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and her mother is a three
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for how guns
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from going in Pub.
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as good as robbing a man
so I must bring my
letter to you
I remain your obedient servant
David Nannup

Transcript

Letter to H. C. Prinsep, Chief Protector of Aborigines, from David Nannup, Busselton, 3 January 1900 (ADF 1898, 630).

Dear Sir,

Would be as kind as to see further into this which I (am) going to ask you to do for me. Sir, I wonder now whether they can stop me from going in Public Houses. I've been in Busselton all my life and I defy anyone in Busselton to say that they saw me only once in my life. But it [was] only lately they try to stop me, and Tonken, the Police, told me I was not allowed in the pub, and I asked him the reason why. Now, he said I was a real Aborigine. I want your (to) see how they can bring me in or my brother as one. My father is, but my mother not. Her father is an American and her mother is a three quarter cast, and they won't grant us rugs and we got to pay licenses for our guns.

And if they can stop me and my brother from going in [to the] pub it is a swindle, just as good as robbing a man.

So I must bring my letter to end.

I remain your obedient servant,
David Nannup