

**THE ABORIGINES. Excerpt from *Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal*
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Much excitement has prevailed for the past fortnight throughout the colony, in consequence of the turbulent disposition evinced, and acts of violence perpetrated, by the aborigines in the Northam district, over the Hills, —one of the most remote stations located. The acts of the government have been prompt, and the small force at command has been despatched with the utmost expedition, to secure the settlers, distant from any protection, from a repetition of violence or interruption to the prosecution of their several occupations. To the Government Resident of York, D. MacLeod, Esq., and Lieutenants Bunbury and Mortimer, of H. M.'s 21st Regt., the difficult task of conciliating or coercing the natives has been confided. We entertain every confidence in these gentlemen for the judicious fulfilment of this arduous duty; and the official reports, as far as we have hitherto had it in our power to collect, give us every reason to anticipate a favorable result—a restoration of the disturbed district to peace and quietude. The barbarous murder of Jones and Chidlow has called for a severe and well-merited chastisement; the lives of three natives have therefore fallen a sacrifice—a just retribution for the inhuman and savage attack made by the aborigines upon those two unoffending individuals.

BLOOD, AND INNOCENT BLOOD AGAIN. To the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg from the Missionary L Giustiniani. Excerpt from the *Swan River Guardian* 16 Nov 1837.

The British Constitution is trampled upon! The death of Jones and Chidlow has required eighteen innocent victims, (that is the complaint of the Aboriginal British Subjects). They have been immolated to the vengeance of a party in the most cruel manner. Every Soldier had received a carte blanc from Lieutenant Bunbury and Mr McLeod, to shoot the Natives in all directions, and they have been faithful to their mission; but none of those victims had been previously tried, nor even the least evidence brought against them, before the deadly weapon of the armed European prostrated them to the ground. Barbarities of the middle age have been committed even by boys and Servants, who shot the unarmed woman, the unoffensive child, and the men who kindly showed it them the road in the bush; the ears of the corpses have been cut off, and hung up in the kitchen of a gentleman, as a signal of triumph! This My Lord, is the tragic outline of the last five months.



Images: Lieutenant Henry William Bunbury [above] and Louis Guistiniani [below]