

Settlement of Port Dalrymple amounts according to the latest returns to two thousand and seventy seven persons, but I am sorry to observe in a religious point of view that appearances are very unfavorable. It was intimated to us by an aged friend who paid us a visit "that there could be no substance throughout the world were a missionary were more wanted than at Van Diemen's Land." "I am now" would be "advanced in years and it cannot be expected that I shall live long, but it is my prayer that a pious minister may be sent out and that I may have another opportunity of hearing a Gospel sermon before I die." I heartily join in affection in the above wishes. A Master of established piety might I have no doubt by the Divine Blessing erect a noble standard to the honor of his Divine Master. Amongst such an hospitable people schools might be instituted and supported with not difficulty & much good done in the Colony.

The natives of Van Diemen's Land have been very ill treated indeed and banished entirely from those parts which are colonized by Englishmen. Many of them have been shot by our people and the Bushrangers who have made their escape from the Settlements have for fear of being discovered by any communication which the natives might have with the settlers killed them without mercy. Hence the natives retaliate and commit depredations as they find opportunity. There are no natives at the Settlement except some children who have been taken away from their Parents. At Sydney and Parramatta the natives can and (as Mr Patterson who knows my friend the Rev. Mr. Bayly)