

Indexes to correspondence relating to Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the records of the Colonial Secretary's Office and the Home Secretary's Office, 1859 – 1866

COL/A1 59/62 Letter from 2nd Lieutenant William Swete at Fitzroy dated October 29, 1859 tendering his resignation from the Native Police Force. [Z4899]

COL/A1 59/118 Correspondence from Port Curtis (Gladstone) relating to the practice of keeping Aboriginal women in the Native Police camp. Aboriginal persons mentioned: Native Police Trooper Kelly and Daylight, Nelly and Dinah. The letter dated December 10, 1859 also makes a brief reference to massacres at Mr Young's Station. The letter dated August 27, 1859 mentions that the Aboriginal women living at the Native Police camp "were frequently useful to us in discovering the haunts of some of the most notorious murderers". [Z4899]

COL/A2 60/42 Correspondence relating to the appointment of James Davies as an interpreter for Aborigines in court. [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/79 Correspondence from Native Police officers Carr, Murray and Morisset relating to alleged "outrages" by the Aborigines near McCartney's station in the Fitzroy River district. Advises on the patrols to catch the offenders and the "dispersing" of Aborigines. Aboriginal persons named in the correspondence: Billy Billy, King John, [Bueen?] and Mitzie. [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/86 Report from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated January 18, 1860. Makes recommendations that the Native Police would "be greatly benefited by the appointment of a Drill Sergeant at Rockhampton (Head Quarters) and ... that Officers, Camp Sergeants and troopers, as a rule, are alike ignorant of drill on first being appointed. I would further strongly urge upon the Government the desirability of appointing two additional 2nd Lieutenants one to the 1st and one to the 2nd Divisions, in order that the Lieutenants commanding may be relieved of duty of patrolling the bush after blacks, and be enabled continually to visit and report upon their outstations". [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/99 Petition from Daniel Cameron asking for Native Police protection in the Leichhardt district to ensure the safety of his stock. The file also contains a reply from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police, dated January 23, 1860 advising that he cannot guarantee Native Police protection to those who choose to live "far from the present boundary of location ... unless the strength of the Native Police Force is augmented to twice its present number". [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/100 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated January 23, 1860 recommending John Darley's appointment as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Native Police. [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/112 Petition from Isaac Jackson in Brisbane dated January 14, 1860 asking for a passage to Sydney because he has "been plundered of all he possessed by the Blacks". The file also contains a letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane, recommending that he should not be given a passage. [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/131 Return of punishments inflicted on prisoners confined to Brisbane Gaol during the month of January 1860. Entry for an Aboriginal man named Billy Loudon. [Z4900]

COL/A2 60/138 Report from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, dated February 2, 1860 relating to the recruitment of Aborigines at Fort Bourke, Lower Darling for service in the Native Police in the Balonne district (St George - Surat). [Z4900]

COL/A3 60/241 Return of prisoners convicted in Brisbane and Ipswich dated February 24, 1860. Entries for Billy Loudon convicted of larceny and Jack alias Broom convicted of housebreaking and larceny. [Z4901]

COL/A3 60/381 The file contains a letter from William Sims at Bendemere Station dated March 5, 1860 requesting Native Police protection from the Aborigines camped there. He believes that one of them is named Beilba, one of the Dawson murderers. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Frederick Carr dated March 8, 1860 in which he advises that he patrolled the Station and found "a mob of upwards of 100 all of the Upper Dawson Tribe". He further advises that the Aborigines attacked them and in the ensuing battle 15 Aborigines were killed including "Baulie". The report also mentions the following Native Police Troopers: Paddy, Jack, Tommy, Charlie, May Boy, Tippo, Lewis and Philip. [Z4902]

COL/A3 60/483 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated April 4, 1860 stating that he disagrees with the Bench regarding the stationing of one Native Trooper at Callandoon (Goondiwindi). [Z4902]

COL/A4 60/581 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated April 20, 1860 forwarding an account in relation to medical expenses for a Native Police Sergeant at Sandgate. [Z4903]

COL/A4 60/594 Letter from the Surveyor General's office dated April 20, 1860 asking for approval to supply blankets and shirts to the Aborigines at Wide Bay (Maryborough district). [Z4903]

COL/A4 60/616 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated April 25, 1860 enclosing a requisition for blankets, shirts and trousers for distribution to the Aborigines of Brisbane on the Queen's birthday. The attached requisition advises that 400 blankets, 60 shirts, 70 trousers and 36 frocks will be needed. [Z4903]

COL/A4 60/636 Letter from Charles Coxen in Dalby dated April 21, 1860 requesting 100 blankets to distribute to the Aborigines in the district. [Z4903]

COL/A4 60/761 Correspondence in relation to a request by Daniel Cameron for a Native Police detachment to be stationed on the Comet River because "a party of Europeans have been murdered by the aborigines". [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/825 Correspondence from Rockhampton relating to charges brought against Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police by Camp Sergeant Spooner. Spooner accuses Murray of being responsible for his child's death. [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/850 Letter from the NSW Colonial Secretary's Office dated March 31, 1860 advising that in compliance with the request, "instructions have been given for forwarding twelve double barrelled carbines to Brisbane for the use of the Queensland Native Police". [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/855 Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police dated June 1, 1860 advising he has a notice to go in the Government Gazette for the call of tenders for blankets and shirts for the Aborigines. The notice is not in the file. [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/859 Report from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, on the state of the Force and suggestions for its improvement dated December 24, 1859. Advises that the Force has five divisions; the Force is not yet at full strength because of the "difficulty recruiting men adapted to the service and because it is absolutely necessary to recruit in a district as far as possible from that in which the men have to serve and there are now seventeen troopers required to complete the number allowed by the New South Wales Government"; there have been numerous requests for Police protection from stockholders occupying the country north of the Fitzroy but it would be "unsafe to remove any of the detachments from their present stations unless I may except the Division stationed at Wide Bay and Burnett where the blacks are comparatively quiet"; recommends that if "it should be determined to increase the strength of the Force that a recruiting party [should be] sent to the Darling". Attached to the report is an appendix that shows the distribution and present strength of the Native Police Force. [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/876 Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police, dated June 4, 1860 forwarding a voucher for the supply of blankets and shirts to the Aborigines of the Port Curtis district. The attached requisition advises that 75 single blankets and 5 dozen shirts will be needed for distribution to the Aborigines of the district. [Z4904]

COL/A4 60/915 Letter from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh of the Native Police at Coopers Plains (Maryborough) dated May 1, 1860 asking for one month's leave of absence. [Z4905]

COL/A4 60/954 Letter from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police recommending four weeks leave of absence for Lieutenant Powell of the Native Police. [Z4905]

COL/A4 60/989 Letter and a newspaper clipping in relation to allegations that Aboriginal girls were removed from Fraser Island by "fraud and deception". The newspaper clipping suggests that the owner and Captain of the schooner 'Coquette' with "the assistance of a white man named Edward Priddy, a resident of Maryborough, with some blacks from this town landed upon the Island and succeeded in obtaining possession of two girls whom they took on to Sydney and one of the inducements offered to the blacks to give up possession was a bag full of what was represented to be white money ... large numbers of blacks immediately made their way to this township to make their purchases when they found out the deception ... deep and bitter were the execrations expressed and vows of vengeance

were uttered to kill the first white people that ever came amongst them again". (portions of the letter are missing) [Z4905]

COL/A4 60/990 Letter from John McConnell relating to an allowance paid to those Native Police troopers who provide horses and equipment at their own expense. (portions of this letter are missing) [Z4905]

COL/A5 60/1044 Correspondence from the Collector of Customs in Brisbane relating to a report from the Aborigines of Wide Bay that a boat had been washed ashore 30 miles north of Caloundra. The letter dated July 4 1860 advises that the Aborigines accompanied Thomas Frazer to the location and for their efforts the "tribe should be conciliated as much as possible ... blankets and some other supplies [should] be given to these natives". [Z4905]

COL/A6 60/1270 Correspondence from Edric Morisset, the Inspector General of Police recommending that his brother Rudolph and A. Patrick be appointed as 2nd Lieutenants in the 1st division of the Native Police Force. [Z4906]

COL/A6 60/1294 Letter from the Bench at Condamine dated July 28, 1860 advising that 35 Aborigines have been supplied with blankets at a cost of 20 pounds and requesting "a further sum of at least 30 pounds for the purpose of supplying blankets to the many aborigines as yet not furnished therewith". [Z4906]

COL/A6 60/1299 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated August 2, 1860 asking that the Colonial Secretary authorise his pay of 108 pounds 6 shillings and 8 pence for the months of August and September. [Z4906]

COL/A6 60/1324 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 1, 1860. Attached to the letter is a return showing how prisoners were employed at the gaol. The return lists six Aboriginal men: Billy Loudon, Jack aka Broom, Dick Basket, Jacky, Billy and Johnny. [Z4907]

COL/A6 60/1368 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated August 13, 1860 asking if the horses, saddlery, accoutrements and tents etc of the Gold Police can be handed over to the 1st division of the Native Police now that the Gold Police are about to be broken up. [Z4907]

COL/A6 60/1408 Correspondence relating to the proposed transfer of Native Police troopers from the Clarence and Macleay Districts in NSW to Queensland under the command of Morisset. [Z4907]

COL/A7 60/1505 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 1, 1860. Attached to the letter is a return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour which lists the following Aboriginal men: Jack aka Broom and Billy. There is also a return showing all punishments inflicted on prisoners, which lists a man named James Jerome (Aboriginal?) [Z4908]

COL/A7 60/1610 Letter from Edric Morisset the Inspector General of Police dated September 19, 1860 relating to charges by Mr Walsh against the Native Police in the Wide Bay district. [Z4908]

COL/A7 60/1633 Letter from the Bench at Callandoon (Goondiwindi district) dated September 11, 1860 asking how much money has been set down for medicines supplied to the Aborigines. The file also contains a draft letter of reply advising that 15 pounds has been allocated. [Z4908]

COL/A7 60/1706 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated September 28, 1860. "As it will be necessary to afford protection to those squatters occupying country on the "peak" [Peak Downs] and Albania Downs I propose forming two detachments from the 1st division to be stationed in those localities. I have the honor to inform you that it will also be necessary that two additional Sergeants should be appointed to take charge of the camps in the absence of the officers and troopers on patrol ... I have therefore to recommend that an authority should be granted for this purpose". [Z4908]

COL/A7 60/1737 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated October 3, 1860 asking for an advance of two months pay. [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1798 Correspondence relating to the payment of an accommodation allowance to the Commandant of the Native Police. [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1799 Correspondence in relation to the formation of a Native Police detachment to be stationed in the Burdekin district. The letter from John Bramston the Clerk of the Council dated October 9, 1860 advises that the Select Committee has recommended that the Native Police should be expanded "as the new country becomes occupied" and that "Second Lieutenant Powell be promoted to be First Lieutenant in the Native Police - that Charles John Blakeney Esq be appointed Second Lieutenant" and that the necessary supplies be procured for the detachment. The file also contains a report on the Wide Bay and Fitzroy divisions from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated September 17, 1860. He reports that the Aborigines in these districts have been "tolerably quite and believes that this will continue, "as every case of aggression on their part has been promptly followed by punishment". He also advises that "it will be necessary in a short time to afford protection to those squatters occupying country on the Peak Downs and Albania Downs. I propose forming two detachments of seven or eight troopers each to be stationed in the above localities". [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1800 Correspondence relating to a proposal to set up a system for training cadet officers for service in the Native Police. [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1832 Letter from John McDonnell the secretary of the Native Police dated September 25, 1860 asking for an increase in salary because he now has to keep the accounts of the White Police and the Native Police. [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1842 Correspondence from the Native Police Commandant's Office in relation to the payment of an allowance to E. Genatas who has been appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z4909]

COL/A8 60/1952 Report from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane on the destruction of an Aboriginal camp on the Eagle Farm road at Breakfast Creek by a party of Brisbane Police. The file also includes depositions from the inquiry. [Z4910]

COL/A9 60/2005 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1860. Attached is a return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour which lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2006 Returns of Brisbane Gaol punishments from the Visiting Justice dated November 1, 1860. The following Aboriginal men are named: Jack aka Broom, Dick Basket and Billy. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2051 Return from the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Maryborough listing the number of Aborigines under treatment for various diseases for the period June 30 to September 30 1860. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2100 Correspondence in relation to the supply of arms, ammunition, swords and badges from the New South Wales government to the 5th division of the Native Police Force to be stationed in the Burdekin district. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2198 Letter from Edric Morisset, the Commandant of the Native Police, from Rockhampton and dated November 20, 1860 advising that Lieutenant Walker has been given permission to purchase horses on route to the Darling where he will recruit Native Police troopers for the Burdekin region. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2199 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 21, 1860 requesting permission to spend 20 pounds to erect a wooden building at the police camp. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2201 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 24, 1860 recommending that William Cave be appointed as a cadet in the Native Police. [Z4911]

COL/A9 60/2233 Returns from the Visiting Justice, Brisbane Gaol dated November 30, 1860. The return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Billy and Dick Basket. [Z4912]

COL/A9 60/2330 Correspondence from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police advising that he has found a suitable site for a Native Police barracks on Mr Dutton's station on Repulse Creek. He also advises that this location is central to the stations already formed in the Comet River and Albania Downs districts. [Z4912]

COL/A9 60/2331 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police. Morisset reports that six of the Native Police troopers of the 1st division under the command of Lieutenant Patrick have deserted. The troopers were recruited by Lieutenant Walker on the Balonne and were then sent with Lieutenant Patrick to the Albania Downs where they met some of their "country men" who incited them to desert. [Z4912]

COL/A9 60/2336 Memorial from the inhabitants of the Wide Bay district and the town of Maryborough requesting that Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh of the Native Police not be transferred from Maryborough to Rockhampton. [Z4912]

COL/A10 Nothing of direct relevance to this index.

COL/A11 61/49 Returns from the Visiting Magistrate to Brisbane Gaol dated January 1, 1861. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom. [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/65 Report from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police in relation to an application by Mr Hood for Native Police protection at Teresa Creek, Peak Downs. Morisset reports that it has been difficult to afford protection because they are at present undermanned due to desertions and trips away to procure horses and recruits. When the recruits arrive from the Logan River and Darling River he hopes to be able to afford Mr Hood with protection. [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/84 Reports from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police and Officers Murray and Powell into the alleged murder of a white woman named Fanny Briggs near Raglan Station via Rockhampton. The reports suggest that at first the local Aborigines were suspected of committing the murder but subsequently suspicion fell on two Native Police troopers from the Fitzroy barracks, but there was insufficient evidence to convict them. Native Police troopers mentioned in the reports include: Toby, Alma, Gulliver, Billy and Ballantyne. Also mentioned are two local Aboriginal men named Micho and [Keimes?]. [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/85 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 7, 1861 requesting clerical assistance because "the duties connected with my office are far greater than anticipated". [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/86 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 15, 1861 acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Colonial Secretary expressing satisfaction "at the steps taken to trace the murder of the late Fanny Briggs to the perpetrators" and directing that monthly reports be sent to the government "as to the state of the Native Police" and that his officers supply quarterly reports on their movements and the "number of deaths that have occurred from collision with the police". [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/121 Letter from A. Gregory the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands dated January 12, 1861 asking for permission to supply Commissioner George Dalrymple with five Aboriginal troopers to help protect him in his work as Crown Lands Commissioner in the Kennedy district. [Z5591]

COL/A11 61/161 Correspondence from the Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton requesting a further two months leave for Lieutenant Darley due to ill health. The letter dated January 19, 1861 also advises that the Commandant, Mr Morisset, met with an accident and has three broken ribs after being kicked by one of the troop horses. [Z5593]

COL/A11 61/163 Letter from George Dalrymple, Commissioner for Crown Lands, dated January 24, 1861 advising that he has been delayed in his departure for Port Denison (Bowen) because the "sundry articles of outfit" have not yet arrived, the Commandant (Edric Morisset) has not been able to move the new recruits for the trip

7

Indexes to correspondence relating to Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the records of the Colonial Secretary's Office and the Home Secretary's Office, 1859 – 1866

from the Maranoa to Rockhampton, and the horses have not yet arrived from Brisbane. [Z5593]

COL/A11 61/203 Letter from the Collector of Customs in Brisbane asking for permission to employ some of the Moreton Bay Aborigines to clear away mangroves at Lytton. He writes that "I have the double object - of having the work economically performed - and of affording the natives who frequently camp at Lytton an opportunity of earning some provisions by their labor". [Z5593]

