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Papers Of George Augustus Robinson - Miscellanea - 1829-1833

'1831 Tasmania On the sealers located on the Islands in the Straits Expd in 1831':
notes relating to the sealers in Bass Strait and their native women, May-June 1831

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Names and Descriptions of Persons found residing upon the different Islands in the Straits and who have been warned to quit those Islands as also to deliver up the Native women in their possession that they may be placed at the Estbmt. agreeably to the Lieut. Governors instructions to that effect.

Descriptions

Gun Carriage Islands

Thomas Baily – Five feet 8 in. Fair complexion – age 52 – has a cut on the tip of His nose. Sealer 8 years. Place of resort – Gun Carriage. Came to the Colony Per Atlas free – an English man one native woman who has been taken and placed under the care of the Establishment.

John Riddle Alias Long Jack – 5 ft.11 in Long features Roman nose dark Brown Hair Darl whiskers age 47 – Sealer 12 years place of resort Gun Carriage one native woman whom he has concealed.

James Thompson 5ft 6in light hair Light whiskers age 32 came to the Colony free Native of England Place of resort Gun Carriage

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had 3 women Natives of V.D.L. two of which have been taken and placed under the care of the Establishment the other is concealed this man has been most active in forcibly taking away Ntv women from the main – whom he has bartered for Seal Skins amongst his associates.

William Proctor 5ft 9in – light Brown Hair Small red whiskers Age 35 Stoutly made Sealer 3 years came to the Colony free one Ntv woman at present concealed. Place of resort Gun Carriage.

Thomas Tucker 5ft 8in – Brown Hair red whiskers Age 40 Sealer 8 years. Place of resort Gun Carriage. One native woman at present concealed – this man has been most active in forcibly taking away native women and who a few years since deliberately shot two male Aborigines on the main, whilst they were seated at a fire and of which he makes a Boast he appears a ringleader amongst his Associates and bears

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a notorious Character is said to have been accessory to the pillage of the Sloop Margaret situated a few years since at Penguin Island.

Edward Mansell Alias Sydney – 5ft 9in Light Brown Hair Light Whiskers age 40 – Sealer 6 years. Place of resort Gun Carriage one native woman who has been taken and placed in the Estbmt.

John Mirey – 5ft 10in – Black wooley Hair Dark whiskers age 30 Nt. of Otehatie Sealer 11 years place of resort Gun Carriage one Nt. Woman who has been taken and placed at the Estbmt.

Charles Peterson 5ft 6in. Light Brown Hair light whiskers age 45 – an Invalid Sealer 8 years Place of resort Gun Carriage one native Woman at present concealed. Peterson states that he took this woman away when she was only a child about 8 years of age and has cohabited with her ever since

Willian Slack 5 ft 8 in – Light Brown Hair Dark whiskers Slightly made age 31 Nt. of Ireland Sealer 6 years Place of resort Gun Carriage. 1 Abgnl. female at present concealed.

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William Johnson 5ft 4in Stoutly made Dark brown Hair dark whiskers Light Hazel eyes age 29 – Nt. of England Sealer 9 years – Place of resort Gun Carriage – this man is in possn. of Petersons woman she having been promised to him

John Smith – 5ft 8in Light Brown Hair light whiskers age 45 Sealer 14 years Place of resort Gun Carriage – one nt. woman who has been delivered up and placed under the care of the Establishment. This man has been instrumental in forcibly taking off Native women from the Main. Smith states that he gave the Aboriginal female name Boatswain to Proctor.

Richard Maynard 5ft 6in – Light Hair and whiskers small features age 40 Sealer 6 years Place of resort Gun Carriage Island – one native woman who has been taken and Placed at the Estbmt.

John Beadon 5ft 9in Black Hair Dark whiskers age 45 Sealing 7 years

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Place of resort Gun Carriage, has been a convict in the Colony. Says that he has been free about 7 years. This man had one Abgl female who has been delivered up to the Estbmt. Beadon states that this woman had been forcly. taken away from the main (originally) by a Sealer named John Harrington and that he Beadon obtained her from Tucker at Dog Island.

Woody Island

George Robinson – 5ft 9in fair compt. Brn Hair Blind of the right eye Pimple on the right side of the nose age 63 – resided on Kings Island 9 years and 6 months and on Woody Island for the last 3 years – Came free to the Colony is a Nt of England had 2 Abgnl femls who have been taken and placed under the care of the Estbmt. Place of resort Woody Isld is the oldest sealer in the Straits.

