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Assessors of Veterans

Mr [illegible] Brought
of Ditto

Norbury, 9 April 1872

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. which reached me yesterday I have hereby the honour to furnish for His Excellency the Governor's information, a detailed account of my expenditure the expenses incurred by me in my Bushman researches up to the 31st last year, and also with the expenditure of the present year.

With reference to the food of the Bushmen I beg to remark that keeping them has been very expensive, because Mr Bushmen was constant employment and that people had to do their work, and that when they were to be kept with strength and good health they required a certain quantity of nourishing food and tobacco. This has been a good deal more than the average but in the whole I think it is the average by careful calculations. The younger Bushmen

I beg hereby

Further because they were very fond of smoking, besides warm winter clothing, &c. &c. I have not made any reference to the incidental expenses connected with my keeping the Bushmen during part of last year, to a more comfortable place where I can keep them, &c. &c. as I intended during the present year.

1/6d a day, as ascertained

particularly was at first in such a weak state that we feared consumption; and although he is now better, yet he can by no means walk as fast as the others. On the other hand partly on this account and partly because he is a good deal older than the Bushmen who were of course not able to do any thing like as much hard work, nor are they as strong enough to do as much hard work, and have to be kept with food and tobacco. Besides although I tried to get them to help for their own support as much as possible, yet even in the matter of wood, water &c. they could not be relied on to do much work as they were very unwilling to do so. I had one Bushman whom I had at first hoped to get much help from, but he was very unwilling to do any work, and I do not think that I could have got more than 2 hours work from him in a day. I have not made any reference to the incidental expenses connected with my keeping the Bushmen during part of last year, to a more comfortable place where I can keep them, &c. &c. as I intended during the present year.

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Or the amount expended in paper & Colouring &c. These ~~Besides this our Bottoms~~ ~~with the Bottoms has been gotten~~

But for these Items I do not wish to charge, ~~as little as~~ for our own labours which were freely given to this work.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your obedient Servt

~~Wat~~

But I have only given here the direct expence incurred ~~directly~~ by keeping ~~keeping~~ these Portraits as our distinction.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your obedient Servt