near Hughenden) area and an itemised list of the probable costs. Also contains a map of the area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846879](#) COL/A149 70/2752**

Petition from Oakwood dated September 14, 1870 re the removal of the Native Police barracks from Yo Yo Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846879](#) COL/A149 70/2857**

("Gall Estray") Inquiry into certain statements made by John Kelly of Somerset against Mr Chester including that he had given the police orders to fire on Aboriginals coming into the Settlement.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846880](#) COL/A150 70/3098**

Correspondence from Michael Bird Hall about Mr Uhr's involvement in the kidnap of Aboriginal boys from Bentinck Island. The two boys were subsequently called "Daylight" and "Bentick". Also mentioned is Victoria who was sent to Mr Coward of the Norman Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3349**

Correspondence re a Native Police appointment in the district of Goondiwindi – Richard Purvis Marshall.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 78/3407**

Report from Thursday Island of the attempted murder of Mr Mogg the Mate of the 'Gem', by part of the crew – 11 Port Essington Aboriginals – near Mabuig Island. At least two Aboriginals were killed in this conflict. See also an earlier (undated) report about the murder of a crew member by Port Essington Aboriginals. Both schooners were owned by Capt. Frances Cadell.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3419**

Letter from Robert Gray at Hughenden, Upper Flinders requesting that the promised police assistance will not be delayed as "the blacks are both numerous and daring".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3422**

("Gall estray") Correspondence from Frank Jardine at Somerset. He took control of the Settlement on August 22; there are several comments on the Native Troopers and the local Aboriginals. Letter 70/2855, Top-numbered to 70/3422.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3425**

Several reports from Henry Chester: account of a visit to Warrior Island in September and October with a description of the pearl fishery on the Warrior Reef (9 pages); a vocabulary of New Guinea words collected during a fortnights residence at Darnley Island (4 pages plus cover letter); account of a visit to New Guinea in September 1870 (7 pages). The file also includes a cover note from Frank Jardine concerning the discovery of the pearl banks and recommending that an armed schooner be sent up to patrol the waters to "protect the natives of the coast and islands" Letter 70/3424, Top-numbered to 70/3425.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3466**

Report from Dunwich Benevolent Asylum re the distribution of 20 pairs of blankets – but a further 30 pairs are required.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846881](#) COL/A151 70/3488**

Correspondence referring to Professor Max Muller's study of native dialects.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846882](#) COL/A152 71/449**

Police reports (charge sheets, correspondence etc) for the Normanton Station including material relating to Constable W.D. Uhr (formerly Native Police Officer) and his dispute with Mr Landsborough the Police Magistrate.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846883](#) COL/A153 71/524**

("Gall estray") - Correspondence concerning the death of Captain Gascoigne belonging to the cutter 'Sperwer' and the alleged massacre of the crew by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Prince of Wales Island in April 1869. Further correspondence records retaliatory actions by Frank Jardine and Henry Chester – initial raids by Jardine in June and August 1869 at which the bodies were discovered; and later raids by Henry Chester which include the capture of Teapot (Chief of the Kauraregs) and others at Albany Island in March 1870 – (also mentioned is the death of Baada or Cockatoo); and a report on a further raid on Wednesday Island in April 1870. Letter 70/3373, 70/1421 (or 70/1420), 70/1422, 70/1655, 69/4015, 69/3948, 69/3946, 66/2492, 66/2490, Top-numbered to 71/524.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846884](#) COL/A154 71/935**

Quarterly return of the Queensland Police Force dated March 31, 1871. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846885](#) COL/A155 71/1072**

Letter dated April 19, 1871 from the Maryborough Committee of the Aboriginal Mission requesting that the Reverend Fuller be allowed to distribute blankets to the Fraser Island people at the Mission Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846885](#) COL/A155 71/1115**

Annual report of the Commissioner of Police – includes information of the establishment and maintenance of Native Police stations and references to an Aboriginal presence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846885](#) COL/A155 71/1154**

Letter from Frank Jardine, Police Magistrate at Somerset, dated December 30, 1870. Jardine had been reliably informed that the troopers who were coming from Fraser Island were planning to desert. Also reports a visit from the Jervis Island people.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846885](#) COL/A155 71/1247**

Letter from the police station in Dalby requesting more blankets for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846886](#) COL/A156 71/1347**

("Gall estray") Letter of acknowledgment from the NSW government in relation to the receipt of a Brisbane Courier article relating to the search for a white man supposed to be living with the Cooper Creek Aboriginals and who may have been one of Leichhardt's party.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846886](#) COL/A156 71/1423**

Letter from Surat about the annual blanket distribution – there were only 35 pairs in store leaving thirty adults and all of the children without a blanket and additional requests for blankets for Aboriginals living on stations and who were not able to come into town.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846886](#) COL/A156 71/1462**

Letter from the Police Office at Cardwell requesting blankets for the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846886](#) COL/A156 71/1491**

Monthly report from St Helena for May 1871. An Aborigine named Joey was discharged as his sentence had expired.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846887](#) COL/A157 71/1695**

("Gall estray") File concerning the Mt Bellenden Ker expedition. Provides evidence of the role of the Native Police and of an Aboriginal presence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846887](#) COL/A157 71/1556**

Reporting the death of Harry, formerly of Maryborough on June 10, 1871 in the Brisbane Gaol. He was serving a sentence of three years for receiving stolen property but had recently been in the gaol hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846887](#) COL/A157 71/1547**

("Gall estray") Letter of acknowledgment from the government of Western Australia in relation to receipt of a Brisbane Courier article – Sub-Inspector Gilmour's report on the search for a white man reported to be living with Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846887](#) COL/A157 71/1520**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Gilberton requesting a greater Native Police presence in the district because since his arrival scarcely a week has passed without complaints of "outrages committed by the blacks". Also in the file is a letter from Police Commissioner, David Seymour, suggesting that the expense of a Native Police station cannot be justified at this time. Letter 71/1402, Top-numbered to 71/1520.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846887](#) COL/A157 71/1505**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough in relation to blanket distributions with a breakdown of numbers per locality: Sandy Cape 129, Burnett River 2, Burrum River 8, Missionary Station 2, White Cliffs (Fraser Island) 29, Pialba (Hervey Bay) 24, sent to Musket Flat: 2. There is also a note saying that he gave the Sandy Cape Aborigines 10 pounds worth of flour, pipes and tobacco and the Reverend Fuller 12 pairs of blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846888](#) COL/A158 71/1899**

Correspondence concerning the death by spearing of John Corbett, the Storekeeper at Normanton, and subsequent request for an increased police presence in the area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846888](#) COL/A158 71/1917**

Letter from Mr Warren complaining about the removal of a Native Police presence from the North Kennedy district especially Inkermann and Cape Upstart.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846888](#) COL/A158 71/1961**

Correspondence relating to the purchase of a boat for the Amity Point Aborigines who have always been supplied with a boat by the government so that they could earn a living and in recognition of their services in rescuing white men.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846889](#) COL/A159 71/2151**

Letters from Thargomindah dated June 5 and August 15, 1871 in relation to supplying about 200 blankets to the Aboriginal people around the Bulloo River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846889](#) COL/A159 71/2165**

August return from St Helena, includes two Aboriginal prisoners named Albert and Bob.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2213**

Re: the promotion of Acting Sub-Inspector Thompson in the Native Police to replace the dismissed Edward Wheeler.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2267**

Correspondence about Wentworth Darcy Uhr being arrested on suspicion of the murder of an unnamed Aboriginal man near Cloncurry. Includes a letter dated August 12, 1871 from the Constable in charge of

the Cloncurry Police Station implicating Uhr in the murder. Troopers Charlie and Billy are named in this letter. Uhr was later dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2269**

Letter dated August 8, 1871 from the Inspector's Office, Norman – the Native Police Camp has been moved from its original site and consequently a new barracks for the Native Police at Norman (Normanton) is required.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2364**

Report from St Helena re prisoners. List of prisoners discharged during the month of September 1871. Includes an Aborigine named Jimmy Nerang.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2441**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force for the quarter ended September 30, 1871. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2498**

("Gall estray") Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated July 1, 1871 and an undated report from Frank Jardine mainly about the establishment of the London Missionary Society in the Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846890](#) COL/A160 71/2499**

Report (no title) from Henry Chester dated August 10, 1871 about the development of the far north and the Torres Strait area. Includes reports on further incursions by Chester onto the various islands (including Jervis Island, Mulgrave Island (Badoo), Banks Island, and the Prince of Wales group of islands, and accounts of trading etc with the Islanders. (12 pages)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846891](#) COL/A161 71/2662**

("Gall estray") Frank Jardine's report from the Somerset district dated October 1, 1871. Aboriginal/Islander names mentioned – Billy Borang, a Trooper; and locations – Darnley Island, Booby Island, Wilson Island, Prince of Wales Island, Wednesday Island, Campbell, Saddle Island, and Sweers Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846891](#) COL/A161 71/2738**

Correspondence about 10 Polynesians absconding from the hired service of Farrand Haig in the Cardwell district. The names are: Karimee, Kelsiano, Wasisi, Bate, Naqui, Mapome (Matone?), Jayene, Warrelago, Gorinhee, Warrahaw. File also useful re evidence of role of Native Police, e.g.: letter dated August 17, 1871 from Haig makes reference to the Native Police borrowing his boat to patrol the coast.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846892](#) COL/A162 71/2771**

Petition from residents of Fort Cooper, Nebo protesting that the Native Police barracks are to be moved and stating that they are needed to protect their area and also the area around Lake Elphinstone and the Isaacs River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846892](#) COL/A162 71/2779**

Report on the prisoners at St Helena for the month of November. List of new prisoners includes an Aborigine named Nobby, alias Willy, who received a sentence of six months hard labour from the Bench at Maryborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846892](#) COL/A162 71/2787**

Letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police requesting permission to form another detachment of Native Police at Bowen Downs because the one detachment stationed in the Mitchell district is insufficient.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846892](#) COL/A162 71/2800**

Voucher for the supply of one bullock to the Aboriginals on the occasion of the Governor's visit to Bowen.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846893](#) COL/A163 71/2915**

("Gall estray") Report from the settlement at Somerset dated March 31, 1871. Includes desertion of four Native Police troopers and their subsequent death while resisting arrest.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846893](#) COL/A163 71/2919**

Consists of a bundle of telegrams concerning the immigrant ship 'Shakespeare'. Passengers and crew were quarantined on Fraser Island at White Cliffs due to smallpox. Also see telegram dated July 14, 1871: "Have arranged to keep Blacks off Quarantine ground Frasers Island".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846893](#) COL/A163 71/2927**

Telegram dated October 1871 from Rockhampton re the murder of a Chinese shepherd at Bowen Downs by Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846893](#) COL/A163 71/2932**

Telegram from Inspector George Murray at Rockhampton dated October 6, 1871 re detachments of police from Belyando: "re Herbert Davies - If information reliable I would send one of the detachments from Belyando Sub-Inspector Murray or ASI Nowlain to investigate matter at same time ordering Armstrong to send fresh horses to Bowen Downs Belyando horses in low condition - I start tomorrow - reply".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846893](#) COL/A163 71/2988**

Circular from Downing Street dated April 20, 1871 re the illegality of kidnapping, coercing, importing etc (Pacific) Islanders for labour or other purposes, or can be said to benefit or co-operate in such practices.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846894](#) COL/A164 71/3036**

Large file concerning arrangements to maintain the settlement of Somerset established in 1863 "for the rescue and relief of the crews of ships wrecked in the Torres Straits". Includes (for example) lists of all persons receiving a salary including unnamed Native Troopers, quantities of beche de mer taken. Includes an index to correspondence about the settlement – *Correspondence respecting harbor of refuge, Somerset, 1873*.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846895](#) COL/A165 72/153**

Letter from the Police Office at Cunnamulla requesting two bales of blankets for distribution and stating that "the aboriginals are let in, on nearly all the stations in this district, and are found very useful".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846895](#) COL/A165 72/186**

Request from R.H. Uhr, formerly of the Native Police, to transfer superannuation funds.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846896](#) COL/A166 72/485**

Letter dated April 3, 1872 from the Police Office at Bundaberg requesting two bales of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846896](#) COL/A166 72/353**

Letter dated March 1, 1872 recommending the promotion of John McKay Dunne to Sub-Inspector for the purpose of taking charge of the new detachment of Native Police at Bowen Downs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846896](#) COL/A166 72/268**

Letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Public Lands re the cancellation of the Native Police Reserve at Norman River, Burke district the police barracks having been removed to Bynoe.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846896](#) COL/A166 72/254**

Letter from the Cardwell Police Office dated February 3, 1872 re Henry Smith and Charles Clements (or Clemments) who were killed possibly on Gould Island. An inquiry found that Aboriginals had murdered them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846897](#) COL/A167 72/523**

Petition from residents of Cardwell requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed in their town. Also, a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police recommending that police be stationed on the Murray River north of Cardwell.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846897](#) COL/A167 72/561**

Letter dated March 18, 1872 from "Coutharaba" on the "Neusa" (Noosa) River requesting a supply of blankets for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846897](#) COL/A167 72/734**

Letter from Maryborough dated May 8, 1872 re distribution of tobacco, flour and blankets to the Sandy Cape Aboriginals (Fraser Island)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846897](#) COL/A167 72/735**

Letter from Mark Reid at Woolstock Station via Townsville dated May 1, 1872 requesting 100 pairs of blankets for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/752**

Letter dated May 3, 1872 from Westwood requesting blankets for distribution to the tribes of the area – (Calianga, Windah, Rookwood and Gogango).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/782**

Order for Simon of Gympie to be admitted to the Lunatic Asylum at Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/783**

Reporting the execution of Dugald at the Brisbane Gaol on May 28, 1872.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/806**

Report on the murder of Mr Welford at Isis Downs on the Lower Barcoo by Aboriginals. The report states that eight persons have been murdered in the district in the last sixteen months. The inefficiency of the Native Police patrols in the area is blamed for the outrages.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/874**

Letter from the Police Office at Tenningering dated June 13, 1872 about a missing carrier. Harry White mentions the use of "a party of Blacks" to assist in the search.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846898](#) COL/A168 72/985**



Re: death of Jacky in the Brisbane hospital. Jacky was admitted with a broken rib and subsequently died.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846899](#) COL/A169 72/1020**

A series of letters requesting more police in the vicinity of Bowen. There are references to the Native Police detachment from Merri Merri Wah near Ravenswood.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846900](#) COL/A170 72/1296**

Small file re: Richard Bird Hall's allegations of government involvement in the kidnapping of children and of more recent murders committed at Wyandotte Station near the Valley of Lagoons by Native Police under Acting Sub-Inspector Robert Johnstone's command.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846900](#) COL/A170 72/1329**

Small file about the Fraser Island Mission including an extract of a letter from the Reverend Fuller of the Mission Station at Fraser Island about Indexes to correspondence relating to interference with the people at the Mission by white fishermen. Fuller's letter mentions two Aboriginals named Lenny and Douglas.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846900](#) COL/A170 72/1346**

Two letters dated July 17, 1872 re the return of Sub-Inspector Johnstone's Troopers to the Valley of Lagoons area and complaints about the incompetence of Sub-Inspector Crompton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846900](#) COL/A170 72/1484**

Correspondence concerning the murder of William Andrews near Lake Learmonth Station. Those accused of the murder were of the Zaamba and Mornish Aboriginals and specifically named were Peter of Rosewood, Fowler, Willie and Bligh. Also includes a letter dated July 6, 1872 from R McLennan of Marlborough requesting an inquiry into the disappearance of Fowler while in the custody of Inspector Wheeler and letters to the editor about the same matter. Also mentioned in this context are Joe and Johnny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846901](#) COL/A171 72/1514**

Correspondence about an eleven year old boy who went missing from Oxley Creek on August 3, 1871. The boy was the son of Mr F [Shurey?] and it was believed that he had been captured by a group of Aboriginals described as "outlaws from all the neighbouring tribes" and who lived at "The Wall", a range . Reedy Lake Station was on the border of this area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846901](#) COL/A171 72/1517**

Letter concerning the unlawful detention and subsequent discharge of troopers Bellambi and Mowbray (or Mobray) near Mackay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846901](#) COL/A171 72/1590**

Includes Police Magistrate Jardine's report from Somerset dated January 1, 1872 and related correspondence. Jardine's report mentions: two West Indians who had settled on Murray Island and were engaged in beche de mer fishing with the "help of natives, principally women taken by force from other Islands" and who are also accused of shooting a Cocomat Islander; desertion of Islanders working in the pearl shell industry due to the brutality of the Mate of the ship, who is also reported to have killed two Jervis Islanders (Marbiack). See also the letter dated March 15, 1872 about Murray Island and Jervis Island re Queensland's jurisdiction over them. Letter 71/1632, Top-numbered to 72/1590.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846901](#) COL/A171 72/1613**

Report on the conviction of John Walsh, publican of Cunnamulla for supplying alcohol to Native Troopers. Troopers Larry and Billy are mentioned in the papers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846901](#) COL/A171 72/1713**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Cardwell dated September 10, 1872 concerning an alleged failure to register the deaths from the wreck of the 'Maria' (New Guinea expedition)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846902](#) COL/A172 72/1812**

This is a large file with a top letter dated July 29, 1872 referring to the wreck of the 'Maria' in the Torres Strait, the murder of part of the crew, and a party from the 'Basilisk' to punish the murderers. File includes a copy of the NSW parliamentary report on the matter "New Guinea Expedition per brig 'Maria', a news clipping from the Brisbane Courier dated April 4, 1872, and related correspondence. See also letter 72/1493-re failure to authorise payment of accounts of certain shipwrecked crew until the NSW government reimburses the Queensland Treasury for conveying the survivors of the 'Maria' to Sydney. Letter 72/1713, 72/1695, 72/1593, 72/1493, 72/1354, 72/1118, 72/1104, 72/1038, 72/928, 72/495, Top-numbered to 72/1812.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846902](#) COL/A172 72/1937**

Letter from the Police Officer at Cunnamulla requesting blankets for distribution to Aboriginals on behalf of squatters of Hoodsville, Paroo River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846902](#) COL/A172 72/1894**

Letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police objecting to Frank Jardine's statement about the lack of discipline in the Charters Towers police and blaming it on the Inspector of the district Mr Marlow.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846903](#) COL/A173 72/2009**

Letter to the Colonial Secretary dated September 23, 1872 re the purchase of guns for use by the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846905](#) COL/A175 72/2260**

Report from Frank Jardine at Somerset for the quarter ended 31st March 1872. The report mainly focuses on shipping movements, the pearl shell industry and surveying trips in the Torres Strait. Places mentioned include: Saddle Island, Warrior Island, Honalulu Rock, Mourilyan Reef, Slade Rock, Brothers Island. Page 5 of the report mentions that two of the native teachers, (Terepia and his wife) who were left on the Islands last year by the Mission Schooner 'Surprise', have died of fever.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846905](#) COL/A175 72/2254**

Letter from Bundaberg dated March 18, 1872 requesting that blankets be distributed locally to those Aboriginals considered useful to the settlers rather than making them go to Maryborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846905](#) COL/A175 72/2271**

Telegram from the Colonial Secretary in Sydney dated June 1, 1872 asking the Queensland Colonial Secretary's assistance in sending two "savage" Aboriginals back to Port Darwin. They may have come off a steamer from Melbourne.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846905](#) COL/A175 72/2337**

Magisterial inquiry into the death of an Aboriginal woman who was shot near Cardwell. She was Alick's spouse and there is a statement by Alick about what happened (see also below).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846905](#) COL/A175 72/2344**

Letters concerning the murder of an Aboriginal woman at Palm Tree Gully near Cardwell. Names mentioned include troopers Simon and Alic, and trackers Sam and Hector. The Aboriginal woman is not named – she was Alic’s spouse and was about 20 years old. Acting Sub-Inspector Sharp is under investigation for her murder (see also above).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846908](#) COL/A178 73/20**

Small file of correspondence from Frank Jardine, Police Magistrate of the Somerset district ranging from store accounts to copies of legal opinions on the application of the Kidnapping Act. Also includes a letter dated October 5, 1872 requesting at least 113 blankets for distribution and one dated October 26, 1872 re the arrival of missionaries and native teachers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846910](#) COL/A180 73/350**

Transfer of Ellen Watcho of Goondiwindi (an Aboriginal woman?) from the Toowoomba Gaol to the lunatic asylum. Order signed February 25, 1873.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/545**

Letter concerning the annual distribution of blankets from Brisbane to the regions. Includes the numbers of blankets required by location for 1873.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/547**

Account of a dispute between Jessie Gregson of Rainworth and the acting Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of the Native Police, Springsure. Gregson had asked that Stuart remove his troop from his run “Norwood”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/611**

Letter from Welltown Station via Goondiwindi dated March 12, 1873 requesting 25 pairs of double blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/789**

Letter from Toowoomba dated April 19, 1873 requesting 60 pairs of blankets for distribution to Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/797**

Letter from Maryborough dated April 16, 1873 requesting blankets for distribution to a number of listed localities and also flour, tobacco and pipes to the Sandy Cape Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846911](#) COL/A181 73/804**

Letter from Cootharaba dated April 18, 1873 requesting blankets for distribution in the Newsa district (Noosa).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846912](#) COL/A182 73/849**

Depositions taken at the Magistrates Inquiry into the shooting of several natives of Bentinck Island in October 1872. The inquiry was held at Sweers Island on January 25, 1873.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846913](#) COL/A183 73/1009**

Contains an eleven page letter (73/1780) from Police Magistrate Dalrymple at Gilberton dated April 22, 1873 complaining of inadequate police protection in light of numerous attacks on gold diggers and travellers by the Aboriginals in the district. He also makes reference to retaliations carried out by the Native Police Force but argues that, in general, the local force is inefficient. He mentions Oak Park police station. Attached is a copy of an earlier letter from Dalrymple signed as Gold Commissioner.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846913](#) COL/A183 73/1013**

Letter dated May 28, 1873 from the Police Magistrate at Roma requesting permission to distribute a bale of blankets at Roma en route to Cunnamulla to local Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846913](#) COL/A183 73/1057**

Letter from North Bundaberg dated May 28, 1873 requesting that blankets be distributed from Bundaberg rather than forcing people to congregate in Maryborough. He mentions that “there are a number of blacks here who make themselves useful to the farmers in pulling & husking maize etc”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846913](#) COL/A183 73/1076**

Letter dated June 6, 1873 from Ipswich stating that the supply of blankets is inadequate and that a number of squatters have asked for about 50 blankets to distribute to Aboriginal people on their runs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846913](#) COL/A183 73/1107**

Letter dated April 23, 1873 from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough reporting an attack by Aboriginals on the Salt Water Creek Road work party, and also mentions several other incidents around the Burrum River. He requests a Native Police presence. There is another version of events from the Police Inspector’s Office at Gympie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846914](#) COL/A184 73/1279**

Letter from Thargomindah dated June 25, 1873 requesting 100 blankets to distribute to Aboriginals on stations in the area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846914](#) COL/A184 73/1345**

Request for an increased police presence at the Black Snake Diggings as the nearest constable is at Kilkivan.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846914](#) COL/A184 73/1430**

Complaints about the inefficiency of the Native Police at the Vale of Herbert [Station?], Lower Herbert area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846915](#) COL/A185 70/993**

Complaints against Inspector John Murray of the Cardwell district including maladministration. Includes a report dated January 21, 1870 from the Sub-Inspector at Cardwell relating to the dispersal of Aboriginals camped at the mouth of the Murray River and the retrieval of stolen property from this camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846915](#) COL/A185 73/1570**

Instructions to Sub-Inspector Thomson in command of an expedition to explore between Cardwell and the Endeavour River. Twelve Native Troopers are to be part of the expedition. Thompson’s

(Thompson?) journal is attached.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846915](#) COL/A185 73/1611**

Cover letter from the Crown Solicitor’s Office and draft commission re the appointment of trustees for an Aboriginal reserve at Mackay and to enquire “what can be done to ameliorate the condition of the Aborigines and to make their labour useful”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846915](#) COL/A185 73/1628**

Reporting the death of Polly who died in police custody in the Toowoomba gaol on September 15, 1873. She had been sentenced by the Maryborough Bench to six months imprisonment with hard labour for larceny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846915](#) COL/A185 73/1638**

Complaint by Thomas B Miller against Sub-Inspector Johnstone of the Lower Herbert. Correspondence mentions a trooper named Charlie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846916](#) COL/A186 73/1810**

Correspondence about alleged abduction of Aboriginal women by the crew of the 'Crinoline'. Captain Heath makes an initial complaint of kidnapping in his letter dated August 25, 1873 to the Colonial Secretary. His letter gives a list of people he says were taken from Sandy Cape (Fraser Island). Their names are Pero or Tamburrowa; Bobby or Timpimwa; Laurie or Teyarrie; Late Tommy or Wangara; Momly or Nongarlie (a boy); and Molly Maria or Walla; Maggie or Sindra; Kitty or Bomma. A telegram to the Commissioner of Police from Townsville and dated September 3, 1873 says that six are from Fraser Island and two from Cleveland Bay. Police Magistrate Somerset at Townsville inquires into the matter and states in his letter dated September 29, 1873 that the women were joining their husbands who had been previously recruited to fish north of Cardwell. There is also a telegram to the Commissioner of Police from Cardwell dated August 19, 1878 stating that the cutter 'Day Dawn' had one Aboriginal woman and three Aboriginal girls about ten years old, all from Townsville on board. They are all to be sent back. Letter 73/1732, 73/1512, Top-numbered to 73/1810.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846917](#) COL/A187 73/2122**

Large file concerning an inquiry into certain charges against Sub-Inspector Douglas of the Native Police. File includes statement made by Douglas dated November 12, 1872 about the deaths of three Aboriginals on Milton Station in the Port Curtis area – Harry, Tommy and Billy. In this letter he also mentions Barmundo Billy, (or Billy Barmundo), Harry, Rankin, Spider, and Tommy. Also Troopers Boco and Mowbray. Also a copy of a letter to the Attorney General dated January 8, 1873 requesting an investigation into “atrocities said to have been committed in the District” including the death of Larry or Harry, the deaths shortly after of two prisoners in Douglas' custody, and reports of deaths on Cania Station. Also in the file are copies of proceedings tabled at the Court of Inquiry held at Gladstone on February 14 and at Calliope on February 17. The following Aboriginal names are mentioned throughout these statements and associated correspondence Harry also known as Larry, Harry also known as Carry, Burmundy Billy or Billy Barmundo or Barmundoo Billy, Carry, Littly Billy, Jonny and Jacob, Wilmot's Jonny, Big Billy belonging to Buroonda, Peter, Rankin, Charlie, Tobie, Daron, and Peter alias Spider. Also Trooper Jacky and deserter Charlie, Dicky Zabberon, Tommy. There are also several letters in the file from Albert Norton, a Magistrate, requesting that this matter be re-investigated; and there are several petitions from residents of the Marlborough district protesting about Sub-Inspector Douglas' order to resign from the Native Police.

Investigation into the death of an Aboriginal man found near Waverley in the St Lawrence area and supposedly shot in the head by Native Police under the command of Sub-Inspector Douglas. The body was difficult to identify but it was thought to be that of an Aboriginal man known as Dicky who was employed by George Fox. Sub-Inspector Douglas' report dated November 21, 1873 also mentions Aboriginal men called Tommy, Billy, Charley and Jimmy, and (another?) incident in which Trooper Billy is reported as shooting Charley. See [DR110953](#).

Letter 73/1809, 73/1329, 73/1222, 73/1059, 73/926, 73/650, 73/565, 73/24, 72/1978, 72/1977 – missing, 72/1925, 72/1923, Top-numbered to 73/2122.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846917](#) COL/A187 73/2135**

Frank Jardine's report to the Colonial Secretary dated November 29, 1873 re his involvement in the pearl industry and his use of indigenous labour. Report mentions Johny Murray (?) described as a Maori half-caste who was formerly of the Native Police. This report is in response to charges made against Frank Jardine that he was engaged pearl industry without the consent of the government and is part of a general inquiry into the management of the Somerset settlement.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846917](#) COL/A187 73/2194**

("Gall estray") Report from the new Police Magistrate Mr C Beddome at the Somerset settlement dated 11 November 1873. He reports that lately "the natives have been committing murder and depredations ... a pearl shellers camp eight miles from the settlement was attacked and a man named James Atkins brutally murdered [and] all the native Missionaries from New Guinea and Saibai Island came into the settlement having been driven away by the natives". The report also states that while the Native Police were searching for those responsible for the murder they encountered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders gathered in a large force 30 miles from the settlement but that the Native Troopers dispersed them despite determined resistance. The report also briefly mentions that there are large numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from the mainland and adjacent islands employed by the pearl shellers as divers. Letter 73/2135, 73/1941, 73/1598, 73/1597, Top-numbered to 73/2194.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846917](#) COL/A187 73/2196**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Somerset Beddome) dated 22 November 1873. Correspondence mentions a large Aboriginal presence close to the Settlement and the fear of an attack.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846918](#) COL/A188 73/2314**

Correspondence concerning the trafficking of about 40 South Sea Islanders from Darnley Island to Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846918](#) COL/A188 73/2320**

Annual report of the Police Force. See page 3 re "outrages committed by Aborigines", page 7 and 8 re recruitment of Native Police from outside the colony, and services performed by Native Police in terms of an estimated Aboriginal population of 50,000.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846918](#) COL/A188 73/2336**

Consignment list for the boat 'Glenisla' from the offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London. Includes 34 bales of blankets for Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846918](#) COL/A188 73/2358**

Telegram to the Colonial Secretary from [Glendarawill ?], Springsure requesting a review of the decision to move the Native Police from the area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846918](#) COL/A188 73/2367**

Letter from John McConnell requesting that 40 blankets be forwarded to Durundur for distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846919](#) COL/A189 73/2407**

Request for blankets for the Cleveland Bay district to be distributed by the contractor for the Cape Bowling Green lighthouse.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846919](#) COL/A189 73/2483**

Papers and telegrams re the opening of the Palmer Goldfield in 1873. See in particular the telegram dated 24 November 1873 which requests a detachment of native police as the "Blacks on the road are very numerous & hostile ? have already speared 2 men & 5 horses".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846921](#) COL/A191 74/16**

File about the death and possible murder of an Aboriginal man named Jackey at Mooroochie (Maroochydoore). Reports also mention Little Charley.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846921](#) COL/A191 74/223**

Report on Cooktown from the Police Magistrate dated January 16, 174. Mentions that Sub-Inspector Douglas and his Native Police Troopers have arrived.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846922](#) COL/A192 74/345**

Report from Acting Sub-Inspector Douglas from the new track between Cooktown and the Palmer River. Includes a sketch map showing the position of the Native Police camp

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846922](#) COL/A192 74/347**

Report of the death of a white man – Richard Dickman a miner of Tambaroora - presumed murdered by a local Aborigine on the coast approximately 30 miles from Cardwell at the foot of Mt Thomas. There was a (native) police inquiry into the matter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846922](#) COL/A192 74/480**

Re: the resignation of Inspector John Marlow of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846923](#) COL/A193 74/572**

Police Magistrate Aplins' monthly report from the settlement at Somerset – October 1874. Includes sections on "Native Police" and on "Aborigines". Also under discussion is the proposal to move the settlement to a Torres Strait Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846923](#) COL/A193 74/609**

Letter from Goondiwindi dated March 16 1874 requesting blankets for about 20 Aboriginals at Texas.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846923](#) COL/A193 74/642**

Letter from Charles Moran, Medical Officer at Roma asking for more money because of increased duties such as a new gaol being built and a detachment of Native Troopers being stationed there.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846924](#) COL/A194 74/701**

Correspondence and news clippings re allegations of an indiscriminate slaughter of Aboriginals in the area by members of the expedition surveying the area between the Endeavour River and the Palmer. Includes a signed statement from members of the expedition denying these allegations but admitting that they heard that one Aboriginal man had been killed by Native Police but that none of them witnessed it.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846924](#) COL/A194 74/792**

Report from the Police Magistrate at Cardwell on the sugar plantations but includes references to Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846924](#) COL/A194 74/862**

Letter from John McConnell of Durundur dated 27 April 1874. He asks for at least 40 pairs of blankets for the Durundur and Conondale tribes and says that because they didn't get any blankets last year elderly people had died.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846924](#) COL/A194 74/949**

Letter from Jacob Low of Welltown Station via Goondiwindi stating that he had about 50 Aboriginals on his station but he wished to provide blankets for about 12 old and infirm. He mentions a list of names but it does not appear with the correspondence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846924](#) COL/A194 74/970**

Request for additional blankets for Gainsford – at least 30 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1004**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate at St George (RCH Uhr) re blankets; “Aboriginals of this district have made frequent enquiries as to whether they are to receive any blankets as distributed in Roma and other districts”; no blankets issued for past 5 years; “They are a quiet and peaceable hard working lot and deserving of such remunerations from the Govt”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1005**

The file contains a report from the Commissioners appointed to advise upon the best means to improve the condition of the Aboriginals of Queensland. Some of the recommendations of the report include: appointing Protectors for specified districts; setting up reserves, excluding Aboriginals from towns, and introducing more stringent legislation to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquor to Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1036**

Letter from P Clarke at Maroochydore re blankets; “They are mostly old and infirm, seldom leave the district and are fast dying out. There are only about 24 who of right belong to this tribe and it is for these only that I now intercede”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1052**

Complaint about hiding evidence to save a cattle stealer from conviction made against police at Charleville by Miles MLA; includes a brief report from Acting Sub-Inspector Alf Smart at Yo Yo Creek Native Police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1097**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at St George dated 1 June 1874 requesting a supply of blankets intended for the Aboriginals at Cunnamulla be distributed at St George because all the blankets from the current year's allocation have been expended and “the natives in this part are collecting to get their reward”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1142**

Letter from Ralph Ramsey at Georgetown dated 29 April 1874 protesting at the removal of police protection from the area around the [Gilberton?] diggings. The author suggests that retaining a “small and inexpensive Police Camp would have been sufficient to keep the blacks in check over a large area of country”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1201**

Letter from Morisset at the Palmer River reporting on the search for a dray road; references to “services of a Native Trooper from the Detachment at Cooktown”; also “saddlery, arms, etc being procured from the Native Police at Cooktown”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846925](#) COL/A195 74/1210**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Charleville (Parry Okeden) informing that there is a carrier leaving St George who can transport the blankets intended for distribution to the Aboriginals in the Cunnamulla district.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM846926](#) COL/A196 74/1343**

Health Officer Maryborough (RB Sheridan) re appointment of John Watson as OIC of Quarantine Station at Fraser Island as he is “not likely to be disturbed by the blacks as he is well acquainted with all those who frequent the place”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846926](#) COL/A196 74/1365**

Request from Beddome for a licence to employ “natives from the islands beyond the boundary of Queensland in the vicinity of Torres Strait” as divers because “there is too great a demand for men to work these industries profitably that it is now impossible to procure men within the boundary”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846926](#) COL/A196 74/1403**

Letters, including a copy of a letter to the Editor of the Queenslander, from RMA Cassidy re complaint about Sub Inspector Johnstone’s Native Police troopers taking Aboriginal servant girls and that the Police Magistrate at Cardwell cooperates with this practice. The writer specifically refers to her servant “Uarefannie??” who comes from Hinchinbrook Island, and also mentions an unnamed Aboriginal servant girl who, while in the company of a runaway trooper, was shot dead by another trooper.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846926](#) COL/A196 74/1489**

Letter from the South Australian Chief Secretary in relation to a newspaper clipping about the search for a man called Nation lost in the Northern Territory and found dead near Limmen Bight River by R Knuckey; The newspaper clipping also refers to tracks made by “Cox, Uhr [ex Native Police] and the others” and the need to let people in Queensland know how far the next supplies are after leaving Normanton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846927](#) COL/A197 74/1680**

Letter dated August 4, 1874 from the Police Office at Palmerville requesting increased police protection at the Palmer River goldfield. He reports that there have been five inquests held since last November in relation to men who have been speared by Aboriginals. He requests that ten Native Police troopers should be sent.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846928](#) COL/A198 74/1714**

This file spans 1870 to 1874 and details various complaints made against Sub-Inspector Wheeler and the Native Police re abductions and killings in lower Thomson River area. Most of the file relates to charges laid against Wheeler by Surveyor Charles Weldon Birch in 1871 but there is an 1874 letter from Birch written to the Colonial Secretary about these same matters. Birch’s letter written from Blackall and dated 20 May 1874 mentions Tindare who was his interpreter and was later recovered from Isis Downs Station and then abducted again; also Charley who was killed. In 1870 Birch was involved in an expedition to find traces of the lost explorer Leichhardt and used Kie Kia and Tin dar as interpreters (see letter dated 22nd December 1870). This file includes a number of letters from Birch, which seek to provide further evidence of maltreatment at the hands of the Native Police Force. He accuses the Native Police of abducting four Aboriginal women employed on McKenzie’s station in the Lower Thompson as stock riders, one Aboriginal stockman and one (half caste) child. The women’s names are listed as Kukia, Ebengera, Tindare (also known as Jenny), and Mary Ann and her child; and Charley. He also accuses troopers Jack and Paddy of murdering Charley; and Wheeler of firing shots into a camp on the Dar Creek. There is a formal list of charges against Wheeler (see letter from Bowen Downs dated 27 March 1871). These charges include the abduction of the four women from McKenzie’s station on the Dar Creek, and the murder of Charlie. In answering the charges a number of Aboriginal names are mentioned. These include Kie Kia and Tin dar who were two of the women abducted; Tom Moffet (described as a half caste); Charlie who was murdered; troopers Jacky and Paddy. In the course of this investigation personal details given out about these people include that Tin dar is said to have come from the Warrego about two years ago and that she has been living in Mr

Birch's employ since then; that Kie Kia comes from the lower Warrego, and Charlie also came from the Warrego. There is also mention of a woman with a half-caste child who came from Cunnamulla and has been living with McKenzie since 1863 after her husband was shot. Letter 74/1154, 71/1070, 71/979, 71/156, Top-numbered to 74/1714.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846928](#) COL/A198 74/1938**

Memorial from the Kennedy Provincial Association, Bowen dated 27 August 1874. Point number 5 makes reference to suggestions forwarded to their local member re Aboriginals: "We are glad to be informed by our Member that our suggestion with regard to the Aborigines meets with your approval and would respectfully suggest that Mr John Marlow of the Native Mounted Police and now a resident of Bowen would be if he be willing to undertake the task admirably adapted for carrying out our ideas".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846928](#) COL/A198 74/1952**

Report from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Townsville re the conduct of police constable Cook in arresting Jemmy suspected of arson and the attempted murder of the crew of a cutter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846929](#) COL/A199 74/2059**

Police Magistrate at Somerset reporting. Includes a telegram from Dunwich to the Commissioner of Police: "Will do my best to get boys for you. I will let you know on Monday" signed JA Hamilton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846929](#) COL/A199 74/2070**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown suggesting that there would be great advantage in exploring Cape York Peninsula because from accounts he has received the country is rich in gold and other valuable minerals, and probably has desirable pastoral country. He thinks a party of "3 white men and 3 native troopers" would be sufficient.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2309**

Letter from Police Magistrate Aplin at Somerset asking for advice on the application of the Kidnapping Act. He wants to know if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders outside the jurisdiction of Queensland, on the islands near the New Guinea coast, and who consent to work on ships in the pearling industry, can be brought to Somerset. A letter from the Crown Solicitor is attached giving his opinion that there is nothing in the Act that would make this practice illegal.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2350**

Two letters from Nebo about blanket distribution - they require 50 blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2384**

Telegram from Cardwell, and related letter stating that Aboriginals had killed three horses belonging to the telegraph party and also destroyed a bridge.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2424**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cloncurry to the Colonial Secretary dated October 25, 1874 reporting that Aboriginal women and children were being stolen and that this could account for some of the recent "outrages" committed by the local Aboriginals. Attached to this letter is a three page list of cases that have come to the Police Magistrate's attention – an Aboriginal woman taken from Kimberley Station by drovers; an Aboriginal boy taken by two men and brought into Normanton and kept by the brother of one of these men – blacksmith Taupe (?); two Aboriginal boys taken by Jimmy Shaw, a publican residing about nine miles from Normanton; Jimmy Shaw also kidnapped an Aboriginal woman; an Aboriginal boy taken by Brannigan, a carrier, travelling between Cloncurry and Normanton; an Aboriginal woman brought to Fort Constantine by Dennis Bourke who

says she was given to him by Fred Gainborni; an Aboriginal woman taken by Daniel Finlay at Jackey's Lagoon.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2484**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Charleville reporting the death of explorer Hume on the Wilson River. Refers to Sub-Inspector Dunne and the Native Police who are out searching for a survivor of the expedition.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846930](#) COL/A200 74/2500**

Correspondence about vocabulary forms re Aboriginal languages filled out by police and forwarded to Edward Curr, Office of the Chief Inspector of Stock in Melbourne. Attached is a blank copy of the form.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846932](#) COL/A202 74/2615**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Townsville re the inquest into the suspicious death of a Native Police trooper called Sam. Includes depositions taken at the Magisterial Inquiry. David Noble's deposition names four other Native Police troopers: Davy, Mowbray, Larry and Charlie. Also named is Sub-Inspector Johnstone of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846932](#) COL/A202 74/2752**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Normanton (A Henry) re a misunderstanding relating his inability to procure horses and to his subsequent request to loan or to buy horses from the Native Police. Henry states that "Nothing could be further from my mind than interfering with the Native Police".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846932](#) COL/A202 74/2755**

"Certificate of Particulars" and depositions from the Police Magistrate in Bowen re the inquest into the death of an unknown Aboriginal male found in the Bowen River. The deposition from Rhonda Legg names three Aborigines: Jenny Boorfal, [Sungli?] and Tribble.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846932](#) COL/A202 74/2772**

Request for authority to spend 80 pounds on a new Native Police camp at the Saxby River situated half way between Normanton and Cloncurry. There is a further request to spend 40 pounds on repairs to the Native Police camp at Craigie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846932](#) COL/A202 74/2828**

("Gall stray") – Large file including a report from Dalrymple at Somerset dated June 8, 1874 re the state of affairs at the settlement. He suggests that if the settlement were to be broken up and moved to Prince of Wales Island, Somerset would still be needed as a "harbor of refuge" for the purposes of local government, the maintenance of law and order and the protection of the Aborigines. The file also contains a report on the Native Police stationed at Somerset. Dalrymple makes the observation that the force is inefficient and under strength. "The present 5 a number wholly insufficient for the safety of the settlement and the maintenance of order among the Aborigines". Several of the Native Police troopers are homesick and have requested to be relieved of duty: Andy, Nobby, Peter, Tommy, and a half-caste from Brisbane called Tommy (who was formally a cabman in Brisbane). Dalrymple recommends that due to the thickness of the scrub closely surrounding the settlement and the hostility of the Aborigines it would be better to let them go and replace them with eight new troopers. Attached to the report is a memorandum of Native Police troopers suggested to the Commissioner of Police for service at Somerset: Charles presently at the Lower Herbert, Fred who served at Gilberton and Townsville, Monday from the Lower Herbert, Davy, Tommy, and Willie (son of Sambo) from Morton Island. The memorandum also advises that if required several of the saltwater aborigines "... of the Amity Point tribe (formally in the Native Police) can be obtained from Willie's tribe and promised to come". The file also contains: A letter dated December 31, 1869 from Henry Chester at Somerset which mentions that

because the date season has ended earlier than usual and there has been a scarcity of turtles the local Aboriginals have been "sorley straited for food ... I therefore distributed the remainder of the condemned flour among them in payment for cutting and burning off the scrub".