James Everitt 5ft 9in Fr Complt – light Brown Hair light Hazel eyes age 29 – Sealer 11 years Place of resort Woody Island one Nt woman who has been taken and placed at the Estbmt. This mans character is infamous having been guilty of murder

in deliberately shooting an Abgnl female on Woody Island at a recent period came to the Colony free Per Echo a Whaler.

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Preservation Island

James Munro - 5ft 5in Light Hair fair complx. Age 51 sealer 12 years resided on Preservation 9 years, cheif subsistence by trafficking with the sealers came to the Colony in royal Admiral 2nd free one abgnl female who has been delivered up and placed under the care of the Estbmt. This man at a former Period was conspicuous in forcibly taking nt. women from the main-

James Thomas alias Longtom, - 5ft 10 in, Blk Hair Dark grey eyes stout made scar on his nose Age 57. Nt. of England Place of resort Presvtn Island Sealer 2 years formerly Pilot at Launceston two Abgnl females at present conceald

Kents Group

John Anderson Alias Abyssinia Jack 5 ft 7in Grey Hair Age 50 came free to the colony- Per Archduke Charles Prison Ship Nth of England had rendezvoud for several years at Kangaroo Island Place of resort Kents Group had 2 Abgnl females Nt.

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of the N W of new Holland and whom he forcibly took away from their Country and has for many years been cohabitating with them also forcibly took away a male adolesent from same Country, one of these women named Emma has been delivered up and has been placed under the care of the Establishment. The other is at present concealed as also the lad whose name is Praree.

Michall Richards -5ft 8in- Slightly made Dark Hazel eyes long features Age 27- native of Sydney Sealer 2 ½ years Place of resort Kents Group one Nt woman of V.D.L. at present concealed

Thomas Bleak- 5ft 6in- light Hair Light Hazel eyes Slight made age 16-Native of Sidney sealer-2 1/2-years- Place of resort Kents Group

John Day Alias Wm Day 5 Ft 9 in- fair complexion Sandy Hair Light whiskers Pimple on the left cheek age 40- place of resort Kents Group-Sealer 7 years had resided 3 years on ~~Kents~~ Hogans group has ~~an~~ no Abgn female

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John Taylor- 5ft 8in-Black and Wolly Hair Mullatto Nt of America Sealer +2 month age 38 place of Resort Kent group one female a Nt of New Zealand at present conceal'd -

- Hunters Islands -

John Mytie - 5 ft 9 in - Stout made - age 35 - Native of New Zealand is island sealer 7 years Has 2 abgn females at present concealed - Place of resort Hercules Islands

Robt Drew – 5 ft 5 ins Nt. of England – has been a Convict in the Colony and is [indecipherable] by servitude Place of resort Hunter Islands – one Abgn female who had been taken and placed at the Establishment

Edward Tomlins – 5 ft 8 in stout made ½ Cast Nt of the Colony – one Nt woman who has been taken and placed at the Establishment place of work Hunters Island he has been clearly employed a Sealing.

John Kelly 5 ft 5 in Stout made age 35

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has 2 Abg Nt females at present concealed. Had been a sealer for several years. The afore mentioned individuals I have personally conferred with and give the necessary warning to quit the Islands in the Straits as also to deliver up all such Nt women as they might have in their possession in order to their being placed under the care of Govtnt at the Estbmt

Signed – G A Robinson

Swan Island May 1831

Wm Dobson – Has 2 Abgn females at present concealed has been a Sealer for Several years. Place of resort Hunters Islands

John Williams Alias Norfk Island Jack – Has been a sealer for Several years Place of resort ~~Hunters Island~~ Kent Group had at a recent period 3 Abgn females Nt of ~~John Williams~~ V.D.L. one a young woman - ~~Alias N~~ native of Brune Island who was one of those females forcibly taken from her Country by a man of Colour named Baker and who was afterwards shot by a Sealer named Robt Gambell at Kents Group supposed maliciously by

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this Gambell is the same indivl that shot an Abgn female at Hunters Islands the other woman named Myteayer – Alias Jan as also a Child about 9 years of age named ruth who are still living with him and whom he has concealed this latter indivl had been forcibly taken away at a resen Period from her tribe at Robinsons Island by a Sealer man

Jno Morgan – Alias Hughes supposed to be an Absente Convict this individual conveyed her to Kents Group and afterwards sold her to Williams this man is also supposed to be an absentee Convict.

