

William Cooper to J. M. Chanter, 16 November 1887, New South Wales Archives and Records, NRS 905, Item No. [1/2667]

I most respectfully beg to state that I shall feel deeply obliged if you will be good enough to use your influence toward securing a piece of land for me. I am anxious to get a home and make some provisions for my wife and daughter & as I am an Honest hard-working man, the land will be applied to a legitimate use. I want a grant of land that I can call my own so long as I and my family live and yet without the power of being able to do away with the land.

Farming barely sufficient to maintain my family decently I find it therefore impossible to pay for a selection. I shall be perfectly satisfied with 100 acres adjoining the Maloga Aboriginal Reserve if possible. I do trust you will be successful in securing this small portion of a vast territory which is ours by Divine right. We know that grants of land have been made to aborigines in other parts of N.S.W. and that they have been abused but as there have been no grants made to our tribe I beg you to give us a trial.

Hoping to get a favourable reply.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant ...