

Madam,

With my humble duty, it is my pleasure to offer to Your Majesty a painting by Mr. Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri as a loyal tribute from him and his tribe in the Australian Western Desert.

Clifford was deeply sensible of the honour of being presented to You, to Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and to have been received so warmly at the Royal Garden Party last Thursday.

Apart from his personal wish to offer the painting as a loyal tribute, he felt it a great honour as a representative of Your Majesty's Aboriginal subjects.

I am writing this letter at his request to express his and my gratitude which is why this letter will carry two signatures. English is not Clifford's native language, but the sentiments expressed are his as well as mine and it would be appreciated if any acknowledgement of the gift could be addressed to Clifford himself, at the above address, which would enable him to take it back to his own people in Australia.

Attached is an explanation of the highly sophisticated Dreamtime symbolism of the imagery of the painting.

I remain, Your Majesty's most humble servant,

Rebecca Mossack

CLIFFORD POSSUM