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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CLERGY AND  
SCHOOL LANDS IN THE COLONY OF NEW  
SOUTH WALES.

The humble Petition of *Mary Ann Murtah*

*Applicant* in behalf of *Mary Ann Thomas & Henry*  
*2 2 2 & 3 Murtah* Sheweth that the said *are*

*the children of the said Mary*  
*is the child of*  
*Ann & Charles Murtah*

*as by the annexed Certificates will appear.*

That *the Father died*  
*about six weeks since &*  
*that he has left nothing to*  
*support the said children*  
*whatever -*

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays  
that the said *children* may be admitted  
into the Orphan Schools; and if this Prayer be granted your

\* The Certi-  
ficate of the  
Child's Bap-  
tism also to ac-  
company them.

† Here state  
the service and  
present situa-  
tion of the Fa-  
ther, the situa-  
tion of the  
Mother (if li-  
ving); and the  
number and  
age of their  
other Children  
if any.)



Petitioner hereby agrees that the said *Children*  
shall remain in the Orphan School so long as the said Trustees  
shall think fit, and that when of a proper Age shall be disposed  
of at their discretion as an Apprentice or Servant \*

\* To be signed  
by the Parent  
or Guardian of  
the Child.

*Henry X. Puntak*  
*mark*

Signed *I present of*  
*The Magistrate*  
*William Smith*

# CERTIFICATE AND RECOMMENDATION.

I hereby certify that according to the best of my knowledge  
and belief the several circumstances contained in this Petition on the  
preceding Page of this Paper are truly stated; wherefore I recom-  
mend as an object worthy of the  
benevolent attention of the Trustees of the Clergy and School Lands.\*

\* To be signed  
by the Clergy-  
man and Ma-  
gistrate of the  
District.

N. B. A Certificate of Birth or Baptism signed by the officiating  
Minister must be affixed to this in Original.

*The children were all christened by*  
*Rev. Mr. Thompson the -*



New South Wales } Catherine Tribe wife of  
to Mr. — } George Tribe settler of  
 Brinsley came before me the Justice  
 Esquire one of His Majesty's Justices of  
 the Peace for the said Territory and this  
 day maketh oath and saith that at  
 the time of Mary Murbach's commitment  
 for trial this deponent was requested  
 by the Bench of Magistrates at Brinsley  
 to take under her care three children  
 belonging to the said Mary Murbach.  
 that this deponent had had charge of the said  
 children upwards of five weeks. that  
 their mother Mary Murbach has been  
 acquitted of the charge that was against  
 her and has been released from prison  
 nineteen days but having never been  
 to enquire after her children this deponent  
 is of opinion that she has forsaken them  
 deponent further saith that the father of  
 the children is dead and there is no means  
 of their support left Catherine Tribe

Sworn before me this  
 27<sup>th</sup> June 1828

*Wm. J. M. B.*



Miss Smith's Males  
to Mr. —

Robert Smith Esq. of Brinsgilly came before me, John Baghill Esquire one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Territory and this day maketh oath and saith that nineteen days since Mary Murtagh was tried at the Supreme Court and acquitted on a charge of stealing, that at the time of the said Mary Murtagh's committal for trial <sup>her</sup> ~~she left~~ three children <sup>were left</sup> in the care of Mrs. Tribe of Brinsgilly, that nineteen days having elapsed since she was acquitted and having never been near to enquire after her children this Deponent aversly believes she has forsaken them, — Deponent further saith that the Father of the said children is dead, and the said Mary Murtagh this mother is a woman of a bad character —

Sworn before me this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828 —  
*[Signature]*

Robert Smith

Clerk in London - May 1828  
a full and complete statement