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Dear Sir,

Referring to my previous letter, it is possible you may not have heard much of the "West Australian Group Settlement scheme" which was initiated four years ago by the then Premier, Sir James Mitchell, a gentleman of considerable energy and a personality in his way. He came over to this country to see if the British Government would support his scheme. They strongly approved of it, and granted a large amount for the purpose, so much so that Approved Settlers get £3 per week for three years, from the day of Landing, and while clearing and developing their Blocks, although the principle was no new thing for the West Australian Government to do. For the last twenty years they have made large advances to men WITHOUT CAPITAL, who took up Virgin Land anywhere in the country; they claim great results from it. But the money was only advanced on receipt of a document from a Government Inspector, that the applicant had done sufficient clearing to cover the amount applied for.

The W. A. GROUP SETTLEMENT consists of 20 families to a group, the situation of it, having been previously surveyed and marked out in about 100 acre blocks. Settlers start clearing simultaneously under a Government supervisor. When about 25 acres on each block is cleared, which takes about three weeks, the blocks are drawn for, and each man then starts straight away on his particular block. drawn for.

On ^{their} arrival in the country ^{in W.A.} there is at the port of Landing Government Hostels, where the women and children remain till their block is ready

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