

1851.

VICTORIA.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Laid upon the TABLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, by THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, and ordered to be printed, 19th November, 1851.

COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD IN THE SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF THIS COLONY.

[COPY.]

*School Office, Melbourne,
18th November, 1851.*

No. 51-112.

SIR,

I am directed by the Denominational School Board, to lay before you the following Report of their proceedings in the supervision of the National Schools of this Colony.

In Appendix (A) will be found the correspondence relative to their appointment, and the duties committed to them.

Appendix (B) contains a statement of the position of the several National Schools throughout the Colony.

In Appendix (C) are given the payments made by the Board to the present date.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. C. E. CHILDERS,
Secretary.

Appendix (A).

*National Education Office,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1851.*

SIR,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, with reference to the unexpected balances of monies in the hands of the Board, voted by the Legislature for the purposes of National Education in Victoria, stating that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor considers it very advisable that all such sums should be handed over with as little delay as possible, as urgent applications are being made to the Government of Victoria to have these matters adjusted, and suggesting that should the National Board of Education agree to this arrangement, the balance due to Victoria may be remitted by draft in His Excellency's favor, who could then dispose of it as may appear most desirable.

2. In reply, I am instructed to enclose copy of Letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary here, in answer to a letter from this Government of date 14th June last, inviting the attention of the Board, in consequence of the immediate separation of the Colony of Victoria from New South Wales Proper, to any matter now pending in this department which relates to Port Phillip, in order that it may be immediately perfected, or its present state reported for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

3. In this letter it will be observed the Board state, that they are prepared to hand over the balance in hand, due to Victoria on account of National Education, to any authority which may be constituted to receive it, and suggest for this purpose, the expediency of the passing of an Act by the Legislature of the Province of Victoria, to incorporate a Board of National Education similar to the Sydney Board, which being done, the Sydney Board would be in a position to make over the funds at present in their hands, and all lands in the Province of Victoria held by them, for the purpose of National Education; and under the Act of the Governor and Legislative Council, 11 Victoria, No. 48, incorporating the Board, they do not feel justified in paying over these funds until such an authority is constituted to receive them with a view to their appropriation to the specific purposes for which they were voted.

4. In the mean time, the Board are anxious that no inconvenience should result from the absence of funds to carry into effect the present operations commenced in faith of the Boards' pledges, and to pay the current salaries of the Teachers engaged in the National Schools of Victoria, I am therefore directed to enclose herewith a Schedule shewing the sums pledged by the Board towards the support and maintenance of the Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1851, also shewing the sums locally subscribed and paid into the Union Bank of Australia to the credit of the Board of National Education Building Fund, by the local patrons at Bacchus Marsh, Barwon, and Warringal, amounting in all to seven hundred and thirty-three pounds, eight shillings and eight pence. I am also directed to enclose herewith Bill of Exchange for this amount, in favor of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to meet the applications which may be made on account thereof.

5 The statement requested to be forwarded shewing the amounts voted for Port Phillip, and the manner in which they have been appropriated, will better be obtained from the detailed particulars contained in the Boards' Report, about to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General, for the purpose of being laid before the Legislative Council, copy of which shall be duly forwarded to Victoria, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. C. WILLS,
Chairman.

*The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary,
Victoria.*

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ENCLOSURE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, TO THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, RESPECTING THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS AT PORT PHILLIP, IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE SEPARATION OF THE COLONY OF VICTORIA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES PROPER.

No 51—413.

*National Education Office,
Sydney, 24th July, 1851.*

SIR,

I have the honor on the part of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Letter of date 14th June last, inviting the attention of the Board in consequence of the immediate separation of the Colony of Victoria from New South Wales Proper, to any matter now pending in this department which relates to Port Phillip, in order that it may be immediately perfected, or its present state reported for the information of His Excellency the Governor General.

Numbered 1, 2, and
3 respectively.

2. In reply, I have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the accompanying particulars of the disbursement of monies by the Board, on account of National Schools in the Port Phillip District, from the 1st January, 1848, to the 30th June, 1851, exhibiting a grand Total of two thousand, eight hundred and fifty-three pounds, eleven shillings.

