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A. A. Co^s Office,
Stroud 11th October, 1856

To the
Governor & Court of Directors
of the Australian Agricultural Company
London.

Gentlemen,

Referring to your Despatch n°84 of 16th May last forwarding copy of correspondence and documents from the Committee of Subscribers to the Fund for the erection and endowment of Churches and Schools on the Company's Estates, I have now to report that in accordance with the Court's wishes and instructions touching these matters - a free grant of land containing one acre and a half has been made to the Bishop of the Diocese of Newcastle for the site of the Church, parsonage, and School house at Newcastle of which the requisite description for the preparation of the Conveyance is herein forwarded A.

- 2 Having reference to the quantity of land granted for the purpose in question it may be well to mention that the area usually given by Government for similar objects is two acres - The Bishop, however, on the part of the Church expressed himself satisfied with the area granted by the company - and equally so with the site chosen which in point of fact was selected under his Lordship's approval.
- 3 The School and Parsonage buildings were commenced on the 27th ultimo as the Court will learn from the accompanying letter B upon this subject addressed to the Church and School Fund Committee which I request may be duly forwarded after perusal.
- 4 I beg to inform and advise the advance of £500 mentioned in the letter just noticed, as having been made by your Company on account of the Church and School Fund Committee - you will therefore have to take your reimbursement accordingly.
- 5 The sites for the Church and School buildings at Gloucester, and for the School buildings at Booral are selected, but the exact area of land to be granted for such purpose still remains an open question, left for the decision of my successor.