

Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August last which was the Birth Day of the Prince Regent the School was opened for the reception of the Native Children. From the enclosed "List" you will learn the names, and number of Children which have been admitted. At Day break or a little after they were and are taught their lessons in the alphabet and monosyllables &c. They then generally leave the school and repair to the rivers or bush in pursuit of fish, fowls, coots &c. and return in the evening, and after repeating their lessons retire to rest. They are so very lively and playful that it is not easy to gain their attention. But these obstacles will I have no doubt be surmounted in time. The Native being this voyage bound for St. Johns instead of returning to Port Jackson as usual, and Mr. Marden being unacquainted with the Progress of the school we have it not in our power to contribute any thing towards its support, but when I have the pleasure of hearing from him and he sends us some supplies for the school, I trust we shall be enabled to arrange it better and keep the children