3. Of this Total, however, only two thousand and two hundred and forty pounds three shillings and fivepence are charged against Port Phillip, for the establishment and maintenance of National Schools at the places in the Unsettled Districts mentioned in the margin; the remaining six hundred and thirteen pounds seven shillings and sevenpence have been expended for the establishment and maintenance of National Schools in the Settled Districts of Port Phillip, mentioned in the margin, and are charged against the Votes for the National Schools in the Settled Districts of the Colony, which charge however, contrary to the intention of the Legislature, was nevertheless compulsory on the Board by the Act of appropriation, 13 Victoria, No 33.

4. The unexpected balance of monies from the Votes of 1849 and 1850, and from the funds derivable from the Church and School Estates as noted in the margin, is therefore a sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds nineteen shillings, which sum the Board are prepared to hand over to any authority which may be constituted to receive it.

5. For this purpose, the Board would beg to suggest the expediency of the passing of an Act by the Legislature of the Province of Victoria, to incorporate a Board of National Education similar to the Sydney Board, which being done, the Sydney Board would be in a position to make over the funds at present in their hands, and all lands in the Province of Victoria, held by them for the purposes of National Education.

6. It may be remarked that the whole of the monies voted for National Schools in the various Districts of the Colony for the year 1851, although for the most part pledged as far as the Settled Districts are concerned, remain in the Colonial Treasury untouched, and out of the monies charged against Port Phillip is a sum of five hundred pounds, which has been transmitted to the Colonial Agent General in England for a supply of National School Books, which on their arrival in the Colony will be handed over for the benefit of that District, or Books equivalent in value may be obtained from the stock now in the possession of the Board in Sydney.

I have the honor to he, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) I. H. PLUNKETT,
Chairman.

£2,853 11s 0d.
£2,240 3s 5d
Bacchus Marsh.
Benall.
Barwon.
Colac.
Grange.
Wangaratta.
Wannon River.
£613 7s 7d.
Pascoevale.
Heideberg.
Warnambool.
Yuroke.
Vote for 1849, £1500
Do 1850, £1500
Proportion
of the ac-
cumulated
Balances de-
rivable from
the church
and school
Estates to
1849 . . . £310 8 6
Do for 1850
in accordance with
the Colonial Secre-
tary's letter
dated 20th
June, 1851
55 13 11
3366 2 5
Diabursed
on account
of Port
Phillip . . . 2240 3 5
£1125 19 0

No. 1.

EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN UNSETTLED DISTRICTS
IN PORT PHILLIP TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1851.

NAME OF PLACE.	AMOUNT PAID TO TEACHERS TO 30 JUNE, 1851.	BUILDINGS.	FURNITURE.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
BENALLA.		100 0 0	13 0 0	113 0 0	School site sanctioned by the Government.
BACCHUS MARSH.	45 7 6			45 7 6	£37 in hand to the credit of the Local Patrons on account of the School Building. The school site is purchased from a Mr. Crook, and premises wherein to hold the school temporarily are rented at a cost of 5s per week. No monies are paid on account thereof by the Board.
BARWON.					Application has been made by the Local Patrons to his Honor the Superintendent at Port Phillip for a school site.
CCLAC.	33 6 8	100 0 0	20 0 0	153 6 8	School site sanctioned by His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip.
GRANGE.					School site sanctioned by the Government.
WANGARATTA.	34 8 2	94 6 8	10 0 0	138 14 10	School site sanctioned by the Government
WANNON RIVER.		93 6 8		93 6 8	School site sanctioned by the Government.
TOTAL...				543 15 8	

No. 2.

EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE SETTLED DISTRICTS OF PORT PHILLIP TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1851, INCLUSIVE.

NAME OF PLACE.	AMOUNT PAID TO TEACHERS TO 30 JUNE, 1851.	BUILDINGS.	FURNITURE.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
PASCOEVALE.	36 17 7	200 0 0	13 6 8	250 4 3	School site sanctioned by the Government.
WARNAMBOOL.					School site sanctioned by the Government.
YUROKE.	34 0 1	100 0 0		134 0 1	School site conveyed to the Board by Messrs. G. R. and L. Brodie.
HEIDELBERG or WARRINGAL.					No School site applied for, but £50 is paid by the Local Patrons to the credit of the Board on account of the School Building.
TOTAL				£613 7 7	

No. 3.