A letter dated November 26, 1874 forwarding requisitions for clothing for the Native Police at Somerset. A report re the shipping, maintenance and fisheries at Somerset in the Torres Strait. A report re the Queensland Government settlement at Somerset and the viability of removing the settlement to Prince of Wales Island, Torres Strait, submitted to the Colonial Secretary for the information of His Excellency the Marquis of Normanby. A map covering the area from the Jardine River on the mainland to Travers Island in the Torres Strait. Letter 67/1955, Top-numbered to 74/2828.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846933](#) COL/A203 74/2874**

Telegram from Constable Smythe at Condamine advising that he has had a "black fellow in Condamine Lock-up for burglary" for four days because there is no Magistrate in the town to hear the case.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846933](#) COL/A203 74/2880**

Telegram relating to an Aboriginal prisoner who has been in the Condamine Lockup for four days because there is no Magistrate to hear the case [see also ITM846933 - 74/2874]. The telegram advises that he will have to wait until Sunday.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846933](#) COL/A203 74/2949**

Telegram from Normanton requesting police protection because the "Blacks come into the town nightly and commit thefts and cattle have been speared within one mile of the town".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846933](#) COL/A203 74/2895**

Letter from James Cassady at Fairview, Herbert River relating to the fatal shooting of Native Police trooper Sam, who had attempted to desert from the force. Cassady alleges that troopers Davy and Mombroy were selected to shoot trooper Sam and that Sub-Inspector Johnstone and Sergeant David Nobbs were also present at the murder [see also ITM846932 - 74/2615].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846933](#) COL/A203 74/2913**

Large file containing telegrams and other correspondence from the Normanton district requesting police protection and advising that Aboriginal women and children are being kidnapped. These include a telegram from Alfred Henry the Police Magistrate stating that the "blacks have been in the town at night and on one occasion robbed nearly every house ... they are now assembled in large numbers at the crossing place of the river 12 miles from here". Henry advises that they are gathered there because the Chinamen at the Public House near the crossing have "taken a gin and forcibly detained her ... these Chinamen have two boys that I have reason to believe they stole from the blacks ... I have no hesitation in saying that the stealing of gins and children from the blacks is a matter of frequent occurrence here". The file also contains correspondence from Ralph Ramsay at Gilberton requesting police protection because the officer in charge of the nearest Native Police camp at Mitton's station does not make any effort to patrol the area. Ramsay is particularly concerned about the Percy River and Robinson River areas because "it is here where the blacks are generally harboured upon the ranges". Letter 74/1142, 74/813, 74/795, 74/59, 74/55, 73/1959, Top-numbered to 74/2913.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846935](#) COL/A205 75/13**

Correspondence from Jacob Low MLA, Welltown Station via Goondiwindi, dated December 26, 1874 raising concerns about the reported removal of the Native Police from Mungallala Creek and Wallan Creek. The main concern is the loss of life and destruction of property that will result from this action. Attached is a letter from A McDonald of Wild Horse Plains, St George drawing Low's attention to the fact that at times there are very large numbers of visiting Aboriginals from the Maranoa River, the

Balonne River, the Culgoa River and the Warrego River in the district and that withdrawing Native Police protection would put settlers at risk of attack.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846936](#) COL/A206 75/485**

Letter relating to the issue of boat vouchers for a trip from Somerset to Brisbane for Mokey from Murray Island and her husband Dick from Rotumah.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846936](#) COL/A206 75/597**

Petition from the residents of Sutton River, Northern District, requesting police protection. The petition states that since the recent murder in the district, the Aboriginals have been killing cattle and there is no one to check their depredations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846937](#) COL/A207 75/778**

Letter from William [Pattison?] at Rockhampton complaining about the removal of the Native Police from Marlborough. He suggests that the district has been free from outrages by the Aboriginals because there has been a body of Native Police troopers at Marlborough under the command of Inspector Nealer. The removal of the Native Police will see the return of these outrages.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846937](#) COL/A207 75/779**

List of witnesses in the case of Regina v McCawley dated March 4, 1875. The witness list includes the names of the following persons: Eremiah Rotumah and his wife Coffee, Harry Rotumah and his little boy, Johnny Rotumah, Dick and his wife and child, Sam Aukland of Marguesas and his wife and child. The witnesses were brought from Cooktown to Brisbane for the trial.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846937](#) COL/A207 75/800**

Correspondence from the Police Office at Banana advising that the 75 pairs of blankets on hand for distribution to the Aboriginals is quite inadequate. There is a request for the supply of blankets to be doubled.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846937](#) COL/A207 75/912**

Correspondence relating to the receipt of a set of photographs of Aboriginals from the Richmond River district. The photographs were taken by J William Lindt and presented to the Queensland Parliamentary Library by the New South Wales Government. The photographs are not in the file. The photographs are held at State Library of NSW [Contact prints by J W Lindt | State Library of New South Wales \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846937](#) COL/A207 75/989**

Letter from George Macgilroy of Eddington Station, Flinders River dated March 4, 1875 asking for a Native Police camp to be set up in the district because the nearest Native Police camp is at the Norman 300 miles from Eddington. He suggests that this is too far away to protect the settlers in the district from the "wild blacks".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846938](#) COL/A208 75/1093**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cloncurry asking for Native Police protection in the district because "numerous outrages have been committed by the blacks on the Lower Flinders and Eastern River and the road from the Cloncurry to Normanton".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846938](#) COL/A208 75/1109**

Sheriff's Report relating to the execution of Jackey Clayson at Rockhampton Goal on April 14, 1875. Jacky was sentenced by Judge Sheppard in the Northern Criminal Court, Townsville on February 12, 1875.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846938](#) COL/A208 75/1153**

Telegram from James Tosh of Mount Larcom Station (Gladstone district) advising that “Native Police wanted immediately at Mount Larcom, Blacks very troublesome”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846939](#) COL/A209 75/1276**

Report from D Seymour the Police Commissioner refuting allegations from the Governor's Office that the Native Police have committed numerous outrages on the Aboriginals of the Colony. Seymour writes that “the charges of barbarous treatment alluded to by his Excellency are similar to those previously made by the opponents of the Native Police system who have however failed to offer any evidence in support of them ... if there were any truth in one tenth or even the one hundredth of what is charged against the Native Police, surely at least one instance could have been given that might be brought home to the perpetrator, but this has never been done”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846939](#) COL/A209 75/1302**

Papers and correspondence relating to the release of James Hildrew from the Reformatory Hulk, Brisbane. James was charged on October 31, 1874 by the Police Magistrate at Goondiwindi with stealing gold from a shearer at Welltown Station near Goondiwindi. The boy was reported as “half-caste” and resident of Welltown Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846939](#) COL/A209 75/1446**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office requesting payment for the expenses incurred in the execution of an Aborigine named Johnny Clayson. Johnny was executed at Rockhampton on April 13, 1875.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846939](#) COL/A209 75/1464**

R.H. Mathews' application for the Government Gazette now that he has been appointed a Magistrate, dated Goondiwindi May 15, 1875.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846940](#) COL/A210 75/1607**

Letter from F.C.J. Beardmore JP at Tooloombah, St Lawrence dated June 2, 1875 requesting an additional 200 blankets for the Aboriginals. He says that at the distribution “this year out of 300 blacks only 50 gins have got blankets ... I would suggest that 200 blankets should be at once sent up to be distributed as quickly as possible”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846940](#) COL/A210 75/1671**

Report from C Aplin the Police Magistrate at Somerset advising that three of the Native Police troopers at the settlement are on the sick list.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846940](#) COL/A210 75/1731**

Correspondence from Maryborough relating to the distribution of flour, tobacco and pipes to the Aboriginals at Sandy Cape, Fraser Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846941](#) COL/A211 75/1826**

Memorandum from Hector and Norman Wilson of Currawinya, Hoodsville asking for blankets: “the blacks around our locality are dying for want of blankets - we used two or three years ago to get blankets once a year but for the last three years have got none. Please advise us when and where we are to apply for blankets”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846941](#) COL/A211 75/1781**

Petition from the residents of the Palmer River district to the Police Magistrate in Cooktown requesting Native Police protection because they have been repeatedly attacked by the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846943](#) COL/A213 75/2349**

General Report From C Aplin the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated July 9, 1875 referring to the health of the Native Police troopers who are still sick and “no sooner one gets better than another falls sick”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846943](#) COL/A213 75/2350**

“Report on the State of the Settlement” from C Aplin the Police Magistrate at Somerset. Mentions that the Native Police troopers have recovered from their sickness but that there have been numerous deaths among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of the mainland and Prince of Wales Island from what is thought to be measles.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846944](#) COL/A214 75/2938**

Request from the Police Magistrate in Cunnamulla for an extra bale of blankets to be sent for the next distribution at the Thargomindah Police Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846944](#) COL/A214 75/2973**

Petition from the residents of Edwardstown, Palmer River. Resolution no.7 of the Petition states that it is the consensus of the residents that more Native Police are needed in the district to “prevent the outrages of the blacks so prevalent in our midst”. The file contains a reply from the Commissioner of Police, D Seymour, suggesting that “the stories of attacks by the blacks are greatly exaggerated” and that they should “learn to rely a little on themselves”. Letter 75/2870, Top-numbered to 75/2973.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3074**

Petition from several residents of the Lower Herbert asking for police protection and raising concerns that the Native Police, under the command of Sub-Inspector Johnstone, have left for a patrol expected to last six weeks and the “blacks are coming in on all sides”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3095**

Letters relating to the transfer of Inspector Moore of the Native Police and eight recruits from Maryborough to Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3196**

Requisition from the Colonial Storekeeper for 1700 pairs of tri-coloured blankets for the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3213**

Petition from Adam Grant to his Excellency William Wellington Cairns asking for a pension because all his working life he was exposed to “great danger from the blacks”. Mentions the spearing of his livestock at Surat and between the Balonne River and the Condamine River. Also mentions the spearing of his horses at Trayland Native Police barracks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3230**

Report from D Seymour the Commissioner of Police for the year 1874. Includes numbers of Native Police troopers by district. Also a proposal to move the Native Police out to the newly settled country and in the more thickly populated districts attach one Native Tracker to each Police Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3243**

Telegram informing that Sub-Inspector Johnstone has reported that Aboriginals have murdered a settler at Herbert River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846945](#) COL/A215 75/3247**

Correspondence from C Aplin the Police Magistrate at Somerset. Informs that Peter, a Native Police trooper, has been a given passage back to his home town of Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846946](#) COL/A216 75/3259**

Report from Somerset advising that Captain Frazer of the Brig 'John Bell' brought into Somerset a Frenchman whom he found amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of the northeast coast at a spot just opposite Night Island. He had been living there since he was a boy after being shipwrecked.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846946](#) COL/A216 75/3301**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cunnamulla advising that the Native Police barracks at Thargomindah is good enough to be used as a temporary location for holding the Court of Petty Sessions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846947](#) COL/A217 76/57**

Various correspondence and a report from Inspector Morissett on alleged outrages committed by Aboriginals at Christalbrook Station, Bowen. Allegations that the Station was attacked by 300 Aboriginals and that on another occasion they murdered some of the Aboriginal workers. Letter 75/2542, Top-numbered to 76/57.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846947](#) COL/A217 76/84**

Petition from the stockowners and residents of the Mitchell River and Palmer River requesting increased police protection from the depredations of the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846947](#) COL/A217 76/100**

Report on the case of Daniel McCarthy: accused of murdering an Aboriginal woman in 1873, and application for remission of sentence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846947](#) COL/A217 76/138**

Request for police protection from the Construction Overseer at the Junction Creek and Palmer River telegraph line because of damage done to the line by Aboriginals at the Walsh River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846949](#) COL/A219 76/538**

Report from Henry Chester at Somerset informing that outrages have been committed on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Darnley Island by a West Indian man named Douglas Pitt and an unnamed South Sea Islander presently living on Murray Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846949](#) COL/A219 76/560**

Papers relating to the case of Mr Thomas Coward the Mining Warden at the Palmer River Goldfields. Sergeant Devine of the Native Police is mentioned.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846949](#) COL/A219 76/588**

Letter from the Police Magistrate, St George, dated February 22, 1876 making an application for blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals. The request is for 200 blankets and he gives the local Aboriginal population as somewhere between 350 and 400. He also comments that the Aboriginals in the district have "been found most valuable in tracking and discovering persons in the bush".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846949](#) COL/A219 76/592**

Correspondence relating to Sarah Downing (alleged half-caste girl from Narrabri) found living with the Aboriginals at Warwick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846950](#) COL/A220 76/986**



Police Magistrate at Condamine requesting additional blankets as last year's quota was insufficient. Several Aboriginals did not receive blankets last year including King Jacob of Teiryboo. There is a note in the margin indicating that 25 blankets were sent.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846951](#) COL/A221 76/1044**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough relating to the Queens Birthday blanket distributions. He advises that last year 545 blankets were distributed to the Aboriginals of the district. The usual supply of 600 blankets will be required this year, but none are required at Bundaberg because they still have 100. Attached is a note advising the numbers of blankets to forward to various districts: Dalby 50 pairs, Maryborough, Fraser Island 300 pairs, Cape Bowling Green 50 pairs, Dunwich 20 pairs, Ipswich 70 pairs, Brisbane 60 pairs and Gladstone 50 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846952](#) COL/A222 76/1492**

Letter advising that a voucher for nine pounds nineteen shillings has been forwarded for expenses relating to the annual donation of flour and tobacco to the Aboriginals at Sandy Cape, Fraser Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846952](#) COL/A222 76/1465**

From the Police Magistrate at Surat: the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals took place on May 24. Due to insufficient blankets, only 50 were distributed leaving 30 Aborigines without blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846952](#) COL/A222 76/1311**

Large file containing letters and papers relating to the Aboriginal Commission. The file includes: A letter dated May 25, 1876 advising A Gregory, W Drew, C Graham and W Landsborough that the Governor has approved their appointment as Commissioners. A recommendation to give G Bridgeman 200 pounds to spend in the Mackay district "where a government reserve has already been set aside for the benefit of the Aborigines". A proposal to set up a Native Police training establishment at Bowen with an itemised account of the proposed yearly cost, a Minute from the Governor communicating his concern at the allegations of maltreatment of Aboriginals by the Native Police and an extract from a report from Drew, Gregory and Coxen into the Native Police. Letter 76/669, 76/623, 75/1885, 75/1701, 75/1370, 75/116, 74/1005, Top-numbered to 76/1311.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846953](#) COL/A223 76/1529**

Letter from Arthur Robinson J.P. of Coomera River dated June 15, 1876. He needs additional blankets for the 50 Aboriginals living in the Nerang district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846953](#) COL/A223 76/1588**

Telegrams from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton and the Sub-Inspector of Police relating to the supposed murder of Sandy Morris by Sandy a Native Police trooper and his female companion.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846953](#) COL/A223 76/1599**

Letters relating to reports that a white man is living with the Aboriginals in far western Queensland. A letter from Sub-Inspector Salmond reports that after talking to the Aboriginals to the west of the Cooper Creek he has good reason to believe the story.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846953](#) COL/A223 76/1702**

Petition from the residents of Cardwell against the proposed changes to the gold escort route because "should the escort route be removed from this district it will leave the settlers and travellers along the telegraph line of road entirely unprotected from blacks, whereas the escort making their monthly trips act as a police patrol".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846953](#) COL/A223 76/1737**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate at Cooktown advising that 5 Native Police troopers have deserted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846955](#) COL/A225 76/2217**

Note that Gillie Gillie Jack's prison sentence has been commuted from hanging to 15 years.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846956](#) COL/A226 76/2370**

Correspondence about the alleged murder of an Aboriginal boy named Monday at the Herbert River. Native Police officers Johnstone and Townsend are named as two important witnesses in the inquiry, which has been ordered.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846957](#) COL/A227 76/2698**

Minute from the Governor and other correspondence in reference to charges brought against three officers of the Native Police: Wheeler, Fitzgerald and Carroll.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846958](#) COL/A228 76/2894**

Correspondence in response to an alleged flogging of an Aborigine named Croppy by Constable Thomas King at Gympie. The file includes a letter from the Police Magistrate in Gympie apologising for wrongly conveying in his last correspondence that it is a "proper thing to use a whip upon the blacks". Also included is a newspaper clipping from the Gympie Times on the subject, and depositions taken at the Court hearing.

Correspondence relating to complaints that Sub-Inspector Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police kidnapped three Aboriginal women from the camp of the Belyando tribe at Islay Plains outstation. They are believed to have been taken to the Mistake Creek Native Police camp. There is a further allegation against Wheeler by Arthur Brown of Bauchory Station that he flogged to death his "blackboy" named Jamie. Also in the file are two letters from Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr of the Native Police. The one dated May 9, 1876 is in reply to an article in the April 15, 1876 edition of the Maryborough Chronicle relating to the conduct of the Native Police at Marlborough. The second letter from Carr dated June 19, 1876 is in relation to his failure to report that he had arrested an Aborigine named Jimmy and that Jimmy had subsequently escaped.

Letter 76/2597, Letter 76/2297, Letter 76/1517, Letter 76/1062, Top-numbered to 76/2894

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846958](#) COL/A228 76/2917**

Letter from Gairloch Plantation, Herbert River, dated October 1876 requesting blankets for the 35 Aboriginals employed there. Also mentions that if the Aboriginals on the plantation can be prevented from running away at will to their "native wilde and the young ones from being forced away by the old men and women of the tribe they would prove under proper direction to be a valuable addition to the labouring population".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846958](#) COL/A228 76/2923**

Letter from William Cadell of Kroombit Top Station to the Police Magistrate in Gladstone dated October 21, 1876 complaining that one of the Aboriginals in the district had stolen a cheque from his hut. He asks that the Aboriginals be "sent quietly as soon as possible". A second letter from Cadell dated October 29, 1876 asks whether the Native Police have been dispatched as requested because he now knows that Paddy stole the cheque. There is also a report in the file from Sergeant Ware of the Gladstone Police to the Sub-Inspector of Police in Rockhampton dated December 12, 1876 relating to the patrol in search of Paddy. Sergeant Ware advises that while on patrol he and a trooper named Smuggler came across large numbers of Aboriginals on Raglan Station and Mount Larcom Station. There is also a reference to dispersing an Aboriginal camp in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846959](#) COL/A229 76/3213**

Several letters relating to the case of Jacky an Aborigine from the government reserve at Mackay. Jacky was sentenced to six months in Rockhampton Goal for resisting the police in the execution of their duty after he was found sleeping in the stable of a Public House. Includes depositions from the case and letters from Bridgeman and a Catholic Priest in Mackay asking for his release. The deposition from John Porter, the publican, also mentions an Aborigine called Billey.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846960](#) COL/A230 76/3381**

Requisition for 600 Native Police caps.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846960](#) COL/A230 76/3438**

Correspondence in reply to a newspaper article (in file) which suggests that the quality of the blankets distributed to the Aborigines this year were "vile porous rags, half of bad cotton and half of shabby wool - a disgrace to any Government that would receive such rascally trash". A reply from the Inspector of Invoices states that after an inspection of the blankets he feels that they are of equal quality to the samples provided and that the question of supplying better blankets is a "question of expenditure, not of desirability".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846960](#) COL/A230 76/3440**

Letter from Henry Chester at Somerset informing that on the night of June 13, 1876 all the Native Police troopers stationed at Somerset deserted taking their wives with them. He advises that he has forwarded a copy of the warrant for their arrest to the Inspector of Police in Cooktown because that is most likely where they will head.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846960](#) COL/A230 76/3448**

Telegram from R Sheridan at Maryborough concerned that Crown Lands are demanding that Aborigines who assist timber getters on Great Sandy Island (Fraser Island) must have timber licences. "This will injure the blacks as the more they are employed the better for all parties".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846961](#) COL/A231 76/3472**

Correspondence from the Colonial Storekeeper advising that 1700 pairs of blankets will be required next year for distribution to the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846962](#) COL/A232 77/31**

Letter from Henry Chester at Somerset in relation to allegations that persons employed in the Torres Strait pearl shell fisheries have been kidnapping Aborigines from the Whitsunday Passage. He advises that four Aborigines were brought to Somerset on the 'Pearlhunter' from the Whitsunday Passage but after interviewing three of them he is satisfied there is no foundation for the allegations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846963](#) COL/A233 77/294**

Letter from McCarney and Mayne the owners of a property at North Creek, Isaac River dated January 16, 1877 complaining that they have been robbed three times and a Chinese man has been murdered in the district and that "we are informed by our Superintendent, H Bridson, that the blacks have not been followed by the Native Police".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846964](#) COL/A234 77/652**

Tenders from James Grimes, John Aird and Samuel Ridley for the supply of 1800 pairs of blankets for the Queensland Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846964](#) COL/A234 77/677**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office dated February 22, 1877 reporting that an Aborigine named Peter died in Brisbane Goal while awaiting trial.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846964](#) COL/A234 77/719**

Memorial from employers of labour engaged in the pearl trade. Asks that Thursday Island be proclaimed a free port and mentions that pearl fisheries employ 800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders among whom are a number of Queensland Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846965](#) COL/A235 77/902**

Telegram from the Herbert River: "petitions will shortly be sent from residents on the Herbert River against reserve for blacks and against removal of Police Barracks".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846966](#) COL/A236 77/1076**

Letter from Michael Hall, Lower Herbert, about the conduct of Sub-Inspector Robert Johnstone of the Native Police. He asks that a Commission be set up to look into his conduct. Hall is concerned that, as well as being a Native Police officer, Johnstone is an Agent and Overseer of South Sea Island labour, has a private racecourse and takes in horses to train, and that he is running a butchering business.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846966](#) COL/A236 77/1126**

Letter from Police Magistrate Thomas Craig reporting his arrival at Thargomindah. Mentions that Sub-Inspector Dunn of the Native Police has "his mud cottage fitted up very comfortably indeed and each of the Native Trackers has a mud humpy for himself".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846966](#) COL/A236 77/1244**

Notice of the forwarding of a Bond in relation to the supply of 1800 pairs of blankets for the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846967](#) COL/A237 77/1425**

Telegram from B Fahey at Cooktown: "two men supposed killed by blacks between" Mossman River and Daintree River "were named Thomas Bedingan and John Couray each had double barrell gun".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2707**

Telegram from C Woodcock, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warwick: "it has just been reported that a fight took place between Aborigines thirteenth April at Farm Creek eighteen miles from here. One said to be killed another to have committed suicide mounted Constable has started to make inquiries. Is Magisterial Inquiry necessary? Am I to hold same in absence of Police Magistrate?".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2758**

Reports relating to the increase in police allowances. Briefly mentions the supply of rations to the Walsh River detachment of the Native Police and that Native Police officers at the Palmer River be allowed to draw free rations in lieu of any allowance.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2819**

Request for 50 pairs of blankets for Aborigines at Tewantin as the 25 pairs distributed last year were not enough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2835**

Telegram from St Lawrence: "feeling the want of native police protection nearer than the intended station to be made at Marlborough we would suggest that the station may be fixed at or near St Lawrence the blacks are in the habit of accumulating in large number here and have for the past few weeks been committing serious offences about the township and the neighbourhood so much so as to

cause memorial to be addressed to yourself on the matter praying for protection against them same goes forward by next mail”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2838**

Explanation from the Colonial Storekeeper about the way he conducted the tendering process for blankets for the Aboriginals. There is also a letter in the file from Grimes and Petty, the successful tenderers, suggesting that they were misled by the Colonial Storekeeper and will now make no profit from the agreement.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2924**

Telegram from R Sheridan at Maryborough: “please inform me if usual annual supply of flour and tobacco is to be given to the Sandy Cape blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846968](#) COL/A238 77/2964**

Letter from several Magistrates of the St Lawrence Bench dated May 15, 1877 raising concerns that since the removal of the Native Police from Apis Creek the Aboriginals have been congregating in large numbers in and around St Lawrence. The letter details several specific instances where the Aboriginals have committed acts of violence and where their behaviour has been “troublesome” to the residents of St Lawrence. They ask that a detachment of Native Police be permanently stationed in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846969](#) COL/A239 77/3011**

Letter from the Mayor of Bowen, John Palmer, dated May 19, 1877 complaining that Aboriginals have been gathering at the Bowen Jetty in the hope of obtaining handouts from the passengers and crew of arriving and departing steamers. The Mayor asks if “by the terms under which the Council hold the Jetty can I call upon the Police to prevent the continuance of this nuisance?”

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846969](#) COL/A239 77/3018**

Telegram from Alex Walker in Bundaberg dated May 25, 1877: “Blacks are waiting here for blankets about 60 Immigration blankets here advise Mr [Burkeith?] to distribute at once”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846969](#) COL/A239 77/3124**

Letter from the Auditor General enclosing a list of officers who have failed to furnish the Colonial Storekeeper with receipts for goods supplied. Includes outstanding receipts for the Native Police at Belyando, Somerset, Saxby, Barcoo, Bowen Downs, Laura, Craigie and Palmerville.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846969](#) COL/A239 77/3157**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Surat dated June 1, 1887. “ I have the honour to inform you that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of this district took place on the 24th instant. A few of them had to go without as there was not quite enough to supply all of them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846969](#) COL/A239 77/3165**

Correspondence relating to the missing cutter 'Ada'. The letter from the Police Office, Cooktown, dated April 27, 1877, briefly mentions that Louis Grien and two sailors went ashore at Cape Sidmouth on the 29th of November where they saw Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846971](#) COL/A241 77/3575**

Correspondence from A Francis the Police Magistrate in Banana dated June 17, 1887: “The murder of an aboriginal by aboriginals having been reported to me, I shall be glad to be informed if it is necessary or proper that either as Police Magistrate or Clerk of Petty Sessions I should personally visit the place of alleged crime and examine the body of the deceased”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846971](#) COL/A241 77/3600**

Request for “a couple” of Mr Johnstone’s Native Police troopers, who are accustomed to boat work, to be sent from the Herbert River to Mr Beddome at Somerset.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846971](#) COL/A241 77/3617**

Letter from D Seymour the Police Commissioner dated July 11, 1877 relating to a recommendation that members of the Police Force in the Cook district and Palmer district receive extra pay. Attached is a telegram from Inspector T Clohesy relating to the dissatisfaction of some police constables with their pay but that also includes the following reference: “In consequence of hearing about blacks being shot at White Cliffs I returned with Isley who is now in Cairns”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846972](#) COL/A242 77/3817**

Letter from Mr Stiff petitioning the government for a grant of land, dated 24 July 1877. States that he is married to an Aboriginal woman and was married in Roma in 1868. Wife’s name; Hannah Stiff.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846972](#) COL/A242 77/3820**

Correspondence relating to blanket distribution at Welltown Station, Goondiwindi. The file includes a letter from Jacob Low at Welltown Station requesting six pairs of blankets. The file also includes a letter from the Police Magistrate at Goondiwindi advising that 6 pairs of blankets have been sent to Welltown by pack horse for the Queens Birthday distribution to the Aboriginals. Letter 77/3140 & Letter 77/2897, Top-numbered to 77/3820

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846973](#) COL/A243 77/4038**

Petition from the residents of Thargomindah asking for police protection. Resolution no. 5 of the petition requests that “a portion of the Native Police be allowed to remain here as in such a large outlying district there are many bad characters ... and the mere fact of troopers being here would help to keep them restraint”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846973](#) COL/A243 77/4048**

Telegram from Reginald Uhr the Police Magistrate at Taroom: “Ex [Native Police] trooper Valentine aboriginal in lock up he a “raving lunatic” no legally qualified medical practitioner here to certify Roma nearest can he be remanded there?”

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846974](#) COL/A244 77/4314**

Advice that Valentine, an Aborigine of Dalby has been admitted to the Lunatic Reception House Brisbane. [see also ITM846973-77/4048]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846974](#) COL/A244 77/4367**

Telegram from J Murphy the Police Magistrate at Roma wanting to know if “black fellows evidence is admissible under Oaths Amended Act, Number 10”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846975](#) COL/A245 77/4549**

Correspondence relating to complaints against the Police Magistrate and the Sergeant of Police at Goondiwindi. Mentioned is an Aboriginal prisoner named Boggabilla George who was arrested for drunkenness.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846976](#) COL/A246 77/4832**

Petition for the release of John Gibson who was tried at the Circuit Court at Cooktown on the December 16, 1876. The file contains a photo of Gibson and an unnamed Aboriginal boy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846976](#) COL/A246 77/4973**

Telegram from Cooktown relating to complaints by Sun Yee Lee at Maytown that Native Police troopers are mistreating the Chinese men including cutting off their [pony?]tails. A note is attached to the file advising that there are no Native Police employed under the gold fields wardens but there are Native Trackers attached to the staff of the wardens, but in no way are they connected with the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846977](#) COL/A247 77/5065**

Request from John Huxley for photos of the races in the colonies to be used in ethnological studies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846977](#) COL/A247 77/5310**

Petition from the residents of the Herbert River and the surrounding districts for police protection because "an atrocious murder has very recently been committed here by the aborigines [and] if such outrages are suffered to pass with impunity, not only would life and property be unsafe but the danger to be encountered must materially deter settlers". They ask that consideration be given to locating a Native Police detachment at Roxborough Downs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846977](#) COL/A247 77/5055**

Petition from the Chinese community of Cooktown and district for police protection because there have been "several cases of sticking up of Chinese packers upon the high road by certain evil disposed European and Chinese persons". The third paragraph of the Petition raises concerns that "no police (except Native Police who do not patrol the roads) are stationed between Cooktown and Byerstown". Letter 77/4924, Top-numbered to 77/5055.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846978](#) COL/A248 77/5357**

Telegram from Edmond Morey at Cairns dated November 11, 1877 advising that "three timber getters murdered by blacks on Daintree River proceed at once to Salisbury to hold enquiry".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846978](#) COL/A248 77/5383**

Admission notice to the Lunatic Reception House, Brisbane in relation to an Aborigine named Tommey.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5526**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown advising that "Inspector Clohesy has applied for two tents and flies from Quarantine Stores for use of Native Police detachment ordered to" the Daintree River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5566**

Telegram from Maryborough informing that Sergeant Gallagher and two constables arrived at Auburn Station. Gallagher "found about 25 blacks and removed them at Mr Thompson's request. Mr Dawson expects the Dawson blacks to arrive and fears they will disturb his cattle and dogs, kill his sheep - police will remain for a day or two".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5567**

Telegrams and correspondence relating to the alleged murder of a boat crew by Aborigines at Tam O'Shanter Point near Cardwell. There is a suggestion that the murders were committed in retaliation for the kidnapping of Aboriginal women and that the Native Police subsequently dispersed the Aborigines. Sub-Inspector Johnstone of the Native Police has been sent to investigate further. Letter 77/5273, 77/644, Top-numbered to 77/5567.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5624**

Memorial pleading against unfair dismissal from Native Police officer Thomas Coward for the information of the Ministers. Gives an overview of his service history and a description of the events that led up to his dismissal.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5709**

Telegrams relating to the alleged murder of William Balton by Aboriginals at the Nicholson River, Normanton. Sub-Inspector Poingdestre has been sent to investigate. It is also alleged that the Aboriginals have been killing cattle on Watson's station. The telegram from Alfred Henry states that there are a large number of stations being formed on the Leichhardt River, and between that river and the South Australian boundary, and Native Police protection is much needed in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5744**

Letter from Charles Rawson dated July 16, 1877 raising concerns over the way Bridgeman is running the Aboriginal Reserve at Mackay. He writes that "G Bridgeman has lost all control over the blacks, and instead of their being left together on the reserve, as I presume was originally intended, they are scattered over the whole district and becoming a very dangerous nuisance to everybody and seem to look upon the reserve merely as a harbour of refuge after committing any outrages". Also in the file is a letter from the Reverend Mathew Hale, the Chairman of the Aboriginal Commission, dated October 12, 1877, in reply to Rawson's allegations. Hale suggests that Bridgeman never gave anyone reason to suppose that the Aboriginals should be confined to the reserve and that Bridgeman has constantly alluded to the fact that "from time to time they absent themselves from the reserve, with his sanction, and go hunting and fishing". Hale also states that "neither do I admit that the government would have any right to imprison them, (so to speak) within the boundaries of the reserve". Hales also comments on the larger goals of Bridgeman's reserve: "natives who have arrived at adult age cannot be changed ... the case is different with the ensuing generation ...the Commissioners have clearly before their minds the course which they wish to pursue for teaching and training the aboriginal children, and Mr Bridgeman's reserve system is a stage of very considerable importance in that course". Letter 77/4738, Top-numbered to 77/5744.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846979](#) COL/A249 77/5704**

Report from Customs at Island Point dated November 15, 1877 advising that Aboriginals have murdered three timber getters on the Daintree River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846980](#) COL/A250 77/5866**

Correspondence relating to the case of McLean v O'Connor heard in the District Court Cooktown. Sub-Inspector O'Connor of the Native Police was sued by McLean for being responsible for starting a fire near the Lower Laura Native Police Station that burned McLean's pack saddles. O'Connor states that he was miles away when the fire started and that the culprits were probably his troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846980](#) COL/A250 77/5882**

Telegram from Sub-Inspector J Moore in Cooktown: "police have just returned from making inquiry and searching for the two Macquarie brothers supposed killed by blacks at Hells Gates and reports finding three horses killed and further out came on spot where the men were murdered and roasted and found part of human skin and hair also some papers which they took possession of full report next mail".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846980](#) COL/A250 77/5885**

Telegrams from Cooktown relating to the murder of three crewmen and the wounding of five others on Guano Island. The crewmen were from the schooner 'Douglas' and the murderers are said to be Aboriginals from Dunk Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846981](#) COL/A251 78/14**

Letter from G Bridgeman of Mackay dated November 12, 1877 in reference to the death sentence being passed on Jacky Jacky and Paddy who were tried for rape at Townsville in May 1877. Bridgeman



suggests that their defence was not conducted properly (and explains why) and that “grave doubt remains in my mind as to the guilt of the accused”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846982](#) COL/A252 78/268**

Petition from residents of the Cloncurry goldfields against the proposed removal of the Native Police force from the Cloncurry Goldfield Reserve to Dugald Station. They feel that they will lose effective protection from the Aboriginals if the force is relocated.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846982](#) COL/A252 78/302**

Letters from the Police Office at Springsure advising that 30 pairs of blankets was insufficient to supply the Aboriginals of the district last year and suggesting that 60 pairs will be needed for the present year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846982](#) COL/A252 78/417**

Telegram from J Mackenzie the Chairman of the Mackay District Association, dated January 31, 1878: “It is reported that the Native Police are being removed from North Fort Cooper please inform me if this is contemplated”. There is a note on the telegram saying that “the Native Police are being removed and centralized at Bloomsbury the district will be patrolled as before”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846982](#) COL/A252 78/459**

Report from Thomas Petrie of North Pine to the Commissioners for the Amelioration of the Aboriginals dated January 12, 1878. Petrie complains that during his visit to Bribie Island he found very little work done since he was last there, the Aboriginals will not work for their rations, and they are in the habit of leaving the island when they please. Petrie also complains that after searching the island he could find no Aboriginals except one old woman who told him that some of the other Aboriginals were at Caboolture and some in Brisbane. Petrie suggests: “I find little good can be done with them unless some stringent law is made and enforced to keep them out of Brisbane and orders given to the police at the different stations ...to order them away to their home”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846983](#) COL/A253 78/524**

Petition from the residents of Mackay protesting about the removal of the Native Police from the Nebo barracks because “the blacks are very numerous, and at times very troublesome, and the Native Police have up to the present acted as a check upon their depredations”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846984](#) COL/A254 78/652**

Correspondence and depositions from Somerset regarding allegations that Captain Cadell obtained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at Port Essington for employment in his pearl shell fishery in the Torres Strait by misrepresenting the work agreement. The depositions mention [Straighip?] a native of Wooueraug, Jack, Charley a native of Port Essington, Tulasula a native of Croker Island, Tommy a native of Woongera. Letter 78/15, Top-numbered to 78/652.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846984](#) COL/A254 78/743**

Report from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island dated February 13, 1878 regarding the alleged murder of a white man named W Bird by Aboriginals of the mainland at a place called “Tuck-au-noo”. Chester suggests that the murder may have been committed in retaliation for the kidnapping of three of the local tribe.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846984](#) COL/A254 78/754**

Monthly Report from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate at Thursday Island. Chester recommends that Thursday Island should not be proclaimed a place where wines and spirits may be sold owing to the “large number of South Sea Islanders and other natives employed – If liquors are allowed to be sold

some more stringent provision than that contained in the Publican's Act is required to prevent their sale to blacks of all races”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846984](#) COL/A254 78/896**

Letter from Wood and Nicholson the Trustees of Durundur Reserve dated January 23, 1878 relating to the proposed fencing of the Reserve.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846985](#) COL/A255 78/1099**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office dated March 21, 1878 advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Jacky Jacky has died in Brisbane Gaol. Jacky Jacky had previously been convicted of rape in the Circuit Court at Townsville on the 31st of October 1877.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846985](#) COL/A255 78/1115**

Letter from N Baynes requesting that blankets for the Aboriginals be sent to Jondaryan (Oakey - Dalby district).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846985](#) COL/A255 78/1189**

Request for a passport from J Zillman so that he can go to Germany to lecture on Queensland. He mentions that he has worked as a missionary with the Aboriginal peoples of Australia.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846986](#) COL/A256 78/1405**

Report of Aboriginals Commissioners for 1878. Reports on the reserves at Mackay, Durundur, Bribie Island, Townsville and Bowen (A printed copy of this report is available at the Community and Personal Histories office, QSA).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846987](#) COL/A257 78/1672**

Memorial for remission of sentence from Sandy an Aborigine of the Wide Bay (Maryborough) district and now in Brisbane Goal. Sandy was convicted with being an accessory before the fact to rape on April 20, 1872 at Maryborough. Sandy was committed at the same time as another Aboriginal man called Dougall, who was executed; Sandy had his sentence commuted to penal servitude for life.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846987](#) COL/A257 78/1749**

Telegram from G Boddington at Dee River: “aborigines of this place do not go to Banana - blankets were distributed here last year they therefore expect them now about fifty would be sufficient”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846988](#) COL/A258 78/1905**

Letter from Bishop Mathew Hale the Chairman of the Aboriginal Commission requesting increased funds due mainly to the unforeseen expenditure needed at the settlements at Townsville and Bribie Island. The letter sets out the required funds for the year 1878-1879:

Bribie Island: 300 pounds,

Mackay: 500 pounds,

Townsville: 200 pounds,

Bowen: 100 pounds, other reserves: 150 pounds,

Secretary to

Commission and Protector of Aborigines: 200 pounds,

travelling and incidental expenses: 150 pounds.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846988](#) COL/A258 78/1910**

Telegram from Gilbert Elliott in Townsville dated May 23, 1878: “supply of blankets for blacks insufficient on Queens Birthday may I make up deficiency from Immigration blankets now in store and [about?] to be destroyed or damaged by insects”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846988](#) COL/A258 78/1929**

Telegram from Gilbert Elliott in Townsville dated May 25, 1878: “distributed two hundred and fifty blankets to blacks yesterday between three and four hundred more applicants in accordance with my application of 23rd instant gave out immigration blankets”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846988](#) COL/A258 78/1957**

Letter from the Mackay District Association advising that they are unhappy with the Colonial Secretary's negative response to their request for the retention of the Native Police at Fort Cooper Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846989](#) COL/A259 78/2036**

Petition for the release of an Aboriginal man named John Campbell from the Brisbane Goal. Campbell was convicted of rape on October 30, 1871 at Maryborough and sentenced to 10 years penal servitude.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846989](#) COL/A259 78/2042**

Report from D Seymour the Commissioner of Police for the Year 1877. Briefly mentions that the depredations of the Aboriginals have been greatly decreased in North Queensland and “hopes are entertained that the means adopted for bringing them into more friendly relations will have a beneficial effect” (the report does not state what means have been adopted).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846990](#) COL/A260 78/2221**

Correspondence from Reverend Duncan McNab mainly relating to the Marriages Act and confusion over which registration district he will be living in. The letter from Dundathu (sawmilling community on the Mary River) dated May 2, 1878 advises that he will be living in both the Maryborough and Wide Bay districts. He writes: I intend to live in both just as I find the blacks situated”. Letter 78/1916, Top-numbered to 78/2221.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846990](#) COL/A260 78/2295**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Clermont advising that the blankets that were supposed to be distributed to the Aboriginals on the 24th of May did not arrive on time.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846990](#) COL/A260 78/2434**

Correspondence relating to the registration of marriages of Aboriginals by Reverend Duncan McNab. Arguments against the registration of these marriages are put forward by the Registrar General and a list of legal points are set out for the Attorney General to advise on.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846992](#) COL/A262 78/2760**

Telegrams from Ravenswood advising that the two Aboriginals who murdered James Arthurs have been caught by Sub-Inspector Thompson.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846992](#) COL/A262 78/2922**

Petition from the wife of John Brown requesting his release from jail. Brown was convicted of shooting a crippled Aboriginal man on Warroo station, St George. The file also contains a newspaper clipping related to the shooting.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846992](#) COL/A262 78/2933**

Letter from William Steele of Georgetown dated July 4, 1878 relating to the organisation and working of the Native Police force in the Burke district. He states that the Native Police in the Burke district are hindered by “vested interests”, and that the Aboriginals are getting more numerous, and that depredations of Aboriginals, particularly in the Gilbert Ranges, are increasing from lack of action. He complains that “what constitutes the electoral district of Burke [is] under the charge of Sub-Inspector

Isley but as his district also embraces Thornborough, Cairns and other places further north, the result has been that for the last 18 months he has never been here”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846992](#) COL/A262 78/2974**

Letter from David Duff the Sub-Collector of Customs on Thursday Island dated August 1, 1878 reporting that Captain Pearn has found a white women living with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Margaret Bay, Cape Grenville, 90 miles south of Somerset. Captain Pearn is of the opinion that a large vessel has been wrecked trying to get through Raine Entrance. The letter also makes reference to “a white man named Price and a Santo man who had been barbarously murdered” at Badu Island by “natives” of Port Essington.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846993](#) COL/A263 78/3005**

The file contains articles and letters to the Editor from the Queensland Patriot newspaper between June 29, 1878 and July 4, 1878. The articles graphically describe the massacre of Aboriginals by the Native Police. There is a handwritten reply to the articles suggesting that: “the statements made are so astounding that I am unable to reply to them - it is incredible that any person, no matter what protection might be given them by a Royal Commission or otherwise, would confess to have taken part in deeds which every law human and divine, would consign them to the hangman's halter. If there is any evidence or information in support of these crimes mentioned, it should have been supplied to the Colonial Secretary or to the Commissioners for Ameliorating the Condition of the Aborigines”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846994](#) COL/A264 78/3380**

Report from Henry Chester at Hood Bay dated August 2, 1878. Mentions the beche-de-mer fisheries in the Torres Strait and the need for “the vessels to enter in to a bond with proper sureties for their proper behaviour towards the natives”. Letter 78/3380, Top-numbered to 78/3486.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846994](#) COL/A264 78/3389**

Telegram from Normanton: “mailman reports on his first trip ever made blacks very troublesome at and about Seymour River strongly recommend police camp be formed at Seymour River”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846994](#) COL/A264 78/3392**

Offer from William Hann to explore the Gulf Country between Normanton and the western border of Queensland. Mentions that he proposes to take 1 or 2 “blackboys” as part of the party.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846994](#) COL/A264 78/3406**

Monthly Report from David Duff on Thursday Island. Advises that a man who was cut on the head Port Essington is at present in the town and getting on well.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846994](#) COL/A264 78/3486**

Lengthy letters from Henry M. Chester about his voyage with reports from New Guinea, Murray Island, Port Moresby, Stacey Island, South Cape, and other settlements. Includes appendix with English words, and Port Moresby and Dauni translations. Letter 78/3380, 78/3059, Top-numbered to 78/3486 (note letter 78/3324 was not found top numbered here)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846995](#) COL/A265 78/3530**

Letter from the Chief Secretary's Office, Melbourne advising that a copy of the work by [Brough Smythe ?] on the Aboriginals of Australia is to be forwarded.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846997](#) COL/A267 78/4261**

Telegram from Taroom reporting that “two of the black prisoners now in lockup made a most murderous assault on Senior Const Byrne with a tomahawk inflicting several wounds on face and head. Taroom is sadly in want of resident magistrate also additional police for the protection of life and property”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846997](#) COL/A267 78/4266**

Correspondence from Georgetown relating to Police Magistrate W Hogkinson's request for a Native Police trooper to be employed as his Orderly. The file contains a telegram from Hodgkinson advising that “on Tuesday evening murder by blacks seventy miles from Georgetown reported to me I notified same to police officer in charge and requested two troopers to accompany me to spot for purpose of holding enquiry this day officer replies no troopers available for such purpose it is impossible to do my duty without cooperation of police”. The file also contains a letter from Police Commissioner D Seymour refusing the request.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846997](#) COL/A267 78/4274**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Bowen recommending five pounds as a reward to Aborigines Toby and Jamie for saving several Kanakas who survived the shipwreck of the 'Onward' while on a voyage from Aouba to Sydney. Mentions that there were “plenty black fellows” on some of the islands off Bowen.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846998](#) COL/A268 78/4602**

Letter from Atherton requesting that a detachment of Native Police is needed at the newly discovered tin mines known as Tinaroo on the Upper Barron River because the Aborigines have been spearing cattle and horses and the new road between Tinaroo and Cairns will become untraversable. The letter also mentions that the Native Police camp is at present located at the Mitchell waterfall about a mile from the Upper Barron.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846999](#) COL/A269 79/80**

Letter from the Commissioner of Police D Seymour suggesting that it was inappropriate for a paragraph of a report from the Warden of the Etheridge and Gilberton goldfields to be published in the Telegraph of December 27, 1878. The paragraph in question criticised the efficiency and management of the Native Police in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846999](#) COL/A269 79/83**

Letter from Duncan McNab in Mackay resigning as one of the Commissioners appointed to look into the condition of the Aborigines dated December 31, 1878.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM846999](#) COL/A269 79/139**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1878. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847000](#) COL/A270 79/382**

Letter from Police Commissioner D Seymour dated January 24, 1879 advising that he has made changes to the management of the Native Police force in the Thornborough and Port Douglas district, North Queensland. Attached to the letter is a copy of the instructions sent to Inspector Stuart the officer in charge of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847001](#) COL/A271 79/536**

Letter from J Muirhead at Elgin Downs, Lower Belyando dated January 3, 1878 requesting blankets for distribution to the Aborigines in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847001](#) COL/A271 79/728**

Petition from Billy Button (Aboriginal) sentenced at Toowoomba in February 1879 for the murder of Jimmy (Aboriginal).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847002](#) COL/A272 79/783**

Correspondence relating to the alleged murder of James Price on Mulgrave Island, Torres Strait by Port Essington Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847002](#) COL/A272 79/858**

Letter from Bishop Hale raising concerns about two articles that appeared in the Courier newspaper. One article relates to the alleged massacre of Aboriginals by Sub-Inspector O'Connor and his troopers near Cooktown. Hale asks whether the official report submitted by O'Connor differs from the newspaper article. The second article relates to O'Connor being sent to assist in the capture of the Kelly gang. Hale asks whether the O'Connor mentioned in the first article is the same as the O'Connor in the second. The newspaper articles are attached to the letter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847002](#) COL/A272 79/932**

Report on the proposed annexation of the islands in the Torres Strait from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island dated March 3, 1879.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847004](#) COL/A274 79/1228**

Letter from Charles Browne dated April 1, 1879 concerning the reasons for his dismissal from the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847005](#) COL/A275 79/1258**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Tenningering requesting 50 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847006](#) COL/A276 79/1618**

Brisbane Gaol return for April 1879. Included are the names of the following Aboriginal prisoners: Captain Piper on remand ; Jack Gillie 15 years ; Paddy 5 years ; Sandy death commuted to life ; Brandy 5 years ; Jacky 15 years ; Johnny 3 years ; Willie 5 years ; Walker 7 years ; Serico 7 years ; Billy Button death commuted to 14 years ; Mickey 4 years ; Bob 3 years ; Jacky 5 years

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847006](#) COL/A276 79/1624**

Letter from D Seymour the Commissioner of Police recommending that the widow of Native Police Inspector Clohesy should be paid a gratuity.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847006](#) COL/A276 79/1696**

Report on the state of the Townsville Gaol from the Police Magistrate in Townsville. Mentions that there are at present two Aboriginal prisoners in the gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847007](#) COL/A277 79/1757**

Letter from A McDowall requesting that an Aboriginal prisoner named Mick be sent to Welcome Downs, Cardwell after he is released because some of the residents in the vicinity of Maryborough are anxious that he should not return there.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847007](#) COL/A277 79/1906**

Telegram from R Sheridan at Maryborough: "please say if Sandy Cape (Fraser Island) blacks are to receive usual annual allowance flour and tobacco".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847007](#) COL/A277 79/1915**

Letter from Alfred Davidson dated May 24, 1879 requesting that a law be passed protecting Aboriginals in the Torres Strait now that the islands in the Torres Strait are about to be annexed to Queensland.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847007](#) COL/A277 79/1970**

Letter from Mr Prior at Rathdowney requesting Native Police protection in the area around the junction of the Belyando River and Sutton River because since the Native Police have been removed from Conway “the blacks are already commencing to be troublesome”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847008](#) COL/A278 79/2033**

Telegram from A Thredgold the Mayor of Cooktown: “Mr Jack is desirous of examining country where natives are dangerous kindly allow him the services of two Native Police as without some protection he will not be able to thoroughly test the district he unable to procure black boys himself”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847008](#) COL/A278 79/2051**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat dated June 2, 1879 advising that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals took place on May 24 and that there “was a sufficient supply for all to receive one each”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847008](#) COL/A278 79/2234**

Correspondence from W Butler at Kilcoy relating to the supply of rations to an elderly Aboriginal couple named Jacky and Mary Ann.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847009](#) COL/A279 79/2274**

Telegram from Bowen advising that “two of the best heavy draught horses speared and eaten by blacks on Sunday last at foot of Port Douglas Range they cannot be replaced under forty to forty five pounds each”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847009](#) COL/A279 79/2464**

Police return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1879. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847009](#) COL/A279 79/2469**

Telegram from James Pyne in Cairns: “five settlers camp cleared out by blacks yesterday near Cairns all poor men must have protection”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847010](#) COL/A280 79/2519**

Memorial from several residents of Bowen asking that a reserve for Aboriginals be established in Bowen. They recommend that Samuel Alfred, who has been teaching the Kanaka and Aboriginal children for the last eight months, should be appointed teacher and superintendent of the reserve.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847010](#) COL/A280 79/2658**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Blackall acknowledging the receipt of a letter by Edward Curr requesting information on the Aboriginal languages. He advises that copies of Curr's letter have been forwarded to “those persons most likely to be in possession of the necessary information”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847011](#) COL/A281 79/2808**

Report for the month of July 1879 from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island. Advises that an Aborigine from Prince of Wales Island, who was given three months imprisonment for deserting from his hired service, escaped from custody “but was recaptured by his own tribe”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847011](#) COL/A281 79/2810**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated August 2, 1879 advising that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from near the Jardine River stole a boat from Jervis Island. Neither have been seen since and it is “supposed that the boat has been lost with all hands”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847011](#) COL/A281 79/2832**

Telegram from Police Magistrate Hodgkinson in Georgetown advising that the Aboriginals have been killing cattle on Collins Station 60 miles north east of Georgetown and that Native Police Sub-Inspector Thompson is in pursuit.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847011](#) COL/A281 79/2837**

Telegram from John Walsh in Port Douglas: “depredations still being committed by the blacks here it is generally believed Sub-Inspector Little knowing haunts of blacks would do best here and suggest sending him back”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847012](#) COL/A282 79/3072**

Correspondence from the Aboriginal Protection Society relating to concerns that there is a high death rate associated with the Polynesian labour trade.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847012](#) COL/A282 79/3088**

Letter from Sandgate dated August 21, 1879 advising that the Aboriginals' boat was damaged during a storm and asking if a sail, two sweeps, and an anchor and a chain can be supplied.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847012](#) COL/A282 79/3120**

Telegrams from Clermont relating to an unnamed Aboriginal boy with a broken leg being readmitted to hospital. He has been put under the care of an “experienced nurse to prevent him from escaping again”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847012](#) COL/A282 79/3210**

Petition from several residents of Etheridge River, Georgetown dated August 12, 1879 asking that Edward Geary be reinstated into the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847012](#) COL/A282 79/3214**

Letter from the Harbourmaster in Maryborough dated July 22, 1879 advising that he has enclosed a voucher for the supply of flour, tobacco and pipes to the Aboriginals at Sandy Cape (Fraser Island).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847013](#) COL/A283 79/3470**

Correspondence relating to the abduction of an Aboriginal girl called Torloo from Morton Island. Torloo was abducted and taken to sea then later left at Cooktown where the Native Police seized her.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847013](#) COL/A283 79/3481**

Report from Sub-Inspector O'Connor at Benella, Victoria dated September 18, 1879. O'Connor states that he has just received a wire from Melbourne ordering him to proceed to Laucefield as “two armed men supposed to be the Kellys had stuck up a bank”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847013](#) COL/A283 79/3485**

Correspondence relating to the voyage of the 'Pearl' from Brisbane to Cooktown. The file includes a copy of the Captain's journal. Entry for August the 4th notes that after anchoring near Whitsunday Island a native canoe came alongside containing two women who wanted to sell coral and shells. Entry for August the 20th mentions that on landing at Margaret Bay, north of Cape Grenville, they were met



by an “old black fellow” and that they could see the smoke from campfires. Letter 79/3397, 79/2989, Top-numbered to 79/3485.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847014](#) COL/A284 79/3513**

Letter from Stephen Egan at Rosewood dated April 26, 1879 requesting that an Aborigine named Sandy be prevented from returning to the district after he is released from Brisbane Goal. Egan asks if Sandy can be sent to the Native Police, to the Palmer, or “disposed of in some way”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847014](#) COL/A284 79/3683**

Letter from Mr Smith at Logan Downs via Clermont dated September 29, 1879 asking if 50 or 100 blankets were sent as he has only received 50 and there are still Aborigines that do not have any.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847015](#) COL/A285 79/3866**

Report from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island advising that a man named William Johnstone, who was “half murdered by the blacks on Lizard Island”, has landed at Thursday Island and will be shipped to the hospital at Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847015](#) COL/A285 79/3922**

List of officers and men in the Police Force on September 30, 1879. Includes entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847016](#) COL/A286 79/4025**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated November 4, 1879 advising that an Aborigine named Charley has been imprisoned on a vagrancy charge and complaining that Aborigines are in the town at night.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847016](#) COL/A286 79/4056**

Telegrams from Cooktown relating to the alleged massacre of the Mate and crew of the schooner 'Spray' by Aborigines at Raine Island. A Magistrate to investigate the affair and the Native Police have been requested.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847016](#) COL/A286 79/4073**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown advising that two hundred Aborigines attacked a Chinese fisherman 50 miles north of Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847016](#) COL/A286 79/4102**

Returns of prisoners in Queensland Gaols. Location and names of Aboriginal prisoners recorded:

