

Assistant Commissioner of
Lands & Survey
Melbourne

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Sir,

I am directed by my Co Trustees from the Camperdown Cemetery: Messrs John Manifold, Adolphus Clark & Jon Walls, to ask of the Board of Land & Survey an extension of the cemetery eastward of four acres of land which formed one half of the original cemetery & which is included in the present fence which encloses the cemetery.

At an early period the aborigines were interred in this part of the original cemetery & this circumstance was lost sight of when we asked for an extension to the west on account of the high ground in that direction.

With a small income during the last three years the land has all been broken up and leveled and a large number of trees & shrubs have been planted in the ground as shown in the plan sent herewith; But from the moderate amount of revenue we are as yet unable to keep a sexton on the ground to protect the trees, shrubs and monuments: Hence some of the trees have been stolen, others destroyed & even monuments have been injured.

If the Board of Lands & Survey grant the extension above asked for they will be able to put up a small house on it, & they will improve the ground & the sexton will live there & take due care of the cemetery but the house will be fenced off from the rest of the cemetery.

You are aware that the population of Camperdown & the adjoining district has during the past few years increased beyond all expectations. The Trustees therefore trust that your Honourable Board may see fit to grant the district this favour.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Daniel Curdie
Chairman of Trustees

Tandarook
By Camperdown
24 August 1871