EXPENDITURE FOR THE NORMAL TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT, SYDNEY; NATIONAL SCHOOL BOOKS, SALARIES, AGENCY, STATIONERY, PRINTING, POSTAGES, AND CONTINGENCIES ON ACCOUNT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE UNSETTLED DISTRICTS OF THE PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1851, INCLUSIVE.

Three-tenths of the Expenses of the Normal Training Establishment, Sydney, viz. £1658 11s 0d	£ s. d.
National School Books sent for from England	497 11 3½
Three-tenths of the Salaries of the Secretary, Messenger, Architect, and Clerk to 30th June, 1851 ...	500 0 0
Agency	255 15 11½
Three-tenths of the expenses of Stationery, Printing, Postages, and contingencies to the 30 June, 1851	114 15 0
	328 5 6
	1696 7 9

RECAPITULATION.

No 1.—Expenditure on account of National Schools in the Unsettled Districts of Port Phillip to 30th June, 1851.	543 15 8
No 2.—Expenditure on account of National Schools in the Settled Districts of Port Phillip to 30 June, 1851.	613 7 7
No 3.—Expenditure for the Normal Training Establishment, Sydney; National School Books, Salaries, Agency, Stationery, Printing, Postages, and contingencies on account of the Establishment of National Schools in the Unsettled Districts of the Port Phillip District to the 30th June, 1851, inclusive	1696 7 9
	2853 11 0

No. 4.

SCHEDULE SHEWING THE SUMS PLEDGED BY THE BOARD OF NATIONAL EDUCATION TOWARDS THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS AT THE UNDER-MENTIONED PLACES IN THE PROVINCE OF VICTORIA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1851; ALSO SHEWING THE SUMS LOCALLY SUBSCRIBED AND PAID TO THE CREDIT OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL EDUCATION BUILDING FUND BY THE LOCAL PATRONS AT BACCHUS MARSH, BARWON, AND WARRINGAL.

NAME OF PLACE.	FOR BUILDINGS.	FOR SALARIES.	FOR RENT.	LOCAL SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID INTO THE UNION BANK TO THE CREDIT OF THE BOARD.	TOTAL.
BACCHUS MARSH..	100 0 0	20 0 0	14 4 8	37 0 0	
BENALLA	0 0 0	20 0 0	From 15th May, 1850, to 31st December, 1851, two-thirds at 5s per week.	0 0 0	
BARWON	100 0 0	0 0 0		49 10 0	
COLAC	0 0 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
GRANGE	120 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	
PASCOEVALE.....	0 0 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
WANGARATTA	0 0 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
WARRINGAL	100 0 0	0 0 0		50 0 0	
WANNON	0 0 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
WARNAMBOOL	3 4 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
YUROKE.....	0 0 0	20 0 0		0 0 0	
	423 4 0	160 0 0	14 4 8	136 10 0	733 8 8

Appendix (B).

STATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA.

Bacchus Marsh.

The business of this School has been conducted since May, 1850, in a temporary Building rented at 5s a week.

£100 has been pledged by the Board towards the erection of a suitable Building to meet £50 when locally subscribed, of this sum £37 has been paid in.

Name of Teacher, H. G. Ball, appointed May 13, 1850.

Number of Children in attendance, 32.

Chairman of Board of Patrons, C. J. Griffith, Esq.

Benalla.

A School-house has been erected at a cost of £150.

Name of Teacher, W. B. Bennett, commenced 1st July, 1851; (not formally appointed) number of Children in attendance unknown.

Secretary to Board of Patrons, W. G. Mead, Esq.

Barwon.

The School Site has been granted by the Government, and £100 has been pledged towards the Building, for which a local subscription of £49 10s has been paid in.

Secretary to the Board of Patrons, John Ross, Esq.

Bates' Ford.

The School has been granted by Messrs. Hope, and £90 0s 0d pledged to meet £45 locally collected.

Chairman of the Board of Patrons, J. H. Mercer, Esq.

Bulleen.

A Preliminary Application has been received.

Colac.

