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50/12485 30th Dec 1850

The Visiting Magistrate of Cockatoo Island to the
Honorable the Colonial Secretary forwarding a
Return of Aboriginal Natives who have been
received as prisoners on that Island

Water Police Office
Sydney 28 Dec / 50

No.191/50

Sir, In accordance with the
instructions of his Excellency
The Governor directing me to
furnish a return of the number
of Aboriginal Blacks who have
been received on Cockatoo Island
as Prisoners for the last 5 years
I have the honor to forward you
for His Excellency's information
a return of all the Aboriginal
Prisoners who have been
received on that island
since it became a Penal
Establishment by which it
will be seen that most of them

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them have died within a short
period of their arrival on the Island.

Five of these men have - 2

actually died on the Island

as it was customary in –

former years to remove all

prisoners who were seriously

ill to the General Hospital.

It is however quiet confronting

that the confinement of –

Aboriginal Blacks in the

Ordinary penal establishments

serious affects their health

and constitution and leads

ultimately to decay and death.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your mo: obed. Servt.

[Signed J? S

V.M]

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Captain Browne

Dr Hill [?]

To [? Brian or Bris]

7 January 1851

[? 57/2048 or 51/2048]

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Secretary of

Return

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The medical [? adain]

Health Officer

& Visiting Surgeon

Of Cockatoo Island

& Darlinghurst Gaol.

[?] Conviction [?]

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Wd. [? Have' life [?]

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This Report of Return

Confinement on Cockatoo

Island appears [?]

2nd Jan [? WP]

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A Return showing the number of Aboriginal Blacks who have been received on Cockatoo Island from the 1st of January 1839 to the 16th of December 1850

No	Name	Sentence	When received	When discharged	Where discharged	Remarks
1	Sandy	5 years	3 October 1839	17 November 1839	Died in General Hospital	
2	Billy	"	"		D	
3	Jemmy	"	"	27 December 1839	D	
4	Cooper	"	"	30 November "	D	
5	King Jackey	"	"		D	
6	Toby	3 Years	11 February 1840	3 December 1841	Died on Cockatoo Island	
7	Murphy	"	"	11 February 1843	To Hyde Park Barracks	Free
8	Tall Boy or Jackey	Life	11 Sept 1840	28 November 1840	Died in General Hospital	
9	Neville Billy		13 February 1841	April 1841	D	
10	Wellington	3 Years	15 October 1842	31 May 1843	D	

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No	Name	Sentence	When received	When discharged	Where discharged	Remarks
11	Frying Pan	3 Years	17 April 1840	9 March 1844	Died in General Hospital	
12	Fowler		1 November "	17 April "	To Darlinghurst Gaol	For Norfolk Island
13	Southighed Jemmy		"	"	"	
14	Jackey Jackey		"	"	"	
15	Tom		"	"	"	
16	Billy Roberts or Jemboy	Life	17 March 1847	5 April 1847	To Van Dieman's Land	
17	Darby	15 Years Roads	6 December 1848	11 May 1849	Died on Cockatoo Island	
18	Jemmy	3 Years	23 July 1849	4 December 1850	"	
19	Tommy or Tom	5 years	16 March 1850			Still on Cockatoo Island

Cockatoo Island

16th December 1850

[Signed] Charles Ormsby

Superintendent