COL/A11 61/248 Letter from John Blake in Brisbane dated February 2, 1861 applying for a position as a Lieutenant in the Native Police Force. [Z5593]

COL/A12 61/280 Letters and requisitions from George Dalrymple, Commissioner for Crown Lands in relation to supplies for the settlement of Port Denison (Bowen). Includes requisitions for Native Police supplies. [Z5593]

COL/A12 61/282 Report on the Native Police Force from Edric Morisset in Rockhampton dated January 15, 1861. Advises on troop movements, desertions, recruiting and procuring provisions. Also advises that the Aborigines "are in large numbers on the Comet River and in the vicinity of Albania Downs". The file also contains a copy of the instructions issued to officers of the Native Police Force by Edric Morisset in January 1858. [Z5593]

COL/A12 61/308 Returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 1, 1861. The return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack aka Broom. [Z5593]

COL/A12 61/359 Correspondence in relation to Aborigines found murdered at Coochin, Fassifern after a patrol by Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and his troopers. The file also includes a letter from Ratcliffe Pring the Attorney General advising that there is insufficient evidence to convict Lieutenant Wheeler or his troopers. [Z5594]

COL/A12 61/435 Correspondence in relation to a Native Police patrol to disperse Aborigines at Coochin, Fassifern [see also COL/A12 - 61/359]. The correspondence also contains the names of the following Aboriginal persons: Cranky Charlie, who may have been in the employ of McDonald at Dugandine, Hyppi aka Brandy, Nelson, Saltwater Johnny (also named Saltwater Tauri and One Eyed Tauri in the correspondence), Milbong Johnny, [Myall?], Blucher, Toby and Tauri Collins. [Z5594]

COL/A12 61/447 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Brisbane requesting payment of an increased salary for the period during which he performed the joint duties of Inspector General of Police and Commandant of the Native Police. [Z5594]

COL/A13 61/505 Returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 1861. The return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Billy and Dick Basket. [Z5594]

COL/A13 61/575 Letter from Mr McDonald in Brisbane requesting permission to erect a bathing house on the river at Milton. He advises that Aborigines destroyed the bathing house he previously built on the river. [Z5595]

COL/A13 61/603 Letter from the Chief Commissioner for Crown Lands asking if the Native Police troopers employed by the late Commissioner for Crown Lands in the Wide Bay and Burnett districts can be paid as there has been no provision made in the estimates for such expenses. [Z5595]

COL/A13 61/660 Correspondence relating to an expedition to Port Denison (Bowen) by George Dalrymple and a division of Native Police. Reports that the expedition has reached Yaamba. Dalrymple also complains that the Native Police troopers have taken Aboriginal women with them and that this will compromise the expedition. [Z5595]

COL/A13 61/666 Letter from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters requesting various forms from the Government Printer. [Z5595]

COL/A13 61/712 Reports from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police in relation to Aborigines found murdered at Coochin, Fassifern after a patrol by Lieutenant Wheeler and his Troopers [see also COL/A12 - 61/359 and COL/A12 - 61/435]. Wheeler's report advises that he was informed by Mr Hardie that the Aborigines were killing his cattle and after dispersing the Aborigines on the Dunandun Run. "I went to Fassifern through the same [terms?] tracking them all the way, came upon their camps, and dispersed them. In doing this I have simply performed my duty, the complaints that I received from different squatters warranted me in the discharge thereof". [Z5595]

COL/A14 61/765 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton requesting six weeks leave of absence because urgent private affairs require him to go to Sydney. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/801 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending that cadet Genatas be promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and William Cave be appointed as a cadet. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/805 Report on the various divisions from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton. Advises that he has "received more than one complaint from a Mr Sheridan of Apis Creek that the blacks have been troublesome on his station" and that Lieutenant Murray had "afforded no assistance" but that Lieutenant Blakeney "starts for that location tomorrow". Also advises that "the blacks had mustered in large numbers at the Bunya" and that Lieutenant Murray has started to patrol that part of the Wide Bay division. Lieutenant Walker is recruiting on the Darling at Fort Burke and did not report any collision between the police and the Aborigines in the Maranoa district. Part of the 5th division has left Headquarters for the Burdekin accompanying George Dalrymple's party, and he intends to start for the Albania Downs for the purpose of forming a station on Repulse Creek. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh on taking command of the 1st Division. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/852 Letter from John Kent the Police Magistrate at Maryborough dated April 11, 1861 suggesting that the annual distribution of blankets to the Aborigines of the district should take place before the onset of cold weather. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/853 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that he has given Lieutenant George Murray leave of absence for a period of three months. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/856 Returns from the Brisbane Gaol Reformatory School. Aboriginal persons named: Dick Basket, Billy and Jack. [Z5597- this file is incorrectly numbered 61/8556 on the microfilm]

COL/A14 61/877 Requisition from the Police Magistrate at Warwick for 75 blankets and 25 shirts for distribution to the Aborigines. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/880 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police enclosing reports from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at Rockhampton and Lieutenant Frederick Carr in the Maranoa district on the state of their divisions. Bligh's report also lists the following Native Police troopers: Dick, Jim Crow, Franconi, Adam and Roderick. Carr's report also reports the "dispersing" of Aborigines and advises that he came upon a large "mob" of Aborigines 40 miles north west of Mr Kennedy's station. Carr writes that "I would mention that the number of the blacks in the mob must have exceeded two hundred and belonged to the Condamine, Balonne, Maranoa and Dawson tribes, this I learned from several of the blacks themselves, who also stated they were about holding a Bora, and admitted having killed some cattle belonging to Mr Spencer and had kept the fat for use at the Bora". [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/883 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that on a recent patrol one of the 4th division's horses was staked in the leg. He asks for a replacement. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/945 Report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset of the Native Police advising that he has brought 32 horses from Brisbane to Rockhampton. Morisset also advises that on route he was instructed by Lieutenant Murray at Wide Bay to patrol the "Bunya Bunya" district. "I found the blacks collected in several places in very large numbers and also that they had been killing cattle at nearly all the stations in the district, and on two or three occasions I found it necessary to fire upon them before they would disperse". The file also contains a letter from Mr Mortimer of Manumbar Station dated April 3, 1861 explaining his reasons for placing an advertisement in the Morton Bay Courier detailing the "outrages committed" by the Native Police on his, and other stations, in the district. The letter is related to the above report from Morisset and describes Mortimer's version of the dispersal, which suggests that many Aborigines were killed. Also in the file is a letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police advising that he has instructed Lieutenant Murray to furnish him with a report on Mr Mortimer's claims. [Z5597]

COL/A14 61/994 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 1, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour names three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky. [Z5599]

COL/A15 61/1003 Letter from the Police Office, Brisbane requesting blankets for the Aborigines in Brisbane and Ipswich and advising that "about 400 blankets, 100 shirts, 100 trousers and 100 frocks will be required". [Z5599]

COL/A16 61/1262 Report from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands at Port Denison (Bowen) dated April 28, 1861. Reports that four of the Native Police Troopers attached to the Port Denison division have deserted; three men exploring the country towards Abbott Bay were attacked by over 120 Aborigines and Lieutenant Powell has been sent to "dislodge" them. Dalrymple also reports that he patrolled the country between the Don River and Cape Edgecombe and "met a party of armed natives and at once dispersed them" and asks for Native Police reinforcements and a large "powder gun" because of the large number of Aborigines in the district. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1297 Letter from the Visiting Justice, Brisbane Gaol dated June 1, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1312 Letter from George Leicester in Brisbane dated June 7, 1861 requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1343 Letter from William Wiseman at the Leichhardt Crown Lands Office dated June 5, 1861. States that 150 pairs of blankets have been despatched to Rockhampton for distribution to the Aborigines of the Leichhardt district and that the Aborigines in the Port Curtis district will most likely need the whole of the supply sent. Also advises that the Aborigines on the Comet River are "remarkably quite" and that on the Nogoia River "the distribution of blankets judiciously made might have good effect in maintaining a friendly feeling between the whites and blacks". [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1357 Letter from John Kent the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated June 5, 1861 acknowledging receipt of 50 pairs of blankets which have been distributed to the 200 Aborigines who were in attendance. He advises that at least another 300 blankets will be required for those Aborigines who are on stations in the district. Also comments that the distribution of blankets should take place on a "day specified beforehand" because "the aggregation of natives for any length of time in any locality is always accompanied by numerous complaints of petty thefts or aggressions". [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1364 Letter from Captain [Battye?] in Bathurst NSW asking for the position of Commandant in the Native Police Force. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1406 Correspondence and shipping orders for the supply of 700 blankets from England for the Aborigines of Queensland. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1414 Letter from Frederick Wheeler Lieutenant in the Native Police Force dated June 15, 1861 advising that he is about to start patrolling in the Brisbane, Caboolture and Pine Rivers districts. [Z5600]

COL/A16 61/1449 Letter from John Watts submitting a voucher for Dr Armstrong at Drayton (Toowoomba) for attending Aborigines. [Z5601]

COL/A16 61/1477 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated June 12, 1861 advising that Lieutenant Williams had to employ a Camp

Sergeant named Henry Depple at short notice on his trip to the Burdekin and asking that his wages be approved. [Z5601]

COL/A16 61/1478 Letter of resignation from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated June 18, 1861. He also writes: "I propose visiting Brisbane on my way to Sydney with a view to render to the Government any information that may be required in the way of evidence before the Committee now sitting to enquire into the general management of the Native Police Force". [Z5601]

COL/A16 61/1492 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police forwarding a report from Lieutenant John O'Connell Bligh at the Headquarters in Rockhampton dated June 12, 1861. Bligh's report advises that Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset has returned to Headquarters with the horses from Brisbane; during a patrol of the Comet River and Upper Dawson he received a letter of complaint from Mr Dutton about Lieutenant Alfred Patrick's conduct in "driving the blacks out from his head station against his wish"; he directed Lieutenant Patrick to form another Police Camp at Albania Downs; the district around the Robinson River is quite; 4 of the 23 new recruits at Palm Tree Creek have deserted; paragraph 7 mentions Troopers Orlando, Sambo, Capita [Simon?] and Kelly; all six new recruits sent to Rockhampton from the Logan district have deserted together with Trooper Davie; also mentions Troopers Dick, Frauconi, Adam, Rudolph, Hector, Marmaduke, Jim Crow, Orlando and Jerry. [Z5601]

COL/A17 61/1521 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police from Rockhampton and dated June 13, 1861 forwarding the resignation of Lieutenant [Matreiff?]. [Z5601]

COL/A17 61/1524 Correspondence from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police and Lieutenant Walker discussing the need for increased Native Police protection in the Maranoa district. [Z5601]

COL/A17 61/1527 The file includes a letter from George Dalrymple the Police Magistrate at Port Denison (Bowen) advising that there is an urgent need for extra police protection because the Aborigines are numerous in the district. He also suggests that the Native Police should be replaced by a force made up of mostly European men with two "blacktrackers" to every six white troopers who would be responsible to the senior government official in Port Denison. The file also contains correspondence from the Native Police and from Dalrymple in relation to disagreements between them. [Z5601]

COL/A17 61/1543 Correspondence relating to the payment of wages to the Aborigines attached to George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen). [Z5601]

COL/A17 61/1605 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh in Brisbane dated July 6, 1861 applying for appointment as Commandant of the Native Police Force. [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1620 Letter from Edric Morisset the Commandant of the Native Police dated July 1861 reporting on the dismissal of Sergeant James Boles at Port Curtis for drunkenness and disobedience. The related report from Lieutenant Baker dated April 24, 1861 also mentions a Native Police trooper called Robin Hood. [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1690 Petition from Sydney from the stockholders on the Maranoa River asking for a Police Station in the district because "the aboriginal natives are said to be numerous there, and we are apprehensive that unless effective police protection be at once afforded, collisions will take place between the natives and the stockholders and their servants, and considerable loss of life and destruction of property will ensue". [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1712 Correspondence from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and John Ferrett relating to the discharge of Native Police trooper Tommy Hippi. Ferrett's letter states that Tommy was born on Tchanning Station (Condamine) and that he was the only son of a blind woman. Tommy had been seized for Native Police service while on his way back to Ferrett's station after attending a "Bora". [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1713 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate dated July 16, 1861 advising that a large war party of Aborigines came over from the Richmond and Clarence River district and "attacked a shepherd's hut at Mt Flinders, drove the Dugundan blacks up to the head of the station ... when I arrived at Maroon they had already split and retired to their own country but I expect them back in 3 or 4 weeks as they have not been able to avenge the death of several of their tribe inflicted at the hands of the Telemon blacks two months ago". [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1714 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh from Rockhampton and dated July 15, 1861 acknowledging with thanks his appointment as Acting Commandant of the Native Police. [Z5602]

COL/A17 61/1719 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Frederick Carr requesting six weeks leave and recommending that the leave be deferred because Carr has just taken command of the 3rd division. [Z5602]

COL/A18 61/1830 Letter from John McDonnell the Secretary of the Native Police Force dated August 3, 1861 in relation to assertions made about his work performance by the Legislative Assembly. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1850 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton requesting clerical assistance. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1875 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending that William Cave and Thomas Williams be appointed as officers in the Native Police Force. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1883 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton forwarding a copy of the Rules for Guidance of Officers of the Native Police for the consideration of the Governor. The rules are not in the file. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1889 Report from John O'Connel Bligh the Acting Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton. Bligh reports that a "collision" has taken place between the Comet River detachment, under the command of Lieutenant Patrick, and a group of Aborigines on Mr Gregson's station. He reports that Patrick

caught the Aborigines stealing some of Gregson's sheep and proceeded to chase them into the bush where four Aborigines were shot and some of the Native Police troopers injured. Lieutenant Murray and eight troopers from the Upper Dawson have been ordered to the Comet River as reinforcements. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1909 The file contains a letter from Frederick Walker dated July 10, 1861 replying to a speech made by the Attorney General in which he suggested that it is "the duty of Magistrates to protect the aborigines quite as much so as it was their duty to protect the Europeans". Walker writes that this "is a valuable admission but I would ask you of what use are such truisms when it is notorious that they are ignored in practice". Walker states that he knows of many instances where this is being ignored including one where Aborigines were murdered in the house of a Magistrate at Juandah and a second where the Magistrate at Condamine "refused to entertain the claim of a black to a horse, which had been given to him". [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1931 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 14, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour has entries for three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Jacky. [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1946 Letter from the Surveyor General in Brisbane dated August 14, 1861 requesting two Native Police troopers for an expedition led by Mr Landsborough to the Gulf of Carpentaria in search of the "Victorian Exploring Expedition". [Z5609]

COL/A18 61/1986 Letter from JH [Carooso?] Master of the Gladstone National School dated August 13, 1861 submitting a proposed scheme for the amelioration of the Aborigines. He suggests that the education of "native youths" should be "the prime and leading object"; that an institution should be established "not only where the blacks are numerous but also in a neighbourhood which they have long regarded as one of their homes; that the "ulterior object sought to be secured in the education of the native youths should be their subsequent settlement as small farmers in the vicinity of the institution". [Z5609]

COL/A19 61/2065 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton suggesting that the position of Sergeant Major of the Native Police be created so that the cadet sergeants, troopers and recruits can be properly drilled. He recommends sergeant William Allan for the job. [Z5610]

COL/A19 61/2172 Letter from the Surveyor General dated September 5, 1861 submitting an account for extra expenses incurred during an expedition to look for Mr Burke. Entries for Native Police costs. [Z5610]

COL/A19 61/2185 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate dated September 10, 1861. He reports that he has just returned from patrolling the Logan River and the Albert River districts and "had no collisions with the aborigines. Several large assemblages were dispersed by mere patrolling through the run and very few cattle have been killed". [Z5610]

COL/A19 61/2191 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 2, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard

labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Billy, Charlie Pearce and Dick Basket. [Z5610]

COL/A19 61/2226 Correspondence related to an application by Lieutenant John Murray of the Native Police for an appointment as a Police Magistrate in New South Wales. [Z5610]

COL/A20 61/2365 Letter from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands at Port Denison (Bowen) dated September 9, 1861 relating to an objection by Lieutenant Powell to Dalrymple interfering in Native Police matters at Port Denison. Dalrymple advises that he has sent a "letter of instructions to the officers of the Corps laying down the system they will pursue with regard to their treatment of the aborigines viz a proper mixture of friendship and conciliation". [Z5612]

COL/A20 61/2414 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police requesting one of the Terry's breech loading carbines presently lying unused in the Government Store. [Z5612]

COL/A20 61/2423 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1861. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists the following Aboriginal men: Charles Pearce, Dick Basket and Billy. [Z5612]

