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justice for there is a indian man  
going to get married to  
Mary Griffin and she is under  
age and when the law does  
not allow a indian man to  
get married to a mission  
girl or any other man with  
out she is a aboriginal native  
But Sir they do just what  
they please and Sir we have  
warned them ~~a boat~~ not  
to married them they did  
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Mary Griffin so the indian  
man could get her  
and Sir we dont want the  
to see our girls to get  
married to indians or other  
farmers of any description

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as a Native for us so we  
expect that you will give  
us justice the power is in  
your hand to stop this  
marriage and if you dont  
we shall after to publish  
it in the Sunday time and  
all the <sup>other</sup> papers Sir  
There have been call out  
these two Sunday and  
this Sunday is the last  
Sunday we want a reply  
by the next mail Sir  
The girls age is 14 years  
This want stop Sir  
Expect you to stop this  
game from going any further  
Sir so good bye Sir  
we remain your  
obedient servants  
Mission People

Transcript

Letter to the Chief Protector of Aborigines, H. C. Prinsep, from Mission People, New Norcia Mission, 30 April 1906 (ADF 1906, 307)

Dear Sir,  
We just write you a few lines to ask you to give us justice for there is a Indian man going to get married to a Mary Griffin and she is under age. Sir the law does not allow an Indian man to get married to a mission girl or any other man without he is an Aboriginal native. But sir, they do just what they please and sir, we have warned them not to marry them. They did give one man the sack over Mary Griffin so the Indian man could get her, and sir, we don't want to see our girls to get married to Indians or other farmers of any description. Sir we look to you for as a Native Protector for us, so we expect that you will give us justice. The power is in your hand to stop this marriage and if you don't we shall offer to publish it in the Sunday Times and all the other papers sir.

There have been calls out two Sundays and this Sunday is the last Sunday. We want a reply by the next mail, sir. The girls age is 14 years. This wants stopping sir, we expect you to stop this game from going in papers, sir so good bye sir,

We remain your obedient servants  
Mission People