

# Sources found for Moses

## 1. Civilization of the Blacks: ( 12<sup>th</sup> march 1831)

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### Civilization of the Blacks

Several letters having recently appeared respecting the aborigines of this colony, allow me to contribute my mite of opinion respecting the sable tribes. Five years have elapsed, during which period my attention has principally been, and continues to be, directed to the attainment of their language preparatory to the instruction of the blacks in the knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures, and I am often surprised at the strange opinions broached respecting the natives. Some affirm that they have "no religious superstitions—no idea of a Supreme Being, or even of a false god"—no notion of any religion, whether false or true, and this has been urged as "the greatest impediment to their civilization and moral improvement." That erroneous impressions should arise, when the means of thoroughly investigating have not been obtained, is a natural consequence few will deny, and such has been universally the case in this instance from ignorance of the language by which alone satisfactory evidence could be obtained. I would not presume to intimate that my present acquirements are sufficient to enter largely on this intricate subject, but hope by steady perseverance to be enabled in a few years to obtain every necessary information. That the blacks have an idea of a supernatural being, I have been long informed, and on reading the passage referred to above, I immediately went to an aged black named **Moses**, and enquired respecting **Kôn** (pronounced **Cone**), a being of which they are in continual dread. The following questions and answers being given in their own language, our mutually understanding each other need not be questioned.

## 2. The Fourth Report of the Temperance Society: ( 9<sup>th</sup> May 1839)

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### The Fourth Report of the Temperance Society

The following is the list of the rejected applicants: — George-street. — Rum Puncheon, George Hanson ; Blue Posts, John Harris ; Dog and Duck, Samuel Wooller ; Rose and Thistle, William Gairfield ; Belfast Arms, Alexander Smith. Pitt-street. — Governor Macquarie, John Mullon ; United Service Hotel, Michael John Davis ; and for the Horse and Jockey, (at present held by M. J. Davis,) William Quiuu and William Kay. Castlereagh Street. — Cherry Tree, William Ackhurst; Old Currency Las 3, Dennis Wood. Elizabeth-street. — Bull in the pound, W. M. Haslam. Phillip-street. — Rose and Thistle, William Dunning ; Currency Lass, James Brackenrigg. Bridge-street. — **Billy Blue**, James Hogan. Globe-street. — Ship Inn, John M'lean. Campbell street — Pack Horse, John Wright ; Pack Horse, **Moses King**.

The Gaol and the Supreme Court. — On Wednesday, five Aboriginal natives, named Cooper, lillley, Jackey, Sandy, and **Jemmy**, were received into the gaol, committed to take their trials for the murder of two white men, on the estate of Messrs Brown and Hector, at the Namoi River, Liverpool Plains.

### **3. Extraordinary Inquest: (4th of January 1834)**

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#### **Extraordinary Inquest**

An inquest was taken at the Brick-layer's Arms, Market-street, on Thursday last, on the body of an aboriginal native, named Maapple, who was deliberately put to death on the previous evening, at the southern gate of the Domain, opposite the Roman Catholic Chapel, by two other natives, named Quart Pot and Numbo. It appeared from the testimony of an assigned servant of Mr. Macdonald, of the Globe Tavern, Castlereagh-street, that on the evening in question, the two prisoners led the deceased into the Domain, and then deliberately killed him. Quart Pot felling him to the ground with his yarrowee or waddie, and Numbo, jumping on the body as it lay on the ground. The prisoners then, with a female native, danced round the corpse, exhibiting their customary gesticulations. Another native, named **Moses**, had been taken into custody on suspicion of being implicated in the deed, but there being no evidence

to incriminate him he was liberated, and his evidence was taken through the sworn interpretation of Mr. Thomas Bates, a boat builder, residing in Kent-street. **Moses** stated that he was aware of the circumstances of the deceased having been killed by the prisoners, though he was not accessory either before or at the fact. A surgeon examined the body, and proved that the deceased had received two mortal blows on the head, both of which had extensively fractured the skull, leaving considerable portions of it in-dented and resting on the surface of the brain. The Jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder against Quart Pot and Numbo," and the Coroner issued his warrant for their commitment to gaol, for trial before the Supreme Court.

We by no means agree with the result of this verdict. We believe the Supreme Court has already decided, that natives of the colony, living in a savage state, cannot be held amenable to the laws of civilised society, for acts, however atrocious, committed among themselves. They have customs and regulations, by which the Government of their own rude circle is guided; and until their civilization is effected, we have no right to impose upon them laws, which they neither reverence, nor understand. When the natives commit hostile acts upon our community, the case is widely different; we have no appeal for justice to their tribunals, and our Courts are, of necessity, applied to, for punishment of their delinquency.

#### **4. No Title: The Sydney gazette and New South Wales Advertiser ( 14<sup>th</sup> March 1837)**

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#### **No Title: The Sydney gazette and New South Wales Advertiser**

On Wednesday afternoon an old man named **Moses-King**, Alexander his son, and Patrick Reardon, with a view of going to Lane Cove, proceeded to the Market Wharf and found a boat starting containing four men, named Gerreen, alias Big Bill, Pimble, M'Mahon, and **Brown**, who consented to give them a cast over. When they arrived at one of the most lonely spots in that dreary neighbourhood, they, for reasons best known to themselves, pulled inshore, and insisted upon the three parties disembarking; they gave the boatmen some rum, but this had no effect and rather made them worse. Finding that remonstrance was vain, they

said they would go on shore and walk the remainder of the way. As they were landing they were set upon by the four men, who, having first beat them severely, robbed King the elder of a hat, four handkerchiefs, a jacket, and a quart of rum; from Alexander the son a jacket, value 25s.

**5. To John Kinchella, ESQ. H.M. Attorney General, &c.&c.Sydney, October 2, 1834.**

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**To John Kinchella, ESQ. H.M. Attorney General, &c.&c.Sydney**

I have further to inform you, that Mr. .Brooks, Magistrate of Newcastle, did early in August last, grant three Warrants under his hand and seal, to certain constables, to search, after, "take, and bring in, dead or alive," certain I black natives in the said warrants named. And that in consequence, the constables proceeded to shoot at, wound, and kill, a band of nearly twenty black native, of both sexes and all ages on Baker's Island near Newcastle; and in particular, to shoot at and kill in cold blood after lie was made a prisoner, a certain black native. Commonly called **Young Moses**; a man familiar with the people of Newcastle, and often employed by them in sundry sorts of labour.

**6. Law. Supreme Court-(Criminal Case): 5<sup>th</sup> February 1839**

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**Law. Supreme Court-(Criminal Case)**

His Honor remarked on the prevalence of this particular crime in the Colony, and said that he felt bound to pass the severest penalty of the law, which was fifteen years transportation. Henry Barclay was indicted for slaying an aboriginal black named **Jemmy**, or **Moses**, at Matavia, on the 4th August last. The prisoner is a stock-keeper in the service of Mr Lowe, of the Big River. On the day laid in the indictment, a fellow-servant named Kelly, went into the bush to look after cattle, and was accompanied by the black man in question they got the

cattle, returned to the hut, and had supper; after supper the prisoner got up and said he would go and give the black fellow a good thrashing, stating that he had stolen some dogs from him. The prisoner went towards the black, and kicked him, when the black raised his nulla nulla, which the prisoner wrested out of his hand, and struck him over the eye the blood flowed from the blow, and the prisoner then threw the nulla nulla away, and struck the deceased several times with his fist about the body; the black made away as well as he could, staggering along, and sometimes supporting himself by the fence.