John Morgan Alias Hughes – a Sealer Place of resort Kents Group supposed to be an Absente Convict Has one Abgn female Nt of Van D.L. named Jill at present Concealed. This indivl has been employed for Several years in the Straits and at one period rendez. round at Western Park at present resides

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on Kings Islands. This man has 4 Abgn females Nt of V.D.L. –

It is reported that there are several Absente Convicts on Kings Isld as also at Western Port and Kangr Island – at the latter place it is supposed that they are more in numbers –on this Island there are 13 Abgn females Nt of V.D.L. who have been conveyed thither by these individuals denominated Sealers –

Signed – G.A. Robinson

May – 1831

Average numbers of Seal Skins obtained by the following individuals during the Seasons of 1829 and 1830

	Skins
By Thomas – Brown – Fisher and Turnbull -	120
Thomas Ticker Everett and proctor -	140
Beaton Knowles Biddle & crew -	140
Maynard Stack Myra & Davis -	140
	540

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	Skins
Brought over -	540
John Williams and crew -	150
Dobson and Do -	282
	972

	Skins
In Novbr & December 1830 -	
By Brown Williams Proctor Drew Tomlins Tucker	
Baily Mansfield -	131
Turnbul Beaton and Thomas -	27
	158

Average Nos of skins obtained by each individual

By Thomas and Crew - Skins Each man
 Thomson Do - (4 in no) 30
 Beaton Do - (4 in Do) 35
 Williams Do - (4 in Do) 35
 Dobson Do - (4 in Do) 47
 Brown and Do (9 in Do) 19 Novr.
 Beaton and Do (3 in Do) 9 Dec 1830

This statement was furnished me by Twinbull a Sealer and this Breif will tend to show that

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these individuals – cannot subsist entirely by sealing As the average for the last year Per each indivld as not exceeded £14

May 1831 – Signed G.A. Robinson

Names of the Abgn females formally cohabiting with the Sealers and who are now placed under the care of the Estbmt at GunCarriage Island

Wore te mac te yen ner

Ware – Mo – deen – ner Alias Pung about 40 years of age is a Nt of Cape Portland was forcibly taken from her Country by a Sealer name George Briggs by whom she had 3 children who are still living. Briggs afterwards sold her to John Thomas alias Long Tom for a Guinea this man is still living in Launceston and is employed as

Sealman on Board of Griffiths Schooner this woman informed me that she saw the Sealers rob the Marg. Sloop which was stranded on Penquins Island Says that Tucker stole the Boat belonging to the Sloop ~~This woman had a Husband~~ and concealed it on Cape B

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~~amongst the Blacks~~ together with ropes Sails and various articles and that Thomson and a Sealer name little Charly took property away belonging to the Sloop – This woman had a Husband amongst the Blacks

Drum – mer – ner – loo - ner Alias Jumbo about 19 years of age is a Nt of little Swan Port was forcibly taken from her country when a child by James Munro who has cohabited with her ever since

Drome – deen – en – ner – Alias Mary about 19 years of age a Nt of Swanport was forcibly taken from her Country by James Munro from whom she absconded and succeeded in joining her tribe and was captured during the late Extradition Two other women also who were taken from their Country by the above named individuals the one name individual The one named Mir – ner – man –ner- man ner – me – ner who at present is

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at Kings Island.

Plore – ner – noop – per – ner Alias Jock Age 26 Nt of Piper river was forcibly taken away from her Country by Michael McKensy a Sealer who has since been drowned together with another Sealer on the North Side of Great Islands where McKensy was drowned this woman and 2 others who belonged to the deceased was reclaimed by Thomson[?] as his own property

This woman states that Thomson was in the habit of Beating her frequently with a stick. Said that he used to tie the other women up and gag them this woman has a Husband amongst the Blacks

Ting – noo – ter – rer ~~run-ne~~ Alias Tib – age 25 Nt of Cape Portland was forcibly taken from her Country when a girl by James Parish subsequently Pilot at Launceston says that Parish sold her to John Smith for 4 Seal Skins and that Smith afterwards sold her to George Robinson on Woody Island from whom she has been removed

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and placed at the Estbmt says that Robinson was in the Habit of Beating her with sticks

Ten – cote ner Mane – ner – Alias Smoker 5 ft 9 in – Stout made age 30 – Nt of the Disrt of Oyster Bay was forcibly taken from her Country aby Richd Maynard a Sealer. has got a Husband amongst the Blacks by whom she had children Maynd give the woman afterwards to a Sealer name John Riddle alias Long Jack, she afterwards endeavoured to make her escape and was taken and flogged was taken and placed at the Estabmt.