A School has been erected at a cost of £150, and a Teacher appointed, who however resigned on the 26th October. The vacancy has not yet been filled.

Number of Children in attendance, 37.

Chairman of Board of Patrons, D. E. Stodhart, Esq.

Grange.

The School Site has been granted, and £120 pledged by the Board to meet £60 when locally subscribed: no communication has been received from the local Patrons since the 18th September, 1850.

Secretary to Board of Patrons, R. Savage, Esq.

Kilmore.

A Preliminary Application has been received.

Pascoevale.

A School has been erected at a cost of £300, and opened on the 29th July, 1850. The Teachers resigned on the 2nd August, 1851, others were appointed.

Name of Teachers, John Thomas Hinkins and wife, appointed 2nd August, 1851.

Number of Children in attendance, 31.

Chairman of Board of Patrons, J. P. Fawkner, Esq.

Wangaratta.

A School-house has been built at a cost of £150, and opened on the 22nd August, 1850.

Name of Teacher, Henry Howard, appointed August 22, 1850.

Number of Children in attendance, 33.

Chairman of Board of Patrons, Francis Murphy, Esq.

Warringal.

No School Site has yet been applied for; but £100 has been pledged by the Board to meet £50 which has been paid in. No communication has been received from the Patrons since 22nd November, 1850.

Chairman of Board of Patrons, D. C. McArthur, Esq.

Wannon River.

A School-house has been erected at a cost of £140, but no Teacher has been yet appointed. It is however understood that a Master will be proposed immediately.

Secretary to Board of Patrons, H. Waterman, Esq.

Warnambool.

A School-house has been purchased and enlarged at a cost of £210, and opened on the 1st January, 1851. The Teachers resigned on the 1st October last, but the Board have appointed Successors. A new Board of Patrons is also about to be constructed.

Name of Teachers, Joseph Pilkington and wife, appointed 3rd November, 1851.

Number of Children in attendance, 45.

Secretary to Board of Patrons, C. J. Denny, Esq.

Yuroke.

A School has been built at an expense of £150, on land granted by the Messrs. Brodie.

Name of Teacher, James Tydeman, appointed 26th August, 1850.

Number of Children in attendance, 30.

Secretary to Board of Patrons, the Rev. P. Gunn.

(Signed)

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Secretary.

No. 581.

SIR,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1851.

In reply to your communication from the Denominational School Board, expressing the willingness of the Board to undertake the management of the National System of Education, which has hitherto existed in the Colony under the agency of the National School Board at Sydney, and proposing to commence such management on the first of the present month, I am desired to convey to you the thanks of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the determination of the Board in the above question, and I have also to request that you will be good enough to receive the enclosed draft for seven hundred and thirty-three pounds, eight shillings, and eight pence for distribution by the Board, according to the accompanying Schedule transmitted from the National Board in Sydney, in explanation of the sums pledged by that Board towards the support and maintenance of the National Schools in this Province for the year ending the 31st December, 1851.

I have, &c., &c.,

(Signed)

W. LONSDALE.

The Chairman of the
Denominational School Board,
Melbourne.

September 27.

£733 8s 8d.

Enclosure marked
No. 4.

An error is contained
in this Schedule; the
amount of the items
in aggregate is £733
18s 8d, not £733 8s 8d

APPENDIX (C).

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURE FOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINCE 1st JULY, 1851.

DATE.		£	s.	d.
27th October.	John C. Cochrane, Moonee Ponds. Salary, 1st July to 2nd August	3	10	11
	Henry G. Ball, Bacchus Marsh. Salary, 1st July to 31st July	3	6	8
	John McDonald, Warnambool. Salary, 1st July to 7th October	10	15	1
	Henry Howard, Wangaratta. Salary, 1st July to 30th September	10	0	0
	Denney and Co, Warnambool, for fittings of School	3	4	0
3rd November	Henry G. Ball, Bacchus Marsh. Salary, 1st August to 30th September...	6	13	4
10th November	John T. Hinkins, Moonee Ponds. Salary, 2nd August to 31st October...	9	15	8
17th November	Henry G. Ball, Bacchus Marsh. Salary, 1st October to 31st October	3	6	8
	Balance in hand	50	12	4
		682	16	4
		733	8	8

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,

Secretary.