

The Old Aboriginal "Margaret."

WITH reference to the effort to secure for "Old Margaret" and her children (the last surviving aboriginals of the Lake Macquarie district) a grant of the land on which they have for years resided, a formal consent will probably be made shortly. Mr. Hungerford, M.L.A., writes to Mr. Fleming (who originated the movement) that he had seen the Colonial Secretary again on the matter, and Sir H. Parkes had ordered a report to be furnished in reference to her. When this report comes in from the police, the matter is to be dealt with immediately. A couple of officers left yesterday for the purpose of making the necessary report.