

William Cooper to Rev. Ernest Gribble, 17 December 1933, E. R. B. Gribble Papers, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS 1515, Box 11, Item 66

Dear sir you will please find inclose a letter I received from Mr Makin M.P. who I asked to approach the Government for Permission to allow all Aborigines to signe the Petition that is to be forwarded to the King when completed. I asked for Queensland NSW and Victoria. so there is no need for the Natives to be afraid to signe, as you will notice on Mr Makins letter. if any of the authorities should interfeare you will Please noteafie me at once. I forwarded one Copy of the Petition to you about the 1/8/33, trusting you have received it safly. I am anxious to hear from you soon, I May Mention I have received Permission from South and West Australia also from the Northern Territory, these states I have received a large number of signatures, I am Pleased to say. The Church Missionary. Both here and South Australia have taken up this good Cause, my People also in South Aust have formed a very strong Group for the Purpose of trying to get Better Conditions for all. and other Bodys are taking up this Great work for the Betterment of our People also if you can give me Mr James Nobels address I would be glad, as I wish to get in Touch with him as soon as Possible, you will Please ask my People if they would have any objection of a Deputation to the Government in the Commonwealth, to approach them for our Conditions befor forwarding the Petition to the King as we think it is the right thing to [do], I would like all signatures to be in hand about the 15 of June next. trusting to get a Early reply.