COL/A21 61/2545 Large file containing correspondence relating to allegations from Mr Dutton and Frederick Walker that the Native Police have been committing crimes against the Aborigines. Dutton accuses Lieutenant Patrick of the indiscriminate killing of Aborigines on his station at Albania Downs, Comet River district and complains that he was not given the opportunity to give evidence to the Select Committee looking into the Native Police Force. Walker advises that he has sent to his brother-in-law, Captain Reginald Yorke, "copies of all correspondence and a narration of the crimes committed by the servants of the government ... in order that he may give the whole matter into the hands of the Editor of the Times". The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Patrick defending his actions, and which names one of his troopers as Waverley. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2562 Letter from Mr Hardie at Fassifern dated October 9, 1861 complaining that an Aborigine named Brandy aka Hippy has been threatening the other Aborigines living on his station. The letter also mentions two other Aboriginal men: "Tommy Collins the murderer of [Bonoroo?]" . [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2564 The file contains a letter from the Caboolture Cotton Company dated October 10, 1861 advising that a large number of Aborigines have stopped a Cutter from getting back down the river from the plantation. The letter also asks for police protection. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler dated October 14, 1861 in relation to a patrol to the Caboolture Cotton Company's plantation on the Caboolture River. He advises that on arrival the Aborigines had left but had comprised Aborigines from Durundur, Mount Brisbane, Wide Bay and Bribie Island. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2572 Correspondence in relation to an application by Walter Kyle for an appointment in the Native Police Force. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2606 Letter from the Police Office at Ipswich dated October 12, 1861 relating to an alleged assault committed by an Aborigine named George on a European woman at Little Ipswich. George is reported as being in the service of Mr Colin Peacock and is believed to be at large in the Rosewood Scrub, the Native Police have been sent to find him. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2621 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police dated October 18, 1861 advising that he is going on patrol to the Cotton Company plantation at Caboolture and then to the Brisbane River. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2688 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich dated October 28, 1861 asking for a reward to be paid to Mr Balbe (Aboriginal) for his efforts in assisting in the capture of Georgey [see also COL/A21 – 61/2606]. [Z5615]

COL/A21 61/2727 Magistrate's report on the case of Georgie convicted on November 18, 1861 and sentenced to death [see also COL/A21 – 61/2606 and COL/A21 – 61/2688]. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2763 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 1, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists three Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Billy and Charles Pearce. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2783 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler of the Native Police dated November 11, 1861 advising that he has returned from patrolling the Albert River and the Logan River. He also comments that the Aborigines are quite and nearly all employed. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2787 Correspondence from Port Dension (Bowen) relating to the discovery of two men on an island next to Shaw Island who are believed to have been murdered by Aborigines. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2790 Report from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1861 advising that he has delivered his command of the detachment on the Albania Downs to Lieutenant William Cave; also advises that on arriving at Rockhampton he was advised that several people had been murdered by the Aborigines on the upper part of the Albania Downs near the "Blackland Tablelands". [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2842 Report from W. Chartres, the officer commanding the Maranoa Patrol, sent from Boombah Station, Balonne River and dated November 1861. Briefly mentions that the Aborigines notify horse thieves of his whereabouts. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2876 Letter from John Murray dated November 1861 resigning from the Native Police Force and as a Justice of the Peace. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2898 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton advising that a large number of Aborigines had arrived in Rockhampton and that they were suspected of being the ones responsible for the murder of "Mr Wills and his party [Cullin la Ringo]". He advises that the townspeople suggested forming a party to disperse the Aborigines but he refused their request and instead went with

Lieutenant Patrick and three troopers to search their camp and then dispersed them peaceably. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2921 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler asking if the Native Police division under his command should be in attendance at the execution of Georgie who was sentenced to death. Wheeler's letter suggests that their attendance may deter them from committing similar crimes, such as the murder of Fanny Briggs by Native Police troopers. The letter also mentions Dick and [Charnery?] who were convicted of a serious crime. [Z5616]

COL/A22 61/2937 Letter from N.L. Zillman of German Station introducing himself as a Missionary and suggesting that the Aborigines can be lifted from their "degraded state" by "educating the juvenile portion of them". He suggests that this aim can be achieved by "establishing a cotton plantation, which would afford employment suitable alike for the adults and children of aborigines". He asks if the government would support such a scheme if the Home Mission Society were to resume its operations. {Z5618}

COL/A22 61/2959 Letter from J.K. Wilson sent from Mount Abundance (Roma) advising that he has received information from the Aborigines about the fate of Leichhardt. He advises that King Peter told him that Leichhardt and his party had been burned to death in a bushfire on the distant mountains visible from the Denham Range. King Peter also told him that "when my brother Robert was here in 1851 with Fred Walker and the Native Police they got hold of three gins, one of whom had been about Surat ... she said that she belonged to the Maranoa and she pointed north and said there white fellows were burned". [Z5618]

COL/A22 61/2960 Letter from Clark and Company dated November 22, 1861 advising that they are about to form stations on the Mantuan Downs at the head of the Nogoia River and that the Aborigines are numerous in the district. They ask if a Native Police camp can be established in the district and if the government should "not consider the claims sufficiently strong for the extra expense it would incur we are willing to pay 50 pounds per ann for several years for the protection we desire". [Z5618]

COL/A22 61/2964 Letter from the Sheriff's Office dated November 28, 1861 advising that he has received the government's directive that Georgie is to be hung and that he has notified Georgie that he is to be hung next Thursday. [Z5618]

COL/A22 61/2974 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler on his patrol of the Cleveland district dated December 2, 1861. He advises that, following instructions from the Colonial Secretary, he patrolled the district, and at Bulimba he destroyed an Aboriginal camp and burned their "implements of warfare" and that on arriving at Waldeck's station found that the Aborigines had been dispersed by the Mounted Police of Brisbane. Wheeler suggests that "the Native Police [should] be sent by the government to disperse large assemblages of blacks, prior to the white mounted police of Brisbane". [Z5618]

COL/A22 61/2994 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 2, 1861. The attached return showing the prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Dick Basket and Charles Pearce. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3021 Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated December 5, 1861 advising that Georgey was executed this morning at 9 o'clock. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3032 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler at Sandgate and dated December 5, 1861 advising that he is about to start on a patrol of the Caboolture and Brisbane River districts and will be returning via Teviot Brook and the Tweed River. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3035 Letter from Lieutenant John Murray from Coopers Plains (Maryborough) forwarding tenders for the supply of rations to the Native Police camp. The tenders are not in the file. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3049 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton advising that he has given the command of the 1st division to George Murray because he has been informed that Robert Walker, who was previously in command, does not intend to come back from Sydney. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3051 Large file containing Native Police and other correspondence relating to an alleged massacre by Aborigines at Mr Will's station on the Nogoia River (Cullin la Ringo). The letter from Lieutenant Murray also lists the following Native Police Troopers: Balantyne, Wabrican, Maxwell, Mobrai and Sam. The report from John O'Connell Bligh (61/3038) also advises that Lieutenant Frederick Carr is recruiting men on the Balonne for service in the north and that Lieutenant Murray is recruiting men in the Fitzroy district for service on the Balonne. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3054 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated December 4, 1861 advising that he has instructed Constable Cook to accompany Lieutenant Murray in pursuit of the alleged murderers at Widgee (Manumbar district). [see also COL/A23 – 61/3059]. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3059 Large file containing correspondence in relation to the killing of an Aboriginal man named James Elliot at Widgee Widgee, Manumbar district by other Aborigines in the district. Suspects in the case include Jerry, Sammy and Lazy John. The correspondence suggests that James was about 30 years old, a native of the Barwon district, and was brought up by a Clergyman near Sydney, and that he attended school in Parramatta. [Z5618]

COL/A23 61/3161 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Goondiwindi requesting blankets for the Aborigines in the district. The attached return asks for 100 blankets, 50 pairs of trousers and 75 shirts. There is also a note on the return stating that the Aboriginal population in the district is 236. [Z5620]

COL/A23 61/3175 Letter from George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen) dated December 6, 1861 advising that Mr Humphreys, who was with a party exploring the Upper Burdekin, is missing. He is believed to have fallen "prey to the aborigines". Lieutenant Williams of the Native Police was sent to search for him. [Z5620]

COL/A23 61/3205 Letter from Robert Caldwell dated December 24, 1861 asking for Native Police protection for the new settlers near the runs of the late Mr Wills (Cullin la Ringo). [Z5620]

COL/A23 61/3206 Correspondence relating to a request for leave from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police Force. [Z5620]

COL/A23 61/3224 Correspondence relating to the resignation of Lieutenant Thomas Williams from the Native Police Force. [Z5620]

COL/A23 61/3265 The file contains a letter from Mr J. Wilmots dated September 8, 1861 complaining that the detachment of Native Police stationed at Colleroy have never visited his station and that the Commandant of the Native Police was insolent to him. The file also contains a reply from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police stating that the Native Police may never have been to Wilmot's Head Station, but he is sure they would have frequently been on his run. He also denies that he was insolent to Mr Wilmots. [Z4520]

COL/A23 61/3266 Report on a tour of inspection from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, dated December 6, 1861. The report advises that a "collision" occurred between Lieutenant Marlow and the Aborigines on the head of the Maranoa; Lieutenant William Cave has been in pursuit of Mr Will's murderers (Cullin la Ringo); also advises on troop movements and the building of Native Police accommodation. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/15 Correspondence in relation to Mr Everett declining an appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/30 The file contains a map showing the location of the Native Police camp in Rockhampton. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/31 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1861. He advises that the Native Police recruits from the north have left for the Condamine and the recruits on the Maranoa are ready to be brought to the north. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/32 Correspondence relating to Lieutenant Richard Walker's resignation from the Native Police Force. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/33 The file contains a letter from John O'Connell Bligh requesting funds to move the Native Police Headquarters out of town and a report from Bligh which discusses the planned move and also reports on a tour of inspection. [Z5620]

COL/A24 62/63 Letter from Alfred Sandemann sent from Sydney and dated December 30, 1861 giving suggestions on the needs of the Northern Districts for its prosperity and welfare. Paragraph 8 states that "the Native Police requires to be judiciously recruited from far off and a large increase to the force made. I only have to refer to the Wills murder (Cullin la Ringo) as justification for this need". [Z5624]

COL/A24 62/142 Application from Lieutenant William Cave at Comet for an increase in his pay because it is not possible for him to perform his duties efficiently on the present allowance. [Z5624]

COL/A24 62/143 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 5, 1862 suggesting that a sub-division of Native Police should be formed in the Broadsound, Apis Creek district. [Z5624]

COL/A24 62/144 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated January 16, 1862 advising that the Native Police have patrolled the Logan River, the Tevoit Brook and below the main range to Wivenhoe. "A large mob of blacks had assembled on Mr White's run Beaudesert but were dispersed before they could do any mischief. They returned quietly to the different stations". [Z5624]

COL/A25 62/155 Letter from Montgomery Staples in Rockhampton dated January 17, 1862 requesting that his application for a position as an officer in the Native Police Force be considered. [Z5624]

COL/A25 62/178 Letter from Thomas Westby sent from Ipswich and dated January 16, 1862 acknowledging his appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5626]

COL/A25 62/263 Letter from the Judge's Chambers in Brisbane dated January 28, 1862 empowering Police Magistrate John Jardine to "administer the usual oaths to Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police". [Z5626]

COL/A25 62/295 Letter from Lieutenant John Murray from Maryborough and dated January 23, 1862 advising that as he is retiring from the Native Police Force he is moving his family to Port Curtis and will leave the Barracks in charge of Camp Sergeant Stockley until his return. [Z5626]

COL/A25 62/308 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated January 25, 1862 advising that Gailbraith and Everett have declined the offers to be appointed officers. Bligh recommends Marmaduke Richardson and Arthur Beever as replacements. [Z5626]

COL/A25 62/310 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated January 27, 1862 requesting that Cadet Thomas Westby be gazetted into the Native Police Force. He also advises that James Hubard has not yet arrived to take up service and that Lieutenant Baker has been promoted to command the 2nd division instead of Lieutenant Wheeler because Wheeler does not want to move his family. [Z5626]

COL/A25 62/317 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated February 1, 1862 relating to an attempt to capture Aborigines in the Caboolture and Samford district. The report mentions Billy Bow Bow, Johnny, Jemmy Dorsay and Kipper Billy. [Z5626]

COL/A26 62/518 Two letters from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton in relation to the appointment of James

Hubard as a cadet in the Native Police and his failure to report for duty. The file also contains a return of officers in the Native Police Force. [Z5626]

COL/A26 62/574 Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Brisbane dated February 19, 1862 requesting permission for Jacob Low to remove an Aborigine named Billy Bird aka Williams from Welltown Station (Goondiwindi district) because he is trespassing. [Z5626]

COL/A26 62/672 Letter from Marmaduke Richardson dated February 7, 1862 acknowledging his appointment as a cadet in the Native Police and asking for an advance of three months salary. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/681 Report from W. Chartres, the officer commanding the Maranoa Patrol, sent from Boombah Station, Balonne River dated February 1862. Mentions that "the blacks" carry the "news to the different stations when we are coming and that lately there has been a murder committed amongst the blacks themselves. A number of the blacks who can speak English came to me and asked me to take the murderers to charge, I refused to do so, as no white person had seen the murder. I have just heard that the different tribes are collecting to kill the two black fellows who committed the murders". [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/704 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated February 24, 1862 advising that Mr Bayley presented himself for duty as a cadet and requesting that his appointment be gazetted. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/709 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate Native Police Camp and dated March 1, 1862 requesting a position as a Postal Inspector if a vacancy should arise. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/712 Letter from Arthur Beever sent from Canning Downs and dated March 1, 1861: "I beg to accept my appointment as cadet in the Native Police and shall start at once for Rockhampton". [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/714 Correspondence relating to the suspension of Native Police cadet Thomas Westby for his conduct while under the influence of drink. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/727 Letter from the Collector of Customs, Brisbane suggesting that the Aborigines of Amity Point should be given a boat as the one they are now using is completely worn out. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/734 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 4, 1862. The return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists an Aboriginal man named Dick Basket. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/739 Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated March 6, 1862 advising that prisoner Kipper Billy was shot while attempting to escape. Also mentions a prisoner named Billy Horton. Both men had been sentenced to death. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/817 Letter from George Dalrymple at Port Denison (Bowen) requesting supplies for the Native Police in the Kennedy district. He also advises that the Native Police are presently short of one Lieutenant and seven men and that shortly a new camp will have to be formed "among the stations of the Upper Burdekin". He proposes to get the recruits required for the new camp from the Wide Bay district. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/820 Letter from Mr C. Giles at Widgee Widgee complaining that the Aborigines have been spearing cattle in the district and at the head of the Mary River. He further complains that there is not a Native Police trooper in the district because they have been moved to another part of the Colony. He requests that they be returned before "ghastly atrocities" are committed similar to those committed on the Nogoia River. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/821 Letter from George Dalrymple in Bowen acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Colonial Secretary refusing his suggestion that the Native Police Force in Bowen be increased and that Lieutenant Powell should be dismissed. Dalrymple complains that the numbers of Native Police and the necessary supplies voted for have never been received. The file also contains a statement of the present condition of the Kennedy division showing the Native Police supplies that have been received and a name list of all officers and the number of troopers. Johnny Reid is listed as "Native Corporal". Dalrymple's letter also mentions a Native Police trooper called Gulliver. [Z5628]

COL/A26 62/823 Report from John O'Connell Bligh sent from Rockhampton and dated March 3, 1862. The report advises that the recruits from the Condamine have arrived in Rockhampton and that the recruits from the Fitzroy have arrived in the Maranoa; there is a need for at least another 30 troopers. Also includes general comments on officers, desertions, supply problems and staffing. The file also includes a report from Lieutenant Moorehead. He advises that he patrolled west of the Comet River and just eastward of Cullin la Ringo he found a camp of about 70 Aborigines. They looked as though they would stand and fight so he ordered his men to shoot. He advises that nine Aborigines were shot and the rest dispersed. Moorehead also makes the observation that the Aborigines belonged to the Upper Dawson and the Condamine Ranges. He states that the reason for this observation was he "found about 20 gins in their camp belonging to that portion of the country". [Z5628]

COL/A27 62/846 Letter from Arthur Beevor sent from Brisbane and dated March 18, 1862 requesting an advance of three months pay so that he can start work in Rockhampton. [Z5630]

COL/A27 62/904 Correspondence in relation to the case of Regina v Billy Horton (Aboriginal), who was wrongly accused of involvement in the rape of a woman at Mr North's station, Fernie Lawn, Brisbane River. Includes a deposition from Mr Daveny that suggests he is innocent, the Judges notes from the trial, and a copy of the evidence from the trial. Two other men are implicated in the crime: Kipper Billy and Johnny Stinkabed. The correspondence also mentions a Billy Bow Bow. The case was heard in Ipswich on February 4, 1862. [see also COL/A27 - 62/997] [Z5630]

COL/A27 62/951 Letter from Lieutenant Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated March 12, 1862 advising that he has suspended Cadet Westby "owing to that gentleman's conduct while under the influence of liquor". [Z5630]

COL/A27 62/970 The file includes a letter from John O'Connell Bligh sent from the Mackenzie River and dated March 14, 1862 recommending that officers Whiton and Bailey be promoted to 2nd Lieutenants in the 1st division. The file also contains correspondence relating to the suspension of Cadet Johnson for insubordination and that mentions the murder of Mr Wills (Cullin la Ringo). [Z5630]

COL/A27 62/983 Letter from Lieutenant George Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated March 8, 1862 advising that Cadet Westby has resumed duty after his suspension. [Z5630]

COL/A27 62/997 Letter from the Sheriff's Office in Brisbane dated April 2, 1862 advising that Billy Horton was discharged from custody this morning. Billy was accused of raping a woman on Mr North's station at Fernie Lawn, Brisbane River and tried on February 4, 1862 at Ipswich. The file also contains correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich relating to the case. [Z5630]

COL/A28 62/1036 Monthly prison returns from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 4, 1862. The return showing how the prisoners serving hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Jimmy. [Z5649]

COL/A28 62/1078 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler in Sandgate dated April 10, 1862 advising that he has returned from patrol and that "the aborigines are quite. They have just returned from a fight at Corilla in New South Wales". The file also contains correspondence in relation to the purchase of horses for the Native Police. [Z5649]

COL/A28 62/1118 Letter from William Cowper sent from Toowoomba forwarding "some remarks on the manners and customs of the aborigines of New South Wales and Queensland by a Mr Wood". Wood writes in relation to the Aborigines: "there is only one question that staggers me, that is taking their country at all, but if it is to be there arises the question, which is the best way of dealing with them. To effect this I would remark that we ought to try to acquire a knowledge of their Laws and Work accordingly at least as near as possible, I say this because this is the simplest and I think we may be able to learn theirs quicker than teach ours to them". Wood also details some of the customs of the Aborigines and how these cause conflict with the settlers using Hornet Bank and Cullin la Ringo as examples. He also discusses the role of the Native Police in Aboriginal Affairs and makes some suggestions for "dealing" with the Aborigines. [5649]

COL/A28 62/1265 Large file containing correspondence and reports in relation to Landsborough's and Frederick Walker's expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria. [Z5649]

COL/A28 62/1311 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Gayndah dated April 21, 1862: "As the cold weather seems likely to set in early this year, may I suggest the advisability of forwarding the blankets for the aborigines earlier than usual". [Z5649]

COL/A28 62/1334 Letter from several stockholders in the Maranoa district dated May 1, 1862 raising concerns that Native Police protection is inadequate in the district. They state that the only Native Police in the whole district are Lieutenant Frederick Carr and four troopers and recently over 400 Aborigines were collected together on the Coogan River for three months and "the squatters were daily in expectation of some outrage". [Z5649]

COL/A29 62/1358 Correspondence relating to the robbing of a grave in the burial ground of Saint John's church, Brisbane. Mr Thomas Symes Warry is accused of removing the head of Kipper Billy for scientific purposes. Kipper Billy had been fatally wounded trying to escape from Brisbane Gaol. [Z5650]

COL/A29 62/1364 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated May 2, 1862 requesting 500 blankets, 100 trousers and 50 shirts for distribution to the Aborigines of the district. The file also contains a second letter from the Police Magistrate acknowledging that the government has sanctioned the issue of blankets to the Amity Point Aborigines and advising that he has visited Cleveland Police station and "informed the numerous blacks there assembled that I would distribute blankets on my next visit". [Z5650]

COL/A29 62/1374 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 6, 1862. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [Z5650]

COL/A29 62/1407 Correspondence about the price of blankets that are to be distributed to the Aborigines of the Ipswich district. [Z5650]

COL/A29 62/1421 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 10, 1862: "I beg to report return to camp from patrolling the Brisbane River as far as Kilcoy by Durundur, I returned to camp by Wivenhoe and Tarampa". [Z5650]

COL/A29 62/1494 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 30, 1862: "I beg leave to mention that I start on patrol for the Logan, Tweed and Teviot Brook rivers immediately and shall return to camp, if necessity does not compel me to remain out longer, about the 25th of June". [Z5650]

COL/A30 62/1517 The file contains correspondence relating to Lieutenant Genatas' allegations that Mr Chamberlain of Peak Downs has been kidnapping and shooting Aborigines. Lieutenant Genatas' report dated March 6, 1862 also lists the following Native Police troopers: Billy, Blutchter, Brenan, Charlie, Davie and Jerome. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1518 Letter from Lieutenant Genatas tendering his resignation from the Native Police Force. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1519 Correspondence relating to the price of rations for the Native Police stationed on the Comet River and Nogoia River. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1534 Letter from George Dalrymple the Commissioner for Crown Lands, Kennedy district dated June 7, 1862 suggesting that his personal escort of Native Troopers are far superior in all facets of work than the Native Police Troopers. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1541 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 4, 1862. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1558 Letter from Patrick MacArthur in Surat advising that he has distributed the "greater part of one bale" of blankets to the Aborigines and sent one bale to the western Maranoa. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1563 Letter from George Dalrymple, the Commissioner for Crown Lands, Kennedy district dated June 13, 1862 requesting an advance of three months pay for cadet George Price of the Native Police so that he can "furnish himself with the outfit necessary for the performance of his duty". [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1588 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated June 7, 1862 requesting 47 blankets for the Aborigines employed by Thomas Petrie at Pine Rivers. Also in the file is a letter from Thomas Petrie listing the "Native name" and "English name" of the Aborigines working for him (some of the names are hard to read and some may be spelled incorrectly):

Native name	English name
Kirwallie	Sandy
Wife Naewin	Sarah
Dulamanie	Neddie
Wife Kindabin	Margaret
Turbui	Jonnie
Wife Tubinger	Eliza
Child of 10 months	Pettigrew
Booloomba	Jackie
Urialea	Jerie
Wife of Booloomba	Katty
Toomcalie	King Billy
Yelarbrlen	Long Billy
Taperie	Jonnie
Millmillmrie	Jackie
Eyabrow	Kedger
Balltour	Lander
Doomboorburu	Katty
Kawbybra	Jackie
Reuben	Reuben
Boonabin	Queen
Child Mini	Mini
Kalaboona	Billy
Boorackalie	Charlie
Bingerbura	Marie
(Illegible)	Boggo
(Illegible)	Billy Moffat

Tumbyunda	Bob
Tumbyunda's Wives:	
Kirwanger	
Doal	
Waderbryu	
Tumbyunda's daughter:	
Beeby	
Woongour	-
Gooroolau	-
Montuamba	Goorby
Yarkandurun	-
Bunda	Old man
Wongara	-
Bowera	Nobby
Wiema	Bowman
Kungra	Maria
Mielerbien	Katty
Yourbin	Billy
Yaranama	Bungry
Borwa	King
Yongindera	Jemmy
Walongbilla	Mary Anne
Munderi	Andrew [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1590 Correspondence relating to the sale of two Native Police horses at Goondiwindi. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1592 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated June 18, 1862 advising that he has returned from patrolling the Logan River the Albert River and Teviot Brook. He further reports that "the aborigines are quite as nearly all the fighting men were absent on the Clarence River (Bundocks) at a large Pullen Pullen out of my district". [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1618 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton dated June 14, 1862 forwarding a statement from Mr Hart relative to the supposed murder of Mr Roberts by Aborigines near Cape Palmerston. Hart's statement is not in the file. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1624 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending Horace Ramsey for the position of cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1675 Letter from Lieutenant Patrick dated July 1, 1862 resigning from the Native Police Force. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1676 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton recommending sick leave for Lieutenant Frederick Carr. [Z5665]

COL/A30 62/1688 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 2, 1862. The attached return showing how persons sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [Z5666]

COL/A30 62/1690 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 4, 1862 advising that he is about to leave camp to patrol the Brisbane River, Durundur, Caboolture and Paul Pry's Lagoon and will return via Wivenhoe and the northern line. [Z5666]

COL/A30 62/1748 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 7, 1862 relating to the appointment of Camp Sergeant Bigley [Z5666]

COL/A30 62/1796 Correspondence from Native Police Headquarters, Rockhampton relating to the allowances paid to cadets of the force in addition to their pay. There is a complaint that it is impossible to pay board and buy the necessary equipment without the payment of an allowance to cover these costs. [Z5666]

COL/A31 62/1823 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 11, 1862 forwarding reports from Lieutenants Morisset and Johnson raising concerns that the reduction in allowances for Native Police troopers is causing dissatisfaction. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1831 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 19, 1862: "I beg leave to report return to camp having patrolled Brisbane River, Wivenhoe etc etc. There has been a gathering of natives in the pocket opposite the Caboolture Cotton Company. I did not interfere with them as I believe a large number are employed on the station". [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1849 Letter from Arthur Trimmer Albany dated June 20, 1862 applying for a position as Protector of Aborigines or as a Police Magistrate. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1858 Letter from John Gordon, the Camp Sergeant at Sandgate Native Police camp informing a Mr Manning that Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler and his troopers are absent on duty towards the north line because a station has been attacked. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1897 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 31, 1862 advising that while on patrol he found the Barambah and Eskdale Aborigines congregated for a fight and dispersed them immediately. "A large assemblage of aborigines have been collected all the winter on Noble's run and at Leatherlands driving and killing their cattle and threatening the huts. They consisted of [Uibi Uibi ?], Durundur and Brisbane blacks. We came upon them exactly as they were fighting about 300, I called upon them to disperse and go back to their own country but they surrounded us and would not move away, at last I was obliged to fire upon them in self defence". [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1898 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 31, 1862 related to the shipwreck of the 'Kirkdale' 40 miles from Cape Morton. Wheeler advises that he had heard about the shipwreck of the 'Kirkdale' while at Durundur and after dispersing the Aborigines he hastened to Mooloolah. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1910 Letter from several residents of Rockhampton complaining about the delay in sending out a Native Police patrol in response to the death of Mr Roberts who was "detained or murdered by the aborigines near Cape Hillsborough". [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1915 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 28, 1862 recommending Edward Deshon be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1916 Letter from Lieutenant Baker in Gladstone dated July 28, 1862 regarding an error in his pay. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1933 Letter from N.J. Paulden in Brisbane dated August 1, 1862 asking for an appointment in the Native Police Force. [Z5605]

COL/A31 62/1961 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 6, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [Z5606]

COL/A32 62/ 2024 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 14, 1862: "I beg to report that I start on patrol for the Tweed, Albert and Logan rivers immediately the horses are shod and shall return to camp about the first week in September". [Z5607]

COL/A32 62/2043 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated August 5, 1862 recommending Mr Flanagan for a cadetship in the Native Police Force. [Z5607]

COL/A32 62/2044 Report from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated August 6, 1862 advising that "there have been no murders committed by the blacks since the Nogoia massacre with the single exception of a Mr Roberts" at Cape Hillsborough; all the settlers on the frontier are now protected except those on the Victoria River. Lieutenant Murray is currently recruiting and when he returns a detachment will be sent to the Victoria River. [Z5607]

COL/A32 62/2123 Report on a tour of inspection from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 26, 1862. He reports on the following districts: Upper Mackenzie River, Peak Downs, Nogoia River, Comet River, Upper Maranoa, Lower Condamine, Upper Dawson and Lower Dawson. The file also contains two reports from Lieutenant Murray on the state of his division. Murray's report dated March 31, 1862 mentions the following Native Police troopers: Peter, Harry, [Soap?] and Edward. Murray's second report dated May 22, 1862 mentions troopers Condalie, Hannibal, Hotspur, Lupton, [Lyancy?], Duncan,

Rudolph, Marmaduke, Adam, Hector, Frank, Lara, Christopher, Oswald, Abia, Billy, Blutchter, Brennan, Hughy, Jerome and Robert. Also in the file is a return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force on May 26, 1862. [Z5607]

COL/A32 62/2148 Correspondence from Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton relating to the tender of horses. [Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2169 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 1, 1862: "I beg leave to report return to camp having patrolled the Logan and Albert rivers and Teviot Brook. No collision has taken place with the aborigines".[Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2186 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 5, 1862: "I beg leave to inform that I leave on patrol immediately for the Mooloolah and Maroochydhore as the blacks from Wide Bay are congregating there again". He also reports that the troop horses are in a poor condition. [Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2194 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 3, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists the following Aboriginal men: Willie and Tommy. [Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2224 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated September 8, 1862 recommending that Donald J Harris be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2233 Letter from Mr Dangar at Bullerawa, Westwood dated July 28, 1862 requesting Native Police protection on the Warrego River and Barcoo River. He states that the western Maranoa and the Mitchell district are being stocked very rapidly and that "the occupation of permanent waterholes, few in number, by stockholders, to the exclusion of the aborigines in so extensive a land as that lying between the Culgoa and Barcoo must eventually lead to "collisions". [Z5611]

COL/A32 62/2239 The file contains a letter from Edmund Morey at Mitchell Downs, Maranoa district dated September, 1862 praising the efforts of Lieutenant Moorehead for quickly dispersing the "numerous blacks who had assembled and attacked" one of his stations. He states that Lieutenant Moorehead had remarked that in all his experience he "never saw traces of such large bodies of natives as he met in the scrub along the broken boundary of this run". Morey suggests that this calls for an increased Native Police presence in the district. The file also contains a second letter from Morey dated August 2, 1862 advising that the Aborigines have been assembled in large numbers on the Maranoa River and that his manager found the Aborigines stealing sheep and that he had found a shepherd "cruelly murdered". Also in the file is a report from Lieutenant Moorehead on the same subject. [Z5611]

COL/A33 62/2282 Letter from Lieutenant Patrick of the Native Police dated September 18, 1862 asking for the command of the 2nd division now that Lieutenant Baker is retiring. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2313 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 20, 1862 advising that

three new frontier police stations have been formed. One at the northern boundary of the Leichhardt district (North Creek), one at the Lower Dawson and one at the Mackenzie River. Bligh also asks that the necessary funds be approved to station a Camp Sergeant at each station. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2336 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 22, 1862 advising that Cadets Blakeney and Flanagan have tendered their resignations. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2337 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 24, 1862 requesting funds for Lieutenant Frederick Carr to purchase "a light cart and harness together with draught and spare saddle horses for the conveyance of recruits to the Condamine from this place". [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2346 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated September 29, 1862 recommending that John Nutting be appointed as a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2351 Letter from Edward Lamb dated September 29, 1862 requesting an increased Native Police presence in the Peak Downs district. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2361 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1862. The attached return showing all punishments inflicted on prisoners lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Dick Basket, Corney, Willie and Tommy. [Z5614]

COL/A33 62/2376 Letter from ex Native Police officer James Skelton requesting a pension. The file also contains a petition from Skelton that details his service history. [Z5614]

COL/A34 62/2512 Report on a tour of inspection from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 8, 1862. Advises that there is dissatisfaction amongst the detachment stationed at Broadsound because of the reduction in their pay; all is well at the Mackenzie River; the Peak Downs detachment is broken up through desertions and sickness; he inspected the progress of the new barracks being built at North Creek, Isaacs River; until new recruits are procured the stations at the Victoria River and Barcoo River cannot be formed; Lieutenant Frederick Carr has been recruiting in the Brisbane district. Also reports on other desertions and the need for about 50 new recruits. [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2522 Letter from James Skelton an ex Native Police officer requesting the relevant documents from the Queensland government so that he can claim a pension from the New South Wales government. [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2526 Letter from Charles Tom sent from Condamine and dated October 13, 1862 requesting Native Police protection and suggesting that the junction of the Kennedy River and Warrego River, or a point somewhere north, would be an ideal location for the barracks. He also states that the "police barracks at

Bungil Creek [Roma] is now regarded as a superfluity, as the blacks for a considerable distance to the west of that point are as tame as in any part of the colony". [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2561 Letter from Lieutenant John Baker of the Native Police dated October 29, 1862 requesting sick leave until the end of the year. [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2627 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 28, 1862 recommending that Lieutenant Baker's resignation be accepted. [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2628 Correspondence from the Native Police Headquarters in Rockhampton in relation to the building of new Headquarters. [Z5619]