Tare – le – bone – yer – Alias Sall aabout 24 years of age Nt of Swan Pt was forcibly taken away from her Country by Jno Bron who has been subsequently drowned at Clarkes Island reef is at present at the Establishment had a

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Husband a Chief among the Blacks whom She met with among those those Abl whom I subseqtly brought in from Georges River with whom she his now staying

Mey-ber-Mue-win-ner alias Tekartee About 22 years of age Nt. Swan Pl. is Sister to Tan-le-bone-yer was forcibly taken away from her Country by John Herrin he sold her to John Myre Nt. Otht. for some Seal Skins, was married and Had a Husband arranged amongst the Blacks was taken and placed at the Estbmt.

Wore-ter-loke-Kote-yer. Alias Isaac. About 25 years of age Nt. Of CPortld. [Cap. Portland] was taken away from her County by - Alias little Charly Had a husband amongst the Blacks by whom she had 3 Children when taken away. Sold her to a Sealer [insert: this woman was living with a sealer named E Mansell alias Sydney is taken and placed at the Est.]

Ghone-ne-yan-ne-nar 39 years Native of the District of Ben Lomand was forcibly taken away from her Country by a man of Colour name Baker

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had a husband amongst the Blacks by whom she had several Childrn.

A short time Prior to the Militarys operations against the Aborigines Parish had been despatched to the Straits by the authorities of Launceston for the Purpose of Obtaining some Nt. woman to to accompy. the Parties as Guides through the Bush but the Sealers declined redering up their Women two was afterwards obtained from Gun Carriage one of whom was Ghone-ne-yan-ne-ner attended to the third individual was given to them by Munroe – Ghone-ne-yan-ne-nar afterwards effected her escape from parish whilst he was at pipers river – whilst he was conveying her to Launceston and succeeded in joining her tribe she afterwards was obtained by me together

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with other Nt. at a distance of about 60 Miles from where she absconded she is now placed under the care of the Estbmt.

Names and Descriptions of Aboriginal Females Natives of V.D.L. whom the Sealers have removed to places of concealment and who are forcibly Kept by them against their Will on the [indecipherable] Island

Pair-re-ter-Pair rer teem me–mir-ner – Alias Goose – Nt. of big river, Kept by Wm. Slack a Sealer by whom she is at present Concealed.

Lee-Mar-er-Klee-ner – Alias Boatswain Nt. of Swan Port is kept by Wm. Proctor by whom she his at present concd. was taken from her Country by John Smith.

Pung-er-neet-er-lat-ten-ner – Alias Maria - Nt. of the District of St Patricks Head taken from her Country by Brown was afterwards seized by John Thomas by whom she his at present concealed.

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May-te-pu-min-ner

Mue-te-pue-min-ner Alias Maria – Nt. of St. Patricks Head was forcibly taken from her Country by John Starker Sealer who has since been drowned is now kept by a

Sealer named – Alias little Charly by whom she his at present concealed. She has a husband amongst the Blacks

Mee-ter-let-te-yer Alias Sall Nt of the district of Waterhouse Point was forcibly taken from her Country by Michael McKensy who has subsequently been drowned is kept by Thompson by whom she his concealed

Names of Aboriginal females Nt of V.D.L. who are at present concealed by the Sealers on Hunters Islands

Port-rip-el-lan-er ~~Wore-ter-mur-ner-me~~ Alias Maria 5ft 8in age 20 Nt of Piper River was forcibly taken from her Country by James

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Thompson who afterwards sold her to Kelly Myetye who his now stopping at the Hunters Islands and by whom she is at present concealed.

Mir-nee-man-ner-me – Alias Maria

Marm-kote-her-ki-yer

5ft 8in age 20 Nt. of Swanpt. was forcibly taken from her Country by J Munroe from whom she afterwards absconded is at present concealed by ~~John Myetie~~ Kelly at the Hunter Islands.

Wob-ber-rer-te – Alias Wobbell-tee

5ft 10in. stout made Nt. of the district of St. P.H was forcibly taken from her country by McThomas Alias Long John is at present concealed by John Myetie Nt. of New Zealand at the Hunter Islands

War-ker-nen-ner

Mee-tone-neen-ner Alias Kit

Nt of the Dist. of Waterhouse Point was forcibly taken away from her country by Thompson and is living with Dodson at the Hunter Islands.

