



use of the 'Pichamboué' Tribes  
of the 'Macouty' River -

At 'Iwemboué' on the Barwau  
for the Tribes of that neighbourhood  
and of the 'Mooni' though I  
should entertain some apprehensions  
for the safety of the White persons  
stationed there in the present  
condition of the Natives, and  
at 'Iwilari' the station  
of Mr. J. Cullen on the 'Guydei'  
River for the use of the 'Camileroy'  
Tribes of the Guydei and in  
adjacent country -

I may mention that  
the extensive Scrubs of this  
District form natural Reserves  
for the use of the Natives abounding  
with their food and affording  
them a refuge from the violence  
of the white inhabitants and  
sometimes a secure retreat  
when they have been threatened  
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In accordance with the  
wish expressed in your letter that  
I should offer some remarks as  
to the mode in which these Reserves  
may be most advantageously used  
I beg to state that in my opinion,  
from the climate of this District  
it would be in vain to attempt  
cultivation except along the Eastern  
Limit where the neighbourhood  
of the Coast Range renders the  
heat somewhat less excessive and  
the showers more frequent but that  
even there the success of agricultural  
experiment must be extremely  
doubtful and moreover that from  
the desultory and uncertain  
habits of the Natives it would be  
necessary for this purpose to maintain  
a Staff of white men or the  
favorable moments must frequently  
be lost from the disinclination  
of the Natives to work at the  
instant when their labour might  
be most required - Steadley

Manual

Manual Labour such as is required by the operations of agriculture is most distasteful to the Natives and I know of no instance within District in which any one of them is so employed; The occupations in which they generally engage are; Stock keeping & shepherding or loitering about the Duts & occasionally searching for lost Cattle - 'getting up horses' cutting fire-wood or bringing water and I have found that a few days moderately hard Labour such as digging post-holes or the like will generally drive them to the bush or to some easier service -

With reference to the occupation of these Reserves for the benefit by Flocks for the benefit of the Natives, it is obvious that a considerable tract of Country  
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operate in inducing the Natives  
to prefer the private service where  
he was troubled with no restraint  
of the Knick -

Cattle having an extraordinary  
aversion to the scent of the Natives  
would not I think remain at  
any place frequented by them.

In my humble opinion  
therefore the most advantageous  
and ultimately least expensive  
mode of applying these Reserves  
would be as places for the Depots  
for the distribution of provisions  
&c and as places for the residence  
of Protectors where the Natives  
might find assistance in case  
of ill usage from the Settlers  
and where in cases of illness  
they might obtain medical  
aid -

I consider this last to be  
one of their greatest wants as  
Numbers of them are in an  
appalling

appalling, state of suffering from disease introduced among them by the white population -

It seems to me that a zealous and active Protector might very considerably improve the temporal condition of these people, but having devoted some attention to their character and habits I cannot entertain any very sanguine hopes of the result of an attempt at education as regards the Adults nor I think could the younger Natives be effectually trained except by a compulsory separation from their parents which it would be difficult to carry into effect unless by absolute coercion and confinement in which way alone could they be permanently secured from the mischievous influence exerted over them by the old men and 'gius'

Of however, food  
and

Food and clothing are to be distributed to these people, it might be desirable to make the experiment of insisting upon their performing a certain amount of labor or submitting to a certain amount of training as the consideration for what they might receive -

Believing it to be the desire of His Excellency the Governor that I should offer my own opinion upon this subject I have ventured freely to state the conclusions to which I have been led by some intercourse with the Natives and observation of their habits though I observe that these opinions do not exactly accord with the benevolent views of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State -

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient servant  
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