COL/A34 62/2736 Letter from Arthur McArthur at the Eastern Maranoa Crown Lands Office (Surat?) dated November 7, 1862 advising that he is returning two bales of blankets to the supplier because they do not contain the correct amount of blankets. Includes a list of the number of blankets issued in the Maranoa district by location. [Z5621]

COL/A34 62/2739 Return of supplies needed by the Police Force. Entry for 1200 blankets for the Aborigines and Mounted Troopers supplies. [Z5621]

COL/A35 62/2778 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler suggesting that the junction of the Logan and Albert rivers would be a good site for a new Native Police camp. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2898 Letter from Rudolph Freudanthal requesting an advance on his pay if he receives an appointment in the Native Police. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2899 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 informing that he has placed Lieutenant Morisset in command of the Belyando division and requesting that Morisset be placed on the Commission of the Peace. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2900 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 recommending that Rudolph Freudanthal be appointed a cadet in the Native Police. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2901 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 1, 1862 recommending that Cadets Beevor and Richardson be promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2903 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 27, 1862 advising that he has sacked Horace Ramsay from the Native Police Force because of his incompetence. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2911 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 4, 1862. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Dick Basket and Corney. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2933 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler dated December 9, 1862 seeking permission to purchase hay for the troop horses. He also advises that he must keep the men in camp for some time to enforce discipline and cleanliness and to drill them. [Z5622]

COL/A35 62/2993 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 15, 1862 recommending that the site at the junction of the Logan and Albert rivers be chosen for the establishment of a new Native Police camp. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/2994 File containing Native Police reports: The report from Lieutenant Murray dated December 6, 1862 advises on his visit to Mimosa Creek, Comet River, Nogoia River and Upper Dawson Native Police camps. Troopers mentioned in the report: Fred, Coonoupa, William and Euro. Report from John O'Connel Bligh dated December 15, 1862 on a tour of inspection of the detachments stationed north of Rockhampton. Report from Lieutenant William Cave dated October 28, 1862 relating to a patrol of the Nogoia River and the Comet River. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/2995 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 13, 1862 requesting that Reginald Uhr be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/2996 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated December 19, 1862 advising that four troopers have deserted. He states that he has been in pursuit of them as far as Myall Creek "which is the direction they had taken to return to their country, the Dawson, Condamine and Balonne", but has failed to apprehend them. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/2997 Letter from Lieutenant Powell from Bowen and dated October 29, 1862 tendering his resignation as commander of the Native Police 5th division. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/2998 Application for the position of Commander of the 5th division of the Native Police from Mr Williams. Williams states that he was previously in the Native Police Force for a period of six years. [Z5623]

COL/A35 62/3090 Correspondence in relation to the conviction of Billy Horton and Kipper Billy and the subsequent doubt over their guilt. Also mentions Stinkabed Johnny. [see also COL/A26 – 62/739; COL/A27 – 62/904 and 62/997] [Z5623]

COL/A36 63/9 Letter from John Murray (Native Police) applying for a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/28 Letter from Lieutenant John Marlow (Native Police) dated January 2, 1863 requesting a three month's advance on his pay. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/40 Letter from Lieutenant John Baker dated December 31, 1862 resigning from the Native Police Force. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/54 Letter from John Gordon the Camp Sergeant at Sandgate Native Police camp relating to a disagreement between him and Commandant Bligh over the way the troopers were drilled. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/61 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated January 7, 1863 advising that he has suspended Sergeant Sadler for drunkenness and for being absent from camp. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/72 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 6, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed list one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/88 Return from the Police Magistrate at Drayton (Toowoomba). Page 1 mentions an Aborigine named Jimmy who was charged with horse stealing. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/122 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 requesting three months leave. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/123 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 asking for advice and direction over a letter which appeared in the Rockhampton Bulletin. Bligh suggests that the persons who signed the letter should have action taken against them for libel. The letter (in file) is in response to an attempt by Lieutenant William Cave to arrest an Aborigine named Peter. Peter was employed by Mr Cameron of Planet Downs. The letter in the Rockhampton Bulletin suggests that "By this and similar outrageous acts the Native Police have brought themselves into odium in this district; a doubtful and dangerous authority is vested in this force having power to arrest blacks with ambiguous or in some instances we fear blank warrants". [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/124 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 12, 1863 recommending that cadets Harris and Freudenthal be promoted to Lieutenants. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/125 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 9, 1863 relating to the payment of wages to Camp Sergeants. [Z5625]

COL/A36 63/235 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 26, 1863 relating to the payment of wages to Sergeant William Kelly. [Z5627]

COL/A36 63/236 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 26, 1863 recommending that Lieutenant Marlow be promoted to commander of the 5th division due to the resignation of Lieutenant Powell. The file also contains an application for blankets for the Aborigines in the Maryborough district (about 400 estimated) [Z5627]

COL/A36 63/243 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated January 27, 1863 relating to staff appointments. [Z5627]

COL/A36 63/247 Letter from the Police Magistrate at Maryborough dated January 28, 1863 requesting 200 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aborigines of the district. He also comments that last year between 400 and 500 Aborigines were in attendance at the blanket distribution. [Z5627]

COL/A37 63/276 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 4, 1863 advising that he has made arrangements for the supervision of the district while he is on leave. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/277 Letter from Lieutenant Morisset requesting an advance on his pay because he is going on leave. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/278 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/281 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 6, 1863 recommending that Wallace Bayley be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/298 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated February 7, 1863 asking for a four roomed cottage to be built for him to live in. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/418 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler from the Albert River and dated February 25, 1863 advising that he is recruiting in the Logan district and that he needs more horses if he is to recruit the 12 to 14 men he was instructed to find. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/419 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from the Albert River and dated February 25, 1863 advising that he has marked out the site for the new Native Police camp. [Z5629]

COL/A37 63/457 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. [Z5629]

COL/A38 63/506 Correspondence in relation to the appointment of William Cave (Native Police Lieutenant, Nogoia River) as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Princhester. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/511 Report from George Murray from Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters dated February 27, 1863. Reports that Lieutenant William Cave has tendered his resignation; reports on the districts of Mackenzie River, Peak Downs, North Creek, Broadsound, Upper Dawson and Lower Dawson. Also mentions a

Native Police trooper called Paddy. The file also contains a report from cadet Sharpe advising that he has patrolled the Meteor Creek district after it was reported that the Aborigines had murdered two shepherds. He states that he came across a mob of Aborigines "and at daybreak dispersed them. From the gins (who spoke broken English) I ascertained that they came from Steeles and Duttons". The file also contains letters from Cadet Sharpe and Lieutenant William Cave tendering their resignations. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/584 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Coochin and dated March 17, 1863 forwarding a list of horses purchased from Mr Collins and advising that he has only been able to procure seven recruits although he has been "over the whole of the Logan and Tweed rivers". He hopes to be able to recruit more in the Warwick district and at Clintons on the main range. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/592 Letter from Mr [Bryson?] to the Colonial Secretary addressed from the coast of New South Wales and dated March 1863: "In haste to avail myself of an opportunity to write to you I address you on the only slip of paper within my reach in order to implore you to enable Morrel to return to the natives with gifts of most value to them -that they be conciliated. Other blacks [?] along the coast have indeed been cruelly shot down by base white men and I regret to say unscrupulous station holders.

P.S. Protection to the natives against the usage of new stations ought to be at once [?] demanded of your Christian Government. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/601 Telegram from the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Sydney and dated March 25, 1863 advising that he is returning from leave and is returning via Grafton and "shall probably be able to obtain recruits required". [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/602 Letter from Louis Hope dated March 26, 1863 requesting 12 blankets, 12 shirts and 6 pairs of trousers for distribution to the "Kilcoy tribe". [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/680 Return of Police duties from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich dated April 8, 1862. The return showing particulars of rations issued to prisoners lists an Aboriginal man named King Jimmy. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/683 Correspondence in response to a complaint from Mr Coxen at Bendemere Station that Lieutenant Frederick Carr had seized one of his employees without his permission. The employee was a Native Police trooper named Macbeth aka Georgey who had deserted from Wide Bay. The letter from Mr Coxen dated January 30, 1863 also mentions that Macbeth "is a native of my place, and his relatives have been here since the settlement of the country". Coxen also mentions in this letter that he was "informed that Jacky, who left the N Police in Brisbane, was shot at the Terryboo [Teiryboo, Condamine] stockyard by Lieut Carr on his way to my station, and by this post have instituted an enquiry". The letter from Coxen dated January 16, 1863 advises that "there are a great many Dawson blacks on Myall Gully ... amongst them Bally and Toby". [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/685 Letter from Lieutenant John Murray of the Native Police in response to a previous letter requesting a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions at the

35

proposed settlement at Cape York. He has been informed that the government does not intend to make any appointments there and Murray asks for a position in any other place where there may be a vacancy. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/747 Report from John Marlow the Commander of the Port Denison (Bowen) detachment of Native Police dated March 24, 1863. Reports on a tour of inspection of the division. Also mentions Native Police troopers Archie, Norman, Valentine, Tom Brown and Quentin. The file also contains a staffing return of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th Divisions. [Z5631]

COL/A38 63/748 The file contains a report of a tour of inspection of the Nogoa River and Lower Dawson divisions from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Murray dated March 31, 1863 that advises he has "followed up the blacks who had murdered a shepherd on Mr Robinson's station but after patrolling the Callide Creek and Kroombit Creek and the surrounding country was unable to find them. The report also mentions Native Police troopers Carbine, Roland, Marmaduke, Rudolph and Wawbuean.[Z5631]

COL/A39 63/754 Letter from John Marlow dated March 24, 1863 acknowledging his promotion to Lieutenant and being given the command of the 1st division of the Native Police Force. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/827 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 22, 1863 requesting permission to remove the Rockhampton Native Police Headquarters to Commissioner's Creek. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/832 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 23, 1863 requesting an allowance for personal accommodation. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/860 Letter from Lieutenant Murray of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated April 20, 1863 advising that he has the flu and as a consequence he has been unable to start on a tour of inspection of the northern region. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/881 Letter from Alfred Compigne at Nindooinbah, Albert River dated April 18, 1863 complaining that the Aborigines have broken into a hut on the station and that the Aborigines are collecting in large numbers on the surrounding stations. He asks if the Native Police can be sent to patrol the surrounding neighbourhood. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/883 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Brisbane dated April 28, 1863 suggesting that the blanket distribution take place as soon as possible because there are about 900 Aborigines camped within a few miles of Brisbane. He advises that he has had numerous complaints from the residents in the suburbs and if the Aborigines are given their blankets they will disperse. Attached to the letter is a requisition for 600 blankets. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/934 Petition from Georgy stating that he will give himself up if he is protected from the Native Police. Georgy was captured at Bendemere Station by Lieutenant Frederick Carr after deserting from the Native Police but managed to escape. [See also COL/A38 – 63/683] [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/937 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 5, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man named Dick Basket. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/944 Monthly return of the Native Police Force showing the number and names of officers and the number of troopers at each station. The Commandant (John O'Connell Bligh) also advises that "a large number of recruits [are] required to fill up existing vacancies for the protection of the daily extending frontiers of Queensland these should be procured, if possible, from the Upper Murray and conveyed to Rockhampton by sea with a view to prevent desertions, which have been frequent of late". Bligh also suggests that authority is required to enable officers to apprehend deserters, citing the example of a squatter called Coxen on the Condamine who has threatened to "resist any attempt, on the part of Lieutenant Carr, to retake a deserter now on Mr Coxen's station". [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/945 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, sent from Rockhampton and dated April 30, 1863 recommending that Henry Brown be appointed a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/991 Correspondence relating to allegations by Frederick Walker that Lieutenant Johnson repeatedly shot an Aborigine through the head at Mr Reid's station, Dereubeudaugie, Dawson River. The Aborigine was suspected of being implicated in the murder of four men on Reid's station. [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/993 Correspondence relating to the shooting of an Aborigine by Lieutenant Johnson at Mr Reid's station, Dereubeudaugie, Dawson River [See also COL/A39 – 63/991] [Z5654]

COL/A39 63/994 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 7, 1863. He advises that on returning from leave he found that the "business of the Force under my command has been satisfactorily carried on"; the force is weak in numbers, so much so that the frontiers have not been sufficiently protected; Lieutenant Wheeler is out recruiting; there is a need for more officers; the rapid extension of the north west frontier will require more Native Police in that District. [Z5654]

COL/A40 63/1009 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 9, 1863 advising that Lieutenant Moorehead has fallen from his horse and is incapacitated. Bligh recommends that he be given three months leave. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1018 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Carr from the Maranoa River Native Police Barracks dated April 26, 1862. Carr reports that while on duty at Bindango Station he received word that a Mr Richardson had been shot by a shepherd named Turley. Carr arrested Turley and delivered him to a Police Constable from Roma. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1032 Letter from John Hendy ex Camp Sergeant at the Peak Downs Native Police Barracks requesting outstanding pay. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1046 Petition from the Kennedy district squatters and residents protesting that "in unsettled country especially in this district the aboriginal population of which is very large, and the Native Police numerically small, great risk to human life and property is incurred". They ask for an increase in the number of Native Police. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1048 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 15, 1863 advising that he has delivered the recruits to the Maranoa and "provided himself with four fresh men". [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1064 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 13, 1863 forwarding an application from Lieutenant Johnson for compensation for a horse drowned in the Dawson River while on duty.[Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1065 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 21, 1863. Bligh requests an allowance of six months pay for the Native Police troopers in lieu of clothing. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1067 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated May 21, 1863 recommending that cadets Price, Owen, Bayly and Browne be promoted to Lieutenants. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1081 Letter from the Bench of Magistrates at Gladstone dated May 20, 1863 requesting 60 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Aborigines. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1116 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated May 26, 1863: "I will proceed immediately in search of Johnny Stink-a-bed for whom a warrant has been issued on the charge of rape. I hope to get the requisite information from Jim Duffy but I suspect if we do come on their camp there will be little chance of taking him alive". [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1119 Letter from Lieutenant Moorehead at the Maranoa Native Police Barracks requesting a transfer to another government department due to ill health. He states that his injuries were caused during a pursuit of Aborigines on Mr Mann's station on the Maranoa River. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1174 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton, recommending that Lieutenant Moorehead be allowed to transfer to another branch of the Public Service. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1200 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 6, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Dick Basket. [Z5655]

COL/A40 63/1250 Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. [Z5655]

COL/A41 63/1293 Letter from Lieutenant Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated June 1863 advising that he has been informed by the Commandant that no clothing will be issued to troopers but in lieu they will receive six months pay. He asks when the troopers will get this pay. [Z5664]

COL/A41 63/1332 Letter from Brisbane informing that the Aborigines belonging to the Pimpama tribe have not yet received their blankets and requesting about 20 pairs for distribution. [Z5664]

COL/A41 63/1429 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated June 30, 1863 acknowledging that the Executive Council has decided not to make any further appointments in the Native Police. He asks that cadets A. Morisset, R. McLerie, W. Compigne and R. Hill be retained because they are necessary to the efficiency of the Force. [Z5667]

COL/A41 3/1431 Correspondence relating to the shooting of an Aborigine named Jemmy at Gayndah by Lieutenant Harris of the Native Police. [Z5667]

COL/A42 63/1511 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 11, 1863 advising that he has left camp on patrol of the Mooloolah, Maroochy, Ubi Ubi and Brisbane River districts. [Z5668]

COL/A42 63/1555 Report on a tour of inspection of the northern region from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police. Reports on the detachments stationed at the Don River, North Creek and Broadsound. The file also contains an earlier report on a tour of inspection of the Broadsound, North Creek, Belyando and Mackenzie River divisions. This report also mentions troopers Marmaduke, Billanbe, Degilbery, Carlo and Otho. The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset on an inspection tour of the detachments at Mimosa Creek and Spring Creek. This report mentions trooper Grauly. [Z5668]

COL/A42 63/1556 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 14, 1863 recommending that cadet John Bligh Nutting be promoted to Lieutenant to replace Lieutenant Harris who has been dismissed. [Z5668]

COL/A42 63/1557 Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from the Commandant (Bligh) on desertions and recruiting. [Z5668]

COL/A42 63/1558 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated July 14, 1863 relating to the purchase of horses for the Native Police. [Z5668]