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Mee-tone-yer-paer-pipe-er-wore.er Kan.er - About 20 years of age Nt. of the Dt. of Wt.House Pt. was forcibly taken from her Country by George Briggs. Has got a Husband amongst the Blks she afterwards absconded and went on the main - and was subsqty. taken by Tucker by whom she h is at present concealed. has killed several children since she has been with the Sealers

Wot te –Cow-wid-yer – Alias Wot – about 20 of age Nt. of the Dt. of Cape Pt. was forcibly taken from her Country by James Thomson has got a Husband amongst the the Blacks. has been subsequently taken and placed at the Estblmt.

Pol-ler-wot tel let ter-run-ner [insert: Wy-yer-loo-ber] Alias Margeret age 20 – Nt. of the Dtr. of Piper Riv. was forcibly taken from her Country by Michl. McKensy when a child she was sold by McKensy to Thomson

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who afterwards sold her to a Sealer named Maynard She is now at the Estblmt.

Pol-ler-rel-ber-ner about 20 years age. Nt. of the Dst. of St. Pt. Head was forcibly taken from her Country by Thomson has a husband amongst the Blacks is now placed in the care of the Estblmt.

Woreth-male-yer-pood-yer - About 20 years of age – fine woman Nt. of the Dtr. of Piper River was forcibly taken from her Country by a Sealer named James Everitt by whom she was afterwards murdered on Woody Island by maliciously shooting her through the Body with a Musket Ball because she did not clean the mutton birds to please him. This man formed one of the crew in Thompsons Boat when he shot this woman Thomson lent him an Abgnl. female name Sall.

More-ter-Mor-rer-lune-ner Alias Poll age 19 Nt. of the Dtr. of WaterHouse Point was forcibly taken from

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her Country by Charles Peterson when a child about 8 years of age with whom he has cohabited with ever since and by whom she is now concealed she has a brother at present in the Estblmt. a fine young man.

Too-ger-nup-per-too-ten-ner Alias Maria About 33 years of age Nt. of the Dist. of Ben Lomand has a Husband amongst the Blacks by whom she has had several children. was forcibly taken from Her Country by John Mira a Nt. of Otatehie who afterwards sold her to George Robinson on Woody Island she has since been taken and placed at the Estblmt.

Pleen-per-ren-ner Alias Mother Brown about 35 years of age

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Nt. of the Dist. of Cape Portld. was forcibly taken from her Country by James Brown who was subsequently drowned after which she lived with James Parish formerly Pilot at Launceston and was given to him by a Sealer named John Smith she has since been delivered up and placed at the Estblmt. has had several children by Brown one of whom a Girl of about 13 years of age – is at present along with her at Estblmt.

Wore-ter-neem-me-run-ner-tat-te-yen-ne Alias Bet Smith.
About 21 years of age Nt. of the Dist. of Cape Portland was forcibly taken from her Country by a Sealer name John Harrington when a Child. Harrington has been subsequently drowned – after which Tucker seized her has his own property and sold her to John Beadon She has been delivered up By Beadan

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and placed at the Estblmt.

Tare-re-nore-er Alias Wslyer Nt. of the Dist. of Mersey river, was taken from her Country by the Sealers from whom she afterwards succeeded in ~~joining~~ effecting her escape and joined her tribe and commtd. dire outrages on the Settled districts. Afterwards found the Sealers from whom she was taken by me and is placed at the Estblmt.

The three following Aborigl. females have been taken and Placed at the Estblmt.

Nol-le-wy-de-Ker Alias Kit age 30 5ft 4in Nt. of the Dt. of Wt. Point was kept by a Sealer named Robt. Drew formerly a Convict of this Colony

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from whom she has been taken and placed in the care of the Estblmt.

Nick-er-em-pow-er Alias Little Mary Nt. of Ben Lomand 5ft 5in. age 20 was living with Edward Tomlins Sealer from whom she was taken and placed at the Estblmt.

Pel-lone-ne-min-ner - Alias Penguin age 22- Nt. of the Dt. of Ben Lomand – was forcibly taken from her Country by a Sealer named Thomas Mason when a girl who afterwards sold her to Brown this man has since been drowned

Names and Descriptions Abgnl. Fmales Nt. of VDL who have been forcibly taken from their Country by that Class of individuals

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denominated Sealers and who are kept by them in a state of exile at Kangr. Island on the NWest coast of New Holland.

