

means of subsistence, whilst it furnishes to the public treasury a large revenue in the shape of fees for licenses, and assessments on stock, together with very large sums paid for land siezed by the Crown, and alienated to private individuals.

"That it appears to Memorialists that the interests at once of the natives and the colonists would be most effectually promoted by the Government reserving suitable portions of land within the territorial limits of the respective tribes, with the view of weaning them from their erratic habits; forming thereon depôts for supplying them with provisions and clothing, under the charge of individuals of exemplary moral character, taking at the same time an interest in their welfare, and who would endeavour to instruct them in agriculture and other useful arts.

"That Memorialists would respectfully express their firm conviction, founded on past experience and from what is now passing in the district, that religious instruction by Missionaries taking a deep interest in the temporal and eternal welfare of the Aborigines, forms the only means of civilizing them, and they would suggest that this be kept in view in any arrangements attempted for bettering their condition.

"That while Memorialists humbly conceive that the duty of supporting the Aborigines, as well as that of protecting from aggressions those who pay so largely for the privilege of occupying the territories once possessed by them, devolves upon the Government, they have no doubt that any judicious plan for the civilization of the natives would be liberally supported by many philanthropic individuals who desire to preserve them from extinction, and to see them raised to the rank of Christian and civilized men.

"In conclusion, Memorialists would humbly but earnestly implore Your Excellency, with the least possible delay, to adopt some effectual measures, commensurate with the great object in view, to protect the colonists from native outrage; to prevent the utter extermination of the Aboriginal race; and to impart to their condition every improvement of which it is susceptible."

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The Aborigines' Committee is desirous to impress on the minds of Friends generally the importance of an increased acquaintance with this subject, and earnestly recommends the perusal and circulation of the pamphlets relating to it, published by the Meeting for Sufferings. The small number which has been called for by the Society shows how much this recommendation is needed.