Brisbane Gaol: Cawie,

Toowoomba Gaol: Nellie,

Roma Gaol: Jacky and Charley,

Rockhampton Gaol: [Jumbo?],

Townsville Gaol: Mary George, [Aabub?], Gilbert, Lizzie [Ubiue?], Billy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847016](#) COL/A286 79/4157**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough requesting that any white men living with Aboriginal women on Fraser Island should be ordered off. Attached to the letter is a newspaper article on the subject.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847017](#) COL/A287a 79/4366**

Letter from Maurice Walsh in Maryborough complaining about the circumstances under which he was fined 5 pounds 10 shillings for selling liquor to a Native Police trooper named Boney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847017](#) COL/A287a 79/4428**

Large file containing correspondence relating to the Aboriginal Commissioners and the Aboriginal reserves, including: vouchers for expenditure incurred at the Mackay Reserve; suggestions in reference to the management of the Mackay Reserve; an inventory of all property connected with the Aboriginal School at Sandy Creek; a letter from G Bridgeman dated May 1879 discussing the past success of the Mackay Reserve and expressing his view that in the northern portion of the colony the government should collect all the children from the different tribes, give them an education and then hire them out to suitable employers. He goes on to say that "this will dispose of all the young, the older ones can, if kept under proper control, be made to a certain extent useful in their own districts, and when they ultimately die off the whole matter will be brought to an end as far as any further trouble is concerned"; report from the Aboriginal Commissioners dated September 13, 1878 to his Excellency In Council on the duties and functions of the Commission; a letter from Mathew Hale expressing regret at the government decision to discontinue the Bribie Island settlement; a letter from Drew resigning as a Commissioner, attached to the letter is a newspaper article giving an account of an alleged massacre of Aboriginals by the Native Police, under the command of O'Connor, near Cooktown; letter from the Commissioners recommending that Aboriginals be excluded from towns; report titled "Condition of the Aboriginals at Durundur and Bribie Island 1878". Letter 79/3722, 79/3586, 79/3238, 79/3259, 79/1520, 79/1343, 79/1245, 79/910, 79/908, 79/884, 79/821, 79/667, 78/4194, 78/3932, 78/3460, 78/3438, 78/3344, 78/3306, 78/2557, 78/2563, 78/2338, Top-numbered to 79/4428.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847017](#) COL/A287a 79/4535**

Letter from the Mayor of Townsville dated November 15, 1879 asking if the police can be instructed to keep the Aboriginals out of town.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847018](#) COL/A287b 79/4633**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated March 16, 1878 advising that teachers employed by the London Missionary Society may have been murdered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Saibai Island, Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847018](#) COL/A287b 79/4656**

Letter from the Bowen district advising that since the removal of the Native Police from Kirknee Police Station the Aboriginals have collected in large numbers and are killing cattle. The letter also asks for a small detachment of Native Police to be stationed back in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847019](#) COL/A288 80/125**

Report relating to the purchase of an Aaba man named Query (Aboriginal?).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847019](#) COL/A288 80/179**

Letter from D Seymour the Commissioner of Police dated December 23, 1879 relating to the building of a Public House next to the Native Police huts at Jundah on the Thompson River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847019](#) COL/A288 80/377**

Correspondence from London relating to the annexation of the islands in the Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847019](#) COL/A288 80/439**

Receipt from the Australasian Steam Navigation Company acknowledging that they have received "one case said to contain two Aboriginal mummies" from the Colonial Secretary for shipment to Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847019](#) COL/A288 80/460**

Captain Pennefather's "report of a cruise among the islands lately annexed", dated December 19, 1879. Includes references such as the attempted poisoning of Morsby and his men by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Warrior Island. The population of Warrior Island is given as 34 men, 26 women, 25 children, and the chief said to be Kabisaw. The population of Yorke Island is given as 18 men, 27 women and 24 children. Darnley Island population given as 33 men and boys, 35 women and 12 children and the name of the chief said to be Amauie aka Jack. Murray Island population is given as 166 men and boys, 114 women and girls and 94 children. The head chief named as [Booquie?] and the minor chiefs: Marou, Calapie, Aamay, Eqoda, Olmeck, Bacayu, Ooyee, Woowee. Nepean Island population 31 also mentions Harry Ieka also Marroosh chief of Stephen Island. Dauan Island population given as 13 men, 54 women and children and the chief named Mowooga. Saibai Island population given at about 180, chiefs named as Alisa and Anow. Jervis Island is also mentioned.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847022](#) COL/A291 80/1901**

Letter from E Stephens mainly concerned with the state of the Police Station at Cunnamulla but which states that it was erected many years ago for the use of the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847022](#) COL/A291 80/1916**

Letter from Percy Walsh at Iffley, Normanton suggesting that it would be a "false step" to remove the Native Police from Bynoe because the district is centred "amongst a numerous and mischievous coast tribe who are continually committing depredations".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847023](#) COL/A292 80/2160**

Correspondence relating a request from Edward Curr for Aboriginal vocabularies and the non-arrival of this information from some sources.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847023](#) COL/A292 80/2307**

Letter from James Cassady of Fairview, Lower Herbert dated April 16, 1880. Cassady advises that on the 1st of March last a Native Police trooper attached to the Lower Herbert detachment called Dungaree seriously wounded an Aboriginal woman called Nelly. Cassady raises concerns that although he has reported the matter to the authorities no action has been taken. A note on the letter advises that "the Inspector has been instructed to prosecute the trooper when the gin is able to give evidence".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847023](#) COL/A292 80/2348**

Letter from James Low at Maroochy (Maroochydoore district) dated April 24, 1880 requesting blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals now resident in the districts of Mooloolah and Maroochy. The following **names are** listed on the letter:

Sarah's mother and child; Laurie and Bidy; Lucy and Georgie; Cobon Tom and Elira Beenaan; Old Charlie and girl; Andrew; Martin; Maggie and Annie; Nelly; Sandy; Lame Johnny and Peter; Alice; Jacky Ball and Maggie; Jimmy Johnson and Katie; Susan and girl

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847023](#) COL/A292 80/2361**

Letter from the Conran brothers at [Yarncila?] Station, Emerald dated April 14, 1880 requesting 60 to 70 blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847023](#) COL/A292 80/2494**

Telegram from the Chief Secretary in Melbourne relating to Native Trackers from Queensland: "the system of employing the Queensland trackers attached to search parties under the constant supervision of their officers is unworkable and puts a stop to the rapid movements of the police have you any objection to the police officer in charge of operations exercising his own discretion and utilizing their services as he may think proper the chief Commissioner of Police strongly recommends this".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847024](#) COL/A293 80/2628**

Two Letters from Walter Scott at the Valley of Lagoons, Cardwell requesting blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals. The letter dated January 20, 1880 advises that he has a tribe from the Tableland on the property numbering between 28 and 30 and that by distributing blankets to the Aboriginals he can “bring about more satisfactory relations between the Aborigines and the white settlers”. The letter dated April 6, 1880 advises that he has about 50 Aborigines on the property but that there were between “90 and 100 of them here a few weeks ago, but a large number have left, and have gone westward”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847024](#) COL/A293 80/2684**

Two letters from G Crump of Telemon Station, Logan River relating to his request for 10 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals on the station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847024](#) COL/A293 80/2801**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated May 13, 1880 requesting two bales of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847024](#) COL/A293 80/2841**

Letter H Keil of Diddillibah [Nambour] suggesting delivery options for the blankets to be distributed to the “Mooloolah” and “Mooroochie” Aboriginals. He also advises that that there are “only 86 Aborigines remaining”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847024](#) COL/A293 80/2872**

Letter from the Mayor of Maryborough dated May 14, 1880 asking that next year's distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals not take place in the town because it is causing a “most intolerable nuisance”. The Mayor suggests that the “nuisance” stems from the fact that the Aboriginals’ “natural food is becoming scarcer, so much so at present, a kangaroo is seldom seen within miles of the town. As the blacks must survive somehow, they do so by begging and stealing”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847025](#) COL/A294 80/3269**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough relating to distribution of blankets and rations to the Aboriginals in the district. The letter contains a table showing the number of blankets distributed in the Maryborough region from 1873 to 1880: 1873: 562; 1874: 542; 1875: 519; 1876: 604; 1877: 493; 1878: 529; 1879: 443; 1880: 425

The return for 1880 is further broken down into statistics showing the place of distribution and how many blankets were given out to men, women and children. Maryborough: men 106, women 98, children 29; Sandy Cape: men 25, women 20, children 18; Woody Island: men 2, women 1, children 1; White Cliffs men 45, women 37, children 23; Inskip Point: men 8, women 6, children 6.

The Police Magistrate also makes the following observation: “The blacks are actually dying out very rapidly - although the numbers apparently keep up here, but this I account for by tribes from outlying districts gradually amalgamating with those of Maryborough and Fraser Island”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847026](#) COL/A295 80/3568**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Banana dated June 18, 1880 in relation to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals. He advises that there were 89 Aboriginals present at the distribution but that only 60 blankets were on hand and that in his estimation there are about 160 Aborigines living within a 50mile radius of Taroom.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847026](#) COL/A295 80/3619**

Telegram from James Wassell at Lytton, Brisbane dated June 26, 1880: "Arthur Burton a half-caste absconded from the gang yesterday afternoon at four forty five but returned himself an hour afterwards advisable to hold enquiry as early as possible".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847026](#) COL/A295 80/3629**

Telegram from the Chief Secretary in Melbourne dated June 27, 1880: "Kelly gang have again broken out it is of the utmost importance that you should give orders to Sub-Inspector O'Connor and black trackers to remain here and assist for a few days he will return to Queensland tomorrow unless you telegraph tonight to contrary".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847026](#) COL/A295 80/3639**

Admission notice to Woogaroo for an Aboriginal women named Kate Goodwin. Kate was admitted on March 24, 1880 and discharged on June 25, 1880. There is also a memo on the document asking that the bearer be given "passage by steamer to Maryborough".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847026](#) COL/A295 80/3673**

Letter from A Raff in Brisbane dated June 29, 1880 requesting 8 or 10 blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals at [Colindore?] Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847027](#) COL/A296 80/3828**

Letter from B.Beedham of Kimbolton, England dated May 21, 1880 requesting any reports or books "respecting to the Aborigines in your part of Australia".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847027](#) COL/A296 80/3846**

Correspondence from Cooktown re the revolt of a detachment of Native Police and the alleged murder of three Native Police troopers at the Upper Laura Barracks. The detachment was under the command of Sub-Inspector Stafford. The following Native Police troopers are mentioned in the correspondence: Tommy, George, Jerry, Frank, Alick, Dan and Bismarck.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847027](#) COL/A296 80/3866**

Correspondence including a memorial from several settlers on the Esk River and Annan River, Cooktown district dated May 25, 1880. The memorialists complain that there are no Native Police troopers in the district and that the Aboriginals are "determined to become the consumers of the settlers stock". Attached is a report from Sub-Inspector Fitzgerald stating that the area is quite and that "no depredations have been reported occurring on the Annan and Esk rivers since 1st of January 1880". Also attached is a letter from D Seymour the Commissioner of Police suggesting that the settlers want the Native Police "not as protection against the blacks but to act as stockmen". Letter 80/3225, Top-numbered to 80/3866.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847028](#) COL/A297 80/4042**

Correspondence relating to the capture of Ned Kelly and his gang. Includes letters from the Chief Secretary's Office, Melbourne thanking the government of Queensland for the services of Sub-Inspector O'Connor and his troopers. A report from Sub-Inspector O'Connor detailing his version of the capture of the Kelly gang. A map showing the location of buildings, the position of the troopers, and the location where Ned Kelly was captured. A letter from the Queensland Commissioner of Police asking O'Connor for clarification of the events leading up to the capture of the Kelly gang because the newspaper accounts differed from O'Connor's account. Letter 80/4039, 80/3658, 80/3659, 80/3956, Top-numbered to 80/4042.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847029](#) COL/A298 80/4590**

Letter from R Sheridan in Maryborough dated August 12, 1880 asking if steps can be taken to reserve Fraser Island for the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847029](#) COL/A298 80/4615**

Telegram from R Barker in Bowen dated August 8, 1880: "blacks committing depredations in this district insist on immediate police protection".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847029](#) COL/A298 80/4813**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cairns dated September 3, 1880: "Inspector Fitzgerald Johnstone River reports blacks attacked and robbed survey camp and murdered a Kanaka".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847029](#) COL/A298 80/4815**

Correspondence re allegations that the Native Police in the Normanton district have been indiscriminately shooting Aboriginal people and kidnapping Aboriginal women and children and taking them to stations in the district, or into Normanton, where they are made to work like slaves. There are also allegations that the Native Police officers are kidnapping Aboriginal women for immoral purposes; complaint of Isaac Watson. The letter dated July 15, 1880 from the Bynoe Police Office also mentions a Native Police trooper called Soda. Letter 80/3823, Top-numbered to 80/4815.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847029](#) COL/A298 80/4954**

Letter from the Cairns Divisional Board advising that the attached list of signatures should have been included with the previously posted Petition, which asked for the relocation of the Native Police camp closer to Mulgrave.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847030](#) COL/A299 80/5334**

Return of corporal punishments inflicted in the last ten years. The list of corporal punishments inflicted at St Helena for 1880 includes the names of two Aboriginals: Doctor Dawson and Campbell.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847030](#) COL/A299 80/5375**

Letter from the Police Office in Cardwell dated September 30, 1880 complaining that the Native Police camp is too close to residences and requesting that it be moved out of the town.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847031](#) COL/A300 80/5526**

Correspondence from Cooktown re complaints that the Aboriginals near Hells Gates Ranges are pulling down telegraph wires and using them to tip their spears.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847033](#) COL/A302 80/6026**

Report of a voyage from Thursday Island to the Gulf of Carpentaria from Captain Pennefather dated October 28, 1880. Page 5 mentions that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of Allen Island have wells for obtaining water. On Page 6 the Captain notes that on landing at Point Parker "I noticed that the natives build exactly the same kind of fish traps as the natives of the islands in Torres Strait namely stone paddocks covering several acres in extent in which fish are left by the receding tide". On page 7 the Captain refers to native wells being numerous and also comments that "judging by the deserted camps and tracks we saw, natives are numerous though we did not actually see them in the flesh". Page 10 refers to landing on Bayley Island where on the north side "there is a native well and camp" the Captain also comments that "the natives cleared out when they saw us". On page 13 the Captain makes the observation that "the natives in this part of the coast have no canoes but cruise about on V shaped rafts".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847033](#) COL/A302 80/6167**

The file contains a letter from Edwin Bellmore in Roma complaining about the behaviour of the Aboriginals in the town. The file also contains a letter from the Police Magistrate denying that the Aboriginals are any trouble and that if Mr Bellmore had made a complaint to the police something would have been done about it. Letter 80/6057, Top-numbered to 80/6167.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847034](#) COL/A303 80/6323**

Letter from William McDowell at Cashmere, Upper Herbert district dated November 15, 1880. McDowell raises concerns that the stations on the Upper Herbert and around the Valley of Lagoons are without Native Police protection and asks for a detachment to be stationed in the neighbourhood to control the local Aboriginal population, which he estimates at about 300.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847034](#) COL/A303 80/6484**

Telegram from Cardwell dated December 13, 1880: "Late boat accident Hinchinbrook Channel boats and native [Native Police] troopers returned on Saturday without finding any of the bodies fear they will never be recovered".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847035](#) COL/A304 80/6556**

Telegrams from Georgetown and Normanton relating to the distribution of blankets for the Aboriginals. The telegram from Normanton advises that there are no blankets required in Normanton because the Aboriginals could not be persuaded to come in and receive them. The telegram from Georgetown advises that "Lamond can distribute 200 blankets amongst the blacks in his district".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847035](#) COL/A304 80/6659**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Charleville dated December 17, 1880. He asks that if he should be required to hold Court in Morven from time to time can he be given an allowance to engage an Aborigine as a Trooper or Native Tracker to look after his horses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847035](#) COL/A304 80/6821**

Correspondence from Cairns and Burketown re the alleged abduction of three Aboriginal children from Liverpool Creek and their detention at Sweers Island. The authorities in Cairns instructed John White the Coxswain of the Pilot Boat to return the children to their home. However, he was unable to find their "proper tribe" and returned them to Cairns where they are to be placed out into "suitable" homes.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847035](#) COL/A304 80/6841**

S.S. Woogaroo release warrants: entry for Kate Goodwin (Aboriginal) released on June 16, 1880.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847036](#) COL/A305 81/7**

Request from the government of Western Australia for any rules or laws that have been sanctioned in Queensland relating to Aboriginals to be forwarded to them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847036](#) COL/A305 81/68**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island advising that on December 3 the mainland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders killed two men and wounded two others. Warrants have been issued and the 'Pearl' has left for the mainland with Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847036](#) COL/A305 81/124**

Two telegrams from Rockhampton advising that a search has been conducted on Curtis Island by a party that included a Native Police trooper and a Native Tracker for a man missing from the steamer 'Lady Bowen' but that they failed to find the missing man.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847036](#) COL/A305 81/154**

("Gall Estray") - Report from Thursday Island on the cruise of the 'Pearl' to Cornwallis Island. The report advises that on reaching Cornwallis Island they found the entire population of Boigu Island had taken refuge there, which consisted of 20 men, 31 women and 26 children. The Chief stated that the New Guinea natives had attacked them while on a fishing excursion and that 11 men had been killed. The report goes on to say that they got 14 volunteers who were natives of Boigu Island, Saibai Island and Cornwallis Island to search for the attackers, but without success. The report recommends that the Boigu Islanders should be given muskets so that they can defend themselves. Letter 81/156, Top-numbered to 81/154.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847037](#) COL/A306 81/254**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Normanton: "a constable who arrived here last night reports having travelled with Sub-Inspector Dyas from Georgetown on his way to Normanton that on Thursday night last they camped about forty miles from Normanton following morning Constable went out after horses on returning to camp found that Dyas had left and as he thought to look for horses Constable not being acquainted with the bush remained in camp till Sunday morning no signs of Dyas returning started for Normanton to report matter Sub-Inspector Lamond and Troopers left in search fears are entertained of his having fallen in with blacks who have been seen in large numbers in that locality".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847037](#) COL/A306 81/296**

Large file containing various correspondence from Thornborough, Port Douglas and Cardwell including reports and minutes of evidence relating to charges of murder and rape against Sub-Inspector Douglas of the Native Police. The file also contains a report from Sergeant Ware at the Gladstone Police Station advising that a trooper left by Sub-Inspector Douglas at Miriam Vale had subsequently camped with the Aborigines at Miriam Vale but had later been killed by the Aborigines from the coast. Includes correspondence from Sub Inspectors Fitzgerald, Townsend, Tompson and Const McCormack. Letter 80/5977, 80/5664, 80/5787, 80/5323, Top-numbered to 81/296.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847037](#) COL/A306 81/410**

Telegram from Thomas Marsden at Normanton dated January 1, 1881 reporting that the Aborigines have speared a man and have been stealing. He asks if he is justified in following them, as no Native Police troopers are available.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847038](#) COL/A307 81/503**

Letter from the Collector of Customs, Brisbane requesting funds to supply Sambo, an Aborigine of Morton Bay, with a fishing net and boat gear.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847038](#) COL/A307 81/530**

Telegrams relating to the spearing of two men in the Normanton district by Aborigines. One of the men survived the attack the other man, named as Sub-Inspector Dyas of the Native Police, died of his wounds. There is also a telegram from the residents of Normanton concerned about the murder of Sub-Inspector Dyas and the attempted murder of another. They are also concerned that the depredations committed last year by the Aborigines have as yet gone unpunished. They ask if a "force sufficient to give the blacks a lasting impression" can be sent out or "in the absence of such means to equip a party from here for that special purpose".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847039](#) COL/A308 81/831**

Correspondence from J Smith at Logan Downs, Clermont advising that last year he requested 100 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aborigines but only received 50 and asking he can have 100 pairs this year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847039](#) COL/A308 81/856**



Telegram from Sub-Inspector Johnstone in Cardwell relating to the alleged murder of three Aboriginal women at the Herbert River, which advises: “no rumour of such here have wired Ingham Police to make enquiries and report direct to you I have seen the mailman from Herbert who knows nothing of such a report”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847039](#) COL/A308 81/924**

Letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office in Western Australia dated January 31, 1881 acknowledging with thanks the receipt of “certain papers relating to the Aborigines of Queensland”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847039](#) 8 COL/A308 1/979**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Gympie advising that he has received one bale of blankets with an accompanying letter advising him that they are for distribution to the Aboriginals on May 24. He asks if he can distribute them before that day.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847040](#) COL/A309 81/1097**

Correspondence re blanket distributions in the Normanton district. The file contains a letter from the Carl Creek Native Police barracks relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the Albert River, the Leichhardt River, the Gregory River and the O'Shanassy River. The letter requests 100 blankets, 25 tomahawks and some rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847040](#) COL/A309 81/1141**

Correspondence from Bowen advising that a group of Bowen Aboriginals were attacked by a group of Happy Valley Aboriginals in G Morris's paddock at Euri Creek. Two men were killed in the attack, named Dolboy and Freddy, and one woman named Polly.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847040](#) COL/A309 81/1158**

Report from the Police Station in Morven dated March 7, 1881. The report details the capture and subsequent shooting of a suspected thief named Cranky Jemmy at Victoria Downs. Attached to the report is a related newspaper article from the Western Star (Roma) dated February 23, 1881.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847040](#) COL/A309 81/1212**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated March 18, 1881 requesting permission to issue blankets to the Aboriginals before the usual time because he is anticipating an early winter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1506**

The file contains a Petition from the residents of the Hodgkinson goldfields dated October 21, 1880 protesting that they have “suffered much loss by the destruction of our cattle by the blacks” and asking for three Native Police troopers and a Sergeant to be stationed at Thornborough. The file also contains a letter from the Police Commissioner's Office dated April 6, 1881 in reply to the Petition that declines the request because the Native Police stationed at Barron River are “quite sufficient to keep in check the blacks throughout the Thornborough district”. Letter 81/351, 80/5581, 80/5510, Top-numbered to 81/1506.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1515**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Townsville advising that he has found the lists of questions with answers relating to information on Aboriginal languages requested by Edward Curr and that he has forwarded them. The lists are not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1548**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich advising that in the past he has sought requisitions from the proprietors of Kilcoy Station and Fassifern Station that contain the names of the recipients and the total

number of blankets required for distribution to the Aboriginals at these stations. He asks if this practice is to be continued or whether he should only hand out blankets to those Aboriginals who apply at the Ipswich Courthouse.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1568**

Letter from William [Mune?], Brisbane expressing regret that the government has declined his application for permission to lease Darnley Island, Torres Strait for the purpose of growing sugar cane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1578**

Telegrams from Cardwell reporting that a man is lost in the bush on the road to the Herberton Tin Mines. Mentions that during the search they came across an Aboriginal camp in the ranges.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1624**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Norwood relating to the distribution of 50 pairs of blankets to the Aboriginals at the Cape River. He asks if the Magistrates are responsible for the distribution or if the responsibility rests with the Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1645**

Telegram from St Helena dated March 14, 1881 advising that "Edward Robinson a coloured man died this morning".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1663**

Telegrams from the Police Magistrate in Cunnamulla concerned with the delivery of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1688**

Letter from the Bench in Condamine dated April 14, 1881 acknowledging receipt of a circular and advising that the Aboriginals have been notified to attend on the 30th for the distribution of their blankets and after the distribution a list of names will be furnished to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1689**

Letter from the Court House in Crows Nest (Toowoomba district) dated April 19, 1881 applying for 40 pair's blankets for distribution in Crows Nest and the surrounding districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1692**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Blackall advising that the blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals have not arrived.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1717**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1881. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847042](#) COL/A311 81/1728**

Telegram from the Bench in Cooktown: "your circular seventh April re distribution blankets to blacks this will take three days at least as it will be necessary to collect natives who are completely wild governor and minister expected here May first will you permit me to put off distribution until after that date".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1759**

Letter from the Sub-Collector of Customs in Maryborough advising that "sad disappointment and great hardship to the Aborigines must ensue" if the blanket distribution is restricted to one day and confined to Maryborough as per instructions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1829**

Letter from the Police Office in Mackay raising concerns about the distribution of blankets in the town because they are “generally disposed of for drink”. Mentions that it has been customary in the past to hand over the bales of blankets to Mr Bridgeman and more recently to Mr Brookes for distribution to the Aboriginals. Also mentions that there are a large number of Aboriginals living in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1830**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ravenswood advising that because the Woodhouse and Strathalbyn (property west of Bowen) Aboriginals arrived unexpectedly the estimate of 60 pairs of blankets ran short. The letter lists how the blankets were distributed: 52 adult males: 26 pairs 4 old males: 4 pairs 20 adult females: 10 pairs 6 old females: 6 pairs 18 children: 9 pairs The letter also advises that “5 pairs have also been kept on hand for blacks who I know belong to this district but who were unable to get here on time”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1885**

Letter from the Superintendent at Dunwich, Stradbroke Island advising that he has distributed 20 pairs of blankets to the following Aboriginals: 13 men and lads above 12 years 22 women and girls above 12 years 12 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1888**

Letter from the Court House in Sandgate: “I have the honour to inform you that blankets were distributed on the above date to 32 Aboriginals via, men 15, women 14, children 3”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1891**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton: “re blankets to Aborigines - only distributed 275 on Saturday numerous applications”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1892**

Telegram from Alfred Henry in Clermont: “re blacks blankets gave notice alteration date distribution but some unaware alteration can I issue to such where I am certain have not yet received”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1895**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in St Lawrence: “all the aboriginals in this district did not attend on 30th can I issue what blankets remain when applied for taking necessary precautions”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1917**

Telegram from Thomas Murray Prior at Maroon Station in Fassifern District, via Boonah advising he has distributed blankets on the 30th to 8 men, 7 women and 7 children. Two male children had 2 pairs, total: 22 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1929**

Return of blankets issued to Aboriginals at Esk (Brisbane Valley). The following names are listed: Eliza North usual camp Wivenhoe; Kate usual camp Wivenhoe; Flora usual camp Wivenhoe; Annie usual camp Wivenhoe; Maryann usual camp Wivenhoe; Victoria usual camp Northbrook; Lizzy usual camp Glenharding; Maggy usual camp Glenharding; Clara usual camp Glenharding; Maggie usual camp Kilcoy; Fanny usual camp Kilcoy; Maggie usual camp Mount Brisbane; Bella usual camp Colinton; Mary usual camp Colinton; Flower usual camp Colinton; Nelly usual camp Mount Brisbane; Topsy usual camp Mount Brisbane; Sarah usual camp Northbrook; Samson usual camp Mount Brisbane; Jacky usual camp Mount Brisbane; Ned usual camp Mount Brisbane, Carlow usual camp Mount Brisbane; Billyboy usual camp Mount Brisbane; Tomey usual camp Mount Brisbane; Lucifer usual camp Mount Brisbane;

Dustybob usual camp Mount Brisbane; Tomeyfly usual camp Mount Brisbane; Jim usual camp Mount Brisbane; Jerry North usual camp Northbrook; Neddy usual camp Wivenhoe; Kangaroo usual camp Glenharding; Tomey usual camp Colinton; Boomalley usual camp Colinton; Pompie usual camp Mount Brisbane; George usual camp Colinton; Rodger usual camp Mount Brisbane; Stanley usual camp Mount Brisbane; Wallaby usual camp Wivenhoe; Ginger usual camp Northbrook; Tobey usual camp Northbrook; Maryann usual camp Cressbrook; Billy Engin usual camp Cressbrook; Billy usual camp Cressbrook; Charly usual camp Cressbrook; John Bull usual camp Cressbrook.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1934**

Telegram from John Ranken in Gayndah: "only seven aboriginals came to Gayndah for blankets are stations to be supplied as heretofore have had applications from squatters shall aboriginals also be supplied after date in Gayndah Please reply".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1935**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Mt Perry: "I hereby certify that I have this day distributed the Government blankets to Aborigines as follows": 17 Aboriginal females one pair each 22 Aboriginal men one pair each 12 children one half pair each Total: 45

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1936**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Springsure advising he has distributed the 60 pairs of blankets to the Aboriginals on the required date (April 30) and submitting the following return: men 39, women 39, children 26, balance on hand 8 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1939**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat advising that owing to the change of date for the blanket distribution there were not as many Aboriginals present as usual. The following return is submitted: males 38, females 32, children 27.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1940**

Letter from the Police Office in Miles advising that 10 men, 5 women and 2 children were issued with blankets on the 30th and that there are between 12 and 15 Aboriginals still in the bush who may come in later.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1976**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Thargomindah advising that the blankets for distribution on the 30th have just arrived and he has "requested the Senior Constable to allow his tracker to go to the black's camp here, and send out the blacks in all directions to muster them in".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1977**

Return showing the number and sex of Aboriginals supplied with blankets at Cometville: males 70, females 63, male children 11, female children 10, infants 12.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1978**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Charleville advising that, although he made every effort, only 29 Aboriginals made an appearance at the blanket distribution held on the 30th. Consequently, there were only 29 blankets given out to 12 men and 17 women. He also states that "I shall distribute them as they apply now - there are at least 150 blacks in this portion of the district - and I should say even more in and near Ellangowan - at Morven the supply (100pairs) of blankets is in excess (by half) of requirements - I have been unable as yet to get blankets sent from here to Ellangowan there being no drays going that road".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847043](#) COL/A312 81/1985**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich stating that 60 pairs of blankets have been distributed but that he requires a further 15 pairs. Attached to the letter is a return of the number of blankets sent to stations in the district: Colinton 5 pairs; Kilcoy 10.5 pairs; Coochin 8.5 pairs; Dugandan 7.5 pairs; Undulla 4.5 pairs; Mount Brisbane 10.5 pairs. 13 pairs were also sent to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gatton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2001**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Nanango submitting a return of blankets distributed to the following Aboriginals: men 9, women 6, children 3. He also states that he knows of "several blacks residing on stations in the neighborhood who have not yet applied".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2002**

Return from the Police Court, Dalby relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the district with headings for "name" and "district":

***Men:***

Jim Crow, Jimbour  
Johnny, Jimbour  
Jemmy, Cumkillenbah  
Stupid, Cumkillenbah  
Alfred, Boondooma  
Combo, Jimbour  
Nobba, Jimbour  
Kipper, Warra  
George, Jimbour  
Piggott, Jimbour  
Charley, Jimbour  
Paddy, Jimbour  
Georgie, Jimbour  
Cannon, Jimbour  
Long Peter, Boondooma  
Mickey, Boondooma  
Johnny, Boondooma  
Bob Rickards, Boondooma  
Mickey, Boondooma  
Johnny, Burrandowan  
Bongo, Burrandowan  
Johnny, Burrandowan  
Yorky, Burrandowan  
Davy, Burrandowan  
Tommy, Dalby  
Handy, Taabinga  
Jemmy, Taabinga  
Harry, Taabinga  
Jemmy, Taabinga  
Jackey, Taabinga  
Jemmy, Taabinga  
Bunda, Cumkillenbah  
Morgan, Ipswich  
Peter, Ipswich  
Jemmy, Toowoomba  
Frank, Ipswich

Johnny, Ipswich  
Willy, Ipswich  
Charley, Helidon  
Alfred, Ipswich  
Bob, Toowoomba  
Thompson, Toowoomba  
Jackey, Cooyar  
Ord?, Eskdale  
Johnny Johnny, Eskdale  
Johnny McCall, Colinton  
Quart Pot, Colinton  
Ivory, Cumkillenbah  
Paddy Pierce, Cumkillenbah  
Dalls?, Cumkillenbah  
Governor Joe, Eidsvold

**Women:**

Nelly, Taabinga  
Maryanne, Eskdale  
Maryanne, Gowrie  
Jenny, Taabinga  
Kitty, Taabinga  
Maryanne, Cooyar  
Eliza, Cooyar  
Kitty, Eskdale  
Mary, Boondooma  
Polly, Boondooma  
Maggie, Boondooma  
Sarah, Boondooma  
Emma, Cumkillenbah  
Ellen, Warra  
Kitty, Cumkillenbah  
Agnes, Cumkillenbah  
Ellen, Boondooma  
Eliza, Taabinga  
Leila, Taabinga  
Maggie, Taabinga  
Polly, Cooyar  
Kitty, Helidon  
Ellen, Boondooma  
Maryanne, Boondooma  
Susan, Jimbour  
Bella, Jimbour  
Louisa, Boondooma  
Kitty, Cooyar  
Fanny, Burrandowan  
Rosie, Burrandowan  
Eliza, Burrandowan  
Mary, Jimbour  
Maria, Jimbour  
Maryanne, Jimbour

Polly, Boondooma  
Kitty, Boondooma  
Nelly, Boondooma  
Polly, Cumkillenbah  
Kitty, Monduran

The above persons received one blanket each. 18 children also received a half blanket each.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2009**

List of blankets distributed to Aboriginals on April 30th at Condamine:  
Men: Major General, Alfred, Barney Herbert, Freddy Herbert, Billy Barlow, Carlow.

Women: Clara, Polly, Kitty, Maggie, Maria. Total issued 11 pairs.

There is also a note on the list advising that "it appears there are some more of this tribe at the Bunya Mountains not yet returned".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2024**

Return of blankets distributed at Tewanin on April 30, 1881.

The return includes a list of names:

King Tommy, King Bradey, Carlie, Governor, Telegram, John Bull, Captain [Whish?]  
Bradey, Jimmy, Billey King, Willie Dunn, Jimmy Anthill, Georgie Bath, Johnny Griffin,  
Jim Aroo, Noble, ? Boney, Jimmy Wilson, Sandy Griffin, Sam.

The return also has headings for "estimated age" and "district" for each recipient.  
There is a note on the return advising that "total no of blacks supplied being 53 and only 50 pairs of blankets received - there are still a good many blacks who were not aware of the date of issue, and consequently will turn up on the 24th of May, Pickanninnies only got half blanket".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2036**

Blanket return from the Police Magistrate in Aramac: "I distributed today, according to instructions 47 and one half double blankets to 63 Aboriginals": 25 men, 24 women, 14 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2037**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cairns reporting that he was unable to distribute any blankets to the Aboriginals because he could not get a message to them. "I would beg to suggest, as the only way I know to effect this object, that the Sub-Inspector of Native Police on his next visit to this locality, be instructed to try and bring some of them into a given point where a distribution could be made".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2043**

Letter from the Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions in Emerald reporting that there were no blankets distributed to the Aboriginals on the 30th. He explains that "about a week previous to the above mentioned date there were about 300 blacks camped at Emerald, some being a portion of the tribes from the surrounding districts and that I went to their different camps explaining to them that the blankets would be issued on the 30th ... but it was utterly impossible to make them understand that the date of issue had been altered. Consequently the blacks cleared out some days previous to the distribution on a hunting expedition".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2074**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Townsville reporting that 381 Aboriginals gathered for the annual distribution of blankets and that "His Excellency the Governor visited the Court House ground after the distribution and was received with three regular "British" cheers by these poor people". Attached to the letter is a return showing the numbers of blankets given to men, women and children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2091**

Letter from the Police Office in Tambo with particulars of the Aboriginals who presented themselves for blankets on the 30th:

Adults: male 23, female 34 Children: male 9, female 8 Total: 74

The letter also advises that because the date of issue was changed some people did not receive a blanket and that "from 90 to 100 pairs would be required to give each a blanket in this district".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2151**

Two returns from the Court House in Dalby relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the district with headings for "name" and "district":

***Return 1***

Davy, Jimbour  
Harry, Jimbour  
Solomon, Jimbour  
Tommy, Jimbour  
Dickey, Jimbour  
Arthur, Toowoomba  
Jenny, Jimbour  
Simon, Jimbour  
Peter, Gowrie  
Billy Thompson, Jimbour  
Wondi, Jimbour  
Cissy, Jimbour  
Topsy, Jimbour  
Minnie, Boondooma

***Return 2***

***Men:***

Adam, Dalby  
Billy Barlow, Dalby  
Jemmy, Dalby  
Jemmy, Cecil Plains  
Jemmy, Western Creek  
Tugary?, Dalby  
Boney, Boondooma  
Joe, Dalby  
Dick, Taabinga  
Billy, Taabinga  
Billy, Taabinga  
Ivory, Sugarloaf  
Jack, Dalby  
Kipper Tommy, Crows Nest  
Jemmy, Emu Creek  
Tommy, Crows Nest



Freddy, Mount Brisbane  
Billy, Cressbrook  
Jemmy, Toowoomba  
Billy Turner, Helidon

**Women:**

Jenny, Widgee  
Maryanne, Dalby  
Maria, Dalby  
Sally, Dalby  
Cooley, Cumkillenbah  
Bidly, umkillenbah  
Kitty, umkillenbah  
Maryanne, Crows Nest  
Maryanne, Toowoomba  
Emily, Toowoomba  
Fanny, Ipswich  
Maggie, Nanango  
Amy, Helidon  
Maryanne, Eskdale  
Forry, Eskdale  
Elly, Emu Creek  
Kitty, Ipswich  
Nelly, Toowoomba  
Kitty, Toowoomba  
Kitty, Toowoomba  
Kitty, Ipswich

**Children:**

Henry, Taabinga  
Sarah, Jimbour  
Jackey, Jimbour  
Mary, Jimbour  
Sarah, Dalby  
Dickey, Dalby  
Henry, Dalby  
Jack, Dalby  
Willie, Dalby

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2169**

Blanket return from the Court of Petty Sessions in Marlborough with the numbers of blankets distributed to the Aboriginals: men 30, women 34, children 8.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2170**

Letter from the Court House in Ingham advising the number of Aboriginals who received blankets: males 88, females 85, children 40.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2171**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas reporting that he gave 9 pairs of blankets to the owners of Emerald End Station and Northridge Station. He also reports that he is having difficulty communicating with the Aboriginals of the district and intends to get Mr Palmerston, who can speak their

language, to accompany him. His plan is to “secure a couple of gins who after detaining for a few days to show them only kindly initiatives are entertained towards them I shall dispatch back to their tribes with a load of blankets each. This is the only way in which to establish friendly communication”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2172**

Letter from the Court House in Cardwell advising that 14 males and 6 females have been supplied with blankets and that it is intended to place 10 pairs of blankets on board the pilot cutter for the Aboriginals along the coast.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2176**

Return of the patients received into the Cairns District Hospital: entry for an Aborigine named Dicky.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2183**

Letter from A.P. Barton at Mooloolman requesting that the Police Magistrate supply him with blankets for the Aboriginals residing there. The file also contains a letter from the Police Magistrate at Mt Perry advising that he cannot supply blankets without instructions from the Colonial Secretary.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2184**

Correspondence from R Cole relating to blanket distribution at Cape Bowling Green Lighthouse advising that 40 blankets have been issued to the Aboriginals: 25 to the males, 10 to the females and 5 to the children. He also advises that “having been in the habit of not giving out blankets until the 24th of May there are a great many blacks at several stations about this district who will be here at that date for their blankets”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2206**

List of Aboriginals who were issued with blankets at Inglewood dated May 17, 1881. The following *names are* listed:

**Men:** Sam Murray, Paddy Go Mad, Connors, Wombat, Neddy, Greenhide Charley, Parramatta Jack, Charley, Bobby, Sandy, Billy [Fitys?], Bulldown.

**Women:** Maryanne, Maria, Mrs Connor, Ellen, Neddy's wife, Susan, Dianah, Sally, Julia, Alice.

**Children:** Annie, George, Ellen, Harry, Maria, Freddy, Edward, Charley, Alfred, Willie, Joseph.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847044](#) COL/A313 81/2213**

Application from Jacob Low at Welltown Station via Goondiwindi for 40 single blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2272**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Charters Towers relating to the issue of blankets in the district. He advises that he had 200 blankets on hand and that 230 Aboriginals were present for the distribution, although he had expected a larger number would attend. The attached return advises that there were 103 male adults, 88 female adults and 39 children present.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2292**

Brief letter from the Police Office in Nebo advising that blankets have been distributed to 31 men, 24 women and 5 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2309**

Return from the Police Magistrate in Thargomindah listing the location and number of Aboriginals to whom blankets were distributed:

Court House Thargomindah: men 32, women 50, children 13.

Norley Station: men 0, women 10, children 3.

Bulloo Downs: men 6, women 0, children 0.

Mt. Margaret: men 6, women 0, children 0.

Total distributed: 120

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2312**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Warwick reporting that only "one aboriginal applied for blanket on the 24th instant. I know that there are a good many in the district working on farms and who have not received blankets this year. Can I supply them, please reply by wire".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2361**

Letter from E Townsend to the Colonial Secretary requesting reinstatement in the Native Police Force after being dismissed by Sub-Inspector Fitzgerald. Townsend gives the grounds on which his dismissal should be reconsidered.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2387**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Winton advising that the blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district have not arrived.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2388**

Return of blankets distributed to the Aboriginals at Cape River: men: 20, women: 16, children: 14. Total: 50.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2390**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Banana advising he has distributed 15 pairs of blankets and that there were 80 Aboriginals in attendance:

women: 25, men: 33, male children: 8, female children: 14.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2393**

Brief letter from the Police Office in Emerald advising that 10 blankets were distributed to the Aboriginals and that there were 3 men, 5 women and 4 children present.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2395**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown dated May 27, 1881 advising that he, Sub-Inspector Fitzgerald and 10 Native Police troopers boarded the pilot schooner 'Spitfire' in search of Aboriginals with the intention of distributing blankets. They searched the areas around Cape Bedford but only saw recent camps and at Cape Flattery the troopers saw three Aboriginals but they declined to go with them. He blames the recent bad weather for their absence from the area.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2397**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Roma relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals. Includes a return of blankets issued at Roma and Mitchell:

Roma: adult males: 87, adult females: 100, male children: 16, female children: 24.

Mitchell: adult males: 37, adult females: 38, male children: 11, female children: 14.

The letter also advises that “W Colquhoun of [Nuss?] Vale was in Roma to day and he informed me that there are about twenty aborigines on his station who have not been supplied with blankets many of whom are aged and unable to travel”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2415**

Letter from James Swanson at Yabber dated May 30, 1881 advising that he has “issued the 25 pair of blankets to the blacks on 1st day of May as you desired, old men and women and children. More blacks than blankets. I told them to go to Gympie”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2433**

Return from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich showing the place and number of blankets issued to the Aborigines: Ipswich: 6, Dugandan: 15; Undulla: 9; Mount Brisbane: 21; Coochin: 17; Colinton: 8; Kilcoy: 21; Wivenhoe: 5; Gatton: 26.  
Total distributed: 150

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2445**

Return of blankets distributed at Normanton:

Men: 55  
Women: 30  
Children: 25  
Total: 110

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2456**

Correspondence relating to the distribution of blankets at Cleveland on June 4, 1881. The file includes a return of the Aborigines who received blankets: *Males*: Tommy Dillon, Tommy, Willie, Aho, Big Harry; *Females*: Big Nellie, Lizzy, Maggy, Kitty; *Children*: Petty.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2472**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Gladstone with a return of blankets issued to the Aborigines: Males: 18, Females: 23, Children: 8.

He also advises that “there are a number of blacks on surrounding Gold Fields who were and are unable to come in through age and infirmity and I shall distribute the balance on hand to them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2473**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Winton advising that there were some families absent from the blanket distribution this year but next year he will require 100. Attached is a return of blankets issued: very old men: 3, married men: 10, married women 16, small children: 8, single men: 4, single women: 5. Total: 47 blankets.

The return also has a memo advising that “nine of the blacks employed in the neighbouring stations were at the distribution. There are only five blacks employed by residents in Winton”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847045](#) COL/A314 81/2474**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Blackall relating to the issue of blankets to the Aborigines. He advises that because this was the first time blankets have been issued in Blackall there were very few applicants. Those who did attend on May 24, 1881 are listed:

*Males*: Billy, Mickey, Moukey, Prince Charley, Tommy, Billy, Dick, Johnny, Billy, Murray, Paddy, Douglas, Mickey, Jackey, Pilot, Sam.

*Females:* Maryanne, Annie, Kitty, Polly, Maggie, Mary, Annie, Bidy, Kitty, Maggie, Jeannie, Maggie, Bidy, Nancy, Minnie, Maryanne, [Jeanine?].

*Children:* Jack, Pompey, Ida.

A total of 36 blankets were distributed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847046](#) COL/A315 81/2541**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Bundaberg advising that he has distributed blankets to 36 adult males, 9 male children, 34 adult females, 3 female children and that three blankets were given to Mr Geary, the Land Commissioner, for delivery to three women who could not attend.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847046](#) COL/A315 81/2588**

Return of blankets distributed to the Aborigines at St Lawrence between April 30, 1881 and May 29, 1881: men: 62, females and children: 73. On the return is a note advising that "the whole of the aborigines in the district did not attend".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847046](#) COL/A315 81/2593**

Complaint from Joseph Fisher at Rolleston against George Ebsworth JP of Albania Downs and Constable Roache of Rolleston. The letter deals mainly with a misunderstanding about some cattle but briefly mentions that "three black boys" accompanied Fisher out to a property.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847047](#) COL/A316 81/2816**

Telegram from Normanton relating to the death of Sub-Inspector Dyas of the Native Police: "just returned Sub-Inspector Lamond wishes to distribute twenty pair's blankets amongst gilbert blacks to informers re murder of Dyas police magistrate requires authority - having a hundred pairs in hand strongly advise it".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847047](#) COL/A316 81/2895**

The file contains a letter from Duncan McNab to the Earl of Kimberley and a copy of Notes On the Condition of the Aborigines of Queensland which relate to McNab's allegations of outrages committed by the Native Police on the Aborigines in Queensland. The file also contains a letter to the Editor of the Brisbane Courier dated February 25, 1879, called 'The Condition of the Aborigines' written by Bishop Mathew Hale. The letter refutes allegations made by Duncan McNab in an earlier letter, which criticised the work of the Aboriginal Commission.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3008**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown in relation to blanket distribution: "Sub-Inspector Brooke has succeeded in bringing in some wild native blacks the first have been in since seventy three the whole tribe promise to come over next Wednesday when I shall proceed to distribute blankets and some trinkets".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3069**

Letter from Scott Reed re his dismissal from the Native Police for marrying. Reed was a cadet at Barron River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3076**

Return from the Police Magistrate in Georgetown advising that he has distributed blankets to 8 men, 5 women and 2 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3123**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1881. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3193**

Return from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals:

10 pairs to Sub-Inspector Carr to be returned.

6 pairs to W McDonald for distribution.

3 pairs to John Atherton.

5 pairs distributed by myself to 10 males.

1 pair left in Aboriginals' camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847048](#) COL/A317 81/3205**

Correspondence from John Davis, the Mayor of Cooktown, suggesting that a reserve be established at the North Shore for the local Aboriginals under the control of Mr Brooke. He suggests that collecting the local tribes on to the reserve will keep them from "any unnecessary intermingling" with the white residents and that 100 to 150 Aboriginals could then be employed in the beche-demer fisheries where they would be in some degree civilised and ... preferable to allowing them to loaf about town".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847049](#) COL/A318 81/3341**

List of prisoners serving hard labour sentences in Townsville Goal on July 21, 1881. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Johnny aka Charlie sentenced to 12 months for horse stealing on December 13, 1880, Tommy sentenced to 6 months for larceny on August 13, 1880, Billy sentenced to 6 months for false pretences on June 4, 1881.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847049](#) COL/A318 81/3379**

Telegram from Georgetown relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals: "about sixty aboriginals on Woolgar Goldfield no robberies or cattle spearing there since they came in please inform me if blankets have been sent there or if I shall forward supply from stock here". There is a note on the telegram suggesting that 24 pairs were sent to Woolgar and 150 pairs were sent to Georgetown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847049](#) COL/A318 81/3419**

Return from the Police Magistrate at Warwick listing the names of Aboriginals to whom blankets have been issued during 1881. Also lists where they are residing and with whom.

