The following has been kindly handed to us for publication, and we insert it with great pleasure:

"Department of lands, Sydney, 15th March 1880. 
Sir, in reference to your communication of the 29th January last, addressed to the Colonial Secretary's Department, urging that a grant of certain land might be made to an aboriginal woman named Margaret, residing at Lake Macquarie, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has been pleased to approve of the reservation of 40 acres for the use of Margaret. I have the honor to be Sir, your most obedient servant, W.W. STEPHEN. Thomas Hungerford Esq., M.P., Union Club, Sydney."