COL/A43 3/1807 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 10, 1863 advising that he is going on patrol of the Logan River, Albert River and Teviot Brook. [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1880 Letter from John Conquest requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force. [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1903 Letter from Edward Richards requesting an appointment in the Native Police Force. [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1917 Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from Lieutenant Rudolph Morisset. [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1922 Letter from James Morrill at Bowen requesting a gift of land because "having resided amongst the natives in the Kennedy district for seventeen years and during the latter part of that time had given up hopes of ever seeing a civilised being again. I looked upon this part of the country conjointly with the natives my living ground". [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1941 Letter from G. Webster at Rockhampton dated August 18, 1863 requesting an appointment as a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z5669]

COL/A43 63/1974 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated August 26, 1863 advising that he has returned to camp after patrolling the Logan River, Albert River and Teviot Brook. He states that he has orders to recruit and will do so immediately in the Brisbane River and the Wide Bay districts. [Z5669]

COL/A44 63/2086 Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. [Z5671]

COL/A44 63/2144 Report from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated September 16, 1863 advising that he has returned to camp after recruiting in the Wide Bay district. He states that he was only able to recruit three men from Imbil because "the Aborigines seem unwilling to join on account of the Bunya Bunya season coming on (months of November, December, January and February)". "I will start in a week for the Tweed and Clarence and hope to get recruits there". [Z5671]

COL/A44 63/2231 Correspondence in relation to a complaint from Mr Sheridan that Lieutenant Richardson shot a Native Police trooper named Wallace at Gatton for trying to desert. The Commandant has suspended Richardson and makes the recommendation that he should be dismissed from the Force. [Z5671]

COL/A45 63/2261 Letter from Edward Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated October 1, 1863 requesting a position in the Native Police Force. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2329 Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. Included in the return is a report from the Commandant (Bligh) advising that the force is 50 men short and that this situation cannot be remedied until authority is given for the necessary funds; also discusses general staffing issues. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2330 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated October 1, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2341 Letter from the Police Magistrate at Drayton dated October 7, 1863 advising that George Cuff had been found murdered outside the Royal Hotel, Toowoomba. Cuff was last seen alive "in the camp of some blacks near to the place where the body was found". The Aborigines who were at the camp are under suspicion for the murder but they have gone into the Gowrie Scrub and cannot be found. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2362 Letter from Mr Stanley requesting an increase in the Native Police Force in the Nogoa River district. He states that not long ago Mr Riddell was murdered by the Aborigines and "unless the blacks in our neighbourhood are speedily subdued we will only have repetitions of a like description". [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2393 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 13, 1863 requesting one month's leave and advising that, should it be granted, Lieutenant Murray will assume command in his absence. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2477 Letter from G. Young in Rockhampton dated October 14, 1863 applying for a position in the Native Police Force. [Z5673]

COL/A45 63/2499 Request from Native Police Camp Sergeant Graham (Warrego River detachment) for an extension of leave. [Z5673]

COL/A46 63/2548 Letter from W. Stephenson, the Surgeon at Gayndah: "May I beg the favour of your informing me how much of the 500 pounds voted for medical attendance and medicines supplied to the aborigines of the Burnett District, I am to receive for the present year". [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2561 Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated October 29, 1863 advising his return to camp after patrolling the Tweed River stations, Cotton Companies, the Albert River and the Logan River. "I have also procured 9 recruits to be forwarded to Rockhampton". [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2593 Letter from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated November 1, 1863 advising that he is going to spell the camp horses on the Government Reserve. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2609 Letter of recommendation from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police on behalf of Sergeant Bartholomew Carmody who is leaving the force. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2618 Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2650 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police Force advising that Lieutenant Murray has several cheques in his

possession drawn in favour of troopers who have deserted. Bligh makes the suggestion that Lieutenant Murray should keep the cheques and expend them "in the purchase of articles of amusement and recreation, such as cricket bats and balls, for the Troopers of this division". [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2653 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 29, 1863 advising that he is not going on leave because he has had an accident. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2654 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1863 recommending that Lieutenant Bagley be given six weeks leave. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2655 Correspondence in relation to the erection of a Native Police barracks at Port Denison (Bowen). The file also includes a map of the proposed site. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2656 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 29, 1863 advising that Sergeant Major Allen has resigned. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2658 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated October 30, 1863 submitting a claim for compensation on behalf of Lieutenant Bagly for the loss of horses. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2681 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 9, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2733 Report from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated November 7, 1863 offering ideas on how to bring the force up to the required strength. He suggests that new recruits should be obtained from the Upper Murray district because the recruits that have been procured from the Clarence, Condamine and Wide Bay districts have proved difficult to keep; officers need to be given authority to apprehend and punish deserters; although 50 recruits are required, 80 should be aimed for to allow for desertions. Bligh also comments that the recent desertions have been caused by the Troopers finding that they can get protection from Squatters (if they need labour). The file also contains a report from Lieutenant Freudenthal at Wide Bay dated October 5, 1863 advising that a Native Police trooper named Tommy Murray has deserted. [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2737 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police, advising that nine recruits were forwarded to Headquarters (Rockhampton) from Sandgate and that three days later they all deserted. They were pursued and one was recaptured. He advises that this is the third batch of recruits that have deserted after having been forwarded from Brisbane. He suggests that it would be "useless to send any more recruits from the Logan and Clarence rivers unless arrangements are made for shipping them direct to Port Denison – They might be much less inclined to desert". [Z5676]

COL/A46 63/2746 Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated November 16, 1863 advising that he is about to go recruiting as far as Imbil, Wide Bay and Cooyar and will return via Emu Creek and Eskdale. [Z5676]

COL/A47 63/2889 Report from Lieutenant Fredrick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated December 1, 1863 advising that he has travelled the Brisbane River and Bunya Bunya country but was unable to procure any recruits. "The blacks are employed sheep washing on the different stations, they have not assembled yet for the Bunya Bunya season, that will take place in about four weeks time". He also advises that "the police dispersed a large mob of aborigines, (Wide Bay Blacks) between the [Warata?] and the Cabulture [Caboolture] near to the sea coast, but could not get near enough to them to obtain recruits". He also advises that he has been able to apprehend two deserters who were "Balonne blacks" and who were found amongst the Aborigines on the Colinton and Cressbrook runs. Z5680]

COL/A47 63/2907 Letter from Charles Macleod at Combarngo Station via Surat dated November 24, 1863 relating to the capture of an Aborigine named Smoker Brown who was in the service of a Mr Brown from Sydney. [Z5680]

COL/A47 63/2915 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 3, 1863. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy and Jerry. [Z5680]

COL/A47 63/2983 Letter from Lieutenant John Marlow of the Native Police dated November 21, 1863: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo directing me to accompany with four troopers Mr Dalrymple to Rockingham Bay, and in reply, beg to state that your instructions shall be carried out to the best of my ability". [Z5680]

COL/A47 63/2994 The file contains Native Police reports relating to the dispersal of Aborigines in response to the murder of Mr Riddle on the Nogoia River. Commandant Bligh comments that "the perpetrators could not be identified, and no warrants were issued, so that the police could only pursue and punish the offenders with a promptitude which is likely to deter others from committing crime". The report from Lieutenant Bayly dated October 8, 1863 also mentions Native Police troopers Fletcher and Stephen. [Z5680]

COL/A47 63/2995 Monthly return showing the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also includes a monthly report from Commandant Bligh, which advises that he has temporarily removed the sixth division from Wide Bay to reinforce the north western frontier; two divisions were quickly concentrated in response to the murders on the Nogoia River; eleven recruits have deserted. [Z5680]

COL/A48 63/3012 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 11, 1863 advising that he is aware that no provision has been made in the estimates for his salary next year and asking if it is the intention of the government to remove him from his position.

Bligh also asks if he can expect to be transferred to another position within the government if his present salary ceases. [Z5681]

COL/A48 63/3017 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police sent from Rockhampton and dated December 12, 1863 requesting his pay for the present month because he is going on leave of absence for a short time. [Z5681]

COL/A48 63/3114 Letter from John O'Connell Bligh, the Commandant of the Native Police and dated December 23, 1863 requesting an extra two weeks leave of absence because he has urgent private business in Sydney. [Z5681]

COL/A49 64/41 Letter from William Hunter at Mount Abundance (Roma) dated December 15, 1863 raising concerns that the Native Police are to be removed from the eastern Maranoa. He suggests, "the consequences are likely to be very serious. There is a large number of blacks in this part of the country ... and they will need the presence and the dread of the Native Police force to keep them in check". [Z5691]

COL/A49 64/107 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 9, 1864. The attached return showing prisoners sentenced to hard labour lists four Aboriginal men: Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z5691]

COL/A49 64/143 Monthly return of the strength and distribution of the Native Police Force. The return also contains a monthly report from Lieutenant Murray that mainly details staff movements but also mentions that a murder has been committed by the Aborigines on the Mackenzie River. Lieutenants Bayly and Nutting were sent to investigate and their reports will be forwarded. [Z5691]

COL/A49 64/160 The file contains Native Police reports and letters. Including a report of the proceedings of the Native Police from Lieutenant Murray at Rockhampton and dated January 9, 1864. The report advises on general Native Police matters but also mentions that there has been a murder committed at Mr Joss' station (Maxford Station) on the Mackenzie River. The country has been patrolled but the Aborigines have left the district. The report also mentions Native Police trooper Stephen. The file also contains a related report from Lieutenant Bayly advising that he has dispersed a group of Yaamba Aborigines in the district near Mr Walker's station. Another related report from Lieutenant Nutting advises that he travelled to Mr Thompson's station on the Mackenzie River to render "any assistance that might be necessary in dispersing the blacks who were reported to be there in large numbers". The file also contains a letter from Lieutenant Freudenthal requesting compensation for a horse that was drowned in the Mary River. And a letter from Lieutenant Johnson requesting three months leave of absence because he needs to have an operation. [Z5691]

COL/A50 64/326 Letter from Native Police officer Lieutenant George Murray in Rockhampton requesting an extension of leave for Lieutenant Bayly. [Z5919]

COL/A50 64/366 The file includes a report of prisoners committed for trial in Warwick and tried in Toowoomba. The entry for 1863 lists one Aboriginal man named Roguery. [Z5919]

COL/A50 64/425 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 5, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z5919]

COL/A51 64/618 Memorial from the residents of Rockhampton praising John Murray (ex Native Police) and asking the Colonial Secretary to support his application for a government position. They suggest that he was "one of the most efficient officers ever attached to the Force, indefatigable in suppressing outrage and yet performing a difficult and invidious duty with judgment and humanity". [Z6308]

COL/A51 64/649 Letter from James Skelton at Dalby dated January 26, 1864 asking for a pension. He details his work history, which includes the time he spent in the Native Police Force. [Z6308]

COL/A51 64/701 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 4, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z6308]

COL/A52 64/794 Letter from the Police Magistrate at Bowen dated February 25, 1864, which suggests that, a Mr McDonald has been murdered by the Aborigines. [Z6311]

COL/A52 64/975 Correspondence relating to a flood at Rockhampton. The file also contains an article from the 23/3/1864 edition of the Northern Argus that mentions a "Blacks Camp" on the Fitzroy River. [Z6311]

COL/A52 64/989 Letter from J.C. White named "Amelioration of the Condition of the Aboriginal Natives" putting forward some observations and suggestions relative to the Aborigines of Australia. [Z6311]

COL/A53 64/1071 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z6312]

COL/A53 64/1130 Petition from the stockholders and inhabitants of the western Maranoa district who are "annoyed and injured by the many robberies committed by rogues and vagabonds that infest the frontier stations and are almost a greater terror than the wild blacks [and we] ... most respectfully beg to recommend the Yo Yo (where a section of the Native Police is at present stationed) is a place most suitable for a Court of Petty Sessions". [Z6312]

COL/A54 64/1271 Petition from the inhabitants of Rockingham Bay suggesting that "a force of native police is absolutely necessary for their protection against the aborigines who are very numerous in the vicinity of the settlement, their avocations rendering them liable at any moment to an attack". [Z6316]

COL/A54 64/1274 Letter from John O'Connel Bligh, the ex Commandant of the Native Police sent from Gayndah and dated April 4, 1864 pointing out that officers in

the Native Police are not entitled to superannuation but asking if the privilege can be extended to him. Bligh has just accepted the position of Police Magistrate at Gayndah and is concerned that his superannuation will not be backdated to when he first started in the Native Police because they do not come under the Police Act. [Z6316]

COL/A54 64/1275 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated April 16, 1864 advising that the body of a white man was found on Fraser Island. The attached depositions from the Magisterial Inquiry mentions Aborigines plundering a camp; Aborigines helping to carry the body of the deceased; bringing the men some fish. The verdict from the Magistrate is that the man was murdered by Aborigines on the island. The deceased was a sailor from the American barque Panama [Z6316]

COL/A54 64/1358 Letter from Inspector Rudolph Morisset requesting an allowance in lieu of provisions for Sub-Inspector Owen of the Belyando Native Police detachment. [Z6316]

COL/A54 64/1416 Letter sent from Bowen advising that the house of Mr Willis at the Houghton River was robbed and Willis murdered by three armed men. They ask that a special force be formed to apprehend the murderers including Lieutenant Marlow and his Native Police troopers. [Z6316]

COL/A54 64/1498 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated May 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z6316]

COL/A55 64/1589 Return from J.C. White the Police Magistrate in Warwick listing the names of the Aborigines who have received blankets in the 1864 distribution (some of the names are hard to read and some may be spelled incorrectly): [Z6318]

Native Name	English Name	Wife's Name
Juuerureurgor	Tommy	-
Chichuiback	Charley	-
Wurgeir	Tebbool	-
Tuitiunoon	Boney	-
Merrigain	Dick	Maryanne + 1 child
Corrooban	Carlo	-
Jirreuraine	Boney	-
Gulla	Dick	Mariaine
Paratop	Possum	Egeri
Bower	Davey	Maggie
Warsoop	Jerry	Betty
Wyll	Tommy	Polly
Duncan	Peter	Kitty
Woolooborohan	Billy	Kitty + 3 children
Cooyywlbyae	Dalley	-
Mollycoogry	Molly	Old woman
Cherurn	Johnny	-
Trutuwoollogoo	Paddy	Fanny

COL/A55 64/1606 Letter from the Police Office in Rockhampton dated May 14, 1864 relating to the escape of prisoners. Briefly mentions that Aborigines were used to track the prison escapees. [Z6318]

COL/A55 64/1628 Letter from William White in Brisbane dated May 19, 1864 requesting 50 pairs of blankets for the Aborigines on his stations, Pimpama and Cumbooba. [Z6318]

COL/A55 64/1666 correspondence re protection needed for employees working on the wreck of the Panama on Fraser Island.