Tee-Kol-ter-me - Nt. of the Dist. of Georges River and daughter to the Chief Man-ner-lar-gen-ner – now at the Estblmt was taken to Kangaroo Island by John Williams who was drowned at a recent period at Clarkes Island reef.

Ree-nan-ning-he-Ko-tet-ter-ner - Alias Tury. Nt. of the Dist. of G River living with a Sealer name Wm. Dutton.

Wer-lang-en-ner-tuer-rare-rer - Alias Marmaes Is a Nt. of Cape Portland

Per-nap-per-lit-ten-ner Alias Dunkon – Nt. of G.R.

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Karn-teel-tan-ner - Alias little Buck. Native of the Cape Pt. Dist.

Wore-ter-mode-yer - Alias Duke Native of the Dist. of Launceston

Tin-ner-muck - Alias Towser – Nt. of the dist. of Launceston – lived with a Sealer name Alias little West

Drane-tun-ne-min-ne-ner Alias Long One – Nt. of C. Portld. is living with James Allen.

Pool-re-ner - Alias Bullrae Nt. of the dist. of Cape Ptld. is sister to one of the Nts. on the Estblmt. name Jumbo is living with Scott Junr. a Sealer.

Woor-rert-tey-er - Nt. of the dist. of Cape Portland living with a Sealer named Alias Pye-Ball - Alias George

Mit-te-yer - Nt. of the District of Cape Portland.

Make-Ker-lede-de and Rom-mer-nag-ge – Alias Sall. Nt. of Brunie Island was one of those females forcibly

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taken from their Country by a man of colour name Baker is at present retained by a Sealer name Cooper

Lore-we-nun-ne Nt. of Brunie Island and was also taken away from her Country by Baker – A sister to the above two named individuals is at present at the Estblmt. name Trugenninene

Mee-ter-lat-teen Alias Sall Nt. of the Dist. of Pipr. River – was forcibly taken from her Country by Michl. McKensy when a little girl McKensy has since been drowned – on which occasion Thomson seized her as his own property and who has placed her in concealment

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the Nt. women state that when they were originally taken from their Country the white men tied their Hands and forcibly conducted them to the Boat and thence transported them to the Islands. they further state that when the Sealers are possessed of a plurality of women the favourite is selected who is exonerated from labour and to whom the others are compelled to submit their general treatment is marked by the most unfeeling Barbarities on the part of the Sealers who exercise towards them the most [indecipherable] cruelty which is often made manifest by the scars which they still

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retain on different parts of their Body. I have not as yet had time to investigate all the cases of cruelty which have accrued during the period that the Sealers have held possession of the Islands and of which I have been informed by the females at the Estblmt.

Children murdered by the Black women in the Straits.

Pol-ler-wot-tel-ter-run-ner Alias Margt. Informed me that Bel Smith killed 2 boys at Presvn. one of whom a Big one – by thrusting grass into their mouths. She was at this time living with Tucker by whom she had these children – Bullra- Jumbos sister killed a girl at Ferneux Island think she buried it – Jumbo killed one child at Port. Island before its birth by beating on her body. Pleen-per-ren-ner-

[In margin] This information was given me in Decr. 1830]

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Alias Mother Brown – has killed several children –Mee-tone-yer-nan-ner, Par-ner-pipe-per-wore-ner-ken-ner Alias Dumpe cohabited with Tucker and killed 2 children one of whom was a boy. Numerous are the children thus destroyed.

Wot-ty-kow-wid-yer Alias Wat says she was at Woody Island when the Black women –Woreth-male-yer-pood-yer was ~~sh~~ murdered by Everitt by shooting her through the body with a musket ball – she states that ~~when~~ after the murder had been committed and the body interred that Thomson who had a plurality of Black women sent the murderer James Everitt one of them. She further stated that the women are encouraged in prostitution by the Sealers for the purpose of procuring them kangr. skins, the Black women state that the Sealers compel them to do all kinds of work to

fetch wood, hunt kangr., clean skins, club seal, kill mutton bird and salt them, pluck feathers, row

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in boats hunt Badgers Porcupines &c&c&c.

Statement of John Anderson formerly residing at Kangaroo Island and now staying at Kents Group says that Allen residing at Kangaroo Island who came free to the Colony had committed the following atrocious cruelty upon an Abgnl female named Larooner and who formally lived with the sealers at Islands. Alias long one Nth of V.D.L. and with whom he was then cohabiting had also another Abgnl female Nth of V.D.L. it appears that these women were in the habit of quarrelling with each other and which is generally the case when there is plurality of women with one man that in consequence of this disagreement with the other woman Larooner absconded. A shorttime afterwards Allen came across her by surprize at a place called the American Wharf Lagoon (on Kangr. Island) when he immediately seized hold of her and inflicted the following cruelty upon her person first by tyeing her up to a tree and binding her hands and feet after which he made deep incissions on her Buttocks with a Sealers Knife and cut off one of her ears. The woman recovered and is still living. Anderson states that he saw the wounds before they were healed.

John Anderson states that he has an Abgnl. lad about 7 years of age in Nth of New Holland whose mother he was then living with says that a Sealer named Nathl.[indecipherable] requested the lad from Anderson but from a strong natural affection to his Parent he absconded from this Person on several occasions Thomas who was in quest of him afterwards apprehended him

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in the bush where he inflicted the following cruelty upon him first by flagellating him after which he took out his Sealers Knife and cut off his ears so close to the Head as to take out Part of the bone as also a peice of the Cheek that in this state the lad wandered about the Bush for some time in quest of his Parent until he was greatly exhausted when he at length found his Mother every attention was paid to him by his parent but after lingering for several weeks the lad expired at the time the lad returned to his mother her feelings became so excited at beholding her Mutilated offspring that she seized a Knife and would have plunged it into the body of the perpetrator of this Horrid deed had she not been prevented-

J Anderson also states that he has another Aboriginal lad Nth of New Holland that when he was about ten years of age a Sealer named Alias fire Ball to whom the Boy belonged had inflicted the following Barbarous Cruelty upon him it would appear that the lad had a strong inclination to live with Andersons Woman who belonged to the same Country with himself and in order to which he absconded where he was again brought back by the above named person he run away again when the Sealer before refered to again apprehended him at Andersons encampment were the Bay was there. Stopping after seizing hold of the lad he flagellated him and then struck him with a Pick evidently with the intention of breaking his Arm unable to accomplish his purpose by this means he twisted his arms in various ways on Observing which Anderson made towards him with a View to preventing any further outrage when the individual before refered to seized hold

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of the lads arm with both his hands and broke it across his knee

Witnessed by [indecipherable], [indecipherable] Mason & Charles Sterling
Signed John (his mark) Anderson
June 6th 1831

Statement of Robert Gamble a Sealer

Robt. Gamble deposes that he has been employed in Sealing in Banks and B of Straits for the period of three years and that during ten months out of this time he had been living on Kings Island that whilst he was sojourning at this place he was informed by a Sealer named Dobson of several murders which from time to time been committed on the Island by the Sealing gangs which occasionally resorted to this [indecipherable].

Says that a Dobson informed him that a Sealer named—Knight had been murdered by his associate his motive for so doing was in order to become possessed of two Black Nt. women of V.D.L.C belonging to his companion as also some seal skins. It appears that the perpetrator of this Diabolical act had prevailed upon his companion to accompany him on an Hunting excursion in the Bush on which occasion he took the opportunity of Murdering him by cleaving his Head with a Tomma Hawk He subsequently left the Island and thus escaped [indecipherable] punishment this Murder was perpetrated on the west side of the Island.

Was also informed by Dobson that an aboriginal female of VDL had been cruelly murdered by a Sealer on the South end of the Island (don't recollect the name) The Sealer who committed this

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atrocious cruelty affected his purpose by beating his Victim with a Club so unmercifully that he had left her for Dead she however so far recovered as to crawl under a Small Bush and where she remained in Concealment until Dobson returned, which was about an Hour after the perpetration of this Diabolical act. On perceiving Dobson she crawled towards him and made him acquainted with the circumstances of the cruelty and soon after expired in the greatest agony.

The Diseased was a fine young female Nt. of the Dist. Of Cape Grim, from which place they had forcibly carried her away and had thence transported her to Kings Island.

Signed Robt. Gamble Witness

Mason Robt. Gamble further deposes that he heard the Sealers state that the Black women Nt. of V.DL residing on Kangro. Island are cruelly treated by the Sealers at that place and that they are in the frequent Habit of tyeing them up and severely scourging them with cords.

Witness 25th June.

Signed by Robt. Gambler, Mason

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