**Names** and district where they are residing:

Morgan, Koreelah

Nancy, Koreelah

Clara, Koreelah

Ralph, Koreelah

Davey, Koreelah

Maria, Koreelah

Janey, Koreelah

Hippi, Koreelah

Minnie, Koreelah

Clara, Koreelah

Diamond, Koreelah

Kitty, Koreelah

Georgina, Koreelah

Dick, Koreelah

Cullum, Maryvale

Dick, Maryvale  
Jemmy, Maryvale  
Jane, Maryvale  
Maryanne, Maryvale  
William, Maryvale  
Robert, Maryvale  
Ida, Maryvale  
Georgie, Maryvale  
Emma, Maryvale  
Johnny, Allora  
Billy, Allora  
Charlotte, Allora  
Charley, Allora  
Kitty, Allora  
Tabo, Killarney  
Maryann, Killarney  
Hughy, Killarney  
Nancy, Killarney  
Christy, Killarney  
Peter, Killarney  
Kitty, Killarney  
Jemmy, Killarney  
Bidy, Killarney  
Goryan, Killarney  
Jinny, Killarney  
Peter, Killarney  
Carlo, Killarney  
Doctor, Killarney  
Lizzie, Killarney  
Dickie, Killarney  
Dick, Swan Creek  
Maggie, Swan Creek  
Sambo, Swan Creek  
Moggie, Swan Creek

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847051](#) COL/A320 81/3821**

Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Sub-Inspector Carroll from the Native Police Force after being charged with wilful murder. The file includes a report titled 'Commission of Police Proceedings in the Case of JW Carroll', dated June 29, 1876, which contains depositions relating to the case, and a letter to the Editor of the Townsville Herald dated July 23, 1881 from J Carroll criticising the "vague and mysterious regulations" under which the Native Police operate and its "peculiar" organisation - for instance Carroll suggests that "there are no officially written orders relating to native police duty, those are given verbally by the Inspector who I have understood, receives his orders from the Commissioner".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847051](#) COL/A320 81/3869**

The file contains a letter from James Gibson at Kings Plains via Cooktown requesting a Native Police camp be established on the Byrestown road in the Normanby River district because he has "lately been harassed by the presence of blacks". The file also contains a letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, replying that he "cannot recommend that Mr Gibson's suggestion be adopted as the Native Police detachment on the Endeavour River is distant only 20 miles from Kings Plains". Letter 81/3668, Top-numbered to 81/3869.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847051](#) COL/A320 81/3882**

Telegram from St Helena reporting the death of an Aboriginal prisoner named Paddy from lung disease.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847051](#) COL/A320 81/3925**

The file includes a telegram from J Walker at Ingham which asks for police protection because the Aboriginals have killed one of his cows. The file also includes a telegram from the police at the Lower Herbert suggesting that the Aboriginals in the district are quite and that "Walker is a most eccentric man about blacks doings".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847053](#) COL/A322 81/4263**

Petition from the residents of Cairns dated August 30, 1881 complaining that the Aboriginals have been spearing horses and "committed numerous other depredations - principally in the neighbourhood of the selections on the Cairns and Herberton road between the Mulgrave and Cairns". They also raise concerns that Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr's patrols of the district are too infrequent and ask for a Native Police camp to be established in the vicinity of Cairns.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847054](#) COL/A323 81/4342**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cairns reporting that he accompanied Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr and Reverend Wood to distribute blankets, fishing hooks and rations to 18 Aboriginals at False Cape. The letter also advises that Carr brought an interpreter with him "who explained why these presents were distributed, and so long as they refrained from spearing and killing horses and cattle, they would be protected". The Magistrate also comments that "good will eventually come of these attempts to open up friendly relations, especially if by having a detachment within easy reach, should any depredations be committed, the native police will be able to punish the offenders, instead of it being done by the settlers as I have reason to believe is often the case at present".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847054](#) COL/A323 81/4453**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1881. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4503**

Letter dated October 17, 1881: "Referring to the letter from the Police Magistrate at Cairns dated the 31st August last, recommending that a reserve be established for Aboriginals at Cape Bedford [Hope Valley], the Under Colonial Secretary is informed that a reserve for that purpose has already been set apart in the locality by Proclamation dated the 15th August, 1881 and Executive Authority will be sought to proclaim an amendment of same comprising 50,000 acres".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4573**

Letter from Constable James Barbour at the Wivenhoe Police Station dated September 8, 1881 requesting financial assistance for Jammy Wailing an Aborigine of the Wivenhoe tribe who is blind and cannot get food for himself. Barbour advises that Jammy has been living in the Wivenhoe Police paddock for the last two years.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4601**

Correspondence in relation to a request from the Port Douglas Progress Association for fortnightly patrols of Native Police to be made in the district. They are concerned that "the aborigines are actually spearing cattle within one mile of the Police Camp on the Mowbray, and their signal fires may be seen on all the surrounding hills". The letter from Inspector Isley reports that the district has been "singularly free from depredations for many months and these last have only occurred while the blacks were passing along the



Ranges from the head of the Mossman River across to White Cliffs, which they always do at this time of year". Letter 81/4070, Top-numbered to 81/4601.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4609**

Return of prisoners confined to Brisbane Gaol. Entry for an Aborigine called Quart Pot.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4621**

Return of prisoners confined to the Toowoomba Gaol dated October 24, 1881. Entry for an Aboriginal prisoner named Charley Pearce who was sentenced on October 11, 1881. There is also a note advising that he is "for trial at next Circuit Court, Toowoomba".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4622**

Return of prisoners to October 22, 1881 for the Roma Gaol. Entries for the following Aboriginal prisoners: Pepper, Louie Pepper, Dick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4679**

Correspondence from Cooktown in relation to supplying beef to the Aboriginals in order to "cultivate friendly relations".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4709**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown advising that "Carroll Byerstown mailman reports that blacks on Normanby diggings four days ago killed and eat a china man name unknown".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4720**

Telegrams from the Police Magistrate in Georgetown inquiring whether the 25 pounds authorised last year to give the Aboriginals presents of blankets and beef is available this year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847055](#) COL/A324 81/4726**

Return of prisoners confined to Rockhampton Gaol. Entries for the following Aboriginal prisoners: Paddy and [Jaugo?].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4760**

Telegram from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Cooktown dated November 2, 1881 advising that "South Sea Islander and aboriginal arrived this morning after walking from Barrow Point and report that aboriginals attacked and killed South Sea Islander named Sam on Barrow Island natives continued attack for three days informants had to leave from ammunition running short".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4761**

List of prisoners in Roma Gaol dated October 29, 1881. Entries for the following Aboriginal prisoners: Pepper, Same Pepper, Dick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4889**

Telegram from Chief Secretary J Bray in Victoria advising that "our government resident Palmerston telegraphs as follows: report arrived from Robinson in charge cattle station Port Essington that natives have informed him that a three masted schooner has taken Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from Goulbourn Island and mainland, name of master unknown, but he is a very large man schooner had manilla crew and is pearling Capt McLean of Alert informed he knows of no three master schooner to eastward natives say schooner sailed east will make every inquiry offence supposed to be committed one month ago".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4921**

Return of prisoners confined in Townsville Gaol dated November 11, 1881. Entries for the following Aboriginal prisoners: Charlie, Willie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4962**

Telegram from the Bench in Rockhampton asking if the recent notice he received applies to half-castes who are living and working with persons in town. The telegram appears to relate to the question of whether "half-caste" Aboriginals who are working for residents in the town should also be sent to school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847056](#) COL/A325 81/4975**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Townsville submitting a voucher for the cost of a dress given to an Aboriginal woman found in an "advanced state of disease and starvation". He advises that "I ordered her removal to an outbuilding of the hospital but none of the staff would go near her. After much trouble I induced the above mentioned wife of a trooper to act as nurse promising her a dress - under the circumstances I trust the voucher will be paid".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847057](#) COL/A326 81/5108**

Correspondence in relation to complaints made by Neil Rosing of Campbellville Station, Barron River that Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr had threatened him after he refused to let Carr have a bullock to kill for the Native Police camp.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847057](#) COL/A326 81/5118**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated November 14, 1881 advising that 29 natives of Prince of Wales Island, Torres Strait deserted from the hired service of Joseph Tucker. Chester also suggests some changes to the way labour is presently utilised in the Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847058](#) COL/A327 81/5350**

Letter from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated November 28, 1881 responding to a notice in the Government Gazette of November 5 re "half-caste" children. "I have the honour to report that there are five male and two female half-castes in the Straits, from 2 to 12 years of age, of whom all but three are provided for at present by their fathers - One lad is employed as a domestic servant; the other two boys are living with the aboriginals and when apprehended will be dealt with as directed".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847058](#) COL/A327 81/5351**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated November 28, 1881 advising that the mainland natives murdered two men on Cairncross Island. Chester reports that he has learned from "five natives from Cape Grenville ... that a boat from the brig 'Lady Denison', Walton, Master, landed at Orfordness and took away a woman and three men. They then went to Cairncross to cut firewood where the natives killed the two men belonging to the boat, and escaped to the mainland in the dinghy".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847058](#) COL/A327 81/5451**

Letter from Andrew Paterson of Fernlee, St George requesting that blankets be sent to the Bollon Police Station for distribution to the Aboriginals of Indexes to correspondence relating to Aboriginals and the district. Paterson writes: "I would like to draw your attention to the number of blacks in the back creeks in the neighbourhood of the Bollon who do not receive blankets at the annual distribution at St George which is eighty miles from Bollon Township". The file also contains a letter from W Stevenson at Mona Station, Bollon advising that the Aboriginals on the Mungallala Creek and Wallan Creek and the country between St George and Cunnamulla do not receive blankets. He asks that a bale of blankets to be sent to Bollon.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847059](#) COL/A328 81/5581**

Telegram from Georgetown advising that: “over one hundred blacks came into town last night two hundred more near Charleston principally Etheridge and Einasleigh tribes can they be rationed and sent off field at once not safe to let them remain here unless food found for them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847060](#) COL/A329 81/5690**

Report from Sub Inspector Arm it's at the Native Police Office at Carl Creek, Gregory River on his expedition to the country lying between Messrs Curr and Carr's station Kamilaroi and Floraville on the Leichhardt River. Gives information for intending settlers about the viability of the country with descriptions of the soil and native flora in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847060](#) COL/A329 81/5695**

Returns of prisoners confined to HM Gaols. Aboriginal prisoners listed:

Return for Brisbane Gaol on December 3, 1881: Billy Quartpot, Charlie Pearce, Robert, Archie.

Prisoners punished for offences committed in HM Gaol Townsville: Charles.

Return of prisoners in Townsville Gaol on November 5, 1881: Charlie, Billy.

Return of prisoners in Townsville Gaol on November 12, 1881: Charlie, Willie.

List of all prisoners confined to HM Gaol Townsville November 26, 1881: Mick, Charlie, Willie.

List of prisoners in Townsville Gaol on December 17, 1881: Mick.

List of prisoners in Townsville Gaol on December 24, 1881: Mick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847061](#) COL/A330 82/208**

Quarterly return of the Queensland Police Force showing the strength and distribution on December 31, 1881. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847063](#) COL/A332 82/1108**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Taroom asking: “to which reformatory school should half caste children be sent”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847064](#) COL/A333 82/1304**

Correspondence from Cooktown re the kidnapping of a young Aboriginal girl from Hinchinbrook Island, Whitsundays. She was later found at Cooktown and placed in the custody of the Police Magistrate pending instructions from the Colonial Secretary. The file also contains a letter from the Colonial Secretary dated December 17, 1868 in relation to the alleged kidnapping of three Aboriginal children from Bentinck Island stating that the molesting of Aboriginals is a “very serious crime”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/1568**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cairns asking for payment of the steamer fares for sending three Aboriginals from Cairns to Townsville. The three had earlier been arrested under warrant issued at Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/1684**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown advising that an Aborigine came to the North Shore yesterday speared in two places: “as far as I can understand he belongs to some beche-de-mer vessel and somewhere north in company with four others ran away his companions were killed by the natives I do not think that any whites were killed shall endeavour to procure an interpreter and wire further”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/1685**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas dated April 5, 1882 advising that “John Skene was speared by blacks on Tuesday last near race course about three miles from town he escaped to Nigger Creek hotel where he died from wounds same evening”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2017**

Letter from J McArthur at Currawillinghi Station dated March 31, 1882 advising that there are “six or eight half caste children on this station, three of whom are the offspring of a half caste woman. I take the liberty of noting that it is the wish of the government to rescue these half castes from the fearful life before them, more particularly the females ... I am about to leave Currawillinghi but my successor Mr Wiseman would be glad to tender any assistance in his power to further the wishes of the government in this matter”. There is also a note on the letter advising that “the half-caste mother alluded to is known here as Sarah”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2019**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Thargomindah dated April 11, 1882: “applications from stations for blankets does your circular dated fifth April 81 as to distribution to aborigines apply to this year also”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2040**

Telegram from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Gin Gin dated April 13, 1882: “advised twenty five blankets for aboriginals between fifty and sixty blacks in neighbourhood please instruct twenty five more blankets to be sent here as requisitioned for”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2043**

Telegram from Gladstone dated April 13, 1882 asking: “on what date are the aboriginal blankets to be distributed”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2073**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Bowen dated April 13, 1882: “are blankets to be issued on first May”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2087**

Townsville Prison report dated April 4, 1882. Includes the name of one Aboriginal prisoner: Mick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2098**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1882. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847065](#) COL/A334 82/2122**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton dated April 15, 1882: “kindly inform what date blankets are to be distributed to blacks so that they may be notified”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847066](#) COL/A335 82/2383**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Normanton dated April 28, 1882: “kindly inform if I am to distribute blankets to blacks working for white men or are they only to be given to wild blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847066](#) COL/A335 82/2409**

Petition from the residents of the Herberton district dated April 3, 1882 asking for Native Police protection because of the recent spearing of John Skene one mile from Nigger Creek.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847066](#) COL/A335 82/2419**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Charleville advising that the blankets intended for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district on the 1st have not yet arrived and asking if he can he distribute them on another day. He also advises that “some of the station owners in this district have asked me to give

them some of the government blankets for distribution to aborigines who usually live on their runs and who cannot well attend at Charleville on account of the distance”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847066](#) COL/A335 82/2492**

Return of blankets distributed to the Aborigines on May 1, 1882 from the Police Magistrate at Tenningering (Mt Perry). Lists the number of Aborigines to whom blankets were distributed: 48 males, 34 females, 22 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847067](#) COL/A336 82/2563**

Letter from the Police station in Cometville informing that “the blacks failed to attend at this station on the first of May to receive their blankets with the exception of eight persons, three men, three women and two children. The number that received blankets in 1881 were 166. They are all employed on the surrounding stations scalp hunting and I believe intend to apply for the blankets on the 24th of this month”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847067](#) COL/A336 82/2564**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Aramac dated May 1, 1882 advising that he has “distributed to 33 aborigines 26 pairs of blankets. The aborigines were made up as follows, 17 men, 13 women, 3 children”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847067](#) COL/A336 82/2613**

Return from the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office in Tewantin giving the names and ages of the Aborigines in the district who received blankets on May 1, 1882:

Males: King Tommy 28 years King Brady 30 years Charlie 50 years Andy Browne 34 years John Bull 52 years Capt Whish 60 years King Browne 36 years Jackie 40 years Willie Dunn 34 years Governor 49 years Yengarrie 48 years Andrew Maryborough 28 years Lammy 26 years Willie 18 years Georgie Bath 24 years Jimmeroo 22 years Jimmy Wilson 40 years King Noble 36 years Jimmy [Briusang?] 30 years Jackie 24 years Jimmey 21 years [?] Alfred 2 years Alfred 1 year Tommy Dodd 9 years Discon 6 years Agnew 5 years Bradey 3 years

Females: Emma 26 years Catherine 40 years Grannie 50 years Lizzie Bradey 22 years Susan 20 years Susan Jackie 24 years Bidy 48 years Queen Granny 58 years Lizzy Sammey 30 years Woongool Bath 24 years Maggie 36 years Maggie Jack 48 years Maggie Andrews 34 years Lizzie Tommy 28 years Kitty Noble 40 years Lilly 8 years Ida 10 years Lizzie 2 years Anna 2 years Polly 2 years Maria 4 years Maggie 1 year

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847067](#) COL/A336 82/2636**

Return of Aborigines to whom blankets were distributed at Thargomindah on May 1, 1882:  
Number of Aborigines present at the Court House Thargomindah: 23 males, 38 females and 9 children.

Number present at Norley Station and [Cheshhunt?] Stations: 20 males, 18 females and 12 children. The attached note relating to the distribution at Norley advises that “in addition to the above there are some 8 or 9 old gins with children belonging to the others away up the river but as they are not here cannot count them”.

There is also a note on the return stating that the “total number of blankets received 60 pairs. Divided each pair of blankets, giving half to each individual”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847067](#) COL/A336 82/2637**

Letter from the Police Office in Morven advising that there were 38 Aborigines present for the blanket distribution made up of 13 men, 15 women, 5 boys and 5 girls.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2712**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Dalby dated May 15, 1882 advising that he has had a request from Yeulba [Yuleba] for a supply of blankets for the Aboriginals there.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2713**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Springsure dated May 15, 1882: "re distribution blankets blacks it is estimated that there are about two hundred and fifty blacks in this neighbourhood scalp hunting including about one hundred from Comet who intend applying for blankets on twenty fourth I have only sixty six pairs here but there are a considerable number at Comet not required there would suggest that same be forwarded here for distribution".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2782**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Tambo advising that the blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals at Tambo have not arrived from Bogantungan and that "the blacks are becoming clamorous for their blankets and besiege my office daily since the cold nights have set in".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2810**

Telegram from the Bench in Marlborough dated May 22, 1882: "supply blankets not equal to demand please order twenty five pairs more to be sent".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2861**

Letter from the Police Station in Bogantungan advising that the "blacks about here are daily inquiring for blankets and it would be a great benefit if the Inspector could cause a supply to be furnished. Some time ago there were 103 about this Sub-District and the Sergeant hears there are even more now coming towards this place with the expectation of being supplied with blankets".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2895**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Charters Towers dated May 19, 1882 advising that he has distributed the annual gift of blankets to the Aboriginals. He writes that "on this occasion 141 males and 131 females attended and were duly supplied with one pair of blankets each". He also advises that the bale for the Cape was distributed on the 11th to 27 males and 18 females.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847068](#) COL/A337 82/2918**

Return of blankets issued to Aboriginals at Esk on May 1, 1882.

The return has headings for name and camp:

Engin Billy, Colinton

McCall, Colinton

Fanny, Colinton

Maryann, Cressbrook

Ord, Cressbrook

Tom, Cressbrook

Polly, Cressbrook

Billy, Cressbrook

Peter, Cressbrook

Banjarang, Cressbrook

Neddy, Cressbrook

Kittey, Cressbrook

Emma, Cressbrook

Paulo, Wivenhoe

Pauleana, Wivenhoe

Jack, Wivenhoe  
Maryann, Esk  
Victoria, Esk  
Nobbey, Esk  
Eliza, Mt Esk  
Billy, Mt Esk  
Tobey, Stanley Junction  
Kitty, Stanley Junction  
Kipper, Ivorys Creek  
Kango, Ivorys Creek  
Jack, Brisbane River  
Rose, Brisbane River  
Pompie, Mount Brisbane  
Tobey, Mount Brisbane  
Neddie, Mount Brisbane  
Cooram Jim, Mount Brisbane  
Annie, Mount Brisbane  
Rodger, Mount Brisbane  
Tanner, Mount Brisbane  
Lilley, Mount Brisbane  
George, Northbrook  
John John, Eskdale  
Maryanne, Eskdale  
Mary Jane, Eskdale  
Henry, Eskdale  
Albert, Eskdale  
Sarah, Eskdale  
Banjo, Eskdale  
Peter, Monsildale  
Polley, Monsildale  
Nugget, Monsildale  
George, Monsildale  
Simon, Mt Stanley  
Kate, Mt Stanley  
Phillip, Monsildale  
King John, Monsildale  
Queenie, Monsildale  
Jemmy, Belle Vue  
Dick, Lousia Vale  
Mary, Lousia Vale  
Nudlah, Monsildale  
Andy, Monsildale  
Bingaree, Monsildale  
Bandy, Brisbane River  
Lizzie, Brisbane River

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847069](#) COL/A338 82/3034**

Correspondence relating to proposed regulations of the pearl shell fisheries in the Torres Strait. Torres Strait Islander pearl divers mentioned.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847070](#) COL/A339 82/3327**

The file contains a report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated June 3, 1882 relating to a request from the Colonial Secretary for advice on whether the interests of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have been affected now that the islands in the Torres Strait have been annexed. Advises that only portions of Goode Island, Hammond Island, Jervis Island, Mt Ernest Island, and Darnley Island have been leased. The report suggests that there has been minimal effect on the interests of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The file also includes a list of islands that are held under special lease with headings for the Lease Number, Name of Island, Lessee, Rent, Term, Lease Expiration Date and Purpose.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847070](#) COL/A339 82/3329**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated June 9, 1882 submitting suggestions for preventing outrages on Torres Strait Islanders by men employed in the fisheries. He advises that the fishing boats have made "Jervis Island a camping ground from Saturday till Monday, and during bad weather, there are frequently three or four hundred men assembled and scenes of drunkenness and violence are common. The only European manager residing there is often unable to preserve order or protect the natives from drunken South Sea Islanders". Chester suggests that "before owners of stations are allowed to use any inhabited island as a camping ground for their men they should be compelled to form an outstation there, and keep a European in charge as a check on their men. All other boats should be prohibited from camping at these islands".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847070](#) COL/A339 82/3366**

Telegram from A Morissett [Native Police officer?] at St Helena dated June 21, 1882: "re blackboy best boy for me here Chapman sentenced Gladstone October 80 to three years attempted rape Please direct release enable me to bring him up with me today".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847070](#) COL/A339 82/3369**

Letter from the Bench in Maryborough reporting on the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the district. The letter lists the number of Aboriginals who received blankets at the following locations:

Maryborough: males 64, females 56.  
Sandy Cape: males 39, females 32.  
White Cliffs: males 33, females 40.  
Woody Island: males 6, females 4.  
Urangan: males 7, females 6.  
Inskip Point: males 17, females 8.  
Burrum: males 12, females 18.  
Gootchie: males 9, females 8.

The letter also advises that "I distributed the usual annual donation of flour, pipes, and tobacco to the blacks at Sandy Cape and other places on Frasers Island".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847070](#) COL/A339 82/3437**

The file contains a letter from Thomas Chapman at The Auburn, Chinchilla dated June 1, 1882 requesting blankets for the Aboriginals camped on his station. The file also contains a letter from the Police Office at Chinchilla dated June 25, 1882 advising that "there are no more blankets left at this Office, as I have just forwarded the last 4 pairs to Dalby".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847071](#) COL/A340 82/3523**

Return listing the names of Aboriginals supplied with blankets at Cleveland, May 1882:  
Lizzie, Kitty, Juno, Nelly, Bitty, Big Harry, Charley, Teddy, Jimmy, Sam, Smith, Tommy Rawlins, Mark, Jacky Jacky



**Queensland State Archives [ITM847071](#) COL/A340 82/3552**

Correspondence from Cooktown relating to the imprisonment of several Aboriginal women and children for deserting from hired service. The correspondence suggests that the Aboriginals were engaged by Cain Christopher the Master of the Schooner *Prompt* near Cardwell and are named as Willie, Jimmy, Billy, Sarah, Jeannie, Kitty, Sally and Mary. Christopher states in his deposition (in file) that four of the women were from Mackay and Jeannie was from Dunk Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847071](#) COL/A340 82/3585**

Letter from the Bench in Townsville dated June 14, 1882 advising that the following numbers of blankets have been distributed so far to:

women: 195 men: 105 male children: 41 female children: 32

The letter also advises that “there are yet a few blacks camped not far away who have not had blankets: notice has been sent to them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847072](#) COL/A341 82/3829**

Correspondence relating to a blind Aboriginal girl named Minnie of Helidon who was sent to Dunwich. Minnie had been in the care of Ann Hale at Helidon after she “was deserted by her tribe”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847073](#) COL/A342 82/4002**

Letter from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated June 30, 1882 reporting that the master of the schooner 'Rover' is “sandal wooding in a river to the southward of Margaret Bay near Cape Grenville, and supplying the mainland natives with firearms and ammunition ... James Walton tells me he has seen Snider rifles in the hands of the natives, and that they have tried to buy ammunition from the light-ship. If this be the case the light-ships may be attacked at any time”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847073](#) COL/A342 82/4136**

Correspondence relating to the supply of blankets to the Aboriginals of the Bogantungan district. The blankets have not yet arrived and about 200 Aboriginals are expecting blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847073](#) COL/A342 82/4157**

Letter from the Medical Officer in Bundaberg dated July 17, 1882 asking, “what provision the government makes for disabled aborigines”. He advises that “early in the year I had to attend one with a fractured thigh and as the hospital cannot admit these cases I had to send him to a private boarding house and pay for his maintenance”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847075](#) COL/A344 82/4580**

Telegram from the Acting Superintendent at St Helena dated August 26, 1882: “Jackey convicted at Roma third April 1879 of robbery by force sentenced to five years penal servitude died last night at 7pm he was ailing for some time past”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847075](#) COL/A344 82/4633**

Letter from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated August 18, 1882 raising concerns that the South Sea Islanders who abducted Torres Strait Islander women were not charged. Chester suggests that “the effect of this will be that South Sea Islanders will imagine they can take women by force from any island when it suits them. I respectfully submit that it affords further proof, if such is necessary, for some summary mode of dealing with such cases”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847075](#) COL/A344 82/4680**

The file contains a letter from Charles Hilton Lawrence in Cooktown dated August 15, 1882 requesting he be appointed "Black Protector" on the reserve at North Shore, Cooktown. Also in the file is the Proclamation Notice for Cape Bedford (Hope valley) reserve and a letter from John Davies the Mayor of Cooktown complaining about the presence of Aborigines in the town.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847076](#) COL/A345 82/4918**

The file contains a telegram from the Acting Superintendent of St Helena dated September 14, 1882 relating to Native Police troopers: "Spider and Robin Hood would make good troopers I think Gilly Gilly also he has served six years". The file contains a second telegram from the Superintendent at St Helena dated September 15, 1882 advising that "Norseman anchored off Island last night weather bound left early this morning for Dunwich will you telegraph to her to call on return for black boys constable who brought prisoners yesterday can take charge of them I will telegraph to Roma St when she leaves here".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847076](#) COL/A345 82/4977**

Two telegrams from the Police Magistrate in Cairns relating to a murder at the Mulgrave River, the first advises: "reported last night that body of Chinaman found near Fisheries Crossing of Mulgrave supposed murdered by blacks is going to hold inquiry". The second advises that: "returned last night from Mulgrave found body lying on river bank skull fractured no trace of murderer do not think done by aborigines".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847076](#) COL/A345 82/4944**

Correspondence relating to a police fraud inquiry. Contains some accounts for Native Police supplies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847077](#) COL/A346 82/5123**

Correspondence relating to SS Islanders refusing to leave Murray Island, shipwreck of the French barque *St Pierre*, annual report of Police Magistrate, Thursday Island, following Chester's departure, and alleged floggings on Murray Island by the teachers of the London Missionary Society. Includes letters from Captain Pennefather of the *Pearl* about Reverend Scott's letter. Letter 82/3261, 82/1502, 82/381, 81/5644, 81/4706, 81/3439, 81/3068, 81/2980, 81/2873, Top-numbered to 82/5123

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847078](#) COL/A347 82/5260**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1882. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847078](#) COL/A347 82/5381**

Complaint from Roma that the Medical Officer is unfit for duty and should be relieved of his duties. Mentions a Native Tracker named Willie Hamilton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847079](#) COL/A348 82/5595**

The file contains a letter from Lawn Hill dated September 16, 1882 complaining that a group of white people in Burketown are threatening life and property by their behaviour. The letter suggests that "they want looking after far more than the blacks" and that the Native Police should give them a visit once in a while.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847079](#) COL/A348 82/5730**

Correspondence from Thursday Island relating to the alleged beating and subsequent death of several residents of Warrior Island, Torres Strait by a pearl fisherman named Albert Collins. Also mentions an Islander man named Kabisaw on Warrior Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847080](#) COL/A349 82/5807**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Crows Nest dated November 8, 1882 advising that at Crows Nest “there is an aboriginal who some time ago was severely burned he is recovering very slowly from his injuries received but is unable to earn his support. I have the honour to recommend for your favourable consideration that you will be pleased to grant a sum monthly for his support until such time as he is able to earn his own livelihood”. There is a note on the letter stating “send him to Dunwich - forward pass”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847080](#) COL/A349 82/5869**

Report from Captain Pennefather of the *Pearl* on his cruise amongst the islands of the Torres Strait to enforce the pearl shell and beche-de mer Act of 1881. Mentions that the “beche-de-mer men on Murray Island, which has been proclaimed a native reserve, complain bitterly against being turned off”; and that the “Missionaries and teachers on the various islands ... bring their influence to bear to prevent the natives working in the boats in order to keep the young men and boys at school and more under their control; the natives of Darnley Island are “very tenacious of their ownership of the land and the island is divided into small properties which have been handed down from father to son from generation to generation they absolutely refuse to sell their land at any price”. Also includes references to the pearl shell fisheries in the Torres Strait and other general observations on the various islands and their inhabitants.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847081](#) COL/A350 82/6255**

Telegram from the Premier, Thomas MacIlwraith, dated December 6, 1882: “am starting for Inkerman but will leave Trooper behind to fetch on telegrams”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847082](#) COL/A351 82/6513**

Petition from the residents of Mossman River asking for a Native Police station to be formed in the district because of “the severe losses sustained by us in consequence of recent depredations by the blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847082](#) COL/A351 82/6552**

Telegrams from Thornborough relating to the supply of rations to 200 Aboriginal people at Byrnes Brothers camp on the Walsh River. The file also contains a letter from the Thornborough Amelioration of Aboriginals Committee dated November 24, 1882 pointing out that a request for an increase in the Native Police Force in the district, to control the Aboriginals, was rejected by the government but instead the government suggested that the Aboriginals should be brought “into the various townships and civilized”. Subsequently the Aboriginals were brought into Byrnes Brothers camp but there are no funds to supply them with food.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847082](#) COL/A351 82/6494**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Norwood dated December 22, 1882: “I have remanded a black fellow for eight days for wounding appoint another magistrate at once I do not care for all the responsibility did not Sellheim recommend Mr Dillon can I acquit if not guilty”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847083](#) COL/A352 83/142**

Telegram from several residents of the Herberton district protesting against the removal of the Native Police dated January 8, 1883: “Native Police ordered to leave here at once urgent necessity for retaining them, horses speared at silver mines a fortnight ago and bullocks at scrubby creek last week if possible countermand removal at once permanent camp first formed”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847083](#) COL/A352 83/144**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1882. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847083](#) COL/A352 83/146**

Correspondence relating to the breaking of a work agreement by several Singelese workers. These persons are named as: Appo Segno or Sepio, Charles Appo, Signo Appo, Heuriek Appo aka Singh Appo, Jeroms Appo aka Adoris, Babbo Appo.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847084](#) COL/A353 83/328**

Letter from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated December 29, 1882 relating to the prosecution of the master of the 'Tarrigal Packet' for having "six native women from the mainland on board".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847085](#) COL/A354 83/543**

Letter from Seaton Dun at Redbank Station, Hawkwood dated January 26, 1883 requesting "30 to 40 pairs of blankets for the blacks that belong to Redbank and the neighbourhood".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847085](#) COL/A354 83/748**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cairns dated February 10, 1883: "I have the honour to inform you that the Aboriginal child "Mary" who is licensed to the late Mr Thomas M Latreille from the Orphanage, leaves here by the SS Quiraing with Mrs Latreille, who will see you respecting her on arrival in Brisbane".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847087](#) COL/A356 83/1303**

Correspondence from the Walsh River relating to a scheme to bring the Aboriginals into Gainboola Station in an attempt to bring about friendly relations. The file contains a letter from Edward Palmer, the owner of the station dated March 13, 1883 advising that while he was living at the station he and Jocelyn Brooke of the Native Police brought a few Aboriginals into the station. Palmer states that after his departure to Sydney and Brooke's departure on patrol the scheme fell through. Palmer writes that "the blacks [are] not yet reconciled to the new order of things, and with all the wrongs they have suffered still fresh in their memories, did not behave themselves and had to be removed". The file also contains a memo from Inspector Fitzgerald replying to Palmer's letter advising "I gave Mr Palmer credit for more sense than he appears to have. He might as well talk of making prisoners of the Kangaroos. I know that if I attempted to arrest these blacks they would drive a spear through me instantly, as they have tried to do before now. Mr Palmer seems anxious to have the blacks in but retires himself to Sydney leaving the risk to his Manager. I fancy he is more anxious to benefit himself than the blacks their labour being very cheap". There is also a letter from Sub-Inspector Brooke of the Walsh River Native Police dated December 20, 1882 reporting that his predecessor, Constable Atteridge had "been trying to come to friendly terms with the natives as ordered, and with this object in view had brought one tribe (Wilming) to the Barracks where they were camped on my arrival". The report also advises that he subsequently removed them and details "depredations" committed by the Aboriginals in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847087](#) COL/A356 83/1387**

Telegrams from the Acting Superintendent of St Helena dated March 22, 1883 relating to the recruiting of Aboriginal inmates for police service in the northern sector. States that at present there are seven Aboriginal inmates and names five: Johnny Ring, Jackie, Boney, Jackie Norman and Donald.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847088](#) COL/A357 83/1773**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1883. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847090](#) COL/A359 83/2018**

Letter from the Police Office in Georgetown advising that blankets were distributed to the "Charlestown blacks, the only tribe at present let in, this was done in the presence of Sub-Inspector Urquhart". There is

also the following return relating to the blanket distribution: Adult males: 50 Adult females: 40 Children: 20  
In reserve 20 Total 150

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2210**

Telegram from Byrnes Brothers at Thornborough dated May 3, 1883: "will government advice giving blankets to blacks this year 250 them on walsh always asking for blankets it is very cold".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2224**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Bundaberg dated May 1, 1883 advising that he has distributed blankets to the following Aboriginals: Men adults 22, of whom 5 were married; Women adults 18, of whom 9 were married. Children 9.

He also advises that "there were some men absent with travelling cattle, and horses".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2256**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated April 26, 1883 advising that a South Sea Islander named Jemmy Nieuwe was murdered by the mainland Aboriginals south of the Jardine River at a place called Adiah. Jemmy had been on a boat sent to the mainland to procure labour. They had been given instructions not to land but Jemmy had "persisted in going on shore and was watching the blacks dancing when he was speared twice in the back. On turning around he was speared by a black named Nauanka, who was formally employed on W Tucker's station". [See Also COL/A362 83/2756]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2300**

Blanket return from the Police Magistrate in Aramac advising that he has distributed 75 pairs of blankets to the following Aboriginals: 58 males 48 females 12 children

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2306**

Report from the Visiting Justice on a visit to Townsville Gaol dated May 3, 1883. The attached punishment list has an entry for one Aboriginal prisoner named Jemmy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2344**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Townsville advising that he distributed 300 pairs of blankets on the 2nd of May and that "three hundred and sixty five men, women and children assembled on the occasion, leaving but a few in the district unsupplied". There were 152 adult females, 108 adult males, 55 female children and 50 male children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2345**

Blanket return from the Police Station in Cometville advising that 26 adult males, 30 adult females, 5 male children, 3 female children, 2 male infants and 1 female infant were issued with blankets at the Police Station. There is also a note advising that "there are a large number of blacks on Bonnie Doon Station about 30 miles from Cometville who have not put in an appearance here this time but applied through the Manager of the station to have the blankets forwarded to the station to them, which I declined to do".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2372**

Request from A Bell the Manager of Bonnie Doon Station via Comet requesting blankets for the Aboriginals working there. Attached is a list of Aboriginals who were on Bonnie Doon on May 1, 1883:

**Males:**

Adults: Jimmy, Charcoal, Mr Jones, Toby, Toby and Tibbo. Children: Tommy Boco, David, Willie Devil Devil, Chinaman.

**Females:**

Adults: Lizzie, Biddy, Nellie, Jinny, Jinny, Polly, Rosy, Nanny, Nanny, Bullocky, Janney, Nelly, Rosanna.

Children: Maria, Mary Jane, Charlotte.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2396**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Clermont dated May 7, 1883 advising that he has had a complaint from the Manager of Logan Downs station that Kangaroo hunters are “in the habit of giving firearms to the blacks in exchange for scalps”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2428**

Return of blankets distributed at Tenningering (Mt Perry) on May 1, 1883. Advises that 35 men, 29 women and 15 children received blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847091](#) COL/A360 83/2467**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Herberton dated May 18, 1883: “Sub-Inspector Nichols has applied for 50 blankets for blacks who he reports are gathering in for purpose of obtaining them can a supply be sent to me at an early date”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847092](#) COL/A361 83/2643**

Letter from the Yaamba Police Station dated May 19, 1883 advising that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals took place on the 1st of May and that 39 males, 29 females and 4 children were issued with blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847092](#) COL/A361 83/2677**

Letter from the publican at Blackall dated May 18, 1883 complaining about being fined the maximum amount for supplying liquor to a Native Police Trooper named Milo.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847092](#) COL/A361 83/2719**

Letter from the Police Magistrate at Mount Britten dated May 24, 1883 advising that the constable is on sick leave and the Native Tracker “having left the police protection is inadequate to the requirement of the place”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847093](#) COL/A362 83/2756**

Letter from William Summers the Manager of the Queensland Pearl Shelling Company alleging that three murders have been committed by the mainland Aboriginals. He alleges that one of his men and his wife went ashore and slept in a hut for the night and next morning a mainland native named Cookie crept into the hut and murdered both of them. The letter also describes the murder of Jimmie Niuve [See also 847091 83/2256] who went ashore to witness an Aboriginal dance and was subsequently speared to death. Page 2 of the letter also mentions a man named Tom Rotamah who accompanied Jimmie to the island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847093](#) COL/A362 83/2763**

Correspondence from the Sub-Inspector of Customs relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the Maryborough district. The letter dated May 31, 1883 advises that vouchers for 10 pounds have been sent for the distribution of flour and tobacco to the Sandy Cape Aboriginals. Attached is a return showing the numbers and sex of the Aboriginals who were issued with blankets from the 1st of May to the 15th of May:

Maryborough: 32 adult males, 21 adult females, 4 male children, 2 female children.

Doougal: 3 adult males, 1 adult female.

Glenbar: 8 adult males, 5 adult females.

Tiaro: 2 adult males, 1 adult female.

White Cliffs: 17 adult males, 22 adult females, 7 male children, 5 female children.

Sandy Cape: 20 adult males, 19 adult females.

Moore Point: 15 adult males, 7 adult females, 5 male children, 6 female children.

Pialba: 52 adult males, 54 adult females, 13 male children, 14 female children.

Inskip Point: 16 adult males, 14 adult females, 8 male children, 4 female children.

Howard Reserve: 29 adult males, 23 adult females, 9 male children, 12 female children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847093](#) COL/A362 83/2812**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Warwick dated June 6, 1883: "re aboriginal blankets please instruct if I am warranted in delivering blankets to station holders south of our border for blacks alleged to belong to Queensland applicants state they have been supplied hence previously drays start tomorrow await instructions by wire".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847093](#) COL/A362 83/2883**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat advising he has distributed about 30 blankets to the Aboriginals and that "since then I have sent a great many out to the different stations".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847093](#) COL/A362 83/2985**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated June 12, 1883: "Can you send another bale of black's blankets".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847094](#) COL/A363 83/3009**

Letter from the Police Commissioner submitting a draft rule prohibiting marriages amongst officers in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847094](#) COL/A363 83/3025**

The file contains a copy of a letter sent by James Hurst to the Queen alleging that cruelties are being practiced on the Aboriginals of north Queensland. The file also contains a report from the Police Commissioner strongly refuting the claims.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847094](#) COL/A363 83/3154**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Georgetown advising that 130 blankets have been distributed to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847094](#) COL/A363 83/3190**

Estimate of expenditure for the financial year 1883- 1884 submitted by the Police Commissioner. Entries for Native Police expenditure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847096](#) COL/A365 83/3549**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1883. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847096](#) COL/A365 83/3696**

Correspondence from Birrale Station, Bowen River regarding the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals of the district. Includes a list with headings for recipients' names and district:  
Birra lee: [Vinho?], Dodd, Bobby, Dicky, Jimmy, Maggie, Jenny, Nelly, Lily, Lucy.

Havitch: Billy, Jury, Old Blind Man, Tommy, Harry, Sandy, Billy, Bambo, [Bughie?], Billy, Monkey, Billy, Tommy, Cubby, Horseshoe, Nelly, Marmie, Sarah, Susan, Julia, Maggie, Jennie, [Durunduram?], Lissie, Lucy.

Emu Plains: Greedyguts, Brown, Davie, Jack, Damper, Pompey, Tom, Dick, Dinah, Magie, Lilly, ? Cissie, Bunnie, Bidy, Patty, [Uruci?], Jenny, Liddy, Old Women, Munjurri, Molly Brown, Maggie.

Normandy: Peter the Greek, Queen Maria, [Uluci?], Nelly, Maggie, Moggie, Nelly, Dina, Lily, Lucy.

Byrwen: Dicky White fellow, Jigaroo, Quincey, Dinah, Nelly, Magie, Annie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847097](#) COL/A366 83/3824**

Letter from Ernest [Seriven?] in Townsville dated July 23, 1883 requesting reinstatement in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847097](#) COL/A366 83/3847**

Report from Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr at Barron River dated July 14, 1883 relating to the Aboriginals in the Cook district. He advises that according to the instructions received from the Colonial Secretary several groups of Aboriginals have now been brought in to various townships and stations in the district. As a result there "has now been no outrage committed in my district for the last six months", except for one murder. Carr further reports that the associated expense to date has been relatively small because the station owners have in some instances born the cost. He also advises that the Aboriginals who have already come in are inducing others to join them [but] "it will take time before the blacks can be embued with sufficient confidence in the whites to enable them to be of any service on stations and to be otherwise useful, but I am in great hopes of having them thoroughly under subjection in twelve or eighteen months from now".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847097](#) COL/A366 83/3776**

Correspondence from Gladstone asking for rations to be supplied to three destitute Aboriginals named Condoolou, St Helena and Jenny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847098](#) COL/A367 83/4190**

Return of Aboriginals to whom blankets were distributed at Thargomindah on August 1, 1883:

Number of Aboriginals issued with blankets at the Court House Thargomindah: Males: 40, Females: 51, Children: 17.

Number of Aboriginals issued with blankets at Norley Station: Females: 6, Children: 6.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847099](#) COL/A368 83/4614**

Letter from the Superintendent of the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School dated September 11, 1883 requesting that an Aboriginal girl named Eliza Watson aka Topsy be allowed to stay at the Reformatory School. The file also contains a letter from Francis Jones dated September 5, 1883 asking if Eliza can be licensed out to Mrs Lethbridge of Mitchell. The letter from the Superintendent also mentions another Aboriginal girl named Annie Clay who is licensed out to the Reverend John Vosper.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847099](#) COL/A368 83/4680**

Correspondence relating into an accusation that Sub-Inspector Little of the Native Police is guilty of shooting Aboriginals at Mooraboolah Station, Georgina River. The letter 83/3254 also names the following Aboriginals at Mooraboolah: Pompey, Colonel, Paddy and Dick.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847101](#) COL/A370 83/5223**



Letter from Walter Scott at the Valley of Lagoons, Cardwell dated August 7, 1883 advising that the Aboriginals at the Aboriginals' Camp on the Lower Herbert are in possession firearms and considerable quantities of ammunition. The file also contains a letter from the Police Magistrate in Ingham dated October 4, 1883 advising the Colonial Secretary that several discharged Native Police troopers are amongst them. "Unless measures are taken to stop the supply of arms and disarm those already in possession of them, serious consequences are likely to ensue - awaiting instructions". There is a note on the letter from the Colonial Secretary advising that "there is no law I am aware of which prohibits blacks to carry firearms. All I can suggest is to take the weapons away from them (by force if needful) and make them some compensation for the deprivation".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847101](#) COL/A370 83/5270**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1883. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847103](#) COL/A372 83/5714**

Letter from the Police Station in Herberton dated October 22, 1883 relating to the issue of rations to six Aboriginals who were starving and were brought from Emu Creek to the Herberton Police Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847105](#) COL/A374 83/6259**

Telegram from the Chief Secretary in Western Australia dated November 27, 1883: "please send me any reports you have of commissions appointed to consider treatment of aboriginals".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847106](#) COL/A375 83/6350**

Correspondence relating to the search for Henry Paige of Ravenswood who was reported lost in the bush. Mentions that Native Trackers are assisting in the search. The deposition of John Anderson names a Native Tracker as Billy and one of Paige's Aboriginal employees as Tommy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847106](#) COL/A375 83/6393**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Lamond at Carl Creek Native Police camp requesting that the six troopers who were transferred to Cloncurry be sent back to Carl Creek. The file also contains a letter from Sub-Inspector Douglas dated November 27, 1883 advising that there are several old troopers, who were convicted of larceny and jailed at Townsville, who could be sent to Carl Creek.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847106](#) COL/A375 83/6445**

Diary of Edward Downs' expedition north from Cooktown dated December 3, 1883. Page 4 mentions that at Bathurst Bay they "had a narrow escape in this place by walking into an ambush of blacks who sent a shower of spears amongst us before we saw them and then bolted, we fired a volley after them, no one hurt on either side". Page 11 mentions that the Aboriginals were numerous north of Princess Charlotte Bay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847108](#) COL/A377 84/158**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1883. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847110](#) COL/A379 84/589**

Correspondence from Thursday Island and Cooktown relating to the alleged murder of Robert Bredt, formally the Boatswain of the 'Pearl', by mainland Aboriginals near Peak Point.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847110](#) COL/A379 84/598**

Correspondence in relation to a request from Edward Palmer to remove one of the detachments of Native Police presently at Carl Creek to the Nicholson River. The Native Police detachment is wanted “not nearly so much for blacks as it is wanted for the whites”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847110](#) COL/A379 84/615**

Telegram from Charters Towers dated January 23, 1884 relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals: “I think 4 bales of blankets for aboriginals sufficient for here this year have one bale in stock”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847110](#) COL/A379 84/681**

Petition from several residents of Forest Grove [situated on the Thompson River near its junction with the Darr River] dated December 1, 1883 asking for police protection because “ever since the Township started sly grog selling with all its attendant evils has been going on. Blacks have been supplied with liquor which has recently caused the death of one of them in a drunken fight”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847112](#) COL/A381 84/1120**

Letter from M Mellor at Tewantin dated February 13, 1884 writing that “a few years ago in recognition of the bravery meritorious services rendered by the aboriginals of Tewantin in the capture of the notorious bushranger Campbell [the government] presented them with a boat ... but as such frequently got into the hands of timber getters” and is now useless. He asks if another boat can be supplied to them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847114](#) COL/A383 84/1638**

Return to the Sheriff of all young girls in the Reformatory at Toowoomba dated March 1, 1884. Aboriginal girls listed: Eliza Watson, Lizzie, Lizzie Bodkin.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847116](#) COL/A385 84/2327**

Letter from J Hess at Suttor Creek, Nebo dated March 18, 1884 advising that there are a number of Aboriginals on the Bowen River and Suttor Creek without blankets because they are frightened to go into town and asking if a bale of blankets can be sent to Mount Britton or Nebo for them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847116](#) COL/A385 84/2433**

Correspondence relating to the suspension of Sub-Inspector Walter Jones of the Dunrobin [Normanton] Native Police detachment for drunkenness.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847117](#) COL/A386 84/2595**

Correspondence relating to a request from W Palmer for assistance in supporting about 40 Aboriginals camped on Marybank, Ripple Creek, Herbert River district. The Aboriginals were brought into the station some time ago in an attempt to “civilise” them but have not become self-sufficient.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847117](#) COL/A386 84/2624**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Beenleigh dated April 9, 1884 advising that he has received 80 pairs of blankets for issue to the Aboriginals on the 1st of May. He also asks if “these blankets are to be sent to Nerang or Southport”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847117](#) COL/A386 84/2634**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1884. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847118](#) COL/A387 84/2629**

Letter from the Police Office in Howard [Maryborough district] dated April 14, 1884 asking for two bales of blankets to be forwarded to Howard for the annual distribution to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847118](#) COL/A387 84/2700**

Correspondence from Barron River and Port Douglas relating to expenses for rations to the Aboriginals at the Union Camp, Mitchell River and Northcote.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847118](#) COL/A387 84/2702**

Letter from Frank Nicholson the Trustee of Binambi Aboriginal Reserve writing from Villeneuve, Caboolture dated April 9, 1884. He asks that the number of blankets forwarded to him this year “may be increased to thirty six pairs as I found I had not sufficient last year”. Attached to the letter is a return with the names of the Aboriginals who received blankets at Villeneuve on May 24, 1884 with an additional heading for “district”:

***Name / District***

Dusty Bob / Mount Brisbane  
Maggie / Mount Brisbane  
Oscar / Kilcoy  
Maggie / Kilcoy  
Fanny / Kilcoy  
Toby / Wide Bay  
Wambi / Kilcoy  
Jimmy / Kilcoy  
Jimmy's Wife / Kilcoy  
Cameron / Durundur  
Cameron's wife / Durundur  
Murphy / Kilcoy  
Bally / Kilcoy  
Mickie / Kilcoy  
Maryanne / Kilcoy  
Dick / Kilcoy  
Jacky / Kilcoy  
Thompson / Kilcoy  
Wallaby / Foxlow  
Queena / Foxlow  
Nannie / Foxlow  
Mackenzie / Durundur  
Queen / Durundur  
Julia (baby) / Durundur  
Georgie / Durundur  
Johnny / Durundur  
Jackall / Kilcoy  
Jackie / Durundur  
Cockie / Foxlow  
Lillie (baby) / Kilcoy  
Lucifer / Mount Brisbane

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847118](#) COL/A387 84/2874**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Springsure dated 847118 April 16, 1884: “There are more blankets at Emerald than will be required for distribution to blacks and not sufficient here shall I direct CPS Emerald to forward surplus here”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847118](#) COL/A387 84/2983**

List of immigrants sent to hospital in Brisbane dated April 24, 1884. Entry for Aboriginal man called Matthew Browning.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847119](#) COL/A388 84/3224**

Letter from Frederick Clarke in Cooktown dated April 24, 1884 asking for an appointment in the Native Police as a 2nd class Sub-Inspector. He lists officers Morisset, Armstrong, Fitzgerald and Thompson as referees.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847120](#) COL/A389 84/3311**

Report from Henry Chester on Thursday Island dated April 21, 1884 advising that a European man named Louis was killed by the mainland Aboriginals after leaving Warrior Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847120](#) COL/A389 84/3314**