COL/A55 64/1676 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Ipswich advising that the 300 blankets for distribution to the Aborigines he applied for have not arrived. [Z6318]

COL/A55 64/1696 The file contains a report from the Police Magistrate in Bowen dated April 11, 1864 (64/1276) in which he mentions that "on the 27th of March I despatched the Sub-Inspector of Police, with a Sergeant and two Troopers belonging to the Native Police Force, in pursuit of the three Bushrangers". He also mentions that the Schooner 'Nightingale' was wrecked on an island off the coast. The survivors made it to land at Cape Bowling Green where they were attacked and taken prisoner by the Aborigines but were later able to escape. [Z6318]

COL/A55 64/1707 Letter from Inspector Frederick Carr from the Bungil Creek (Roma) Native Police Camp dated May 10, 1864 asking for funds to build a Native Police Camp on the Warrego River. He states that the application for funds was made over 12 months ago but to date they have not been forthcoming. The detachment is forced to rely on temporary accommodation at Mr Wiseman's station. [Z6318]

COL/A55 64/1720 Letter from George Board and Sons sent from Brisbane and dated May 25, 1864 requesting 30 pairs of blankets for distribution to the Pimpama and Coomera Aborigines. [Z6318]

COL/A56 64/1754 Letter from J. Bergin requesting blankets for the 20 Aborigines on his station, which he states is about 100 miles from Brisbane. [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1765 Letter from Mr Tom in Brisbane expressing his concern at the conduct of the Native Police in the outlying districts: "I understand that the officers and the N police are directed by their superiors to disperse all large assemblages of the aborigines and a regard for security renders it also necessary that the blacks should be kept out altogether from new stations as the massacre of whites have generally, if not invariably, resulted from too closer contact and intimacy between the races"... in effecting these two objects ... the N police are frequently obliged to commit murder". Tom suggests that the remedy to this situation would be to arm "the police with pieces that will carry either shot or bullets as required, and directing that when no hostility is shown by the blacks, only the smallest size shot should be used ... the scattering of the shot would occasion the chastisement to be widely felt, while its mildness would not be likely to arouse their feelings of rancour which the taking of life so naturally calls into existence in the friends of the deceased". [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1804 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy, Jerry and Jacky. [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1824 The file contains a letter from Archer and Company at Gracemere declining an offer to purchase the buildings on their property previously used by the Native Police. The file also contains a report from David Seymour, the Acting Commissioner of Police, on an inspection tour of the police in Rockhampton mainly concerned with general police matters but which also mentions that Archer and Company may be interested in buying the old Native Police buildings. [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1826 Letter from Thomas Walker of Leura Station, Apis Creek requesting Native Police protection in the Kennedy district. [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1967 Letter from John Murray at Rosedale dated June 13, 1864 acknowledging his appointment as a recruiter for the Native Police Force. [Z6319]

COL/A56 64/1981 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler recommending his brother Edward for a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6319]

COL/A57 64/2063 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 7, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Roguery, Jemmy and M Moffatt. [Z6321]

COL/A57 64/2081 Letter from Sub-Inspector Bedell Owen from the Belyando River Native Police barracks dated June 24, 1864 requesting a transfer from the Native Police to a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions. [Z6321]

COL/A57 64/2087 Large file containing correspondence relating to the removal of the Maranoa Patrol from Boombah Station to St George. Page 4 of the letter 63/1125 briefly mentions that the Aborigines informed them that there is permanent water at St George. [Z6321]

COL/A57 64/2147 Letter from Sub-Inspector Bayly sent from Brisbane and dated July 15, 1864 requesting that his resignation from the Native Police Force be withdrawn. [Z6321]

COL/A58 64/2281 Letter from Lieutenant Frederick Wheeler sent from Sandgate and dated July 30, 1864 acknowledging a letter advising him that his brother Edward has been appointed a Sub-Inspector in the Native Police Force. [Z6365]

COL/A58 64/2288 The file contains the judge's report in the case of Regina v Roguery. Roguery was convicted of indecent assault at the Criminal Assizes held in Toowoomba on January 11, 1863. The file also contains a petition from Mr Halloran pleading for remission of sentence. The petition from Halloran states that he employed Roguery at the time of the alleged offence and that he believes that he is innocent. The petition also states that Roguery was previously employed by Captain William O'Connell and before that by Mr Alexander of Proston.

COL/A58 64/2294 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 2, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, M Moffat and Roguery. [Z6365]

COL/A58 64/2313 Letter from the Sheriff's Office in Brisbane dated August 4, 1864 advising that an Aboriginal prisoner named Roguery died the previous evening. [Z6365]

COL/A59 64/2619 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 5, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, M. Moffatt and Roguery. [Z6375]

COL/A59 64/2708 Report from J.C. White the Police Magistrate at Warwick dated August 30, 1864. In the report a Mary Clunes is accused of perjuring herself in the court case of an unnamed Aborigine. [Z6375]

COL/A59 64/2727 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, recommending that Sub-Inspector Johnson should be dismissed from the Native Police Force for allowing his troopers to go on patrol by themselves. The troopers were subsequently attacked by the Aborigines on Mr Tom's station and one trooper was killed and a "considerable quantity of government property destroyed". [Z6375]

COL/A59 64/2744 Report from Frank Jardine the Police Magistrate re the formation of a new settlement at Somerset, Cape York dated September 6, 1864. Page 17 of the report makes some observations about the local Aborigines and informs that "the natives appear to be numerous and have made themselves useful in carrying timber". The file also contains a letter from the Police Magistrate to Lieutenant Pascoe dated August 6, 1864. Paragraph 11 asks him to instruct his men that there is a "positive necessity keeping on friendly terms with the aborigines, and carefully to avoid giving them the slightest offence – improper interference with the native women must be especially guarded against, and as a general rule the natives must at all times be treated with kindness and humanity and on no account must the extreme of a conflict resorted to unless positively in self defence". [Z6375]

COL/A60 64/2828 Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell. Mentions that two men had set out to walk from a station belonging to Dalrymple Scott Brothers at Herbert River to Cardwell, through "country much infested with blacks". [Z6385]

COL/A61 64/3004 Letter from A. Velwood at Hawkwood Station, Gayndah dated October 1, 1864 requesting a position as a cadet in the Native Police Force. [Z6388]

COL/A61 64/3006 Letter from C. Walsh at Gundi Gundi, Dalby requesting a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6388]

COL/A61 64/3108 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 3, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy and King Warry. [Z6388]

COL/A61 64/3264 List of articles lost by Sub-Inspector Johnson's Native Police detachment on May 8, 1864 [see also COL/59 – 64/2727]. [Z6388]

COL/A61 64/3283 Letter from the Commissioner for Crown Lands from the office at North Kennedy requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed at the Upper Burdekin because "serious outrages have been recently perpetrated by the aboriginals amongst which may be mentioned the murder of two shepherds employed on Mr McClelland's station, and the attack on the premises of another settler Mr Curr". [Z6388]

COL/A62 64/3338 Letter from John Cockle at Welltown Station via Goondiwindi dated November 27, 1864 requesting a cadetship in the Native Police Force. [Z6397]

COL/A62 64/3372 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 6, 1864. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, King Warry and Jacky. [Z6397]

COL/A62 64/3412 Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Bowen advising that two employees of Mr Black of Victoria Downs have been murdered by the Aborigines. He also advises that Mr Curr's station on the Fanning River was also attacked by Aborigines and, although no lives were lost, Mr Curr's family narrowly escaped. "The Aborigines have also been seen in force within fifteen miles of Bowen". He states that "the blacks in this district will hereforth be exceedingly troublesome, and ... there is urgent need of increased Native Police protection". [Z6397]

COL/A62 64/3415 The file includes a letter from Mr Black of Victoria Downs station (Upper Burdekin) requesting increased Native Police protection. [see also COL/A62 – 64/3412] [Z6397]

COL/A62 64/3420 Letter from several residents of the district between Cape Palmerston and Port Denison requesting urgent Native Police protection. They state that the Aborigines have been spearing cattle and they do it with such impunity that on one occasion they speared a bullock in the town of Mackay. They also state that in the "district between Mackey and Bowen ... there are more natives perhaps, than in any tract of similar extent in the north". [Z6397]

COL/A63 65/34 The file includes an application from the Gaoler at Brisbane Gaol (dated January 6, 1865) for the admission of an Aboriginal women named Nancy to the Lunatic Asylum. [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/39 Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated December 2, 1864. He advises that there have been "one of two serious aggressions by the aborigines in which two of the marines were wounded one seriously the other seriously by spears – The aggressions were however repelled and met with severe and just punishment". Also mentions an Aborigine named Kio. [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/94 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 12, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour

were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, King Warry, Jemmy and Billy. [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/101 Letter from Hugh Neill of Galloway Plains, Calliope dated January 9, 1865 requesting Native Police protection because two people have been severely injured on his station after an attack by Aborigines. [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/157 Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated December 26, 1864 advising that a German man has been killed by the Aborigines at the Valley of Lagoons and that the Aborigines are numerous around the town. He asks for Native Police protection [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/159 Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated January 2, 1865 advising that "the Native Police have this day arrived in the Cardwell". [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/160 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Bowen dated January 12, 1865 acknowledging that a detachment of Native Police have been forwarded. He suggests that Mount Elliot would be a good location for the Native Police camp. He states that more than one detachment of Native Police is needed because "the reports of murders and depredations committed by the blacks are so frequent and the panic in the district is so great". [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/225 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated January 24, 1865 recommending that Inspector George Murray (Native Police) be appointed "Inspector of Police for the Northern Districts". [Z6403]

COL/A63 65/250 Letter from Mr Barron, the Commissioner for Crown Lands sent from Charleville and dated January 4, 1865 requesting a larger Native Police Force in the district. He suggests that the "Native Police now stationed on the Bungil can scarcely be required there, this headquarters should be moved to the Warrego district, retaining the section stationed on the Maranoa River". [Z6403]

COL/A64 65/341 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 8, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, King Warry, J Melford and Billy. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/352 Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell suggesting that the Aborigines should be driven back beyond Marlow Creek for the protection of the residents of the town and surrounding district. Also includes related reports from Sub-Inspector Blakeney of the Native Police. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/495 Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated January 1, 1865, which mainly reports on an expedition into the country surrounding the settlement. Jardine also makes an observation on Aboriginal customs: Hitherto my native guide was in a land unknown to him, it is strange how the tribes confine themselves to such narrow limits by land, and beyond the general knowledge that every native possesses was of little use as a guide. But soon after we came upon a large native camping place, which he recognised and from here we proceeded on". Also mentions that the inhabitants of Prince of Wales Island call

themselves the Kororigas. And that a white man has been living with the natives of Banks Island. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/499 Correspondence from the Bowen district in relation to alleged murders and outrages committed by the Aborigines at Natal Downs and Cape River and a request for Native Police protection. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/513 Telegrams in relation to a request from the NSW government for "blacktrackers". It is suggested that Lieutenant Wheeler would be the best officer to send with them but the last telegram advises that "Sub-Inspector Nutting goes down by Clarence tomorrow with three troopers"[Z6410]

COL/A64 65/550 Application from David Franks at the Native Police Barracks, North Creek for a position as a Clerk of Petty Sessions. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/557 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 27, 1865 advising that Sub-Inspector Blakeney had been ordered by Sub-Inspector Murray to proceed from Cardwell to Rockhampton and while he was away his troopers had deserted. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/575 Letter from Lieutenant Wheeler dated March 6, 1865 advising that Mr White has requested that the Native Police patrol towards the Tweed River. Wheeler states that he is ready to go if instructed. [Z6410]

COL/A64 65/594 Letter from the stockholders of the Warrego district requesting increased Native Police protection. They suggest that Lieutenant Frederick Carr's section should be moved from Bungil Creek (Roma) to reinforce Lieutenant Lambert at Yo Yo and another section could find constant employment on the lower Warrego and Paroo River "where the blacks are extremely troublesome". [Z6410]

COL/A65 65/606 Letter from William Spooner at Bowen requesting a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6423]

COL/A65 65/607 The file contains a map showing the location of the Native Police paddock in Rockhampton. [6423]

COL/A65 65/623 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jimmy, J Milford and Jackey. [Z6423]

COL/A65 65/848 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 7, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and J Milford. [Z6488]

COL/A66 65/917 Letter from Victor Nissen in Sydney requesting a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/935 Petition from the magistrates, squatters and other residents of the Warrego district protesting against the proposed removal of the Native Police. They suggest "your memorialists will be left at the mercy of the most savage tribes

of blacks in the colony and the prospects of your memorialists thereby materially injured and the progress of the district retarded". [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1044 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police sent from Brisbane and dated May 5, 1865 advising that he is going to set aside some of the Native Police trooper's ration allowance to pay for the supply of rations to their wives. [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1070 Judges notes in the case of The Queen v Jemmy. Jemmy was convicted of rape at Ipswich on April 25, 1865 and sentenced to death. [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1078 Vouchers for supplies to Lieutenant Walker of the Native Police. [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1108 Letter from John Ker Wilson offering to organise the necessary supplies for Lieutenant Walker's expedition to the Gulf Of Carpentaria. [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1118 Letter from the Reverend Love sent from Brisbane and dated May 11, 1865 advising that he can arrange for two Moravian missionaries to come to Queensland to help with the "amelioration" of the Aborigines [Z6534]

COL/A66 65/1121 Letter from the Bench in Dalby dated May 6, 1865 advising that the blankets have been distributed to the Aborigines of the district, but that there were not enough. There is a request for a further 50 blankets. [Z6534]

COL/A67 65/1228 Correspondence in relation to a dispute between a Surveyor named Davidson and the Sub-Inspector at the Native Police Barracks on the Mary River. The dispute was over access to the Barracks. [Z6540]

COL/A67 65/1246 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated May 25, 1865 recommending promotions for Native Police officers Morisset, Browne, Pascheu, Coward and Williams. [Z6540]

COL/A67 65/1255 Letter from Donald Blow at Dunwich dated May 19, 1865 complaining against an order to move the Aboriginal camp because the Aborigines would probably move to Cleveland or elsewhere and he will lose his boat crew. He is also concerned that because his wife is related to some of the Aborigines at present in the camp her relations will not be able to visit her.

COL/A67 65/1265 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Rockhampton dated May 22, 1865 advising that an Aboriginal man named Pompey has been murdered. He states that Pompey was buried before any inquest into his death was ordered and suggests that the body should be exhumed and an examination conducted. "Were the corpse that of a white man the outcry for the strictest investigation would be loud". [Z6540]

COL/A67 65/1269 Petition from the residents of Cardwell dated May 8, 1865 requesting that Inspector Murray of the Native Police Force not be transferred. They suggest that Murray's "exertions in affording security have been crowned with complete success around Cardwell ... had not it been for the indomitable

perseverance, utter disregard of personal fatigue and great practical experience the results now apparent could not have been accomplished". They suggest that the "natives still muster in large numbers on the main road to the interior, and in outlying districts, and there will be an imperative necessity for the services of an experienced officer". [Z6540]

COL/A67 65/1280 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated May 27, 1865 advising that Lieutenant Murray is leaving for Sydney to procure recruits for the Native Police Force and that he be allowed to draw 250 pounds to cover the expenses. [Z6540]

COL/A67 65/1335 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Leyburn (Warwick district) dated May 30, 1865: "I have the honour to draw your attention to the following viz That the Bench of Magistrates here have had no blankets to be distributed amongst the aboriginal natives, supplied to them this year". A note from the Colonial Secretary informs that they must apply to either Drayton or Warwick Bench for the blankets. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1372 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated June 7, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Johnny Milford. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1416 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, from Brisbane and dated June 12, 1865 recommending that Inspector Murray of the Native Police Force be paid a travelling allowance. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1421 Letter from Ratcliffe Pring, the Attorney General, dated June 12, 1865 advising that the Supreme Court has ruled that an Aborigine named Jemmy will be tried again at the next Ipswich Circuit Court. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1444 Correspondence in relation to the admission of an Aborigine named Billy to the Lunatic Asylum. The correspondence suggests that Billy was from Rockhampton. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1451 Report from Frank Jardine, the Police Magistrate at Somerset, dated May 1, 1865. Paragraph 6 describes his family's overland journey to get to Somerset and states that the Aborigines were "annoying them on every favourable opportunity and on one occasion, the crossing of the Mitchell River, opposing so obstinately that a considerable number were shot". In Paragraph 8 Jardine comments that his sons have formed a station at Newcastle Bay and are on friendly terms with the Aborigines who have worked with them to cut tracks through the scrub to Somerset. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1478 Large file containing Native Police correspondence in relation to a complaint from Inspector Murray against Inspector Price for leaving his command at the Mackenzie River without being relieved by another officer. [Z6542]

COL/A67 65/1482 Report from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated May 31, 1865 advising that a Schooner has been found on the beach to the north of the settlement and had been set on fire, probably by the Aborigines. [Z6542]

COL/A68 65/1533 Report on the settlement of Somerset at Cape York from Frank Jardine the Police Magistrate dated March 1, 1865. The report goes into some detail about Aboriginal customs, tribal boundaries, native food, spirituality and material culture. For instance, Page 4 states that several of the species of the numerous climbing plants produce a strong fibre from which the Aborigines make fishing lines; Page 8 states that the Green Turtle is the principle food of the Aborigines and describes how they, and other species of turtle, are caught. Page 13 and 14 make some observations on the customs and physiology of the Aborigines including body markings and tooth removal, the septum of the nose being pierced with a dugong bone on "state occasions", large holes are cut in the ears and a piece of wood inserted, cutting their hair off very close once a year, which is decorated with feathers and worn at Corroborees. Page 14 also mentions the making of shelters and hunting implements, Page 15: they throw spears with a woomera, stone axes are used but the boomerang and nulla nulla are unknown to them; the construction of canoes, Page 17: the Gudaug tribe claim the land from Cape York to Fly Point and are small in number having been seriously thinned by their neighbours the Kororegas from Prince of Wales Island, the Goomkoding tribe live on the north west shore, the Yadaijau tribe inhabit the south side of Newcastle Bay and the Kennedy River, the Undooyamo the north side. Page 20 and 21 briefly mention the people of Banks Island, Mulgrave Island, Darnley Island, beche de mer fishing, establishing a Mission. [Z6536]

COL/A68 65/1563 Correspondence relating to the suspension of Inspector Frederick Carr of the Native Police for sacking Sergeant Graham and employing Bernard Carvey in his place. [Z6536]

COL/A68 65/1678 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated July 6, 1865. The return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Tommy. [Z6538]

