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Newbury Inhabents
to June 1830

My dear Sir

I wish you joy of your appointment
which I hope will be lucrative as well as
respectable -

I write however principally to express my
hope that you Mr. Horne or Bedford or
all of you will send your names to
become of the committee for the church of
England Grammar school -

My reason is this - The greatest benefit that
will arise to us Settlers from the school
will be by its becoming a superior boarding
school for our children - now all the
present committee altho most respectable
and clever men - are interested in the day
school only inasmuch as they all leave in
Launceston and do at present send all their
sons to a day school - therefore it is possible
that that if there be no check, no power to
oppose any thing wrong - either from neglect

or indifference to the boundary school or
their part - the main support of the master
and the whole benefit to those who reside
in the country may be lost -

By becoming of the committee you not
be required to attend except to protect
if occasion should require this part
of the establishment -

It will also add greatly to the respectability
of the establishment - to have country
names to it -

To say the truth, on observing in the
first advertisement, that the committee
had not included any country names -

I wrote to them - desiring them to
consider whether it would not be
advantageous, and express less
exclusive to do so - They or rather
the secretary - in reply desired me

make any observations and to become
a member - I wrote in consequence many
observations, which were (by a letter I
received last week from the archdeacon) highly
approved by him and the bishop -
but I declined being of the committee
because I would not seem to have
written to them in that wish -

I am sure if you approve of the
institution you will not regret
of acceding to my request -

I am your truly

J Leake Esq

W Wood

You see what a pretty mess the St Robert's
committee have got into by their former
principles, which all my arguments could not
induce them to stand by at first - altho they
agreed in ~~principle~~ opinion previously with me -
At present I doubt they regret to again alter the
form of the school - The master too is a traitor -

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Rose Dale
Comptroller