Correspondence relating to travel expenses to send a 10 year old blind Aboriginal girl from Tambo to Brisbane. The girl was being cared for by an old Aboriginal woman on Greendale Station, Tambo until the old woman's death.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847122](#) COL/A391 84/3271**

Correspondence from Port Douglas relating to a dispute over who is required to pay for the sustenance of a Native Police trooper's wife named Casey while she is in hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847123](#) COL/A392 84/4210**

Letter from the police station at Noosa dated May 16, 1884 advising that the replacement boat for the Aboriginals has arrived and asking for advice on its management. The previous boat had been used by timber getters and as a result had been ruined. There is also a request for a boat shed to be built near the police station so that the Aboriginals can leave it there when they have finished their fishing excursions [See also ITM847112 84/1120].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847124](#) COL/A393 84/4487**

Petition sent from Cairns by the residents of Trinity Inlet, Mulgrave River, Russell River and Barron River complaining about the "numerous depredations of the blacks roaming about the above named rivers" and asking that a Native Police camp be established in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4517**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown dated June 24, 1884 requesting that urgent action be taken to prevent the forcible abduction of mainland Aboriginals [Cape York Peninsula] by those working in the beche-de-mer trade. He suggests placing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are willing to work under some sort of supervision and issuing them tokens so that they can be identified.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4569**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Blackall dated July 11, 1884: "am short of aboriginal blankets may I purchase ten pair cheap for an outside station where good many old aboriginals".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4672**

Letter from Alex Douglas at Townsville dated June 30, 1884 applying for promotion to Inspector 2nd Class in the Native Police – approved 6/84.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4781**

Telegram from the Superintendent at St Helena dated June 26, 1884 advising that "prisoner Kipper Tommy died at 10 o'clock this morning in prison hospital here".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4826**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1884. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847125](#) COL/A394 84/4859**

Correspondence from Henry Chester on Thursday Island relating to the alleged murder of two South Sea Islander labour recruiters by the mainland Aboriginals at the Batavia River. Also discusses the practice of recruiting mainland Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847126](#) COL/A395 84/5034**

Letter from Hunter Finlay the Medical Officer at Ravenswood dated July 8, 1884 reporting that “on several occasions recently there have been cases in which Aboriginals have met with injuries or accidents in this district, and several of these have been allowed to die in the bush without proper nursing because the members of the Committee of the Ravenswood hospital refuse to admit them to that institution either as indoor or as outdoor patients - even when the police have guaranteed payment for their maintenance. I have corresponded with many of the hospitals in Queensland on this subject and I find that the Ravenswood hospital is the only one in the colony that makes any distinction of creed, country or colour. Hitherto I have been under the impression that Aboriginals were entitled to share in the benefits of the Pauper Relief Fund, which here is administered by the hospital Committee. I have attended five Aboriginals during the past quarter - two of these being cases of fracture, and I have been obliged in all cases to supply medicine and surgical appliances at my own cost”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847126](#) COL/A395 84/5070**

Telegram from R Uhr in Cloncurry dated July 21, 1884: “Information just to hand Mr Powell of Powell and Kennedy Carlton Hills and Parkside murdered by blacks blackboy badly speared”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847126](#) COL/A395 84/5143**

Correspondence relating to the death of a white man named Walter Clarke on Dunbar Station, Lower Mitchell River. The report in the file from A Morisset addressed Dunbar Station and dated November 6, 1883 mentions two Aboriginals: “Jemmy who accompanied Hungerford and Clarke upon their trip to the Archer River” and Dick from Mackay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847126](#) COL/A395 84/5169**

Correspondence from Walter Scott at the Valley of Lagoons, Cardwell dated June 27, 1884 in relation to the delay in receiving blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals at the Valley of Lagoons and Herbertvale.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847126](#) COL/A395 84/5171**

Telegram from Tom Thomas on behalf of the Herberton timber getters sent from Cairns and dated July 23, 1884: “Oblige us by suspending action regarding removal of Nichols native police camp Herberton until you receive our letter”. There is also a note on the telegram from Police Commissioner Seymour saying that he knows nothing of the matter, only that he did suggest the detachment should be moved once a station was formed at Return Creek but he has not taken any further steps to move the detachment.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847127](#) COL/A396 84/5267**

Petition from Mary Dwyer the widow of Constable Dwyer asking for financial assistance. Mary writes that “On the 26th of January inst Senior Constable Wright and my late husband accompanied by a black trooper were in search for the purpose of arresting an aboriginal named “Toby” who had assaulted Mr Anderson of Kinnoul on the 25th September 1882. This Toby was a very strong powerful man one of the few survivors of those implicated in the Fraser murders at Hornet Bank”. They came upon Toby about

fifteen miles from Juandah Station [Constable Dwyer] rushed on Toby seizing him by his arms. In the struggle that ensued Toby drove his tomahawk into my husbands' skull".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847127](#) COL/A396 84/5406**

Correspondence relating to the death of Steven Barry who had been fishing 30 miles north of Cooktown before going missing. The telegram dated August 1, 1884 advises that "returned last night from search after missing crew of Ruby found on beach near here found Master and one white man and probably two natives killed by five aboriginals balance of crew -blood was detected on boat which was discovered twenty five miles from where they intended to fish".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847127](#) COL/A396 84/5441**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cairns dated August 4, 1884: "reported last night man named Jack Regan living on MacManus selection Russell River is missing supposed killed by blacks police have been communicated with".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847127](#) COL/A396 84/5462**

Brief letter from David Seymour the Commissioner of Police dated August 5, 1884 recommending that Executive Authority be obtained for the transfer of votes from Native Police rations to other expenses.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847129](#) COL/A398 84/5998**

Letter from Edward Battersby addressed from Brisbane and dated August 28, 1884 applying for a position as a Sub-Inspector in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847130](#) COL/A399 84/6016**

Report for 1883 from the Lytton Reformatory for Boys dated July 26, 1884. Appendix number 4 of the report contains a note advising that two of the inmates are "half caste aboriginals".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847130](#) COL/A399 84/6053**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Tenningering (Mt Perry) in relation to a summons being issued against a Gin Gin publican named Walker for supplying alcohol to an unnamed Aborigine. The summons was issued on August 15, 1884.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847131](#) COL/A400 84/6464**

Request for remission of sentence from an ex Native Police trooper named Jackie dated September 15, 1884. Jackie was sentenced to fifteen years for murder. He is now ill and would like to be restored back to his "native woods". He also asks for employment in the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847132](#) COL/A401 84/6545**

Telegram from the Chief Secretary in Adelaide dated September 19, 1884: "I am informed that your Government are reducing staff of Native Police and shall be glad to know if a few trained men would engage with this Government for the Northern Territory".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847132](#) COL/A401 84/6655**

Brief letter from [Carron?] River Burke district dated September 4, 1884 expressing thanks for the blankets requested for the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847134](#) COL/A403 84/7057**

Report on Murray Island from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island dated September 28, 1884. He mentions that it has been 12 years since the establishment of the Mission and discusses the "civilising" influence on the Islanders. Also mentions that the Head Chief of the island is a man named Harry; that if a survey of the island is made, and all the unimproved land claimed by the

Government leased, a small land tax could be imposed which will go towards making the island self-sufficient.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847134](#) COL/A403 84/7100**

Return of the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1884. Entries for the Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847134](#) COL/A403 84/7145**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Aramac dated October 11, 1884: "Aramac and Bowen Downs blacks had great fight Thursday five miles from here one killed three severely wounded cannot take any action as blacks deny all knowledge saying all fighting together".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847135](#) COL/A404 84/7433**

Correspondence in relation to an Aboriginal girl named Jessie a native of Grafton (NSW) who travelled to Queensland with a Mr Boyd and was subsequently charged at Townsville with having no lawful means of support. The letter from the NSW Colonial Secretary's Office dated October 18, 1884 advises that she has now been placed in "one of the Charitable Institutions in this Colony". There is also a note on the letter from the Police Magistrate in Townsville dated September 29, 1884 advising that "Jessie has given birth to a fine child, whose father she says is Mr Boyd of the Herbert". Letter 84/7221, 84/6928, 84/8524, 84/6555, 84/6213, 84/5527, Top-numbered to 84/7433.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847136](#) COL/A405 84/7698**

Return showing the number of inmates at the Reformatory and Industrial School Toowoomba dated October 31, 1884. The return lists four Aboriginal girls: Eliza Watson from Rockhampton, Lizzie Watson from Charleville, Lizzie Bodkin from Rockhampton and Susan Reynolds from Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847137](#) COL/A406 84/7964**

The file contains a letter from R Walker at Sapphire Plantation Mulgrave River, Cairns district asking for Native Police protection because "there are a thousand blacks in this district" and, he alleges, they have been murdering selectors. The file also contains a report from Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr on the stoning to death of John Conway at the Russell River by Aboriginals for attempting to steal one of their wives. Conway also advises that "with regard to the formation of a Native Police station on the Mulgrave I have the honour to state that there are a large number of blacks on the Russell and Mulgrave rivers, and although they are comparatively quite now will from time to time be troublesome and I think a small detachment of Native Police is much required in the neighbourhood". Letter 84/5996, Top-numbered to 84/7964.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847138](#) COL/A407 84/8140**

Large file containing correspondence connected with, and evidence taken in, the Magisterial Inquiry into the shooting of Aboriginals Billy, Chow Chow and Bunny by the Native Police Force at Tambo. Includes newspaper clippings from the Sydney Morning Herald condemning the shooting of Aboriginals by the Native Police; letters from Charles Dutton of Tambo Station advising that Chow Chow and Bunny had been shot on his station by Inspector Williams and his Native Troopers; depositions from the Inquiry; brief report from Inspector Williams. Letter 72/2346, Top-numbered to 84/8140.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8551**

The file contains a letter from the Government Resident at Palmerston, Northern Territory dated November 7, 1884 advising that the South Australian government intends to introduce "Blacktrackers" in to their Police Force to deal with offences committed by the Aboriginals. He asks for any information in relation to their management in Queensland. The file also contains a letter from David Seymour the Queensland Commissioner of Police in which he states he is confused by the question but in

Queensland it is the Native Police, not the Blacktrackers, who are maintained to deal with offences committed by the Aboriginals. Letter 84/8349, Top-numbered to 84/8551.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8752**

Letter from Harry Aldridge sent from Booral, Maryborough dated December 6, 1884 asking if the Aboriginals he employs can be put under work agreements. He states that the Aboriginals he employs are very good stockmen and trackers but they are often induced to leave his employ with the promise of higher wages, which often do not materialise.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8757**

Letter from Walter Roth asking what are the “means and qualifications” necessary to obtain employment in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8771**

Letter from Mr Smith at Weribone Station, Surat advising that nearly all the Aboriginals in the district are using opium, which is sold to them by the Chinese and asking if “anything can be done to block the sale of this infernal stuff”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8796**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in St George dated December 12, 1884 advising that there is only one bale of blankets at Bollon and that this will not be enough to supply all the Aboriginals in the district. He asks for another bale of blankets to be forwarded.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8804**

Letter from the Registrar General dated December 15, 1884: “As the schedule for the compilation of the Blue Book are being issued I do myself the honour to request that you will be good enough to state whether the Commission appointed in May 1876 to enquire into, and investigate, the condition of the Aborigines has lapsed, or not”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847140](#) COL/A409 84/8855**

Request from JHL Zillman (Moravian Mission, German Station, Nundah) for travelling expenses to go on a lecture tour of England. The file also contains a newspaper article covering one of his lectures in Australia.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847141](#) COL/A410 84/9077**

Correspondence from Cooktown and Thursday Island relating to the alleged murder of two men near Cape Grenville by the Aboriginals. There is a suggestion that the murdered men were part of a labour recruiting party.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847142](#) COL/A411 85/127**

Letter from G Van Someren, the Medical Officer at Cloncurry dated December 14, 1884: “With reference to attendance on aborigines forming a part of my duties as Govt Medical Officer, I shall be obliged if you would kindly inform me who will defray expenses for medicines supplied to them. The Sergeant of Police here disclaims any responsibility, while the Sub-Inspector of Police says he knows nothing about it”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847143](#) COL/A412 85/328**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force. Entries for the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847145](#) COL/A414 85/790**



Telegram from Cooktown advising that “Edward Corr partner of [Bashford ?] and Compy speared in the side by blacks on Normanby River near the springs Dr Korteurn proceeded there this morning cannot ascertain extent of injury till Dr returns”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847145](#) COL/A414 85/989**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Herberton forwarding depositions (in file) in the case of Regina v William Nichols. Ex Native Police Sub-Inspector Nichols was charged with being an accessory before the fact to the murders, by his Native Police troopers, of an Aboriginal man named King Billy, an Aboriginal woman named Kitty, one unnamed Aboriginal woman and one unnamed Aboriginal child at Irvinebank. Native Police troopers mentioned in the depositions include Sambo, Sandy, Pituri, Larry, Carlo, Willie, Jimmey, Joe, and Charlie. The depositions also mention Alicky who was employed by James Bethel, a publican at Irvinebank, and Tommy. The file also contains the depositions from the court case involving the Native Police troopers. [see also COL/A419 – 85/2331]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847146](#) COL/A415 85/1100**

Letter from Inspector Morisset recommending that Native Police trooper Bromby be released from Townsville Gaol. Bromby had been recruited from Bowen in 1875 and served in the Native Police Force at Herbert. He was charged by Sub-Inspector Stafford with stealing a rifle.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847146](#) COL/A415 85/1135**

Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 18, 1885 advising that the promotion of Inspector Douglas and the dismissal of Inspector Nichols has created two vacancies in the Native Police Force. He recommends that Sub-Inspectors Charles Marrett and James Lamond be promoted to fill the vacancies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847147](#) COL/A416 85/1309**

Report from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated February 25, 1885 advising that an Aboriginal man named Duncan has died in Rockhampton Gaol. Duncan was sentenced by the Muttaborra Bench on December 6, 1884 to four month's imprisonment for assault.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847147](#) COL/A416 85/1318**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated February 17, 1885 requesting one bale of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1514**

Letter from Walter Scott at the Valley of Lagoons dated February 22, 1885 requesting permission to distribute the blankets to the Aboriginals of the district. He suggests that if permission is granted the blankets can be forwarded to Aplin Brown and Company in Townsville.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1643**

Letter from the Paroo Divisional Board requesting a refund for the expenses incurred in the burial of paupers in Cunnamulla. Attached is a list of the persons buried – some may be Aboriginal.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1647**

Letter from Henry Wood at Durundur requesting 50 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Kilcoy and Caboolture Aboriginals. A note on the letter states that “75 pairs already forwarded to Woodford”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1784**

Telegram from Port Douglas dated March 14, 1885: “A selector named Barnard is supposed to have been murdered on the Mossman River by black's police have taken steps”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1883**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell advising that "Isaac Henry selector Tully River complains blacks very troublesome having killed twenty head of his cattle last week police station Glendhu broken up what will I do in the matter". A note on the telegram from the Police Commissioner advises that "the police have not yet left Glendhu. There are no Native Police nearer".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1884**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Beenleigh advising that he has received two bales of blankets and asking how many are to be sent to Beresdale, Nerang and Southport.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1933**

Letter from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island, advising that there are thirteen South Sea Islanders on Murray Island and recommending that they be removed because they are "a nuisance to the natives". The file includes a letter from the Chief of Murray Island, Harry Mamus, in his language, the Meriam Mir language (Austlang Language Code Y3), requesting that they be removed and an English translation of the letter by the Reverend MacFarlane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847148](#) COL/A417 85/1969**

The file contains a statement from George Rotumah the Master of the Cutter 'Petrel' in relation to the death of an Aborigine named Willy. George states that he is "in the employ of Mr [Hulter?] of Cardwell" and that he "left Dinner Island on the 25th February 1885 with six of a crew. Willy a native of Tam O'Shanter Point being unwell at the time. He has been suffering for nearly four months with rheumatism, he could only get up on one leg. He died on the 5th of March and was buried at sea off Cape Tribulation".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847150](#) COL/A419 85/2256**

Correspondence from Henry Chester the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island reporting that a diver from the boat 'Victoria' has been killed and two others wounded by the Aborigines at Hannibal Bay. Chester advises that "many of the natives who took part in the attack are well known; they belong to a tribe inhabiting the country from Orfordness to the Jardine River". Letter 85/2049, Top-numbered to 85/2256.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847150](#) COL/A419 85/2331**

Letter from ex Native Police officer Nichols applying for reinstatement in the Government Service. The letter also details his version of events that led to the murders at Irvinebank. The file also contains a letter from the Police Commissioner recommending that Nichols not be reinstated. [see also ITM847145 – 85/989]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847150](#) COL/A419 85/2410**

Letters from Fredrick Midwood in Brisbane requesting a cadetship in the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847150](#) COL/A419 85/2438**

Letter from the Governor's Office informing that the Queen will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to several Acts including "an Act to prevent the improper employment of aboriginal natives of Australia and New Guinea on ships in Queensland waters".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847152](#) COL/A421 85/2957**

Letter from the District Surveyor in Maryborough advising that there are about 35 pairs of blankets on hand and requesting a further 100 blankets for distribution to the Aborigines on Fraser Island. He also comments that some of the Aborigines on Fraser Island are employed on the Kauri Pine plantation. He also asks if the usual distribution of flour and tobacco will be authorised.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847153](#) COL/A422 85/3021**

Petition from the residents of the Cooke and Burke districts requesting Native Police protection because of the “frequent and destructive raids made by the aboriginals ... not only on the stock owned by the settlers, but also on the lives of the settlers themselves”. They suggest that an ideal location for a Native Police camp would be at Burns Crossing on the Staaten River on the main road between Normanton and Palmerville.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847153](#) COL/A422 85/3031**

Telegram from Inspector Fitzgerald in Cooktown dated March 30, 1885 in relation to the alleged spearing of a Chinaman by Aboriginals at Maytown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847153](#) COL/A422 85/3053**

Correspondence in relation to complaints from Henry Jones at Boralga Station, Laura district that the Native Police are inefficient. The file includes letters from Jones, newspaper clippings from the Cooktown Independent condemning the Native Police for allowing the Aboriginals to commit outrages with impunity, and a report from Inspector Fitzgerald denying the allegations. Fitzgerald’s report also makes reference to Jones being responsible for the separation of an Aboriginal boy from his parents. Letter 85/1966, 85/1336, Top-numbered to 85/3053.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847155](#) COL/A424 85/3562**

Correspondence in relation to the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals at Dunwich. Blankets were issued to 20 women, 10 men and 14 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847155](#) COL/A424 85/3674**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Aramac advising that he has distributed blankets to 110 Aboriginals: 50 men, 49 women and 11 children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847155](#) COL/A424 85/3689**

Proclamation in accordance with the Crown Lands Act of 1884 notifying that the Reserve for Aboriginals at Baker’s Creek, in the parish of Chelona is cancelled.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847156](#) COL/A425 85/3963**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat dated May 30, 1885 advising that he did not realise he would have to forward 15 pairs of blankets to the Aboriginals on Glenearn Station and he is now short of 10 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847157](#) COL/A426 85/4024**

Letter from the Johnstone Divisional Board in Geraldton dated May 28, 1885 requesting urgent Native Police protection because the Aboriginals of the district have been killing cattle and committing robberies.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847157](#) COL/A426 85/4041**

Letter from the Yaamba Police Office advising that 37 pairs of blankets have been distributed to the Aboriginals: 22 males and 15 females.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847157](#) COL/A426 85/4105**

Brief note – no details: “suggests that a hut be erected for use of old aboriginal [?] and old blind man at Wivenhoe”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847159](#) COL/A428 85/4521**

Letter on behalf of the Progress Association of Cooktown calling attention to the need for police protection for the Yorke Peninsular settlers because “the outrages by the blacks are becoming of a more daring and aggressive character”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847159](#) COL/A428 85/4592**

The file contains correspondence discussing the best way of stopping the depredations of the Aboriginals, particularly in the Northern Districts. Includes: a report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, on the best way of substituting White Police with Trackers, for Native Police. Attached to this report is a table showing the present cost of the Native Police Force and the estimated cost of the proposed change; a second report from the Police Commissioner about stationing Native Trackers at outside stations; report from Inspector Isley recommending additional Native Police Stations; a petition from the residents of the Herberton district complaining about the break up of the Native Police camp at Nigger Creek because of the “outrages” committed by the Aboriginals. Letter 85/3563, 85/3002, 85/1876, 85/1704, 85/1090, 85/480, Top-numbered to 85/4592.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4799**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Springsure forwarding a request from the owners of Purbrook, Planet Downs, Warrimilla and Consuelo stations (Rolleston district) for blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals. The Police Magistrate also advises that, to supply the Aboriginals of the district with a pair of blankets each, he would require 200 blankets, 50 for Rolleston and 150 for Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4843**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown: “re Native Labourers Protection Act do female aboriginals employed on fishing stations require to be on articles many females so employed”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4936**

Letter from Sub-Inspector Frederick Carr forwarding detailed accounts of expenditure on rations for the Aboriginals in the Barron River district for the March quarter 1885. The accounts are in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4958**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated July 9, 1885 forwarding the cost estimate and the locations where additional buildings will be required if the proposed remodelling of the Native Police Force goes ahead. [see also ITM847159 – 85/4592]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4960**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1885. Entries for the Native Police Force.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847160](#) COL/A428 85/4973**

Brief note – no details - from the Bench on Thursday Island: “Re necessity of protecting contractor for telegraph line at Cape York against the blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847161](#) COL/A430 85/5033**

Two letters from Maria Landsborough at Mooloolah requesting payment for the supply of rations to an old Aboriginal woman and a child.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847161](#) COL/A430 85/5200**

Petition requesting that Donald McAulay’s widow receive the land selected by her husband without any further cost. The petition states that Donald McAulay was killed by the Aboriginals of the Mulgrave River in December 1884.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847161](#) COL/A430 85/5215**

Brief note – no details - asking “for authority to have nets and boat bought for aborigines at Cooktown”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847162](#) COL/A431 85/5267**

Annual report for 1884 from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police. Comments that settlement is now encroaching on the traditional lands of the Aborigines in the Cook district and that something will have to be done to protect them from starvation. “And so end what is now a source of constant trouble between blacks and whites”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847162](#) COL/A431 85/5293**

Return from the District Surveyor in Maryborough advising that he has distributed 64 pairs of blankets to the Aborigines of Fraser Island to 38 males and 27 females.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847162](#) COL/A431 85/5359**

Correspondence in relation to the alleged murder of a male Aborigine on Cowan Downs station, Normanton district. Includes letters from the station manager and station owner advising that they were told by the local Aborigines that some travellers had shot the victim in the head; and a report from Sub-Inspector Pornghostre advising he had exhumed the body but had found “no trace of violence having been used to cause death”. Letter 85/2615, Top-numbered to 85/5359.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847162](#) COL/A431 85/5467**

Telegrams from Brisbane Gaol in relation to a prisoner named Sing Appo. Also see inquest, Singh Appoo, 30 October 1908, File 520, JUS/N408, ITM349005.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847163](#) COL/A432 85/5718**

Telegram from Cooktown dated August 5, 1885 reporting 847163 that the crew of a beche-de-mer boat have all been badly speared on Restoration Island, Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847163](#) COL/A432 85/5732**

Correspondence in relation to police protection for the men employed on the telegraph line to Cape York because “there should be no illusions as to the dangerous character of the natives”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847163](#) COL/A432 85/5749**

Telegram from James Fowler of the *Cooktown Independent* dated August 5, 1885: “Horrible massacre at Resolution Island one Scotchman two aboriginals killed think Admiral Tryon should order Raven here. Proceed and chastise”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847163](#) COL/A432 85/5757**

Letter from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane requesting that Sing Appo be removed from the Brisbane Gaol to Woogaroo. Also see inquest, Singh Appoo, 30 October 1908, File 520, JUS/N408, ITM349005.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847164](#) COL/A433 85/5877**

Letter from the German and Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Queensland dated August 6, 1885 advising that they are now ready to commence mission work amongst the Aborigines of northern Queensland and asking to be granted ten to fifteen square miles of land for a reserve.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847164](#) COL/A433 85/5969**

Brief note – no details except “re distribution of blankets”, “JM Hughes”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847165](#) COL/A434 85/6012**

Letter from Edward Borget sent from Townsville and dated August 4, 1885 suggesting that many of the blankets supplied for distribution to the Aboriginals are being misappropriated and sold on stations or used for other purposes. He suggests that the blankets should be branded to stop the misuse.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847165](#) COL/A434 85/6103**

Report from John Douglas on Thursday Island on a visit to Murray Island. Reports that he travelled to the island to deliver a notice directing any unauthorised inhabitants to leave the island within 30 days. The notice was displayed at the house of Harry, the Chief of the island [see also 847148 – 85/1933]. There is a plan to move the unauthorised South Sea Islanders to Darnley Island. Also gives the names of several South Sea Islanders who were married to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women: Ben Neoa from Tonga married to an Aboriginal woman of the mainland; Lewis Lifu married to a Murray Island woman; Bunny Feu married to a Murray Island woman; Sam Lifu married to a Murray Island woman and Pigeon Lifu married to a woman from Saibai Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847165](#) COL/A434 85/6203**

Correspondence from the Burke District Hospital, Normanton asking for government direction with the regulations for the admission of Aboriginal and coloured persons to hospital. A draft of the proposed regulation is attached.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847166](#) COL/A435 85/6298**

Report for 1884 from Lytton Reformatory for Boys. Appendix 4 mentions that two of the inmates are “half-caste aboriginals”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847166](#) COL/A435 85/6341**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown forwarding correspondence in relation to the spearing of several persons from the boat ‘North Star’ by the inhabitants of Restoration Island. There is the suggestion that the attack may have been a reprisal for ill-treatment received.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847166](#) COL/A435 85/6402**

Telegram from R Uhr in Cloncurry asking if the application of FC Urquhart (now serving there in the Native Police) for a position as the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cloncurry will be entertained without prejudicing his present position.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847167](#) COL/A436 85/6772**

Brief note – no details - from the Police Magistrate in Geraldton: “Recommends formation of a Police Camp as the Blacks are very troublesome”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6801**

Brief note – no details - from the Lands Department: “Surveyor Boyle reports camp stuck up by Blacks at Geraldton”. “Previous 85/6772 Benches; B/C Police 16/9/85”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6820**

Report from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane informing that five prisoners underwent corporal punishment at Brisbane Gaol. An Aboriginal man named Johnny is listed and received 25 lashes. Johnny was sentenced by Judge Miller at the Central District Court Criminal Sittings Maryborough on September 1, 1885. [see also ITM847168 – 85/6845]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6845**

Report from the Sheriff’s Office, Brisbane advising that the five prisoners who received corporal punishment (including an Aboriginal man named Johnny) are “all getting on very well ... but seem very stiff in their backs”. [see also ITM847168 – 85/6820]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6863**

Brief note from the Bench on Thursday Island: "Enquiry re death of Islander by name Ahmet". "CLO 18/9/85".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6902**

Correspondence in relation to the discharge of William Bell from the Dunwich Asylum and being sent to Dalby "where he is well known among the station owners". Also mentions another inmate named Emma Jacka.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847168](#) COL/A437 85/6952**

Large file containing correspondence complaining about the depredations of the Aboriginals in the Cooke district. Includes a letter from Richard Leach at Mossman complaining that he has been robbed several times by the Aboriginals; telegram from the Chairman of the Port Douglas Divisional Board advising that the Aboriginals camped on Saltwater Creek have been spearing cattle and asking for police protection; letter from Isaac Henry at Cardwell asking for police protection on the Tully River because he has heard from some "half tame blacks" that the Aboriginals intend to "burn him out". He also states that there are some ex Native Police troopers amongst the Aboriginals who are leading them; letter from the Police Commissioner in reply to the concerns of the Port Douglas Divisional Board in which he suggests that the depredations are the result of the Aboriginals having lost their hunting grounds. The Commissioner also advises that he has ordered Inspector Isley to form a Native Police camp at the Mossman or Daintree River. Letter 85/2900, 85/2693, 85/2613, 85/2546, 85/2409, 85/1973, 85/1762, Top-numbered to 85/6952.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847170](#) COL/A439 85/7418**

Letter from Fredrick Nott in Bundaberg dated September 8, 1885 requesting Native Police protection on the Archer River because the "blacks are very bad up that way still". The file also contains a letter from the Police Commissioner advising that he has ordered Sub-Inspector Margetts to Lallaroorh and a soon as rain falls a camp will be set up at the Coen River from where the Archer River can be patrolled. Letter 85/6807, Top-numbered to 85/7418.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847171](#) COL/A440 85/7599**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1885. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847172](#) COL/A441 85/7803**

Correspondence from the Pyramid Sugar Company, Cairns complaining that the Aboriginals are setting fire to their sugar cane and that they have been attacking their employees.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847172](#) COL/A441 85/7997**

Letter from the Pyramid Sugar Company, Cairns acknowledging receipt of a telegram advising them that "there is a prospect of some police protection from the depredations of the blacks in this district". [see ITM847172 – 85/7803]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847173](#) COL/A442 85/8175**

Brief note – no details - asking for blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals at Geraldton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847174](#) COL/A443 85/8218** Brief note – no details: "re alleged murder of two Aborigines by mate of Rover". "B/C Police 2.11.85"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847174](#) COL/A443 85/8224**

Letter from the Bench on Thursday Island forwarding depositions (in file) in the inquiry into the kidnapping of Aboriginals from the Jardine, Batavia and Small rivers by the crew of the fishing boat 'Pacific No2'. The offenders were unable to be convicted under the Kidnapping Acts of 1872 and 1875 or under the *Native Labourers Protection Act of 1884* but were instructed to return the Aboriginals to their home. (Top-numbered to 85/8632)

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847174](#) COL/A443 85/8371**

Application dated November 2, 1885 sent from Rockhampton to admit an Aborigine named Murry originally from the Barcoo district to Dunwich Asylum.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847174](#) COL/A443 85/8460**

Letter from G Preston at Oakwood stating that he has read in "the Queenslander that the government is considering the best way of civilising the aborigines". He offers some suggestions for "civilising" the Aboriginals of western Queensland, including: leave them where they are and supply them with tomahawks, fishing nets and blankets, which would induce them to be friendly to the whites and to have confidence in the government; allow them to live on the boundaries of each run, which would have the added advantage of helping to keep the cattle in; also briefly mentions that the "Kalkadoon and Engerlight tribes of the Leichhardt, Gregory, Bankin, Herbert and Beauchannon perform a surgical operation on the young males to prevent them from overstocking their miserable country".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847174](#) COL/A443 85/8489**

Brief note – no details: "Re supply of blankets for distribution to blacks". "approved SWG 13.11.85"; "B/C stores 13.11.85"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847175](#) COL/A444 85/8632**

Letter from the Bench on Thursday Island advising that Constable Phillipotts has returned the Aboriginals who had been kidnapped from the Jardine, Batavia and Small rivers. They had been kidnapped by the crew of the fishing boat the 'Pacific No2'. [see also ITM847174 – 85/8224]. The file also contains a memo from John Douglas, the Police Magistrate, to Constable Phillipotts detailing his orders for the return of the Aboriginals and a report from Constable Phillipotts. Phillipott's report names the Aboriginals who were returned to the Jardine River as Larkoo, Jimmy Jardine and Small Tom. The Aboriginals from the Small River were also left at the Jardine River and are named as Johnny Wong, E Wallah, Kioh and Monkey. The Aboriginals returned to the Batavia River are named as Small Dan, Charley, Johnny, Calico and Agoon. Also mentions that they passed a boat bound for Darnley Island and that one of the men on board was named Charlie Lefu. And that on the return trip they landed near Woody Wallis Island and talked to 72 Aboriginals one of whom was the "Chief of the Natives of York Peninsula, man named Bannis. Bannis had previously been employed by Mr Jardine. Letter 85/8338, 85/8224, Top-numbered to 85/8632.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847175](#) COL/A444 85/8724**

Letter from A Halloran dated November 19, 1885 requesting a "half-caste girl" from the Toowoomba Reformatory. The attached letter from the Superintendent of the Reformatory advises that he received the 13-year-old Aboriginal half-caste girl named Lizzie on the 26th Nov 1881. She was charged by T Swords, Police Magistrate in Charleville, with being a neglected child and sentenced to three years in the Toowoomba Reformatory after being found "wandering about the bush with aboriginal natives". Lizzie was released after serving her sentence but was detained again because she could not support herself.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847178](#) COL/A447 85/9298**

Note with no details titled "Report re alleged murder of aborigine by mate of Roma": "if this enquiry had been held when the information was first given more might have been elicited. The witnesses named by



the informant have not even been examined. Mr Fitzgerald appears to have suspected that Lee was convicted with the accusation and to have therefore disregarded it without making proper inquiries – I think his action in the matter deserves censure. Further inquiries should be made of the persons named if it is not too late”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847181](#) COL/A450 85/9913**

Correspondence from Normanton relating to the alleged murder of Paddy Warren at Walkers Creek by an Aboriginal man named Billy. Includes a report from Native Police Sub-Inspector Pornngdestre advising that he had captured Billy at Kimberly but he had jumped into the Norman River. “He was then fired at and suddenly disappeared whether shot or taken by an alligator is uncertain”. Letter 85/8585, 85/7979, 85/7853, Top-numbered to 85/9913.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847182](#) COL/A451 86/46**

Brief note relating to a petition from the residents of the Palmer Goldfield: “re want of Native Police protection”. “Police for report”. [see ITM847184 – 86/551]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847183](#) COL/A452 86/319**

Letter from JHL Zillmann in New South Wales dated January 7, 1886 requesting photographs of the “Aborigines in their wild state” as he is contributing to an illustrated paper in America.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847184](#) COL/A453 86/551**

Petition from the European and Chinese Merchants, Storekeepers, Miners and other residents of the Palmer Goldfield requesting a Native Police station at the St George or Mitchell River to protect them from the depredations of the Aborigines. The file also contains a letter from the Mayor’s Office in Mackay dated January 15, 1886 advising that a number of Aborigines remain in the town at night and are proving to be a nuisance. The Council want to know if they can be removed outside the town between sunset and sunrise. A note on the letter from the Commissioner of Police advises that the Aboriginal Camp was removed from the town some time ago and “though they sometimes come to town they are dressed and unless disorderly cannot be turned out or arrested by the police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847185](#) COL/A454 86/811, Top-numbered to 86/845**

Telegram from R Uhr in Cloncurry advising that an ex Native Police trooper has reported that he has discovered gold in a tributary of the Leichhardt River. He asks for permission to accompany him to the location to verify his statement.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847185](#) COL/A454 86/843**

Telegram from R Uhr in Cloncurry dated February 2, 1886 advising that O’Sullivan, the Manager of Mount Merlin, was shot and wounded by an Aborigine named Ben Ball.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847188](#) COL/A457 86/1583**

Report for the year 1885 from John Douglas, the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island. Goes into detail about the pearl shell and beche-de-mer fisheries in the Torres Strait with comments on Port Kennedy and the islands in the Torres Strait. Page 10 also lists the number and nationalities of the men employed in the Pearl Shell fisheries including “Australian Aborigines-48” and “Java and the Straits settlements-257”. Page 17 advises that there is a lot of kidnapping associated with the beche-de-mer trade and cites the case of children being purchased from their relatives on the Jardine and Batavia rivers [see also ITM847174 – 85/8224 and ITM847175 – 85/8632]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847188](#) COL/A457 86/1598**

Letter from the Police Office in Blackall forwarding a report from Sub-Inspector Little in relation to the shooting of two aboriginal prisoners at Mr Field’s station, Sandringham. Little’s report advises that he

received a request from Mr Field to arrest the two Aboriginals who were accused of cattle spearing and of robbery. After their arrest they “attacked the troopers by throwing waddies at them. One of them attacked me striking my horse violently and making him uncontrollable. The troopers then fired on him killing him. The other bolted further into the timber followed by one of the troopers and on overtaking him I found he had shot the prisoner recapture being impossible”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847189](#) COL/A458 86/1877**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi dated March 11, 1886: “blacks all in town for blankets weather cold can I distribute at once to get rid of them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847190](#) COL/A459 86/2056**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown which mentions that Mr Wilson and his “black boys” conducted a search around Archer Point for any more survivors from the ‘Arthur’ disaster.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847190](#) COL/A459 86/2083**

Correspondence from Normanton in relation to the deaths of several men from sunstroke while on their way to Croydon from Normanton. The report from the Government Medical Officers mentions that Sub-Inspector Poingdestre (of the Native Police) accompanied them to the scene.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847190](#) COL/A459 86/2132**

Letter from H Wood at Durundur via Woodford dated March 16, 1886 requesting 50 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals. A note on the letter advises that 75 pairs have been forwarded to the police at Woodford.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847190](#) COL/A459 86/2308**

Letter from ER Brooke at Oakwood, Tully River acknowledging the government’s decision to grant a reserve to the Aboriginals of the district. He also advises that grievances against the Aboriginals will soon reach the Colonial Secretary in the form of a petition. He suggests that these grievances are the other selectors own fault and if they treated the Aboriginals properly they would not get any trouble from them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847190](#) COL/A459 86/2311**

Brief note – no details - from FG Macdonald: “requesting to be supplied in the blankets for blacks”. “stores approved B/C 29/3/86”

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847191](#) COL/A460 86/2405**

Telegram from WJ Hooper sent from Hawkwood: “Kindly order blankets for aborigines about 50 waiting dray leaving Chinchilla next week”. A note on the telegram advises: “50 pairs forwarded to Hawkwood 13th”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847192](#) COL/A461 86/2552**

Brief note from J Hassall asking “if blankets can be forwarded to Mr Brook for Tully River blacks”. Also on the note is the following: “forward two bales to Mr Brook Tully River B/C 6/4/86”

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847192](#) COL/A461 86/2631**

Correspondence in the case of an assault on an Aboriginal woman named Minnie by Richard Anning of Cargoon Station, Charters Towers district. The file includes the depositions from the court hearing, a letter from Richard Anning requesting a refund of the amount he was fined, a section of the *Charters Towers Herald* containing an article on the court hearing, and other associated correspondence. The depositions mention that Minnie had arrived on Lolworth Station with an Aboriginal man named Bertie and now lives with Tommy. Also living on Lolworth is Mick and his partner Nellie, and Fred. Letter 86/1359, 86/1091, 86/601, Top-numbered to 86/2631.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847193](#) COL/A462 86/2853**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1886. Entries for the Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847193](#) COL/A462 86/2856**

Telegram from the Sub-Collector of Customs in Maryborough requesting authority to spend 10 pounds on flour, tobacco and pipes for distribution to the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847193](#) COL/A462 86/2960**

Letter from the Wardens Office in Cloncurry requesting payment for expenses incurred in verifying ex Native Police Trooper Dugald's statement that he had discovered gold. [see also ITM847185 – 86/811]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847194](#) COL/A463 86/3014**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown asking if the articles sent up from South Australia for use at the Aboriginal mission station can be exempt from duty.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847195](#) COL/A464 86/3310**

Telegram from the government of Western Australia: "This Govt will be glad to have a copy of such laws as may exist bearing upon the treatment of aboriginal natives in your Colony especially as to the appointment of Protectors and the nature of their duties".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847195](#) COL/A464 86/3412**

Brief note – no details: "WH Kiel asking for blankets for aborigines- Storekeeper B/C 6.5.86"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847195](#) COL/A464 86/3441**

Brief note – no details: "JW [Edward?] Re alleged shooting of blacks at a station called Verra Park. Commissioner Police to make inquiries B/C 7.5.86"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847195](#) COL/A464 86/3485**

Brief note – no details: J Walsh for appointment in Native Police. Treasury B/C 8.5.86.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3514**

Brief note – no details: "CB Dutton asking for blankets for distribution amongst blacks in the Duinga division". "Stores: send bale to the address given by Mr Dutton – B/C 10.5.86".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3551**

The file contains two petitions from an Aborigine named Donald who was sentenced to ten years gaol in the Toowoomba Criminal Court in March 1881. Donald had also been previously convicted at Roma. Donald's first petition dated September 28, 1884 asks to be released from St Helena into the Native Police Force. He also states that he is 20 years old. His second petition dated May 2, 1886 asks if he can "go to work for some white fellow for wages". Letter 86/6821, 84/6258, 84/1100, 84/229, Top-numbered to 86/3551.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3558**

Brief note – no details: "Benches PM Muttaborra asking for supply of blankets". "B/C stores 12.5.86".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3559**

Telegram from J Williams in Normanton: "Blacks numerous have not sufficient blankets can you supply more immediately shall I promise please reply".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3580**

Telegram from Inspector Isley in Port Douglas dated May 7, 1886: “re aboriginal relief accounts Sub-Inspector Carr having left district and no other officer being appointed to attend to that matter please instruct if I shall certify to vouchers for march quarter and forward your office”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3675**

Brief note – no details: “In re blankets for blacks at Nive Downs”. “Send accordingly; B/C Treasury 13.5.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3762**

Brief note – no details: “PM Bundaberg asking for 25 pairs of blankets”. “Stores, 10 pairs approved, B/C 10.5.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847196](#) COL/A465 86/3788**

Letter from Hays and Bundock in Townsville dated May 12, 1886 advising that 42 blankets were distributed to the Aboriginals on Fantome Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847197](#) COL/A466 86/3919**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Townsville: “at Ayr have had no blankets hear very few distributed at Cape Bowling Green would recommend that what remain there be sent to Ayr for distribution”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847197](#) COL/A466 86/3956**

Brief note – no details: “Mr Pettigrew, for blankets and assistance to blacks at Maroochie”. “Col Stores, blankets can be supplied, B/C 26.5.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847197](#) COL/A466 86/3957**

Brief note – no details: Mr [Tooker?] Asking for blankets for distribution to blacks”. “Col Stores approved B/C 27.5.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847198](#) COL/A467 86/4155**

Brief note – no details: “Reserve for black labour, Raine Island”. “Lands, I cannot add anything to my former minute B/C 9.6.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847198](#) COL/A467 86/4186**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Tenningering (Mount Perry) forwarding letters from A Macarthur and J Stephen (in file) requesting blankets to distribute to the Aboriginals at the Cania Goldfield township.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847199](#) COL/A468 86/4309**

Evidence in the inquiry into the theft of mining tools from Charles Wittler a miner of Georgetown. Page 4 mentions the use of Native Trackers to apprehend the offender.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847199](#) COL/A468 86/4424**

Letter from JC Pederson dated June 8, 1886 asking when it would be convenient to see the Colonial Secretary about setting up a mission at Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847199](#) COL/A468 86/4487**

Telegrams from St Lawrence advising that there are about 40 Aboriginals requiring blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847199](#) COL/A468 86/4497**

Letter from AG Bailey in Millchester (Charters Towers?) advising that he has heard that an Aboriginal mission station is to be established in Cooktown and asking that he be considered for the position of

manager. He states that he has “lived with them for a long time and studied their customs and language for years. I consider myself a fit and proper person to look after their welfare”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847200](#) COL/A469 86/4526**

Letter from several residents of the district west of the Gregory River addressed from Bannockburn, Nicholson River requesting that a Native Police camp be established at Turn-off Lagoon, Nicholson River. They are concerned that “the blacks are numerous, crafty and treacherous and horse stealing hitherto has been carried on with impunity”. They suggest that Sub-Inspector Lamond should take charge because he is also a Stock Inspector and could also prevent stock, stolen or otherwise, from leaving the Colony.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847200](#) COL/A469 86/4534**

Copy of evidence and a petition relating to a complaint from some of the prisoners at St Helena about their ill-treatment. Aboriginal prisoners named: Donald, Jacky Norman and [Billy Barcoo?]. Letter 86/3869, 86/15, Top-numbered to 86/4534.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847201](#) COL/A470 86/4753**

Telegram from the Principal Under Secretary in Sydney asking for any works on Aboriginal languages or customs issued by the Queensland Government Press.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847201](#) COL/A470 86/4887**

Letter from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island requesting 40 pairs of blankets for Mr Jardine to distribute to the Aboriginals of the Somerset district. He also advises that one bale was sent to Murray Island and asks for blankets to supply the people of the Leveray islands in the Torres Strait.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847202](#) COL/A471 86/5216**

Letter from J Maddock Hughes at Birrallee, Bowen River requesting 80 blankets for next years distribution to the Aboriginals. Attached is a return of the names of the Aboriginals who received blankets at Birrallee in May and June 1886:

**Men:** Billy (no.1), Billy (no.2), Billy (no.3), Billy (no.4), Jacky (no.1), Jacky (no.2), Jacky (no.3), Dicky (no.1), Dicky (no.2), Dicky (no.3), Tommy (no.1), Tommy (no.2), Tommy (no.3), Tommy Dodd (no.1), Tommy Dodd (no.2), Sandy (no.1), Sandy (no.2), Johnny (no.1), Johnny (no.2), Bob, Davy, George, Coen, Micky, Cubbi, Quirang, Dicky Whitefellow, Sambo, Ned, Neddy, Davie, Brown, Harry, Monkey, Jerimiah, Debbo, Dick, Tom Suttor, Jimmy, Dicky old man, Yandie, Jurie, Dicky Menindie, Marigold.

**Women:** Maggie (no.1), Maggie (no.2), Maggie (no.3), Maggie (no.4), Maggie (no.5), Maggie (no.6), Maggie (no.7), Jennie (no.1), Jennie (no.2), Jennie (no.3), Jennie (no.4), Jennie (no.5), Jennie (no.6), Nellie (no.1), Nellie (no.2), Nellie (no.3), Nellie (no.4), Nellie (no.5), Nellie (no.6), Nellie (no.7), Maria (no.1), Maria (no.2), Annie (no.1), Annie (no.2), Annie (no.3), Bidy (no.1), Bidy (no.2), Polly, Maamee, Minnie, Susanna, Lissie, Marianne, Tibbie, Julia, Dunga, Namelep, Wungellie, Rosie, Boolangaraboo, Binghey, Wheelbarrow, Dinah.

