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By the Earl of Vincent

Secretaries to Rev. John Butler.

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Church Missionary House.

Dear Brother Butler—

April 5/20.

We wrote you on the 3^d of Augt. by the Dromedary; and have now received your Letter of July 5th, accompanied by your Journal from Mar. 10th to July 10th with the printed account of the formation of the Van Dieman's Land Bible Society.

We bless God that you, and the rest of our friends, were brought safely through your voyage to Port Jackson.

The attention bestowed by yourself and your companions, to the instruction of the Convicts and Ship's Crew, and in imparting to the sick and dying the consolations of the Gospel, has given the Committee much satisfaction; and will, we trust, be followed by the Divine Blessing.

The assiduous endeavours, likewise, of yourself and Mr. Hall, to recover Tooi and Teeterree to a right state of feeling, and to induce them to apply themselves to the acquisition of useful knowledge, are entirely agreeable to the wishes of the Committee. May the prayers which have been offered up, and the labours of love which have been employed on their behalf, at length bring forth fruit to the glory of God and the salvation of their Souls!

The Committee felt much concerned to learn, through Mr. Hall, the highly improper conduct of Capt. Lamb on the Voyage, particularly towards yourself. Had you been able to exercise more self-command and forbearance, it would certainly have been more conformable to the spirit of the Gospel: though the Committee cannot be surprized at the feelings which were called forth by such circumstances of provocation.

The harmony which has been maintained among yourselves is peculiarly grateful to the Committee; and