COL/A69 65/1836 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell dated June 17, 1865 advising that cedar timber has been found on Hinchinbrook Island and asking if the government still intends to keep the island as a reserve for Aborigines. [Z6546]

COL/A69 65/1892 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated July 26, 1865 in relation to the impounding of Native Police horses by Mr Archer. "As there are no paddocks attached to the several Native Police Camps the troopers are liable, if this be permitted, to find themselves at any time without horses and consequently useless". [Z6546]

COL/A69 65/1897 Correspondence in relation to the supply of rations to Native Police troopers. [Z6546]

COL/A69 65/2059 Certificate of discharge from the Lunatic Asylum, Brisbane dated August 11, 1865 for an Aboriginal woman named Nancy. [Z6546]

COL/A69 65/2077 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated August 14, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Corney, Tommy and Jemmy. [Z6546]

COL/A70 65/2230 Letter from Sub-Inspector Morisset of the Native Police for an advance of two months pay because he is about to go to Sydney on leave. [Z6550]

COL/A70 65/2268 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated August 1865 forwarding a copy of the Regulations for the Native Police Force for approval. A copy of the regulations is not in the file. [Z6552]

COL/A70 65/2271 Telegram from Inspector Murray of the Native Police from Deniliquin and dated August 28, 1865 requesting that 50 pounds be deposited in his account in either Melbourne or Sydney. He also advises: "expect to start Wednesday with twenty men". [Z6552]

COL/A70 65/2284 Letter from Oscar de Satge in Clermont dated August 14, 1865 complaining that J. Wheeler purchased a horse from him which he then sold to Lieutenant Owen of the Native Police. The final bank note for payment of the horse has been dishonoured. [Z6552]

COL/A70 65/2338 Letter from Matthew Dickson in Bowen dated August 28, 1865 applying for a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6552]

COL/A70 65/2390 Letter from Inspector Murray sent from Rockhampton and dated August 31, 1865: "I have the honor to request that you will inform me as soon as possible what authority I have to stop persons from encouraging troopers to desert from the Native Mounted Police and afterwards employing them – and what steps I shall take should troopers in such case desert?" [Z6552]

COL/A71 65/2408 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated September 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists three Aboriginal men: Tommy, Corney and Jemmy. A Jemmy is also listed on the return showing punishments inflicted. [Z6554]

COL/A71 65/2410 Letter from John Browning sent from Boolyjan, Burnett district dated September 11, 1865 in relation to his request for a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6554]

COL/A71 65/2412 Correspondence in relation to a request from Doctor Walthardt for payment for medical attendance and medicines for the Aborigines of the Nanango district. [Z6554]

COL/A71 65/2433 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, sent from Brisbane and dated September 19, 1865 advising that the recent orders to patrol the Warrego River and Barcoo River and the increase in the numbers of Native Police troopers has made it necessary to purchase more horses. He requests additional funding to buy the horses because all the funds allocated for the year have been expended. [Z6554]

COL/A71 65/2453 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated September 21, 1865 advising that Inspector Murray has requested 185 pounds for repairs to the Native Police barracks in the northern region. He also recommends that an experienced officer should be stationed at Rockingham Bay because "recent events have shewn that it would be injudicious to withdraw the Native Police

altogether from the district". He also briefly mentions procuring horses for the recruits from New South Wales. [Z6554]

COL/A71 65/2540 Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated June 30, 1865 advising that "the aborigines have not behaved so well lately ... considering all the kindness they received from Mr Jardine and afterwards myself"; all the Aborigines have gone away to a small island off Cape York for some reason; the Aborigines have been "troublesome amongst Mr Jardine's cattle". [Z6555]

COL/A71 65/2644 Telegram from J. Beach at the Quarantine Station, Dunwich dated October 10, 1865 advising that "Donald called on me this morning reported himself as having left quarantine service. Has gone over to Peel Island with his effects and blackfellows". [Z6555]

COL/A71 65/2649 Brisbane Gaol returns. The return showing punishments inflicted in September 1865 lists one Aboriginal man: Jemmy. [Z6555]

COL/A71 65/2677 Petition from the residents of the Port Curtis, Broadsound and north of the Fitzroy River requesting an increase in Native Police numbers because "the daring character of the blacks of late is most alarming, several Europeans have been most dastardly murdered and we live in daily dread". [Z6555]

COL/A72 65/2908 Correspondence in relation to the execution of an Aboriginal man named Jacky. Jacky was sentenced in the Maryborough Court of Assizes on September 15, 1865 with the murder of Ann Lee and executed at the Brisbane Gaol on November 3, 1865. [Z6558]

COL/A72 65/2962 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 6, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists two Aboriginal men: Corney and Tommy. [Z6558]

COL/A72 65/2993 Correspondence re the shipwreck of the Nightingale at the mouth of the Burkekin River and an attack by Aborigines.

COL/A72 65/2996 The file contains a telegram from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated November 9, 1865 advising that Aborigines had robbed the Quarantine Camp on Woody Island and that he and the Native Police will investigate immediately. The file also contains a report from the Police Magistrate dated November 10, 1865 advising that he has visited the camp on Woody Island and that the reports of the attack are greatly exaggerated. However, "there is no doubt the blacks robbed the place and threw boomerangs and waddies but no spears; it also appears pretty certain one black was killed by the blow of a spade". [Z6558]

COL/A73 65/3178 Telegram from William Landsborough sent from Rockhampton and dated November 1865: "The Sub-Inspector and Coxswain on route to Carpenteria will require advances and the troopers will require advance for rations on the road [Native Police?] how are these to be made". [Z6560]

COL/A73 65/3222 Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated October 31, 1865. Page 10 and 11 mention that a "collision" had taken place between the Aborigines and the people in charge of the settlement cattle and that they were

slightly injured; page 12 mentions that the Aborigines "have been making themselves useful in various ways. They are not permitted to come into the settlement, but two or three are employed at the cattle station". [Z6560]

COL/A73 65/3225 Correspondence in relation to the alleged shooting of an Aborigine named Blind Charley by the Native Police at the Calliope Goldfields. Includes depositions from several witnesses who state that he was shot and reports from Sub-Inspector Beevor denying that he or his troopers were responsible. The correspondence also mentions an Aboriginal man named Peter and an Aboriginal presence in the Kroombit and Callide Creek districts. [Z6560]

COL/A73 65/3286 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated December 5, 1865. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists one Aboriginal man: Corney. [Z6560]

COL/A74 65/3366 Correspondence from John MacArthur of Leyburn requesting that an Aborigine named Billy be given a brass plate and blankets for his help in apprehending Richard Dawson for horse stealing. Also mentions that Billy is an inhabitant of McIntyre Brook and that Billy and his tribe had previously helped to track the man who robbed the Callandoon mail. [Z6561]

COL/A75 66/131 Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated January 16, 1866 advising that an Aborigine named Baboon has died in Brisbane Gaol. A note in the margin advises that "Baboon an aboriginal admitted in gaol 15 December 1865 for trial at Maryborough in March 1866". [Z6575]

COL/A75 66/147 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated January 16, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Tommy, Jemmy, Charlie and Tommy (no.2). [Z6575]

COL/A76 66/391 Letter from Sub-Inspector Owen from Brisbane and dated January 8, 1866 advising that he has retired from the Native Police Force due to ill health and requesting a position in another government department. [Z6803]

COL/A76 66/410 Letter from Joseph Ward the Health Officer in Maryborough dated February 7, 1866. Briefly mentions that he administers medicines to Aborigines. [Z6802]

COL/A76 66/413 Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Banana dated January 30, 1866 complaining that last year the blankets for the Aborigines were distributed to the owners of seven stations and that some ended up for sale in the store of one of the recipients, others were cut up and used as saddle blankets. To stop this practice he suggests that this year the blankets should be distributed to the Aborigines personally at the Courthouse. [Z6802]

COL/A76 66/414 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Springsure dated January 29, 1866 requesting police protection because there have been several deaths in the Tambo district attributable to the Aborigines. He suggests that the monthly patrols by the Native Police are inadequate. [Z6802]

COL/A76 66/428 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated February 10, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy, Charlie and Tommy (no.2). [Z6802]

COL/A76 66/434 Letter dated February 14, 1866 requesting permission for Inspector Marlow [Native Police?] to travel to Belyando in search of Mr Leichhardt. [Z6802]

COL/A76 66/549 Letter from James Gilmour dated November 25, 1886 requesting a position in the Native Police Force. Gilmour states that "pending your reply Mr Wheeler Inspector NMP has given me charge of seven troopers in order to at once patrol the roads between Roma, Taroom and Condamine, with a view to arresting bushrangers, who have lately been robbing the mails". The file also contains a report from Fredrick Wheeler advising that he has temporarily hired James Gilmour and recommending him for a position in the Native Police. [Z6804]

COL/A76 66/553 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated February 22, 1866 requesting instructions on what to do with Native Police Inspector Frederick Carr. Carr was suspended and after having his suspension lifted went on sick leave. During this time he was on full pay. Seymour is concerned that this is not fair to the junior officers who have to perform Carr's duties in his absence. [Z6804]

COL/A77 66/608 Report from the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Somerset dated December 4, 1865. Mentions that "the aborigines are not so numerous in the immediate vicinity of the settlement as formerly, the few remaining seem anxious to continue on friendly terms with the whites, in this, I encourage as much as possible due caution being always observed". [Z6804]

COL/A77 66/677 Letter from the Colonial Storekeeper dated February 5, 1866 forwarding a return (in file) which shows the number of Aboriginal blankets issued to the Bench in each district. [Z6804]

COL/A77 66/727 Returns from Rockhampton Gaol for February 1866. Return of prisoners received and confined lists an Aborigine named Frank Nicoll. He is also listed on the return showing prisoners discharged. [Z6804]

COL/A77 66/771 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated March 13, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy and Charlie. [Z6805]

COL/A77 66/857 Correspondence from the Maryborough Bench of Magistrates in relation to the want of police protection and accusations that Sub-Inspector Freudenthal is inefficient and has been disrespectful. They ask that a detachment of Native Police be stationed in the district under a competent officer. [Z6805]

COL/A77 66/870 Annual Report of the Police Force. Page 4 briefly mentions the proposed staffing structure for the Native Police. Appendix A, showing the distribution of the Police Force, has entries for the Native Police Force. [Z6805]

COL/A78 66/1008 Letter from ex Native Police Force Inspector Frederick Carr dated April 5, 1866 requesting a pension. Carr was retired due to ill health and in the letter he gives some examples of the arduous life he was required to lead, which lead to his present ill health. [Z6806]

COL/A78 66/1027 The file contains a letter (66/968) from the Police Department recommending that a writ be forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Warrego district to enable Henry Browne, an Inspector in the Native Police Force, to be sworn in as a Justice of the Peace. [Z6806]

COL/A78 66/1033 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated April 10, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists four Aboriginal men: Corney, Jemmy, Tommy and Charlie. [Z6806]

COL/A78 66/1056 Letter from the Sheriff's Office, Brisbane dated April 14, 1866 advising that an Aborigine named Tommy Skyring died in the Brisbane Gaol on April 13, 1866. Tommy was admitted to goal on April 4, 1866. [Z6806]

COL/A78 66/1075 Letter from Arthur Lewis at St Georges Bridge (St George) dated February 27, 1866 complaining about the incompetence of a Police Officer in searching for his shepherd, who had gone missing on Wallum Station. Briefly mentions that the officer had an excellent Native Tracker. [Z6806]

COL/A78 66/1118 Returns from Rockhampton Gaol. The return showing the prisoners discharged during the month of March lists one Aboriginal man named Jacky. [Z6807]

COL/A78 66/1183 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated April 25, 1866 in relation to the distribution of blankets to the Aborigines of Fraser Island. [Z6807]

COL/A79 66/1213 Letter from David Seymour, the Commissioner of Police, dated April 30, 1866 recommending the formation of a Native Police Station at Mount McConnell. "This has already been urged upon me by Mr Chalmers of Avon Downs on whose run several murders have been committed by the blacks. Should you approve Sub-Inspector Uhr will shortly be available for this duty". [Z6807]

COL/A79 66/1323 Correspondence from the Mackenzie River Native Police Camp in relation to an application by Mr Stokes for a position in the Native Police Force. [Z6807]

COL/A79 66/1325 Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in St Lawrence dated May 1, 1866 asking, are "Trackers and Troopers of the Native Police, and Aborigines in the employ of private persons as servants – entitled to receive Government blankets? I am further instructed to mention that all Aborigines in this neighbourhood, other than those above mentioned, are thoroughly wild, and no communication with them is possible". [Z6807]

COL/A79 66/1441 Report from the Police Magistrate in Dalby dated May 26, 1866 in relation to the shooting of an Aborigine. He states that the police went to the "black camp between Duck Ponds and Broadwater Creek" to apprehend two Aborigines named Johnny and Yorkey who were suspected of spearing cattle. Johnny was fatally wounded in the encounter. The report also states that there were between 400 and 500 Aborigines assembled at the camp "for the purpose of holding one of their mystical gatherings for the initiation of young men into manhood privileges". They had collected from Callendoon, Wallumbilla, Condamine, Chinchilla, Juandah, Barranduran, Bundumba, Weranga and Burnett River". Two of these Aborigines are named as Warraby from Jimbour and Tommy from Yandilla. [Z6808]

COL/A79 66/1471 Return from the Police Magistrate in Leyburn dated May 29, 1866 listing the names of the Aborigines who were issued with blankets at the Police Office, Leyburn on April 24 and 26, 1866: Charlotte, Maria, Jenny Lind, Kate, Mary, George, Charlie, Willie, Boco Jacky, Cambell, Paddy, Jimmy, You and Jacky. [Z6808]

COL/A80 66/1547 Blanket return from the Police Magistrate in Maryborough dated June 6, 1866 advising that 86 pairs of blankets were distributed at the Courthouse and 14 pairs were distributed to the Aborigines of Fraser Island. [Z6808]

COL/A80 66/1632 Letter from the Police Magistrate in Banana stating that an additional 25 blankets are required for the Banana area. On May 22 "a very large number ? assembled before the courthouse" but many Aborigines had to go away empty-handed. File note states "no more blankets can be offered". [Z6809]

COL/A80 66/1739 Report from the Police Magistrate in Nanango dated June 25, 1866 stating that 40 blankets have been distributed to the Aborigines at the Courthouse. [Z6809]

COL/A80 66/1742 Report from the Police Magistrate in Roma dated June 21, 1866 advising that the 25 blankets on hand were distributed to 50 Aborigines. "About as many more went away without being furnished with blankets". He suggests that next year at least 50 pairs of blankets should be sent. [Z6809]

COL/A81 66/1842 Petition from the squatters in the Mitchell district asking for Native Police protection because the Aborigines of the Barcoo River, Alice River and Thompson River have "evinced a very troublesome and hostile spirit". [Z6809]

COL/A82 66/2326 Letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Surat stating that the blankets have been distributed to 50 Aborigines and that they received half a blanket each. [Z6813]

COL/A83 66/2491 Report from the Police Magistrate at Somerset dated August 18 1866 requesting that a detachment of Native Police be stationed there. Names mentioned include the Gudang tribe, Peter, Haricorn and Charley.

COL/A84 66/2714 Correspondence from the Police Magistrate in Cardwell regarding the delivery of blankets to the Native Police.

COL/A84 66/2828 Correspondence from the Reverend W Larkin writing from Roma concerning the possibility of a grant of land for an Aboriginal Station. His initial idea is to make a house available "to receive the children of the Blacks from two to four years old".

COL/A85 66/3123 Letter from the Visiting Justice to Brisbane Gaol dated November 9, 1866. The attached return showing how prisoners sentenced to hard labour were employed lists five Aboriginal men: Johnny, Yorkey, Bobby, Blue Jacket and Prince Albert.

COL/A85 66/3214 Correspondence in relation to a request from Mr McLennand for the Native Police to disperse the Aborigines on Leura Station. Includes a report from Sub-Inspector Pashen of the Mackenzie River Native Police detachment detailing his patrol of the district.

COL/A85 66/3221 Correspondence regarding the dismissal of Native Police Officer Watterston.

COL/A86 66/3412 Correspondence about an Aboriginal man named "Melton" or "Melon" from Maryborough in relation to the payment of his allowance. There is a disagreement whether his allowance should be paid by the Harbourmaster or by the Native Police Force. The Police Commissioner's letter states that "In consequence of the reduction in estimates for the coming year, over thirty Native Police troopers, amongst them the whole Maryborough detachment, have been struck off and it seems inconsistent to reduce the proper force and at the same time keep in pay a man in another department in no way connected with the Police Force".