**Children:** Lilly (no.1), Lily (no.2), Lily (no.3), Minnie (no.1), Minnie (no.2), Lucy, Flora, Rosie, Jemmima, Maria, Asmas, Georgie, Eric, Johnny, Jimmilarrie, Johnnarri, Duranduran.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847203](#) COL/A472 86/5285**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1886. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847203](#) COL/A472 86/5388**

Brief note – no details: “in relation to application from Commissioner of Police for land to be reserved for a Native Police Camp. Daintree Mossman”. “Previous 86.5039 Police”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847204](#) COL/A473 86/5632**

Brief note – no details: “in re a reserve for Native Police in the Mossman River District”. “Lands B/C 27.7.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847206](#) COL/A475 86/5859**

Correspondence from the Normanton Police Station in relation to the alleged shooting of Aboriginals on Verra Park Station. The Police inquiries failed to substantiate the allegations. Also mentions that there were eight Aboriginal people living on Verra Park (no names).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847206](#) COL/A475 86/5973**

Petition from an Aboriginal man named John Norman asking for remission of sentence. John was convicted of the manslaughter of his wife Maggie at the Ipswich Criminal Sittings on the 25th of July 1882. The petition mentions that John Norman was well known around Gatton. The file also contains a letter from the Supreme Court in Brisbane detailing the circumstances of the offence. Letter 86/5528, Top-numbered to 86/5973.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847207](#) COL/A476 86/6007**

Letter from Mr Beardmore in Rockhampton dated July 30, 1886 advising that the Aboriginals between Mackay and Rockhampton are fast dying out from the use of opium.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847209](#) COL/A478 86/6585**

Letter from LG Davies at the Bloomfield Aboriginal Mission Station, Cooktown requesting “a supply of all tropical fruit trees, coffee, tea and other plants of commercial value, also a good supply of arrowroot bulbs for planting – of the different varieties, this will make a very cheap food for the natives there being an abundant supply of fresh water it can easily be made on the station”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847213](#) COL/A482 86/7421**

Correspondence from the Hodgkinson District Hospital, Thornborough requesting payment for the medical care of an Aboriginal patient who had been speared. They also ask if “an aboriginal patient dies in hospital may his body be given to his friends, or tribe?”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847214](#) COL/A483 86/7578**

Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell on a proposal from Broad Brothers to stop the “depredations” of the Aboriginals by setting up a relief station for them at Blencoe Creek. He suggests that the scheme would probably fail because it would be difficult to get the different tribes of the district to say in one area. The location also has a “marked absence of game, fruit or other natural food”. Also comments that the large numbers of Aboriginals mentioned by Broad Brothers as being sometimes present on their property are “incursionists partly from Herbertvale but principally from the coastal scrubs on the upper Murray River who having in their own country abundance of natural food would never become permanent dwellers on Blencoe Creek”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847214](#) COL/A483 86/7622**

Report on a visit to the various islands in the Torres Strait from the Government Resident Office Thursday Island. Mentions Naghir Island, Yorke Island, Darnley Island, Murray Island, Darru Island, Bampton Island. Appendix A of the report sets out the punishment for certain offences on Murray Island. Appendix B is a notice advising that the government will erect a school on Murray Island “subject to the natives finding the material necessary for a school building and a house for a teacher and finding labour to assist in the erection”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847215](#) COL/A484 86/7857**

Letter from the Registrar General with an attached table showing the estimated of number of Aboriginals in some of the census districts. The file also contains a letter from E Favence advising that he is compiling a book on the Aboriginals of Australia and asking for any publications on the subject He is particularly interested in any legislation, mission stations and census records (Favence's main work is on NT Aboriginals – Macarthur River). Letter 86/7605, Top-numbered to 86/7857.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847215](#) COL/A484 86/7863**

Telegram from the Collector of Customs in Cardwell requesting a police patrol of the lower Murray River because the Aboriginals have been committing “depredations” including the killing of cattle.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847215](#) COL/A484 86/7912**

Brief note – no details: “Benches PM Cairns re Riley stealing a blackboy. “Previous 86.7850 Police; Police. Steps to be taken to get the boy returned B/C 13.10.86”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847215](#) COL/A484 86/7935**

The file includes a list of Aboriginal prisoners at St Helena, Brisbane: Charlie, Dingo Fred, Paddy, Georgie, Jacky Norman, Jimmy, Darkie and Thomas Moffitt (Moffitt is described as a Queensland half-caste). The names Larry James and [Moore?] Tommy have been crossed out but may also be an Aboriginal.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847216](#) COL/A484 87/55**

Brief note – no details: from the residents of Cloncurry “that medical aid be given to aboriginals”. “Commissioner of Police to wire Cloncurry and ascertain as to the prevalence of this disease in that district”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847217](#) COL/A486 87/276**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1886. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847217](#) COL/A486 87/283**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Burketown advising that “a semi civilised black boy aboriginal shot a gin dead last night at their camp here subsequently gave himself up to police who now have him in custody on charge of murder”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847217](#) COL/A486 87/371**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated January 12, 1887 requesting the Colonial Secretary's permission to transfer four prisoners from Cooktown Gaol to Townsville Gaol. One of the prisoners listed is an Aborigine named Harry, who is awaiting trial.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847218](#) COL/A487 87/566**

Letter from JM Hughes at Birralee, Bowen River advising he has 12 blankets on hand and will need a further 90 for the distribution to the Aboriginals this year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847218](#) COL/A487 87/700**

Correspondence in relation to the purchase of a fishing net for Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul). The file also contains a report from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown relating to a visit to Bloomfield Mission. The report includes information on the customs of the Aboriginals, for instance: birth, death, child naming, marriage rules, burial practices, initiation rights, diet, hunting, language, taboos. Also lists the names of the various groups that make up the population of the Mission. Letter 86/9163, 86/8580, Top-numbered to 87/700.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847219](#) COL/A488 87/844**

Brief note – no details: “asking for a bale of blankets for distribution amongst blacks at Bedourie on Eyres Creek”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847219](#) COL/A488 87/942**

Brief note – no details: “Hays and Bundock asking for supply of blankets for distribution amongst the blacks at Orpheus, Fantome and Curacoa Islands”. “PM Townsville for report”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847219](#) COL/A488 87/958**

Brief report from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown relating to a visit of inspection of the Mission Stations at Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) and Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul). Reports that on arrival at Bloomfield Mission he found 83 Aboriginals there who were mostly old men, women and children and gives the number of acres under cultivation to certain crops. Also mentions that Cape Bedford is an unfavourable site and needs to be moved to an area where the land can be cultivated.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847220](#) COL/A489 87/1095**

Brief note – no details “PM Cloncurry re disease amongst aboriginals in the Cloncurry district”. “The police to bring all cases under the notice of the Medical Officer”. “Commissioner of Police will give necessary instructions”. [see also ITM847216 – 87/55]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847220](#) COL/A489 87/1233**

Letter from Charles Harris in Cooktown dated February 4, 1887 applying for the position of Superintendent at the Bloomfield River Mission (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847220](#) COL/A489 87/1268**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Herberton dated February 7, 1887 requesting permission for Mr Beckley to take an Aboriginal boy named Snowball to England. He states that Snowball has been in Mr Beckley’s service for the last eighteen months.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847220](#) COL/A489 87/1289**

Letter from JS McIntyre in Toowoomba dated February 10, 1887 advising that he discussed the need for Native Police protection in the Mulgrave River district with the Colonial Treasurer on his recent visit to Toowoomba. The discussion he held with the Treasurer was on behalf of RF Walker, a former Darling Downs farmer who is now a settler in the Mulgrave River district. McIntyre advises that the Aboriginals have been stealing Walker’s corn “in a very bold manner ... and his neighbours have suffered very heavily indeed and that the protection of the Native Police is urgently required”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847221](#) COL/A490 87/1328**

Letter from TC Coventry in Stanthorpe dated February 14, 1887 drawing attention to his previous application for the position of Superintendent of the Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) and asking that it be given “favourable consideration”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847221](#) COL/A490 87/1334**

Telegram from an Aboriginal man named Jack Wallace advising that Mrs MacGroarty is keeping his wife as a servant and requesting that she be allowed to return to him. The file also contains a telegram from BC MacGroarty, the Police Magistrate at Hughenden: “empathically deny detention of any persons gin a servant or otherwise have no knowledge of your informant have gin I brought from Normanton been with family for over five years”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847221](#) COL/A490 87/1435**



Correspondence from Ingham Hospital and the Registrar General in relation to Aboriginals witnessing the death certificates of South Sea Islanders. The Registrar General suggests that the "Hospital Officials should be requested to prevent such apparent recklessness".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847221](#) COL/A490 87/1451**

Correspondence from Cardwell in relation to a complaint about Mr Griffin sitting on the Bench to hear a case against an Aboriginal boy named Tommy. Tommy was charged with absconding from the hired service of William Scougall of Glenborah Station near Cardwell. Tommy had absconded and was subsequently employed by Mr Griffin's daughter and son-in-law.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847222](#) COL/A491 87/1692**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for the period from December 11, 1886 to January 15, 1887. Includes ration and store accounts and returns of the number of Aboriginal men, women and children fed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847222](#) COL/A491 87/1693**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley), Cooktown for the period from December 11, 1886 to February 12, 1887. Ration and store accounts and returns of the number of Aboriginal men, women and children fed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847223](#) COL/A492 87/1794**

Letter from Mr Bauer, the Superintendent of the Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul), asking for permission to engage another white man at the Mission because in his absence the Aboriginals stole potatoes and threatened to kill all the whites. He states that he has "a large number of blacks in and among them are the Daintree tribes some of the worst in the district".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847223](#) COL/A492 87/1884**

Correspondence from Thursday Island in relation to an attack on Robert Goodshaw by the Aboriginals at the Jardine River. The report from Sergeant Savage advises that he arrested two Aboriginals named Bannis (named as the Chief in the report) and Brown for some previous murders and then arrested Kio, Small Billy, Charlie and Billy for the attack on Goodshaw.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847223](#) COL/A492 87/1981**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Tennigering (Mount Perry): "Shall I distribute blankets to aboriginals on Saturday 13th April".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847224](#) COL/A493 87/2199**

Correspondence in relation to the wreck of a boat at Redcliffe, Brisbane owned by an Aboriginal man named Pilot who is also named Tom [Hamilton?] in the correspondence.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847225](#) COL/A494 87/2468**

Letter from L Maunsell on behalf of De Salis Brothers requesting blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals on their stations in the Bowen district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847225](#) COL/A494 87/2480**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated March 24, 1887: "Blankets for annual distribution to blacks all at Geraldton not arrived there yet".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847226](#) COL/A495 87/2567**

Correspondence in relation to the release of Jacky into the hired service of Walter Scott and Jacky's wish to return to his people in the Logan District. Jacky is described as being "half-caste" and was

sentenced by the Goodna Bench to five years in the Lytton Reformatory for being a neglected child. He was subsequently released into the hired service of Walter Scott at Taromeo Station, Esk.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847227](#) COL/A496 87/2769**

Brief note – no details: “H Baynes asking for supply of blankets for blacks in the Barambah Dist” [South Burnett].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847227](#) COL/A496 87/2793**

Official Visitor’s report of the Reception House for the Insane at Maryborough. Mentions that there are two female patients one of which is an Aborigine.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3017**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown forwarding requisitions (in file) for stores items for the Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3031**

Letter from Thomas Chapman of The Auburn via Chinchilla requesting blankets for the Aborigines on the station. The file also contains a letter from Robert Brett at the Hawkwood Police Station to Thomas Chapman advising that he has received 50 blankets but there are over 100 Aborigines in the district so he will be unable to supply him with any blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3118**

Letter from the Government Resident’s Office on Thursday Island advising that a requisition was sent for 400 blankets for the 1400 Aborigines in the district and only 50 pairs have been received. He also advises that Mr Jardine has applied for 60 pairs of blankets for his “quite blacks”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3134**

Brief note – no details: “Progress Assoc, Cloncurry in re petition for Government aid for medical treatment of the blacks”. “Police to make inquiries as to this fact”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3232**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1887. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3246**

Reports from Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) and Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul) Mission Stations, Cooktown, including returns showing the numbers of men, women and children fed, and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847228](#) COL/A497 87/3247**

Brief note – no details: “PM Cooktown enclosing application for blankets for Cape Melville”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847229](#) COL/A498 87/3265**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated April 22, 1887: “Blankets for blacks Geraldton not arrived yet I have publicly announced May 9th as day for annual distribution”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847229](#) COL/A498 87/3450**

Letter from GR Byrne requesting a boy from the Lytton Reformatory. The file also contains a letter from the Superintendent of the Lytton Reformatory recommending that an Aboriginal boy named Willie Jack be licensed out to GR Byrne. The letter states that “Willie Jack, who is a half-caste aboriginal about 13 years old, was sent here by the Brisbane Bench, on 26 February 1886, for three years as a

neglected child. He is a native of the Charleville District, and was brought up by Sgt Burke of South Brisbane". Letter 87/3332, Top-numbered to 87/3450.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3597**

Brief note – no details: "PM Thursday Island enquiry re escape of three aboriginals from gaol". "previous 87.3393 Sheriff".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3598**

Report from the Acting Government Resident on Thursday Island. Mentions there is sickness amongst the inhabitants of Darnley Island. The report also contains depositions from an inquiry into the death of George Cornell on Darnley Island. One of the deponents is a man named Josiah, the mission teacher on Darnley Island. The file also contains a telegram from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island, which advises that a report has been received that the Kiwi natives intended to attack Mr Beardmores's station on Darru Island. Letter 87/3115, 87/2899, Top-numbered to 87/3598.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3607**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas dated May 3, 1887: "May I be permitted to spend five pounds in purchasing flour and meat for aboriginals to issue on Queens Birthday such a course would have a civilizing effect".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3622**

Letter from Samuel Grimes at Coomera advising that there are about 25 Aboriginals waiting in the township of Coomera for blankets. "The blacks are the remnant of the Coomera tribe and do not like to go to Nerang or Beenleigh giving as their reason that it is off their fallone (native name for land) and are afraid the [?] tribes will quarrel with them".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3649**

Brief note – no details: "Pettigrew asking for blankets for blacks on Maroochy River" (Maroochydoore).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3670**

Report from Senior Constable James Barbour at the Wivenhoe Police Station dated April 18, 1887 advising that an old Aboriginal woman named Eliza North died on April 5. A note on the letter states that the Constable "received 1/- per day to support the old woman. It will cease from 5th instant".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3676**

Brief note – no details: "Asking for blankets for aboriginals at Salt Water Creek".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3742**

Brief note – no details: "Benches Hughenden in re no blankets being sent to Richmond Downs".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847230](#) COL/A499 87/3744**

Brief note – no details: "Benches Thargomindah asking for another bale of blankets".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847231](#) COL/A500 87/3798**

Brief note – no details: "Benches PM Charleville when are the blacks blankets to be distributed".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847231](#) COL/A500 87/3800**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat dated May 6, 1887 advising that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals has been held but that there were not many Aboriginals present. He also advises that he has enough blankets on hand to send out to the stations that require them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847231](#) COL/A500 87/3841**

Brief note – no details: “H Keil for supply of blankets for blacks at Didillibah” (Nambour).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847231](#) COL/A500 87/3958**

Brief note – no details: “E Bright in re natives being taken away by [Mr?] Mullally against their will”. “The Commissioner of Police for enquiry and action if necessary”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847231](#) COL/A500 87/3999**

Police Department transfer of Votes. Includes an entry showing expenditure on Native Police rations for 1886-1887.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4023**

Telegram from FL Decouret in Port Douglas: “Police Magistrate tells me to apply to you for blankets blacks Salt Water Creek twenty five at least required”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4032**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Nanango advising that he has some blankets left but will require more because the Aboriginals from Barambah and district have not yet applied for their blankets. He asks for a further 20 pairs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4071**

Telegram from MJ Tooker from Rockhampton: “are Leura aboriginals to receive no blankets this year”. A note on the telegram advises that “12 pairs for Leura blacks forwarded as instructed to the Police at Marlborough”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4079**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich: “I have the honour to report that no blankets have been forwarded to Gatton for distribution amongst the blacks in that district”. A note on the letter states that “75 pairs sent this year to the PM Ipswich for the blacks at Ipswich and Gatton”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4098**

Reports from Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul) and Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) Mission Stations. Includes returns showing the number of men, women and children fed each day and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847232](#) COL/A501 87/4161**

Telegram from Thomas Brodie in Augathella: “A large number of blacks here without blankets if you send one or two bales to morven I will pay dray carriage to there and distribute amongst them”. A note on the telegram advises that 100 pairs will be sent as soon as procurable”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847233](#) COL/A502 87/4344**

Telegram from Thomas Brodie in Augathella: “Am much obliged for blacks blankets and will send to morven at once for them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847233](#) COL/A502 87/4443**

Letter from the Police Inspector’s Office in Rockhampton advising that the habit of opium smoking is rapidly spreading through the Aboriginal population of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847234](#) COL/A503 87/4597**

Report from the Acting Government Resident on Thursday Island on a visit to the Batavia and Ducie Rivers. Page 10 briefly mentions the presence of Aboriginal people in the vicinity.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847234](#) COL/A503 87/4703**

Letter from Mr Johnson in Bundaberg requesting that the government pay him a ration allowance for Nobby, "King of the Blacks in this district" and his wife. Johnson states that "they are costing us fully ten shillings per week". Nobby and his wife are unable to look after themselves because of their age and because they are both blind.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847234](#) COL/A503 87/4735**

Brief note – no details: "Benches Cloncurry more blankets required".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847235](#) COL/A504 87/4810**

Ration and store accounts for Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847235](#) COL/A504 87/4828**

Brief note – no details: "Reporting death of prisoner Jimmy at St Helena". "Dr Dray to state what the prisoner Jimmy died of". "The Sheriff for Enquiry B/C 23.6.87".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847235](#) COL/A504 87/4829**

Statement of expenditure for the month of April 1887 from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847235](#) COL/A504 87/4921**

Statement of expenditure for the month of May 1887 from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847235](#) COL/A504 87/4937**

Letter from the Female Turnkey at the Townsville Gaol complaining that Mrs Middleton of the Women's Temperance Mission has been breaking the goal rules during her visits. Mentions that she talked to other prisoners about a male Aboriginal prisoner, called Stevenson, getting a pardon.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847237](#) COL/A506 87/5184**

Telegrams in relation to the alleged abduction of Aboriginal women from the Pascoe River by George Rotumah. The file also contains a report from Sub-Inspector Brook of the Native Police, which suggests that the allegations are unfounded. And a second report from Sub-Inspector Brook reporting on allegations that gold has been discovered at the Jardine River. This report mentions that the "blacks were very numerous but not hostile as yet. And I think the visit of the troopers will have a good effect as we parted on most friendly terms". Letter 87/4690, 87/4004, 87/3778, 87/3346, Top-numbered to 87/5184.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847238](#) COL/A507 87/5272**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Normanton advising "James Ferguson left fortnight since to blaze new track to Croydon found dead by police and trackers on Bull Creek foul play by blacks suspected Enquiry".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847238](#) COL/A507 87/5343**

Inquiry into death of an Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy at St Helena. Jimmy was tried at Rockhampton before Charles Lilley on April 25, 1887.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847240](#) COL/A509 87/5708**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1887. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847240](#) COL/A509 87/5711**

Recommendations for the transfer of Votes from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847243](#) COL/A512 87/6476**

Recommendations for the transfer of Votes from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847244](#) COL/A513 87/6703**

Brief note – no details: PM Thursday Island 18 August 1887 “in re necessity for having black trackers stationed at Thursday I”. “Commissioner of Police for report”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847244](#) COL/A513 87/6739**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown in relation to a white woman being found in an Aboriginal camp near Normanby.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847244](#) COL/A513 87/6799**

Report and Minutes of evidence taken at the Gaols Board of Inquiry. The index of names of prisoners in Roma Goal lists one Aboriginal man named Pilot. The index of names of prisoners in Townsville Gaol lists Tommy Spence, Jimmy, Small Billy, Jack, Billy, Bannis, Kio and Brown. The index of prisoners in Blackall Goal lists Colin.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847245](#) COL/A514 87/6875**

Brief note – no details: “Lands Reserve for aborigines Bloomfield River [Wujul Wujul]”. “Lands the Acting Commissioner of Lands at Cooktown to advise as to suitable area and boundaries for a hunting ground”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847245](#) COL/A514 87/6926**

Telegram from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island: “One of the escapees who got away when albatross went down has been brought to lightship by bech de mer fisherman and brought in here his mate was speared by blacks of another tribe”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847246](#) COL/A515 87/6980**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, advising that the contingencies Vote is nearly exhausted. Includes a table of Votes for 1886–1887 that lists rations to Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847247](#) COL/A516 87/7069**

Correspondence from Cooktown in relation to the shipping of an Aboriginal crew on the cutter ‘Lizzie’. When off Cape Bedford the crew threw the Mate and another man overboard and sailed away in the cutter. Includes a report from Sub-Inspector Brook who was sent in pursuit of the offenders. Brook and his Native Police troopers landed near Noble Island where “we came on the blacks who stole the boat camped in the mangroves the blacks retreated into the scrub”. The Aboriginal crew is named as Billy, Charley, Jimmy, Charley (no.2), Jimmy (no.2), Dalee, Jimmy (no.3), Mary and Johnny.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847247](#) COL/A516 87/7106**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Gympie sent from Tewantin advising that a boat belonging to the Aboriginals at Tewantin is falling to pieces from lack of paint. He requests authority to supply them with some paint.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847248](#) COL/A517 87/7331**

Correspondence from the Sub Collector of Customs in Maryborough requesting funds to supply the Aboriginals of Fraser Island, Inskip Point and Lady Elliot Island with flour, tobacco and pipes. He states

that “their assistance is of great service in unloading stores, rations etc, for the Light Houses – in fact what small remuneration they get they earn”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847248](#) COL/A517 87/7409**

Brief note – no details: “Re Reserve for aborigines and proposed hunting ground. Bloomfield River [Wujul Wujul]”. “previous 87.6875 Lands; B/C Lands 15.9.87”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847248](#) COL/A517 87/7414**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Joe died in the Brisbane Gaol on September 19, 1887. Joe had been sentenced by Justice Cooper at Cooktown on May 10, 1887.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847249](#) COL/A518 87/7610**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell advising that he has given the Master of the ‘SS Burdekin’ vouchers for the passage of two Aboriginal boys from Cardwell to Geraldton. The boys were improperly removed from their homes at the Johnson River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847249](#) COL/A518 87/7670**

Brief note – no details: “Police; if rations can be supplied to two aboriginals at Wivenhoe”. “to be supplied with rations and looked after”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847249](#) COL/A518 87/7688**

Telegram from the Acting Resident on Thursday Island asking “what pay are Jacky Norman and his mate to get and what sustenance allowance sergeant informs me will cost two shillings per diem to pay for their rations can their gins get half rations”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847250](#) COL/A519 87/7838**

Letter from Bingham Kelly writing from New Guinea asking if it is legal to employ Aboriginals on boats outside of Queensland waters. He states that the “cutter named ‘Cora’ turned up here a week or two ago with a crew of two aboriginals – only one, however, appeared on her papers”. He suggests that this is no solitary case and to his reading of the 1884 Employment of Aboriginal Natives Act this practice is illegal.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847250](#) COL/A519 87/7938**

Telegrams from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island reporting that the Master of the boat ‘Lizzie’ was murdered by his crew. The crew were Aboriginals from Cape Sidmouth.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847250](#) COL/A519 87/7956**

Brief note – no details “Report from Lieutenant Commander Richards of murder and cannibalism among natives of Palm Island” “Com of Police for enquiry B/C 12.10.87”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847251](#) COL/A520 87/8117**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1887. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847252](#) COL/A521 87/8216**

Telegram from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island informing that an inquiry has been held into the murder of Andrew Anderson by the Aboriginals from the Pascoe River. “Little doubt he brought it on himself through interfering with the women”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847252](#) COL/A521 87/8237**

Correspondence in relation to the alleged murder of two Aboriginals by members of their own tribe on Palm Island. Mentions Palm Islanders Jimmy and Sammy. [see also ITM847250 – 87/7956]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847254](#) COL/A523 87/8628**

Correspondence from SB Walker complaining that he has been unable to procure the 14 1/2 pairs of blankets requested from the Police Magistrate in Normanton for the Aboriginals on his station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847254](#) COL/A523 87/8660**

Telegrams from the Police Magistrate in Gympie requesting authorisation for the repair of a boat belonging to the Aboriginals at Tewantin.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847255](#) COL/A524 87/8805**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, forwarding a statement showing the state of Votes for the Police Department. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847255](#) COL/A524 87/8853**

Brief note – no details: “Police; Inspector Fitzgerald recommending site for aboriginal reserve at junction of Somerset Creek with Gilbert River”. “previous 87.8492 Police”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847256](#) COL/A525 87/9041**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown reporting the arrival of the beche-de-mer vessel ‘Spitfire’ with eight Aboriginals on board who are charged with the murder of Joseph Nair at Conflict Island”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847257](#) COL/A526 87/9240**

Letter from Walter Fisher, the Government Medical Officer, in Cloncurry advising that the Aboriginals of the district suffer from various diseases but his efforts to cure them are hampered by their inability to pay for medicines. He asks for advice on the matter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847258](#) COL/A527 87/9372**

Brief note – no details: “Lands; papers re aboriginal Reserve at Junction of Somerset Creek and Gilbert River”. “previous 87.9285”. “Lands; will you have the place marked on the tracing as suggested by Inspector Fitzgerald proclaiming an aboriginal reserve – providing you see no objection. B/C 2.12.87”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847259](#) COL/A528 87/9775**

Petition from the selectors and residents in the Herberton district requesting Native Police protection from the Aboriginals because they “have been despoiled by them of their property and kept in a continual state of fear and alarm”. The file also contains a report from Inspector Morisot stating that the district has been frequently patrolled by the Native Police and that the grievances of the petitioners are exaggerated. Letter 87/5341, Top-numbered to 87/9775.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847259](#) COL/A528 87/9790**

Brief note – no details: “Public Meetings; Residents of Torres Straits that Government take some action re recent murders committed by the blacks”. “Com of Police; what number of native police will be needed at proposed station at Somerset? Can arrange for Eileen to go there – make immediate preparation”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847259](#) COL/A528 87/9852**

Brief note – no details: “Benches PM Thursday Island; can recruit a second tracker himself”. “previous 87.7032 Police”.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM847259](#) COL/A528 87/9884**

Brief note – no details: “Police; in re robberies committed by Blacks near Herberton”. “Commissioner of Police; do you recommend station at Nigger Creek B/C 15.12.87”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847260](#) COL/A529 87/10004**

Telegram from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island: “returned yesterday from Sabai having visited Western Islands at Saibai natives expecting another raid from the Dogeri men natives of Talbot Island all left their homes and settled on Mount Cornwall’s Island for same reason”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847260](#) COL/A529 87/10070**

Telegram from the Winton Hospital Secretary asking if they can send an incurable Aboriginal woman to an institution because there is no accommodation available in the hospital. He also advises that the disease is paraplegia and that she is five months pregnant.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847261](#) COL/A530 87/10219**

Brief note – no details: “Const R Carroll at Cobbs Camp. Native name of place is called Wombi” [Wombeye]. “Telegram no. 1031, 28.12.87”. [see also COL/A533 – 88/922]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847262](#) COL/A531 88/40**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in St Laurence advising that “a civilized black boy named Luke was murdered within half a mile of the town on the morning of the 29th ultimo the murderers four aboriginals can be identified steps have been taken for their arrest”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847262](#) COL/A531 88/95**

Letter from the Medical Superintendent at Woogaroo advising that an Aboriginal inmate named Harry died on December 25, 1887. Harry had been transferred from St Helena to Woogaroo on October 28, 1887 where he had been serving a 15-year sentence for attempted rape.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847262](#) COL/A531 88/105**

Large file containing reports and depositions related to an inquiry held into the death of six Aboriginals near the Pilot Station at Kimberley by the Normanton Native Police detachment commanded by Inspector Poingdestre. Troopers mentioned, Peter, Spider, Neddie, Salisbury, Sambo, Tommy, Charley and Jimmy. The deposition of John Buzza also refers to an Aboriginal man named Boney. Letter 87/10157, 87/9714, 87/9515, 87/9432, Top-numbered to 88/105.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847263](#) COL/A532 88/637**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1887. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847264](#) COL/A533 88/922**

Correspondence relating to the naming of the settlement of Cobbs Camp north of Landsborough in the Mooloolah district (Nambour). The residents say that “they have agreed to alter the name of Cobbs Camp into the aboriginal name Woomby or Woombi the translation of which, into English is, so at least we are told “black myrtel”, the black fellows name of the creek running past Cobbs Camp”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847264](#) COL/A533 88/928**

Brief note – no details: “Secretary at Herberton; necessary that a trooper and a black boy be stationed at Atherton”. “Commissioner of Police; has not some action been taken in this matter B/C 4.2.88”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847265](#) COL/A534 88/1005**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, forwarding a statement showing the state of Votes for the Police Department. Entry for Native Police trooper's rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847265](#) COL/A534 88/1027**

Report for 1886 – 1887 from the Lutheran Mission at Elim near Cooktown (Cape Bedford, later renamed Hope Valley).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847266](#) COL/A535 88/1414**

Telegram from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island: "Returned from Saibai found the people there all right the Dogaeri men had been on the Island but had not molested them They are expecting another visit before North West section is over".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847268](#) COL/A537 88/1756**

Proclamation notice approving an area of two square miles for an Aboriginal reserve at the Gilbert River in the Cooke district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847269](#) COL/A538 88/2075**

Telegram from George Brookes in Georgetown in response to a public meeting: "Chinese lepers having been here some time and cohabiting with aboriginals disease is spreading amongst them large public meeting held here Saturday evening urging you to take immediate action to prevent the further spread of leprosy on the Etheridge Goldfield".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847269](#) COL/A538 88/2176**

Correspondence in relation to a petition from the residents of Birdsville asking that the Aboriginals and their dogs be prevented from camping at the town waterhole. Letter 87/9774, 87/6543, Top-numbered to 88/2176.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847270](#) COL/A539 88/2426**

Telegram from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island: "There are several bech de mer stations between here and Cooktown have never been visited or inspected, owners employ natives largely without shipping them think it desirable they should be visited weather suitable shortly shall I do so". A note on the telegram states, "Yes. When weather is suitable".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847270](#) COL/A539 88/2611**

Brief note – no details: "Lands; aboriginal reserve. Durundur". "Com of Police for report B/C 13.4.88".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847272](#) COL/A541 88/3043**

Brief note – no details: "Police; in re blacks mixing with Chinese lepers". "previous 88.26267". "Keep the blacks to the reserve after dark B/C 11.4.88".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847272](#) COL/A541 88/3218**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1888. Entries for Native Police and Native Troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847272](#) COL/A541 88/3296**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, enclosing a schedule showing how the contingencies Vote of the Police Department stands. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847274](#) COL/A543 88/3733**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough requesting authority to spend funds on supplying the Aboriginals with flour and tobacco in addition to their blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847274](#) COL/A543 88/3824**

Telegram from A Owen Jones, the Secretary of the Geraldton Hospital (now Innisfail), asking: "Sir in event of aboriginals found dead who is responsible for burial".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847276](#) COL/A545 88/4202**

Correspondence in relation to allegations from an Aboriginal man named Johnny that four Aboriginals and a white man were murdered on Mount Merlin Station by the Manager. Johnny was employed on Mount Merlin by Mr O'Sullivan, the manager. His wife and mother were also employed on the station. The telegram dated April 23, 1888 states "no evidence found of murders". The last page of the Police Magistrate's report also suggests that the "blacks in a great many instances are reduced to abject slavery by whips and firearms there is not the slightest doubt ... I am of the opinion that the Police Magistrate in these outside places should visit the various stations as aboriginal protectors ... and the Native Police disbanded".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847276](#) COL/A545 88/4208**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Herberton: "Reported that Chinese leper killed by blacks between woodville and union camp Thornborough Dr Booth and senior constable investigating this is leper previously referred to by me".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847276](#) COL/A545 88/4237**

Large file containing a letter from Gilbert White written from Herberton to Bishop Webber putting both the Aboriginals' and the settlers' point of view in relation to frontier conflict. He suggests that "the present state of things is an outrage on common sense and justice". He asks the bishop to bring the facts before those in authority because to secure some effectual remedy will "be a good day both for blacks and whites". The file also contains a letter from the Herberton Progress Association advising that a meeting had been held in response to "the continued outrages upon settlers by blacks in this district". A resolution was passed suggesting "some mode of civilization should be attempted to bring the blacks under proper subjection of the law". The file also contains a report from Sub-Inspector Brook advising that he has visited the Georgetown district "with a view to forming a Black's Reserve" but found the soil and climate of the district unsuitable. He also states that there are about 400 Aboriginals of different tribes in the district and it would be difficult to get them to live on the same reserve". The telegram dated March 15, 1888 from the Georgetown Police Magistrate on a tour of inspection with Dr Langridge of the Chinese and Aboriginal residents. He suggests that the Native Police should be used to muster all the Aboriginals together for a health inspection because they found it difficult to catch them. Letter 3750/88, 2368/88, 287/88, 9389/87, 9285/87, 9019/87. Top-numbered to 88/4237

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847276](#) COL/A545 88/4300**

Letter from B Cribb asking for the release of an Aboriginal prisoner named Condamine Dick. Condamine Dick was sentenced to ten years imprisonment by Justice Lilley in Toowoomba on May 27, 1885.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847277](#) COL/A546 88/4640**

Letter from FW Taplin of the South Australian Aborigines Friends Association requesting any Queensland government legislation relating to the control or protection of the Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847277](#) COL/A546 88/4675**

Letter from B Cribb acknowledging receipt of the letter advising him that Condamine Dick has been granted a remission of sentence. He also asks if Dick can be told to call on him so that he can see what he can do for him. [see also 847276 – 88/4300]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847277](#) COL/A546 88/4696**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown: "Can I distribute some flour and meat with blankets on 24th to aboriginals".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847281](#) COL/A550 88/5756**

Three telegrams from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island. (1): "Propose going to Warrior Island on Wednesday to enquire in to report of this alleged murder of a SS Islander with native woman and also to collect revenue and to make my periodical visit to Murray Island next week". (2): Advises his return from Warrior Island after settling a dispute. (3): Advises he has returned from a cruise around the islands of the Torres Strait. At Darnley Island it was reported to him that an Islander and his wife were missing, believed to have been killed by the crew of a fishing boat.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847282](#) COL/A551 88/6006**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Normanton: "Two destitute colored men arrived from Croydon ask passage to Thursday Island shall I grant".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847282](#) COL/A551 88/6178**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1888. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847285](#) COL/A554 88/6843**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, forwarding a return showing the state of Police Votes on July 10, 1888. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847285](#) COL/A554 88/6845**

Letter from the Superintendent of the Lytton Reformatory for Boys forwarding an application from William Barnett of Norman Creek Brisbane for a boy from the institution. The Superintendent recommends that "Willie Jack, a half-caste aboriginal be licensed to him". "Willie Jack who is about 15 years old was sent here by the Brisbane Bench, on the 26th February 1886, for three years as a neglected child – He was licensed out to Mr George Byrne in May 1887, but walked back here on the 20th January last".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847288](#) COL/A557 88/7747**

Correspondence in relation to complaints from Mr Brooks that the Geraldton Police Magistrate supplied a white man named William Prior and his Aboriginal wife with four pairs of blankets. This is alleged to have happened during the distribution of blankets to the Aboriginals at Cardwell.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847288](#) COL/A557 88/7767**

Report from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, comparing the number of Police in Queensland to other Colonies. Includes tables showing the pay and cost of rations to Native Trackers, Native Police officers' salaries, number of Officers and Trackers and the cost per annum.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847289](#) COL/A558 88/7918**

Telegrams from Hugh Milman on Thursday Island advising that he has returned from a tour of inspection of Saibai and other islands in the Torres Strait. Advises that, Ben Moore, the owner of a fishing station on Boydon Cay is missing.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847289](#) COL/A558 88/7966**

The file contains letters from the Tinaroo Divisional Board asking for police protection to put "an end to the continued depredations of the blacks" in the Barron River district. The file also contains a letter from D Irvine offering one of his paddocks at Maylins Creek for the establishment of a police station and a letter from the Tinaroo Divisional Board advising that W Kelly and E Putt also have suitable paddocks. Letter 88/7542, 88/6638, 88/6262, Top-numbered to 88/7966.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847291](#) COL/A560 88/8666**

Return of Police Department Votes on September 30, 1888. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847291](#) COL/A560 88/8751**

Brief note – no details: “Police; recommends that a constable and two trackers be stationed at Bedourie”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847292](#) COL/A561 88/8986**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force. Entry for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847295](#) COL/A564 88/9522**

Letter from Charley Wilson in Ipswich suggesting that station owners should collectively take care of the Aboriginals by providing them with work and rations. “Blacks in and around Townships I am unable to suggest in what way they are to be benefited as there is no one has complete control over them – station owners has as you are aware”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847295](#) COL/A564 88/9629**

Brief memo: “The Bearer a Queensland Aboriginal named Nive Downs Harry can be again employed on the station if he gets a railway pass to Charleville kindly give him one”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847296](#) COL/A565 88/9972**

Large file containing correspondence and depositions in relation to allegations from Mr Walsh, the Police Magistrate in Geraldton, that the sugar plantation owners on the Johnson River have been supplying liquor to Kanakas and Aboriginals and that they have been ill-treating Aboriginals. There are allegations that the Kanakas have been taking Aboriginal women by force and that the condition of the Aboriginal camp at Mourilyan is deplorable. Includes a letter from Mr Clifford calling for all women and children to be removed to a reserve and the men used for labour. Christie Palmerston is put forward as the man to run reserve. The depositions name three Aboriginal women: Sally, Ellen and Julia, who are the wives of Charlie Marie. Sally and Julia are described as coming from Liverpool Creek. Letter 88/9724, 88/9294, 88/9178, 88/9314, 88/9507, 88/8766, 88/6940, 88/6539, 88/6214, 88/4226, 88/2660, Top-numbered to 88/9972.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847297](#) COL/A566 88/10133**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown acknowledging an instruction to report on the missions at Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) and Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul). He advises that he will not be able to visit them for about a month because the only access is by sea and the government schooner is not due back until then.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847297](#) COL/A566 88/10253**

Correspondence relating to a request from Eugene Monahan of Lolworth Station for the release of Tom Wills from St Helena into his employ. Also mentions prisoners Condamine Dick, Paddy and Jacky Norman.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847298](#) COL/A567 88/10412**

Return of Police Department Votes on November 30, 1888. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847298](#) COL/A567 88/10482**

Brief note – no details: “Magisterial inquiry into the death of an aboriginal named Paddy containing a charge by Senior Constable Byrne against Sub-Inspector Carr”. “To Commissioner of Police Sub-Inspector Carr to be called to explain his action at once”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847298](#) COL/A567 88/10716**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane reporting the death of prisoner Bastin Appo at Brisbane Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847299](#) COL/A568 88/11059**

Letter from Edward Lyler at Thyra Station, Cape River requesting that an Aboriginal prisoner named Paddy, now in St Helena, be released into his employ. Paddy had received a remission of sentence for the murder of another Aborigine. He was tried at Charters Towers about 1886.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847300](#) COL/A569 89/422**

Brief note – no details: “Benches Bowen; copy of letter from A Anderson charging the police with supplying liquor to blacks”. “Inspector from Townsville to go at once from Townsville and investigate charge”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847301](#) COL/A570 89/1042**

Return of Police Department Votes on January 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847301](#) COL/A570 89/1250**

Telegram from W Walker, the President of the Paris Commission asking the Colonial Secretary: “will you lend us your collection of native weapons now in Melbourne Exhibition for transmission to Paris Exhibition”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847302](#) COL/A571 89/1396**

Letter from Durundur, Woodford bringing to the notice of the Colonial Secretary the “unsatisfactory condition of the half caste children in the neighbourhood. There are several little girls about 9 or 10 years old who are always with their native mother ranging this country from place to place”. There is a request for them to be taken to the Nudgee Orphanage as indicated in the Government Gazette notice of last year.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847303](#) COL/A572 89/1779**

Petition from the residents of the Herberton district requesting additional Native Police protection against the “depredations” of the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847303](#) COL/A572 89/1813**

Telegram from JH Bond in Normanton requesting permission for his wife to take a young Aboriginal girl to England for about twelve months. She is required to look after their baby. A second telegram in the file states “No objection”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847303](#) COL/A572 89/1890**

Letter from the Reverend Hutchinson in Cooktown requesting government assistance to set up a mission for the “instruction and civilization” of the Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847303](#) COL/A572 89/1976**

Correspondence in relation to complaints about burying an Aboriginal woman named Sarah Ring near the Three Mile Scrub, Enoggera, Brisbane. Her body was later exhumed and buried in the Toowong cemetery. Other Aboriginal people mentioned in the correspondence include William Spider, Frank Smyth, Andrew Roberts, George Edwards and his wife Bridget (also named Mary in the correspondence), Tommy, Johnnie Boat and Johnnie Ring who were employed by Mr Bergin at Samford Station. Johnnie Ring had recently been released from gaol after being charged with drunkenness at Maryborough. Letter 89/1642, Top-numbered to 89/1976.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847304](#) COL/A573 89/2049**

Letter from FL du Couret offering to set up a mission on his property at Saltwater Creek, Port Douglas district, North Queensland, for the local Aboriginal population so that he can “better the condition of the blacks and at the same time keep them from mischief”. The letter also contains a map showing the preferred location of the mission.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847305](#) COL/A574 89/2492**

Letter from AC Claussen, Lutheran Missionary, requesting tents for the Aboriginal mission station at Mackay.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847305](#) COL/A574 89/2621**

Letter from G Robertson and Company forwarding a copy of one of their publications called “Flanigan’s Aborigines of Australia” and suggesting that further orders would be beneficial in “disseminating a knowledge of the manners, customs etc of the Aboriginal inhabitants of this continent”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847306](#) COL/A575 89/2786**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cooktown: “re sixty pounds promised for school buildings at Bloomfield Mission Station will vouchers for timber and iron be paid by the Customs here or will I forward to Brisbane”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847306](#) COL/A575 89/2951**

Report from Judge Cooper in Bowen relating to the case of a prisoner named Coombs who was charged and convicted of the attempted murder of an Aboriginal woman named Polly at Thornborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847306](#) COL/A575 89/3024**

Telegram from the Bench in Port Douglas advising that six Aboriginal women have been abducted from the district by nine armed South Sea Islanders and are on their way to Cooktown to join the beche-de-mer fishing boats. There is also an instruction to arrest the South Sea Islanders if the Aboriginal women are found with them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847306](#) COL/A575 89/3037**

Return of Police Department Votes on March 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847306](#) COL/A575 89/3135**

Correspondence from Townsville and Cardwell in relation to a complaint from a selector named John Gillespie that the Aborigines have been stealing and killing cattle in the Murray River district. Includes a report from Constable Keave of the Stewarts Creek Police, which also names his Native Trackers as Jimmy and Tommy. Letter 89/1192, Top-numbered to 89/3135.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847307](#) COL/A576 89/3313**

Letter from Edward Bedford in Calliope (Gladstone) enclosing a voucher for the supply of rations to an old Aboriginal woman named Mary Ann.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847307](#) COL/A576 89/3489**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847308](#) COL/A577 89/3655**

Correspondence in relation to a publican named Frank Lee supplying an Aborigine with alcohol in Cooktown. The Aborigine is named as George. George was in the employ of Mr Wallace the Master of the Bloomfield Mission cutter ‘Fairy Queen’. Also includes a newspaper clipping from the Cooktown Independent criticising the Cooktown Police Magistrate for convicting Lee of supplying the alcohol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847308](#) COL/A577 89/3738**

Letter from John Petrie: "I have been requested on behalf of two Aboriginals Harry and John William Cossim (the only adults remaining of the Morton and Stradbroke Island tribe) to apply to you for a boat, to enable them to get a living in the bay for themselves and some old women and children depending on them. Tompani who died some time ago had a boat which I believe is worn out. These Morton and Stradbroke Island blacks were always a well behaved and useful people and I think deserve some recognition for the past services of their tribe".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847308](#) COL/A577 89/3760**

Copy of depositions and statement of offences and punishment in the case of Sing Appo. Also see inquest, Singh Appoo, 30 October 1908, File 520, JUS/N408, ITM349005.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847309](#) COL/A/578 89/3974**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Surat advising that about 80 pairs of blankets have been distributed to the Aboriginals but there are still some on "out stations" who have yet to receive them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847309](#) COL/A/578 89/3995**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Boulia advising that he has distributed blankets to about 100 Aboriginals. He also asks if he can distribute flour to the Aboriginals because the present drought is threatening the life of the old and feeble. He also suggests that the "strong may be driven to depredations now unknown in the district".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847310](#) COL/A579 89/4281**

Correspondence from Port Douglas and the Mossman River in relation to a complaint that Aboriginal women have been abducted from Baileys Creek by Kanakas and that the Native Police returned them to their home in chains.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847310](#) COL/A579 89/4398**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ingham advising that he has one bale of Aboriginal blankets left over from the distribution and asking if he can give them to the Polynesian hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847311](#) COL/A580 89/4504**

Police Department transfer of Votes. Includes an entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847312](#) COL/A581 89/4889**

Return showing the state of Votes for the Police Department. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847312](#) COL/A581 89/4991**

Estimates of expenditure for the Police Department for 1889-1890. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847313](#) COL/A582 89/5423**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Charters Towers: "white girl about five years of age child of nearly white half caste mother and European father now [cantering?] with blacks on cape river please authorise immediate arrest and transmission to Toowoomba".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847313](#) COL/A582 89/5468**

Letter from C Powers recommending William Bennett (Jr) of Torquay (Wide Bay) as an Aboriginal interpreter to replace John Davis who is now deceased.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847314](#) COL/A583 89/5557**



The file contains a telegram from John Douglas on Thursday Island advising that Inspector Murray in Cooktown has reported: "outrages by natives at Restoration Island propose to dispatch albatross on Friday to make inquiry into this and also to look up wild duck cases please to authorise". The file also contains a telegram from Inspector Murray in Cooktown: "Christy Christianson reports to John Davis owner of the Rover that six blacks and two gins belonging to Night and Restoration Island on twelfth inst stole the cutter Peg belonging to the schooner Rover now fishing near Clermont also two southern gins and deserted are also supposed to have killed two Flinders Island boys Urquhart will not be back to Paterson for some time yet is albatross available if not please instruct". Letter 89/5424, Top-numbered to 89/5557.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847314](#) COL/A583 89/5655**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Hector has escaped from Mackay Gaol. "He was undergoing a sentence of six months hard labour having served four months and nineteen days of such sentence".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847315](#) COL/A584 89/5914**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1889. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847316](#) COL/A585 89/6394**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island advising "Sub Inspector Urquhart reports capture of three wild duck murderers albatross at Cooktown". The file also contains a related telegram from Hugh Milman in Cooktown: "Albatross arrived bringing three natives concerned in Wild Duck outrage they were found in Beche de Mer boat near Flinders Island wreckage was found on Forbes Island presumed to be remains of Wild Duck the fishing stations should be periodically visited natives being employed without shipping could be done either from Thursday Island or here but it could be a long job in a sailing vessel".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847317](#) COL/A586 89/6532**

Correspondence from the Government Resident on Thursday Island and Richard Owen, the Private Secretary, transmitting thanks to the Saibai Island men for helping the crew of an American boat, which had been shipwrecked. The Chief of Saibai is named as Annoo.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847318](#) COL/A587 89/6923**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847319](#) COL/A588 89/7207**

Letter from the Attorney General's office advising that an Aborigine named Willie Jack, an inmate of Lytton Reformatory, will be required to give evidence in the case of Regina v Burns alias Brooks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847319](#) COL/A588 89/7264**

Return from the Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the number of males and females and how they were employed and the number of children attending school. The file also contains a similar return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847320](#) COL/A589 89/7570**

Report from the Superintendent of Lytton Reformatory for Boys, Brisbane advising that an Aboriginal boy named Jemmy Shrimp attempted to escape but was captured soon afterwards.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847320](#) COL/A589 89/7768**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on August 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847321](#) COL/A590 89/8059**

Police Department return showing the expenditure for the last financial year. Entries for Native Trackers and Native Police. The Commissioner also advises that the increase in Native Tracker expenses is due to the breaking up of several Native Police stations and the Troopers being distributed amongst the Police stations as Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847321](#) COL/A590 89/8179**

Letter from the Government Resident on Thursday Island in relation to the supply of 2000 coconut trees for Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847322](#) COL/A591 89/8292**

Correspondence in relation to complaints from two farmers in the Cardwell district that Aboriginals are stealing produce from their farms. The report from Constable Cahill also mentions the removal of a "Blacks Camp".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847322](#) COL/A591 89/8306**

Return showing the number of Aboriginal men, women and children on Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul) and Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) Mission Stations for August 1889.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847322](#) COL/A591 89/8326**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Geraldton in relation to the supply of rations to several Aboriginals in the Cardwell district. "These poor creatures are really too old and crippled to provide food for themselves".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847323](#) COL/A592 89/8538**

Letter from E Smith requesting a position in the Native Police Force. He states that he has lived in the Gympie district for several years.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847323](#) COL/A592 89/8698**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on September 30, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847324](#) COL/A593 89/8936**

Telegram from the Government Medical Officer in Goondiwindi: "Two aboriginals dangerously burned seven miles from Goondiwindi will not be conveyed to hospital if left untreated one will probably die what shall I do".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847324](#) COL/A593 89/9000**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1889. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847324](#) COL/A593 89/9014**

Return showing the number of Aboriginal men, women and children on Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul) and Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) Mission Stations for September 1889.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847324](#) COL/A593 89/9051**

Letter (and associated correspondence) from HC Wilson at Gunnawarra, Herberton thanking the Colonial Secretary for stationing the Native Police at Nigger Creek. Letter 89/8576, 89/8414, Top-numbered to 89/9051.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847325](#) COL/A594 89/9334**

Telegram from George Murray the Relieving Magistrate in Herberton: "Chillagoe one hundred miles from here have seen owner blacks quite he does not want them fed am I to visit cannot see any necessity please reply today returned from Waroora yesterday Atherton today Thornborough tomorrow".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847325](#) COL/A594 89/9382**

Complaint made by J Savill of Croydon about the alleged rape of his Aboriginal wife by the police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847325](#) COL/A594 89/9414**

Telegram from Hugh Milman in Cooktown: "Am visiting Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) next week blacks rather troublesome pilot schooner not being available Commander Paluma kindly offered take me up".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847326](#) COL/A595 89/9567**

Letter from JC Hogflesh at Herberton informing of the ill-treatment of the Aboriginals by the Native Police and offering some suggestions for the improvement of their condition. He also offers his services as a "Blacks Protector".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847326](#) COL/A595 89/9585**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on October 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847326](#) 89/9591**

Return showing the remission of sentences granted to prisoners at St Helena, Brisbane. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Gillie Gillie Jack, Spider and Robin Hood. Also Jacky Norman and Condamine Dick who were released into Native Police service. Also three prisoners with only first name listed (Possibly Aboriginal): Peter, Donald and Paddy.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847326](#) COL/A595 89/9594**

Telegram from Hugh Milman in Cooktown: "Returned from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) yesterday all quite here".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847326](#) COL/A595 89/9668**

Correspondence in relation to the proposed Mission Station on South Palm Island. Includes a letter from the Townsville Aboriginal Protection Society asking for South Palm Island to be proclaimed a reserve; a report from the Police Magistrate in Townsville discussing the practice of paying Aboriginals with alcohol in the Townsville district, and commenting that removing the Aboriginals would result in a rapid decrease in their numbers, suggests they should be left on the mainland and a Protector appointed, "the young boys and girls [should] be taken from their tribes and placed with persons who will bring them up" under the supervision of the Protector. Letter 89/8928, 89/8169, Top-numbered to 89/9668.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847327](#) COL/A596 89/9874**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847327](#) COL/A596 89/9875**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the numbers of men, women and children and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847328](#) COL/A597 89/10010**

Correspondence from Thursday Island in relation to the alleged murder of Reverend Savage, of the London Missionary Society, at Kewai Island. Mentions Inspector Urquhart and his Native Police troopers at Murray and Thursday Islands. Letter 89/9899, 89/6972, 89/9582, 89/9525, 89/9524, Top-numbered to 89/10010.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847328](#) COL/A597 89/10164**

Telegram from Hugh Milman in Cooktown: "Missionaries at Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) sent in for police blacks very troublesome owing to heavy rains country impassable so after conferring with Inspector Murray have engaged boat to send police up by water".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847331](#) COL/A600 89/10960**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847331](#) COL/A600 89/10961**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847332](#) COL/A601 89/11167**

