

From "First years at Port Phillip" by R.D. Boys.

Oct. 28. 1837. Capt. Lonsdale reported to the Col. Secretary that he had appointed Christian De Villiers Supt. of Native Police Corps at a sal. of £100 p.a.

"Fifteen blacks were enrolled in the Native Police Corps, whose station at first was in the former Police Paddock, near Dandenong. De Villiers soon resigned and was succeeded by Geo. Langhorne of the Abo. Mission Stn. who remained in charge of the men until De Villiers was re-appointed on 8th Sept. 1838. In consequence of Capt. Lonsdale having expressed dissatisfaction with his managt. of the Corps, De Villiers resigned on 15th Jan. 1839. The Native Police were then placed under the Aboriginal Protectors but the scheme proved a failure and the men were disbanded. When Langhorne took charge, the camp was moved from Dandenong to a position on the south side of the Yarra Yarra, adj. the Abo Mission Stn. On DeV's reappt, their camp was shifted to a site on the north bank of the river adj. the east side of Capt. Lonsdale's paddock, which extended from Jolimont terrace to the Yarra Y."