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Rev. S. Mauden to The Secretary.

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Rev & D^r Sir,

I shall now inform you what I am doing relative to the Seminary at Parramatta. I was unwilling to go to any very heavy Expense till I was fully convinced from actual Experience that the object would answer the Ends proposed. After having the natives living with me for more than four years, I cannot entertain a Doubt of the Success that will attend the final Establishment of a Seminary here for them. I am now erecting a commodious Building upon an Estate which I purchased on the Banks of the River opposite to the Town of Parramatta. The situation is very pleasant, and convenient in every respect. The Estate contains upwards of one hundred Acres of Land, and every

Operation of Agriculture, Gardening, & Nursery
 &c. may be carried on, with the simple
 Arts. When I get the buildings completed
 there will be accommodations for any
 missionary who may visit Port
 Jackson, while he remains in the Colony.
 Here the natives can be taught, and constantly
 employed. The Produce of their Labour
 will contribute something towards their
 Support. They shall learn to plough
 and sow, and reap, and the management
 of Horses and Cattle, and whatever else
 may be deemed advantageous to them.
 It will be no object when a Chief's Son
 has learned to plough, and become
 acquainted with a Team of Bullocks, to
 let him take them Home with him.
 If I find that I can put up the buildings
 and complete them with ^{out} Assistance
 from the Society I shall do so.

Should I be pressed for £200. I then shall
 draw upon you for that amount. as a
 loan - Should any future circumstances
 render the Seminary unnecessary, the
 Buildings will still be upon the Estate
 and no loss of any moment will be
 sustained by me, if I keep them as my own.
 I hope to have the buildings completed in a
 little time, as they are now in a forward
 state. Hitherto I have either hired an House
 for the natives to lodge in, or provided
 them with lodgings in my own House.
 The following natives are with me at the
 present time.

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| Jow hga. No. Jorma. | Jowaquarree. |
| No. Pie. Ekace a woman. | No. Jowdougba. |
| No. Eve. No. Mat. No. | No. Jaate. |
| Apo. Sactak. a. | Joungba hoodov. |
| No. ha. Appappa. | Jengarree. |
| | Harree - Total. 16 |

What number will return in the Active
 is not determined yet, but I think 10. of
 them will go back. - Some of them have
 lived

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nearly a year with me, and have made very
considerable improvements. The Chief for
whom the ~~settlers~~ reside has sent me over
a Chair for a Day, which he made since
his return - He promises to be a very good
Smith - I have sent it to you, as the first
attempt made by a native on the Island. I
can have little doubt, but that young man will
soon make Axes. How so, if he can only get
Iron. I shall send him some of what I
received the last time. Muskets & Gun Powder
I disapprove of, as they tend to enslave their
warlike Spirit. Axes, Spades, Hoes & Axes,
will civilize them, and induce domestic and
commercial Habits - will give them some
thing to eat, and to sell, and will prepare them
for receiving the Gospel. The Settlers may
blough it forward. They will then make a
happy nation of them. You will excuse
any mistakes, as I have much to do -
Rev. G. Pratts - I am Rev. Sir
Yours very sincerely
Sam. Morrison