Correspondence recommending that an Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy be transferred from St Helena to Brisbane Gaol. Jimmy had earlier been tried in Townsville for wounding with intent.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847334](#) COL/A603 90/16**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on December 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847335](#) COL/A604 90/481**

Return showing strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1889. Entry for Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847335](#) COL/A604 90/518**

Return for December 1889 from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the numbers of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. The file also contains a letter from GH Schwartz advising that the government is unable to recommend any increase in funds for the Mission and that there are between 150 and 160 Aboriginals presently at the Mission.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847335](#) COL/A604 90/519**

Return for December 1889 from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847337](#) COL/A606 90/2058**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on February 28, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847339](#) COL/A608 90/2565**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) showing the numbers of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also has an entry for the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847339](#) COL/A608 90/2566**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the numbers of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also has an entry for the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847340](#) COL/A609 90/2802**

Correspondence from the Bench in Maryborough advising that because of the inclement weather and the presence of a large number of Aboriginals in the town the blankets will be distributed on Easter Monday. He also asks if the usual allowance for flour and tobacco for the Aboriginals will be authorised.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847341](#) COL/A610 90/3068**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on March 31, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847342](#) COL/A611 90/3253**

The file contains a vocabulary of the language spoken on Saibai, Dauan and Boigu islands in the Torres Strait with the English equivalents.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847342](#) COL/A611 90/3279**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1890. Entry for Native Police Troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847343](#) COL/A612 90/3389**

Correspondence from the Attorney General's office. Includes a copy of Court proceedings at Normanton where an Aborigine named Jimmy was discharged because there was no interpreter available.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847343](#) COL/A612 90/3635**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the numbers of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also has an entry for the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847343](#) COL/A612 90/3636**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) showing the numbers of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also has an entry for the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847344](#) COL/A613 90/3734**

Correspondence in relation to complaints from John Cronin about the inefficiency of the Camooweal police. One of Cronin's complaints refers to an Aboriginal woman strangling her child and the police not following up the matter. The correspondence from the Justice of the Peace and the Police Department suggest that the child died of natural causes soon after birth. The report from the Police Department also informs that the child was a "half caste" and was born on November 20, 1889. The mother was employed by James Henry Kennedy, the publican in Camooweal. The report also mentions an Aboriginal women named Leichhardt. Letter 89/12348, 89/11123, Top-numbered to 90/3734.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847344](#) COL/A613 90/3775**

Letter from Thomas Willet in Brisbane asking if there is any particular application procedure for him to "send to Sydney a young black girl who has been employed by my mother as servant for some years in South Brisbane".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847345](#) COL/A614 90/4052**

Brief note – no details: “Treasury; I do not think this man is connected with any of the blacks who have boats. The next old one might be given to him”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847345](#) COL/A614 90/4061**

St Helena punishment sheet. Names of Aboriginals listed: Charley and Georgie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847346](#) COL/A615 90/5631**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on April 30, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847347](#) COL/A616 90/5897**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for April 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847347](#) COL/A616 90/5898**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for April 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847348](#) COL/A617 90/6084**

Letter from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich advising that an Aboriginal woman has removed three Aboriginal children from the Provisional School. The woman “is the mother of 2 and the aunt of the other. Two of them are above the age of 14 (just over it) and the other about 8”. “I am doubtful whether these two over 14 can be brought back legally. If so, it would be advisable to do so to prevent others following their example. The proposed removal to Bribie Island settlement which older people view with disfavour, has doubtless led to this attempt to prevent the children being sent”. The letter also advises that there are 20 Aboriginal children attending the Provisional School.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847348](#) COL/A617 90/6200**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on May 31, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847348](#) COL/A617 90/6233**

Punishment sheet for St Helena Gaol. Some name entries may refer to Aboriginal prisoners. E.g.: Billy and Georgie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847349](#) COL/A618 90/6602**

Letter from the Editor of “The Year Book of Australia” requesting information on the Aboriginals of Queensland. He is interested in their numbers, condition and what is being done by the State or private effort to promote their welfare.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847349](#) COL/A618 90/6605**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for May 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847349](#) COL/A618 90/6606**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for May 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847349](#) COL/A618 90/6637**

Correspondence from Woombye (Nambour district) in relation to the proposed removal of three “half-caste” children from their mothers. One mother is named as Maggie and her son as Burty who is about six years old. The other mother is named as Lucy, who is employed by the wife of John Low. Lucy has two girls aged seven and five.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847350](#) COL/A619 90/6764**

Anonymous letter from Morven asking for relief for two old Aboriginal women. The women had been left in the camp by the “other few members of the tribe”. One of the women was blinded in an accident with gunpowder and the other suffered from a “dropsical” disease.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847351](#) COL/A620 90/7024**

Petition from several residents of the Herberton district requesting Native Police protection from the “depredations” of the Aboriginals. They ask for the Native Police to be stationed at Wooroora run. The file also contains a report from the Port Douglas Police Inspector’s Office dated March 24, 1890 that mentions two Aboriginal men named Ned and Ningi who worked on Wooroora run. Letter 90/4447, 90/3835, Top-numbered to 90/7024.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847351](#) COL/A620 90/7153**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on June 30, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847351](#) COL/A620 90/7242**

Punishment lists for St Helena Gaol. Lists a Charley.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847353](#) COL/A622 90/7542**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for June 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847353](#) COL/A622 90/7543**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for June 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847353](#) COL/A622 90/7774**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1890. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847354](#) COL/A623 90/8088**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on July 22, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847354](#) COL/A623 90/8096**

Report on the duties of Native Police troopers on Thursday Island. Mentions Native Police trooper Jacky Norman. Also mentions the need for a Native Tracker and that getting one from the Native Police ranks would be difficult because they are short handed. The file also contains a report from Hugh Milman advising that “numerous outrages have gone unpunished in the Small River district because they do not have the services of a good Native Tracker. Letter 87/9992, 87/9852, 87/8668, 87/7032, 87/6739, 87/6703, 87/6116, Top-numbered to 90/8096.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847355](#) COL/A624 90/8263**

Telegram from F Summers, the Chairman of the Torres Strait Divisional Board, protesting against the transfer of the Native Police camp from Paterson to Coen. He suggests that the natives [are] emboldened by immunity from punishment for numerous murders and other outrages recently committed". He asks that the Native Police be stationed at the "Valley of Ducie".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847355](#) COL/A624 90/8332**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on July 31, 1890. Entry for Native Police rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847355](#) COL/A624 90/8335**

Letter from the Adelaide Town Clerk requesting statistics on the Queensland Aboriginal population and on any Missions. The file also contains a reply from the Queensland Registrar General regretting that he cannot supply him with any accurate statistical information because "no steps have been taken in this Colony to arrive at an estimate". He suggests that a rough estimate would be between 15,000 and 20,000. He also mentions that there are only two Missions in Queensland one at Cape Bedford (Hope Valley) and the other at Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847356](#) COL/A625 90/8499**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on August 6, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847356](#) COL/A625 90/8573**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough: "Many old native blacks at Pialba White Cliffs and other places on coast are in state of semi starvation in consequence of severe winter and scarceness of fish would government authorise a few pounds to be spent in rations for them during next two or three months".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847357](#) COL/A626 90/8825**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for July 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847357](#) COL/A626 90/8975**

Death notice from Goodna Asylum, Brisbane for an Aboriginal man named King Billy. King Billy was admitted on November 27, 1889 and died on August 20, 1890.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847358](#) COL/A627 90/9075**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on August 19, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847358](#) COL/A627 90/9260**

Letters from John Gribble asking for land at Bellenden Kerr (Cairns district) to set up an Aboriginal Mission School.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847358](#) COL/A627 90/9312**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on August 31, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847358](#) COL/A627 90/9362**

Letter from Edward Bedford in Calliope (Gladstone district) forwarding vouchers for the supply of rations to an Aboriginal woman named Mary Ann. The letter advises that Mary Ann died on August 17,



1890. The letter also advises that “there is another old and very feeble gin called Jenny which it would be a charity to continue the supply to”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847358](#) COL/A627 90/9398**

St Helena punishment sheet. List of names, some could be Aboriginal prisoners.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847359](#) COL/A628 90/9431**

The file contains correspondence from the Tineroo Divisional Board, Herberton asking that two or more Native Police troopers be stationed at Atherton because “there are over two hundred blacks who come into the town from the neighbouring scrub”. The file also contains a report from Sub-Inspector Lamond agreeing that there is a need for more troopers to be stationed at Atherton. He states that “hitherto there has been no trouble with the various tribes assembled there and getting government rations, they being mostly unarmed scrub blacks, but of late armed blacks have come to the township and are participating in the rations and for those it may be necessary to have additional troopers”. Letter 90/7785, 80/5585, Top-numbered to 90/9431.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847360](#) COL/A629 90/9700**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for July 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847360](#) COL/A629 90/9701**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for August 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847360](#) COL/A629 90/9702**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for July 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847360](#) COL/A629 90/9703**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for August 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847360](#) COL/A629 90/9727**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on September 8, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847361](#) COL/A630 90/10219**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on September 23, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847362](#) COL/A631 90/10309**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on September 30, 1890. Entries for Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847363](#) COL/A632 90/10563**

St Helena punishment sheet. List of names, some may refer to Aboriginal prisoners.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847363](#) COL/A632 90/10596**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1890. Entries for Native Police troopers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847363](#) COL/A632 90/10678**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas: I have the honour to report that on the 3rd instant accompanied by Dr [Brownigg?] I visited three Aborigines at a deserted camp about two miles from here. The Doctor stated that they were suffering from pneumonia and unless at once removed to the hospital would die that night and as there were not sufficient other blacks to carry them in I engaged a dray as per enclosed vouchers”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847364](#) COL/A633 90/10787**

Correspondence from the Toowoomba Reformatory in relation to an Aboriginal boy named Jimmy Shrimp. Jimmy was licensed out to David Sinclair of Newtown Estate, Toowoomba and is now recommended for service with James McLennan at Ingle Downs, Blackwater.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847365](#) COL/A634 90/10965**

Brief note – no details “Benches [Cooktown?] to get down to Brisbane and back will occupy over 3 weeks. Hope therefore to C.S.B. as to Beche-de-mer trade and aboriginal missions all the information I require could be sent by letter. The leave of absence if granted is for Mr Milman not for this office.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847366](#) COL/A635 90/11464**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for September 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847366](#) COL/A635 90/11485**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on October 31, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847366](#) COL/A635 90/11493**

Correspondence from Cooktown and Cairns in relation to the abduction of Aboriginal women. Kanakas are accused of abducting five Aboriginal women from Baileys Creek and Saltwater Creek and taking them to Bloomfield. The Native Police returned them to their homes. Their tribe had threatened retaliation if they were not returned. The file also contains correspondence in relation to charges brought against J Robinson, Master of the ‘Jennie Scott’ for abducting three Aboriginal women from the Mulgrave River. Letter 90/10322, Top-numbered to 90/11493.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847367](#) COL/A636 90/11543**

Letter from Thomas Hughes in Gladstone complaining that 13 or 14 Aboriginal women are being used as slave labour on North Keppel Island. The file also contains a report from Inspector Morisset stating that he found 8 Aborigines on North Keppel Island and 8 on South Keppel Island. They were employed by Mr Ross of Tarranganbah to look after the sheep on the islands. Morisset suggests that the allegations are without foundation. They all appeared to be happy and well fed. Morisset also comments that “On inquiry from all sources I was informed these aborigines were the remnant of a tribe numbering some six or seven years ago from 50 to 60 who were deported by the settlers on the islands which they inhabited to the mainland, and where they entirely died out. It is stated the old man mentioned as at present on South Keppel, on being left on the mainland, as described, swam back to his island, and many others making a similar attempt perished”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847367](#) COL/A636 90/11646**

Letter from William Reid, the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association advising that Mr Steele, Mr Myers and Dr Lucas have been elected to the Board of Management of the Bribie Island Aboriginal Mission Station. He also recommends Peter McLean and George Grimes as Government representatives on the Board.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847368](#) COL/A637 90/11828**

Letter from Alan Nott in Bundaberg with a proposal that the Government buy out the squatters in the Cape York Peninsula, north of the Morehead River, and give the land to the Aborigines. A note on the letter from Tozer states: "I mentioned to Mr Nott that some officer suggested this course I certainly do not contemplate anything of the kind".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847368](#) COL/A637 90/11924**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for October 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847368](#) COL/A637 90/19925**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for October 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847369](#) COL/A638 90/12034**

Petition sent from Cooktown from the residents in the Palmer Mining District requesting police protection from the hostility of the Aborigines. The file also includes a map of the district showing the surrounding police stations and the approximate location of the site proposed by the residents. Letter 90/10016, Top-numbered to 90/12034.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847370](#) COL/A639 90/12476**

Depositions and associated correspondence from Normanton in relation to the trail of John Casey for flogging an Aboriginal women named Dot at Karumba.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847370](#) COL/A639 90/12497**

Letter from F Webb of the Aborigines Protection Association inviting the Colonial Secretary to their next meeting to be chaired by Sir Charles Lilley.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847371](#) COL/A640 90/12658**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on November 30, 1890. Entries for Native Police and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847371](#) COL/A640 90/12895**

Copy of the Twenty-Sixth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines in the Colony of Victoria (1890).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847371](#) COL/A640 90/12996**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for November 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847371](#) COL/A640 90/12997**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for November 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847372](#) COL/A641 90/13136**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for September 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847375](#) COL/A644 91/70**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on December 31, 1890. Entries for Native Police.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847375](#) COL/A644 91/177**

Letter from the Police Magistrate for Howard and Tiaro sent from Maryborough advising that an Aboriginal man named Punch had informed him that an old blind man named Devil Devil had been deserted by his tribe in the Isis Scrub. The PM advises that he removed Devil Devil to the Aboriginal camp at Yulalah Reserve near Maryborough and has supplied him with rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847375](#) COL/A644 91/210**

Letter from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich advising that a fight had broken out between some Aboriginals and some tourists from the 'SS Beaver'. He advises that on most holidays the tourists are no trouble but on this occasion "there were on board a number of the larrikin type, some of whom were drunk on landing. Some of the aboriginals went to the jetty and got drink either from the passengers or at the bar on deck, and commenced fighting with the larrikins". He asks that this type of tourist be banned from travelling to Stradbroke Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847376](#) COL/A645 91/1134**

Letter of request from James Stewart of the Aborigines Protection Society for the use of a government steamer to transport them to the Bribie Island Mission Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847376](#) COL/A645 91/1178**

Return from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for December 1890 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847376](#) COL/A645 91/1068**

Brief memo in relation to the supply of articles to an unnamed Aboriginal woman in Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847377](#) COL/A646 91/1365**

Monthly return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls for January 1891. Lists the names of the inmates, some could relate to Aboriginal persons.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847377](#) COL/A646 91/1377**

Correspondence from Henry Chester in Cooktown in relation to charges of murdering James Robinson of the cutter 'Ruby' brought against four Aboriginals. He states that the four were discharged for want of sufficient evidence. "It appears these boys were not on the articles of the Ruby and were probably kidnapped on the coast. The correspondence also mentions two Aboriginal women who were witnesses in the case and who were also kidnapped from the Mulgrave River by Robinson. Chester requests authority to return the women to their home. Letter 91/1186, 91/1105, 91/929, 90/12045, Top-numbered to 91/1377.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847377](#) COL/A646 91/1387**

Returns for January 1891 from Townsville Gaol. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Boney, Darkie, Charlie, Bob, Jack Norman, Jimmy, Keeron, Woonkoo Bricha, Bananaman, Jimmy Cumma Chimba and Harry.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847378](#) COL/A647 91/1649 (or 91/1694)**

Petition from an Aboriginal prisoner named Chapman in St Helena Gaol asking for remission of sentence. Chapman was convicted of rape in Bundaberg on September 13, 1888. He was accused of raping a "half caste" Aboriginal woman named Nellie who was living at Eidsvold with a man named Jack Dore. The petition also states that Nellie subsequently went to live with an Aboriginal man in Gympie. Letter 90/1123, Top-numbered to 91/1649.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847378](#) COL/A647 91/1684**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for January 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847378](#) COL/A647 91/1796**

Correspondence in relation to an application by Joseph Warren of Johnstone River for his son George to be appointed Aboriginal Interpreter in court cases involving Aboriginals in the northern district. Warren states that his son can understand and speak the language used in the districts from Townsville to Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847379](#) COL/A648 91/1962**

Letter from J Laurence Rentoul in relation to statements made against himself, Professor Drummioud and the Presbyterian Mission by the Queensland Premier during an interview with a correspondent from the Melbourne Daily Telegraph. The Premier accused them of distorting the truth in relation to the government's treatment of the Aboriginals. Rentoul replies that while [he was] in the north there were several murders and acts of reprisal by the Native Police. He suggests that this is the "normal condition of things between Cairns and the Russell River southward, [and] away northward all through the York Peninsula. You know what the method and law of police dispersions are, with the orders to render "no report". The file also contains a newspaper article from the Evening Observer on the subject.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847380](#) COL/A649 91/2407**

Letter from CA Meyer requesting that the government subsidy for the Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) be paid. A note on the letter from Tozer suggests that while Meyer is in charge it is unlikely that money will be forthcoming.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2568**

Returns from Roma Gaol. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Walter, Tommy Woomburroo, Donald and Billy Combamgo.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2569**

Returns from Brisbane Gaol. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Johnny, also a number of other names that may be relevant.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2571**

Returns from Townsville Gaol. Aboriginal prisoners listed: Boney, Darkie, Charlie, Bob, Jack Norman, Jim, Keeron, Woonkoo Bricha, Bananaman and Jimmy Cumma Chimba.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2578**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Lists some names that may relate to Aboriginal girls. Eg: Lizzie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2593**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas recommending that he be permitted to give the Aboriginals who looked after James Fife a small reward. James died while prospecting on the Daintree River and until his death was cared for by five Aboriginals. He recommends 3 pounds to be spent on tobacco and rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847381](#) COL/A650 91/2595**

Report from the Police Magistrate in St Lawrence advising that a disturbance had occurred at the Aboriginal camp about 300 yards to the rear of the Telegraph Office in the town. He reports that a Native Police trooper named Charlie and an old Aboriginal man named Jimmy from Clairview Station were fighting. Jimmy died from his injuries but no charges were laid because there were no witnesses and no Medical Examiner nearby.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847382](#) COL/A651 91/2968**

Correspondence in relation to who will pay the funeral expenses of an Aboriginal man named Alpin Stuart aka Cameron who died in the Ravenswood hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847383](#) COL/A652 91/3093**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Charlie has been recaptured after escaping from Mackay Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847383](#) COL/A652 91/3118**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for February 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847383](#) COL/A652 91/3149**

Telegram from Mr Ogilvie, the Police Magistrate in Geraldton, stating that the allegations (not specified) about him and the Aboriginals that appeared in the Townsville Bulletin were untruthful.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847383](#) COL/A652 91/3424**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough requesting permission to hand out rations to the Aboriginals with the blankets this year. He also asks if he can give the Aboriginals some twine to repair their fishing nets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847383](#) COL/A652 91/3489**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for January and February 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847384](#) COL/A653 91/3604**

Monthly Report from Roma Gaol. Mentions one Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy Reid.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847384](#) COL/A653 91/3691**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Lists a girl named Lizzie described as "half caste". Lizzie was sentenced in Springsure to five years in the Reformatory on January 21, 1889.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847384](#) COL/A653 91/3821**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1891. Entry for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847385](#) COL/A654 91/3872**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for March 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847386](#) COL/A655 91/4405**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Burketown asking if the blankets for distribution to Aboriginals have been forwarded yet because none have arrived.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847387](#) COL/A656 91/4835**

Letter from J Gessling, President of the German and Scandinavian Mission urging the government not to remove "half caste" children from the Mari Yamba Mission, via Proserpine because it would "be a dead blow for our Mission". He suggests that the trust that they have built up will be destroyed if the government removes the "half-caste" children. The file also contains a letter from Mr Claussen on the same subject.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847388](#) COL/A657 91/4865**

Letter from HC Ferguson asking for Bobby, a prisoner in St Helena Gaol, to be released in to his service. Ferguson states that Bobby had previously been employed by his wife's late husband at the Cape River. Bobby had been charged with manslaughter in Charters Towers on October 11, 1890.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847388](#) COL/A657 91/4948**

Correspondence in relation to Alfred Haddon's monograph on the Torres Strait (Haddon/Cambridge Expedition).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847388](#) COL/A657 91/4966**

Correspondence relating to the government boat 'Albatross'. Mentions the Torres Strait region, Native Police and the London Missionary Society. Letter 91/4885, 91/2068, 91/1274, 91/1232, Top-numbered to 91/4966.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847389](#) COL/A658 91/5347**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for April 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847390](#) COL/A659 91/5537**

Correspondence from the Benches in Augathella, Blackall, Barcaldine and Muttaborra in relation to Aboriginal blankets at Muttaborra and Barcaldine having been appropriated by the Defence Force. There is a request for an additional 100 blankets. Letter 91/5088, 91/4820, 91/4783, 91/4782, Top-numbered to 91/5537.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847390](#) COL/A659 91/5720**

Correspondence in relation to the detention of an Aboriginal girl named Minnie by Mrs Swift in Sydney. Mrs Mackenzie of Herberton had temporarily placed Minnie in Mrs Swift's care but Mrs Swift failed to send the child on. There is a request to have Minnie returned to her native place (Herberton).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847390](#) COL/A659 91/5746**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Charlie, who escaped from Mackay Gaol, will not be prosecuted for escaping from legal custody.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847391](#) COL/A660 91/5866**

Telegram from John Douglas on Thursday Island: "Returned on Friday from Batavia River took Albatross thirty miles up the Ducie River no necessity for any Native Police force north of Morton Telegraph Station".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847391](#) COL/A660 91/6117**

Telegram from Henry Chester in Cooktown: "Williams appointed special constable not to arrest aboriginals but to save the expense of sending a constable with prisoner. Mr Davis pays all expenses. Men and gins deserted at Geraldton. Men returned but dissatisfied because gins detained Geraldton. I declined to issue warrant for gins on ships articles. Williams is second mate of "Rover" and was sent because he knows the gins".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847392](#) COL/A661 91/6432**

Correspondence in relation to Sub-Inspector Poingdestre (Native Police officer) asking for more pay for acting as a census collector because the Woothakata District is "the worst in the colony" and he "nearly lost his life there" in 1886.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847393](#) COL/A662 91/6530**

Memo from Alfred Shaw and Company relating to the supply of goods to Bribie Island Mission Station: "These accounts [not in the file] for the Aboriginal Mission Station have been sent to the Rev Jas Stewart who returned them, informing use that they are to be charged to your department. Trusting you will find same correct".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847393](#) COL/A662 91/6533**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for May 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847395](#) COL/A664 91/7052**

Letter from the Town Clerk in Adelaide wanting to know the total "native black population" of Queensland. A note on the letter from Tozer states "it was impossible to take a census of the black population of Queensland so many of them being in their original wild state. It is estimated that in Queensland there [are] at least 10,000 aboriginals".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847395](#) COL/A664 91/7097**

Letter from Andrew Hardie writing on behalf of the Moravian Missionaries who have left London on route to Queensland. He asks if a boat can be put at their disposal in Cooktown so that they can travel to Thursday Island and Cape York. He states that the government has lately drawn their attention to the need for Missionaries in that part of the Colony.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847395](#) COL/A664 91/7175**

Telegram from R Ranking in Muttaborra. Briefly mentions that the sentry of the military horses (the shearers dispute) heard someone approach and challenged him, firing two shots. The man was suspected of being an Aborigine.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847396](#) COL/A665 91/7509**

Letter of request from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich for the replacement of 36 pairs of blankets borrowed by the Bribie Island Mission Station. 50 blankets had already been issued to the Station. Total: 86.



**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7703**

Letter from the Goolman Divisional Board, Boonah asking “whether it is the duty of Divisional Boards to inter dead aboriginals or black fellows who die in the Division or whether it is the duty of the Government to bury such and bear the expense of such burial”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7737**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for June 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7745**

Letter from G Griffin at Fairmead, Cardwell advising that the Aboriginal people of the district are afflicted with weeping sores on their bodies. He suggests that it would be an act of mercy if something could be done to give them some relief. He asks if the Police Magistrate can visit the camps on his next visit to Cardwell. An attached letter from the Police Magistrate in Geraldton advises that he will leave shortly to investigate “the best means of affording relief”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7785**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1891. Entry for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7875**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Herberton in relation to charges brought against Henry Wilson for the attempted shooting of an Aborigine named Douglas.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847397](#) COL/A666 91/7965**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in St George requesting expenses to transfer a nearly blind “half caste” Aboriginal man named Bogus from St George hospital to the hospital in Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847398](#) COL/A667 91/8264**

Telegram from SF Balsler in Cooktown: “Private. Native Police camp not yet established at Kennedy River as promised can get no information from police department please move on the matter”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847400](#) COL/A669 91/8766**

Telegram from George Rutherford, the Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Port Douglas: “Hear that Government going to remove Salt Water Creek Native Police camp only one giving protection to settlers this district if so must abandon their homes no camp nearer than Nigger Creek please protest on our behalf great indignation way Government is treating us”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847400](#) COL/A669 91/8955**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for March to July 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847401](#) COL/A670 91/9932**

Correspondence related to an application by prisoner James Anderson for remission of sentence. Anderson was charged with intimidating labourers on Doondi Station and Noodoo Station, St George during the Shearer’s Strike. The depositions mention “half-castes” James Kelly, Moffatt and William Stewart, who were working at Noondoo Station, St George. Also mentions Henry Cushion, Thomas Rose, Giles Watson, Thomas Westhall, James Grant, William Cleary, Henry Hudson and James King (these

persons are not identified in the correspondence as being Aboriginals but may be related to Aboriginal families).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847402](#) COL/A671 91/10063**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes from July 1, 1890 to September 3, 1891. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847402](#) COL/A671 91/10088**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Herberton advising that the Native Police Force needs to be strengthened in the Atherton district and the Nigger Creek camp retained. Also mentions that he has heard that Mr Gribble is about to found a Mission Station at Bellenden Ker and comments that the area is "a fine field for Missionary enterprise. The blacks are already gathered at Atherton and are partly prepared, by the treatment of the government, for the efforts of the missionary". Also comments that the edible nuts of the Coa tree are "much prized by the Aborigines ... they gather this nut in large quantities and store it for future use". He suggests that these trees should be protected from timber getters. The file also contains a second letter from the Magistrate discussing the need for police protection in the Atherton district and the Barron Valley. Letter 91/10087, Top-numbered 91/10088.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847402](#) COL/A671 91/10201**

Application for re-employment in the Police Service from ex-Native Police Force Inspector, Roland Garraway.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847403](#) COL/A672 91/11111**

Returns showing the state of Police Department Votes for August and September 1891. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847404](#) COL/A673 91/11233**

Report relating to a complaint from Mr Jurick that his children have been taken away from him. Mentions that the children were left on Magnetic Island, Townsville away from Europeans and were often fed by the Aboriginals on the island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847405](#) COL/A674 91/11522**

Correspondence in relation to allegations from Constable Kean that an Aboriginal boy named Willie Palmer from the Palmer River is being kept against his will by John Cook at Ravenswood. Willie was employed by Constable Kean and had gone into the bush for "a spell" where he met Cook. Cook's letter states that Willie asked him not to send him back to Kean because he would kill him". Pages 23 and 24 of his letter also comments on the murder of an Aborigine by Native Police officer Frederick Wheeler, the chaining of an Aborigine to a tree at Wolga and the shooting of an Aborigine at Nallaroo west of Rockhampton. Letter 91/10534, Top-numbered to 91/11522.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847405](#) COL/A674 91/11688**

Tenders for the supply of beef and flour for distribution to the Aboriginals at Atherton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847406](#) COL/A675 91/11840**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for September 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847406](#) COL/A675 91/11841**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for August 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847406](#) COL/A675 91/11846**

Correspondence from the Court House in Roma in relation to the remission of fines imposed on Glynn, Teale and Williams at Miles. Page 2 of the Police Magistrates report (91/11095) mentions Aboriginals Tommy Brown and Davey Long who were brought before the Miles court for absconding from hired service.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847406](#) COL/A675 91/11912**

Letter from Brisbane Gaol reporting the arrival of an Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy. Jimmy is “under sentence of death for murder passed on him at Charters Towers on the 5th of October 1891 by Mr Justice Chubb”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847406](#) COL/A675 91/12051**

Letter from the Brisbane Bench advising that they have been asked to provide a travel pass to a “half-caste” boy who belongs to St George. He “has some friends living there but evidently in poor circumstances as he was sent down by the Yuelba (Yuleba) police and on their representations admitted to the hospital”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847407](#) COL/A676 91/12273**

Letter from the Superintendent of the Lytton Reformatory requesting that the unexpired portion of the sentence of seven years detention imposed on “half-caste” Willy Jack be remitted. Willy was previously licensed out to Ezra Tirtle of Mount Surprise, Herberton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847407](#) COL/A676 91/12346**

List of pauper aid. File 88/7862 mentions an Aborigine named Tommy who was found at Lion Creek, Rockhampton on October 26, 1887 “in a dying state” and taken to Rockhampton hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847408](#) COL/A677 91/12866**

Correspondence in relation to an investigation into a complaint that Aboriginals employed in the beche de mer fisheries at the Murray River, Cardwell are paid flour and tobacco instead of their wages.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847408](#) COL/A677 91/12586**

Monthly return from Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Lists one Aboriginal girl named Lizzie, from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847408](#) COL/A677 91/12597**

Annual Report from St Helena Gaol. Entry for an Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy aged 28 who died in custody on January 24, 1891.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847409](#) COL/A678 91/13090**

Report from Police Station in Cooktown relating to the “miserable state” of the Aboriginals in the vicinity of the Laura River and Mossman River. Advises that game is scarce and the Aboriginals are forced to kill the settler’s cattle to survive. As a result they are driven from one place to another and are subjected to reprisals by the settlers. There is a suggestion that once a week the Aboriginals be supplied with a beast to be distributed under police supervision.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847409](#) COL/A678 91/13211**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1891. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847409](#) COL/A678 91/13317**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for October 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847411](#) COL/A680 91/14148**

Letter from the Bench in Brisbane advising that Constable Hanson has arrived in Brisbane from Cooktown with an Aboriginal girl who belongs to a tribe in the Charleville district. "She was destitute in Cooktown and Mrs Hanson brought her to Brisbane in order that she could be more easily forwarded to Charleville". Constable Hanson has been transferred to Charleville. There is a request for a railway pass for the girl to travel home.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847413](#) COL/A682 91/14521**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for November 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847413](#) COL/A682 91/14694**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cunnamulla advising that the manager of Bando Station has reported that two Aboriginals are camped on the station and are suffering from what looks like leprosy. He asks what action should be taken in the matter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847415](#) COL/A684 92/391**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Springsure advising that the police know that 6 pounds of opium for the Aboriginals has gone to a station in the district from the railway. He asks if the carriers can be prosecuted under section 17. A note on the telegram from Tozer states: "No, but it would be advisable to secure this material if at all possible for examination".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847415](#) COL/A684 92/538**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for December 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847415](#) COL/A684 92/539**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for August to December 1891 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847415](#) COL/A684 92/568**

Letter from John Adams advising that he has been instructed by the Aborigines Protection Association to ask if some responsible person can be appointed to find a new site for an Aboriginal Mission in the Tin Can Bay or Tewantin area. The site is needed to replace the Mission Station on Bribie Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847416](#) COL/A685 92/754**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Charleville asking if he is empowered to issue an order for the police to seize opium pipes on the premises of Chinese persons who are convicted of selling opium to Aboriginals. He also wants to know if the Poisons Act gives the police the power to search under warrant

and to seize any opium found in the well known opium dens where the drug is sold. He also advises that about sixty tins of opium were delivered by train to the opium den yesterday.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847416](#) COL/A685 92/974**

Letter from the Health Officer in Townsville advising that an Aboriginal patient suffering from leprosy was admitted to the hospital. He asks what the procedure is for committing him to a leper station (i.e. Thursday Island).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847417](#) COL/A686 92/1336**

Monthly return from Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. One Aboriginal girl listed: Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847419](#) COL/A688 92/2034**

Correspondence in relation to the supply of rations to the Aboriginals at Deebing Creek, Ipswich.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847419](#) COL/A688 92/2377**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Charleville asking for authority to deal with a case of one Aborigine stabbing another summarily as common assault. A note from Tozer states "It is not for me to direct PMs as to their proper procedure. In this case the PM should act as he considers the circumstances justify".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847420](#) COL/A689 92/2425**

Large file relating to a demand from the residents of Taroom for the removal of Aboriginals from around the town. The residents state that they need more police protection from the "numerous depredations and atrocities recently committed by the aboriginals". The letter from the Police Magistrate advises that a number of the residents have driven the Aboriginals from the town "with firearms and threaten to shoot them if they return". Letter 92/2423, 92/2143, 92/2122, 92/1482, 92/1401, Top-numbered to 92/2425.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847420](#) COL/A689 92/2517**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Herberton asking for authority to visit the Aboriginals at the Union Camp and Waterford while he is in the district holding court. He suggests that a visit now and again "will have a good effect".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847420](#) COL/A689 92/2605**

Monthly Return from Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. One Aboriginal girl listed: Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847421](#) COL/A690 92/2740**

Telegram from JS Collings at Koolburra sent from Laura requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed at Fairlight because "life and property in that locality is in immediate danger from the natives".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847421](#) COL/A690 92/2874**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for January 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847421](#) COL/A690 92/3142**

Annual Report of the Department of Pacific Island Immigration. The section on "Recruiting Labour" has references to the number of Torres Strait Islanders working in the fisheries.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847421](#) COL/A690 92/3198**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for February 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847422](#) COL/A691 92/3368**

Correspondence in relation to an Aboriginal girl named Nellie who was found wandering the streets of Brisbane. Nellie had arrived in Brisbane from Cooktown and had been arrested for vagrancy. The court remanded her to the Salvation Army Rescue House. There is a recommendation from the Police Magistrate that Nellie should be sent to the Bribie Island Mission Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847423](#) COL/A692 92/3725**

Letter of complaint from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich, Stradbroke Island that "half-caste" Aboriginals are camping on the Water Reserve. He asks for them to be removed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847423](#) COL/A692 92/3811**

Letter from George Hislop at Wyalla, Bloomfield River requesting rations for the 100 Aboriginals in his district (which neighbours Bloomfield Mission – Wujul Wujul). The Colonial Secretary replies that he is unable to concede to the request because the Mission is in the same location and already heavily subsidised.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847424](#) COL/A693 92/3972**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. One Aboriginal girl listed: Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847424](#) COL/A693 92/4104**

Letter from the Police Station in Port Douglas: "Senior Const Casey reports that on the 12th instant he supplied rations to 25 blacks being 13 boys and 12 gins, at the Mobray River 6 miles from Port Douglas. The Saltwater Creek blacks get their supply of rations at the Daintree River, they being a different tribe to the Port Douglas blacks".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847425](#) COL/A694 92/3816**

Letter from JC Hamilton at Millungara Station via Hughenden applying for blankets for the 70 Aboriginals on his station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847425](#) COL/A694 92/4476**

Report from the Colonial Storekeeper showing the number of blankets distributed in the Northern, Central and Southern regions and including a circular to the officers concerned reiterating the rules and practices that must be adhered to re blanket distribution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847426](#) COL/A695 92/4603**

List of prisoners who had an interview with the Colonial Secretary: Jacky Norman listed who was sentenced in Townsville on March 5, 1891.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847426](#) COL/A695 92/4648**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi advising that he applied for 75 pairs of blankets but he only received 50 pairs. He suggests that if there are not enough for every Aborigine there will be "great disappointment". "The blacks in this neighbourhood are very intelligent, and they know well the good treatment those on the New S Wales side of the McIntyre receive. I am informed that the New S Wales Government in addition to blankets, supply them with a certain amount of clothes and rations, and that huts are being put up, or about being put up for them, at Boggabilla, seven miles from

here". There is also a note on the letter stating that the reason the PM only received 50 pairs is that an additional distribution centre has been created at Mungindi and 25 pairs were sent there.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847426](#) COL/A695 92/4820**

Report from Sub-Inspector Durham at the Thargomindah Police Station advising that another police station is needed at Wompah. Briefly mentions that the constable has a Native Tracker.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847426](#) COL/A695 92/4974**

Correspondence in the case of Regina v Charlie who was tried for arson at Cooktown. Charlie was charged with burning down a house at Atherton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847427](#) COL/A696 92/5161**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for March 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847427](#) COL/A696 92/5338**

Monthly Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. One Aboriginal girl listed: Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847427](#) COL/A696 92/5487**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Springsure: "Re blankets to aged aboriginals Mantuan Downs are they to be sent to Mitchell the manager if so all district will clamour for same – Some decrepit blacks on every station – My instructions are to send out no blankets to stations".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847427](#) COL/A696 92/5500**

Correspondence from Herberton and Atherton in relation to a complaint that a police officer named Higgins tried to take an Aboriginal boy away from his employer, Mr Oheran of Atherton, because of ill-treatment. Also mentions that Constable Higgins has a "Black Trooper".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847428](#) COL/A697 92/5503**

Telegram from the Bench in Townsville: "Propose distributing blankets to aborigines tomorrow would respectfully suggest that a sum not exceeding two pounds be expended in rations for distribution to blacks".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847428](#) COL/A697 92/5644**

The file contains a letter from the Aboriginal Protection Association inviting the Colonial Secretary to accompany the members of the Association on a tour of inspection of the Deebing Creek Mission Station. The file also contains a letter from Edie Fuller at Deebing Creek asking what the proper government daily ration of food is per person. He also advises that the Colonial Secretary mentioned on his recent visit that he would send out some tobacco. He advises that the tobacco has not yet arrived and wants to know if he should include it in the next order of rations. Letter 92/4536, Top-numbered to 92/5644.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847428](#) COL/A697 92/5760**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for April 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847428](#) COL/A697 92/5981**

The file contains a telegram (91/12608) from the Police Magistrate in Maytown advising that a Chinese man has been speared by the Aborigines near Maytown and asking who will pay his hospital bill”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847429](#) COL/A698 92/6057**

Telegrams from the Health Officer and the Secretary of the Cemetery Trustees in Normanton asking if Aborigines have to be buried in the new town cemetery or can they be buried anywhere in the municipality. A note from Tozer states “I am not aware of any law where persons are required to bury the dead within a cemetery”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847429](#) COL/A698 92/6072**

Letter from Mr Jones of Boonara, Kilkivan advising that “the remnant of the Aborigines in this neighbourhood” have no blankets. He states that he sent a “black boy” to fetch some from Gayndah but the Police Magistrate was absent and he returned empty handed. He suggests that some may be sent to the railway station at Kilkivan.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847429](#) COL/A698 92/6316**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Clermont advising that 125 pairs of blankets were on hand to distribute to the Aborigines of the district but only 38 pairs were handed out in the town. He states that many of the older and sick Aborigines were unable to attend the distribution because they were unable make the long walk to town. He asks if he can send some blankets out to the stations for these Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847429](#) COL/A698 92/6347**

The file contains a letter (92/5315) in relation to sending a police officer along the central railway line (between Rockhampton and Longreach) to distribute blankets to the Aborigines. Includes a list of the distribution centres. The file also contains a letter from WS Paul advising that blankets are required for the stations in the Rolleston district. A note on the letter states that 75 pairs have been sent. Letter 92/5215, Top-numbered to 92/6347.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847429](#) COL/A698 92/6364**

Returns for January-March 1892 from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847430](#) COL/A699 92/6835**

Letter requesting aid for the local Aboriginal population in Maryborough. Suggests that the old quarantine station at White Cliffs on Fraser Island would be a suitable location to move them to. The Colonial Secretary states that it is a much larger and wider question than the mere subsistence of the Aborigines at Maryborough.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847430](#) COL/A699 92/6836**

Annual report from the Government Resident on Thursday Island. Section headings include, Population of the Torres Strait, Local Produce Exported, Shipping Returns, Port Kennedy Revenue Returns, Government Buildings, Town and Water Police, The Islands of the Straits, The Mainland Natives, Batavia River Mission (Mapoon), Quarantine Station, Dayman Island, Goode Island, Fortifications, St Andrews Cottage Hospital, The New Pearl Shelling Act, Police Court and Shipwrecks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847431](#) COL/A700 92/6980**

Letter from Mr Wilkie in Gayndah advising that he found an Aborigine named Charley lying dangerously ill with a fractured thigh at Barambah Creek, Gayndah. He advises that he had him removed to the town and placed in a humpy of one of his friends. He also states that the Police Sergeant asked him to take Charley



to the hospital. Wilkie advises that he refused to do so because he “considered that it would be certain death to him to admit him in a ward in charge of a white wardsman, depriving him of the company of his friends and other luxuries near to a black fellow”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847431](#) COL/A700 92/6989**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on June 8, 1892. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847431](#) COL/A700 92/7018**

Correspondence in relation to the closing of the Atherton Police Station. Mentions Inspector Fitzgerald and Sub-Inspector Lamond. The letter from the Police Magistrate in Herberton raises concerns about the closing of the Police Station. He also mentions bringing the Aboriginals in and how he has them under his charge. “I therefore feel it my duty in their interests and for their well being to endeavour to obviate any possibility of depredation or crime which they might be led to commit in the absence of police control or in retaliation for such offences as that of Mr Ohlran viz abducting gins”. Attached to the Police Magistrate’s letter is a letter from Constable Higgins reporting on the abduction of an Aboriginal woman at Atherton. Letter 92/5768, 92/4548, Top-numbered to 92/7018.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847432](#) COL/A701 92/7266**

Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Geraldton and the Geraldton Hospital in relation to the payment of medical expenses for Aboriginal patients. They ask that the government pay the expenses for the treatment of Aboriginals sent there on the Police Magistrate’s order. There is also a reference to the Aboriginal population in the district fluctuating between 800 and 1200.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847432](#) COL/A701 92/7291**

Letter from RB Stewart at Brighton Downs, Winton requesting 11 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aboriginals on the station. He states that he asked the Sub-Inspector of Police at Winton to forward him some blankets but he refused to do so because there is no officer in the district to distribute them.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847432](#) COL/A701 92/7326**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for May 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school. A note on the return from Tozer states “I notice that 3 meals are allowed to be given every day. I am sceptical but if correct I regret that aboriginals should be so pampered”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847432](#) COL/A701 92/7503**

Letter from the Secretary of the Ipswich Aborigines Protection Association requesting a meeting between the Association Committee and the Colonial Secretary.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847432](#) COL/A701 92/7578**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas requesting 30 pairs of blankets for the Aboriginals on the Daintree River. “I gave them 40 pairs from our supply, leaving 60 pairs for other parts of the district, all of which have since been issued, while there are still from 30 to 40 blacks on the Daintree not yet supplied”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847433](#) COL/A702 92/7760**

Correspondence in relation to the supply of 8 pairs of blankets for Nive Junction Station, Charleville. Mentions that the only Aboriginals on the station are Kitty and Mauley (who are described as old women), and a “half-caste” who worked in the kitchen named Jenny, and Jenny’s children: Charley (8 years), Cassey (5 years) and Nora (2 years).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847433](#) COL/A702 92/8045**

Letter from MG Tooker at Leura Station, Marlborough requesting blankets for the five Aboriginals on his station. He also advises that there are only 25 blankets in Marlborough and 27 on the constable's list to receive them. He suggests that 50 would be "nearer the number required".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) COL/A703 92/8129**

Letter from the Police Office in Maryborough in relation to the payment of vouchers for rations supplied to some old and infirm Aboriginals. There is a recommendation that they be removed to Dunwich, Stradbroke Island. The file also contains a letter from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich stating that he has no objection to them being sent to Dunwich. The only problem he can see is "the aboriginals here are most exclusive ... having the strongest aversion to receiving members of stranger tribes among them". Letter 92/7223, Top-numbered to 92/8129.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) COL/A703 92/8170**

Telegrams in relation to a man named Underwood being charged in Cooktown with the wilful murder of an unnamed Aborigine. The telegram from Henry Chester (92/7085) also states that it would be "useless to try case here as no Cooktown jury will convict".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) COL/A703 92/8171**

Letter from Albert Aplin at Carrington (Herberton) suggesting that the rations supplied to the Aboriginals of the Barron Valley should be stopped. He suggests that the rations that are handed out by the government are insufficient and that the Aboriginals would be better off if they just collected their own food from the bush. He also comments that at the recent blanket distribution about 400 Aboriginals attended. The file also contains a letter from Zillman the Police Magistrate in Herberton suggesting that Aplin's letter is "scarcely logical". Zillman states that the present system is the most economical and if the rations were stopped the Aboriginals would revert back to committing depredations. This would require the presence of a large force of Native Police. He states that the present system saves "between two and three thousand pounds per annum in police expenditure". Letter 92/7191, Top-numbered to 92/8171.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) COL/A703 92/8383**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1892. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) 92/8393**

Telegram from ST Balsler in Cooktown asking if Inspector Fitzgerald will allow Native Police troopers from Laura to accompany him on a gold prospecting expedition.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) 92/8446**

Letter from Erdman Dequine advising that many of the Aboriginals and white station hands in the Charleville, Augathella and Tambo districts are addicted to opium, in the past himself included. He asks if he can go undercover to catch the opium suppliers and be paid a portion of the resulting fines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847434](#) 92/8492**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for June 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847435](#) 92/8516**

Letter from the President of the Hodgkinson District Hospital, Thornborough requesting payment for a female Aboriginal patient. He advises that "she was ordered to the hospital by the police, being a case of attempted murder by an Aboriginal". A note from Tozer states, "the pauper grant is distributed by the Police Magistrate. It is not the practice of the Government to pay for patients treated at the hospital except such as in the service of the Govt. The patient being an aboriginal I under the special circumstances sanction the payment but see that it is not looked on as a precedent".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847435](#) 92/8566**

Correspondence in reply to claims by James Henry of Limburne, Tully River in a letter (in file) to the Weekly Advocate that cannibalism is practiced in north Queensland. These claims were also made in the Victorian press. The file includes police reports, which suggest that cannibalism is not practiced by the tribes in the Cape York district. The reports describe the Aboriginal customs associated with the treatment of the deceased prior to burial, and the burial customs themselves. The file also includes a map of the Cape York Peninsula from the Batavia River to the tip of Cape York showing the boundaries and populations of the different tribal groups. These are named as:

Echukahrah (Gudang - AUSTLANG Language Code Y191), few in number;

Ohyn-ohyunco (Uradhi - AUSTLANG Language Code Y184), 150;

Ungcumtae (Angkamuthi - AUSTLANG Language Code Y7), 200;

Ungpaygen (Atampaya - AUSTLANG Language Code Y183), 400;

Yiyahdoijen (Yadhaykenu - AUSTLANG Language Code Y8), 300.

