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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 Decr/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 are from the  
Island of New Guinea  
I enclose a Return of the  
Prisoners on Cockatoo  
Island as appears to be  
2<sup>nd</sup> Land. (A. B.)

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Capt. Brown  
Mr. Hill  
Mr. Breen  
of the  
1851.



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 times to remove all  
Prisoners who were seriously  
ill to the General Hospital.

It is however quite conclusive 3  
that the confinement of —  
Aboriginal Blacks in the  
Ordinary Penal Establishments  
seriously affects their Health  
and Constitution and leads —  
ultimately to disease and  
Death

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt.

J. A. S. Brown, Esq.  
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A Return shewing the number of Aboriginal Blacks who have been received on Cockatoo Island from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1839 to the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1850

| No | Name               | Sentence | When received                 | When discharged  | When 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 Sackey        | "        | "                             |                  | D°                       |         |
| 6  | Toby               | 3 Years  | 11 February 1840              | 3 December 1841  | Died on Cockatoo Island  |         |
| 7  | Murphy             | "        | "                             | 11 February 1843 | To Hyde Park Remarks     | Free    |
| 8  | Tall Boy or Sackey | Life     | 11 Sept- 1840                 | 28 November 1840 | Died in General Hospital |         |
| 9  | Newitt Billy       |          | 13 February 1841              | April 1841       | D°                       |         |
| 10 | Wellington         | 3 Years  | 15 <sup>th</sup> October 1842 | 31 May 1843      | D°                       |         |

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| No | Name                    | Sentence       | When received   | When discharged | Where discharged         | Remarks                  |
|----|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11 | Flying Pan              | 3 Years        | 17 April 1843   | 9 March 1844    | Died in General Hospital | For Norfolk Island       |
| 12 | Fowler                  |                | 1 November "    | 17 April "      | To Darlinghurst Gaol     |                          |
| 13 | Southfield Semmy        |                | "               | "               | "                        |                          |
| 14 | Sackey Sackey           |                | "               | "               | "                        |                          |
| 15 | Tom                     |                | "               | "               | "                        |                          |
| 16 | Billy Roberts or Semboy | Life           | 17 March 1847   | 5 April 1847    | To Van Diemen's Land     | Bronchitis<br>Hemiplegia |
| 17 | Darby                   | 15 Years Roads | 6 December 1848 | 11 May 1849     | Died on Cockatoo Island  |                          |
| 18 | Semmy                   | 3 Years "      | 23 July 1849    | 4 December 1850 | "                        |                          |
| 19 | Tommy                   | 5 Years "      | 16 March 1850   |                 |                          | Still on Cockatoo Island |

Cockatoo Island

16<sup>th</sup> December 1850

Wm. B. B. B.  
Superintendent