Letter 92/4726, 91/9270, 91/5898, Top-numbered to 92/8566.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847435](#) 92/8875**

Correspondence from Thursday Island and depositions in an inquiry into the kidnapping of nine Aboriginals from the Batavia River by beche-demer fishermen. They were then taken to Horn Island. The depositions name the Aboriginal people who were kidnapped as Jah-gu-rah aka Jimmy; Toau-jeau-ne aka Captain Cook; Jaiu-ah-rau (Captain Cook's wife); Tro-tae-nanah, a girl of about nine years of age; Jamah-ray, a girl of nine or ten; Jamaine, a girl of about fifteen; Nangan-ran, a girl of about fourteen; Ah-jah-gib, a boy of about ten; Wy-au-jack, a boy of about ten. Also mentions a Native Police trooper stationed at Seven Rivers called Mosquito and a Native Tracker called Mainland. Letter 92/8175, Top-numbered to 92/8875.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847436](#) 92/9378**

Brief note requesting blankets for the 14 Aboriginals on Mr McIlwrath's property, Cork Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847438](#) 92/10203**

Correspondence from Normanton in relation to the kidnapping of two Aboriginal boys from the Staaten River. The Police Magistrate has refused to grant a warrant or summons against the offenders unless the parents of the children appear. The file also contains a letter from Inspector Douglas forwarding vouchers for the rations supplied to the kidnapped children.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847438](#) 92/10283**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for July 1892 showing the number of men women and children fed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847438](#) 92/10411**

Admission notice to Goodna Asylum for Albert a young Aboriginal man originally from Cairns and lately of Sandgate.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847438](#) 92/10437**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Port Douglas advising that he has signed vouchers for the supply of rations to the Aboriginals of the Daintree River. He also advises that compared with the previous quarter "a reduction has been made as a few of the Aboriginals have left for their hunting grounds".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847439](#) 92/10545**

Judges notes in the case of Regina v Jim Chisholm (Aboriginal) charged with murder at Ravenswood. Jim was charged with murdering an Aboriginal man named Willie during a fight over Willie's wife, Lena. Jim was sentenced in Townsville on April 27, 1887 to ten years gaol. The file also contains two petitions from Jim Chisholm pleading for a remission of sentence, which state that Jim was previously employed by John Chisholm of Houghton River. The petition (89/7821) states that "at the time of the commission of the offence your petitioner was entirely ignorant of English law, and acted solely in accordance with Aboriginal customs and instinct". There is a recommendation from Tozer that Jim should be granted a remission of sentence because "the dispute was of a tribal nature and in accordance with the practice in these cases I recommend a remission". Letter 92/9384, 92/11954, 92/7821, Top-numbered to 92/10545.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847439](#) 92/10871**

The file contains vouchers for the supply of goods to the Bribie Island Mission Station. A note from Tozer on the correspondence states, "I decline positively to pay this voucher – The tradesmen who gave these goods must look to the Committee. This is not a Government Mission".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847440](#) 92/11001**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Winton advising that he has a case of aggravated assault pending and the only witnesses were two Aboriginals. He asks if their evidence should be admitted in court.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847440](#) 92/11049**

Correspondence in relation to a request for a supply of maps of Murray Island. The map from the file has been transferred from this series to the QSA maps collection.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847441](#) 92/11299**

Correspondence in relation to the high instance of venereal disease in the Aboriginal populations of Atherton, Cloncurry and Winton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847441](#) 92/11409**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for August 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847441](#) 92/11410**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for May to August 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847441](#) 92/11512**

Telegram from J Macmillan at Mungindi requesting blankets for the 30 Aboriginals on his station. A note on the telegram advises that 25 pairs of blankets have already been supplied to the Mungindi Police Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847442](#) 92/11968**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office requesting the signature of the Colonial Secretary on an order to transfer prisoner Jimmy Bob [Aboriginal?] from Roma to Brisbane.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/12021**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1892. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/12286**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for September 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/12287**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Herberton recommending that the contractor's price increase for rations for the Aboriginals be accepted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/12333**

Case of Regina v Cornelius Fouilab heard at Cleveland, Brisbane. Fouilab was charged with the assault of Charlie a 14-year-old Aboriginal boy who had been living with Mr Burbank at Tingalpa for the past 10 years.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/7161**

Correspondence in relation to the need for a Customs Officer at Bloomfield River (Wujul Wujul), Cooktown. Concerns are raised that beche-de-mer boats may be able to take away Aboriginals illegally if there remains no official supervision.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847443](#) 92/12481**

Letter from HC Brock- Hollinshead at Planet Downs, Rolleston suggesting that the law to stop the traffic of opium is useless. He advises that the use of opium by the Aboriginals in Rolleston and most other bush towns is carried on with impunity. He asks that opium be made illegal and that undercover detectives be employed to go around the bush towns and assist the police in putting an end to the trafficking of the drug.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847444](#) 92/12556**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Harry died in Townsville Gaol on October 19, 1892. "An inquiry will be held".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847444](#) 92/12576**

Letter from the Eidsvold hospital requesting funds to erect a detached ward for the treatment of Aboriginal patients. A note from Tozer states, "if the public raise half the sum necessary I will find the other half".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847444](#) 92/12610**

Report from the Government Resident on Thursday Island on a visit to the Mission Station at Cullen Point, Batavia River, and (Mapoon). Gives a history of its conception and the improvements that have taken place since.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847444](#) 92/12702**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in St George asking if a young blind Aboriginal man described as “half caste” can be admitted to Dunwich Asylum. The boy was previously admitted to Brisbane hospital but discharged as incurable.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847444](#) 92/12790**

Correspondence in relation to a complaint from Mr Swann of Floraville Station, Leichhardt River that Aboriginals are being mistreated in the Burke district. He alleges that Aboriginal women and children are being kidnapped and used as slaves on properties in the district including Lawn Hill Station and a neighbouring station owned by Mr Shadforth. He suggests that organised parties [are] going up the Nicholson River and along the coast Point Parker way. Also Gunpowder River supplies some. These children are brought in and tied up ... and if they manage to get away and are caught God help them”. The letter of reply from Inspector Douglas states, “it is the practice of many squatters to herd their cattle with gins and this has been the custom for a great many years ... in the early days of settlement the male aboriginals had been nearly exterminated and the gins to prevent them from starving had been utilised as stockmen”. He also states that he has never heard of any raids up the Nicholson River to kidnap Aboriginals. Letter 92/10736, Top-numbered to 92/12790.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847445](#) 92/12981**

Letter from the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association advising that King Brady has died at the Bribie Island Mission Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847446](#) 92/13406**

Petition from the residents of the Murray River and Tully River districts requesting Native Police protection because “the aboriginals have been a continual drawback, by their wholesale destruction of cattle, plundering cultivation paddocks, and robbing houses at every possible opportunity”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847446](#) 92/13436**

Letter from the Government Architect advising that the contractor employed to remove the Bribie Island Mission Station to Stradbroke Island (Myora) is ready to commence operations. He advises that it will be necessary to make arrangements for the temporary accommodation of the Aboriginals. A note on the letter states: “to be provided with shelter temporarily at Peel Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847447](#) 92/13620**

Letter from the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association advising that he has supervised the relocation of the Aboriginals from Bribie Island Mission Station to Peel Island, where they will reside until the new accommodation is ready at Stradbroke Island (Myora). He also asks if some of the older boys can be employed by the Superintendent of Peel Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847447](#) 92/13799**

Application from Owen Lang for the job as Caretaker of the new Aboriginal Mission Station on Stradbroke Island (Myora).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847447](#) 92/13903**

Letter from the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association advising further on the death of King Brady at the Bribie Island Mission Station. He advises that the Schoolmaster’s letter he received stated that Brady came to the station with a brass plate around his neck and had apparently come to the station to die. Before his death Brady had told the Schoolmaster at the station that “there had been a big fellow corroboree somewhere and he had killed his mate, and he was afraid of his mates spirit following him”. The Schoolmaster also advised that he buried King Brady “in sight of the beach ... and have fenced his grave around”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847447](#) 92/13961**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for October 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847447](#) 92/13905**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Bowen: "Aboriginal native girl Bowen educated by Mr Carter (Manager Queensland National Bank) now under legal agreement to his sister (Mrs Augstein) Carter moved to Normanton can they take her with them". A note on the telegram states: "Certainly if she is willing to go but they can not practically compel her".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847448](#) 92/14018**

Survey of Port Kennedy, Thursday Island. Includes a map of the harbour.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847448](#) 92/14101**

Police report in relation to the admission to Gayndah hospital of an Aboriginal man named Charlie who had his leg broken in a tribal fight near Ban Ban Springs. Charlie was refused admission to the hospital and was attended to by the Police Magistrate's "black boy" at his camp where he also received medical attention. However, a subsequent letter from the Police Department in Maryborough advises that a voucher for payment of Charlie's expenses, in favour of the Gayndah hospital, is enclosed, which suggests he was later admitted to the Gayndah hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847448](#) 92/14187**

Letter from the Aborigines Protection Association requesting the loan of a horse box for the removal of a horse from Bribie Island Mission Station to the new mission site on Stradbroke Island (Myora).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847448](#) 92/14199**

Letter from BH Purcell bringing to the attention of the Colonial Secretary the great suffering experienced by the Aboriginal people of western and northern Queensland. He advises that he has just returned from a trip through western and northern Queensland and found the Kalkadoon tribe fast dying out through disease. Things were much the same on the Burke River, at Boulia, an Aboriginal camp at Bullu Bullu waterhole on the Hamilton River where 200 Aboriginals were "in a terrible state", Herbert Downs on the Georgina River, Glenormiston, Uraundangi, Lake Nash, and Normanton. Mentions that JP'S keep harems of Aboriginal women; Aboriginals should be under work agreements to stop abuse; blankets should be branded to stop misappropriation; a Protector should be appointed to tour the stations to ensure the wants and needs of the Aboriginals are met; schools for the children should be established. Also mentions there was a Native Police camp 18 miles from Boulia. The file also contains a reply from Inspector Douglas advising that he cannot comment on the state of the Aboriginals in the Burke district because he is unacquainted with the district. However, in the towns of Georgetown, Croydon and Normanton there is very little disease. Douglas also mentions that his views on blankets and work agreements were published in a newspaper article, [28 Feb 1891 – How the Blacks might be civilised. - Trove \(nla.gov.au\)](#). Letter 92/13729, Top-numbered to 92/14199.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847448](#) 92/14299.**

Return for November 1892 from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847449](#) 92/14691**

List of admissions for the week ending December 10, 1892 to the Benevolent Asylum, Dunwich. Entry for an Aboriginal man named Willie from Gayndah.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847449](#) 92/14707**

Letter from Edward Palmer in Cloncurry advising that the manager of Gamboola Station, Mitchell River informed him that the Native Police camp is to be removed from Highbury. He hopes this is not the case because "it is only a few weeks since the blacks killed a good many cattle on Gamboola". A note on the letter states "there is no intention to remove the Highbury camp at present".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847449](#) 92/14800**

Letter from the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association asking for help to move a horse from Bribie Island to the new Mission Station on Stradbroke Island (Myora).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847449](#) 92/14864**

Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Beaudesert asking if "half caste Aborigines" are allowed to have their names on the electoral role.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847450](#) 92/15242**

The file contains an article from *The Worker* suggesting that W Voss of Wongulu Station, Hughenden mistreats his Chinese and Aboriginal workers. The file also contains a letter from W Voss refuting the claims made in the newspaper article.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847450](#) 92/14917**

Telegram from Samuel Walker Griffith on Thursday Island advising that he arrived this morning and intends to visit Saibai Island tomorrow and leave on Thursday.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847450](#) 92/15079**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for November 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847451](#) 93/115**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1892. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847451](#) 93/180**

Letter from Howard Haywood requesting a report from the Queensland government on what steps have been taken for the protection of the Aborigines. He advises that he has already received reports from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847453](#) 93/606**

Letter from the Medical Superintendent of Dunwich Asylum, Stradbroke Island asking if the Aborigines at the Big Hill Camp can be kept away from the Asylum. He advises that the Aborigines have been raiding the Asylum potato patch and committing other thefts. He also advises that they have been visiting the inmates at night. He is also concerned about the Aborigines who live in the camp of Lizzie Bishop who he describes as "half-caste".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847453](#) 93/704**

Report on a visit to Saibai Island and Cornwallis Island submitted to the Governor for his consideration. Recommends that these islands and the Talbot Group should be part of New Guinea because the system of government in New Guinea is able to recognise the Islanders land tenure customs, which Queensland's is unable to do. He suggests that the boundary of New Guinea jurisdiction should be north of a line drawn



by Warrior Reef, Turnagain Island and Deliverance Island. Also gives a brief overview of the geography and the inhabitants of Saibai Island and Cornwallis Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847453](#) 93/806**

Cases of Regina v Jack Bryan and You Sing charged with selling opium in Mackay (No Aboriginal persons mentioned).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847453](#) 93/850**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Georgetown: "Reported Native gin killed by black aboriginal in their camp with a Nulla Nulla none but native evidence procurable should I have the body exhumed and take proceedings in matter".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847453](#) 93/890**

Telegram from the New South Wales Chief Secretary stating that he wants all the coloured races excluded from Australia and asking for the Queensland government's view on the matter.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847455](#) 93/1367**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for December 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847455](#) 93/1417**

Letter from W Hudson requesting blankets for the considerable number of Aboriginals on his station, who are from the Staaton River, Gilbert River and Smithburne River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847457](#) 93/2223**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for January 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847457](#) 93/2265**

Correspondence in relation to the sentencing of a seven-year-old Aboriginal girl named Nellie Crawley to the Toowoomba Reformatory. Nellie was ordered to the Reformatory by the Charters Towers Bench.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847457](#) 93/2290**

Telegram from the Caretaker of Peel Island advising that he is ready to receive the orphan children because the Aboriginals are leaving the island tomorrow.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847457](#) 93/2315**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls for February 1893. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847457](#) 93/2455**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for September to December 1892 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847458](#) 93/2821**

Letter from the Secretary of the Herberton and Tinaroo District Hospital asking for 12 blankets for the Aboriginal patients because they either take the hospital blankets with them when leaving or render them useless.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847459](#) 93/3059**

Letter from the Bench in Ayton to the Ayton Police directing them to send Aboriginals Pluto and Toby to Cooktown hospital because there is no medical care available in Ayton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847459](#) 93/3085**

Letter from the Police Department advising that an Aborigine suffering from leprosy has been discovered at Red Cap, ninety five miles from Herberton. A note on the letter advises that the individual has since died. A further note from Tozer states: "Good job!"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847461](#) 93/3623**

Letter from Matthew Butler at Red Cap via Herberton advising that Red Cap is one of the permanent camps of the Walsh River Aboriginals and asking if the government can supply rations for them. He suggests that the supply of rations is a severe strain on the settlers but we are "doing the best we can to provide these unfortunate owners of the soil with food to replace the game and other means of livelihood which the occupation of the country by the white race has destroyed".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847461](#) 93/3705**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1893. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847461](#) 93/3737**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Gayndah advising that the 67 blankets sent is totally inadequate to supply all the Aboriginals in the district. He suggests that at least 100 will be needed. A note from the Colonial Storekeeper states, "like many others Mr Hill [PM] will not understand that the gift is to be confined to women and children and to old and sick men".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847461](#) 93/3814**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847462](#) 93/4087**

Letter from W Moody at Mungindi asking if a license is necessary to employ a "half-caste" Aboriginal boy. "His mother is pure black". A note on the letter advises: "Inform that if he is a half caste aboriginal no license is necessary".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847462](#) 93/4388**

Letter from W Barry from Arcturus Downs, Springsure asking if cadetships are still available in the Native Police Force. A note on the letter informs, "Cadetships in the N Police have been done away with for some years".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847463](#) 93/4519**

Report of the Police Investment Board. Notes the death in the previous 12 months of Sub-Inspector Freudenthal, ex Native Police Officer.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847463](#) 93/4689**

Correspondence in relation to Victor, an Aboriginal boy of about 14, being sent to the Stradbroke Island Mission Station (Myora). Victor was previously employed on Beachmere Station, Caboolture then worked for Charles Frederick, a cheese maker at Samford. Frederick's letter advises that the boy is now beyond his control and asks that he be sent to the Stradbroke Island Mission. Victor was subsequently sent to the Lytton Reformatory, which recommended that Victor be sent to work on one of Mr Barker's stations (these stations are not identified in the correspondence).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847463](#) 93/4762**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton: "Applications have reached me for blankets for aboriginals on stations situated long distances from police stations and much in excess of those requisitioned for by my predecessor recommend that one bale be at once sent here and that I be authorised to arrange for distribution by station owners". There is a reply from the Colonial Storekeeper stating that distribution by station owners is not permitted and that this has been detailed in several circulars. He lists the places in the Rockhampton district where blanket distributions are permitted. Attached to the telegram is a Colonial Stores Circular setting out the rules for ordering and distributing blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847464](#) 93/4885**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for March 1893 and returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for January to March 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847464](#) 93/5029**

Telegrams in relation to a request from Peter Forbes of Geraldton for an Aboriginal man in his employment to be admitted into the Geraldton hospital.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847464](#) 93/5158**

Letter from Ernest Gribble at Bellenden Kerr Mission Station requesting blankets for the "thirty or forty natives on the station".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847464](#) 93/5168**

Depositions and associated correspondence relating to the assault of Aboriginal women on Hamilton Road, Brisbane. The women named in the depositions are Nellie Bligh, Big Nellie, Johanna Hamilton, Bella and [Pamey?].

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847467](#) 93/6137**

Petition from Jacky Norman for remission of sentence. Jacky was previously convicted of the manslaughter of his wife on July 25, 1882 in Ipswich. He was then released into the Native Police Force and served until September 21, 1887. Jacky was then convicted of rape in Townsville on March 5, 1891. There is a recommendation from the Superintendent of St Helena that he would make an excellent Native Tracker. Letter 87/7015, Top-numbered to 93/6137.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847467](#) 93/6165**

Report on the Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home from E Fuller. Advises that there are 33 Aboriginals presently living there, but this number fluctuates because some go to town to work and others return; reports on the growing of produce; some of the Aboriginals are going to town and being exposed to drink, he has heard that the police have cleared them out of the park. Names mentioned: Johnny from the Logan, Curtis (Brown?), Tommy Harvey, Jacky Harvey and his wife, Billy Brown and his wife Topsy, Sandy, Dick and his wife Maggy, and Edwards.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847467](#) 93/6490**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls for May 1893. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847467](#) 93/6496**

Correspondence relating to an application for the release of an Aboriginal prisoner named Jimmy. Jimmy was convicted at Charters Towers of murdering an Aboriginal man named George at Lolworth Creek near Cargoan Station. George's wife is named as Minnie, also mentions Jimmy, Bobby and Alec.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847468](#) 93/6704**

Letter from the Reverend D Mitchell advising that he can inform the police in Ingham which Aboriginals are deserving of blankets. They include 50 old men and women who are incapable of work.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847469](#) 93/7092**

Return showing the state of Police Department Votes on June 20, 1893. Entries for Native Police stores and Native Tracker rations.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847469](#) 93/7126**

Case of Lucy Salisbury who was taken from Bowen to Sydney by Mrs McNesh, and Topsy who was taken from Normanton to Sydney by Mrs Willett. There is a request from the New South Wales Aborigines Protection Board for the girls to be returned to their "native country". The girls were for "some considerable time under medical treatment in the coast Hospital at Little Bay" but are now well. "I have the honour to inquire whether your government have any objection to taking charge of these girls". A note on the top letter states, "it would not be wise to take any action to get these gins back to Queensland".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847470](#) 93/7458**

Large file containing correspondence in relation to Cutten Brothers at Clump Point. There are repeated requests from Cutten Brothers for the supply of rations to the Aboriginals on their property. Also includes: a report (89/11361) from the Geraldton Police Magistrate advising that he visited the station and he sees no need to supply the Aboriginals with rations. He advises that there is abundant game, fish, fruits and nuts etc in the surrounding bush; a telegram (89/11156) Cutten Brothers complaining that the Magistrate has refused to recommend the supply of rations. As a result they "have now requisitioned the services of the Native Police to disperse them and under existing circumstances you consider shooting inadvisable kindly wire what course to pursue"; a further letter (89/11309) from Cutten Brothers advising: "as to shooting the blacks, had we intended doing anything of the sort, we should certainly not have previously written to inform you. We were merely intending to refer to the action of those Government Officers appointed for that purpose". The file also contains correspondence related to requests for the supply of blankets. Letter 93/7437, 93/5836, 92/12184, 92/11078, 92/10472, 92/9959, 92/9949, 92/9699, 92/8817, 92/8154, 92/7532, 92/6834, 92/6257, 92/5735, 92/5544, 92/4190, 92/3104, 90/967, 89/11361, 89/11309, 89/11156, 89/11098, 89/10844, 89/10673, 89/4614, 89/3281, 89/2954, 89/2838, 89/2829, 89/2720, 89/2646, 89/1697, Top-numbered to 93/7458.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847471](#) 93/7590**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office requesting the transfer of the following prisoners from Thursday Island Gaol to Townsville Gaol: Sali Palembang, Kam Jam, Jack, Charles Fox and Charley Singapore.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847471](#) 93/7647**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847471](#) 93/7722**

Letter from the Medical Superintendent at Dunwich Asylum, Stradbroke Island advising that "Mary Ann Carr, the sister of Lizzie Bishop, the half caste woman who has the house on the beach about a mile from the Asylum buildings last week went to the Aboriginal Mission Station (Myora) and claimed Clara Barron aged 15 as her ward".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847471](#) 93/7742**

List of prisoners interviewed by the Colonial Secretary. Names that may relate to Aboriginal persons include: Hallah, Tommy, Koghie, Paddy and Abdie.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847471](#) 93/7979**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office in relation to warrants for the employment of prisoners outside Thursday Island prison. The names listed are: Doolah, Captain Cook, August Ackland, Joe Tanna, Johnny, Paddy Maryborough and William Price.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847472](#) 93/8048**

Letter from CA Mitchell requesting blankets for distribution to the 50 Aboriginals at Mantuan Downs, Nardoo Station, Wharton Creek and Cungellela in the Springsure district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847472](#) 93/8090**

Returns from Cape Bedford Mission Station (Hope Valley) for April to June 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847472](#) 93/8335**

Two letters from AW White at Bluff Station, Hillgrove via Charters Towers requesting about 50 blankets for the Aboriginals of the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847473](#) 93/8588**

Report from F Johnson on the Deebing Creek Aborigines Home. Mentions that the highest number of Aboriginals at the home during the last month was 38 and the lowest 29 and that Curtis Brown and Billy Brown are continuing to build their homes; work is plentiful but it is sometimes hard to get the Aboriginals to work.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847474](#) 93/9284**

Letter from Phillip Lee at Ayrshire Downs, Winton asking if he can take his "black boy age 7 years" to Sydney.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847476](#) 93/9670**

Returns from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for May to July 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847476](#) 93/9706**

Report from the New Guinea Administrator on the trial, conviction and commutation of sentence passed on a man named Kwatariana of Bakera on Daru Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847477](#) 93/10333**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847478](#) 93/10708**

Letter from the Reverend JG Ward asking the Colonial Secretary if he is prepared to grant "another Aboriginal reserve for mission purposes, either up the Batavia River or somewhere else along the coast of the Carpentaria Gulf. The question is being asked because the Committee of the Federated Presbyterian Churches of Australia and Tasmania has commissioned the missionaries now resident at Mapoon to prospect with a view to the formation of another Mission Station, seeing the present locality is not advantageously placed for agricultural pursuits". He also wants to know if a further grant for

rations will be forthcoming, whether the maritime services will be continued in the area, if the blankets grants to be withdrawn, is there legislation covering the age of employees in the beche-de-mer and pearling industries. He asks for an interview to discuss these questions.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847478](#) 93/10717**

The file contains a bill for transporting blankets from Longreach to Jundah for Aboriginals.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847478](#) 93/10771**

Correspondence in relation to an outbreak of measles in the Aboriginal population in Normanton. " Health Officer recommends that tents be provided for aboriginals ill with measles and the removal of four bodies that succumbed to the disease and were buried near the town lagoon with only a few inches of clay over them please instruct police to distribute blankets and food whilst ill to those now laid up".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847478](#) 93/10953**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island reporting an outbreak of measles on Darnley Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847479](#) 93/11069**

Railway pass for an Aboriginal boy named Willie for travel from Brisbane to Biggenden.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847480](#) 93/11326**

Returns showing the transfer and state of Police Department Votes. Entries for Native Police and Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847480](#) 93/11428**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Croydon advising that "there are about thirty blacks male and female around Croydon who are in a wretched half staved condition and some of them sick with measles may I incur reasonable expenditure in supplying them with food such as bread and meat".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847480](#) 93/11611**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847481](#) 93/11827**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Cloncurry advising that he has heard that a large number of Aboriginals are dying from measles on the Flinders River.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847482](#) 93/12197**

Letter from the Sheriff's Office requesting warrants for the employment of the following prisoners outside the Thursday Island Gaol: Dick Anthony, Raymond [Cairo?] and Noosa.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847483](#) 93/12837**

Large file containing correspondence in relation to complaints that Archibald Meston and B Purcell abducted Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders for an exhibition in Sydney and Melbourne. Purcell and Meston are accused of abducting Aboriginals from Glenormiston Station, Georgina River, and taking them away in handcuffs and leg irons. There are also allegations that they abducted the following natives of Prince of Wales Island from Thursday Island: Gidda, Gidda's wife Camaleea, Duhgoon, Bulla, and a male child named Cowra. They subsequently abandoned them in Sydney. Letter 93/10205, 93/9665, 93/9455, 93/9197, 93/9117, 93/8474, 93/8366, 93/7755, 93/7698, 93/7643, 93/7608, 93/6869, 93/5901, 93/9589, Top-numbered to 93/12837.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847484](#) 93/13174**

Telegram from the Government Resident on Thursday Island: "Senior Constable Conroy returned yesterday from Pine River district with seven natives all of whom are charged with murder there are several more still at large who can be captured I propose shortly to send another party for this purpose shall have to incur special expense on this account".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13527**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Camooweal advising that a Native Tracker has been charged with murder. He wants to know if the Native Tracker's statement can be accepted under section 10/4 of the Justices Act and the date of the next sitting of the Supreme Court in Normanton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13783**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for August to October 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13791**

Letter from Henry Chester in Cooktown advising that on a recent visit to Rossville and Ayton the miners complained that the Aboriginals were stealing their possessions while they were away at their claims. The miners requested an increased police presence in the district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13845**

Report on a deputation from the pearl shellers of the Torres Strait to the Chief Secretary in relation to undersized shell being exported from the fishing grounds to leased areas.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13863**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island: "a party of mainland natives brought in a lugger this morning belonging to Charles Bruce. They found her in the Skardon River 80 miles south abandoned by those who brought her there. They followed the tracks of five natives from the lugger in the direction of Bertiehaugh, Ducie River. Bruce had lately recruited some Bertiehaugh natives. It is supposed that taking advantage of Bruce going ashore at Badu Island they ran away with the lugger. Bruce has not yet been heard of. Inquiries will be made. Bruce may have been killed. He had with him a white man named Samuel Rowe and eight natives from Bertiehaugh". [see also COL/A761 – 94/1606]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13881**

Letter from the Aborigines Protection Association advising that they wish to increase the number of children at Myora Station, Stradbroke Island, as so many have left. They have been informed that "at Moolbooda noon Station there are many half caste aboriginal children roaming about almost wild without any education. Also in several places up north. The Committee would like steps of some kind taken to obtain the former as a start, and would be thankful to learn from your department the best means to adopt to secure this object".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847485](#) 93/13973**

Letter from JC Doyle at Tambo advising that an eleven-year-old "half-caste" Aboriginal girl who has been in his charge for seven years has been taken by a selector named George Foot. Doyle wants help to "regain possession" of the young girl. "The mother of the said girl was a black woman and lived with a china man in Charleville... he the china man left Charleville and came on to Tambo bringing the child with him".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847486](#) 93/14020**

Correspondence about a murder investigation and death of two Japanese beche de Mer or sea cucumber fishermen at Cape Melville, Bathurst Bay, north of Cooktown on or about 14 May 1893. Mentions deceased Yamazaki Kamematou and Hagimoto Sanzo; also, Aboriginal men Tommy, Johnnie, Charlie and Township and crew members George and Palmer who escaped the alleged attack on the cutter "Miranda" at Barrow Point. Mentions Inspector of Police, Cooktown, H Fitzgerald and W. Cooper, the sub-Inspector, Police station, Mclvor. Includes correspondence from A. Marks, the Japanese Consulate, Melbourne.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847487](#) 93/14562**

Report of the proceedings of sittings of the Central Court held at Samarai. Mentions the names of convicted persons from Daru Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847487](#) 93/14581**

Telegram from Henry Chester in Cooktown advising that a man named Henry Greenland has been reported murdered by the Aboriginals on Night Island. The police have been informed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847488](#) 93/14950**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for November 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847488](#) 93/15085**

Report from the Government Resident on Thursday Island advising that the labourers employed in the beche-de-mer fisheries are grossly mistreated.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847488](#) 93/15132**

Telegram from the Government Resident on Thursday Island advising that the missionaries at the Batavia River (Mapoon) are complaining about accusations made against them in the December 2 and December 16 editions of the Torres Strait Pilot. He recommends that Mr Hennessy, the Sub-Collector of Customs, and Captain Byron hold the inquiry because "the police are inferentially censured and I must be regarded as included in that censure".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/42**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Lizzie from Springsure.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/87**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on December 31, 1893. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/189**

Correspondence in relation to the escape of an Aboriginal prisoner named Finnegan from Cooktown Gaol. Finnegan escaped through the pigeonhole in the cell door but was later recaptured. Finnegan is described as being fifteen years old.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/234**

Proclamation notice for the gazettal of a reserve at Point Parker, Cairns for an Aboriginal Mission Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/288**

Letter from the Prisons Department advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Maggie, who was serving a ten year sentence for manslaughter, died in the Toowoomba Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/300**



Telegram from WD Bowlatt, the Medical Officer in Herberton, asking for permission to take an Aboriginal girl to Sydney. He states that he will return in six months.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/449**

Petition from the residents of Mclvor Creek, Morgan Creek, Starkie Creek and Cocoa Creek districts protesting against the removal of the Native Police camp from Mclvor Creek. A note on the letter states, "The camp has already been broken up and shifted to Eight Mile Station from which place the Ivor country can be worked at far less expense".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847489](#) 94/492**

Letter from T Theodore Pentzcke at the Daintree River complaining about the mistreatment of the Aboriginals in the district by the Police. He states that Constable Brennen's report suggesting that the Aboriginals had been stealing was false. He also states that Constable Henson's claim that the Aboriginals killed and devoured a man is false. He also accuses Constable Brennen of kidnapping an Aboriginal girl from Crystal Springs.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847490](#) 94/987**

List of prisoners interviewed by the Colonial Secretary. Entries for Aboriginal prisoners Fred Dingo sentenced at Bundaberg and Darkie sentenced at Cairns.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1054**

Telegrams in relation to an outbreak of measles in the Aboriginal population of Blackall: "they are in a very destitute condition am putting up two tents and supplying necessaries". Also advises that a Native Police trooper is one of those afflicted.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1279**

Voucher for medical attention to an Aboriginal man named Harry Boru (also named as Bourix in the correspondence). The file also contains a police report that advises Harry had been injured during a fight in the Aboriginal camp at Esk, Brisbane Valley. Other Aboriginal persons named in relation to the camp: Billy Ord and Edward.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1305**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for December 1893 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1311**

Correspondence in relation to allegations in the December 2 and December 16 editions of the Torres Strait Pilot newspaper that murders committed by the Aboriginals in the Cape York district were the result of influences by the Mapoon missionaries (Batavia River). They are accused of stopping the Native Police from using the power of the tribal elders to punish offenders under tribal law. Instead they are sent to court on Thursday Island and later released. The missionaries are also accused of deterring the police from visiting the mainland. The file includes articles from the Torres Strait Pilot. [see also ITM847488 – 93/15 132]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1337**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. List of names, some may be relevant to family history research.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847491](#) 94/1476**

Returns of alien prisoners in the principal gaols of Queensland. Aboriginal names mentioned are: Caraba in Townsville gaol; Johnny B Down, Billy Ord and Pompey in Brisbane gaol; John Cullin in Roma gaol; Garibaldi and Bessie in Rockhampton gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847492](#) 94/1606**

Report from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island in relation to the murders of Charles Bruce and Samuel Rowe. The murderers were thought to be natives of Bertiehaugh, Ducie River. A search party was sent up the Batavia River to Bertiehaugh in search of the offenders. There are complaints that armed Aboriginals and a white civilian named Robert Bruce were allowed to form part of the police search party. There are also concerns raised that false reports reached Thursday Island that the Aboriginals in the search party were all massacred by the alleged murderers. [see also ITM847485 – 93/13863]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847492](#) 94/1672**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Mackay advising, “Willy said to be one of the Dora Dora blacks” came before the Bench charged with a murder at Albury. The police have asked for him to be remanded to Brisbane. He wants to know if he would be acting legally by granting their request because no warrant for Willie’s arrest has been produced.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847492](#) 94/1778**

Letter from the Reverend DF Mitchell asking if the Colonial Secretary will receive a deputation from the Committee of the Batavia River Aboriginal Mission (Mapoon).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847492](#) 94/1832**

Letter from the Prisons Department requesting permission for the transfer of an Aboriginal prisoner named Jack from Brisbane Gaol to Rockhampton Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847492](#) 94/1864**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for January 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847493](#) 94/2018**

Telegram from the Police Magistrate in Blackall advising that a rabbit had been shot on the Barcoo River by an Aborigine working for Mr Banks.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847497](#) 94/3305**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for February 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847497](#) 94/3434**

Letter from AB McDonald at Grosvenor Downs, Clermont asking if he is allowed to keep two “half caste black boys about twelve years of age they have both been brought up on the station since they were children and their parents died on the station”. He advises that he is willing to look after them according to the regulations. A note on the letter advises, “there are no regulations”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847497](#) 94/3731**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on March 31, 1894. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847500](#) 94/4506**

Letter from George Markwell in Geraldton asking if he can employ 20 Aboriginals from the Cooktown district on his farm. He suggests that “there are between 400 and 500 in the vicinity of Herberton and around Atherton, who are the recipients of Government aid, many of whom would gladly engage to work for me”. However, he has heard that there is some regulation that prevents Aboriginals from working outside their own district and wants to know if this is the case. A note on the letter advises that there is no law to prevent such action.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847500](#) 94/4695**

Police transfers: Sub-Inspector Frederick Urquhart from Cloncurry to Thursday Island; Sub-Inspector William Cooper from Coen to Cloncurry (relevant for Native Police).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847500](#) 94/4802**

Letter from the Superintendent of Lytton Reformatory recommending that an Aboriginal boy named Charcoal aged 13 years be transferred to the Aboriginal Mission Station on Stradbroke Island (Myora).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847500](#) 94/4960**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for March 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847501](#) 94/5250**

Letter from Henry Wood recommending that an Aborigine named William be given a blanket. The Police Sergeant in Sandgate has refused to issue him with one because he spends a considerable amount of time in Brisbane. Wood advises that “William has a boat and trades his crabs between Redcliffe, Sandgate and Brisbane ... I have known him for many years as an industrious fellow and did good service years ago tracking Campbell”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847501](#) 94/5341**

List of families obtaining government relief. Large list of names, some may be relevant for indigenous family history research.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847501](#) 94/5489**

Letter from John Hinchcliffe: “Jacky Jacky (King of the Logan) who has his son in Woogaroo asks me to write concerning the said Johnny Logan that he is better and can be let out if it is requested. On behalf of Jacky I therefore ask you to make enquiries of the Surgeon Superintendent and if such is the case to let him return to the Logan”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847502](#) 94/5700**

Telegram from the Herberton and Tinaroo District Hospital requesting blankets for their Aboriginal patients. A note on the telegram advises: “I cannot supply hospitals with blankets. If there are any eligible blacks in this locality whether in or out of hospital let PM report to me and blankets will be at once sent there to distribute”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847502](#) 94/5856**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for April 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847503](#) 94/6462**

Correspondence from Gympie advising that six Aboriginals are suffering from measles and have been admitted to hospital. The police have been instructed to “keep the Aboriginals out of the town until the present epidemic has subsided. It would be well to provide additional blankets for distribution in view of fresh cases of measles which are certain to break out amongst the blacks of this district”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847504](#) 94/6512**

Letter from the Reverend R Gribble at Bellenden Ker Mission Station, Yarraburra acknowledging receipt of the blankets he ordered and advising that they have been distributed to the children on the mission.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847504](#) 94/6895**

Letter from George Jackson at the Upper Cape via Pentland suggesting that every Aboriginal should be entitled to receive a blanket. He suggests that in the district some Aboriginals are going without. “Hoping that you will be so good as to direct a little more liberal distribution of blankets in the Cape River district”. A note on the letter advises “Inform Mr Jackson that the distributing officer at Pentland gave away 6 pairs to aged and sick men, 14 pairs to women, 6 half pairs to children and that he has returned a surplus. As remaining on his hands it is not likely that any qualified aboriginal has been left without a blanket. In this district the able bodied male aboriginals are largely used on cattle stations and receive as a rule sufficient employment to find themselves in clothes. In return for their services the employers should find them”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847505](#) 94/6994**

Letter from an Aborigine named Solomon sent from Mantuan Downs, Springsure: “Mr Governor of Brisbane why don’t you send me some blankets policeman wont give us any myself black gin and piccaninnie plenty cold and got no blanket. White fellow took all our country and killed plenty black fellow and gin too plenty black fellow sit down here and got no blanket now Mr Sir Henry Norman see what you can do for poor black fellow. White fellow boss here been yabber longer policeman Springsure give it blanket poor black fellow. Policeman yabber bell got him your humble servant Solomon King Mautuan Downs tribe”

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847505](#) 94/7016**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for May 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847506](#) 94/7435**

Telegram from R Donald at Laura: “Great anxiety here through fear of what must happen in the near future from depredations from blacks if the Laura detachment of Native Police are removed to Mein No protection then nearer than Maytown please urge on Commissioner to let camp remain”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847506](#) 94/7468**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on June 30, 1894. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847506](#) 94/7576**

Removal notice for an Aboriginal man named Georgie from Townsville Asylum to Goodna Asylum.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847506](#) 94/7688**

Letter from R Donald at Laura protesting against the removal of the Native Police camp from Laura. He suggests that as soon as the Aboriginals find out the Native Police have left “they will flock in here from the surrounding camps and I can assure you they are very dangerous customers”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847507](#) 94/8189**

Two letters from ER Brookes at Brookland, Tully River requesting blankets for the Aboriginals on the Tully River and Murray River. A note from the Colonial Storekeeper advises that 100 pairs were sent to Cardwell and should have been sufficient if the instructions in the Minister's circular (in file) were adhered to. These instructions state that only children, women without employment and old and infirm men should be issued with blankets.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847507](#) 94/8235**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for June 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847509](#) 94/9030**

Petition from several miners at Mount Finigan and Mount Romeo via Cooktown requesting Native Police protection because the Aboriginals have been robbing their camps while they are away working. The file also contains a report from Inspector Fitzgerald advising that he has had one of the "ringleaders" arrested and committed to Townsville gaol for six months. Letter 94/6888, Top-numbered to 94/9030.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847509](#) 94/9168**

Letter from the Secretary of the Cooktown Benevolent Society requesting "a few Aboriginals blankets to give to a few of our poor". A note on the letter states that there is no vote for this purpose.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847509](#) 94/9355**

Letter from SS Reid at Clonagh Station, Cloncurry requesting permission to take a ten-year-old "half-caste" Aboriginal girl named Fanny to Victoria.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847509](#) 94/9455**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for July 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847510](#) 94/9980**

Correspondence in relation to an Aboriginal prisoner named Charlie presently in St Helena Gaol, Brisbane. Includes a petition from Charlie pleading for remission of sentence. Charlie was tried in Townsville on October 2, 1889 on a charge of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years for the murder of one of his tribe. The file also includes a brief report from Judge Cooper suggesting that the sentence "was a proper one". Letter 94/1608, Top-numbered to 94/9980.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847511](#) 94/10011**

Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cairns complaining about a directive from the Colonial Storekeeper that requires a return for the distribution of blankets to Aboriginals to be completed. He suggests that the returns are "absurd and ridiculous". There is a requirement to obtain the name, physical condition, age, usual place of abode etc of each Aborigine who is issued with a blanket. He suggests that "If I had as much spare time as the Colonial Storekeeper, and a good interpreter, I might – perhaps, after spending a few hours with the blacks, obtain some sort of answer to his questions". A blank copy of the return is in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847511](#) 94/10384**

Letter from the Reverend TE Pierce in Southport requesting a railway pass for an Aboriginal woman to travel from Southport to Ipswich. The woman was previously at the Deebing Creek settlement. A note of the letter states "can she not walk up?"

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847511](#) 94/10390**

Telegram from Herberton advising that Constable Lanigan has been shot dead by an ex Native Police trooper named Norman. Constable Lanigan was attempting to arrest Norman. "Police now in pursuit of murderer".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847512](#) 94/10963**

Telegram from Timothy Collins in Coen to the Aborigines Protection Society of Queensland: "Aborigines being hunted like dingoes what shall or can I do to protect them".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847513](#) 94/11154**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for August 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847513](#) 94/11236**

Forms showing the transfer of expenditure from Dunwich Benevolent Society to the Leper Station and relief of Aborigines.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847513](#) 94/11280**

Letter from the Police Magistrate on Thursday Island forwarding a voucher for the expenses incurred burying an Aboriginal girl named Christine. Christine had been living at the house of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart prior to her death.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847513](#) 94/11483**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 31, 1894. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847514](#) 94/11597**

Correspondence from Thursday Island in relation to plans to arrest the mainland Aborigines who are accused of the murder of a man named Mobeck. The offenders "are known to be on the Pine River forty miles south of Batavia River". Sub-Inspector Urquhart has suggested that it is "highly desirable" that they be arrested.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847515](#) 94/11969**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for September 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847515](#) 94/12105**

Letter from the Prisons Department requesting authority to transfer several prisoners from Brisbane Gaol to St Helena Gaol. Prisoners listed: Frank, Towhee aka Peter, Sallie aka Charlie, Toarla aka Sam and Jacky Norman.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847516](#) 94/12423**

Report from Brisbane Gaol advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Johnny Ring has died. Johnny had been sentenced to ten years for manslaughter in the Circuit Court, Maryborough on October 1, 1894.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847516](#) 94/12764**

Minutes from the inquest into the death of an Aboriginal prisoner named Johnny Ring in Brisbane Gaol. The inquest found that he died of bronchitis. [see also 847516 – 94/12423]

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847516](#) 94/12905**

Telegram from SF Balsler sent from Cooktown requesting that Inspector Fitzgerald send the Native Police to Breeza because the “blacks are spearing cattle with impunity”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847517](#) 94/13263**

Letter from the Aborigines Protection Association thanking the Colonial Secretary for his invitation for them accompany him on a visit to Myora Mission Station, Stradbroke Island. “The courtesy and hospitality extended to them on the occasion, secured the combination of pleasure with duty, and they trust that all concerned may be stimulated in furthering the objects of the Mission, as a result of the day’s proceedings”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847517](#) 94/13298**

Petition from an Aboriginal prisoner in St Helena Gaol named Jack for remission of sentence. Jack was sentenced to fourteen months prison on April 10, 1894 in the District Court, Rockhampton.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847517](#) 94/13379**

Letter from the Aborigines Protection Association applying for the use of the ‘Otter’ so that they can organise a cruise to raise funds for the Association.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847517](#) 94/13380**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for October 1894 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847517](#) 94/13397**

Letter from OM Spencer in Melbourne requesting photographs of Queensland Aborigines. He is particularly interested in photographs of Native Trackers, Native Police Troopers and corroborees. The file also contains a letter from the Queensland Museum advising that Lord’s shop in George Street has a really good collection.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847518](#) 94/13646**

Depositions in the case of Ah Chit fined for supplying opium to Jack Serico, a Native Tracker stationed at Roma. Also mentions Maggie Fisher.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847518](#) 94/13720**

List of women prisoners to be transferred from the Valley Gaol to Toowoomba Gaol. Includes Annie Lawlor, Polly Jordon, Ellen Tullapin, Annie Meagher and Bella McKay (not identified as Aboriginal).

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847518](#) 94/13799**

Brief letter from the Sheriff’s Office advising that prisoner Johnny [Aboriginal?] is in Brisbane Gaol waiting execution.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847518](#) 94/13936**

Correspondence in relation to the supply of photographs to Mr Hume Black, including a lantern slide of an Aborigine climbing a tree and negatives of Aborigines fishing and making boomerangs. The slides and photographs are not in the file.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847518](#) 94/13961**

Letter from the Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Association requesting an interview with the Colonial Secretary.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847519](#) 94/14421**

Telegram from Frederick Turner asking for permission to take his two children, Leonard and Mabel, home for Christmas. The two children are living at Myora Mission Station on Stradbroke Island. "Turner lives at Bribie Island where he has an oyster bed. He is married to a Bribie Island aboriginal – and the boy and girl are no doubt his children who he wants home for Christmas".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847520](#) 94/14595**

The file contains an application form to hire out a child under license. The form relates to Willie who is described as "half caste", thirteen years old. Willie was sentenced by the Emerald Bench to seven years in the Reformatory for Boys. Willie is to be hired out to Thomas Woolnough of Drysdale Ponds, Mitchell.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847521](#) 95/1055**

Report from Francis Winter on a visit to Daru Island.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847521](#) 95/1609**

Letter from Walter E Roth from Boulia acknowledging with thanks his appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847522](#) 95/2909**

Correspondence in relation to a proposed prospecting expedition to New Guinea. GE Clarke, the leader of the expedition, asks if he can take five Aboriginals with him. The five are from the Russell River district and have been with him "for years".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847522](#) 95/4020**

Two letters from George Demetries in Townsville describing his life in north Queensland and suggesting that the Aboriginals are mistreated. He states that the beche-de-mer fishermen have shot Aboriginals who would not work for them and on occasions they have been sold to the fishermen. In relation to these allegations he mentions the Johnstone River, Mobray River and Cooktown.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847525](#) COL/A794 95/8432**

Letter from Archibald Meston thanking the Colonial Secretary for authorising that so many of his pamphlets on the Aboriginals of Queensland should be neatly bound. He advises that one copy has been sent to the Queen, one to Mr Gladstone, one to the Secretary of State and three members of the House of Commons and the anthropological societies. Meston writes that "there is good reason to expect some material assistance from the Imperial Government to any prospectively successful scheme which Queensland may initiate for the preservation of the aboriginals. Attached to the letter is an article from the Courier, which Meston has used as "a fair example of the deeds common in the north and north west". The article describes the attack on Rokeby Station, Cape York Peninsula by Aboriginals and the shooting of several Aboriginals in the conflict. They were then followed up and "further chastised".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847526](#) COL/A795 95/10486**

Letter from Archibald Meston: "Within the last 10 days I have received 16 letters of sympathy with the aboriginals. I enclose one received yesterday from Roma [not in the file]. It is a condensation of the opinions of the others and a fair expression of the belief of hundreds of intelligent men throughout the colony. I also enclose an extract from today's Telegraph, page 4 [in file]. It is another sample of reports becoming disgracefully frequent. Think of what is behind it!". The article relates to the Aboriginals of the Clark River district who have "adopted rather aggressive tactics towards the whites, and it may be that before long they will have to be dispersed".

Letter from Archibald Meston making some suggestions in relation to the appointment of Aboriginal Protectors: "Dear sir proposal as follows. Thomas Petrie = protector of south Queensland north to say Rockhampton and west. Myself = protector of all north Queensland and west. Both directly



responsible to the Colonial Secretary. Reserves initiated on any scale small or extensive, according to the discretion of the government. Powers of protectors to be clearly defined and their instructions. You will find this proposal command public approval, and Mr Petrie and I will undertake to settle this long continued problem in a manner permanently beneficial to the aboriginals, satisfactory to the government and creditable to the colony". The file also contains articles from the *Queenslander*, *Figaro* and the *Torres Strait Pilot* detailing the plight of the Aboriginals and calling for Archibald Meston to be appointed Protector of Aborigines. Letter 95/7395 Top-numbered to 95/10486.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847527](#) 95/10537**

Report on the working of the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Also includes a copy of the *State Children Act of 1895*.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847527](#) 95/11175**

Correspondence from Thursday Island in relation to persons failing to gain the authority of the Police before hiring mainland Aboriginals on bechede-mer boats.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847527](#) 95/1 1462**

Correspondence in relation to the retirement of (Native Police) Inspector Frederick Murray.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847528](#) 95/11508**

Letter from the Prisons Department advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Jackey under sentence of death has been received at Rockhampton Gaol.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847528](#) 95/11546**

Message for the Commissioner of Police: Jackey found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged [see also 847528 – 95/11508]. "Jacky, an aborigine, on 14 May last, near Mount Morgan, murderously assaulted a Javanese named Jimmy Williams with a tomahawk, from effects of which Williams died the following day. Cause is supposed to be jealousy as Jackey wanted Jimmy William's gin".

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847528](#) 95/11631**

Correspondence from the British New Guinea Prospecting Syndicate advising that two of the Aboriginals that accompanied them on a trip to New Guinea have deserted [see also ITM847522 – 95/2909]. The two are named as Tommy and Mularia from the Russell River (Cairns) district.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847528](#) 95/11775**

Return from the Toowoomba Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls. Entry for Aboriginal girl named Florrie, sentenced in Toowoomba.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847528](#) 95/11831**

Return showing the strength and distribution of the Queensland Police Force on September 30, 1895. Entries for Native Trackers.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847529](#) 95/12355**

Correspondence from Port Douglas in relation to the issue of rations and blankets to the Aboriginals in the Mount Spurgeon and Daintree River districts.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847532](#) 95/15056**

Letter from Archibald Meston demanding that the Colonial Secretary address the plight of the Queensland Aboriginals. Meston writes, "If you decide to do nothing, it will come before the colony in a shape that will not be pleasant for Queenslanders to contemplate. If this parliament is indifferent, the

next will be appealed to in a very emphatic manner even if the whole question has to be laid bare from 1842 to 1895 in all its naked hideousness ... tongue and pen will not be spared in the course on which I have started and from which I am not likely to be turned aside except by death ... it is incredible to me that you delay so long over some decisive action”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847532](#) 95/15377**

Return from Bloomfield River Mission Station (Wujul Wujul) for November 30, 1895 showing the number of men, women and children fed and how they were employed. Also lists the number of children attending school.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847533](#) 96/891**

Telegram from Inspector Graham in Normanton reporting that “Constable Alford stationed at Turn Off Lagoon, Port Darwin road wires me from Burketown Mr McIntosh, Lawn Hill Station reported on the eighth inst that three myall gins came into the station 30th Dec last and told him that some white men and a gin had been murdered by Calvert River blacks somewhere to the west of Lawn Hill Smith and party who left Turn Off Lagoon on the 19th October last to prospect head of Nicholson River the supposed white men killed. The ranges and country are very rough I have directed the Turn Off Lagoon police to make all possible search and inquiries”.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847535](#) 96/4250**

Correspondence in the case of Regina v Japardi (Aboriginal). Japardi was tried for manslaughter in the Roma District Court on February 18, 1895 and sentenced to three years in St Helena Gaol. The Judge’s report advises that Japardi was convicted of killing another Aborigine named Bally at Mount Margaret Station on Christmas Day 1894. Japardi had worked on the station since he was a boy. The only witness to the crime was a 27-year-old Aboriginal man named Pippo who had also worked on the station since childhood. Pippo’s wife is named as Alice. Also mentions an Aboriginal camp on the station and the reason for the murder was that Bally had “pointed the bone” at Japardi. Also mentions Aborigines Willie and Toby from the camp on Mount Margaret Station.

**Queensland State Archives [ITM847537](#) 96/7522**

Correspondence in relation to the appointment of Walter Roth as Government Medical Officer at Normanton.